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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### ONGOING

**Aglow:** Wayne County LightFest is now open, featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights. Four new displays are featured along the 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day, 25. Donation is \$5 per car. To arrange bus or limousine tours, call (734) 261-1990.

### MONDAY

**Meeting:** The Livonia Public Schools Board of Committees will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary School/LMC Room. The curriculum, finance and policy committees are expected to give reports. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Diabetes education:** A certified diabetes educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessments which will determine a person's needs and insurance status. It meets 1-4 p.m. at the Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway. For information, call (734) 458-7100.

### THURSDAY

**Sling a song:** A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m.

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### Idle time



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

**Impatiently waiting:** One-year-old Donovan Flynn is temporarily distracted by a large Christmas ornament while she waits in line Friday to see Santa Claus at Westland Shopping Center. The mall was busy with after-Thanksgiving day shoppers searching for the best deals. For a related story and photographs, please see Page A3.

## Vacant property impacts Carver renewal

The sale of vacant land in the south-end is expected to boost progress.



BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Revitalizing a south-end neighborhood is expected to be boosted by the city of Westland's decision to sell idle properties it owns.

Many potential buyers made bids on Carver subdivision area properties after the city in September sought bids on land that is mostly vacant.

"We had tremendous interest in the south end," Westland Assessor James Elrod said Monday.

Citywide, 80 properties brought bids amounting to \$530,198 - the money will go into the city's General Fund. Elrod hopes to complete the sales by Jan. 1.

During a Westland City Council study session Monday, city officials seemed impressed by the strong interest shown in south-end properties.

"It's amazing," Planning Director Tod Kilroy said.

Already in Carver subdivision, a nonprofit, church-led group known as Peoples Community Hope For Homes has started a revitalization effort to build and renovate homes southeast of Middlebelt and Annapolis.

On Richard Street alone, one house has been built, and a second residence has been literally moved in from another neighborhood.

In the latest development, Hope for Homes has become the chosen bidder for seven Carver area properties. The group bid \$5,500 for two lots that are suitable for development and five that aren't, according to a city list.

However, Elrod said some of the smaller lots could be combined to form lots big enough to accommodate housing.

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## Pushing the envelope

Mail, package delivery costly for procrastinators

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Sending holiday cards and packages is as much an annual tradition as waiting in line, putting up decorations, eating too many holiday cookies and wrapping presents.

Another time-honored holiday tradition for some is waiting until the last possible minute to get those packages ready for sending, despite attempts and pleas from the nation's major delivery companies to do it early.

People who want to send packages to loved ones need to decide which company will deliver the gift and how much they're willing to spend to make sure it gets there on time... especially if they tend to procrastinate.

Some choices include the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service and Federal Express. These delivery workers all become Santa's elves during the holiday season as they pile sacks of gifts in airplanes, ships and trucks and deliver billions of packages and letters between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

### Expected rush

The U.S. Postal Service is preparing for the rush by hiring 40,000 seasonal workers, opening temporary processing centers, using more planes and trucks, keeping extended hours and by heavily airing the "What's Your Priority?" advertisements for its flat-rate Priority Mail service.

This holiday delivery season will bring an estimated 18.7 billion pieces of mail into post offices, said Mary

Ellen Hayden, marketing manager for the U.S. Postal Service Detroit district. "We expect our holiday season to be a very busy one," Hayden said. "Our holiday really begins right after Thanksgiving."

Last year, the U.S. Postal Service handled an average of 100 million letters and cards per day between October and December. This year, an estimated 160 million cards and letters per day will be processed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. A 1-percent increase in cards and letter delivery and a 10-percent increase in package delivery are expected.

### Close to home

Gladys M. Jolla, Westland, Canton and Wayne postmaster, said they're not expecting any dramatic increases in Westland mail, but Parcel Post (package mail), has increased, thanks partially to last year's UPS strike.

But because Westland is a fairly established community, the post office isn't getting the volume of advertising mail Canton is getting.

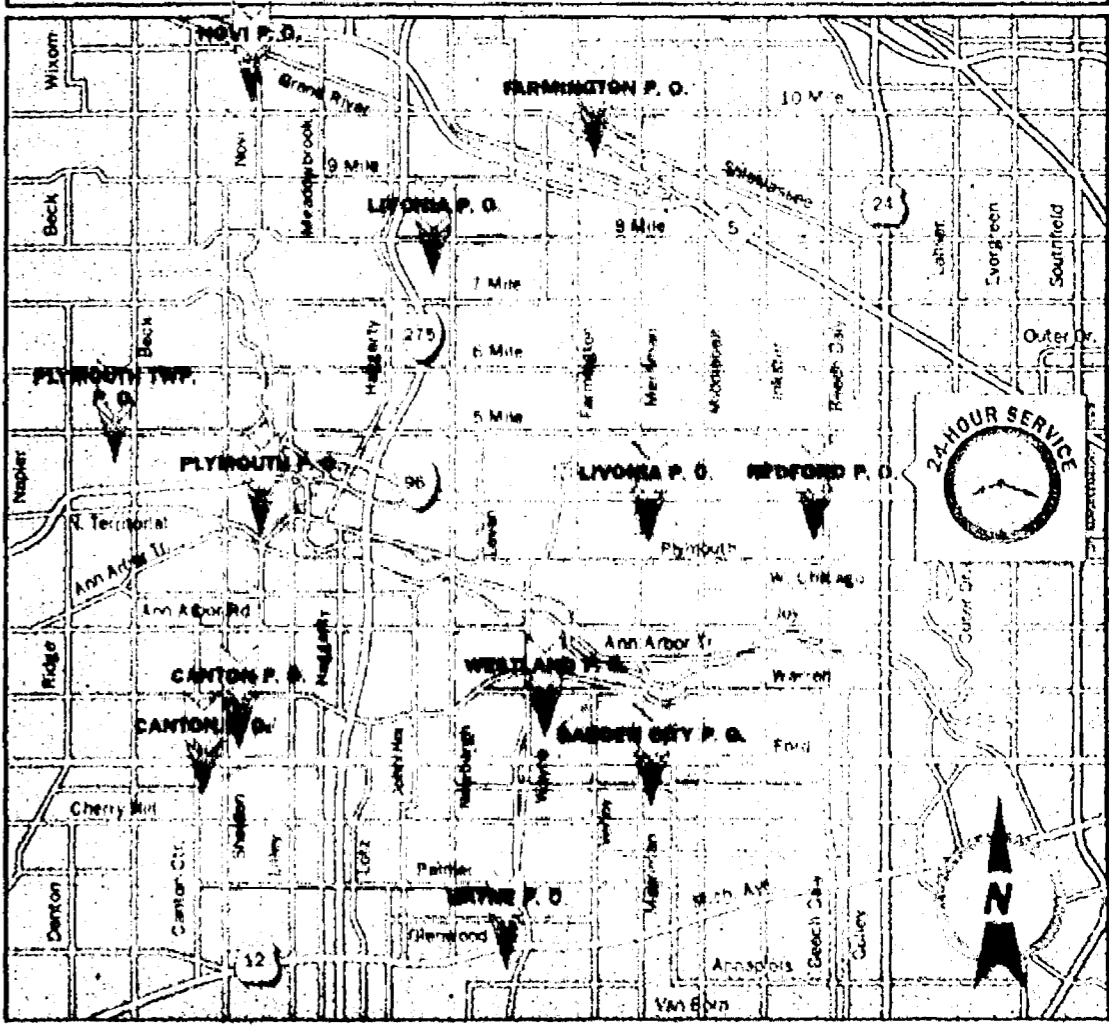
"Westland is not experiencing the construction boom Canton is experiencing," Jolla said. The newly opened Canton post office means Canton residents are no longer serviced by the Westland and Wayne post offices as they were before, she added.

A post office substation is scheduled to open in Westland Center the week before Christmas, just in time to help last-minute holiday mailers, she said.

Average mail handling for Detroit area post offices is predicted to be 15 to 17 percent above the national average during the upcoming holiday season. Detroit is always a busy area for international mail, Hayden said. This

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# Space heaters hazardous if not properly attended

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Westland fire officials, concerned about potential tragedies involving space heaters, are warning residents to be particularly cautious during the next three months.

December, January and February are leading months for residential fires and home fire deaths, and local officials blamed heating equipment problems as the No. 1 culprit.

Improper use of space heaters is a particular concern. A kerosene heater explosion on Nov. 13 killed two convenience store clerks in Detroit, and Westland fire officials said this city has had its share of tragedies.

In 1995, a 76-year-old woman died and several other people suffered injuries when a space heater placed too close to a stack of magazines touched off a

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# Pool players work table magic

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A team of Westland senior citizen pool players beat challengers from Garden City and Canton Township during a monthlong tournament that ended Tuesday.

Organizers hope their debut event, played on four consecutive Tuesdays at The Electric Stick in Westland, will become a twice-annual tournament.

"Every six months, we plan to run this tournament," Ken Schell, captain of Westland's eight-ball pool team, said.

Westland seniors who practice their pool skills at the Friendship Center decided to form a team and challenge their peers from other communities.

"We won the tournament, fortunately," Schell, 68, said. "But it was done just to get some guys together and have some fun."

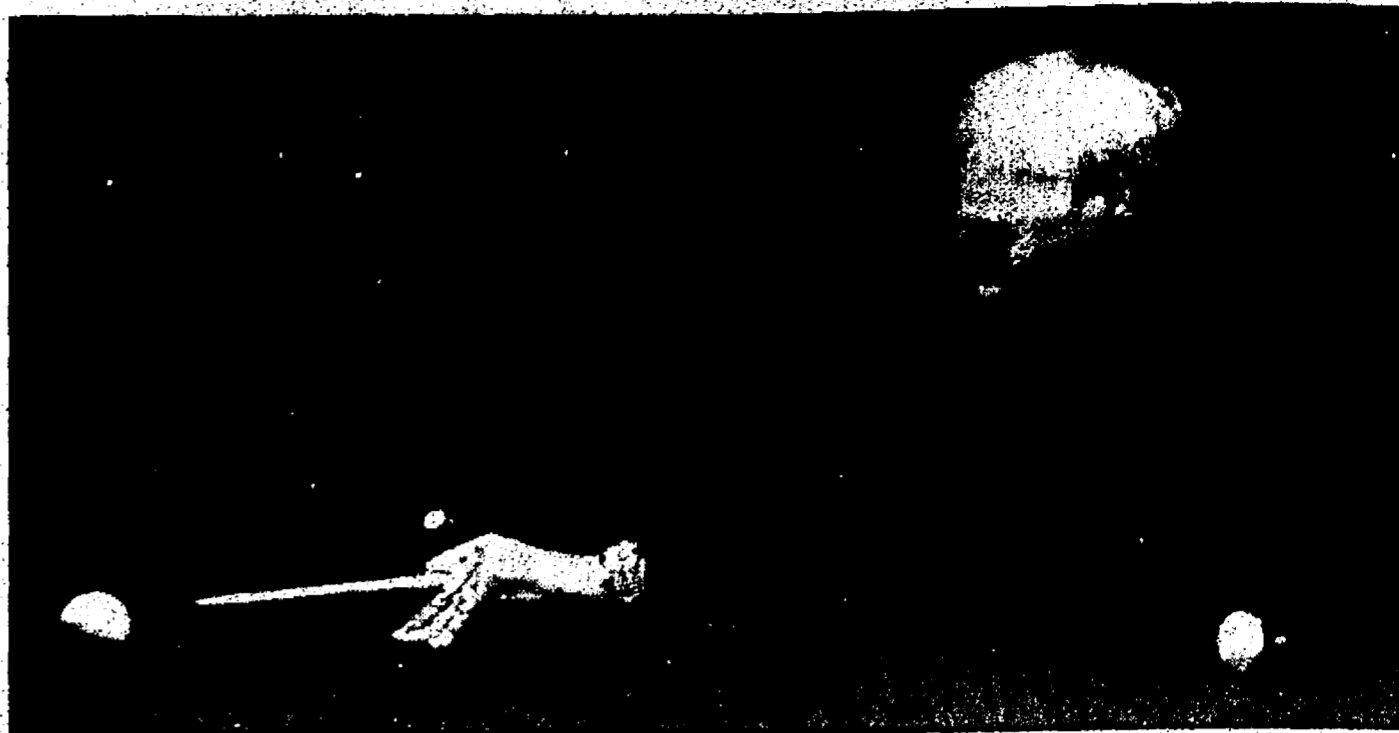
Teams from Garden City and Canton Township accepted the Westland challenge, but seniors from Livonia, Redford Township, Wayne and Dearborn Heights had to pass on the invitation. In some cases, they didn't have the eight players needed for a team, Schell said.

"Because it was our first year, we didn't have a lot of publicity beforehand," he said.

"We're hoping to have more teams next year. We'd like to have at least four cities participating."

Players had to be 55 or older, and they had to pay just \$3 a week - or \$12 total - to participate in the tournament.

The winning team received a whopping \$96. Split among eight players, it means they simply got back the money they spent



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Savvy: (Above) Don Oswell of Canton, participating in the senior tournament, gets ready to strike the Q-ball in a game at the Electric Stick. (Below) Don Riggins of Westland takes aim in the senior pool tournament at Electric Stick in Westland. Both men are members of the Westland Friendship Center when they practice.

on the tournament. "It was done for fun," Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, Friendship Center director, said.

Seniors from other communities who want to topple the Westland champions will have a few months to practice their pool skills. The next eight-ball tournament is expected to occur in April.

"We're planning to have two tournaments next year, in April and October," Schell said Friday, sitting in the Friendship Center lobby.

With that, he stood up and walked down a hallway to the center's pool room - presumably to keep practicing those tournament-winning shots.



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# Post-Thanksgiving sales lure shoppers to mall

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Three generations of one Redford Township family sat on a Westland Center bench Friday afternoon, resting from a post-Thanksgiving Day shopping excursion that started before sunrise.

With bags of holiday gifts at her feet, Keeli Mahl sat between daughter Kylene and mother Peggy Black as she sipped coffee to revive her shopping spirit.

"We went to (Livonia's) Wonderland Mall, then to Best Buy, then to Service Merchandise and now here," Keeli Mahl said.

"We do this every year," Black said, glancing sideways toward her granddaughter. "This year we brought the rookie."

This younger generation shopper didn't seem too impressed with the family tradition of dodging mall shoppers and standing in long retail lines.

"I don't have any patience," she said. "There are too many people."

Counting her money, Keeli Mahl said she had spent about \$300 by early afternoon, but she still hadn't found two gifts she wanted to buy.

What were they?  
"I can't tell you," she said, looking at her daughter. "They're for her."

Across the mall, Lynn Boertje of Wayne shopped with her 4-year-old daughter Holland and 9-year-old niece Jessica.

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**■ 'Two of my sisters called to tell me to stay away from the mall because it was so busy, but I couldn't stay away. I thought we'd start getting in the Christmas spirit. It has been relatively calm, really.'**

Lynn Boertje  
—Shopper

I couldn't stay away," Boertje said. "I thought we'd start getting in the Christmas spirit. It has been relatively calm, really."

Holding several gift bags, she obviously had accomplished some of her shopping goals, although she had a confession.

"These are all for me," she said, laughing.

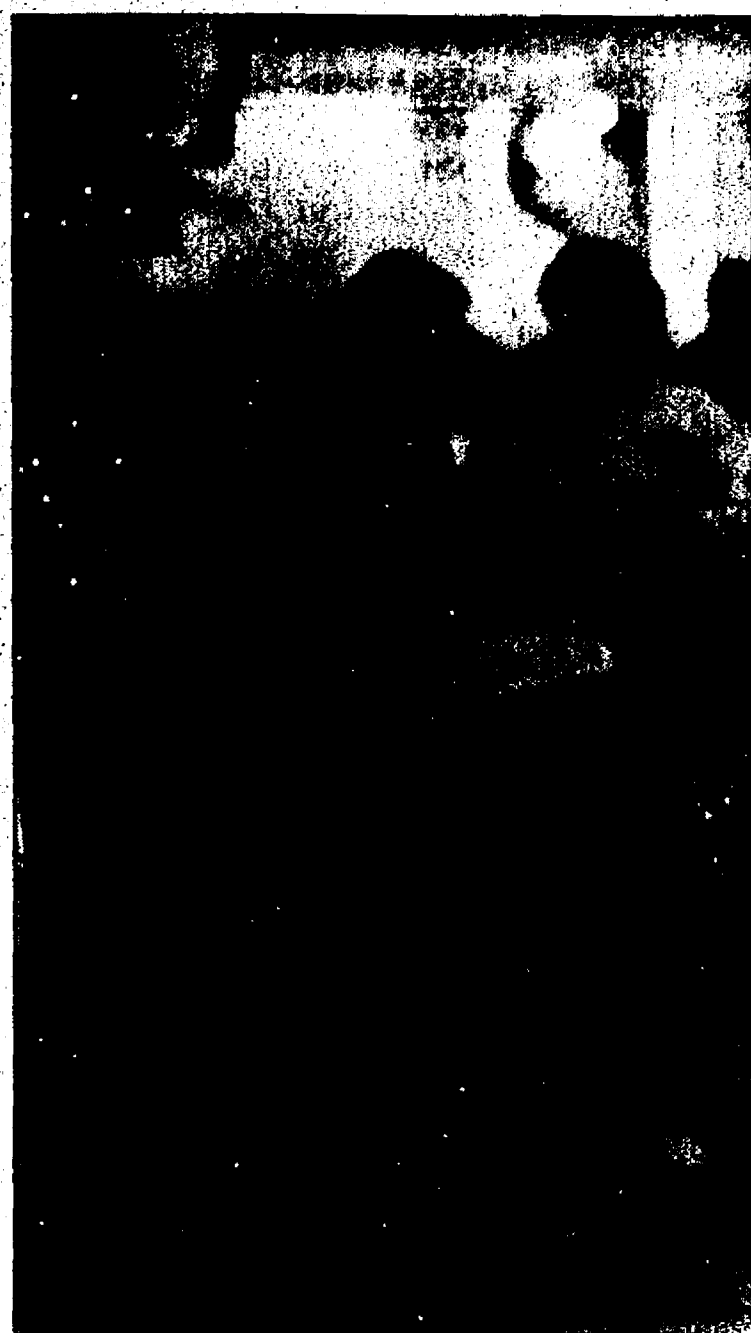
But she quickly justified her personal shopping spree. Her husband, Bob, had to work Friday, and he wanted to play a role in choosing Christmas gifts.

"He wanted to be involved this year," Boertje said. "I think he felt left out last year."

Boertje spent some of her money at Hudson's, which was giving away one Beanie reindeer for every \$40 spent.

"We got some Beanie reindeer, but I had to go back and get one for my (10-year-old) son Jakob," she said. "It was a good excuse to go back and buy something else."

On one end of the mall, a long line of children stood in line to get their pictures taken with



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CANNON

Passing the time: (Left) Oblivious to the crowds, a Westland man relaxes with the newspaper while his wife takes care of the holiday shopping. (Above) Westland Observer carriers Adam (left) and Kyle Krist decided to take a break from shopping, on the floor near Hudson's, and play a hand-held computer game. The pair had been at the mall with their families since 6 a.m.

shop in the mall, while elsewhere couples could be seen sizing up the sparkle — and cost — of dia-

Inside Hudson's, Kathy Smith finished up a sale behind the women's fragrance counter.

What's hot this year?  
"Tommy Hilfiger is No. 1," she said. "It has been for awhile."

One of the other big sellers is Donna Karan's Cashmere Mist, Smith said.

"She just did a relaunching of it," Smith said. "Of course Elizabeth Taylor's White Diamonds is always a big seller. And Romance is a new Ralph Lauren fragrance that is doing real well."

Outside the mall, shoppers drove up and down parking lanes trying to find a space close to the mall, even though temperatures were mild. Many finally realized they wouldn't be parking as close as they had hoped.

Shopping appeared to boost business at restaurants, too. Outside of Olga's Kitchen in the mall, a long line of hungry shoppers waited to be seated.

"That," one passerby said, "is why you eat before you come to the mall."

Santa Claus. Some younger children clung to their parents, glancing nervously at the man in red.

Some shoppers bought holiday stockings from one temporary

shops. One man holding a small child in his arms didn't have time to talk. "I've got another kid over here I've got to catch up with," he said.

## Renewal from page A1

Hope for Homes is using \$460,000 in federal money to spur new housing which, in turn, is expected to generate money to continue Carver revitalization efforts.

Sam Brown, Hope for Homes executive director, has said the revitalization effort was envi-

sioned by the Rev. John Hearn of Peoples Community Baptist Church, also in the city's south end.

New developer Daryl Williams also hopes to usher in as many as 64 houses on two new streets that are planned to be built immediately south of Carver

subdivision.

Meanwhile, Carver residents other than Hope for Homes officials became high bidders on some vacant land. Arthur Warren, who has long urged the city to sell unused property, successfully bid on three parcels, including one suitable for new develop-

ment and two smaller ones that are adjacent to land he already owns.

Citywide, properties that didn't sell in the first round of bids are still available. City officials plan to update the list early next year and periodically place properties on the bidding block.

The city obtained the proper-

ties for nonpayment of taxes.

Elrod conceded that some of the 80 properties that drew bids this year may not be sold; some would-be buyers may back out.

"I'm still skeptical that all of these are going to close," he said. Still, city officials said the first

round of bids left them optimistic. And they're pleased with bid amounts received on the properties.

"I think we got market value for them," Elrod said.

## Heaters from page A2

fire at Westland Plaza Apartments on Warren east of Middlebelt, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields said.

The victim died several days after the blaze from injuries she received while climbing a stairwell to alert her neighbors.

■ In one of the city's most memorable tragedies involving space heaters, three children ages 10 to 14 were killed in 1979 on Missaukee Court, Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

One child sleeping in bed kicked off covers that fell on a space heater, touching off flames that killed the youngsters. The children couldn't escape or be rescued from a burning second-story bedroom.

"We're going into the cold season when there are a lot of power outages," Fields said. "Many people try to heat their homes with gas stoves or space heaters."

Neal said some people don't follow safety instructions, such as never putting gasoline into a kerosene space heater.

"There is no such thing as a gasoline-fueled space heater," Neal said. "Do not put gasoline in it."

He described three types of space heaters:

■ Kerosene, many of which are used indoors.

■ Propane, mostly used outdoors.

■ Electric, generally for indoor heating.

Tragedies occur every year because residents fail to use caution with space heaters, Fields said.

In general, according to the National Fire Protection Association, "heating equipment fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in American homes, but during the winter they are the No. 1 culprit. Tens of thousands of home heating fires kill hundreds of people on average each year."

But Westland fire officials issued a prepared statement that provided some encouragement.

"The good news is that most of these fires are preventable," the

**■ 'The good news is that most of these fires are preventable. It's simply a matter of being aware that these hazards exist and taking the few steps necessary to avoid them.'**

Westland fire officials  
—written statement

statement said. "It's simply a matter of being aware that these hazards exist and taking the few steps necessary to avoid them."

Following are some tips:

■ Keep space or portable heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

■ When leaving a room or going to bed, turn off space heaters.

■ With the holiday season in full swing, keep Christmas trees away from space heaters and other heat sources. Water trees daily.

■ Make sure rooms are well-ventilated.

■ Never fill kerosene heaters with gasoline. In the Nov. 13 Detroit deaths, fire officials said a kerosene heater was being filled with gasoline while it was still lit.

■ Never refill heaters while they're burning. Turn them off first.

■ Don't refill heaters indoors. Improperly used space heaters aren't the only problem in wintertime home fires, and Westland fire officials also recommend that all home heating systems and chimneys be inspected annually and cleaned.

Fields also said some newer-model space heaters have better safety features: Some will automatically shut off if they reach a certain temperature or if they are toppled over.

With only a few home safety measures, fire officials said, potential tragedies can be averted.

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## Read Health & Fitness

# Mail

from page A4

year, 200 million holiday letters, post cards and packages are expected to travel overseas nationally.

Deadlines are in effect for surface deliveries to international destinations, including military addresses with APO or FPO designations. Customers should check those deadlines and customs regulations with the post office. Surface rates are cheapest and cover ship and vehicle travel, while "express" air rates are higher. All overseas postcards and letters travel by air.

Procrastinators, for an additional charge, can send items abroad within a few days of holidays.

For those packages going to domestic places, Priority Mail typically takes two or three days. Quicker options are available for an additional charge. The Postal Service will deliver packages on Christmas Day.

The busiest mail day is expected to be Monday, Dec. 14, with an estimated 280 million cards and letters nationwide canceled. Heavy business also is expected on Monday, Dec. 21. Customers wary of long lines might consider rescheduling their post office trips to other days.

Busy holiday mailers can use the Postal Service delivery service on stamps by calling (800) STAMP-24. New holiday stamp designs this year include a wreath, Madonna and child and a new 40-cent charity stamp with a pink ribbon design. The additional 8 cents goes toward breast cancer research. This is the first time the Postal Service has offered a charity stamp.

## Competition

Competition from other shipping companies hasn't hurt the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice but has prompted them to make some changes, officials say. These changes include keeping some branches open 24 hours, making new branches like Canton's more like stores and putting more advertisements on television and radio.

This year the slogan is "Fly Like an Eagle" and uses the Steve Miller song. Plans are also in the works to merge with 500 "Mail Boxes Etc." stores. At Mailboxes, which has stores in Livonia, Canton and Farmington, customers can send packages, buy packaging supplies, use mailboxes and make photocopies, among other things. Some branches have 24-hour-accessible mailboxes.

For people not on regular clocks, there are some area post offices open 24 hours. They are at:

■ 12245 Beech Daly in Redford Township

■ 1404 W. Fort Street in downtown Detroit

■ The air mail center in Detroit Metropolitan Airport (which is in a building separate from the passenger terminals).

The U.S. Postal Service's newest office in Canton is more store-like than older post offices. Customers can browse through a selection of stamps and other items before making their purchases.

"(The store approach) allows customers to actually come in and look," Hayden said. "People seem really impressed with it."

Most post offices will have extended holiday hours. Customers should call their local branches to see when they're open.

For other information about the U.S. Postal Service, visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) on

the Internet.

**UPS is ready**

Like the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, known for its brown trucks and uniforms, also expects a busy holiday season. UPS expects to handle 295 million packages domestically between Thanksgiving and Christmas, spokesman Steve Holmes said. The Atlanta-based company was formed in 1907 and ships to more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

The Detroit area is a busy one because of its heavy industrial manufacturing base, Holmes said. About 80 percent of UPS's business is commercial, with about 20 percent dealing with residential deliveries, Holmes said.

Some things customers can do with UPS delivery is track their shipments at any point and get fairly good estimates on when items will be delivered. At the company's Web site ([www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com)), customers can check the status of their orders. The company receives about 400,000 tracking

requests daily through the Web site and about 1 million per day during the holidays.

"There's a trust in the brand," Holmes said of UPS. "Customers know it's going to get there and it's going to get there on time. The whole UPS system has always been set up on a day-definite delivery system."

UPS will increase its daily freight flights from 500 to 975 per day during the holiday rush.

Federal Express, a 25-year-old express overnight delivery company headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., coined the slogan "When it absolutely, positively has to get there overnight."

## FedEx prepares

The holidays mean big business for the company, which predicts it will see a 20-percent increase in deliveries between Thanksgiving and New Year's. On typical working days, the company delivers 3 million items. Federal Express prepares for the busy season primarily by hiring more personnel and adding more routes.

To prepare for the surge of parcels and letters, Federal Express will add more handlers and routes. The company stays competitive by offering money-back guarantees, according to company spokesman Cornell Christion.

"If we miss our delivery commitment or we can't tell you the status of your shipment within 30 minutes of your call, you're entitled a credit or refund," Christion said. Customers can track their shipments.

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- Select a box sturdy enough to protect the contents and leave space for cushioning.
- Cushion package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or foam peanuts. Plain air-popped popcorn also makes an environmentally sound cushioning material and can be strung together for holiday decorations.
- Use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, non-reinforced or glass-reinforced pressure sensitive tape.
- Use only return and delivery addresses on the outside of packages and if possible, include a return address label inside the package.
- Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage from shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap separately.
- Remove batteries from toys and wrap separately to prevent accidental switch-ons.
- Take all packages weighing one pound or more to a post office to be weighed if using the postal service. Check guidelines with other delivery companies.

## OBITUARIES

### REVA BROWNELL

A funeral Mass for Reva Brownell, 79, of Livonia was Nov. 25 in St. Gregory Catholic Church in Barbourville, Ky., with burial at McWilliams Cemetery of Long Branch at Cannon, Ky. Officiating was the Rev. Stanley Tillman. Arrangements were made by Hopper Funeral Home in Barbourville, Ky.

Mrs. Brownell, who died Nov. 21 in Lincoln Park, was born in Cannon, Ky. She was a retired

employee of the Farm Crust Bakery in Detroit.

Surviving are: daughter, Sharon (Michael) Adkins of Livonia; sisters, Naomi Ramsey of Barbourville, Ky., and Gladys Disney of Cannon, Ky.; a special niece whom she raised as a daughter, Geraldine Rybski of Clinton Township, and many other nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Brownell was preceded in death by her husband, Walter (1986); brothers, Victor McWilliams and Russell

McWilliams; and nephew, Lyde Ramsey Jr.

Some members of Mrs. Brownell's family live in Westland.

### MAE RISNER

Funeral services for Mae Risner, 87, of Westland were Nov. 25 in West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Risner, who died Nov. 20

in Westland, was born in Bell County, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son, Duane; daughter, Lynn Compton; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Risner was preceded in death by her husband, Fielding.

### OKLA R. WALES

Funeral services for Okla Wales, 87, of Westland were Nov. 25 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Ferndale Cemetery in Riverview. Officiating was the Rev. Cap Winkler of The Reorganized

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mrs. Wales, who died Nov. 22 in Livonia, was born in Union Township, Mo. She came to the Westland community in 1990 from Wyandotte. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Joseph Porath of Howell and Donald (Janice) Porath of Perryville, Mo.; daughter, Mary Lou (Ralph) Gorham of Wayne; stepchildren, Daryl (Beverly) Royer, Al Royer and Diane Anderson; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

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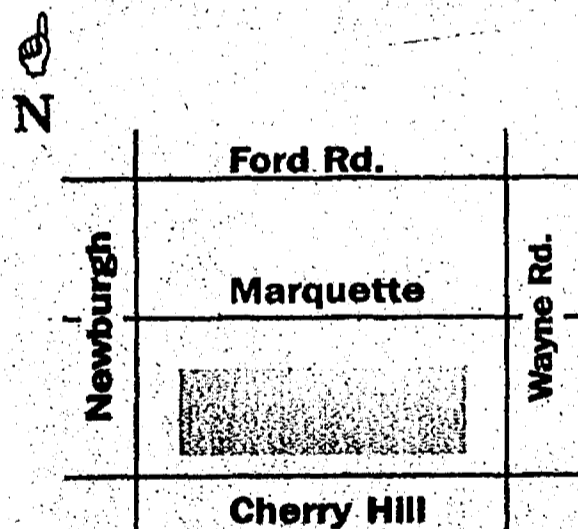
Funeral services for Florence Anderis, 92, of Westland were Nov. 23 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Forestlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Anderis, who died Nov. 18 in Livonia, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughters, Beverly (Gerald) Kennedy and Carol (William) Dodt; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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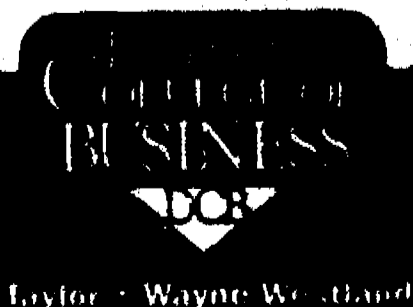
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# Senior citizen meal program needs local volunteers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Want to brighten up the holiday season or even the new year for someone?

Then you can volunteer to assist Wayne County's Meals on Wheels program.

The county's nutrition program for senior citizens needs drivers, kitchen workers and people to package the meals for distribution to Wayne County seniors. Volunteers also are

needed to drive and deliver liquid nutrition to cancer victims or seniors who can only ingest liquids.

"We're always in need of volunteers," said Pam Dobrowolski, deputy director of the Wayne County senior nutrition program. The program has 43 distribution sites throughout western and southwestern Wayne County, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township and Westland. It is administered from the

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Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

Generally volunteers are needed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to gather at the distribution sites. "For drivers we generally need them for two hours," Dobrowolski said. "People who work in the kitchen generally are needed a little longer."

But the program can use volunteers even if they only have

an hour or one day a week to spare. Of course, people can volunteer up to the five days a week or four hours a day if they wish.

"It's good for retirees or mothers with kids in school," Dobrowolski said. Anyone who works nights who has spare time during the late morning hours also can volunteer.

Drivers also receive reimbursement for mileage and will drive from the distribution points to the seniors.

The program always needs vol-

unteers at the sites, but there is a particular shortage at Wayne and Westland sites. Dobrowolski said some seniors are on a waiting list for meals, which will be delivered once a volunteer is available.

Volunteers also will be needed in Redford once a food distribution site opens as expected in St. James Presbyterian Church on Six Mile.

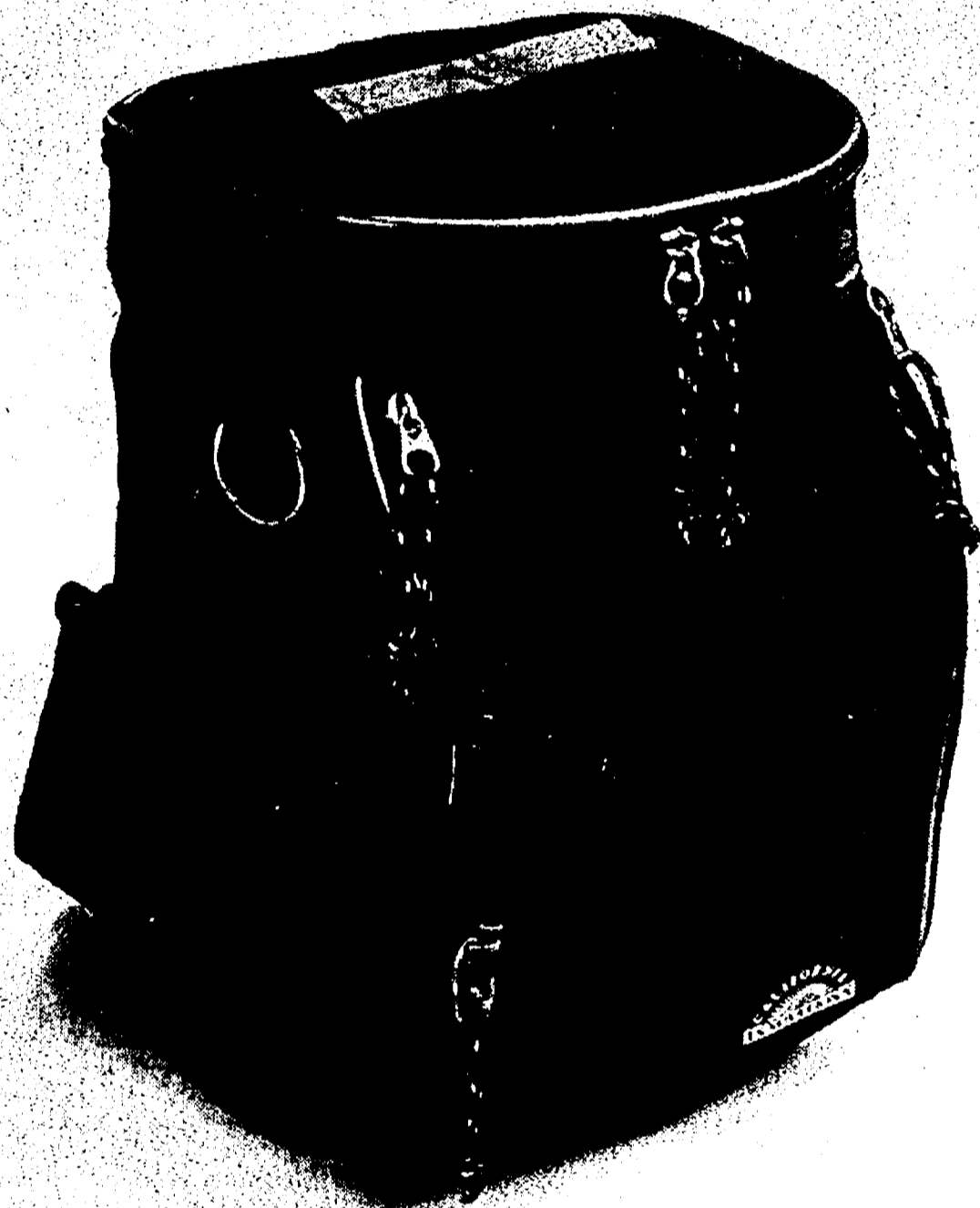
Senior luncheon centers are housed at the following sites: Canton Recreation Center, Sum-

mit-on-the-Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; Tonquish Creek, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth; and Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford. In Livonia, meals are available at Shelden Park Senior Center, 10800 Farmington; McNamara Towers, Building II, 19300 Purlingbrook; Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington; and Brashear Tow-

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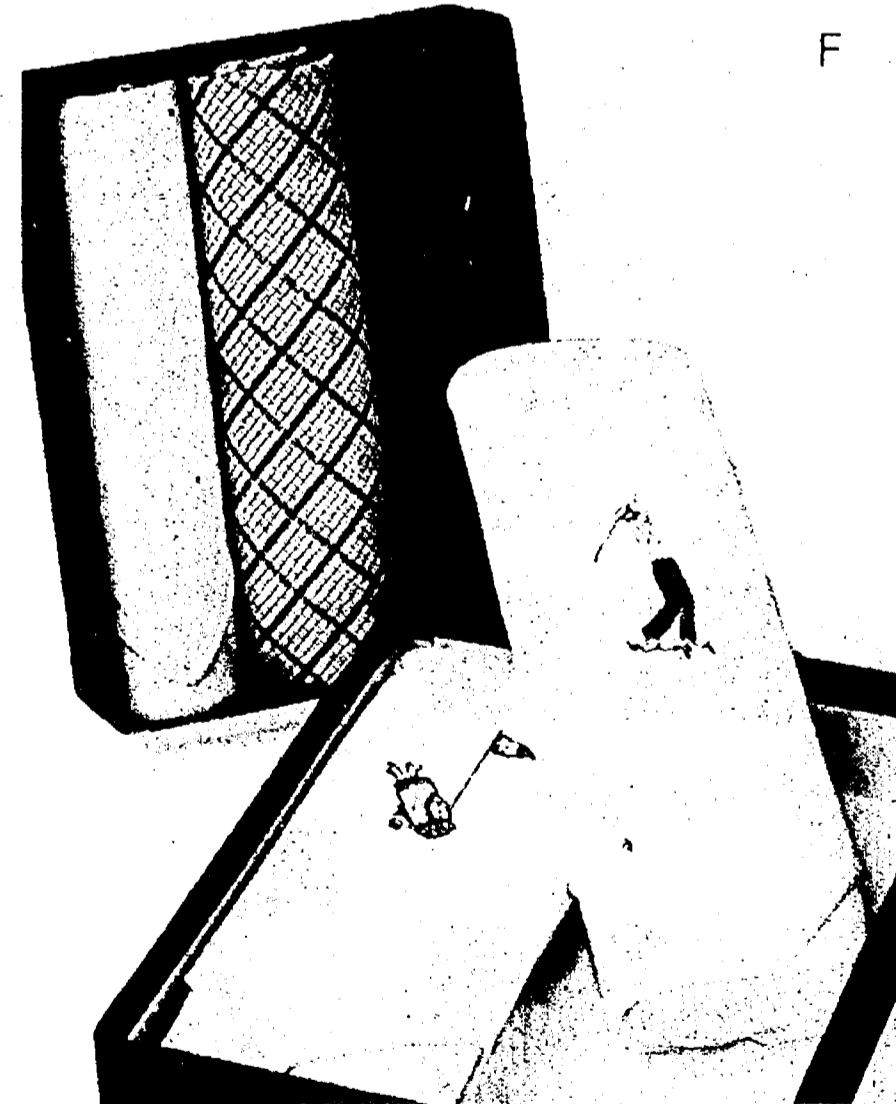
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# Salvation Army puts out call for helping hands at holiday

BY HEATHER NEEDEAM  
STAFF WRITER

The most important holiday giving a person can do is for people they don't know, area charity organizers say.

Buying a toy for a needy child, putting nonperishable food in a collection bin or ringing a bell for the Salvation Army are just some of the things people can do to make a big difference in someone's holiday. Area residents can help by putting cash in a Salva-

tion Army red kettle, delivering holiday meal baskets to needy families or by "adopting" needy families for Christmas.

Salvation Army offices throughout the region all are seeking cash donations, nonperishable food, toys, clothing and most importantly, volunteers, particularly to assist in the annual bell ringing campaign, which brings in about 25 percent of the charity's income.

Salvation Army Corps offices in Plymouth, Westland, Farm-

ington Hills and Dearborn Heights are planning a variety of activities this season. Bill Moritz, director of social services at the Plymouth office, said donations of food and clothing come in every day from residents and local groups such as churches. This allowed the charity to help roughly 300 needy families from Plymouth, Canton and Northville last year.

"We have tremendous support and plenty of volunteers," Moritz said, though the charity could

always use more volunteers, particularly for the bell ringing drive. In recent years, the Salvation Army has had to pay some people to ring the bells, he added.

### Helping families

The Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program pairs needy families with area businesses. The participating businesses provide gifts and dinner for selected families, Moritz said.

Eligible needy families can

also pick up food boxes and toys at some Salvation Army branches right up to the last minute, according to Moritz.

The Salvation Army will launch its annual red kettle bell ringing drive Nov. 27 at various local businesses. The annual fund-raiser runs through Christmas and provides about 25 percent of the charity's funding.

Lt. Chuck Yockey, spokesman for the Salvation Army's Westland branch, which services Westland, Wayne, Romulus and

New Boston, said the charity has been forced to raise funds other ways. Two major Westland retailers opted not to allow the charity to hold its bell ringing drive on their property about two years ago.

But by holding an annual bowlathon and "Christmas in July" ball, the charity has been able to make up some of the funds it would have gotten through the kettle drive. The most recent "Christmas" event generated \$15,000 for the charity, Yockey said.

Despite receiving steady donations from around the community, the charity still struggles to get enough volunteers and to make sure everyone gets what they need.

"I think we're maintaining the status quo, but we're seeing more homeless people coming in," particularly during the holidays, Yockey said.

The Westland Salvation Army gets help from big businesses such as the Wayne Ford plant, area post offices, North Brothers Ford and other businesses through food and clothing drives.

Warehouse shoppers can get a free one-day membership at Sam's Club, 35400 Cowan, in exchange for donating nonperishable food items or clothing in collection bins. The drive, dubbed "Miracle Day," runs through Dec. 5, according to Yockey.

### Making plans

The Dearborn Heights Salvation Army, which services Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Inkster, part of Westland and Garden City, is making its holiday plans. Though they lost one large Dearborn retailer from a business closure, they haven't felt the sting Westland felt in its bell ringing drive, said Capt. Jeff Smith.

A senior dinner is planned for noon Friday, Dec. 11, at the Salvation Army office, 26700 W. Warren, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads.

"We're inviting as many seniors as we can," Smith said. Anyone interested in attending should call (313) 563-4457 by Dec. 7.

The charity also operates a toy shop for low-income families and gets help from area businesses and schools with food and clothing drives. Those interested in getting toys from the toy shops need to set up an appointment to determine their eligibility.

First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault counseling project with offices in Canton, is planning its own "Adopt a Family" program involving the families they help. Individuals, families, and businesses are welcome to "adopt" one of the families. First Step houses about 40 people in its Canton shelter at any given time and counsels many others. First Step clients are typically women involved in or leaving abusive relationships with spouses or boyfriends.

"We want to ensure that the people in our shelter have a nice Christmas," said Karen Porter, associate director. "Holiday donations carry us through the year."

Some items people can donate include cosmetics, sleepwear, underclothing and gift certificates for women; and toys, school supplies, games, sleepwear and underclothes for adolescents, pre-adolescents and children. For more details on donations, call (734) 981-9595.

### Giving season

Other metropolitan area agencies getting into the giving spirit include Gleaners Community Food Bank, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Focus:HOPE. All are mobilizing to help feed and provide toys for needy families, mainly through fund-raisers and "adoption" programs. They all are seeking cash donations, volunteers, nonperishable food and toys to help make the holidays merrier for the needy.

Gleaners, located at 2131 Beaufait in Detroit, has distributed more than 170 million pounds of food in its 21 years. Each year, the agency collects, stores and distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to agencies serving the hungry. Some of the agencies served include Wyandotte's Little Angels Home for Children and the Salvation Army.

Ruth Ellen Mayhall, vice president of development for Gleaners, said this year the food bank plans to raise \$200,000 to help put turkey and all its trimmings on needy people's tables, totaling about two million meals.

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# Audit says county computers not ready for Y2K date change

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Is Wayne County ready for the year 2000?

It isn't, according to an audit presented Nov. 17 to the Wayne County Commission by Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Wayne County, other governmental entities and private businesses "face the real possibility that many of its computer systems may not operate properly or at all," Dunleavy reported.

"If computer systems do not function properly, it could hamper tax collection, delay pension payments and even increase the risk of vehicle accidents due to malfunctioning traffic lights on county roads."

As of August, Wayne County had spent \$2 million on "Y2K" activities.

The problem stems from the way computers process date information. Many computer systems were designed with two-digit codes for which "97" would be interpreted as 1997.

"Consequently, the year 2000 will be interpreted as the year '00' or 1900 by the computer," the report stated. "To address the problem, software programs for date-driven activities must

be reviewed and corrected where necessary or replaced."

While the county's plan includes the major phases described in the Assessment Guide prepared by the U.S. General Accounting Office, the lack of deadlines for completion of these activities "make it difficult to assess how much progress the county has made to date."

The county has an aggressive schedule, Dunleavy added, but it is about a year behind schedule. County officials have outlined a schedule calling for testing on all systems and operations by June 1999, but to meet that deadline, a series of tests on individual systems and operations must occur, the report stated.

"This does not mean that the county will not meet the Year 2000 deadline. However, it does indicate a risk that the county may not be able to correct all mission-critical information systems by the deadline."

Any delay in "critical" areas, such as department inventories, could delay the county in contracting to correct or replace systems. "Because of the significant

demand for these services, each day that passes will undoubtedly lead to higher costs."

Carol Steffani, director of information processing for Wayne County, said the Department of Information Processing concurred with Dunleavy's report. Steffani said inventories and assessment phases have "no endpoints."

"New equipment and applications obtained during the next 16 months must be added to the inventory to ensure that any interfaces or system dependencies associated with implementation are Y2K ready," Steffani said.

Wayne County expected to conduct information sessions with employees and work to identify other ways to inform employees, through newsletter or flyers.

Dunleavy suggested commissioners may wish to consider requiring that the county's Information Processing and Y2K Project Office provide monthly updates, including how and what systems are prioritized and updated cost information. Commissioners also may want to pass an ordinance requiring all vendors be "Year 2000" compliant.

## Meal from page A5

ers, 17841 N. Laurel Park. In Westland, lunches are available at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh; Kay Beard Building, 30721 Michigan; Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill; and the old Whittier building,

28500 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information on volunteering, call (734) 727-7353.

Any resident of those participating communities over the age of 60 may be eligible for the

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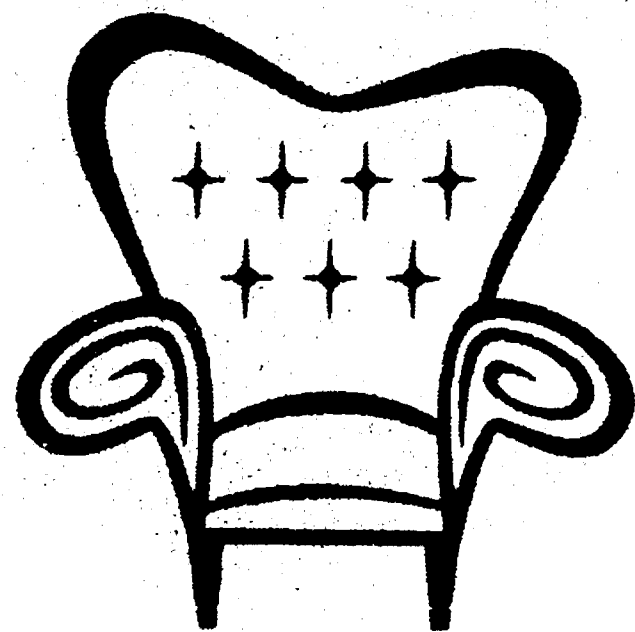
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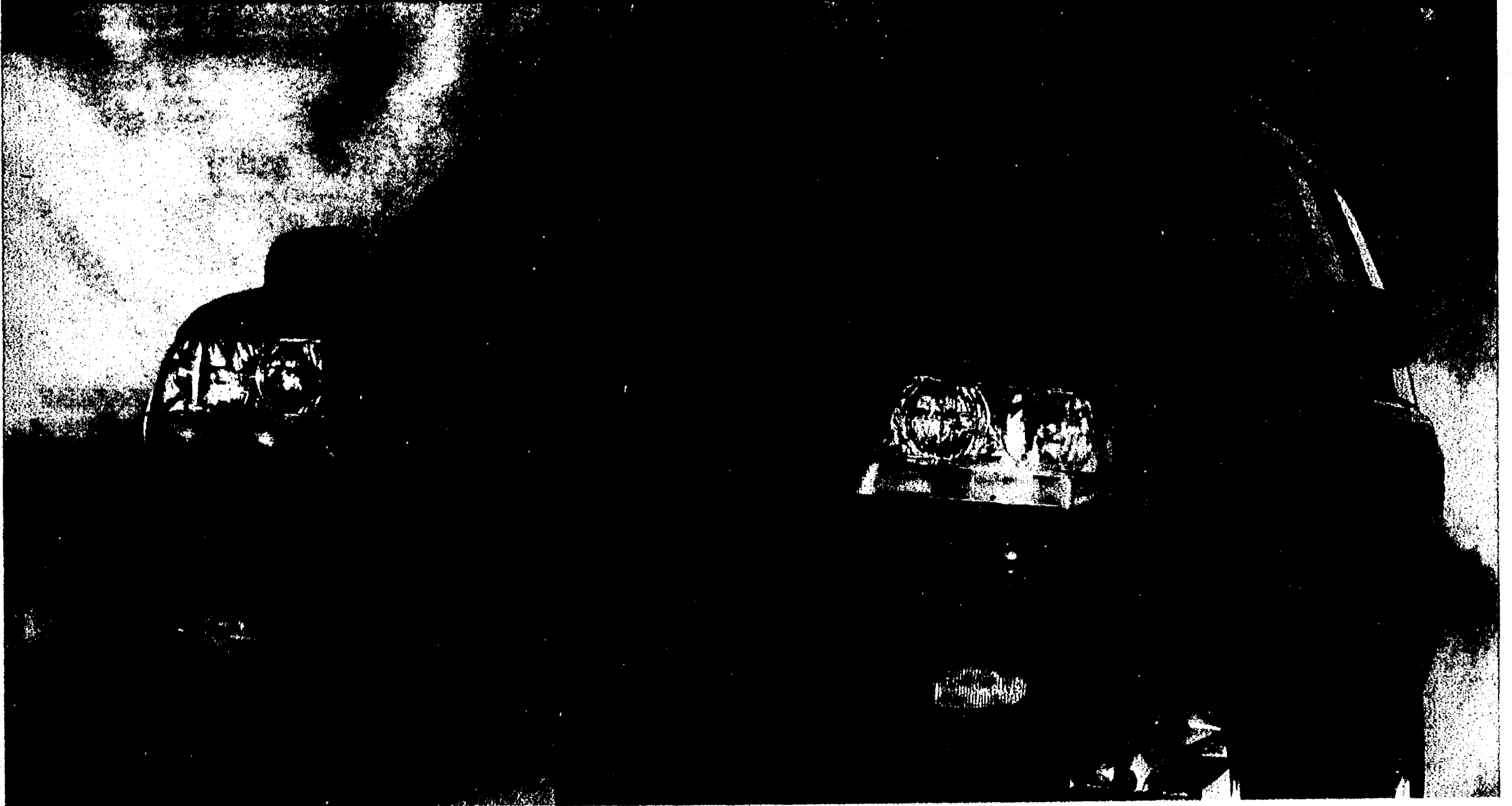
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## Families share "A Slice of Life" to help children

Imagine what it feels like to be 6 years old, and always get tagged because you run slower than everyone else in your class. Or to not be able to carry your school books because it's too painful.

Having juvenile rheumatoid arthritis is like "taking the will and spirit of

a child and imprisoning it in the body of someone who is 60 or 70 years old," said Wendy Nicholls of Sterling Heights, who with Lori Lipshaw of West Bloomfield wrote "Slice of Life," a cookbook to benefit children with arthritis.

"They're little kids - children cannot retire from school or life, no matter what. There is no escape."

Children who suffer from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis are often in pain, but it's not visible and not understood that children can get arthritis too. Lipshaw's 6-1/2-year-old son, Eric, suffers from the disease, as does Nicholls' 11-

**EVENTS**

■ **"Slice of Life" book signing.** 7:30 p.m. Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, with Chef Keith Supian from the Van Dyke Place restaurant in Detroit.

■ **Arthritis Foundation 5K Jingle Bell Run** - 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Burns Park School, Ann Arbor and The Community House, downtown Birmingham. Entry fee \$25 per person, registration 8 a.m. to just before the race. Call (800) 968-3030 for information. "Slice of Life" will be offered for sale at both runs.

year-old daughter, Leah. Both children were diagnosed at age 3, and are the motivation for this project.

**Moms go to work**

The moms wanted to do something to help their children, and other children like them. All proceeds from "Slice of Life," which sells for \$12.95, will be used to benefit the quality of life for these children through family support groups, weekend family camp, and assisting families who wish to attend regional and national conferences.

Lipshaw and Nicholls also want to increase awareness of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that affects 250,000 children in the United States.

"What Leah goes through is devastating," said Nicholls. "She accepts pain every day. The disease can really

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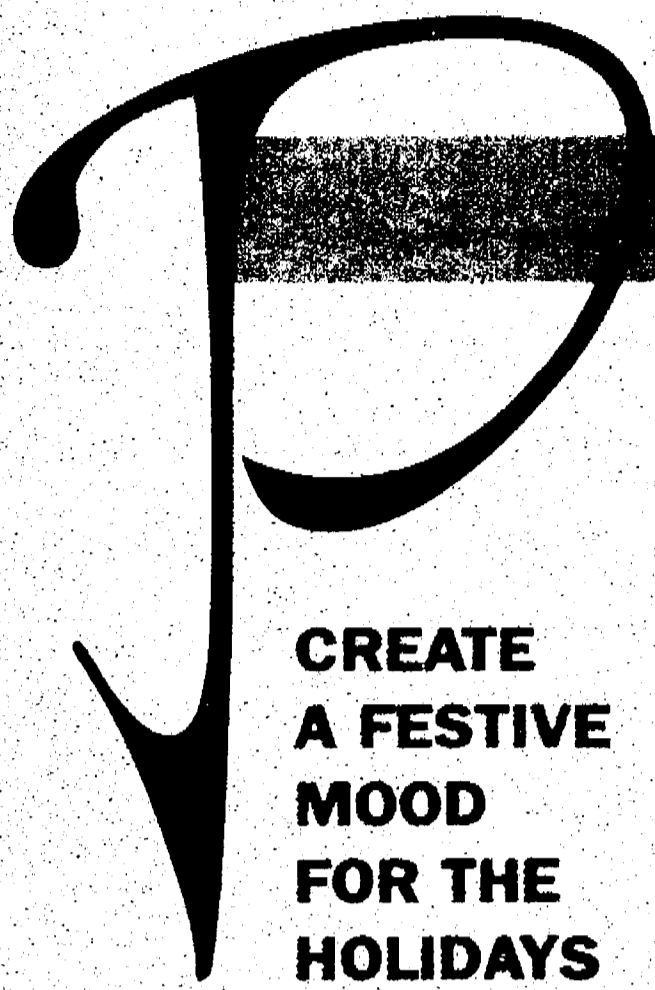


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**LOOKING AHEAD**

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
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## CREATE A FESTIVE MOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Pomegranates come just once a year - in time to add holiday cheer!

Need some festive new ideas to brighten your holiday cooking? Both pomegranate seeds and juice make tasty, colorful additions to many preparations.

"Pomegranates are in peak season and this year, due to weather conditions, have deeper-colored red seeds with above normal sugar levels," said Kosai Elsamawi, produce manager for Vic's Quality Fruit Market in Beverly Hills.

Joe Azar, produce manager for Nino Salvaggio in Troy, noted that "the best way to choose a good pomegranate is by color. It should be deep red, feel firm to the touch and have no bruises. When a pomegranate begins to turn yellow, it's over-ripe."

Pomegranate derives from the French pomme garnette or "seeded apple" and is sometimes called a Chinese apple. It originated in tropical Asia, but has been cultivated throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East. Over 200 years ago, the Spanish mission fathers brought the fruit to California, the principal source of pomegranates sold in the U.S. market.

A translucent scarlet pulp surrounds 800 arils (seeds), compartmentalized between shiny, tough membranes. Pure pomegranate pleasure comes from the seeds. Removing seeds and releasing juice are simple techniques. While working with pomegranates, wear an apron to protect clothing from juice stains.

**Removing seeds**

Cut the crown end of a pomegranate, removing with it some of the white pith, taking care not to pierce seeds within. Lightly score skin in quarters, from stem to crown. Following score lines, firmly, yet gently, break sections apart. Bend skin back and gently scoop seed clusters into a bowl. Remove any pith.

Refrigerate seeds up to three days or freeze on trays in single layers; then pack in airtight containers to freeze for up to 6 months.

**Releasing juice**

To obtain 1 cup of juice, place 1-1/2 to 2 cups of



POMEGRANATE COUNCIL

**Festive treat: Pomegranate juice adds fresh sweet-tart flavors and delicate color to sumptuous Pomegranate Parfait.**

seeds in a blender. Blend until liquefied. Pour through a cheesecloth-lined strainer or sieve.

Pomegranate juice, which can be refrigerated for up to 3 days, lends special qualities to seasonal preparations. It can be frozen for up to 6 months to add unique properties to recipes, from beverages to desserts, throughout the winter months.

Fill one-cup airtight containers with juice, allowing some room for expansion as the liquid freezes. Seal and freeze at zero degrees or below. To have available smaller amounts of juice, freeze cubes in an ice tray and store in resealable plastic bags.

Pomegranate juice gives flavor and color to a variety of preparations. It can be made into jelly

or used in marinades, salad dressings, cake, homemade ice cream or sorbet. If you enjoy Chicken Dijon, freshen up flavors with pomegranates. Make a pomegranate margarita or pomegranate pink lemonade.

Homemade grenadine (pomegranate syrup) adds distinctive flavor and festive holiday color to drinks, fruit mixtures, sauces and desserts.

For a festive aperitif, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of homemade grenadine to sparkling wine. Drop a few fresh or frozen pomegranate seeds into each glass before serving.

See recipes inside.

## Chubby baby bear breads fun to make and give

Few things express the spirit of the holiday season better than a homemade gift, and what better way to directly involve children in the gift-giving process than to help them bake a homemade treat? While baking something special for grandma and grandpa, a favorite teacher or scout leader, they'll also be creating long-remembered holiday traditions.

Baby Bear Breads with Honey Butter are as fun to make as they are to receive and eat. It's a recipe the entire family can lend a hand with. Older children can measure the quick or old-fashioned oats and other ingredients and put them in the correct order into the bread machine.

If the bread is prepared by hand, younger bakers can help stir together the ingredients. Then everyone, no matter what their age, can help knead the dough and roll it into the balls used to create the adorable chubby bears.

One taste of these whole grain breads and you'll appreciate that this recipe makes four bears - three bears to give away and one to enjoy at home. After cooling, give each baby bear gift a festive ribbon "tie," and wrap individually in clear cellophane or plastic wrap. For an extra-special touch, present the bread on a cutting board with a spreader or small knife and a little crock of honey butter.

When time is limited, or your child

has a lengthy list of special people, bake several batches of Maple-Nut Granola. Each takes just minutes to assemble, then requires just 30 minutes in the oven. Again, young and old can help measure ingredients and stir everything together.

People on your gift list will enjoy the granola as a breakfast cereal, a delicious, nutritious snack or sprinkled over frozen yogurt for dessert.

For gift giving, pour the granola into a clear glass container with a tight-fitting lid. Or spoon into cellophane bags that can be closed with a twist tie or ribbon. And don't forget, a copy of the recipe is a nice touch.

**BABY BEAR BREADS WITH HONEY BUTTER**

- 3 teaspoons quick-rising yeast
- 2 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/3 cup sunflower seed kernels (optional)
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 5 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted
- Raisins and chopped dried fruits

Honey butter (recipe follows)

Bring all ingredients to room temperature by letting them stand on the counter about 30 minutes.

Place yeast in bread machine according to directions in manual. In medium bowl, combine both flours, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. In separate bowl, combine milk, egg and butter.

Place dry and liquid ingredients in bread machine according to manual. Use machine's dough setting to mix and knead. (Bread will not bake in machine).

Lightly grease 2 cookie sheets. Turn dough out of bread machine onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6 to 8 times.

To make bears, roll pieces of dough into four 2-1/2-inch balls for bodies, four 1-1/2-inch balls for heads, sixteen 1-inch balls for hands and feet and eight 3/4-inch balls for ears.

On cookie sheets, gently place balls together to form 2 bears on each sheet. Use raisins to make eyes, nose and other decorations. Cover; let rise in warm place 15 to 20 minutes or until nearly double in size.

Heat oven to 375°F. Bake bear breads 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown. Carefully remove bears from cook-

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QUAKER OATS

**Tasty gift: Baby Bear Breads with Honey Butter are as fun to make as they are to receive. These chubby bears are a fun family baking project.**

# Pomegranates are in season, enjoy

See related story on Taste front. All recipes courtesy of the Pomegranate Council, California.

## POMEGRANATE PARFAIT

- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup whipping cream
- Whipped cream for garnish
- Chopped pistachio nuts for garnish
- Pomegranate seeds for garnish

Mix gelatin and sugar in a heavy sauce pan; reserve.

Whisk egg yolks and water together; stir into reserved gelatin mixture.

Cook over medium-low heat (do not boil), stirring constantly until gelatin and sugar dissolve (about 5 minutes).

Remove from heat; stir in pomegranate juice and lemon juice.

Refrigerate pomegranate mixture stirring occasionally, until mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon (about 2 1/2 hours).

When pomegranate mixture is ready, beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry; thoroughly fold into pomegranate mixture. Reserve.

Beat cream until soft peaks form; thoroughly fold into

pomegranate mixture and divide mixture among six 6-ounce parfait glasses; chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, garnish each parfait with a dollop of whipped cream; sprinkle each with some of the chopped pistachio nuts and pomegranate seeds. Makes 6 servings.

## POMEGRANATE SORBET

- Juice from 6 medium-size pomegranates, or about 4 pounds of fruit (3 cups of juice)
- 1/2 cup sugar or a little more, to taste

Start this two days ahead, so you have time to chill the juice and harden the sorbet in the freezer.

Stir in the sugar until it is dissolved, and chill. Freeze juice in an ice-cream freezer according to directions. Serves 4-6.

## POMEGRANATE CAKE

- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Grease and flour an 8-inch cake pan.

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs until foamy and gradually add sugar. Continue beating until mixture is stiff and full of air.

Sift cake flour and baking powder, divide in three parts and fold into the egg-sugar mix-

ture, alternate with the pomegranate juice.

Transfer batter to cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Cool for 10-15 minutes and turn out on a cake plate. Dust with powdered sugar or frost with a butter cream frosting. Serves 8.

## DIJON CHICKEN WITH POMEGRANATE GLAZE

- 1 (2 1/2-3 pound) chicken
- Dijon mustard
- 2 cups pomegranate juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- Preheat oven to 500°F

Split chicken in half, brush liberally with Dijon mustard and roast at 500°F for 30 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink.

Pour pomegranate juice in a large skillet and reduce it by half. Stir in brown sugar and soy sauce.

Boil briefly and pour over chicken. Serves 2.

## POMEGRANATE LAMB KABOBS

- 1/2 cup Pomegranate Syrup (recipe follows)
- 1/3 cup salad oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed

## ADVERTISING CORRECTION

Due to manufacturer's inability to ship additional product, the Furby toy, shown on page 55 of today's The Best Gifts Sale catalog will be available in extremely limited quantities. No rainchecks will be issued.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



# Bear from page B1

ie sheets to wire racks. Cool completely. Store tightly wrapped up to 1 day. Freeze for longer storage. Serve with honey butter.

**Conventional Directions:** In large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups bread flour, whole wheat flour, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, yeast, cinnamon and salt.

Heat milk and butter until very warm (120°F to 130°F). Add to flour mixture with egg and blend on low speed of an electric mixer until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Stir in enough additional bread flour (about 1/2 to 1 cup) until a soft dough is formed and the dough begins to clear the sides of the bowl. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 5 to 8 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape dough into ball; place in greased bowl; turning once. Cover; let rise in warm place 30 minutes or until doubled in size. Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Shape into bears and bake as directed above. Yield 4 breads.

**Honey Butter:** In small bowl, combine 8 tablespoons (1 stick) softened butter or margarine and 3 tablespoons honey; mix until smooth. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

**Nutrition Information:** 1 bread without honey butter. Calories 700, Calories from Fat 180, Total Fat 21g, Saturated Fat 11g, Cholesterol 95mg, Sodium 810mg, Total Carbohydrates 108g, Dietary Fiber 9g, Protein 23g.

## MAPLE-NUT GRANOLA

- 4 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup maple-flavored pancake syrup
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon maple extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or cashews
- 1/2 cup natural sliced almonds
- 1 cup golden raisins or dried cranberries

Heat oven to 350°F. Place oats in large bowl. In small bowl, combine syrup, sugar, butter, maple extract, vanilla and salt. Drizzle over oats; mix well. Spread evenly in a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan or two large baking pans.

Bake 10 minutes. Add nuts to oat mixture; mix well. Continue baking 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes.

Remove granola from oven; stir in raisins. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Store tightly covered. Yield 6 cups.

**Nutrition information:** 1/2 cup. Calories 340, Calories from Fat 130, Total Fat 14g, Saturated Fat 4g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 45 mg, Total Carbohydrates 50g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 7g.

Recipes courtesy of Quaker Oats.

# Slice from page B1

cripple you," said Lipshaw. "On the outside you wouldn't know anything was wrong. Every child has a challenge, they get fatigued more easily and have regulated activities."

Lipshaw envisioned a small cookbook, something like the one her subdivision put together, and set a goal of 200 cookbooks containing a minimum of 130 recipes. "We ended up with 340 recipes and printed 2,000 copies. One thing led to another. It really has been fun and rewarding for both us," said Lipshaw.

"We've gone from being distant friends to great friends who talk to each other every day," added Nicholls.

They began the project in August and started talking it up with friends, family members, doctors and social workers. "Everybody was interested in contributing recipes," said Lipshaw. "People contributed their favorite, treasured family recipes."

To give people added incentive to buy the cookbook, the women asked popular metro Detroit area chefs including Chef Marcus Haight of the Lark restaurant, Executive Chef Randy Smith of Big Rock Chop and Brew House, and Chef Tim Cakra and Pastry Chef Andy McGrath of Morels, a Michigan Bistro, to contribute recipes. They also sold ads to local businesses to help pay printing costs.

"It's a great cookbook with great recipes from people in the community that everyone can make," said Lipshaw. "You're getting two things for the price of one - a collection of recipes everyone will cherish, and you're helping children with arthritis." "Cookbook proceeds will go directly to Michigan children and their families," added Nicholls. "The money won't be for any adult projects."

**Family tested**  
Although the recipes are not kitchen tested, Lipshaw and Nicholls carefully proofread each one to make sure they were complete. "A friend would never give you a bad recipe, especially when their name is on it," said Nicholls. "We have some dynamic recipes."

From soups, salads & sauces to cakes, cookies & desserts, "A Slice of Life" offers a variety of homey recipes sure to make your holidays bright, and enliven your weekday menus.

There are helpful cooking tips and recipes kids can make and learn from, such as Fishing with Pretzel Rods and Dirt Cups. "Slice of Life" is available at Borders, Barnes and Noble, and other major bookstores throughout the state, or by calling the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter Office in Southfield, (800) 968-3030.

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# 'A Slice of Life' helps cooks and kids alike

See related story on Taste front.

Lori Lipshaw and Wendy Nicholls are members of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, a council of the Arthritis Foundation.

Here are some recipes from "A Slice of Life" a cookbook they compiled to benefit children with arthritis.

### FISHING WITH PRETZEL RODS

1 package pretzel rods  
Peanut butter or frosting  
Goldfish crackers  
Blue plastic plates with rims  
Scatter goldfish on plastic plates. Dip end of pretzel rod in peanut butter or frosting. Now your fishing rod has bait and you are ready to go fishing.

Sensory motor aspects of development addressed: Tactile play, eye-hand coordination.

### DIRT CUPS

2 cups cold milk  
1 package instant chocolate pudding  
18 ounce container Cool Whip  
1 (16 ounce) package chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed  
Gummy worms, and/or flowers  
8 (10 ounce) plastic cups

Prepare pudding. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in Cool Whip and 1/2 of the crushed cookies. Place approximately 1 tablespoon of crushed cookies in bottom of cups. Fill cups 3/4 full with pudding mixture. Top with remaining cookies. Refrigerate and decorate when chilled by "planting" some worms or flowers.

Variation: Sand Cups - Use vanilla pudding and vanilla wafers.

Time saver: Ready to eat pudding can be used as a quick alternative to instant pudding.

Sensory motor aspects of development addressed: Tactile play, eye-hand coordination, fine motor skills, sequencing and planning skills.

Top two recipes from The Abilities Center, Inc., West Bloomfield

### KUGEL LIKE A CAKE

1 1/2 sticks butter or margarine  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1 cup halved pecans or cashews  
1 pound wide egg noodles  
4 large eggs  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons salt

Halve butter and melt. Put in bottom and up sides of Bundt or tube pan. Press brown sugar into bottom; press nuts into sugar. Cook noodles and drain.

Mix eggs, remaining melted butter, cinnamon, sugar and salt and pour into pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until top is brown. Let it sit for 15 minutes before unmolding.

Recipe compliments of Donna Hurshe

### APPLE CAKE

4 eggs  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup oil  
1/2 cup water  
3 cups flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
Pinch of salt  
5 to 6 apples, cut into quarters

### CINNAMON/SUGAR MIXTURE

3/4 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Peel and slice apples and mix with cinnamon and sugar mixture. Set aside.

Blend all other ingredients together. Grease a 9 by 13-inch pan. Pour half of batter into pan. Cover with apples, then pour rest of batter on top.

Combine sugar and cinnamon to make Cinnamon/Sugar Mixture and place in a jar.

Sprinkle top of cake with Cinnamon/Sugar mixture. Bake at 350°F

for 45-50 minutes.  
Recipe compliments of Trudy Shapiro

### SESAME CHICKEN STRIPS

3 whole skinless, boneless chicken breasts  
1 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 teaspoons celery salt  
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 cup dry bread crumbs  
1/3 cup sesame seeds  
1/4 cup margarine

Grease a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan. Cut chicken crosswise into 1/2-inch strips. In large bowl, combine sour cream, lemon juice, celery salt, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and garlic; mix well. Add chicken to sour cream mixture; coat chicken well. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight.

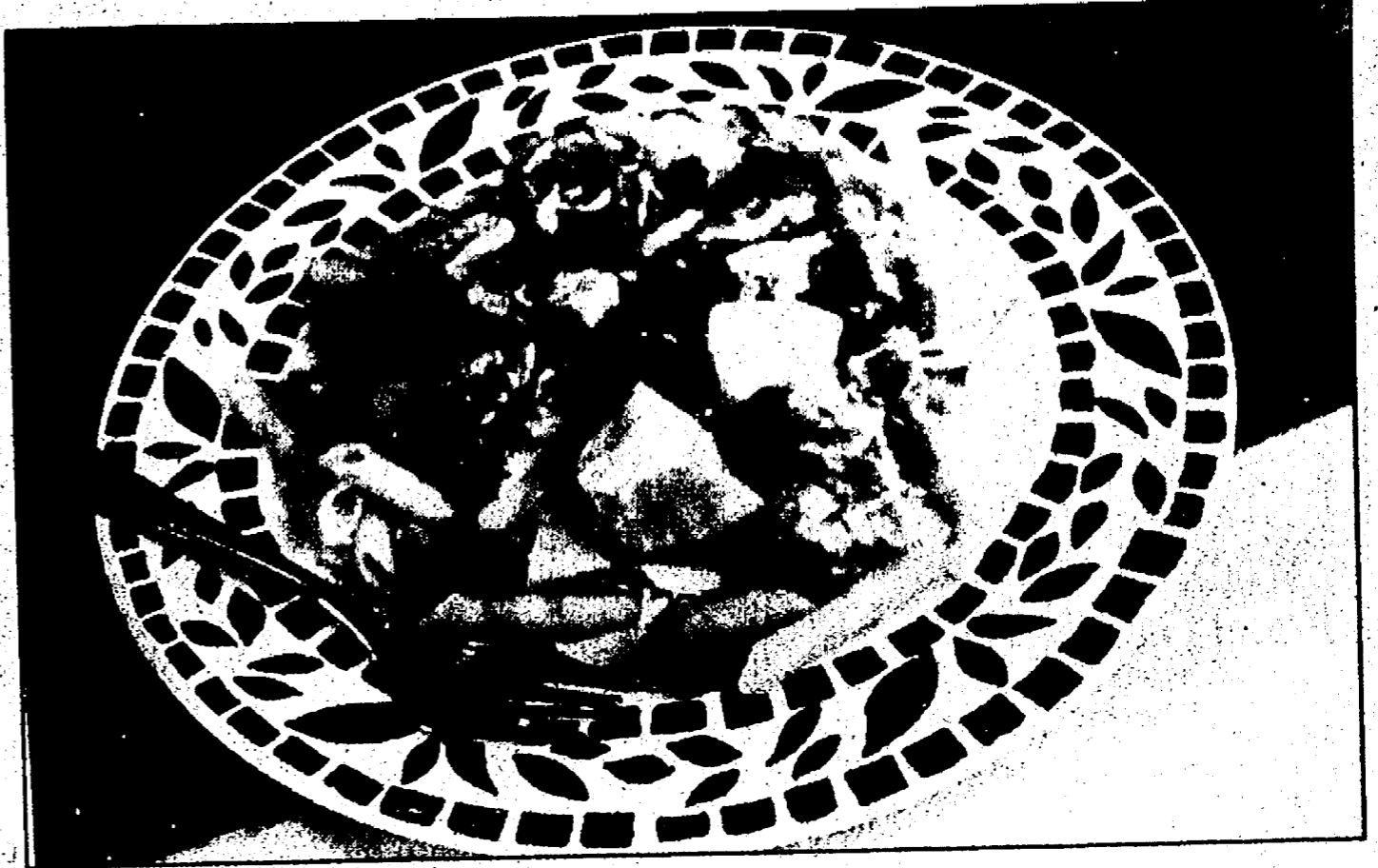
Combine bread crumbs and sesame seed. Remove chicken strips from mixture; roll in crumb mixture. Arrange in single layer in pan. Spoon margarine over chicken strips. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes at 350°F. Makes about 55 appetizers. Serve with Mustard Sauce, recipe follows.

### MUSTARD SAUCE

1/4 cup dry mustard  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup cider vinegar  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup mayonnaise

In small saucepan, combine mustard, sugar and salt; add vinegar and egg. Blend well. Cook over low heat 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes; stir in mayonnaise. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3/4 cup.

Recipe compliments of Wendy Nicholls.



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Super leftovers: When you're hungry for something besides sandwiches, try Turkey Stew.

## Leftovers? Make turkey stew.

BY DANA JACOBI  
SPECIAL WRITER

For many of us, leftovers are the best part of Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. As a long-time turkey lover, I always plan for a bird large enough to satisfy post-feast nibbling and still leave enough meat to use later for making some hash, a stir fry, shepherd's pie, turkey-studded Waldorf salad, zingy fajitas, enchilada pie, an aromatic curry, old-fashioned croquettes, or creamy turkey Tetrazzini.

This year, I plan on making a colorful stew. It will contain sweet potatoes, carrots, cranberries for tart counterpoint, an apple, and be perfumed with thyme. If unexpected guests show up the day I serve it, adding some of the turkey stock I make from the carcass will turn this stew serving four into a soup for at least six.

When dealing with leftovers, you must treat them properly. Be sure to wrap and refrigerate leftover turkey within 2 hours of serving it. To accomplish this, after the turkey platter has circulated for third helpings, I package what is left in plastic wrap or in self-sealing plastic bags. While everyone pauses

before dessert is served, I remove all the meat remaining from the carcass and refrigerate that, too.

If you want planned leftovers, as a guide, figure that one pound of turkey produces three cups of diced meat. This furnishes four to six servings, depending on how you use it. If you are as fond of turkey as I am, you may elect to buy a bird with twice the amount of meat you think is needed on Thanksgiving or Christmas. As I see it, this requires no more work than what is already required for what day, and it saves you time in preparing future meals.

### TURKEY STEW

1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 large carrot, cut crosswise in 3/4-inch slices  
1 rib celery, cut crosswise in 3/4-inch slices  
1 small rutabaga, cut in 1-inch pieces  
1 cups hot chicken or turkey stock  
1 bay leaf  
1 Crispin apple, peeled, cored

and cut in 1-inch pieces  
1 medium sweet potato or yam, peeled and cut in 3/4-inch half-moons  
3 cups diced cooked turkey  
1/2 cup fresh, frozen, or dried cranberries  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme  
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 F. In a small Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until it softens, about 4 minutes. Add the carrot, celery, and rutabaga. Cover tightly and cook over medium-low heat 10 minutes.

Add the stock and bay leaf. Cover, and bake the stew for 10 minutes. Add the apple and sweet potato, turkey, cranberries, and thyme. Cover and bake until the vegetables are done and the turkey is heated through, 15-20 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with cooked noodles or rice.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of The Best of Claypot Cooking and The Natural Kitchen: Soy!

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Premarital class

Michigan requires that all persons planning to marry receive information on STDs such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital aids class 8-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Cost, \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

### Ostomy clinic

Kingsboro Pharmacy combined with ConvaTec to invite the public to attend an Ostomy Retail Clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Participants will learn about the new products now available from ConvaTec. Maria Kaza, the local ConvaTec representative will address your questions and provide free product samples. The pharmacy is at 25839 Five Mile in Redford.

### Foundation benefit

At the Polo Fields Golf & Country Club in Ann Arbor the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host "Cheers to Michigan - A Tasting of Michigan Wine and Beer to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation," 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. All proceeds will help support cystic fibrosis (CF) research and patient care and education programs. Tickets are \$65 each and can be reserved by calling Rita Combest at CFF (734) 998-1234. \$40 of each ticket is tax-deductible.

### Red Cross classes

The following American Red Cross classes are offered at the Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile in Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787. Standard first aid, \$36; 6-10 p.m. Dec. 1; 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 26. CPR Review, \$22.9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10 and 6-10 p.m. Dec. 23.

### Holiday cards

Spread holiday cheer and support cancer services by purchasing from the full-color holiday greeting card selection offered by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. For information and locations, call (800)-KAR-MANOS. Boxes contain 25 cards each and range from \$17-22.

### Lupus support

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold their Feb. 2 meeting at the Farmington Library conference room, 23500 Liberty St. The topic will be "How will my family or my significant other accept the changes in our lives?" Call Andrea Gray for information, (734) 261-6714.

### Laser approved

Recent approval of the VISX excimer laser by the FDA to treat hyperopia (farsightedness) in the U.S. opens the doors for TLC Detroit Laser Center of Farmington Hills to correct the vision of people who have difficulty seeing objects up close. For information about VISX excimer laser treatment call TLC Detroit Laser Center, (248) 489-0400.

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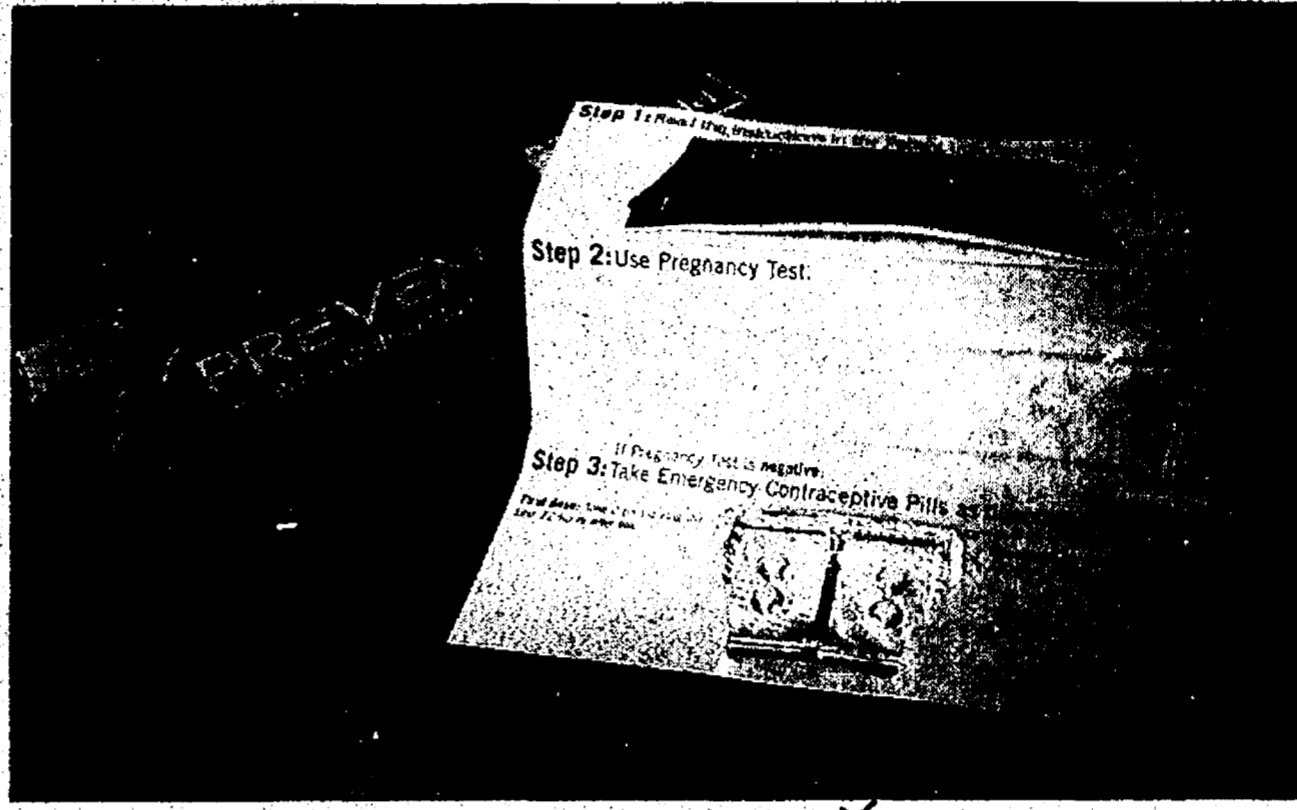
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## Contraceptive prevents unintended pregnancies Emergency planning

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Emergency kit: The newly FDA-approved PREVEN™ Emergency Contraceptive Kit features step-by-step instructions for the patient, a pregnancy test and special dose of birth control pills.

The idea of preventing a pregnancy from occurring through an emergency contraceptive attests to an important transition from the notion that contraception is only beneficial when used before or during the act of sex.

With the recently FDA-approved PREVEN™ Emergency Contraceptive Kit, women have a chance to prevent an unintended pregnancy within 72 hours after intercourse through a pre-packaged regimen of special dose birth control pills.

Suzanne Parks, whose name has been changed to protect her identity, felt helpless and alarmed a month ago when she and her boyfriend discovered the condom they were using broke during sex — neither was aware of the breakage until it was too late.

"The panic set in right away," said Parks, a 28-year-old teacher who resides in Westland. "We've talked about getting married, but neither of us are ready."

Parks said she remembered a friend had faced a similar situation and wondered what she did. "I called her and she said she used the Morning After Pill."

Available at Northland Family Planning Health Center for Women in Westland since 1996, the difference between the morning after treatment and PREVEN™ is the timeline of which the two products are effective.

PREVEN™ can be taken up to 72 hours (three days) after sex — not just the morning after. They should not be confused with RU486, "the abortion pill," that works after a pregnancy has occurred. It is believed the special dose of progestin and estrogen found in PREVEN™ prevents/delays ovulation or effects changes to the lining of the uterus that could prevent implantation of a fertilized egg.

### Has limitations

According to Renee Chelian, administrator of the Northland Family Planning Center since 1976, emergency contraception won't work if a woman is already pregnant. In addition to the special dose of birth control, the kit contains step-by-step instruction and a pregnancy test that should be administered before taking the pills as PREVEN™ is useless (as

with other birth control pills) if a pregnancy has already occurred.

"PREVEN is an insurance policy for women in case their contraception fails," said Chelian, who noted other instances when it may be necessary to use emergency contraception including unprotected sex due to a lack of planning, a missed birth control pill or non-consensual sex.

However, said Chelian, the kit should be used as a reserve for regular contraception and users should keep in mind as with other contraceptive pills, they do not guard against sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS or herpes.

With the approval of oral contraception in the United States in the 1960s, many advances have been made over the last four decades such as the reduction of estrogen and progestin levels found in today's pills that has dramatically lowered the negative side effects including nausea and weight gain. Currently, more than 11 million women rely on 30 brands of oral contraceptives as their primary method of birth control.

Gynetics Inc., a New Jersey-based women's health care company, is the first to heed the Food and Drug Administrations "call to action" to make emergency contraceptive pills available in the U.S. In an article featured in the February 1997 edition of the Federal Register, the FDA urged pharmaceutical manufacturers to make emergency contraception available.

For the last two decades, however, combined oral contraceptives have been used by hospital emergency rooms and private practice physicians even though no products were approved or labeled for this use until now.

### Product to offer

Chelian said as one of the first centers in the area to provide PREVEN™ to its patients, the medical staff is comforted by knowing they have a product to provide to sexually active patients to avoid unplanned pregnancies.

"This allows patients to have emergency contraception at home in the event of an accident without having to suffer the worry and anxiety they may experience in the face of an unplanned pregnancy," said Chelian.

According to Gynetics Inc., there are more than 2.7 million unintended pregnancies each year in the U.S. and emergency contraceptive pills, such as PREVEN™, could prevent half of all unintended pregnancies and abortions that occur annually.

Research indicates, when used correctly, emergency contraceptive pills may result in only two out of 100 women becoming pregnant after an act of sex.

One of the first Northland patients to use PREVEN™ was Parks, said Chelian. The 28-year-old called the center to find out about the "morning after" pill and was made aware of the new emergency kit approved just weeks earlier.

"I was so thankful there was something out there," said Parks. "I expected it to cost a lot more than it did. I think every woman should have one of these, just in case, in their nightstand."

Since the failure of Parks's regular method of birth control and the use of PREVEN™, she was relieved when her regular menstrual cycle started earlier this month.

"This is a wonderful product for someone who isn't intending to get pregnant," said Parks. "Accidents happen and I'm just glad I had a choice a few weeks ago."

For more information about PREVEN™, contact your primary care physician or gynecologist. Planned Parenthood Centers, (810) 768-2100, currently have kits available for patients for \$20 in addition to the Northland Family Planning Center in Westland, (734) 721-4700. You can also visit the Gynetics Web site at [www.PREVEN.com](http://www.PREVEN.com) or call toll-free (888) PREVEN2.

## Healthy diet is critical factor in disease prevention

Don't look now — but someone just added cantaloupe to the list of foods that just might help fight against cancer.

Obviously, one cannot live by cantaloupe alone. Moreover, one shouldn't, says Suzanne Dixon, a registered dietitian and epidemiologist from

Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

Dixon says cancer researchers increasingly are concluding that a healthy diet drawn from a wide variety of foods is a critical factor in chronic disease prevention.

"You can never eat too many fruits, vegetables, legumes and grains. In fact,

this is the dietary pattern most associated with the prevention of chronic disease, especially cancer," says Dixon. "Probably the number one thing you can do to fight cancer is to eat low on the food chain and that means eating as many unprocessed foods as possible."

When it comes to natural unprocessed foods, color matters. Bright is better because this signals that the fruit or veggie contains important compounds known as phytochemicals that help reduce the risk of disease.

"Researchers are learning more every day about how foods affect our bodies," Dixon says. "For example, beta-carotene is probably the most well-known micronutrient of a family of compounds known as carotenoids, substances that give fruits and vegetables their bright color."

But there are nearly 600 other carotenoids found in the nature, many of them in the foods we eat. And carotenoids are only one group among the array of micronutrients that make up the cancer-fighting phytochemicals.

"We are realizing this complex interplay of vitamins and minerals that we are only beginning to study is what makes these foods so nutritionally significant," she says.

In fact, some studies indicate that relying on the vitamin bottle to rescue a poor diet may prove disastrous.

Not so long ago, Dixon says Finnish researchers looked at the role beta-carotene and Vitamin E play in reducing the development of lung cancer in smokers. Ironically, beta-carotene, a suspected cancer-fighting agent, did not lower the risk of lung cancer. Instead, it appeared to increase the risk of developing lung cancer in a significant percentage of the 29,133 male smokers studied. The results were so startling that researchers called an early halt to the study. A later study of 18,314 American men and women came to similar conclusions.

Poor diet, based on standard American junk-food offerings, may even damage cells in the same way that radiation does, according to one recent study. Consuming such nutrition-poor foods leave our bodies deficient in folic acid, iron, zinc and selenium and Vitamins B12, C and E.

"We don't get those valuable nutrients in the food we eat because we don't eat enough of the right foods. In the end, what you don't eat is just as important as what you eat." Individual diabetes assessments available. A certified diabetes educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 at Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

## MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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### Retirement approved

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents recently approved the retirement of **Therese Schwab** of Canton, associate professor of nursing education, effective July 28, 1998, after one year of service.

### Hospital awarded

**Garden City Hospital** recently received an award from the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) Center for Health Outcomes and Evaluation for its continued commitment to healthcare quality improvement

efforts. Garden City Hospital was one of only nine Michigan facilities to receive this recognition. Some of the hospitals recent MPRO projects which exhibited significant improvement included: pneumonia, Acute Myocardial Infarction, congestive heart failure, cardiac catheterization and 1998 flu immunization.

### New inductee

**Mark Neil Berkowitz, M.D.**, of Vision Institute of Michigan (three locations including Westland) was recently inducted as a fellow of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is one of only 14 physicians in the Michigan area to have this distinction. Berkowitz had to write a thesis and complete both written and oral examinations to gain membership to this society.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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#### MON, NOV. 30

##### DIABETES EDUCATION

A certified Diabetes Educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

#### TUE, DEC. 1

##### CONDITIONED FOR SKIING

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., is presenting a seminar for all individuals interested in skiing from 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center, Physicians Office Bldg., Suite B124, 47601 Grand River, Novi. The class format will be a brief lecture on concepts, a side presentation on biomechanical principles and a live demo of exercise techniques. Wear comfortable attire. There is no charge. Call (248) 380-3550.

#### DEC. 2, 9, 16

##### CERTIFIED SITTING

A program for individuals 11-15 years old to develop skills and knowledge to be safe babysitters. Cost \$30. From 5:30-9 p.m. (2, 9) and 5:30-9:30 p.m. on the 16th. Plymouth/Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Rd., call (734) 416-2937 to register.

#### DEC. 2 - JAN. 19

##### CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Call (734) 655-1100.

#### WED, DEC. 2

##### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 2-3:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting, call (734) 655-8940.

##### MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100.

##### DIABETES SUPPORT

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. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP, (734) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

##### OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Oakwood Healthcare Center in Livonia will host a bone density screening from 1-5 p.m. at 37650 Professional Center Dr. To register call 800-543-WELL.

#### THUR, DEC. 3

##### LOWFAT COOKING

Registered dietitian teaches participants the "whats, whys and hows" of lowfat cooking. Cost \$10. Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 416-2937 to register.

##### NURSING REFRESHER COURSE

Nurses can refresh their basic physical assessment techniques and earn credits to maintain their licenses by attending Physical Assessment Refresher at Schoolcraft College. Participants should bring stethoscopes and wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$65 from noon to 6 p.m. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

#### DEC. 5 & 12

##### BABY-SITTING TRAINING

Exciting hands-on training for youths 11 years and older to prepare for caring and supervision of smaller children. Includes safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. Course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

#### MON, DEC. 7

##### CARDIAC SUPPORT

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

##### PROF. RESCUER CPR

This course trains individuals interested in becoming CPR/Professional Rescuer instruc-

tors. The prerequisite for this course in Community First Aid & Safety Instructor Course. Two-day program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7 and 21. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

#### TUE, DEC. 8

##### MOTHER/BABY SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

##### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

#### WED, DEC. 9

##### DIABETES SUPPORT

Do you find it hard to stay on your diet and to follow your treatment plan while living with diabetes? St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. Call (734) 655-8940.

#### THUR, DEC. 10

##### JUST FOR DADS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond" from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

##### PREMARRITAL 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. Course runs from 6-7 p.m. Fee, \$14 (special appointments \$20 per person). Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

##### 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 runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$22. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

## St. Joe's guides patients with tamoxifen decisions

### UPDATE

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor assist women who are wondering if they should take the drug tamoxifen to reduce their chances of developing breast cancer.

Through a computerized risk assessment program used by the National Cancer Institute and available at St. Joe's, women can determine, along with their physician, the appropriateness of taking the drug.

The Food and Drug Administration last week approved the use of tamoxifen as a prevention drug for women at high risk for developing breast cancer. The FDA recommends that women and their doctors carefully weigh the benefits and risks of tamoxifen before using the drug.

Tamoxifen was found to reduce the incidence of breast cancer by up to 45 percent in women at high risk earlier this year in a landmark study by the NCI's National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital participated in this study. The drug has rare but potentially serious

side effects, including an increased risk for uterine cancer and blood clots in major veins and the lungs.

The computerized risk assessment, known as the Gail Model, estimates a woman's chances of developing breast cancer based on several recognized risk factors, including age, personal health history and family history of breast cancer. The assessment results will help a woman and her physician determine the appropriateness of prescribing tamoxifen. Tamoxifen is manufactured by Zeneca Pharmaceutical, Inc. under the name Nolvadex.

Postmenopausal women ages 35 or older at increased risk for breast cancer are encouraged to consider participating in the Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR).

The study will compare tamoxifen with raloxifene, an osteoporosis drug that may also have breast cancer prevention effects. STAR will enroll 22,000 high-risk women and is scheduled to begin at centers across the United States (including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital) in early 1999.

## Exercise for cancer patients

A new pilot program at the Botsford Total Rehabilitative & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) in Novi is hoping to develop a well-rounded exercise program to reinvigorate weakened bodies as well as alleviate some of the side effects of cancer treatment.

"We're hoping the program we've developed featuring strength training, and aerobic and flexibility exercises, will help cancer patients experience a discernible difference in the way they feel — both physically as well as emotionally," says Shel Levine, M.S., a certified exercise physiologist at TRACC.

The pilot program, featuring individualized fitness regimens, began in September with two

cancer patients. The patients, both women in their 50s, were evaluated in the areas of cardiovascular conditioning, body composition, flexibility, and strength. They will be tested again at the end of the program's 12-week period. Each completed a checklist questionnaire surveying their physical symptoms, such as lack of appetite, nausea, physical tingling, etc.

Now past the program's midpoint, Levine is pleased with the results.

But aside from the physical benefits, Levine sees emotional gains as well.

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# Music files on Internet stir controversy



MIKE WENDLAND

**PC TALK**  
A major controversy is raging on the Internet over a new technology that allows near CD-quality music to be downloaded and played over the Internet quickly and easily.

Critics say it encourages music piracy.

The growing legions of boosters of this technology say it's all about the freedom of cyberspace. They call it MP3, which stands for Moving Pictures Expert Group, Level (or version) 3. Geek-speak aside, it's simply a very efficient way of compressing files so they can be easily downloaded and played over the Internet without losing quality.

Essentially, MP3 reduces audio signals to one-twelfth their original size by cutting out portions that are inaudible to most human ears.

That means quick-downloading files that sound almost as good as CDs. Indeed, there are some audio commentators who think the MP3 technology is the beginning of the end for CDs — and the companies that prerecord and sell them.

To use MP3 you need a player. The most popular for the PC is Winamp. For the Mac, an application called Soundapp.

You can get them both for free from shareware sites like download.com (www.download.com).

Once you have your player, go to places like MP3.com (www.mp3.com) to download free music. They explain all about MP3 files.

### Determining what's legal

Much of it is perfectly legal. A lot of independent bands from all over the world freely make their music available over the Net. And commercial sets online sell music in MP3 form, again, perfectly legal.

But there are also a lot of other places online that illegally bootleg copyrighted music. And that's against the law.

In fact, the Recording Industry Association of America has been busy in recent months snooping cyberspace, filing suits and shutting down many of the pirate sites.

There's another thing about MP3 that scares the recording industry.

Besides allowing users to download files, MP3 can also record music.

Shareware products legally and widely available on the Internet allow users to make their own MP3's from CDs in their computer's CD-ROM drive, and then post these files on the Net for anybody to grab. Because this is the same as bootlegging cassette recordings and the artists get no profit when their

music is ripped off like this, the recording industry types see MP3 as a huge threat.

### Technological squabble

The controversy promises to grow hotter as more sounds are put online. But now special MP3 players are available, like the Rio, a Walkman-like device from Diamond Multimedia that interfaces with your PC and stores MP3 files for playback.

The Recording Industry Association of America even took Diamond to court in hopes of winning an injunction that would have prohibited the company from marketing the Rio. The trade group claimed devices like the Rio encourage piracy.

But the court didn't buy the argument. So many MP3 sounds are on the Net, the California federal judge ruled, that stopping the company from marketing such a device was akin to locking the proverbial barn door after the horse escaped.

Here's a list of Internet resources where you can learn more about MP3:

CNET (www.cnet.com) - Do a keyword search on "MP3" and you'll be presented with informative articles about MP3 and links to the sites offering free players and accessories.

SUGARMEGS (www.sugarmegs.org) - If you're into music, this site is the place to go. It bills itself as "An ecosystem of audio streams irrigating the ears

of the net." Check it out and you'll be presented with very diverse music choices.

MP3 MUSIC WEBRING (www.webring.org/cgi-bin/webring?ring=mp3&list) - You can click from site to site here. More than 250 sites with MP3 music can be accessed here.

WORLDWIDE BANDS (www.worldwidebands.com) - Search music by genre. It's all here and all downloadable.

New PC Mike addition: Have you been to my webpage lately? I've added a RealAudio daily update. Check it out at www.pcmike.com

High Tech Holiday Seminar: My next PC Mike seminar is this coming Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Lawrence Technological Institute, 21000 West Ten Mile in Southfield. We'll demo the latest high tech gifts and gadgets, both hardware and software. You need to reserve a spot to attend. You can do that by calling (248) 423-2721.

Hope to see you there.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

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### FRI, DEC. 11, 18

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
BNI, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

### TUE, DEC. 8

**MISEA DINNER MEETING**  
The Michigan Society of Enrolled Agents (MISEA) is holding a dinner meeting Dec. 8. The topic will be "Retirement Plans" SETP, Simple & 401 K, with Jim Smith of Merrill Lynch. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Laurel Park Place, 17100 North Laurel Place in Livonia. For reservations, call (734) 261-8800.

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### Padgett teams up

Padgett Business Services of Livonia, an international provider of financial reporting services, has been selected as the recommended accounting partner of McBees, one of North America's major suppliers of business checkbooks, computer

checks & forms, invoices and more.

### Carlite integrated

Visteon Automotive Systems of Livonia is gearing up for the aftermarket by folding its nearly \$200 million replacement glass business, Carlite Strategic Business Unit (SBU) into its Global Aftermarket Operations.

### New laser system

The TRUMPF Laser Technology Center of Plymouth has introduced the VectorMark compact, a diode-pumped laser marking system. The benefits include its small size, and its power supply and cooling system are fully integrated.

### Innovative device

An innovative tire pressure monitoring system from Johnson Controls of Plymouth, called PSI(TM) Pressure Safety Information, is likely to be the first system of its kind in a production vehicle when it debuts in several 2001 luxury models. The PSI system includes a radio-frequency transmitter in each tire and an in-vehicle electronic display that signals a driver with an audible signal or alert message when pressure in any tire falls below optimum levels.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Concerts herald start of holiday season

If fighting the after-Thanksgiving shopping crowds has left your holiday spirit as cold as "Frosty the Snowman," join the fun by singing along with local choirs and orchestras as they greet the season. You'll be surprised how fast the blues disappear when you're humming "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

John Gajec and assistant conductor Dr. Joseph W. Lewis, Jr. of West Bloomfield lead the Redford Civic Symphony in playing excerpts from "The Nutcracker," traditional Christmas carols and a sing-a-long in the opening concert of its 43rd season Sunday, Dec. 6 at Thurston High School. Guest artists are vocalists Pat Mussin and Marilyn Churchill.

Gajec has been playing many of the standard tunes for most of his 80



PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**In the spirit:** Conductor/musician John Gajec rehearses for the Redford Civic Symphony holiday concert.

years and never tires of them. In fact, he can't decide which he enjoys more — conducting or playing cello with the orchestra. The group of 50 musicians began rehearsing "Sleigh Ride," "Silent Night" and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" in September.

"Conducting is the ultimate experience in performing the music the way I think it should be," said Gajec. "Being a conductor is a special sport. You're dealing with the music and the performers. But on the other hand as a musician, you're performing for the audience. The concert is when we give our best performance but rehearsals are when we perfect the craft."

The holiday season is a time for music and there's plenty of it around the area. Here's where sleigh bells

will be jingling and people singing:

■ Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents its popular show choir, The Meadow Brook Estate, in an International Holiday Spectacular 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus in Rochester. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 seniors, and \$8 students, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-8666.

Music from the 1930s to the present day and representing the countries of Mexico, Austria and Ireland, in addition to the U.S., will be featured in the program.

The show choir is accompanied by Robert Sanders of Southfield on piano, Dylan Dunbar on electric guitar, and Jeremy Grenier of Troy on bass. Synthesizer is played by Phillip Metzler and drums by Mike Gorbino.

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# Gifts of Art

## Ideas for holiday giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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Animation cels, Native American bear carvings, jewelry, and accessories for the home, are popular gift giving items this holiday season.

When you give a gift of art, it's one-of-a-kind.

In addition to galleries and gift shops, non-profit art associations host a number of holiday shows. Among the largest are:

■ Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center — The 17th annual Holiday Shop of ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, ornaments, and prints runs Monday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1516 South Cranbrook (Evergreen) and 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Preview Party 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Tickets \$25. (248) 644-0066.

■ Detroit Artists Market — Holiday Sale, featuring 110 artists exhibiting jewelry, glass, ceramics, wood, photographs, paintings, furniture, and sculpture, continues to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, on Joseph Campus by the Detroit River. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and until 8 p.m. Friday. (313) 363-1770.

■ Pawabic Pottery — Earthly Treasures offers tiles, vessels, jewelry, ornaments, and ceramic functional and sculptural ware by Pawabic and local artists as well as artists from across the country through Dec. 31 at the pottery, 10125 East Jefferson, four miles east of downtown Detroit. For collectors, Pawabic's released its fourth design of the woodland series along with a 6 by 6-inch reindeer tile. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas and New Year's eves. (313) 822-0954. Pawabic is requesting donations of canned and dried food throughout the holidays for the Caprychin Soup Kitchen.

You can spend as little as \$3 for an ornament or hundreds of dollars for a piece of children's story book art. For the hard-to-please on your list, a gift certificate makes it nearly impossible to go wrong.

If you're looking for hand-crafted decorations, Don Schneider's York Street Glassworks studio and gallery, 875 York St., west of Liberty, (734) 459-6419, offers a selection of round and spiral-shaped ornaments in clear and gold fumed glass. Best known for his bead making, Schneider sells a variety of individual beads, earrings, and necklaces at the Plymouth gallery.

Vessels, paperweights, and gazing globes are lovely gift items for the home. An internationally-exhibiting glass artist, Schneider's work is currently featured along with 24 bead makers at the Glas Museum in Ebeltoft, Denmark. Schneider is also exhibiting his work in the Detroit Artists Market Holiday Show continuing through Thursday, Dec. 24.

### From the earth

A ceramic chip n' dip set by Kathy Sandberg (Plymouth) and tiles by Nancy Guido (Livonia) are a few of the gifts available at



PHOTO BY STEPHEN PETEGORSKY

**Into the woods:** This lithograph by Jane Dyer is from the "Random House Book of Bedtime Stories" and available at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.

the third annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Show and Sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 at 340 North Main, south of Mill St. (Lilley), behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant, (734) 207-8807. Twenty members of the Guild will sell their platters, tiles, bowls, ornaments, jewelry as well as hand-built and raku decorative and functional wares. Prices range from \$3 for an ornament to \$150 for a ceramic art work. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5. For a preview of the ceramic objects visit the Plymouth Library 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

"With that many potters, it's going to be diverse," said Kathy Sandberg. "There'll be functional and decorative ware, raku, tiles, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, and vessels, anything from a small plate to a large serving piece, in neutrals, pastels and vibrant colors, black and white because every potter has their own trademark glaze."

### Native art

Go Southwest with Native West gallery, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 455-8838, in Plymouth. Nearly all art works are hand-crafted by Native Americans. In addition to paintings, sculpture and jewelry, the gallery sells decorative accessories, flutes, tiles, music, books, and sandstone coasters engraved



PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Functional to sculptural:** The Village Potters Guild offer an array of clay art at their annual holiday show and sale in Plymouth.

with petroglyphs. Metal candleholders from El Paso feature the sun or buffalo.

"Items for the home are selling very, very well," said Annette Horn, who owns the gallery with her husband Ken. "Bears are real popular whether it's fetishes or sculptures, and we now have Pendleton Bears made in Taos, New Mexico. The metal candleholders are great for the home because the sun means happiness to the Native American and the candlelight brings warmth to the home. The buffalo means abundance."

Ornaments ranging from a Navajo grandmother storyteller to a Santa painted on a chile pepper, spice up a traditional tree.

Great little stocking stuffers are dot earrings set with different stones. A peridot pair costs \$9. Horn said these are popular with people who have more than one hole in their ear.

The best time to visit the Native West is during their annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5 when the Horns bring in trader Jonathon Cox with a trunk full of jewelry. Navajo silversmith Jerry Nelson will be available throughout the show to talk about his inlay necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. Michael Atkinson's art continues on display through the end of December.



**Art as gift:** Don Schneider created these glass ornaments in his York Street Glassworks studio and gallery in Plymouth.

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## DANCE

# Dancers trumpet arrival of 'Nutcracker'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Like Clara dreaming about the Nutcracker Prince and dancing in the "Kingdom of Sweets," Rose Marie Floyd's excitement grows with the approach of the holiday season performances of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet.

Floyd and her Contemporary Civic Ballet Company began performing "The Nutcracker" in 1956. Over the years, the company has presented the ballet, based on a fairy-tale by E.T.A. Hoffman, with a number of orchestras including the Livonia Symphony. The first "Nutcracker" delighted audiences in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1892.

This year, the Contemporary Civic Ballet will be joined by Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet who will dance the role of the Cavalier and Samantha Shelton, the Sugar Plum, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$5. A second performance with Stowell, and Emily Hastings as the Sugar Plum takes place 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Troy High School. Tickets are \$8, and available for both shows by calling (248) 641-9063 or (248) 546-7484.

"It gives my advance dancers a chance to perform," said Floyd. "Many have gone on to Broadway, the Joffrey and Houston Ballet."



**Sweet dreams:** Dawnell Dryja, a dancer with the Cincinnati Ballet, and Tim Smola of the Peter Sparling Dance Company perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Nutcracker Prince with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet.

Local dancers from a number of companies in western Wayne and Oakland counties look forward to donning their costumes to twirl across the stage in the "Waltz of the Flowers."

### Family affair

Hilari Smith played one of the mice in "The Nutcracker" when she was just three years old. Now age 13, Smith dances the role of Clara with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. More than 150 musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet come together to perform this classic with guest artists Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell from the Cincinnati Ballet Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Dryja is the daughter of Dawn Green, artistic director of the company. Smith plays the young girl who receives the Nutcracker doll for Christmas from her eccentric uncle Herr Drosselmeyer. This is the eighth year the company joins with

the symphony, under conductor Russell Reed, to present this timeless tale.

Tickets are \$17 adults, \$10 students K-12th grade, \$5 Sugar

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**All in the family:** Hilari Smith dances the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" performed by the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

# Detroit Symphony wins new fans in Toyota City

(This is the second of two articles by Detroit Symphony principal flutist Ervin Monroe on the symphony's recent trip to Japan.)

BY ERVIN MONROE  
PRINCIPAL FLUTE  
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Last week, as part of our "Northwest Airlines Friendship Tour to Japan," the Detroit Symphony Orchestra traveled to Toyota City, Japan, sister city of Detroit, to play concerts for the celebration of the opening of the new Toyota City Concert Hall. The DSO also performed six concerts for local school children as part of an educational exchange.

The new concert hall in Toyota City is part of a large new city building and is surprisingly located on the 10th floor of the structure. Concert-goers can stroll through adjacent lobbies and get a view of the entire city.

This building is unusual because it also houses the city library and drama theater as well as city offices. The hall itself is rather small, with around 1,000 seats as compared to our

2,000-seat Orchestra Hall - yet quite attractive and adorned with light woodwork.

Hanging from the lofty ceiling are two rows of conical shaped chandeliers that have flying sails. The dressing facilities are on the ninth floor, complete with heated toilet seats (no kidding).

The sound of the hall is very live, and a bit brighter than our own Orchestra Hall. The orchestra had to adjust its dynamic level for the smaller surroundings.

For the educational concerts, the Japanese school children dress uniformly in white and black, with white tennis shoes, and are very well behaved. I strolled through the halls, occasionally exchanging a "konnichiwa" (hello) with the curious but friendly students.

We will give five educational concerts in total, and part of our concert presentation is to have each section demonstrate their instruments at different points throughout the concert.

Already during the afternoon

concert, various sections were beginning to embellish their demonstrations in an effort to do a one-upmanship on their colleagues. New material became more and more creative with each rendering.

One brass section presented excerpts from Star Wars. The students loved the lively demonstrations, and the DSO musicians were also amused by the unexpected offerings.

The next day, there was a special presentation and party in the evening. Our music director, Neeme Järvi, had arrived in town accompanied by Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer. There were many, many speeches.

Mayor Archer made us proud with his usual inspirational address, and it has been a delight to all of us that he has supported us on our recent tours.

The food and entertainment thereafter was truly splendid. Our own brass quintet performed several selections, followed by Japanese folk dancers and then a Kabuki dance presen-

tation.

The banquet was deliciously prepared, with many sushi selections, and the presentation was so beautiful that only hunger permitted us to consume it.

In the morning we played our final educational concert. I passed Doug Cornelsen of Livonia, clarinetist, in the hall and he told me of a pub we should visit following the Friday evening concert. "You'll love it, Erv," he said, "it's called 'The Detroit Connection.'"

Our members are now shopping in earnest, and we find it's not always an easy task because of language differences.

### Looking for Mommy

We have learned to seek out help from our only Japanese-speaking staff member, a student intern from the University of Michigan whose name is Mami Kato. Her first name is pronounced "mommy," which is most appropriate. It's interesting to hear so many adults asking, "Where is Mommy? I need

Mommy!"

Our Friday evening concert, our first evening concert of the tour, was a big success, and we played two encores. Two lovely young Japanese girls in traditional kimonos presented bouquets to Maestro Järvi and our Concertmaster, Emmanuelle Boisvert.

On our last day in Toyota City, my colleagues collected a few mementos. There is a hot new product here - a non-dairy creamer, which has been advertised heavily on CNN. The ads are apparently effective, as several of our members purchased packages of "Creap" to take back home to the USA.

Our matinee concert went well, and was followed by another reception. Again, there are many, many speeches, followed eventually by a friendship celebration.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, we travel to the city of Otsu, which is located in the sister province of Michigan. It is a holiday weekend here in Japan, something

similar to our Labor Day weekend, and the traffic is very heavy.

Our schedule called for a 2-1/2-hour bus trip, but it takes five hours. We have a Japanese hostess on the bus that speaks as much English as we speak Japanese.

### Over the river

Toward the end of the trip, she sang a Japanese folksong about the river we would soon be seeing. It was a pretty melody, with many, many verses.

Shortly thereafter, we were again snarled in traffic and I jokingly hummed back part of her song. She told the Japanese representative from Toyota City that she was surprised I had learned the melody so quickly.

"These are musicians," he explained. She then wanted us all to hum the melody, so the entire bus rendered a heartfelt chorus for her enjoyment.

It was only when she insisted we learn the Japanese words that the group failed miserably.

## Nutcracker from page C1

Plum Tea, and available by calling the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers will also perform in "The Nutcracker." Timothy Smola, a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor, dances the role of the Nutcracker Prince.

A special treat is the "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" hosted by the Plymouth Symphony League following the Dec. 12-13 performances. During the tea, the audience is able to meet and talk with members of the ballet and orchestra.

Dryja, formerly of Canton Township, was Junior Miss Dance of America in 1992. She

joined the Dayton Ballet for the 1994-95 season. In her third season with the Cincinnati Ballet, Dryja, after the Plymouth performances, returns to Ohio to dance in "The Nutcracker" there. Greene began her ballet training in Scotland, and eventually became a member of the Severo Ballet Company after coming to the U.S. A dance teacher for more

than 25 years, Greene is past president of the executive board of the Cecchetti Council of America and a permanent examiner.

"We founded the company to give the children in the area an idea of how it would be to be in a semi-professional production instead of a recital, the long rehearsals, working a lot of time on pointe," said Greene.

Here are some other "Nutcracker" presentations that will be taking place in metro Detroit throughout the holiday season.

**Lakes Area Civic Ballet**  
With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba, Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11) (\$5) at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$8.50-\$10, and available by calling (248) 666-1971.

**Livonia Civic Ballet Company**

The official ballet company of the City of Livonia presents "The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9, and available by calling (734) 427-9103.

### Michigan Classic Ballet Company

Based in Bloomfield Hills, the company performs the holiday classic 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Mercy Auditorium, 29300 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/children. In a break from tradition, the company is inviting local Girl Scouts to a special 1 p.m. performance of the ballet and a "Behind the Curtain" backstage tour. The troops and leaders will learn about such technical

aspects as how the scenes change, how the snow falls and lighting works. They will also meet and visit with the professional soloists. For more information, call (248) 334-6964.

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

With Ballet Internationale dance Dec. 10-13 and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets range from \$16 to \$35 and are available by calling (313) 576-1111 or through the DSO web site at www.detroitssymphony.com.

### "The Harlem Nutcracker"

Performances by Donald Byrd's dance ensemble "The Group" continue through Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Detroit Opera House. The music includes Duke Ellington's arrangements of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" dances and compositions by Duke Ellington scholar and arranger David Berger. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (313) 874-SING or (734) 764-2538.

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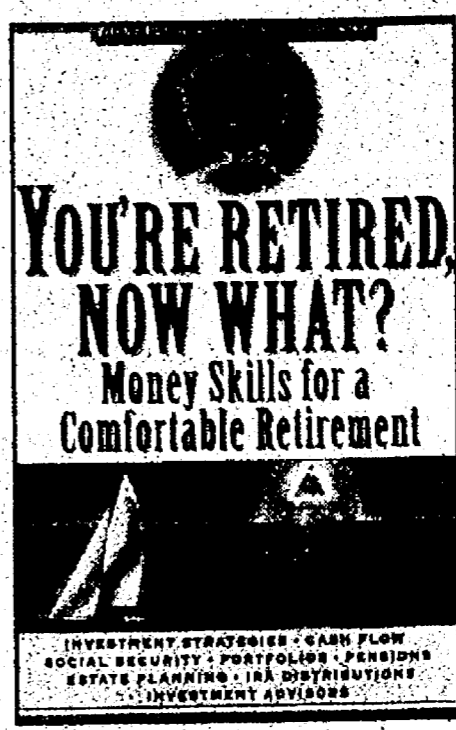
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By Ronald M. Yolles and Murray Yolles
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much risk are you willing to take. They point out that equity funds historically outperform bonds and money markets, but they also warn that equities still represent a risk and can result in losses.

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The Ronald and Murray Yolles will be signing their book 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Temple Israel Book Fair, 5727 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield and at the Birmingham Borders at Southfield and 13 Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Thursday, Dec. 3, at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.
BOOK LECTURE
Roundtable discussion of Susan Power's 'The Grass Dancer,' 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Executive Classroom, Madonna University, Levan and I-94, Livonia.
BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Thomas Kechadurian will sign and discuss his book 'Views From The Sleeping Bear,' 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road,

Farmington Hills, (248)737-0110.
BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)
Mystery Book Club discusses 'Not A Creature Was Stirring,' 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.
CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Virginia Bailey Parker signs her book 'Ghost Stories and Other Tales From Canton,' 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Heritage Drive.

Meadow Brook is 'Picture Perfect'

(PR Newswire) - Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall will delight guests of every age with "Picture Perfect Holidays," the 28th annual walk through one of America's largest and most spectacular historic houses aglow with priceless furnishings and holiday decorations.



More than 10,000 visitors will participate in Holiday Walk activities through Sunday, December 6.
Honorary chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Way of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roettenberger of Troy.
"Picture Perfect Holidays" provides a warm and personal glimpse into the history of Meadow Brook Hall. Original Dodge and Wilson family photographs - many seen by visitors for the first time and showcased among opulent holiday settings throughout the house - capture highlights in the lives of this exceptional family. From formal posed portraits to vacation snapshots, the photographic collection and accompanying enlargements reveal an intimate sense of the people who lived here and the era in which they lived.
Elegant holiday decor throughout the 100-room mansion is created especially for this event by Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta. Fresh floral displays and dozens of twinkling trees further enhance the Hall's exquisite interiors.
Santa Claus will greet the young and young-at-heart in Knole Cottage, the six-room playhouse built to 3/4 scale for heiress Frances Dodge. Designed and completely furnished in the manner of Meadow Brook Hall, Knole Cottage is also decorated for the holidays and open for touring.
Very special gift shopping can also be part of "Picture Perfect Holidays." The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop, stocked with new and unique items, will be open all days of the Walk.
Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with additional evening hours until 9 p.m. on Tuesday,

Deck the Halls: The Wilson Study is just one of the many rooms featured in the Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall.
Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 2. Knole Cottage is open during daytime hours only.
Admission for the Holiday Walk is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 13, \$6 for OU affiliates with I.D. and \$9 per person for groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Knole Cottage admission is \$1 for all ages.
Gala Dinner Evenings
Adding to "Picture Perfect" festivities are three gala dinner evenings (black-tie-preferred) Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5. The glamorous celebrations recreate ambiance of the many lavish occasions held in past years at Meadow Brook Hall when the family lived here. Gala Evenings begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and informal touring of the beautiful displays.
Superb candlelight dining at 8:30 p.m. is followed by an afterglow and supper club-style dancing in the Ballroom. Music throughout the house is provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and includes a harpist in

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HOLIDAY SHOW

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Exhibit and Sale Dec. 7-12 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road in Sheridan Square Shopping Center, Garden City.

An opening reception and awards presentation takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 261-0379.

FREE CONCERT

Violinist Stephen Shipp, accompanied by pianist Anton Nel, performs selections by Debussy, Ravel and Franck noon Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

A violin professor at the University of Michigan, Shipp has

served on the faculties of Indiana University, North Carolina School of the Arts and the Banff Centre in Canada. He has performed as a soloist, orchestral musician and concertmaster with orchestras throughout the U.S., adjudicated major national and international competitions for more than two decades, and recorded solo performances in the U.S. and Europe. Nel, chairman of the U-M piano department, is an internationally acclaimed pianist who appears regularly as recitalist, chamber musician and concerto soloist.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents two workshops Dec. 10 and 15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

Children, ages 6 to 12, will use cookie cutters and rolling pins to make a Christmas ornament, a lasting holiday memento or great gift, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. The cost is \$11.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, choose between sessions from 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. for a Christmas Craft Workshop. The cost per child is \$7, and includes a visit with Santa and assistance in making a holiday craft project. Photos of your child with Santa are available for \$2.

METALSMITH LECTURE

Well known American metal-smith Jon Michael Route gives a lecture 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Eastern Michigan University, 104 Briggs Hall in Ypsilanti.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call Karen Thomas at (734) 662-1559 or Skip Hunter at (734) 487-2163.

Route, who earned his master of fine arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, exhibits in major galleries and museum shops. He has won awards in top rated art festivals in the U.S. including the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. He presents numerous workshops throughout the country, including the two-day workshop "Making Pewter Boxes" at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

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For the food connoisseur Horn recommends a ristra. The chile peppers, strung in a bunch, that can be used for cooking or decoration. Prices range from \$16 to \$24 depending on the sizes of the pepper and bunch.

"They're thought to bring good luck to the home and good health," said Horn. "If you're not going to cook with them then they should be sprayed with a clear acrylic found at a craft shop."

Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 North Old Woodward, (248) 647-7040, lulls children to sleep with the art from children's books, of which she also carries a large selection. From originals priced between \$100 to \$5,000 and lithographs from \$50 to \$225, there's a character to bring the magic into the life of every child. One of the most popular sellers at the Birmingham gallery is the print "Guess how much I love you" of two bunnies priced at \$175.

Stone doesn't just sell the art however. She turns it into an

event. A "Sophie and Rose" Doll Party takes over the gallery 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Stone invites grandmothers, mothers and daughters to bring in their favorite doll to have them sketched by Wendy Anderson Halperin, illustrator of the book about a little girl and a china doll.

For children of all ages, Stone hosts an appearance by brothers Greg and Tim Hildebrandt, graduates of Avondale High School, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

Star Wars fans as well as those of Superman will find the original art from the June 1999 Superman painted graphic novel for DC comic, Marvel's Spiderman, Batman, King Arthur, Aladdin, Robin Hood, and fairy tales. The display continues through Saturday, Dec. 26.

Released last year, "Rocking Horse Christmas" illustrated by Ned Bittinger is a popular tale with kids. Bittinger will sign books 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 at the gallery. There will also be

handcrafted rocking horses priced at \$150 and \$250.

The Grinch celebrates the 25th anniversary of the book that relates how he stole Christmas with a show of animation celebs opening Dec. 12 at Gallery Animato 574 North Old Woodward in Birmingham, (248) 644-8312. The 50 pieces by Maurice Noble range in price from \$250 to \$7,500. They said prices continue to escalate for animation art because studios did not save much of the work back then.

For the folk art lover, The Community House in Birmingham, 380 South Bates Street, (248) 644-5832, introduces its first "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show" 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Admission is \$4, and benefits The Community House.

Besides home accents such as vintage windows, needlework and folk dolls, the folk art show displays pottery, decorative tins, and garden accessories by 41 well-known exhibitors.

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The Plymouth Community Chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with holiday medleys and novelty songs at its Christmas Concert, "Joy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center. "The Little Drummer Boy," "O Holy Night," the spiritual "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and new carols "I Have Seen the Light" and "Once Upon a December" should put you in the holiday mood.

Tickets are \$9 and available by calling (734) 455-4080.

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under director Donald Stromberg, performs "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, selections from "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven, and Victoria at two locations in December.

The first concert is a 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street at Main Street. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

The second performance is 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations accepted during intermission. For more information about the concerts, call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

Celebrate the holidays with Jane Chevalier and the sounds of her hammered dulcimer 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, south of M14, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors, \$18 family, and available at the door or by calling the church at (734) 453-5280.

Judy Collins performs 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350

Southfield Road. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, call (248) 645-6666, or stop by Southfield City Hall or the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Collins will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers.

Golden Mushroom restaurant is offering a pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$25 per person, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

The Birmingham Musicals Chorale Ensemble under the direction of Judith Premin performs Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads.

Admission is free. A festive tea follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 475-5978.

Lily, the 1997 winner of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra Concerto Competition, is an eighth grade student at Bloomfield Hills Middle School. Other performers include Victoria Begelow, singing "Cantata: O di Betlemme altera" by Alesandro Scarlatti, and Doris Hall, organist at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, performing works by Gilbert Martin, Larry Visser and Louis Vierne.

"Holiday Collage"

The Farmington Community Band opens its concert season with holiday and classic band music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Harrison High School on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Several small ensembles made up of band members will also perform.

Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 students, \$8 family, and available at the door. For information, call (734) 261-2202.

"Once Upon a December"

Farmington Community Chorus sings their holiday concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19 in Mercy High School Auditorium on the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors/students) in advance, \$10 at the door. Call (248) 788-5322.

A contribution to the newly established Melissa Garr Scholarship Fund, will get your name in the holiday concert program.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra rings in the "Sounds of the Season" when they perform with Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Also on the guest list is the Churchill High School Choir singing songs from the movie "Home Alone" and "Twas the

Night Before Christmas." Also on the program are such classics as "Greensleeves" and "Pachelbel in D." Zonjic and Monroe perform classic and traditional holiday music.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children, and available by calling (734) 421-1111.

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble, on a different note, performs opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Christ Church Detroit. Scenes from within the operas are set inside churches or refer to spiritual subjects. The scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Tickets for "Sacred Scenes From Opera" are \$15, \$12 seniors/students, and available by calling (248) 357-1111.

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A Complimentary Breakfast with Santa! The Livonia Mall Merchants Association is providing 2 opportunities for children ages 2 thru 12 to have breakfast with Santa Claus... Dec. 5th or Dec. 19th. To register your child call... (248) 476-1160. LIVONIA MALL Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt • (248) 476-6311

Celebrate the arrival of 1999 at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. 17123 Laurel Park Drive • Livonia, MI 48152 (at I-275 and Six Mile Road). New Year's Eve Ballroom Package Includes: Overnight Accommodation For Two • Cash Bar • Complimentary Welcome Cocktail • Midnight Champagne Toast • Prime Rib Buffet • New Year's Day Breakfast Buffet. all-inclusive package price. New Year's Eve Packages start at \$265. Call Now For Reservations! (734) 464-1300. Now taking reservations for Christmas Day Brunch.

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Sunday, November 29, 1998

Dazzle her with jewels, says the gem expert

Love squared: Diamonds and rubies sparkle in Tiffany & Co.'s "Cube" pendant and earrings.

This is the season to shower her with diamonds and rubies. But what's a fine-gem know-nothing to do? How does a jewelry novice choose the perfect precious stone? That's a question for the Jewelry Lady, the area's expert on all aspects of fine jewels. The Jewelry Lady keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what's happening in the world gem-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

**Dear Jewelry Lady,**  
Christmas is coming and I'd like to get my girlfriend something special. I know she'd like jewelry, but it's really hard to know what I could get that she'd actually love. How do I pick the right thing?

Baffled in Bloomfield

**Dear Baffled,**  
The Jewelry Lady would like to congratulate you on your sensitivity and your desire to please your significant other this Christmas. (So many of your gender would rather pick something up for her at the Home Depot on the way to the power tool section.) As a local award-winning jewelry designer once said, "Most women like their jewelry either angular with straight lines or rounded with a softer edge." Assuming that your girlfriend already has some jewelry (and this is why you believe that she would enjoy more), take a surreptitious look at what she wears and determine if she is an angular or a rounded person. That takes care of style. Now we move on to jewelry type and color.

Does she have colored gem jewelry to match? Does she have a charm bracelet or charm-bearing pendant that you could add to? Does she have a collection of thin bracelets? If you follow the Jewelry Lady's philosophy - you can't be too thin, too rich or have too much gold or platinum jewelry - chances are she'd love an addition to her collection. Does she change earrings often? If so, she'd probably love another pair. As you can see, this jewelry-buying thing will get easier the more you do it. So be a detective, pay attention to what she wears for a few days and then make a visit to your local jeweler. Chances are that after you've done your homework, the perfect gift will present itself. If not, take heart. Helping the baffled among us choose the right gift is what jewelry sales staff members do best.

**Dear J.L.,**  
Is 10kt gold stronger than 14kt or 18kt gold?

Confused in Commerce Township

**Dear Confused,**  
The Jewelry Lady thinks you have a case of wishful thinking. Did you notice that 18kt gold is significantly more expensive than 14 kt gold, which is significantly more expensive than 10kt gold? Now there are rare cases, such as spotting a long-lost Renoir in a suburban Detroit garage sale, when you can find something dirt cheap that is actually superior to a more pricey purchase. But this is not the case with gold. Ten karat gold has more alloy in it, other metals that make it tougher and stronger than pure gold. (Eighteen and fourteen karat gold also have alloy, but lesser amounts.) Unfortunately, the alloys, such as copper, silver and zinc, are more likely to tarnish and corrode. This tendency actually makes 10kt gold more vulnerable to time and wear than 14kt or 18kt pieces. This is especially true if you are an allergic type prone to hives and other unpleasant skin eruptions. So stick to the good stuff. It's worth the price.

The Jewelry Lady welcomes your questions. Please contact her at (248) 542-4012, FAX (248) 582-9223 or e-mail her at rogers@mich.com.

## Holiday books celebrate the best of Michigan

BY LINDA BACHRACK  
STAFF WRITER

The sunrise at Pyramid Point overlooking Lake Michigan. A sweeping view of the undulating shoreline from the Empire Bluff hiking trail. Unsurpassed quiet and serenity at Werner Cemetery, nestled along a ridge in Port Oneida. The intense blues and turquoises of Big Glen Lake. An inspirational campfire on the shore of Crystal River.

If these Up North scenes are familiar to you, you'll want to see them captured on color film in photographer Thomas Kachadurian's new book *Views from the Sleeping Bear, Photographs of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$39.95). This exquisite collection of images by Kachadurian invites us to protect and preserve our precious natural resources. His work reveals his passion and respect for the land and water in a little corner of Michigan where he vacationed as a child and has since settled with his family.

Kachadurian is the former art director of *Traverse* magazine, and has photographed the vistas and structures of the Sleeping Bear Dunes area since the early 1990s. He explores the familiar, and the remote locations waiting to be discovered, like the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Many of these sites are hidden treasures that reveal themselves only to keen-eyed hikers and woods explorers.

"It is our experiences that define the Lakeshore," writes Kachadurian in the book's preface. "The photographs in this book are mostly made from or near public trails and access areas in or near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. These are the places and experiences we all can share."

When you read his text and linger over the vivifying photographs, you will share the awe with which Kachadurian approached this project. And they will stir your own memories of beachside fireworks and sunset dune climbs.

Kachadurian signs his book 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

*Views from the Sleeping Bear* joins several other books, published this season, that celebrate Michigan and Michiganders. Other titles with local interest include *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*, *Behind the Embassy Door*

and *Sarah's Page*.

*The Legend of Sleeping Bear* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.95) is an enchanting children's tale by author Kathy-jo Wargin that tells the Ojibwe story of Sleeping Bear and her cubs. The tale originated as a way to explain the sandy dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan. Legend has it that Mother Bear and her two cubs escaped a forest fire in Wisconsin and were forced to struggle across Lake Michigan to find safety. The cubs swam and swam but Mother Bear lost sight of them during the night, and she collapsed on shore, fearing she would never see her cubs again. But Mother Bear stayed high upon a hill

great spirit of the land felt her sadness and her love and dedication.

"With a tremendous gust of wind, the spirit brought the cubs near shore, placing them forever within the watchful and caring eyes of Mother Bear. The cubs now stand suspended in time as the North and South Manitou Islands."

Wargin creates magic and wonder in the telling of her tale. With a decade of experience as a professional writer, her collection of published works includes poetry and non-fiction. She and her husband, photographer Ed Wargin, recently completed a travel guide titled *Scenic Driving Michigan*.

Illustrator Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, a former art director for the *Michigan Natural Resources Magazine*, is an artist and educator who gives nature tours at his home in Bath, Mich. His illustrations brim with passionate details and brilliant color.

*Behind the Embassy Door* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$24.95) is James Blanchard's view of politics and diplomacy at one of the most crucial periods in the history of U.S.-Canada relations. The book is the former ambassador's extraordinary account of how international relations are conducted at the highest level. At the same time, it is a candid account of the everyday life of an ambassador abroad. Blanchard describes the coast-to-coast trip across Canada that he undertook shortly after his arrival. He recalls how President Clinton's mother charmed a thousand women and how Hillary Clinton skated on the famed Rideau Canal.

Blanchard's writing style is very conversational, with intimate descriptions of the people, places and landscapes he came to know during his tenure in Canada. You'll feel as

## Sarah's Page

Dear Katie  
I know you're off the plane, but I e-mail you, Mom. I look on the Internet and I leaping through me HER state of MICHIGAN. I heat her out of a big. I even KNOW about operating. It was going to preserve things and. Somehow, I used to like it. Check it out at:

www.sarahspage.com

Anna Murray

though you're a rapt bystander as Blanchard carries his wife, Janet, over the threshold of "Lornado," the American ambassador's residence in Ottawa. And from the first day to the last, you'll be privy to the innermost thoughts and feelings of a man who fell in love with a "crazy place" called Canada.

Here's a novel approach for a children's book: a series of e-mailed monologues between two best friends who are separated for a summer. *Sarah's Page* by Anna Murray (Sleeping Bear Press, \$14.95) relates the adventures and misadventures of a young girl named Sarah who e-mails her best friend Katie in New York about life on her sister's Michigan farm. Sarah's a Big Apple kid whose parents have

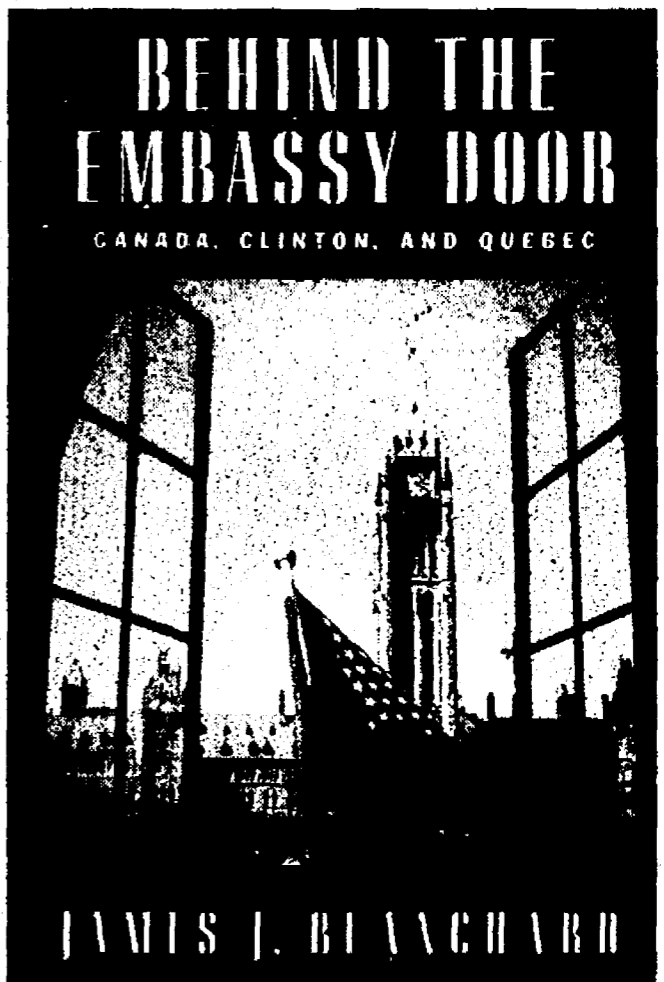
sent her to live in Michigan. She hates it. But thanks to Internet access, she describes her life to Katie, and in doing so, she eventually learns that home is a place that is all around her and travels with her - just like the Internet she loves. She even has her own

Web site, www.sarahspage.com, which Murray set up so that kids can visit while reading the book.

*Sarah's Page*, presented in its interesting format, allows young girls to eavesdrop on two friends' deeply personal conversations, all shared through today's most popular realm of communication.

Like Sarah, Murray is a transplanted New Yorker who lives on a farm in Michigan. She has her own Internet company and designs Web sites, such as the home of the Keebler Elves.

All of the above books can be purchased at major bookstores.



News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 305 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

### HOOP-IA

Grant Hill visits Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile Road, to introduce his new youth bedroom collection from Lea Industries. 5-7 p.m. Furniture priced from \$149-\$1,299.

### VISUAL ARTS

Shades Optical presents an exclusive trunk show featuring vintage eyewear from the RetroSpec collection, dating from the late 1800s to the 1940s. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. The eyewear is available at Shades Optical, 205 E. Maple, Birmingham.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

### TREASURE HUNT

Fifteen antique dealers and resident shops present Birmingham's Free Antique Show at 251 Merr-

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

rill Street in the Merrillwood Collection, Birmingham. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. today, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

### FROST AND EAT

Kids can bake and decorate Christmas cookies at Williams-Sonoma's Kids' Cookie Demo at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (734) 953-0515.

### NIBBLE WITH SANTA

Join Santa for breakfast in the Livonia Mall community room. Register by calling (248) 476-1160. Seating limited to 75. 10 a.m.

### NOEL, NOEL

The University Cultural Center invites the entire metro area to celebrate the 26th annual Noel Night, 5-9:30 p.m. Activities take place in and around institutions bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east and Cass Avenue on

the west.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

### HOME TOUR

Birmingham's Seaholm High School presents Snowprints: A Winter Tour of Homes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 day of tour. Purchase at Seaholm High School, Mills Pharmacy, Birmingham Drugs and Carney Paterson Florist in Birmingham.

### WINE & DINE

Join more than 30 top Michigan chefs for an afternoon of culinary treasures to benefit Honduran families ravaged by Hurricane Mitch. Chefs for Humanity takes place at the Kingsley Hotel & Suites, 4-7 p.m. \$160. To purchase tickets, call Unique Restaurant Corp. at (248) 646-0370.

### CANDLELIGHT CAROLING

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend its Fifth annual Plymouth Families Candlelight Sing-Along, 6 p.m., Kellogg Park. Hot chocolate and candles provided. Please bring a canned good for the Salvation Army Pantry.

# Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**

- **Mon Classeque de Morabita** perfume can be found at Levin Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, (248) 651-7323. They also carry 1 oz. Azzarro perfume.
  - For George, the **FlyMow** lawn mower can be found at George's lawn mower on Plymouth Road between Beech Daly and Inkster in Redford.
  - **Lego train tracks** can be found in the Lego catalog (800) 453-4652.
  - **Hyde Shoe Polish** is carried at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.
  - **Maja soap** and powder can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.
  - **Lilly White flour** can be found at Hiller Market in Walled Lake (248) 960-1990 or in Northville at (734) 420-5555.
  - **Avon Rich moisture cream** can be found at the Avon Booth at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens and Taylor.
  - **Laundry hanging bags** are carried at most Joanne Fabric stores.
  - Found a **Dictaphone** for Dr. Wybranowski through the New Berry Library in Chicago.
  - **Magnets for Pain** can be found in the Harriet Carter catalog (800) 377-7878, Kenko Inc., (800) 522-5231.
  - **Chatty Cathy dolls** can be ordered through the Spiegel Doll catalog item #19225 (800) 852-1069, or on the Home Shopping Network (800) 284-3900.
  - The Special Olympics is interested in the old bowling and golf trophies.
  - Found the **Harley Barbie doll**.
  - For a copy of the **1997 Stevenson High yearbook**, call the school and they will direct you who to contact for a copy.
- WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:**
- **Christina** is looking for the **plastic transmission bearing #24591-5**, for her Oster Kitchen Center, Service #97208H; the part is obsolete.
  - **Walt** is looking for a **1950 Big Beaver High school yearbook**.
  - There are a number of people who still want **Christian Dior's Diorissimo Eau Toilette**, and **Velvet Pastry flour** or any other brand and **Arpege Dusting powder**.

- **Lena** is looking for a **Bride & Groom figurine music box** from the Christopher Collection.
- **Lori** wants **Nat Robbins Sparkling Burgundy Lip liner**.
- **Wendy** of Livonia is looking for the game **"Rock EM Sock EM Robot"**.
- **Tom** is looking for a number of items, **1974 St. Joan of Arc yearbook**, a **CD from WCSX (94.7) last year "Parodies for Charity"**.
- **Lillian** is looking for **Grandoe leather driving gloves (ladies)**.
- **Patty** is looking for clips for the **skinny Clairrol electric rollers**.
- **Janet** is looking for a **7-inch front wheel** for a wheelchair.
- **Adrienne** wants a **Dept. 56 Oil Lamp "Plum Pudding"**.
- **Mary Beth** is looking for someone who knows or has all the words to the following song; "Johnny VerBeck how could you be so mean, now all the neighbors' cats and dogs will never be seen".
- For **Margaret, Pee Wee's Playhouse toys**.
- **Mary** is looking for someone to teach classes on **how to make hats** and also where to buy **Millinery Supplies**.
- A place that has a **Red Factory Hard Top** for a **1996 Mazda Miata**.
- **Andrea** wants old books out of print by **Della Lutes**.
- **Ellen** wants **Pacquins Cream**.
- **Karen** of Troy wants discontinued china by **Noritake #7541 "Lorelie,"** and **Wedgewood "Mid Winter Stonehenge Wild Oats"** pattern (off white with wheat on it) oven/table.
- **Marilyn** is looking for the directions to the **5 qt. Sterling Ice Cream Freezer** ice cream maker (it is about 30 years old) made by **Richmond Cedar Works**.
- **Debbie** is looking for the **View Master Steromatic 500 projector**.
- **Doris** is looking for the children's book (hardcover) **"Little Wiener."**
- **Norma** is looking for the game **Park & Shop** and a **black Lions t-shirt/sweatshirt**, with **blue & silver logo**.
- **Rita** wants **Noritake "Modesta China"** (it is very old).
- **Judy** wants **Evening in Paris cologne**.
- **Jean** is looking for **low sodium soup bases**.
- **Stacey** is looking for the **Christopher Radko 4th-year ornaments Twelve Days of Christmas "Four Calling Birds"**.
- **Susan** is looking for a **1975 girls class ring** from **Dearborn High** to buy.
- **Shelly** is looking for a **large old kitchen sink 4-5 feet wide**, with a **backsplash and side drain boards**, in **porcelain or cast iron** from the **1800-1920s**.

- **Pat** is looking for several items, children's **little metal dishes** from the 1950s with an **Oriental theme**, individual packets of **bubble bath** from the '50s, **gardenia scent**.
- **Pat** wants a **Fisher Price alligator flashlight** from two years ago.
- **Scott** wants a **chili pepper ceiling fan**.
- **Alan** is looking for **Treacle molasses paste** for baking.
- **Jackie** is looking for a **crochet pattern book** to make afghans with children's and sports themes, and **Avon Supreme Mauve lipstick**.
- **Bob** is looking for **knit Roster ties** from the '70s.
- **Noreen** wants a **1998 Farmington High yearbook**.
- **Julia** is looking for the cassette of **John Anderson's Wild & Blue**.
- **Jill** is looking for old copies of **Victoria magazine** from **Sept-Nov. 1988**, and all issues from **1989**.
- **Norma** wants a **Drowsy Doll** by **Mattel** from the 60's.
- **Helen** is looking for a **gasket #3677** for her **7 qt. Wearever Pressure cooker**, and **15 lb. weights and safety plugs #3664**.
- **Judy** wants **Sugar Free Riblas (Russian) pastry**.
- **M.J.** wants **terrycloth oven mitts**.
- **Jean** wants a **square tube pan** for cakes.
- A **travel stroller** by **Combi** used/new for **Michelle**.
- For **Kathy**, someone to price her collection of **teacups and salt & pepper shakers** from the past **50 years**.
- **Margery** has **Pillsbury bakeoff recipe books** from the 2nd edition to present.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## RETAIL DETAILS

**SILVER BELLS**  
Fairlane Town Center launches a festive new holiday decor



this year, transforming the center into a "Musical, Magical Holiday Kingdom" of dancing, singing costumed characters, professionally choreographed musical productions and holiday regalia. "Ring Them Bells" is the theme for Fairlane's daily musical shows featuring local talent and professionals from Opryland Productions. Each show runs 12-15 minutes and features beloved holiday songs. The audience will participate, using props such as sleigh bells, tambourines and cow bells. The national all-female instrumental and vocal jazz group Straight Ahead visits on Dec. 5.

**MALL MIX**

Twelve Oaks mall launched Retail Merchandising Units (RMUs) throughout the shopping center on Nov. 17. The custom-designed retail units will showcase unique and hard-to-find merchandise. The debuting RMUs include: **Executive Sports**, upscale, licensed sports collectibles; **Jacaru Australia**, Australian leather goods; **True**

Colors, custom-colored cosmetics in mica-based hues; **Head Soks**, polar fleece hoods; **Hudson River Inlay**, wood inlay items, from mirrors and occasional tables to jewelry and desktop accessories; **Healing Expressions**, New-age products; **Jamestown Designs**, embroidered and appliqued T-shirts and sweatshirts; and **Creative Wix**, handmade candles. Also **Yo-Yo Universe**; holiday ornaments from **Orinda's Originals**; **Avon**; **Diamonds and Gold**; **Noah's Ark**, collectible **Beanie Babies**; **Jewelcraft International**, silver jewelry; **Wireless Orbit**, cellular phones and pagers; **Teen Explosion**, West Coast accessories for teenage girls.

at over 30 different stores and restaurants in town. Gift certificates are available for purchase through the Plymouth Community Chamber office, 386 S. Main St., (734) 453-1540. VISA and Mastercard are welcome.

**WISHLIST BOX**

Laurel Park Place welcomes Wicks 'n' Sticks, a home accessory store that features an extensive selection of candles, oil lamps, fragrance rings, incense and room sprays. The Livonia store will highlight its innovative, mood-enhancing aromatherapy candles.

**WISH COME TRUE**

**REAL WOMEN**



Lane Bryant, a division of The Limited, Inc., is proud to announce the opening of a new store at New Towne Plaza, 44524 Ford Road in Plymouth. The fashion retailer specializes in clothes for women sizes 14-28.

**PLYMOUTH POTPOURRI**

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce offers Plymouth Gift Certificates this holiday season. The certificates are redeemable



Meet **Annabelle** from the video **Annabelle's Wish** today from 1-5 p.m. at Summit Place. Spend \$150 at any Summit Place, Summit North or Summit West store, and get a cuddly plush 11-inch **Annabelle** for just \$15. The net proceeds go to the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**. **Annabelle's Wish** will air on the FOX network Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

**NATIVE ART**

Native West in Plymouth presents its ninth annual **Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival** Dec. 3-6. Featured artists are **Michael Atkinson** and jewelry designer **Jerry Nelson**. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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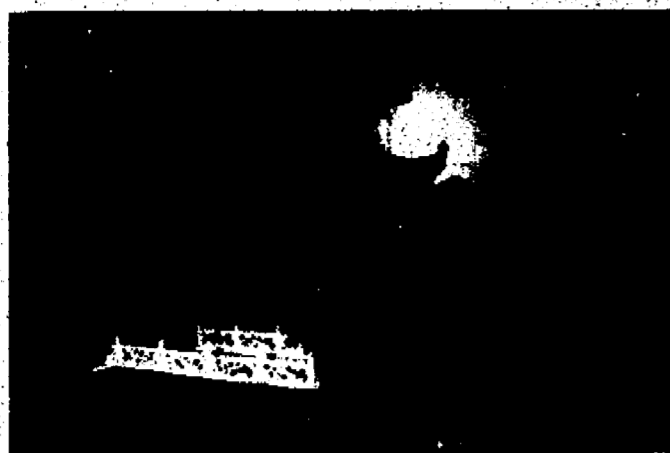
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**Pagoda in sunset:** This conjures up all the beauty of Chinese architecture, but it's really in Florida.



## Florida park shows 'Splendid China'

BY NORMA SCHONWETTER  
SPECIAL WRITER

There's more to Orlando beyond the world of Disney, namely a family theme park without rides and cartoon characters. Journey through 10,000 miles and 5,000 years to discover Splendid China. Situated on a beautifully landscaped 76-acre park are more than 60 detailed replicas of China's famous landmarks.

This impressive attraction is modeled after the original Splendid China, built in 1989 outside of Hong Kong. Open four years in Kissimmee, Fla., it took 120 Chinese craftsmen, working for two years, to create this magnificent exhibit, at a cost of \$110 million with 12 million pounds of material brought from China.

They used architectural techniques and handcrafting methods dating back to the 13th century. Almost all of the replicas have an audio feature describing the history, construction and culture surrounding each display, making viewing more enjoyable as well as informative.

This is an opportunity to journey through the entire country of China in a few hours, without airports, buses or taxis ... and a fraction of the cost. You can experience Chinese music, dance, geography and architecture. Stroll through a Mongol village, walk through a royal tomb depicting the archeological site of the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, reduced to one-third actual size. The actual tomb has been called one of the greatest archeological discoveries of all time. Unearthed in 1974, it contains about 8,000 life-size terra-cotta soldiers, each dressed differently with no two faces alike, along with their horses and chariots.

The Great Wall, 4,200 miles long, constructed between 215 B.C. and 215 A.D. is represented by a scaled-down version one-half mile in length. It is constructed of 6.5 million individually laid bricks. View reproductions of the Forbidden City, Imperial Palace, the Temple of Heaven, Leshan Buddha and more. A replica of the world's oldest free-standing wooden structure, China's Yingxian Wooden pagoda, built in A.D. 1056, was assembled without nails or glues. The nine-story structure was built with dovetail beams. Splendid China's replica

was constructed in the same manner. The reproductions vary from one-fifteenth to one-third the size of the originals.

Entertainment is varied throughout the exhibit. There are a half-dozen entertainment sites where exciting and colorful shows are performed several times a day. The spectacular 1-1/2 hour show "Mysterious Kingdom of the Orient Show" is a highlight. The show is performed six days a week, except Monday, with a large cast of very accomplished Chinese acrobats and dancers. Other shows are found throughout the park in the pagoda Gardens, Panda Playground, Imperial Bells and Temple of Light.

The entrance to Splendid China gives visitors a view of a typical Chinese "main street" circa A.D. 1300 and life-sized replica of a Chinese "water city." Featured among the buildings at the entrance are restaurants, shops and guest services.

Splendid China is located three miles west of I-94 (Exit 25-B), just off Highway 92. Open daily, free parking. Call toll-free: 1-(800)-244-6226. Current prices are \$28.88 for adults and \$18.18 for children 5 through 12. Senior rates and reduced rates are available. Trams are available if you want to cut down on the walking. Guided tours are available at extra cost.



**China is America:** The Great Wall of China is reproduced on a smaller scale in Orlando.

## Roycroft Inn was Arts & Crafts birthplace

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

This fall Lew and I escaped for a few days to enjoy the October color. We traveled through Canada to our ultimate destination, the Roycroft Inn in western New York, home of the Roycroft Arts and Crafts movement.

We left on a bright Saturday morning and traveled the northern route through Canada, and after an easy five hour drive arrived in Jordan, Ontario, near St. Catharines. This area is agricultural and many orchards of apples, apricots, cherries and vineyards dot the countryside. Autumn apples and vegetables such as pumpkins and squash were offered at roadside stands. The little town of Jordan Village, just down the road from our hotel, is home to antique and gift shops, restaurants, a winery and a museum.

Lew is a sailor and anything to do with water is fascinating to him. A visit to the Welland Canal and the eight locks was his highlight of the trip. An interesting museum, diagram of a working lock, gift shop and snack bar are located at Lock No. 3, where we saw a huge ocean-going freighter pass through the lock. The others were working locks but have no visitor amenities.

The Welland Canal runs from Lake Ontario at St. Catharines through the countryside down to the eighth and final lock, located in Port Colborne on Lake Erie. The first Welland Canal was built in the mid 1800s, enabling people and goods to navigate between these two lakes. As the years passed, it became necessary to rebuild and today the fourth canal has a total of eight locks. These function like giant steps over the Niagara Escarpment, by-passing Niagara Falls. This canal is part of the St. Lawrence Seaway System.

We stayed overnight near St. Catharines, and although there is much to see in this area, including fabulous Niagara Falls, we were to meet friends at the Roycroft Inn, so we continued on our little sojourn.

The Roycroft community was founded by Elbert Hubbard, who based the movement on the Arts and Crafts organization in England that William Morris and John Ruskin, two English reformers, formed. The organization emphasized hand-crafted, guildlike workmanship, a strong community spirit and a commitment to simple living - similar to the lifestyles and values of the Middle Ages. Hubbard founded the Roycroft Arts and Crafts movement in 1895.

With his driving force the com-



**Historic Inn:** The entrance to the Roycroft Inn in New York.

PHOTOS BY MARTY FIGLEY

munity grew into a 14-building campus dedicated to printing and publishing, metalworking, mission-style furniture making and the manufacturing of leather goods and other Roycroft-labeled objects. A map of a walking tour of the town guides visitors to antique shops, the museum, pottery studio and art galleries as well as home built at that time.

The social center was the Roycroft Inn where we stayed. This beautiful building has undergone renovations, the latest begun in 1994. The concept was to celebrate the history of the inn and draw attention to the area as the birthplace of the Arts and Crafts Movement in America.

The original flavor has been retained and this exceptionally charming inn is a delight. You can almost imagine yourself running into the many poets and musicians who visited and are reminded of them by names carved on the wooden door to each room. Among them are Elizabeth Barrett, and across the hall, Robert Browning. Others include Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Thoreau and Susan B. Anthony.

We were given a suite similar to all at the inn, restored to maintain the original sleeping porch design and the ambiance of earlier times: wicker furniture, bare floors with 'scatter'



**Moving through:** Large ships and small boats go through the Welland Canal.

rugs, low lighting and wallpaper in the style of William Morris. All modern conveniences are in place, including a wonderful Jacuzzi tub. Guess who used that! The public rooms are furnished in the same manner, including mission furniture and Roycroft lamps.

A beautiful atrium garden can be seen from the breakfast room and the porch, that is filled with diners during the warm months.

Roycroft Inn, 40 South Grove St., East Aurora, N.Y., offers a "Preservation Package Escape for Two" seven nights a week Nov. 1 to April 30, and Sunday through Thursday, May 1 to Oct. 31, at only \$160. It includes accommodations for two in a luxurious suite, a sumptuous dinner for two in their first-class restaurant and a light breakfast the following morning. Call (716)652-5552 or (800)267-0525 or fax: (716)655-5345, for daily rates and additional informa-

tion. It is a treat to stay in such peaceful surroundings. If you don't have time for an overnight stay, the restaurant is open for lunch and dinner.

The reunion with our friends was great, and after breakfast and good-byes on Monday morning, we began our return through Pennsylvania and Ohio. We stopped at the harbor in Erie, Pa., and took a windy walk to the Erie Bicentennial Tower where, for \$2, one can take an elevator to the top for a panoramic view.

We continued on through the states to our own Michigan. We did enjoy the fall colors. I especially noticed the dark red and orange sumac foliage, but, as Dorothy would say, "There's no place like home."

Marty Figley of Birmingham writes the regular Garden Spot column for The Observer & Eccentric's At Home section.

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# Franklin, CC ice foes

Tony Saia and Josh Garbutt scored two goals each, leading Livonia Franklin to a 7-1 victory over Dexter on Wednesday at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

The Patriots improved to 2-0, while Dexter dropped to 2-1 overall.

Saia added two assists and Garbutt one for the Patriots. Andy Garbutt, John Grebinski and Ryan Tracy contributed one goal each.

Frank Geluso assisted on three goals and Trevor Skocen two. Brandon McCullough, Nick Tilt and Chad Van Hulle also had one assist each.

The two teams were tied at 1 after one period but six second-period goals gave the Patriots a 7-1 lead.

Dexter scored on only one of 11 power-play attempts.

"We got into penalty trouble early when we took six straight penalties," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "In all we did a great job on all penalty killing. The team worked very hard and

we had great effort but we're still having trouble with our system breaking down. I'm still happy with the improvement that I'm seeing."

Rob Williams started in net for the Patriots.

**•REDFORD CC 7, SOUTHGATE 1:** In a Michigan Metro Hockey League opener Saturday, Redford Catholic Central (2-0) got a pair of second period goals from Derek Gerlich to beat host Southgate Anderson.

It was 0-0 after one period, but CC scored four unanswered goals in the second period.

Pat O'Dea, Dave Moss, Todd Bentley, Chris Morelli and Keith Rowe also tallied goals for the winners, who outshot the Titans, 52-16. Moss and Bentley scored on the power-play.

Jim Spiewak collected three assists, while Morelli contributed two. Dave Phillips, Brandon Kalenleicki, Sean Gerlich, Rowe and Bentley each added one.

CC goaltender Pat Dunn played 40 of 45 minutes.

Jason Blair scored Southgate's lone goal from Jason Medina in the final period.

# CC's Lusky tackles any assignment

### FOOTBALL



STEVE KOWALSKI

Redford Catholic Central senior Dave Lusky says he never participated in a Punt, Pass and Kick competition as a youngster, but maybe he should have.

In an age when even high school football is becoming specialized, Lusky punts, passes, kicks, and plays in the defensive secondary for the Class AA powerhouse Shamrocks.

And of course, he also hands off. He is a CC quarterback, after all.

Lusky is a tireless worker for CC, which was seeking its second-straight state championship and fifth this decade on Saturday against Rockford at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Lusky, 6-foot-2 and 205 pounds, rarely comes off the field. He probably has to wait until halftime to congratulate a teammate for a first-half touchdown.

Lusky was looking forward to letting sophomore Mike Sgroi handle all the placekicking on Saturday. Through the first 11 games, Lusky kicked most of the extra points and shared the kick-offs with Sgroi, who battled a leg injury earlier in the year.

He said the example set last year by starting quarterback Adam Tubaro and the rest of the seniors inspires him.

"My goal has definitely been to win a state championship, be a great leader by example and help anyone I can to accomplish

their goals, too," said Lusky, who has passed for 1,071 yards and six touchdowns, rushed for 351 yards, intercepted four passes and punted for a 37.1 yard average. "Adam helped me a lot. All the seniors set a great example."

Lusky's father smiles when recalling a game last year in which Dave started at safety as well as quarterback because of an injury to Tubaro.

Dave wasn't sure he could pull double duty one more game, let alone one more season. Playing safety is tough enough, as much as teams try to pass on CC.

"After the game he came up to me and said 'Dad, I'm really tired, I don't think I can go both ways,'" said Bob Lusky, a data processing manager for EDS.

Lusky is a three-sport athlete for the Shamrocks. He is an all-state candidate in football and baseball and plays basketball primarily to keep in shape between seasons.

In the classroom, he carries a 3.8 grade point average and scored 25 on the ACT. He's hoping to study pre-med in college and has drawn interest in football and baseball from Duke and Miami (Ohio), among other schools.

Baseball isn't the best spectator sport but it's probably the easiest for his mother, Sharon, and older sisters Krystn, Kim and Kathy to watch him play.

Lusky faces 80 mile per hour fastballs in baseball, but at least most of those miss him.

Defensive linemen often greet Lusky in the CC backfield, usually while he's releasing the ball, but sometimes before. In basket-



Dave Lusky CC star

ball, he's asked to put a body on some opponents that are a half foot taller.

"I'm usually sore, and limping around after football games," Lusky said. "My girlfriend usually drags me to parties."

The Shamrocks' 22-15 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Catholic League championship game produced Lusky's most memorable and most embarrassing moments of the year.

His 22-yard pass to Derek Anderson on fourth down and 20 that led to the winning touchdown in the final minutes is the most memorable. His 30 yard field goal attempt that nearly hit a teammate in the rear end is his most embarrassing.

Yeah, Lusky is a throwback, but doesn't that word suggest he's a passer more than a kicker, anyway?

The St. Mary's game was also one of his more grueling.

"I couldn't sleep for two nights," he said, due to rug burns on his elbows suffered on the Pontiac Silverdome turf.

After a 12-7 win over Dearborn Fordson the following weekend, Lusky needed a portable telephone to talk to anyone on the phone. For nearly two days, he was in the family's jacuzzi, treating his aching body.

At least Lusky's mother had some practice watching a loved

one absorb hits on the football field before Dave took up the sport in the seventh grade for the North Farmington/West Bloomfield little league team.

She met her husband at the University of Detroit, where he was the starting quarterback on one of the last Titans' football teams.

"She saw me get hit a few times," said Bob Lusky, a U-D quarterback from 1957-61, using an understatement.

It was news to Dave as a kid when he heard U-D had a football team at one time, let alone a father that played there.

"U of D is more known for basketball," Dave said. "I was kind of surprised."

Lusky enjoyed playing sports even before starting kindergarten. He was always in the backyard hitting balls off a baseball tee, shooting baskets with his sisters in the driveway or throwing footballs with his father.

When no one was around, Dave would throw footballs at trees.

"I didn't throw it with the laces, I'd just throw it," he said. "My dad taught me how to throw it right."

Lusky always wanted a younger brother and maybe that's why he has a special bond with nephews Michael, 7, and Joey, 5. His niece Mary Kate, 3, is also a regular at his games.

"Sometimes they paint 'CC' or the number '16' on their faces," their grandfather said. "The boys' are already committed to CC."

Their uncle takes commitment to another level.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Monday, Nov. 30  
Oakland CC at Adrian JV, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1  
Madonna at Albion, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2  
S'craft at St. Clair (Ont.), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4  
Oakland CC vs. Lansing CC at Orchard Ridge, 7:30 p.m. (Transylvania, Ky. Tourney)

Saturday, Dec. 5  
Transylvania Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, Dec. 1  
Madonna at Albion, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2  
S'craft at K'zoo Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Oakland CC vs. Kellogg CC at Highland Lakes, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4  
(Concordia Classic Tournament)

Madonna vs. Manchester (Ind.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5  
(Concordia Classic Tournament)

Madonna vs. Mt. St. Joe's, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5  
Oakland CC vs. St. Mary's JV

at South Bend, Ind., 6 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Friday, Dec. 4  
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Redford Union vs. Farmington at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4  
Churchill vs. E. Kentwood, Franklin vs. Farmington at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5  
Redford Union vs. Churchill at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

## Harrison's Bryant keeping options open

Hudsonville senior defensive back Casey Glass was complimentary toward Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant after Bryant burned the opposing secondary for a pair of touchdowns Friday in Harrison's 35-13 victory.

"He's one heckuva receiver, by far the toughest kid I've played against," Glass said. "He has moves when he gets the ball, and he has speed without the ball. It's tough guarding someone like that. I did the best I could; he was just better than me."

Herrington took advantage of that and called the right plays."

Bryant finishes a four-year varsity career as Harrison's all-time leading receiver with 132 receptions, 2,665 yards and 33 touchdowns.

"It's probably the best four years of my life," he said. "There isn't a better school to go to or a better coaching staff to play for."

Bryant said he plans to visit Purdue, Wisconsin and Michigan State. Michigan, where his brother Kevin is on the team, is on his list, too, but the Wolverines will have some outstanding receivers coming back.

"I don't want to go in behind them," he said, adding he doesn't really need to make an official visit to U-M. "I'm up there (Ann Arbor) so much; I'm there all the time."

More on game, D3.

Bryant scored the first two touchdowns Friday as the Hawks capitalized on Hudsonville's three-man pass coverage.


"We knew coming in they were going to isolate me one-on-one," Bryant said, "and coach (John

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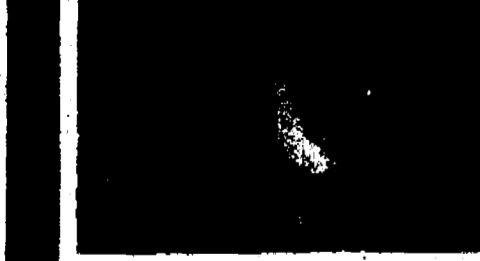
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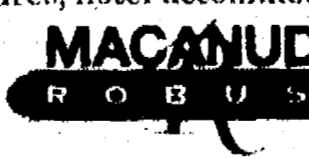
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# Harrison QB has strong roots

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Farmington Harrison senior quarterback Dave Pesci had every right to flash the No. 1 sign after a 35-13 win Friday over Hudsonville in the Class A state football championship at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Around the house, however, Pesci might want to raise two fingers.

This was the second-straight championship for Harrison and Pesci, whose older brothers, Mike and Joe, played on one state champion each.

Pesci, who was a backup behind starter Jared Hopkins last year, can't wait to order his second ring.

"They got one and I've got two now, so that's definitely for bragging rights," said Pesci, who tied a Class A finals record with three touchdown passes — two to Ricky Bryant and one to Andre Davis.

"We still argue who had the better team, but I can always show them two rings. Maybe if they put their two together they can beat me."

Harrison coach John Herrington was asked in the press room after the game if there are anymore Pescis or Bryants left for him to coach.

Ricky Bryant's older brother, Kevin, played on Harrison's state champion teams in 1993 and '94. Mike Pesci played on the 1991 Class BB state champion, and Joe Pesci was on the Class A champion in '93.

"That's it; I'm done," joked Herrington. "We've had two Bryants and five Pescis; counting uncles."

"I said before the first game this year Dave was one of the best quarterbacks in the state, and I haven't changed my mind. Some college will be very fortunate to get this kid."

"Dave is a great player; he's been right there all year. He has savvy and quick feet and showed today he can take a hit. He showed great poise under pressure and got the ball (to his receivers)."

Pesci completed 11 of 16 passes for 205 yards and also scrambled once for 17 yards, setting up his 1-yard dive in the third quarter that gave the Hawks a 35-7 lead with 3:25 left in the third

quarter. Pesci and Bryant stunned the crowd of 14,762, of which more than half came from Hudsonville, with a 65-yard touchdown pass on the second play from scrimmage. It was the quickest score in state-finals history for all classes.

(Herrington) had an idea we were going to throw it a little bit more than usual, because they play three deep and it was wide open," Pesci said. "We decided to send four receivers down like we did."

"On the second play of the game, I thought the safety would take (Bryant), but they tried to cover him with a linebacker and the safety hung around with (senior tight end Mike) Hoad."

Two possessions later, Pesci found Bryant again for a 16-yard touchdown pass for a 14-0 lead following Joe Ghanam's second extra point.

Pesci had to look up at the big screen to see what happened on the second score.

"Ricky is the best receiver in the state, so he makes my job easy," Pesci said. "The first one I just laid it up for him and he did the rest. I didn't see the second

one, because I was on my back (after being tackled). I saw the replay; he caught it backward."

Pesci and Bryant comprised one of the most prolific passing combinations in school history this year.

Pesci completed 61 percent of his passes (112-of-183) for 2,041 yards and 27 touchdowns with only five interceptions. Bryant, who holds the state record for career TD catches, caught 46 passes for 948 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"It was great, being the one getting him the ball to set the records," Pesci said. "It's definitely something I'll remember, throwing the ball to the greatest receiver in state history. He has the stats to prove it."

Bryant says it's the other way around. Being on the receiving end is the easier job.

"Dave Pesci always says I make it easy for him, but he makes it easy for me, too," Bryant said. "He has the perfect touch on the ball, and all I have to do is use my speed and run it in."

Pesci broke Mill Coleman's single-season school record for touchdown passes earlier this



Good times: Harrison coach John Herrington revels in another state championship victory at the Silverdome.

year and two years ago probably didn't think that was possible.

The Harrison JV had consecutive losing seasons with him at quarterback his freshman and sophomore years.

"That hurt but it was OK; we learned," Pesci said. "It's always a little depressing not playing. But here you don't expect to play until your senior year, because there's so many great athletes."

Pesci's senior year of football

couldn't have had a better ending for him and his teammates.

"I don't think I could have dreamed this good a season for myself," he said. "It was an unbelievable year, winning the state title, breaking Mill's record and helping Ricky set some records. Definitely, it means more this year, being a senior and a leader."

# Hawks learn from past loss



DAN O'MEARA

It was *deja vu*, thought Farmington Harrison senior Ricky Bryant, who had a flashback Friday afternoon to the state championship game of two years ago.

Just as the Hawks did in 1996, they

jumped out to a quick, 14-0 lead over Hudsonville in the 1998 Class A football final at the Pontiac Silverdome.

That's where Bryant hoped the similarity between the two games ended. Things were going well for the Hawks, obviously, but Bryant knew, if the *deja vu* experience went any further, it would be bad news for him and his Harrison teammates.

The all-state wide receiver recalled catching a pass from quarterback Kevin Bambenek and turning it into a 72-yard touchdown for a 14-0 lead as a sophomore against Grandville.

He knew too well how that story ended, however. Grandville rallied from a 14-10 halftime deficit to defeat Harrison and win the title, 24-17.

"We were confident but we weren't thinking we had the game in the bag," Bryant said. "In the huddle, I said 'The same thing happened my sophomore year.' They kept that in mind."

"(Hudsonville) could have gotten the ball in the second half and scored again. That's what Grandville did. That game did cross my mind."

"I saw how the seniors took it that year. That was hard. They were crying; we were all crying. I didn't want that to happen to us. We worked so hard this year, and we deserved (to win the championship)."

There was no second-half comeback this time by the Eagles, however. There was no disappointment for the Hawks, who made history and coach John Herrington the winningest coach in tournament history as far as state titles with nine.

The Hawks had a more com-

fortable halftime lead of 21-7 this year and finished off Hudsonville and a second straight 13-0 season with a 35-13 victory.

The Grandville game two years ago, as well as last year's 21-6 victory over Midland Dow in the state final, served as valuable learning experiences for this year's team. There's no substitute for experience, and the Hawks have lots of it.

When it comes to playing in state championship games at the Silverdome, nobody has experience like the Hawks, be it the Long Green Line, meaning the many players who've contributed to Harrison's great tradition spanning almost three decades now, or this year's team specifically.

"Tradition doesn't block and tackle once you're out there," Herrington said, looking at it from a little more practical standpoint in his post-game comments. "But five starters who played three years in the Silverdome didn't hurt at all."

There's a lot of work that goes into making the Harrison program the success it is, but there's an advantage if you play for Harrison. The Hawks going into a game thinking they'll win, which gives them a mental edge, and opponents are equally at a disadvantage.

"I expected it and everyone else expected it," Bryant said. "We just expect to win," senior lineman Brett Foster said. "We work so hard; we didn't expect anything less than victory."

Bryant and Foster are two of the five three-year starters who played in three consecutive state finals. The others are seniors Bryan McGhee, Mike Hoad and Joe Ghanam. All except Ghanam, the team's outstanding punter, are two-way players, too.

"As sophomores, we lost a close game and we just decided to work our butts off in the weight room," Foster said. "We wanted to come back here and win it."

"We weren't satisfied to make it here. We're 13-0 and didn't lose a game. This is a great school, program and tradition. We always talk about which

(Harrison) team is better. We merced a lot of teams and had a great year."

As I wrote of last year's team, I'll write the same for the '98 Hawks, because it applies to them as well: This was as fine a Harrison team as we've seen.

The record supports that claim. The Hawks scored more points in the playoffs this year than any other Harrison team. Their 153 points surpasses the 153 scored by the 1988 team, which remains the highest-scoring team of all time with 537 total points. This year's team finished with 530.

Herrington never likes to compare his teams and I can understand that. Some have been stronger in certain areas than others; some had more outstanding skill players; some had better overall balance. They've all played great defense.

I've covered the Hawks since 1987, which covers six state championship teams and two other finalists, and I'd have a difficult time saying which was best. One reason is many of the same players were integral parts of two or more of those teams.

Perhaps its best left said the '98 Hawks, particularly the seniors — and we should recognize here the play of Andre Davis, Dave Pesci, Zach Burton, Matt Reed, Mike Doyle, Blake Boesky, Corey Davis, Matt Turney, Jake Taylor, Blake Ashley, Steve Migliore, Dario Otero, Mike Araquil and the rest of the 31 players in that class, did their part to extend the tradition and will now take their place in the Long Green Line.

Always thinking about the next game, Herrington was wondering aloud who will step forward and do the same, to the extent they're capable, in 1999.

"Tradition helps a little bit," he said, "but I tell our kids they have to make their own. We have a long winning streak (26 games), but now it's 0-0 and the next group has to do it."

In closing for this season, it was a job well done. Hawks! Another fine job! Congratulations, state champs!

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Whalers beat North Bay, 4-1

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It wasn't the biggest game the Plymouth Whalers have — or will — play this season. And it certainly wasn't the prettiest.

And yet, there were still factors of some importance associated with their 4-1 Ontario Hockey League victory over the North Bay Centennials Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Perhaps the most obvious: The win brought to a close Plymouth's longest losing streak of the season. Okay, so it was only two games (both suffered on the road last weekend), but put in a different context, the Whalers would rather not suffer through such a streak for the remainder of this campaign.

The win also extended their home ice unbeaten streak to 10 games (9-0-1), a mark they wouldn't mind extending for the remainder of the season. Plymouth is 19-4-2 overall, second-best in the league; North Bay fell to 9-13-3.

On a more tactical note, the game was played in a style the Whalers don't especially like to play. "We like to skate," said Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer, "and teams are going to try and slow us down. That's seems hard for us to handle, but we're going to have to get used to it because that's what we'll be seeing for the rest of the season."

"That's what happened to us last weekend. We played in two small rinks (at Owen Sound and Guelph), about half the size of ours, and they slowed it down."

The objective: To control the Whalers explosive attack. Until last weekend, few teams had enjoyed much success defending Plymouth, and on Friday, North Bay didn't, either.

The Centennials were coming off a Thursday loss at Windsor, and were in the midst of a four-games-in-four-days road trip. The Whalers were hardly the obliging, holiday-weekend hosts; after fending off two North Bay power plays in the first period, they got a power-play goal from David Legwand with 11:24 left

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in the period. Legwand knocked home a rebound of a Paul Mara shot from the point; the puck came off the boards right to Legwand. Tomek Valtonen also assisted.

Although it wasn't as good a scoring period as it should have been for the Whalers — they dominated play for more than 10 minutes, but missed on several ideal scoring opportunities — they were still in command. Even when the Centennials went to a more physical, aggressive kind of play in the fight-filled second period, the Whalers maintained control.

The second goal of the game came just 1:01 into the second period, and this one was the result of Plymouth's superior skating. Eric Goody broke loose near mid-ice on a play started by Mara and Harold Druken. Goody finished it, putting the puck behind North Bay goalie Alex Auld for a 2-0 Whaler lead.

A double-minor penalty to the

Centennials' Brett Gibson in the final second of the second period led to a four-minute power play chance for Plymouth to start the third. It took Legwand just 17 seconds to capitalize, bringing the puck out unchallenged from behind the net to the left of Auld and scoring from point-blank range.

With 15:39 to go, the OHL's top rated power-play team got its third of the game with North Bay's Jeremy Pedder in the box. Mara, who had peppered shots from the point at Auld all game, got one past him to make it 4-0; Nikos Tselios and Rick Smith assisted.

"I think our power play was the key tonight," said DeBoer. "It's been our biggest weapon this season."

But hardly their only one. The Whalers rank with the OHL's best in both scoring, and preventing, goals. The reasons for both are simple, according to DeBoer: "Experience and depth — especially on offense. Last year, if a team could stop one or two of our guys, we'd have trou-



Whalers' leader: Plymouth Whalers' coach Peter DeBoer liked what he saw in a victory Friday night at Compuware Sports Arena.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURBEMANN

ble. Now, we have the talent to put seven or eight different guys out there on the power play."

(last weekend)."

Only a late goal, scored by Rodney Richard with 1:04 left in a game that had already been decided, saved North Bay from being shut out.

"It was a solid team effort against a tough team for us to play against," said DeBoer. "I think the guys were a bit disappointed losing those two games

With the firepower and blue-line experience the Whalers have, outcomes like this are going to become common occurrences. Add into that mix their schedule — they've played 15 of their first 25 games on the road — and their victory total only figures to climb.

Advertisement for 'FURNACE CLEAN & CHECK SPECIAL \$59.95'. Includes phone number 734-460-7344, 'LIMITED TIME OFFER', and 'SALES SERVICE ON ALL MAKES AND MODELS'. Features images of furnace components.

Advertisement for 'LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL'. Includes a photo of a dentist, 'in the 90s by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.', and 'A DRY RUN' section describing a study on toothbrushing techniques.

Advertisement for 'MARK SLAVENS, P.C.' under the heading 'PROXIMATE CAUSE'. Discusses legal liability for negligence and provides contact information for 10811 Farmington Rd., Livonia.

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A large directory table listing various businesses and their website URLs. Categories include ACCOUNTING, ADVERTISING PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, ARCHITECTS, ART and ANTIQUES, AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES, AUTOMOTIVE, BAKING/COOKING, BOOKS, BUSINESS NEWS, CERAMIC TILE, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES, CLASSIFIED ADS, COMMERCIAL PRINTING, COMMUNITIES, COMPUTER GRAPHICS, COMPUTER HARDWARE/PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE SUPPORT, FROZEN DESSERTS, HAIR SALONS, HEALTH CARE, HERBAL PRODUCTS, HOME ACCESSORIES, HOSPITALS, INSURANCE, INTERACTIVE CD ROM PUBLISHING, JEWELRY, LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, LEGAL RESEARCH, METROLOGY SERVICES, MORTGAGE COMPANIES, NOTARY SERVICES, NURSING EDUCATION, ORIENTAL RUGS, PARKS & RECREATION, PERSONAL GROWTH, PLANNING AND TRAFFIC CONSULTANT, POWER TRANSMISSION, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, PUBLIC AND INVESTOR RELATIONS, REAL ESTATE, REALTY, RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, SCALE MODELS, SHOPPING, SURPLUS PRODUCTS, TELEPHONE SERVICE, TOYS, TRAINING, TRAINING AND CONFERENCE CENTER, TRAVEL AGENCY, UTILITIES, VIDEO/WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT, WHOLISTIC WELLNESS, WOMEN'S HEALTH, and WORSHIP.

BOWLING AND RECREATION

300s being posted all over



AL HARRISON

Last week was a very good week for 300s. During the past seven days there were quite a few reported. One of them really hit home as it was bowled by my own teammate, Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills in the Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes. It was the first perfect for him, and he is still hasn't come back down to earth yet. All 12 of his shots were solid pocket hits with only a 4-pin trip on the 12th shot causing any concern. Mark is the current league president, so it is even more of a thrill for him to achieve his first 300 in a league which he presides over.

New balls mean more hooking

Mark Robey is the owner of The Bowlers Aid, one of the highest volume pro shop operations in the country according to Bowling This Month magazine. Robey is a Silver Level coach with the USA Bowling program, a member of Ebonite's advisory staff and a member of the board of directors of International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association. Mark tells of the "Reactive Impact" on the lanes today. "If it seems that lane conditions break down differently today and that carry down has all but disappeared, it's not your imagination. It means the lanes break down very differently, depending upon which bowling balls are used. As more people change from traditional (non-flaring) urethane and polyester balls to modern high tech reactive balls that flare, lane breakdown patterns change significantly. Centers started noticing this phenomenon of the dramatic change in breakdown patterns in 1994 because of the increase in new ball sales. As the reactive balls came on the market, lane conditions began to exhibit new characteristics during play. In essence, we have returned to the lane breakdown patterns of the late 1960s and early '70s on lacquer lane finish because, as lanes break down now, the track hooks significantly more than it did on urethane lane coatings with traditional bowling balls. Also, with the increased friction between the ball and lane today, the ball hooks even more in the track than it did during the lacquer era. The track hooked on lacquer because lacquer did not protect the wood surface on the lane enough, so that part of the lane wore quickly. The track hooks now because



Mark Robey Bowlers Aid

with today's strong core, high flare balls literally erase the oil from the track, even though the lane surface is better. The results are similar, but the reasons are totally different. To further elaborate, today's flaring reactive balls act like erasers, while traditional non-flaring balls act like plows. Traditional balls push the conditioner to the back end of the lane as the track breaks down gradually, creating carry down. Modern high-tech balls break down the track faster because balls that flare pick up more conditioner. This creates negligible carry down and a lane condition that hooks more overall. Many centers combat this problem by oiling the lanes more frequently and heavily in the header portion of the lane. The types of bowling balls and styles of bowlers will then have a dramatic effect on the condition breakdown. Track flare and ball reaction Minimal Track Flare: 1. If the ball is released on a stable

axis, there will be very little track flare and the ball track will be narrow. 2. Any oil picked up by the coverstock in the heads will remain on the ball's surface as it travels down the lane. 3. This oil in the track of your ball reduces the ability of the ball to suddenly change its direction as it exits the oil pattern. 4. Ball layouts that produce small amounts of flare generate later, smoother breakpoints and "mellow" ball reactions. Maximum Track Flare: 1. If the ball is released on an unstable axis, there will be track flare as the core attempts to seek a stable axis about which to rotate. 2. With each revolution this will expose fresh ball surface to the lane. 3. Any oil picked up by the coverstock in the heads will not influence the ball's reaction as it exits the oil pattern, creating a quicker and stronger ball reaction than a non-flaring layout. 4. Ball layouts that produce more flare generate earlier, sharper breakpoints and "strong" ball reactions. Mark Robey can be contacted at: The Bowlers Aid pro shops, 22255 Ecorse Road, Taylor, MI. 48180; or call (313) 295-2695.

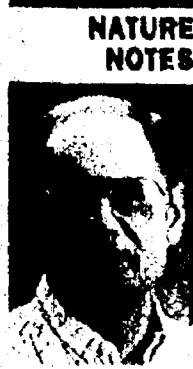
In respect to all the bowlers who have had a recent perfect game, they know the feeling, the elation, the walking on air that seems to take place like magic, for it is a magic moment. In sanctioned bowling leagues, there are the distinctive awards that go with the ultimate game, the ring and the recognition of the name permanently placed in the yearbook. In the case of some houses, there is a financial reward or a jacket given out. In the Greater Detroit Bowling Association alone last year, a total of 1,155 awards were given out for a 300 game. The ABC offers a choice of a ring, a watch or a plaque, the bowler can opt for an upgraded gold ring if they want to pay the difference based on the current price of gold. It looks like we can beat those numbers this year. Keep throwing strikes, it can happen to you.

Friday Bowlers: Wally Arsenault, 247/697; Al Thompson, 258/685; Jack Dahlstrom, 258/871; Hank Pearson, 279/007; Bill Ross, 246/608; Bud Kraemer, 243/058; Alie Abrita, 237/867. Good Nighters: Gloria Mertz, 203. Wednesday Men Senior Classic: Jack Dahlstrom, 202-289-203/874; Bob Sherwood, 263-221-657; Hank Haberski, 234-214-244/892; Bill Newbrough, 244-213-650; Howard Davis, 247-204-633; Stan Gogacki, 241/619. HOON BOWL Westside Luthers: Kevin Chambers, 678; Will Grukke, 661; Lynn Lewis, 653; Clark Stone, 647; Terry Kuhn, 258/635. TOWN & COUNTRY LANES Friday Invitational: Dave Fry, 300. Thursday Jr. Classic: Bob Rose, 300. Saturday Youth: Keith Moore, 278/778. PLAZA LANES (Plymouth) St. Collette Men: Brian Poma, 298; Clem Digio Jr., 208. Shiloh Road Men: Jerry Crabtree, 234-245-227/706. Place Men: Jay Gnielak, 257-247-247/753; Ray Smock, 246-245-224/715. Suburban Prep Travel (males): John Taylor, 298/854; Lou Hunter, 287/719; Bob Pickens, 268/698; Paul Sider, 257/874; Tony Bialista, 243. Suburban Prep Travel (females): Judy Washington, 211/583; Jennifer Gibbs, 198/549; Bernice Anthony, 194/533; Pat Gairy, 190/559. Keglers: Mark Beasley, 209-298-214/721; Dan New, 279. Hot Shots: Paul McMurry, 290-238-233/763. Whelmed Men: Dave Wegman, 279-202-217/696; Dave Barman, 270; Don Demeter, 277-202-234/713. SUPER BOWL (Canton) Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic: C.J. Blevins, 214-237-235/698; Scott Barkak, 234-237/867; David Gray, 268/602; Bill Collins, 234; Pat Barber, 221. WESTLAND BOWL St. Mel's Men: Dennis Morten, 268/630; John Kosciak, 259/673; Jim Seymour, 256/647; Doug Early, 253/686; James Combs, 249/622; Tom Popek, 254. Youth League Coed Coles Majors: Jesse Trudell, 229-211-226/686; Greg Hornath, 262; Scott Barnak, 203-223-202/628. Coed Coles Juniors: Eric Wojtkofsky, 212/672; Kevin Hatch, 201/548. Coed Coles Pros: Bryan Hoffman, 153. Coed Coles Bantams: Britany Robertson, 130; Michele Heikkonen, 120; Tyler Khurek, 141; Jason Brown, 124; Jessica Barrett, 109. WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia) Nite Owl: Jim Clearman, 246/682; Rick Halst, 246/650; Nate Shields, 260/635; Ken Jackson, 630; Reamous Bennett, 233/630. Wonderland Classic: Dick Bond, 289/747; John Kohler, 279/744; Pat Agius, 738; Nello Martini, 279/738; Darren Ruel, 723. CLOVERLANES (Livonia) Ford Motor Men: Brian Chuba, 278/871; Jim Casteel, 679; Ron Smith, 278; Steve Gutesky, 268/897; Jim Giffith, 678; Jack Conditine, 677; Steve Beater, 670; Bill Freeman, 661; Chuck Orourke, 661. St. Alden's Men: Scott Underwood, 222; Joe Shaw, 217; John Schicker, 233; Tony Kalumy, 242-247/868; Conrad Sobania, 220; Bill Lonelle, 217. Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic: Kim Turnbull, 189-289-196/674; Roy Hinson, 225-219/651; Steve Engelbreton, 249-195-204/648; Pat Barber, 222-222-204/648; Brent Kossick, 224-189-234/647; Jason Gilbert, 258/647; Steve Jacobs, 247/642; Dallen Kossick, 267/639; Melissa Wilson, 732. COUNTRY LANES (Farmington) Sunday Goodtimers: Mark Silverstein, 210-300/679; David Chams, 211; David Linking, 211; Todd Woringer, 220; Mort Silverman, 225; Bob Solomon, 201. CLASSIC LANES (Rochester) Thursday Junior House: Tony Sitale, 300/792. Chrysler UAW 412: Erick Henderson, 298.

OUTDOORS

Been a big season for big bucks

The firearms deer season is drawing to a close and the season of 1998 won't soon be forgotten. The hot topic of conversation throughout the hunting community these days is talk about a possible world-record buck shot a few weeks ago in northern Michigan. Mitch Rompola, the current state record-holder for the biggest typical buck taken in Michigan with a bow and arrow, evidently topped that monster by whacking an unbelievable buck on Nov. 13th. The Rompola Buck, as it will forever be known, is an enormous typical 12-point. The buck features a 38-inch spread and dressed out at 263 pounds. Nov. 13 must have been a good day to be in the field. Several area hunters also filled tags on Friday the 13th. Second-year archer Brian Goemaere took his second buck of the season on the evening of the 13th while hunting from a tree blind in Oakland County. The Oakland Township hunter took a nice 8-point while hunting over a bait pile. Earlier in the season Goemaere also arrowed a 4-point from the same blind, which is located on the edge of an overgrown hay field and a



TIM NOWICKI

stand of hardwoods. Redford's Mark Landis was hunting from a tree blind in Washtenaw County on Nov. 13 when a prize 9-point buck crossed his path. The 38-year-old hunter made a clean shot and tagged a 170-pound trophy. Landis was hunting on the edge of a cut cornfield. Steve Rock, of Birmingham, took a dandy 7-point with his bow and arrow on the evening Nov. 13. Rock was hunting over a bait pile along the edge of a swamp in Lapeer County. Fourteen-year-old Ryan Caddick didn't waste any time breaking into the ranks of the successful hunters. Hunting private land in Oakland County with his father Dean, the young of Oxford resident dropped a big doe on opening morning with his 410 ga. later that day Dean took his turn and tagged a mature 9-point buck with a 17-inch spread. Another father/son team has enjoyed exceptional success this year. Sixteen-year-old Chad Wedge, of Leonard, arrowed a dandy 7-point buck on Oct. 17 while hunting in a stand of woods along the edge of an overgrown corn field in Oakland County. On opening day of the firearms season Chad shot a button buck while hunting from a tree blind on the edge of a cut cornfield. His father, Bill, dropped a healthy 6-point buck late in the afternoon of opening day of the firearms season. I've got to look over my shoulder for Chad.

He is a good hunter. This is his third season (hunting) and he's already shot two 7-points and six does," said Bill. Plymouth resident Merle Malville ventured up to the Traverse City-area for the firearms season and didn't waste any time filling his buck tag. The veteran hunter shot a trophy 8-point at 7:45 a.m. on Nov. 15. The rack features an 18-inch spread and 7-inch brow tines. I'm sure there are many more successful hunters out there. If you, a friend or a relative had a successful hunting season let me know about it then look for your success story in upcoming issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This isn't limited to buck hunters. Every deer is a trophy in one way or another so share your hunt with others by telling your success story. Send information to me at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, or send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call me in the evenings at (248) 901-2573. Be sure to include the hunter's name, size of the deer or rack, day, place (county is fine) and time (early morning, middle of the day, after sunset). Also remember to include a phone number in case additional information is needed.

developed into a larva and eventually into an adult wasp. If you find one on the ground you may find the small round hole where the adult wasp exited. Some trees retain their galls into winter. Oak apple galls are, as you would expect, found on oak trees. Willow pine cone galls are found on willow trees. Insects that cause gall formation are very specific about the plant they choose. Different insects cause different shaped galls on the same kind of plant. Evidently, chemicals from the insect stimulate the plant to form various shaped galls. Willow trees can be identified easily in winter by the presence of the pine cone gall. These characteristically shaped galls are on the tips of the willow branches. A small mosquito-like insect known as a midge causes the pine cone gall. A gall does not seem to hurt the plant or prevent it from growing in any way. In fact, they may promote growth in the plant. Galls are not the only evidence of insects this time of year. Fallen logs with squiggly grooves in the wood exhibit the work of bark beetles. Grooves in the wood are actually half of the tunnels formed when the larva eat their way to adulthood. After the adult has laid its eggs under the bark of the tree, the tiny larva hatch and start eating the rich cambium layer under the bark and above the new sapwood.

If you look at the larval tunnels closely you will notice the width of the groove increases. As the larva grows and matures, the width of the tunnel increases. Where the tunnel ends is the place where the adult emerges to search for food and a mate. Different species of bark beetles produce various shaped tunnels. Centipede shaped tunnels can be found on the bark and standing skeletons of elm trees. Bark beetles that carried the Dutch elm disease created a characteristic tunnel that reminds me of a centipede with its many legs protruding from the length of its body. Many other galls and holes in leaves are other reminders that insects are abundant and active during summer.

Fall is gall season, on different trees

Though insects are not part of the landscape this time of year, they are still in evidence if you look closely. Now that leaves are off the trees, oak apple galls can be seen. Light-brown golf ball size ornaments hanging from oak tree branches were the homes of a wasp this summer. When the adult wasp laid its egg on the stem, or leaf, the tree did not like that and responded by growing the ball gall around the egg. During the summer the egg

Advertisements for various bowling leagues and events, including: HAYFLOWER LANES (Rochester), TOWN & COUNTRY LANES, PLAZA LANES (Plymouth), SUPER BOWL (Canton), WESTLAND BOWL, WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia), CLOVERLANES (Livonia), COUNTRY LANES (Farmington), and CLASSIC LANES (Rochester).

**OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

**ARCHERY**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 50-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 463-9843 for more information.

**CLASSES**

**BASIC SKI TUNING**

An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**CLUBS**

**SOLAR**

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**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) 476-6027 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 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 691-0843.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2883 for more information.

**MEETINGS**

**NRC**

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 378-2352 one week in advance.

**SEASON/DATES**

**DEER**

The firearms season runs through Nov. 30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-

20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

**DUCK**

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is through Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones, and through Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

**ELK**

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

**GOOSE**

There will be a special late-Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

**GROUSE**

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**PHEASANT**

There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

**RABBIT/HARE**

Rabbit/hare season run through

March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

**METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**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 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

The Huron-Clinton metroparks are serving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season.

Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 18. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

**SNACKS WITH SANTA**

Spend some time with Santa, enjoy a snack and a hayride and sing some holiday songs during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6, and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at Kensington. Several seasons will be held each day and admission is by advanced ticket purchase only. Tickets are \$5 per person. Call (800) 377-3178 to register. A similar program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Indian Springs.

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 626-6478 to register or for more information.

**HOLIDAY TRADITIONS**

Participants will craft holiday gifts during simultaneous sessions for children and adults during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Independence Oaks.

**STATE PARKS**

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7087.

**HOLIDAY TREES**

Take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick out your holiday tree during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6, and Dec. 12-13, at Maybury. Cost is \$30 per family and includes hayride, choice of pre-cut tree and daily motor vehicle permit.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: *Outdoors*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to [bpark@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:bpark@oe.homecomm.net))

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 7:30 pm., December 2, 1998 at the City of Garden City City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed carry-out restaurant located at 27827 Ford Road in a C-3, General Business District. Carry-out restaurants are permitted in the C-3 district as a special land use.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Special Land Use application may be examined at the City hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk  
EDWARD KANE, Planning Commission Chairman

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before December 10, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

- PRINTING OF TRI-CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
- RELOADED AMMUNITION
- NEW FACTORY AMMUNITION

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
City Clerk Treasurer

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY December 15, 1998 - Board of Review**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors. PA 74 of 1995 authorizes the December Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March or July Board of Review. This applies to current year only.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
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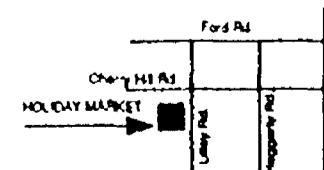
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