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## Traffic death charges dismissed



**Circuit Judge George Crockett III Friday dismissed criminal charges against a Farmington Hills teen who was accused in the Westland traffic death of an 18-year-old pregnant woman whose baby survived.**

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A Wayne County judge Friday dismissed criminal charges against a Farmington Hills teen who was accused in the Westland traffic death of an 18-year-old pregnant woman whose baby survived.

Circuit Judge George Crockett III's ruling means that Joseph Norman Novell - Clarenceville High School's 1998 valedictorian - can continue his education without fear of going to jail. Crockett dismissed negligent homicide charges against Novell after defense attorney Stephen Boak filed a motion claiming a lack of evidence

against the teenager. Novell could have faced a possible two-year jail term if he had been convicted in the Aug. 1 death of Julia Margaret Serda of Inkster. "He is obviously greatly relieved," Boak said late Friday afternoon. "He is attempting to get through his college career. Obviously he feels badly about the fact that there was a death, but he believed from the beginning that this was not his doing. "He is just going to try to move on with his life at this juncture," Boak said.

Novell is a Wayne State University freshman studying chemistry on a full scholarship, his attorney said. Serda's family couldn't be reached for comment after Crockett issued his ruling Friday. Novell's future had seemed in doubt following an accident that occurred shortly before 6 p.m. Aug. 1 in the intersection of Middlebelt Road and Ann Arbor Trail. Serda died from injuries she suffered in her seventh month of pregnancy, but doctors performed an emergency Caesarean section and saved her baby

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### Letters to Santa

Attention, girls and boys! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find who's been naughty or nice. The Westland Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, along with their school picture. **The deadline is Dec. 17. The letters and photos will be printed in the Dec. 24th issue, having forwarded the letters to Santa in plenty of time. Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to:**

**Letters to Santa  
Westland Observer  
36251 Schoolcraft  
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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### MONDAY

**Ribbon cutting:** A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Newburgh Road construction completion begins at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The project area is on Newburgh between Palmer and Cherry Hill.

**Republican club:** "Utility Deregulation: Power to the People or Regulatory Short Circuit?" will be the topic of the presentation to the Westland Republican Club at 7 p.m. Monday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren Road at Venoy.

**Baskets:** The Westland Jaycees are accepting sponsors for gift baskets for needy families until Monday. Checks to the Westland Jaycees can be mailed to P.O. Box 85191, Westland, MI 48185.

#### THURSDAY

**Living Nativity:** Fair Haven Baptist Church of Westland will have a living Nativity at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday at the church, 34850 Marquette, east of Wayne Road.

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### Holiday giving



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**Helping needy:** Admission to the Westland Community Foundation's annual holiday event was an unwrapped toy or canned food donation to the Westland Salvation Army. The event was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland on Thursday evening. For more on the foundation please see Page A3.

## City boots recreational vehicles from park

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Recreational vehicle owners who appeared to take up residency in Central City Park will have to find another home, Westland officials said. City officials have booted out RVs and sealed off a parking area near

Carlson. Moreover, RV parking apparently won't be allowed in Central City Park until city officials reach a consensus on a policy addressing the issue. "Ultimately it's going to be better for residents because we can't have people living in the park," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said Friday.

Following complaints from citizens, LeBlanc asked the city administration to implement stopgap measures to prevent long-term RV parking. Councilman Charles Pickering had earlier voiced the same concerns. Early last week, Mayor Robert Thomas announced during a Westland City Council meeting that his adminis-

tration has sealed off the RV parking area - for now, at least. LeBlanc said occupants of one RV stayed so long in Central City Park last summer that grass began growing up around the vehicle. The city has no formal ordinance regulating RV parking or requiring RV

Please see **RV5, A2**

## Local archaeological dig site makes state register

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An archaeological dig is revealing new details about the Westland Historical Museum site and a fruit-farming family that lived there in the late 1800s.

Not only did the family grow and sell

fruit, particularly cherries and peaches, but they apparently liked their meat, Jane Baxter, archaeological dig organizer, said Thursday. "We found a lot of butchered animal bones," she said Thursday, responding to questions about a two-month dig that ended in November.

"The family had a commercial fruit

farm, but they also had a family garden that they used for their own consumption," Baxter said. "It looks like they were growing their own food for use in the house and also raising and butchering their own animals. At the very least, they were not buying meat from a commercial meat preparer."

Baxter led a Wayne State University

field study class and community volunteers in the archaeological dig, which is revealing new information about the site to local historians. "We had heard there were fruit trees there, but we didn't really know about the cherries and peaches," Jo Johnson.

Please see **DIG, A4**

### Too pretty to open

## Tips that can help you get holiday gifts under wraps

BY RENÉE SGOGLIUNO  
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If you're all thumbs and no imagination when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts, have we got some suggestions for you. With just a bit more than scissors and a roll of tape, you can transform a "Dad, must have wrapped it" gift into a "Dad, who wrapped this for you?" masterpiece.

Hold your reindeers, guys. We're not saying all of you can't wrap. Women are known to sprout a fistful of thumbs when it comes to wrapping presents as well.

Our tips come from some of the finest wrappers in the area, from 13-year-old Kathy McQueen of Plymouth, who suggests putting jewelry in a burger box, to Mary Lynn Giovan, a Livonia

Churchill High School art teacher who wraps her gifts in beautiful fabric remnants and ties them with tulle and lace.

And then there's Martha Stewart, the world's quintessential expert on good taste, who suggests choosing two or three hues and using only shades in those colors for your papers and ribbons for a "stunning" effect beneath your tree.

Don't let Martha intimidate you. Here's the best red ribbon gift wrapping suggestions this side of the North Pole.

■ Brown paper is not just for mailing packages. Decorate it with gold star stickers and gold wired ribbon. Tie it



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSE-BYMAN

**Pretty patterns:** Tanja Von Kulajta, owner of RSVP gift shop in Plymouth, sells hand-made and specialty wrapping paper.

Please see **TIP8, A2**

### Can't wrap, don't panic

OK, so you're not Martha Stewart when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts in spite of our great ideas. But if you can cut and tape, there's hope.

RSVP, a small gift shop at 829 Penniman in Plymouth, is a treasure trove of fine papers and ribbons. Owner Tanja Von Kulajta will not do your wrapping, but she'll help coordinate your selections and choose decorations.

RSVP carries 10 designs of motif papers made in England at \$1.95 a sheet and several hand-made papers with visible wood and flower fragments at \$2.25-\$4.75 a sheet. They also carry gold-

Please see **WRAP, A2**

**OBITUARIES**

**JACK B. GIBSON**  
Funeral services for Jack Gibson, 75, of Silver Springs, Fla., were in Hiers Funeral Home in Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Gibson, who died Dec. 1, was born in Linton, Ind. He came to Silver Springs two months ago from Dade County, Fla.

He was a retired drill press operator employed by Whitman Barnes Twist Drill Manufacturing Co.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II. Surviving are son, Richard Gibson of Dade County, Fla.; daughters, Barbara Billings of Westland, Lisa Gibson of Ochopee, Fla., and Diane Johnson of Garden City; sister, Onida Raney of California; and six grandchildren.

**ANN E. GENSLER**

Funeral services for Ann Gensler, 87, of Westland were Dec. 10 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Gensler, who died Dec. 8 in Farmington Hills, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are daughters,

Grace (James) Hoey and Dolores (Michael) Hayden; and grandchildren, Lynn, Michael and Nancy.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Monastery, 829 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

**EVA E. ROBILARD**

Funeral services for Eva Robillard, 76, of Westland were Dec. 11 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling.

Mrs. Robillard, who died Dec. 8 in Westland, was born in Williamson, W.Va. She was a member of Kirk of Our Savior Church.

She was a beautician. Mrs. Robillard liked needlepoint, crossword puzzles, watching soap operas and going to the cottage at Upper Silver Lake.

Surviving are son, Thomas of Westland; sisters, Katherine Freeman of Kentucky, Edna Edwards of Oregon, Phyllis Varney of Kentucky, Clara Smith of Kentucky, Opal Vencel of Kentucky and Glenna Blankenship of California; and several nieces and nephews.

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girl's life. Serda's family members are caring for the child.

The accident occurred when Novell, driving a 1990 Chevrolet Beretta east on Ann Arbor Trail, turned left onto Middlebelt in front of a westbound Ford Tempo driven by one of Serda's friends.

Westland police have said both Novell and Serda's friend, 19-year-old Margaret Louise Bargowski, entered the intersection as a green light turned yellow. At issue was which driver should have yielded.

Novell was going to a concert with 21-year-old Jonathan Wood of Westland.

Serda and Bargowski were taking back seat passenger Joshua Daniel Krause to his Livonia residence before going to work at the Ford-Tel theater in Dearborn Heights, police have said.

Krause testified during an October court hearing that Bargowski seemed to speed up as she approached the intersection. Krause said Bargowski didn't hit her brakes.

Boak had argued during the Oct. 8 hearing in Westland District Court that Novell shouldn't stand trial for negligent homi-

cide because he was merely trying to complete his left turn when Bargowski ignored the traffic light.

Boak and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Wade McCann differed on whether Bargowski had enough time to stop her car before the traffic light changed. They also differed on which driver should have yielded.

Crockett's ruling indicated support for Boak's claim that Novell shouldn't be held accountable for Serda's death.

Police said both Novell and Bargowski had perfect driving records.

The accident occurred on a clear summer day.

On Friday, Boak said Novell didn't immediately appear to understand Crockett's ruling until the judge asked him if he wanted to go home.

Novell had been free on a \$50,000 personal bond.

"I don't think he quite understood initially what had happened," Boak said.

It wasn't immediately known whether the Wayne County prosecutor's office will consider appealing Crockett's decision.

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with braided twine or raffia and add a spray of cinnamon sticks, pine cones and walnuts. Or center a white, paper doily on top and wrap with lots of white organdy ribbon.

Wrap travel-theme gifts in maps from your Atlas or glove compartment. Wrap a special gift in sheet music and tie with red and green velvet ribbon. Save the comics for your children's gifts and the crossword page for a puzzle buff.

Wrap wine bottles in aluminum foil. Put confetti inside the bottle and tie with paper streamers. Or wrap the bottle in a big, colorful napkin.

Wrap over-sized gifts in large, inexpensive plastic-coated holiday tablecloths.

For a romantic gift, cover a box in gold foil paper and glue five silver paper doilies on the sides. Make a bouquet bow from dried flowers, wrap it in cellophane and tie it with lace.

Wrap a box of jewelry or perfume in a fancy lace hanky.

Save those cardboard toilet paper and paper towel tubes and stuff them with small items like socks. Wrap them in tissue paper, tie both ends with ribbon and fan out the ends.

A box wrapped in a swatch of flowery chintz drapery gathered in a topknot and entwined with a silk rose is gorgeous. So is a gift wrapped in moiré wallpaper adorned with a cutout of cascading chintz roses. Stiffen roses with spray starch before cutting them out.

Use wallpaper borders on presents wrapped in solid colors.

Glue brightly colored buttons

**Ready to wrap? Great, but before you begin, remember it's what's under the wrapping that's most important.**

or peppermints on gifts wrapped in white paper. Varnish peppermints to keep color from transferring.

Wrap just about any unusually shaped gift in tulle or netting.

Instead of a bow, decorate gifts with feathers, seashells, cookie cutters, tiny Christmas tree balls bunched with wire, or strands of fake pearls.

For a unique gift wrap, photocopy your favorite pictures. Color pictures can be done on 11-by-17-inch sheets and black and white on 18-by-24-inch sheets.

Have a teenage girl? Fill a pair of tights with hair spray, shampoo and other grooming gifts. Tie legs in several places with elastic hair "scrunchies" to keep items from shifting.

Have two teenage girls? Stuff the fingers of gloves with lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, barrettes, etc.

Ready to wrap? Great, but before you begin, remember it's what's under the wrapping that's most important.

One Christmas, my cash-strapped, then-16-year-old son taped two Dixie cups rim-to-rim with duct tape and tossed the gift under the tree. The present was for his brother and contained about \$5 in loose change.

We still laugh about that gift...every Christmas.

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threaded tissue paper in variety of jewel-tones at \$2.25 a sheet, brightly colored raffia ribbon at \$5.50 a spool, and organdy Midori ribbon from Japan at 95 cents to \$1.65 a yard.

"It's gorgeous, just gorgeous ribbon," said Von Kulajta of the Midori.

Don't have time to wrap? Don't panic. Head over to the Westland Mall in Westland, where they have two gift-wrapping stations just waiting for your packages.

The stations, which also have

a coat and package check, are located near J. C. Penney's and J. L. Hudson's. Choose from 16 wraps priced at \$2.50-\$6 depending on size. You must have your own box. None are sold. Presents do not have to be purchased in mall.

"We're making it as easy as possible," said Claudia Frederick, senior marketing manager, who added that most of the station's customers are men.

Sorry, guys. Happy Holidays anyway.

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parking permits, police Chief Emery Price said.

But LeBlanc and some others say the city should develop guidelines to address the issue, in hopes of avoiding near-residency problems in the park.

Sgt. Peter Brokas of the West-

land Police Department's traffic bureau said he became aware of some problems only recently.

"People in effect were storing their RVs over there," he said.

In what LeBlanc described as a "gentleman's agreement," the city's past practice has been to

allow RV parking for a couple of days in the park.

However, some RV owners abused the practice and even started parking their cars next to their RVs, LeBlanc said. One owner stored a canoe on top of an RV.

The problem hasn't been limited to Central City Park, although that is the area receiving most attention.

LeBlanc also said RVs have parked improperly in an area on the west side of Central City Parkway south of Warren - while people inside were in essence "camping out."

LeBlanc predicted it could be weeks - even months - before the city is ready to implement an RV parking policy.

For now, however, the message is clear as an RV parking area remains sealed off in Central City Park.

"Frankly," LeBlanc said, "they're just not allowed to live there."

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Community foundation



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Season's songs: Carolers perform at the Westland Community Foundation holiday event Thursday at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The program featured carolers and refreshments as the foundation marked its accomplishments of 1998.

# Foundation festivities

## Carolers give annual event holiday sound

The Westland Community Foundation held its annual holiday event Thursday evening at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

The event featured Christmas carolers, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Those who attended the event brought an unwrapped toy for the children served by the Westland Salvation Army and/or canned or boxed food.

The event celebrated the foundation's accomplishments for 1998:

- A black-tie optional dinner dance with more than 300 business and community leaders in attendance.

- The May chamber of commerce luncheon with a motivational speaker. Also sponsored 25 high school students to attend the luncheon.
- Children's Summer Concert series at the William P. Faust Public Library pavilion, including performances by magicians, storytellers, Chautauqua Express, a steel drum band and a one-man circus.
- Adult Coffeehouse Concert Series at the William P. Faust Public Library pavilion, which included performances featuring classical jazz, Broadway revue and Irish music.
- Fourth annual Christmas in July event with more than

200 community and business leaders in attendance raising more than \$27,000 in donations in addition to hundreds of cans of food for the Westland Salvation Army food pantry.

- Donation of \$12,000 in scholarship grants to 14 Westland students.
- Sponsorship of two Westland students to the Blue Lake Music Camp program.
- Donation of \$5,000 to the Westland YMCA for its summer camp program.
- Donation of \$5,000 to the John Glenn High School instrumental music program for replacement of band uniforms.

- Donation of \$5,000 to Taylor Towers senior housing toward a resident computer lab and equipment program.
- Donation of \$6,000 to Lincoln/Jefferson Elementary school-based health center sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation.
- Donation of \$15,000 to the Westland Salvation Army for summer camp programs.
- Donation of \$500 to the Jefferson-Barns Elementary School Playground project sponsored by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

# Towing company gains new contract

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A city-hired towing company won't be allowed to unilaterally raise its rates as much as 5 percent a year without first seeking Westland City Council approval.

Westland Car Care, as part of a new four-year contract, stood to gain from a new plan that, according to city Purchasing Agent Jill Thomas, included "a new mechanism for fixing prices on the basis of the Consumer Price Index."

But council members Monday chose to renew Westland Car Care's contract for four years without giving the company more power to increase its rates.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said the council has a responsibility to ensure that customers "are not being taken advantage of" by the city's official towing company.

His concerns prompted Councilman Charles Pickering to propose - successfully - that the council maintain control over any CPI rate increases that Westland Car Care might impose for city business.

The end result: Council members each December will review any proposed rate increases and decide their merit.

Mayor Robert Thomas had argued for the built-in CPI increases. He told council members that owners of towed vehicles would pay the price hikes - not the city.

Rate-hike issues aside, council members praised Westland Car Care's job performance during a

four-year contract that expires Friday - the day the new agreement becomes effective.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin commended the company for "an excellent job" and said he could have supported a 5 percent cap on towing rates.

Griffin said the company faces cost increases like any other city contractor.

Police Chief Emery Price said Westland Car Care has been highly responsive to towing requests from the police department.

"This service has just been excellent," Price said.

In a letter to the mayor, company President Anthony Marocco said Westland Car Care strives for "quick and efficient response time to accidents and other situations that may endanger the community."

Marocco also pledged that the company will continue to invest in new technology and equipment to better serve the city.

Marocco's letter explained how the company has grown during the last four years:

- Its staff has increased by 50 percent, from 40 people to 60.

- Its fleet of vehicles has grown from 10 to 15 - another 50 percent increase.

- New radio communication systems have been installed in every vehicle.

- New computer systems have boosted the company's ability to quickly map out locations of vehicles for towing.

- The company has expanded its paved storage facility and improved security and lighting.

## Beach Bash donations sought

The 1999 Senior All Night Party at Franklin High School is accepting any and all donations for its "Beach Bash '99," the after-graduation, in-school and alcohol-free event for more than 300 invited guests.

Ticket sales will defer some costs of the party, but the majority of the expenses depend on the

generosity of community members.

To make a donation, send a check payable to: FHS Senior All Night Party, 32008 Anita, Westland, MI 48185.

Call (734) 425-0493 for more details or visit the committee's web site: [www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Dorm/1350](http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Dorm/1350)

## PLACES AND FACES

### Honesty pays

Two Madison Elementary School students could have been \$700 richer after finding a lost wallet, but they opted for honesty.

Students Melissa Brown and Rhonda Houk found the wallet while playing and told their mothers about it, resulting in the owner getting it back along with his money.

For that good deed, the girls gained public recognition Monday as Westland City Council President Sandra Cicirelli gave them a Good Work Award for their honesty.

Accompanied by proud family members, the girls received their awards during a council meeting.

Cicirelli praised the girls for setting a good example.

As it turned out, the girls didn't end up penniless after finding the wallet. The owner gave them \$20 each.

### North donations

Tom North of North Brothers Ford on Monday gave \$5,000 each to three programs that serve Westland's youth:

- Westland Youth Assistance, which provides mentors and a wide array of programs and services for troubled youngsters.

- The Westland Police Department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, in which police officers go into classrooms to teach an anti-drugs message.

- Wayne-Westland YMCA for its Invest in Youth program, which helps youngsters attend summer camp.

North also announced that the family-owned company will be allocating a similar amount of money to buy beds, dressers and other items for the Wayne County Family Center, a homeless shelter.

North made the presentations Monday during a Westland City Council meeting. The money came from a golf outing that North Brothers Ford sponsored in August.

### Skate With Santa

A Christmas Exhibition and

Skate With Santa will be held at Westland Sports Arena Saturday, Dec. 19.

The Skate With Santa is 1-2:45 p.m. with admission \$3.25 for adults and \$2.75 for children and senior citizens.

People who bring canned food for the needy will get \$1 off admission.

The ice show is 3-4 p.m. with admission of \$1 plus canned food for the needy.

The show will feature local skating talent, including those with basic skills through advanced skaters.

This year's show will also feature new routines including group skating to "Babes in Toyland" and "The Nutcracker."

Westland Sports Arena is at 6210 N. Wildwood in Westland.

### Express shopping

Westland Shopping Center is participating in "Express Shopping," a partnership program between American Express and the center. The

he program identifies retailer sales programs throughout the center.

It also includes a gift with purchase program through Dec. 24 while supplies last.

Customers making purchases of \$150 or more with their American Express Card will receive a free "Holiday Rhythms" CD.

Customers can bring their receipts to be redeemed to customer service in East Court to receive their free gift.

### Resolutions

Wayne-Westland school board members approved two resolutions at Monday's regular board meeting.

One resolution declares Dec. 13 as National Children's Memorial Day in all Wayne-Westland schools.

The other declares Jan. 8 as School District Maintenance/Communications Employees Recognition Day in all Wayne-Westland schools.

Both resolutions were approved unanimously by the board.

# Your Christmas Store

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**Dig It:** Joe Jeffries of Redford and Daryl Bailey of Westland sift through dirt looking for artifacts at the archaeological dig site earlier this fall at the Westland Historical Museum.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HEWLEY

# Evidence presented in officer's shooting

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

A smelly chocolate milk carton encased in a paper sack. A Ford hubcap. Spent bullet casings. A Wu-Tang Clan compact disc. Photographs.

These items were among the dozens of pieces of evidence the prosecution presented and mentioned in its case Thursday against two Canton teens accused of killing corrections Officer David Martell last year. The teens, Matthew Leonard, 18, and Mark Edwards, 17, are standing trial on first-degree murder and each face a maximum of life in prison if convicted.

Several Canton Township police officers testified Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court, helping Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Coyle set a time for the shooting, which occurred shortly after 11 p.m. Nov. 19, 1997, in Westpointe mobile home park, on Old Michigan near Haggerty. A firearms expert from the Michigan State Police is expected to take the stand Monday.

Martell's family members were in the courtroom during the roughly four hours of testimony. Martell's mother, Victoria Riordan of Westland, cried at times while the police officers recalled details from that night.

Taking the stand were Canton patrol officers Dan Traylor, Dan Torolski, Mike Tulip and Randy Rankin and evidence technician Brian Schultz.

Rankin testified that a Westpointe resident fingered Leonard as a possible suspect the night of the shooting. A .44-caliber handgun, reported as stolen, was recovered from his bedroom during a subsequent search. But spent gun casings found at the scene were from weapons of other calibers, not from a .44, according to testimony.

"There's no .44 revolver in this case," said Leonard's attorney, Dennis Shrewsbury, who has said all along that his client has an alibi and was not involved in the shooting. Both Shrewsbury and Edwards' attorney, Evan Callanan, plan to focus on alibis during the defense, which is expected to begin Tuesday after-

noon. "I think it's going well," Shrewsbury said of the trial. "(Leonard) is innocent. He wasn't there, he didn't do it. That was my opening statement."

All officers testified that they responded to the scene shortly after 11 p.m. The officers initially were responding to an injury accident, but soon began investigating a shooting when they discovered Martell's vehicle had what were believed to be bullet holes in the driver's side door.

Previous testimony revealed that Martell's car had crashed into a parked car before eventually ramming into a mobile home, where it stopped.

Traylor said when he arrived at the scene, he noticed Martell slumped over toward the passenger side of the car with obvious head and facial injuries. Then he saw the evidence of a shooting.

"I saw (bullet) holes in the door that appeared to be fresh," Traylor said. "To me they appeared to be holes made by a bullet."

Callanan argued that Traylor was merely speculating about how the holes were caused.

Traylor said that as a member of the Western Wayne Special Weapons and Tactics team, he is familiar with what bullet damage looks like.

Testimony revealed that Martell was unconscious when officers arrived. He was transported to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy, observed by one of the officers, showed that Martell had been shot. Two bullet holes were found in the left side of his body.

Schultz, who was working as an evidence technician at the time, said he recovered several items during the investigation. Among them were five spent casings from .25- and .380-caliber firearms, though the exact calibers of some were disputed. Schultz testified some of the .25 casings were actually smaller than .25-caliber casings and said he was not a firearms or ballistics expert. Broken glass was also found at the scene.

## Dig from page A1

Westland Historical Commission chairwoman, said. "We had no idea about the animals. That information is new."

Baxter, a University of Michigan doctoral candidate, said her full report won't be ready until sometime next year. Her students have continued to analyze their findings in classroom labs since the dig ended.

The project will result in the museum - a former farmhouse - being placed on a state register of archaeological sites.

The dig uncovered cherry and peach pits, animal bones, general housewares, glass ceramics, window glass, nails and other structural remains, Baxter said. The house was completed in the late 1850s on a site that now faces Wayne Road south of Marquette.

"It began as a fruit farm, and the (Felton) family was really

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maximizing the use of the land for whatever reason, whether out of economic need or for profit," Baxter said.

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"I'm very pleased with what all we found," Baxter said, adding that the findings should lead to an excellent analysis of the his-



Jane Baxter

torical museum site.

She is being allowed to keep the artifacts until next Novem-

ber. Johnson said she hopes that Baxter will return to Westland early next year and advise local historians on what they should do to preserve the site.

"We don't want to destroy anything," she said.

Johnson also said she hopes that other Wayne State classes will continue to research the property.

"There's a lot more to learn," she said.

For her study, Baxter found the Westland site by mistake. She had been driving down Wayne Road to look at another site listed on an 1860 plat map when she saw the museum, which wasn't shown on the map.

Baxter stopped that day to ask for permission to conduct an archaeological dig, and her request was later honored by the Westland City Council.

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# Ordinance will restrict, not ban, smoking in eateries

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Wayne County commissioners expect to act on an ordinance Tuesday that will restrict - but not ban - smoking in Wayne County bars and restaurants.

But the ordinance, if approved, will still ban smoking in most private and public places of business in Wayne County.

A committee of the whole meeting has been scheduled for

10 a.m. Tuesday with the full 15-member commission in Room 402 of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph in Detroit. A public hearing was scheduled for that meeting, and not for Thursday, as originally reported.

The ordinance still bans smoking in most Wayne County public and private facilities. Exemptions include private residences, except when used as a child care, adult care or health care facility; retail tobacco stores; and public

areas where bingo is held, where at least 40 percent of the seating area is designated and maintained as smoke-free.

Only private functions in restaurants, hotel and motel conference rooms would be exempted from this ordinance.

The original ordinance proposed by Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, would have prohibited smoking in bars and restaurants by March 1, 2000.

On Thursday, that ordinance

was amended at a meeting of the seven-member Committee on Health and Human Services. Commissioner Kim Cockrel, D-Detroit, called for an amendment to allow for bars and restaurants to house 25 percent of seating capacity for smokers by that date.

### More change

Cockrel also amended the ordinance to allow for smoking at a distance of 10 feet from the busi-

ness. The amended ordinance was forwarded to the full commission on a 5-2 vote. Supporting that action were Cockrel, Parker, and Commissioners Edna Bell, Robert Blackwell, both Democrats from Detroit, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford. Opposing the ordinance were Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Commissioners did not add an amendment that would exempt businesses that employ less than

15 people.

The committee heard from several people, most of who supported the ban.

Dale Wofford of Westland said he once worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Detroit. When smoking was permitted in the McNamara Building, the department heard complaints from asthmatics.

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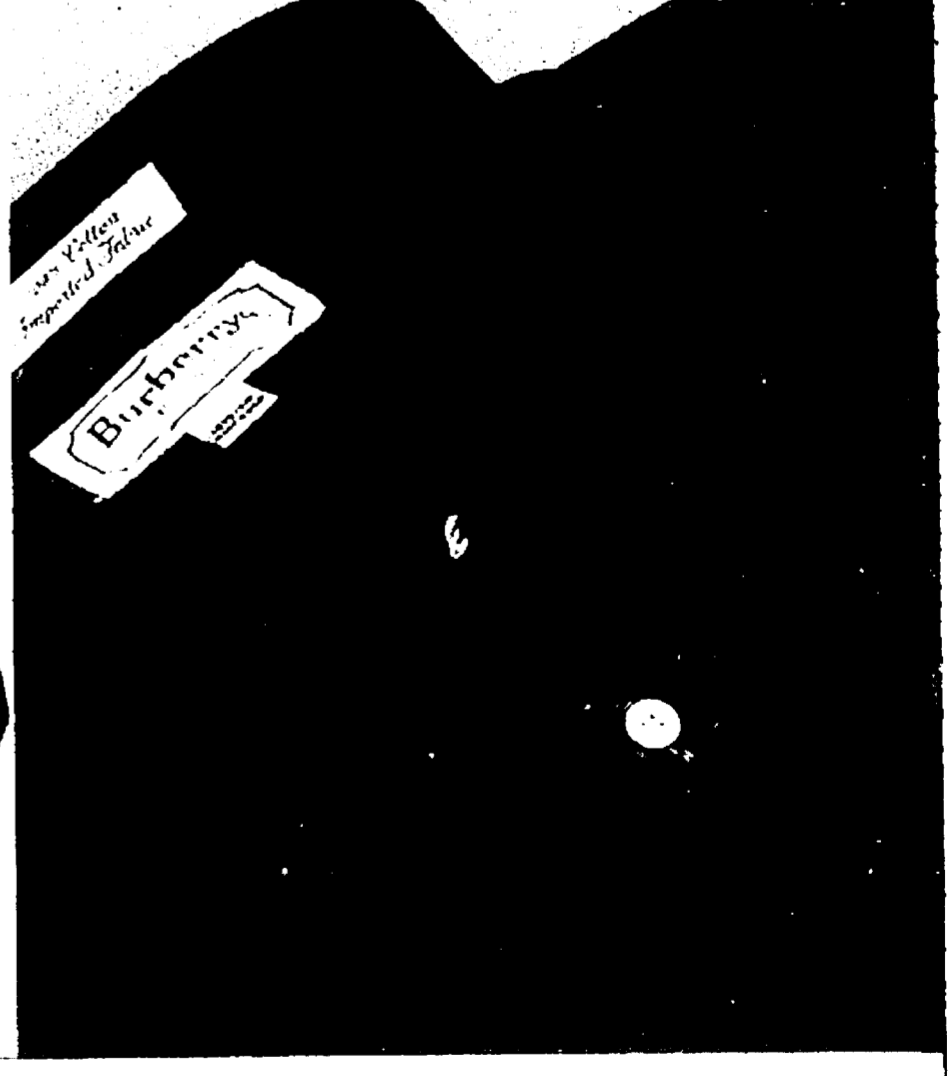
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# Heavy backpacks weigh on debate

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In a not-so-helpful moment, Dawn Johnson once suggested a way daughter Ashley could handle her heavy school backpack and the 2-inch books stuffed in it.

"Put it on wheels," Johnson told Ashley, a Churchill High junior.

"Yeah, right," you can almost hear Ashley say as she struggled once again to hoist the big bag up over her shoulders.

Book-filled backpacks are de rigeur for students everywhere. But what may start out as a skimpy load in the elementary grades ends up as a back breaker by the time a student hits middle or high school.

Books that go in the backpacks have become so heavy, in fact, school administrators actually spend time debating how to ease the students' load.

One such debate started out innocuously enough at a recent study meeting of the Livonia Board of Education at Washington Elementary. On the agenda was a familiar item, the purchase of a new high school textbook, in this case, an ecology textbook. It should have breezed through, with little fanfare.

But it didn't. Once again, the trustees questioned how today's mammoth textbooks are affecting the backs of teens, and tossed around ways to solve the dilemma.

"They can cause physical damage, 60 pounds on a 100-pound girl," said trustee Jim Watters. "There could be litigation on this someday."

Quite a load

When weighed Thursday afternoon at Churchill High, Ashley Johnson's backpack topped the scale at 20 pounds. That doesn't sound like a lot, but Ashley said on this particular day she was bringing home about half her books.

Freshman Rob McIntosh's pack weighed in at a similar number. "I'm used to it," he said. "I bring these home every night."

Junior Jillian Drauss fared a little better. While her pack was big and bulky, it weighed only 10 pounds and was "not a problem," Jillian said.

Apparently, the topic first surfaced for Livonia administrators during a dinner meeting a couple of years ago with high school student leaders. One of their biggest concerns, the students had said, was having to carry heavy school books back and forth every day to school.

The students came up with a solution. Why not leave an extra set of books in each classroom? The set could be used in class, and would never leave the room. Students wouldn't have to haul their own copy in.

"We're talking a significant amount of money," said Marlene Bihlmeyer, curriculum director. But the idea is being investigated, and the cost to buy the extra sets will be presented shortly to the board, she said.

The trustees also suggested making the breaks between classes longer, so students can take books out of their locker, bring them to class, then put them back into the locker and pick up another one. Longer breaks mean students wouldn't have to lug all their books around all day, the trustees said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Weighty issue: Ninth-grader Rob McIntosh's school backpack tips the scale at around 20 pounds, but it's a weight he says he's become used to.

## Down the road

Superintendent Ken Watson brought up a solution increasingly viewed as the textbook "world of the future."

"Some districts are going to electronic textbooks," Watson said.

The next day a story appeared in The New York Times telling how schools and universities are increasingly turning to "electronic books."

The story relates how the Texas State Board of Education is launching a pilot program to distribute electronic books and laptop computers next fall to thousands of high school students for use in place of textbooks.

"We're not there yet," Bihlmeyer said.

# 2 schools unions get new contracts

New contracts were approved Monday evening for two Wayne-Westland school district unions.

The Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association and the Wayne-Westland Business Administrators Association received three-year contracts running through 2001.

Wayne-Westland school board members approved the contracts unanimously at Monday's regular board meeting.

The 35-member W-WBAA, which represents school principals, received 5 percent salary increases for the first year, 2.5 percent increases the second year and 2.75 percent increases the third year, according to Dan Snee, assistant superintendent for employee services.

Salaries after the 5 percent raises will range from \$65,617 at the bottom of the scale to \$87,933 at the top of the scale for high school principals. Middle school principals range from \$61,000 to \$82,000 and elementary school principals range from \$58,000 to \$78,702.

The 28-member W-WCOAA, which represents a cross section of district employees including all district administrators except the superintendent's cabinet and positions such as executive sec-

retary and director of transportation, received 3 to 5 percent raises for the first year of the contract depending on the position, 2.5 percent in the second year and 2.5 percent in the third year, Snee said.

Salary ranges after the first-year raises for W-WCOAA members range from \$26,272-33,878 for some positions covered by the union to \$69,000-89,164 for the top positions covered by the union.

Some changes in the step increase levels were also part of contract changes, Snee said.

The salary increases for W-WBAA will cost the district \$149,101 more in the first year, \$128,740 in the second year and \$73,861 in the third year, Snee said.

The salary increases for W-WCOAA will cost the district \$118,492 more in the first year, \$128,740 in the second year and \$94,725 in the third year, Snee said.

Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy expressed a "heartfelt thank you" for the work done to reach the contract settlements.

Board member Mathew McCusker called the agreements "fair and equitable contracts for all involved."

# Goodfellows seek help to pack, deliver gifts

The Westland Goodfellows organization is seeking volunteers to help pack gifts and deliver them to some of the community's less fortunate residents.

Volunteers will gather at the senior citizen Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at 6 p.m. Friday to pack gifts and prepare them for delivery, Goodfellows President Jerry Smith said.

Volunteers will leave the center about 8 a.m. the following morning to deliver gifts such as mittens, scarves, sweaters and toys. To help, simply show up.

Smith has said the organization's motto is, "No child without

a Christmas."

He issued a call for volunteers Monday during a Westland City Council meeting.

"If you make one delivery and you've never done it before, I guarantee you'll do it again next year," Smith said.

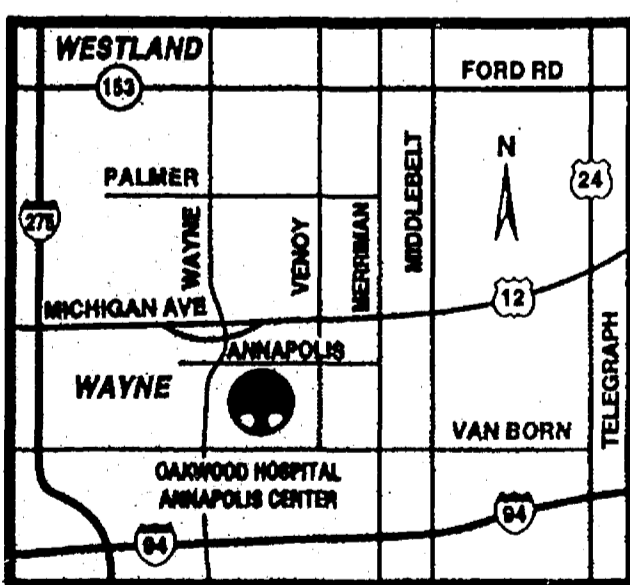
He commended volunteers, such as Westland police officers and firefighters, who helped the Goodfellows group reach its \$15,000 goal this holiday season.

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# Senate kills bill to allow local control over school plans

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A legislative bill giving cities and townships power to approve school building plans has been gutted by a Senate committee and is almost as good as dead.

Burial will be Dec. 31, when all unpassed bills expire.

"We'll be back next year," said Don Styppa, a lobbyist for the Michigan Municipal League, which joined forces with the

Michigan Townships Association to seek local unit site and construction plan reviews of both public and non-public school construction.

The bill had been eagerly watched by Northville Township, which has had a long-standing battle with the Northville School District over building plans.

Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton, a former mayor and school board member, won House passage of

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his bill. "We had two situations in my district - Woodhaven, where a relatively new building just fell apart; and Flat Rock, where there was no local control to inspect a building of a public school academy.

"We should treat school buildings the same as others," Mans told the Senate Human

Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs Committee - but the panel, headed by Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, disagreed.

The committee gutted the Mans bill and sent it to the Senate floor Dec. 2 on a 3-2 party-line vote. It is languishing on the Senate calendar.

Mans' bill would have repealed

a 1937 law placing school site and building inspection authority in the hands of what is now the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Local building and fire codes are inapplicable. It would also amend part of the school code.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the Mans bill would add \$26,000 to the cost of inspections and permits for a one-story building.

Rogers' committee version

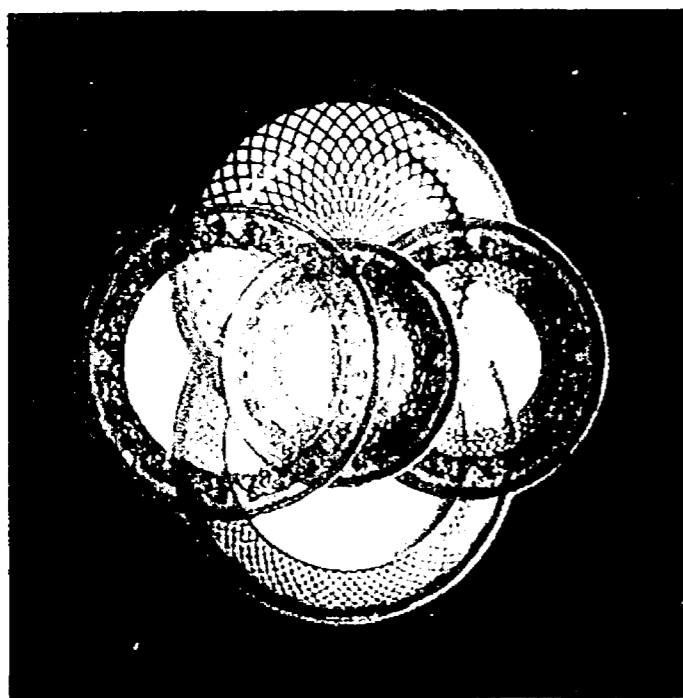
went back to a uniform method of statewide review. School authorities could voluntarily submit their plans to local officials, but wouldn't be required to do so. The Senate version keeps the House requirement that state-certified architects and engineers approve construction plans and be on-site.

But Republicans on the panel threw Democrats a political

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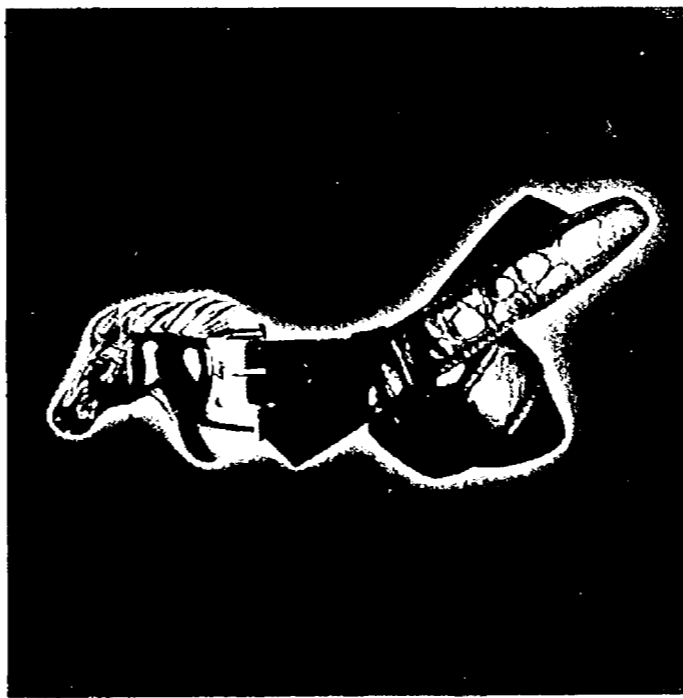


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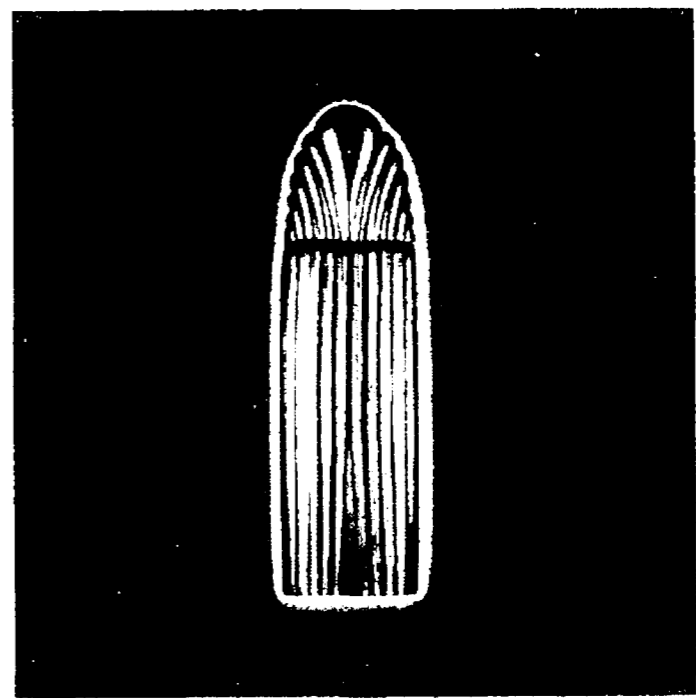
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 1998

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Edge, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Lynch.
Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Chief Police Kocis, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director Whitson, and Streets, Sewer and Water Supervisor Morton.
The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.
♦ Raleigh Potts, of Garden City, discussed damage to his property involving the Midtown Project (North Central Perrin) and dissatisfaction with the program.
♦ Herman Bersano, of Garden City, discussed replacement of sidewalks after watermain repair on Merriman south of Ford in the Bock/Pierce area, elimination of the Industrial Park dump site by using old diamond #4 returned to the City by GYAA (which is in DPS's backyard), and replacement of the ice arena bleachers.
♦ Item 11-98-503 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of November 16, 1998. AYES: Unanimous
The Mayor suspended the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the Council resumed normal rules of order.
Item A-7
Pay Estimate #17-1996 CSO Abatement Project. No motion offered.
♦ Item 11-98-504 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Waynick: Council discussed difference between citizens concerned list (contractor item and/or city item) and contractor punch list; and, if administration recommends approval. Mr. Potts considers his repairs to be contractor related and Mr. Bersano also noted there is a crack in the pavement on John Hauk at Garden City Presbyterian Church.
RESOLVED: To approve Final Payment #18 for the Midtown East Drainage and Paving Project to Sunset Excavating in the amount of \$189,592.09 to be charged to Account #815-000-337.304. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed.
The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:
Mayor Barker added Engineers Report at the beginning of the Study Session.
1. Community Recreation Plan.
2. Computer Training.
3. Michigan Municipal League-Membership.
4. Senior Alliance Contribution.
5. Library Final Payment.
6. Purchase of Arms & Munitions.
7. Sale of Police Motor Cars.
8. Traffic Control Orders.
9. Pump Station/Generator Repairs.
10. DPS Purchases:
a. Retainer Gland Set
b. 6" Gate Valve
c. Road Box
d. Water Main Fittings
11. Executive Office Chair.
12. Mechanical Keyless Entry Lock.
13. Mid-Town East/Brandt Street Assessments
♦ Item 11-98-505 Moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To have Wade-Trim along with the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Parks & Recreation Director compile a new Community Recreation Five-Year Plan for the purpose of obtaining funding from Proposal C, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-506 Moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To award the bid for twenty-five (25) computer software training coupons

to New Horizons Computer Learning Center, in the amount of \$135.00 per class, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #101-173-963.000. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-507 Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve the Senior Alliance membership in the amount of \$1,911.00 which is Garden City's share, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #101-775-801.400. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-508 Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the final payment to Erlicon Company for the library renovations, in the amount of \$22,686.60, as recommended by the City Manager and Architect, to be charged to Account #401-401-332.275. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-510 Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the bid for Arms & Munitions to CMP Distributors, Inc., in the amount of \$4,206.14, as recommended by the City manager, to be charged to Account #101-326-976.000. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-511 Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To award the bids for used vehicles to:
Winners Motor Corporation-
1995 Ford VIN #2FALP71W3SX173235 \$3,744.00
1995 Ford VIN #2FALP71W5SX173236 \$3,744.00
1992 Ford VIN #2FACP72W4NX207301 \$2,124.00
1992 Ford VIN #2FACP72WXXN207304 \$2,124.00
1994 Chevrolet VIN #1G1BL52P8RR173869 \$3,744.00
TOTAL \$16,480.00
M-97 Auto Parts-
1990 Ford VIN #1FACP40E1L1F117833 \$ 110.00
TOTAL \$ 110.00
Tierra Aggregate Co., Inc.-
1989 Ford VIN #FABP52U1KG282098 \$ 455.00
1987 Chevrolet VIN #1GABL516ZB9150112 \$ 699.00
1985 Chrysler VIN #1C3BH58E0FN188453 \$ 153.00
TOTAL \$1,307.00
Greater Detroit Used Cars-
1994 Chevrolet VIN #1G1BL52P9RR172701 \$4,479.00
TOTAL \$4,479.00
AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 11-98-512 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve Traffic Control Orders #460, 461, 462, 234A, 122A, 418a and 248a, and Rescinding Orders #058, 059, 060, and 061. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-513 Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To award the repair, emergency repair and preventative maintenance of City generators to GenPower Products in the amount of \$7,168.92 over a two year period, plus hourly rate and parts. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-514 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for retainer gland 6" and 8" sets to U.S. Filter in the amount of \$1,304.00 to be charged to account #592-593-977.800. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-515 Moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To award the bid for 6" gate valves to East Jordan Iron Works in the amount of \$7,920.00 as they were the lowest responsible bidder, to be charged to Account #592-593-740.00 AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-516 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid of "D" and "DD" Road Boxes to U.S. Filter in amount of \$1,878.20 to be charged to 592-593-977.800. AYES: Unanimous
♦ Item 11-98-517 Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To award the bid of Water Main Fitting Items 1-7 and 10-12 to Elna Supply in the amount of \$5,232.80 to be charged to Account 592-593-740.000 AYES: Unanimous
The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLISON M. BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer



# Ordinance from page A5

tion fell on the side of the handicapped employees - the asthmatics, Wofford said.

"I would like to control the amount of nicotine in my lungs and in my blood," Wofford said. "If I go into a restaurant, the smokers are dictating that amount. I don't choose the dressing in their salad."

But Robert Gifford, executive director of the Michigan Restaurant Association, which represents 3,500 restaurants throughout the state, said most restaurants provide at least 50 percent of seats for non-smokers.

"Restaurants are already

exceeding the requirement of state law," Gifford said. "To meet the demands of their customers - many of whom are non-smokers - many restaurant owners have restructured buildings, added new air circulation systems and set non-smoking percentages far above 50 percent."

Citing the Michigan Public Health Code, Gifford said state laws prohibit municipalities from enacting more stringent regulations on restaurants than exist at the state level.

Gifford said similar bans have hurt businesses in Arizona, California and New York. "The ban

is bad for the proposed casinos, it's bad for the efforts to build an entertainment center," Gifford said. "One restaurant chain, Outback Steakhouse, is already re-evaluating plans to build new establishments in Wayne County because of the proposed ban."

Marquette County passed a similar ban and it faces a legal challenge from the MRA, Gifford said.

### In favor of ban

Mark Cooper of the Michigan Citizens for Smoke-Free Air supported the ban.

"We don't care if people smoke,

we do care if we are subjected to it," he said.

Parker told commissioners the question was what the commissioner do as legislators about "something we know is harming people."

"We have speed limits to protect others," Parker said.

Commissioner O'Neil agreed that smoking was a health problem, but moved to reject the ordinance, which was rejected by the committee, 5-2.

Earlier, O'Neil had called smoking a "freedom of choice" and a decision that ought to be left to business owners. "There

are a lot of individuals who invested a million dollars to do business in Wayne County," O'Neil said. Boike believed the county should not act because it did not have the authority to do so.

"The state can supersede anything we adopt," Boike said. O'Neil thought the county commissioners should not legislate such a ban.

Cockrel asked "If not here, then where? I believe it's a good ordinance. I think we need to do this now." Her amendment reflected the percentage of smokers in Wayne County - 25 per-

cent. After the meeting, Gifford said he was pleased with the removal of the ban for bars and restaurants. The MRA was open to smoking restrictions, Gifford pointed out as that group helped set the 50 percent standard. If a ban were initiated in Wayne County, Wayne County patrons who want to smoke would go to another restaurant in another county, he said.

"We want a level playing field," Gifford said.

# Plans

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curve when they further amended the bill to remove a requirement that school districts pay the "prevailing wage" (a legal euphemism for union scale) on construction jobs.

"That will be a poison pill in the House," said Sen. Ken DeBeaussiaert, D-Macomb County, predicting the Democrat-controlled House would never agree to it.

"This prevailing wage is altogether a separate issue," said Sen. Mike O'Brien, D-Detroit. "Get another bill," he told Republicans.

Replied Rogers: "This (prevailing wage) adds costs. This takes money from school kids for books and computers."

O'Brien shot back: "All the books and computers aren't worth a darn if the roof caves in."

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, who sponsored the prevailing wage repeal, said the requirement does nothing but add to school construction costs. "It has nothing to do with construction quality," he said.

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## Happy holidays begin with good planning

Years of human history and folklore have left its imprint on our society, culture and family regarding the rich celebration, and all that accompanies, the Christmas season. The tradition that lives in the forethought of my mind are the scents of Christmas. Sure you can't beat the essence of fresh pine filling the air from a brightly lit Christmas tree, or the aroma wafting through the house of that special holiday roast. But my inner child is always yearning for fragrant scents of holiday baking. A warm rich cookie in one hand, and a piece of Grandma's fudge in the other, would conjure visions of sugar plum fairies dancing in my head, and best describe Christmas for me.

Even though some holiday food traditions have been revamped, shortened, or all together substituted, to fit the demands on our present day existence, many of us are still baking from scratch and making holiday confections.

Homemade sweets are such a thoughtful way to share Christmas and revel in the merry making, gift giving and exchanging. May I suggest picking up an old holiday baking tradition or beginning a new one to form your children's Christmas memories.

### Twelve Days of Christmas

Back by popular demand - The Twelve Days of Christmas - Don't forget to start today.

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

**DAY 11 - Menu planning**  
The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food! In addition to family favorites, this is the time to gather recipes you've wanted to try, and if necessary, experiment. When menu planning, it is essential to have a good mix of items to fit everyone's needs including a few selections which are on the lighter side. Try to make some things early. Many items, including baked goods and chutneys, can be made ahead of time. Don't forget to place any special meat or bakery item orders well in advance so you're not disappointed on your last minute shopping trip to your favorite market.

**DAY 10 - Purchase all your beverages.** Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature. Put beverages in coolers or party tubs and add ice an hour before guests arrive. It is hard enough fitting all the extra food items in the fridge without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

**DAY 9 -** It is close enough now to the date of your event to make any reminder calls to family and friends about times and such. It's also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation.

**DAY 8 -** It's a good day for holiday baking. Cookies and breads freeze great. Bring out your special holiday tins. Sweet filled tins make wonderful gifts.

**DAY 7 -** Beat the last minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, and canned and frozen items also. Make any last minute purchases you may need for your table.

**DAY 6 -** Plan your holiday table-top. You can use phone books, boxes turned upside down placed on top of a base line tablecloth. Arrange risers on the table and cover with additional

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Old-fashioned holidays

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

# BE A DEAR, SERVE FUN, HEALTHY FOOD AT YOUR PARTY

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS  
SPECIAL WRITER

I love the holiday season when houses are at their festive best and anticipation fills the air. Family traditions play center stage as we bring out our good china and favorite holiday ornaments, greet friends and family at parties and cook the traditional dishes of the season.

Christmas is a true delight for the senses. The smell of a fresh Christmas tree, and cookies baking in the oven. The sounds of Christmas carols and jingle bells in department stores. The sights of beautiful holiday light displays on neighbor's homes, Santa in the mall. Fields blanketed in snow ... and the wonderful tastes of all those holiday dishes!

Enjoying all our favorite foods this time of year is something we all look forward to. However, getting through the holidays without gaining a few extra pounds, is challenging, especially if you are hosting a party. You want your guests to enjoy a wonderful time. But those wonderful dishes don't necessarily have to be heavy in fat and calories. Every host loves praise for fabulous food. It is very gracious to help guests (and yourself) stay healthy by serving flavorful, fresh and sensible food.

The role that food plays, especially during the holidays, goes way beyond basic sustenance. Food is intensely personal and making changes in the usual holiday banquet may be stressful. You don't need to serve only carrot and celery sticks to work good nutrition into your holiday party. The best advice is to choose wonderful fresh foods and use a light hand when adding high fat ingredients. Her are some of my favorites:

### Shrimp cocktail

What could be more festive and nutritious than a big bowl of delicious shrimp? One of my colleagues has a huge punch bowl that comes with a stand. When assembled it looks like a

giant stemmed glass. She fills it with ice, puts the cocktail sauce in a little crystal bowl in the center and rings this with shrimp and lemon wedges. A little garland around the base and voila! A simply elegant hors d'oeuvre that at about 10 calories per medium shrimp, is an extravagant, indulgence.

### Stuffed mushroom caps

Prepared according to the recipe I have provided, these tasty treats are only about 20 calories each!

### Smoked Salmon

Served with mini bagels and honey mustard are great. Add salmon to fettuccine noodles for a wonderful pasta dish.

### Hummus and tabbouleh stuffed tomatoes

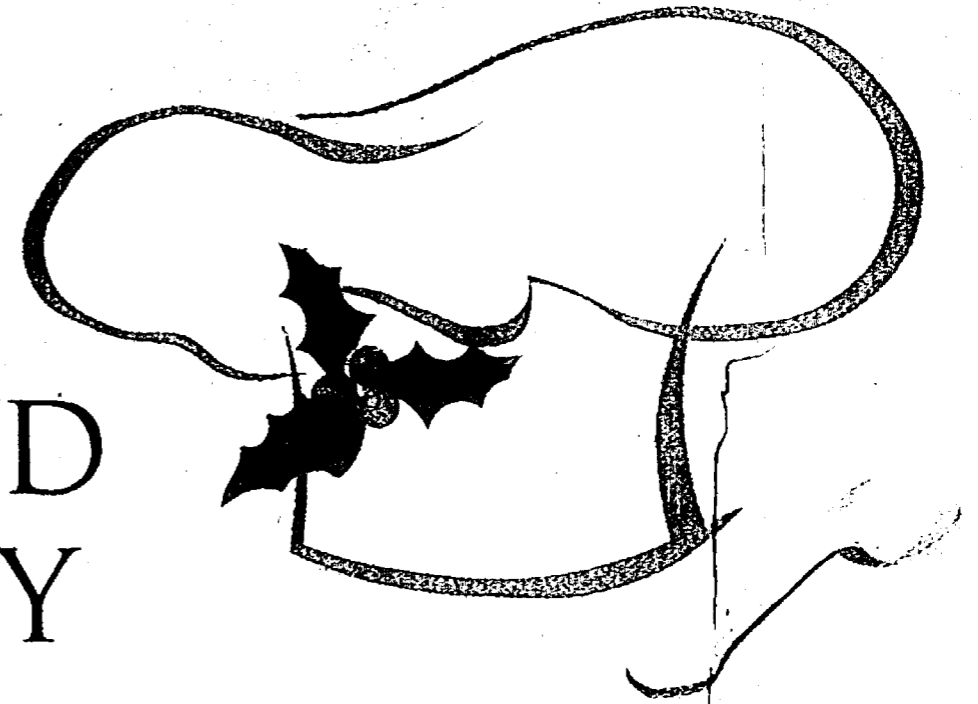
For this, simply cut the top off a cherry tomato, scoop out the pulp and replace it with store-bought hummus. (It's easy to make hummus, but this isn't necessary with the wonderful selection of flavored hummus you can find in almost any supermarket that has a specialty food section.) Garnished with a dip of tabbouleh, this hors d'oeuvre is tasty, colorful and under 25 calories each.

Great desserts such as biscotti, rolled wafers and plain iced cookies go well with flavorful spiced hot teas and sparkling punch. I've included a favorite biscotti recipe.

Serve them with cappuccino made with fat-free milk or they are delicious dipped in red wine for a wonderful ending to a fabulous evening!

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See recipes inside.



### THE TWELVE TIPS OF CHRISTMAS

1 Always serve food when you serve alcohol.



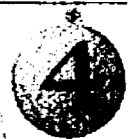
2 Offer activities other than just munching. Plan to sing Christmas carols, play holiday games or observe symbolic/religious traditions.



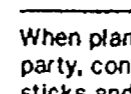
3 If you are entertaining, eat a little something before guests arrive so you don't feel like you have to eat quickly while serving.



4 Offer bottled or sparkling water as drink alternatives, served in champagne flutes with a strawberry, sparkling water is festive!



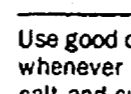
5 When buying wine for your party, remember that you will get four or five glasses per bottle. Be sure you have a good variety of wine on hand, as well as other non-alcoholic beverages. Spritzers and juice-based punch are popular. A pitcher of sangria also goes over well.



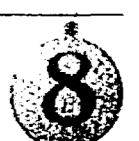
6 When planning the hors d'oeuvre menu for your party, consider all the food. Grains like bread sticks and toasted pita points, vegetables like salsa dips and stuffed mushrooms, cut up fresh fruits and juice-based punch. Dairy foods such as low-fat cheese cubes and yogurt-based dips and high quality protein like smoked salmon and deviled eggs.



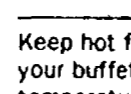
7 It is a fact - we "eat with our eyes" as well as our mouth. Make food feel more satisfying by presenting it in a beautiful manner. Use mirrored tiles, elevated bases, holiday foliage and hollowed out vegetables to display food.



8 Use good quality reduced fat or nonfat ingredients whenever possible. Also, go easy on the added salt and sugar in recipes.



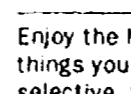
9 Replace some of the oil or shortening in a baked recipe using fruit purees (apple, banana or prune). Purees add moisture and boost nutrition. Depending on the recipe, substitute half as much fruit puree for fat. For example, use 1/2 cup of pureed prunes in place of 1 cup of butter. You may add a tablespoon or two of fat back into the recipe to achieve the best results.



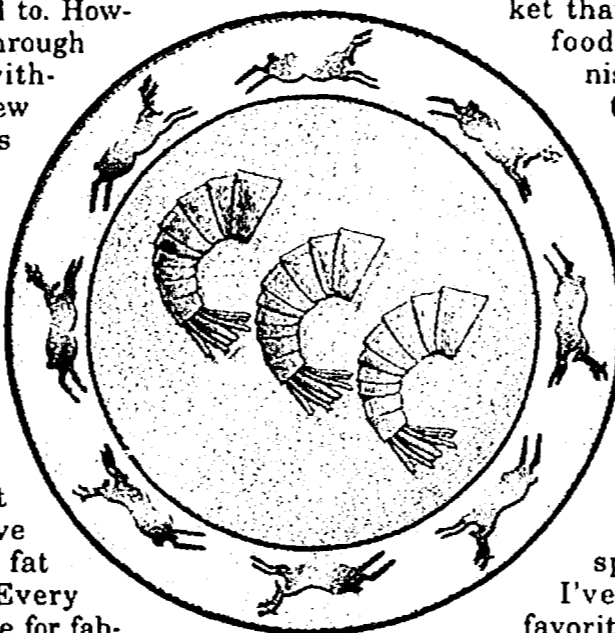
10 Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Check your buffet table often to be certain food temperatures are appropriate to keep it safe and fresh.



11 Before they leave, give each guest a small gift. A single rose tied with a festive bow, a handmade Christmas ornament, a candle, some herbal tea, or gourmet coffee, seeds for an indoor herb garden, small containers of marmalade, chutney or gourmet mustard, home made granola mix in a festive wrapper or homemade flavored popcorn balls. It shouldn't be elaborate or expensive. The small token of your friendship will be a lasting reminder to your guests of the wonderful party!



12 Enjoy the holidays without fretting about all the things you "shouldn't" be eating. Be sensible, be selective, think about your food intake over the long run and not just on a meal-by-meal basis. Happy Holidays!



# Tenderloin beef roast sure to please guests

### MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

If this is a traditional part of your holiday menu that you think you have

Standing rib roast was a holiday staple at our house. I can still smell the meat roasting and hear the fat crackling in the oven of our old gas stove. Mother always chose a roast of the first three ribs. She picked one that had lots of fatty streaks throughout the meat (marbling) to "guarantee tenderness," she said.

The tenderloin of beef roast that I am recommending is one of the leanest yet most tender cuts of beef. It's the cut that yields filet mignon steaks, the accompanying wine sauce, crushed peppercorns and garlic enhance the

to relinquish to fond memory. I've got some tasty news. My recipe is actually improvement on standing rib roast both gastronomically and nutritionally.

Before their first visit to my office, many of my patients think that saying good-bye to meat is one of the first things that they must do to "Eat Younger." But that is not necessarily so.

Red meat has gained an unhealthy reputation because it can be a significant source of fat and saturated fat if the chosen cut is high fat and the portion is large.

Beef sold today is 27 percent leaner than my fondly remembered standing rib roast. Choosing a cut without the fatty streaks or marbling will further reduce the fat. This doesn't mean a dry,

tough roast. Carefully monitoring cooking temperatures and cooking time will ensure that "melt-in-your-mouth" goodness. Keeping the portion small (3 ounces cooked weight) and the cut lean helps to make meat a part of an "Eat Younger" diet. If your meal plan also includes lots of high fiber fruit, vegetables and whole grains.

Today's recipe calls for a piece of tenderloin cut from the thicker end called the butt. It usually weighs between 2 and 3 pounds. It's perfect for 6 to 8 people. Add some thick, non fat oven fried potatoes (with the skins left on) and a

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# Brussels

## Expand your vegetable menu

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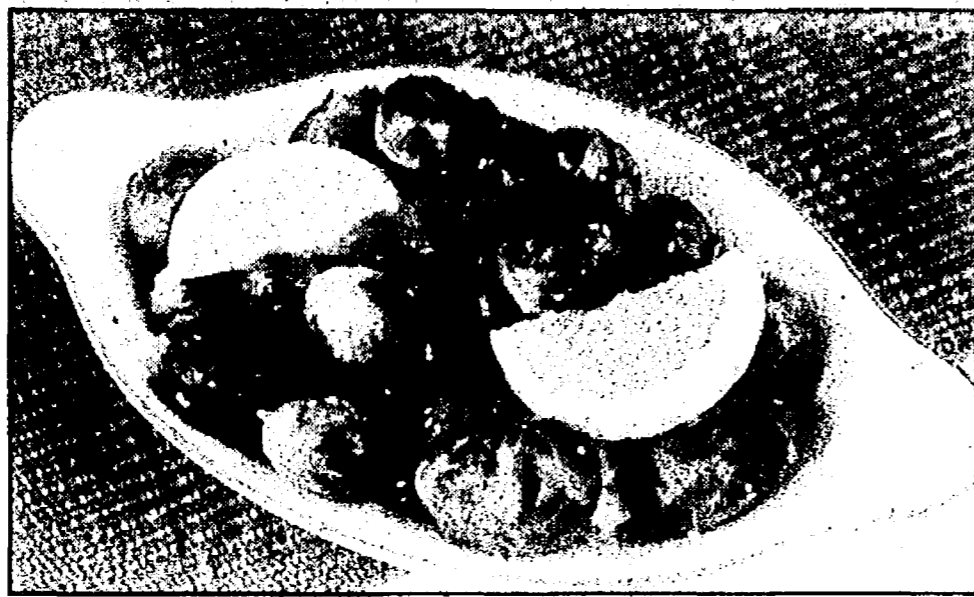
Variety is more than just the spice of life, it's the key to a healthy life as well. Eating a variety of wholesome foods is the best way to get all the important nutrients, fiber and phytochemicals that are proving so essential to guard against cancer and other serious diseases.

Scientists don't yet know exactly which specific elements in food offer the most protection, so eating many different kinds of vegetables, fruits and grains provides a full range of health-promoting benefits.

Keep this in mind the next time you're in the produce department, and expand your vegetable repertoire with something you've never tried before.

Sample some fresh fennel - it resembles celery, but has a wonderful licorice-like taste. The leafy tops should be unblemished and not limp, and

there should be no brown spots or cracks on the bottom of the bulb. Fennel is delicious



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**Delicious side dish:** This simple recipe for orange-buttered brussels sprouts may become a new, easy favorite at your house.

eaten raw, so it is a welcome addition to any raw vegetable platter or salad.

It's also popular in Italian cooking; try julienne slices sautéed with broccoli florets in a bit of olive oil, then sprinkled with lemon juice and seasoned to taste with salt and pepper.

Look for Jerusalem artichokes, whose knobby tubers are starchy like potatoes, but sweeter. Raw, they have the crunch and mild flavor of water chestnuts which make

them perfect for salads (try them cubed in a Waldorf salad).

When cooked, they have a sweet, nutty flavor that's great in stir-fries or stews. Try Jerusalem artichoke slices steamed tender crisp with sliced carrots, sautéed onion, garlic and thyme, splashed with lemon juice.

### Experiment

Don't let the odd appearance

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# Unique from page B1

pieces of festive holiday linen, thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters, bowls, etc... Give some thought to your centerpiece, how about some fresh pine branches placed between risers? Holiday ribbon cascaded about? Candles are always a nice touch. Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday tables. Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors.

■ **DAY 5** - Gather you china, serving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite Christmas cards, cassettes and records.

■ **DAY 4** - The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve is the grocery store. Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the egg nog and cinnamon.

■ **DAY 3** - Pick up your fresh meats and any special orders for

cakes that you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel apples or potatoes in advance make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice.

■ **DAY 2** - OK, let's get cooking! Go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat in oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam on the stovetop for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake. Get all your side dishes ready to go. If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it! Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean meat and season so it will be oven ready. Set the table.

■ **DAY 1** - **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed

to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones. Your table is set, your side dishes are ready to go, your silver clean, plates out, beverages to be iced one hour before.

The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with meal time so that all runs smoothly. Make sure children and non-kitchen participants do the clean up.

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

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# Beef from page B1

broiled tomato stuffed with spinach for raves for flavor, fiber and "good" eating.

### BEEF TENDERLOIN ROAST

- 2-3 pound Tenderloin Butt Filet
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons crushed black peppercorns

Spray a shallow roasting pan with non-stick spray. Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Wipe the meat and make shallow slits on all sides. Insert garlic slices. Brush meat with olive oil and press peppercorns into meat.

Place the meat in the roasting pan and roast until an instant-

read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the roast reaches desired temperature (120°F for rare, 135°F for medium) about 25-45 minutes.

Remove from oven. Cover the roast loosely with aluminum foil and let stand 15 to 20 minutes. The roast will continue cooking. Slice and serve with the wine mushroom sauce that follows. Serves 6-8 people.

### MUSHROOM RED WINE SAUCE

- 1 1/2 cups dry red wine (I prefer Red Zinfandel)
- 1 cup fat-free, sodium-reduced beef bouillon
- 1/2 cup whole fresh mushrooms

Cook mushrooms until tender in wine-broth mixture. Remove

mushrooms. Simmer wine mixture until reduced by half. Return mushrooms to liquid. Reheat briefly.

Nutrition facts: (per 3 ounce serving) 181 Calories, 8.7g Fat, 3.3g Saturated Fat, 72mg Cholesterol, 64mg Sodium.

Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat

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# Latkes a tasty favorite Festive treats sure to please holiday guests

Here are some Latke recipes for Hanukkah from — "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home" by Ethel G. Hofman.

These buttery, crusty latkes are eaten out of hand in the streets of the Marais, the old Jewish neighborhood in Paris. Use thawed frozen cauliflower florets if you like, to speed up preparation. If served with meat, oil should be used for frying and the mashed potatoes should not contain any dairy products.

## CAULIFLOWER-POTATO LATKES

- 1 cup cauliflower florets
- 1 1/2 cups mashed potatoes
- 3 tablespoons matzoh meal
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons kasha
- 4 to 6 tablespoons butter

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook cauliflower until it is very soft, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry.

In a mixing bowl, mash cauliflower to small bits with a fork. Add mashed potatoes, matzoh meal, garlic, salt, pepper, and egg. Blend thoroughly.

Shape into 12 patties - 3 inches in diameter and about 1/2 inch thick. Sprinkle with kasha, pressing into both sides.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Fry latkes in batches, adding more butter as necessary, until they are browned and crust is crisp, about 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot. Makes 12.

## PARMESAN POTATO LATKES

Parmesan cheese adds a distinct bite to the classic latke. These make a tempting platter, which is sometimes garnished with pesto sauce.

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 small onion, but into 3 pieces
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled

- and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/4 cup matzoh meal
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil

In a food processor, combine eggs, onion, and potatoes. Process until onion and potatoes are finely chopped.

Transfer to a mixing bowl and blend in matzoh meal, cheese, parsley, and mustard.

Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Slide rounded tablespoonfuls of potato batter into the hot oil, pressing each with a wide spatula to flatten slightly.

Cook until golden brown and crisp on both sides about three minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot. Makes 24; 6 to 8 servings.

See Peggy Evert's story about holiday entertaining on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of HDS Services.

## STUFFED MUSHROOMS

- 16 medium mushrooms with stems removed and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1/4 cup nonfat milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon parsley, finely chopped
- A dash of curry powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 pound cooked, skinless chicken, finely chopped

Sauté onion and garlic in chicken broth until limp. Blend in flour and cook on low until slightly browned. Add milk and cook until smooth and thick. Add mushroom

stems, lemon juice and seasonings and cook for 1 minute. Mix this with the chicken breast.

Soon filling into 16 mushroom caps and place on lightly sprayed baking sheets. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes. Makes 16.

Nutrition information per serving: (2 mushrooms) Calories 40, Protein 5g, Fat 0.60g, Sodium 158mg. Percent of calories from fat 13

## CAPPUCCINO BISCOTTI

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon strong brewed espresso, cooled
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned and chopped coarse
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet choco-

late chips  
In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment blend the flour, the sugar, the baking soda, the baking powder, the salt, the cinnamon and the cloves until the mixture is combined well.

In a small bowl whisk together the espresso, the milk, the egg yolk and the vanilla, add the mixture to the flour mixture, beating until a dough is formed, and stir in the hazelnuts and the chocolate chips.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface, knead it several times and halve it. Working on a large buttered and floured baking sheet, with floured hands, form each piece of dough into a flattish log 12 inches long and 2 inches wide, and arrange the logs at least 3 inches apart on the sheet.

Bake the logs in the middle of a preheated 350°F oven for 35 minutes and let them cool on the baking sheet on a rack for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 275°F. On a cutting board, cut the logs crosswise on the diagonal into 3/4-inch slices, arrange the biscotti, cut side down, on the baking

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# Sweets make savory holiday gifts

See related 2 Unique Column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT BROWNIES

- 1 pound white chocolate
- 1 pound plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 10 whole eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 5 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup finely crushed peppermints

Melt butter and chocolate over double boiler on low heat stirring often. Once melted whip by hand until completely smooth.

In separate bowl beat eggs until smooth thick and pale in color. Add sugar to eggs and continue to beat for 7-8 minutes. Add chocolate butter mixture to beaten sugar and eggs, mix well and stir in crushed peppermint.

Spread mixture evenly into greased and parchment lined half sheet trays.

Bake at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes until lightly browned. Test by poking wooden toothpick into center of half sheet tray and see if it swipes clean which would indicate brownies being done. Makes about 5 dozen.

## SPICED HOLIDAY COOKIES

- 1/3 cup butter softened
- 1/3 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 5 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cream butter, shortening and sugar. Add sour cream, molasses, vanilla and eggs continue to beat until smooth.

In separate bowl combine all dry ingredients. Add half of dry ingredients to wet ingredients, mix well. Add other half to mixture

and blend.  
Divide dough in two wrap in plastic and chill for two hours. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick and cut with holiday shaped cutters.

Bake on greased or parchment prepared half sheet trays at 350°F 7-9 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen 3-inch cookies

## ALMOND APRICOT BISCOTTI

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 whole eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 cup diced "dried" apricots
- 1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds

Egg wash  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon milk  
Mix flours, baking powder and salt. Beat sugar, butter, eggs and extracts

Fold in dry ingredients, nuts and apricots. Divide dough in half and mold into a piece 3 inches wide and 8 inches long.  
Brush with Egg Wash made from 1 egg mixed with 1 tablespoon milk.

Bake log in 350°F oven 15-20 minutes until golden brown on prepared cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Cool 8-10 minutes and slice logs on a diagonal 1/2-inch wide slices. Arrange slices cut side down on parchment prepared baking sheet and return to oven for 5 minutes. Remove and cool. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

Chef's tip: Melt 1 cup semi sweet dark chocolate over a double boiler, dip ends of biscotti in chocolate.

## DARK CHOCOLATE BARK

- 2 pounds semi-sweet chocolate (broken up)
  - 1/4 cup walnuts (chopped)
  - 1/2 cup pretzels (chopped)
  - 1/2 cup Holiday M&M's
- To make bark, melt chocolate in a double boiler on low heat. Stir in ingredients. Spread evenly on cookie sheet with parchment paper. Chill and break into pieces.

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# Brussels

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of kohlrabi put you off; it looks and tastes like a cross between turnip and cabbage. You can eat the bulb and the leaves, as both are highly nutritious.

Use the bulbs in any recipe calling for turnips and enjoy the slight cabbage flavor. Serve kohlrabi strips raw with your favorite lowfat dip.  
Or, sauté steamed, tender-crisp diced kohlrabi with corn, tomatoes, scallions, garlic, parsley and a bit of chili powder for a flavorful side dish.

Aside from these vegetables that you may have never encountered before, remember to bring home some "old favorites" that may not be regulars on your menus, like beets, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, Swiss chard, eggplant, okra, parsnips, or rutabagas.

## ORANGE-BUTTERED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 10-ounce package frozen brussels sprouts
- 2 teaspoon water
- 2 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame seeds

Cook brussels sprouts according to package directions, drain

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Cook and stir over low heat until margarine melts. To serve, toss orange juice mixture with brussels sprouts

Nutrition information: Each of the four 2/3-cup servings contains 44 calories and 1 gram of fat

Recipes and information compliments of Melanie Polk, and the American Institute for Cancer Research

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# Wrap up your shopping

## Tasteful cookbooks make delicious gifts

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Many cookbooks feed the eyes and the mind even before they're carried off to the kitchen to be put to work to feed the family.

Some of the more elegant may make it no farther than the coffee table.

Either way, cookbooks of taste make wonderful gifts. Here are some glossy examples that have mouthwatering visual presentation.

"Cuisine of the Creative" (Miami Dog Press, \$49) is a collaboration between James Lambeth, an architect who took all the photos, and Miles James, his son-in-law, who is chef-owner of the James at the Mill restaurant in Fayetteville, Ark.

The book was born, Lambeth says, when he and James decided they could explore the connection between food and creativity together.

Some 50 architects, chefs and photographers were selected for the book. Among them: Pop art's Andy Warhol; chef Wolfgang Puck and his wife,

artist Barbara Lazaroff; and jeweler-sculptor Elsa Peretti. Each is represented by recipes and photographs of favorite dishes.

Lambeth, who also lives in Fayetteville, traveled the world to photograph the dishes in their appropriate settings. Hong Kong is the setting for I.M. Pei's orange-glazed chicken. A building designed by Pei is in the photograph's background.

About half of the 160 recipes were provided by the artists, Lambeth said. "Many of them are cooks. ... Elsa Peretti and (architect Massimo) Vignelli created recipes specially for us."

Other recipes were created by James from artists' descriptions or statements.

### Menus and Music

A 60-minute CD of carols sung by cathedral choirs is slotted into the cover of chef Willi Elsener's "Menus and Music for Christmas" (Macmillan, \$25) to form an angel's halo.

Elsener is executive chef of London's

Dorchester Hotel. Each of his 12 chapters suggests a festive menu centered on a dish that is traditional to a particular country, accompanied by recipes from other countries, all adapted for American cooks. The English chapter features Granny's fruitcake; the American chapter features roast turkey with pecan nut and pine kernel stuffing.

The book is illustrated with color photos of the food, as well as with vignettes of paintings and prints, and comments on national food customs and traditions.

### Heirloom Vegetables

"A Celebration of Heirloom Vegetables" (Artisan, \$35) by Roger Yepsen is generously illustrated with the author's own watercolors. What Yepsen is celebrating are the old-time varieties, the living antiques of the vegetable world.

A full-page spread on potatoes features the Yellow Finn, the All Blue, the Caribo and the Irish Cobble. Go

past the information on how to grow potatoes to find recipes for charcoal baked potatoes and oven-roasted potatoes with rosemary.

Vegetables ranging from beans and beets to melons and rutabagas are surveyed, with dozens of colorful images and practical dishes.

### Basics

Getting down to basics are "Ultimate Beer" (DK, \$29.95) by Michael Jackson and "Ultimate Bread" (DK, \$24.95) by Eric Treuille and Ursula Ferrigno.

Both are large-format books, shinning with this publisher's usual clean design and print quality. Both are packed with relevant information and recipes.

The beer book is a connoisseur's parade of bottle shapes and labels. It recommends beers to serve with shellfish and beers to sip with chocolate.

Another one-topic book: "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin, \$35) by Bruce Aidells and Denis Kelly. The book's subtitle spells out

that this is "A Juicy and Authoritative Guide to Selecting, Seasoning, and Cooking Today's Beef, Pork, Lamb and Veal."

This is not a large-format picture book, but there is plenty to read and learn.

### Asian cooking

"Classic Asian Cooking" (DK, \$24.95) by Sri Owen is another gem of design. Picture a dish of fried chicken, photographed on a blue-and-white plate, with the ingredients arranged stylishly like a fan radiating around the plate. Recipes, regional tastes and spices are explained and illustrated.

Finally, "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection" (Perplus Editions, \$12 per volume) is a series of about 20 titles, each in a slim hardback volume. Titles cover such themes as Winter, Chicken, Potatoes, Sauces and Chocolate. Each has a selection of recipes with full-page color photos. Each is self-contained. Collectively, they could add up to a cook's personal encyclopedia.

## Festive orange-honey glazed chicken perfect for Hanukkah

AP - Orange-Honey Glazed Chicken with Matzo-Prune Stuffing is a festive dish that meets the traditions of Hanukkah meals, combining elements historically linked to Jew-

ish cuisine such as prunes, honey and matzo.

The chicken is baked in pieces, so it does not take as long to cook as a whole bird.

<b>ORANGE-HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN WITH MATZO-PRUNE STUFFING</b>	quartered	1 tablespoon honey	1 medium carrot, shredded
	Salt and pepper	3 tablespoons margarine	1 1/4 cups pitted prunes, quartered
	5 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, thawed	2/3 cup chopped onion	Four 6 1/4-inch matzo sheets, broken into 1/2-inch pieces
3 to 3 1/2-pound chicken.		2/3 cup sliced celery	14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Oil a 9- by 13-inch baking pan.

Season chicken with salt and pepper; place pieces in pan spaced apart with skin sides down. Bake on lower oven rack 30 minutes.

In small bowl, mix 3 tablespoons of the orange juice concentrate and the honey; set aside.

To make stuffing: In a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine. Mix in onion, celery and carrot. Cook 5 minutes. Mix in remaining 2 tablespoons concentrate and the remaining ingredients. Cook and mix about 2 minutes until some of the liquid is absorbed. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Oil a 1 1/2-quart baking dish or 4 individual baking dishes. (If using individual baking dishes, place in shallow baking pan.) Place stuffing in baking dish or dishes; cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Brush chicken with honey mixture; turn skin sides up and brush again. Continue to cook 30 to 40 minutes longer until juices run clear when pierced with the point of a knife, brushing once or twice with honey mixture. If needed, cover loosely with foil during last half of baking to prevent over-browning. At the same time, bake stuffing on upper oven rack, allowing 30 minutes for single dish and 20 minutes for individual dishes. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 1,143 cal., 97 g pro., 55 g fat, 906 mg sodium, 62 g carbohydrate.

Recipe from: California Prune Board

**Treats**

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sheet, and bake them for 10-15 minutes on each side or until they are pale golden.

The longer you bake them, the harder they become. Some people like them very crunchy. Transfer the biscotti to racks to cool and store them in airtight containers. Makes about 32 biscotti.

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### Breastfeeding support

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Next meeting on Monday, December 14th. Please call for location and/or additional information. Theresa (734) 261-6814, Vicki (313) 937-3011, or Michelle (734) 591-7071.

### Blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Jan. 4 in the auditorium. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are low. To schedule a time to donate, call (734) 655-2907. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments are preferred.

### Weekday play

Handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts are available for evening play Mon.-Wed. and Fridays at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks beginning the week of Jan. 4. Enrollment is limited and courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish their own locks and towels. Call (734) 462-4413 for information.

### Thinking healthy

Learn how to choose the thoughts that lead to inner peace and well being is the emphasis of a class sponsored by Botsford Health Development Network (HDN), Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. entitled "Change Your Mind, Change Your Experience." The two-hour class is held at the HDN, 39750 Grand river Ave., in Novi. Cost is \$15. Call (248) 477-6100.

### Retaining memory

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a free seminar, Wednesday, Jan. 20 on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation "Remarkable Memory: Retaining and Regaining Your Memory," will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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# A ray of hope

## Clinical study brings remission to lymphoma patient

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**B**ob Riethmiller was alone when he learned he had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a lethal blood-borne cancer of the immune system.

"I was expecting to hear the lumps in my leg and collar bone were benign cysts not unlike one I had removed years earlier," said Riethmiller. "I went without my wife because I didn't expect to hear I had cancer. I was devastated."

At the age of 31, the Livonia father and husband was told he could expect to live another four to 10 years.

Riethmiller's prognosis was not good. Sadly, traditional cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation only bring about short-lived states of remission in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients and tend to make them extremely ill.

Following his diagnosis in December 1994, Riethmiller had both tumors removed and was being cared for by an oncologist at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. At home, he and his wife, Linda, began to refocus their outlook on life.

"We put less value in material things," said Riethmiller, who was concerned his young children wouldn't remember their father if he died in four or five years. "I wanted to enjoy my kids and spend as much time with them as possible."

After his surgery, Riethmiller returned to Karmanos every six months for a CAT scan evaluation but he says he was basically on his own. "We kept up with research being done in hopes something would come about but there wasn't really anything they could do for me."

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 270,000 people are afflicted with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the United States alone. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma currently is the sixth leading cause of death among cancers in the U.S. and has the second fastest growing mortality rate.

### Ray of hope

Through Riethmiller's research, he became aware of a lecture pertaining to clinical trials being performed by a doctor at the University of Michigan on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients. The Livonia man said he attended the seminar in the winter of 1996 and subsequently contacted Dr. Mark Kaminski's office about his involvement in the study.



In remission: Bob Riethmiller and his wife, Linda, are thankful that the clinical study he was in gave him more time to be with his two young children, Megan, 4 1/2, and Amber, 22 months, and watch them grow up.

"At the time, I was told there wasn't an opening available and that I wasn't eligible."

In order to participate, he would have to wait until his tumors returned.

"It seemed kind of ironic," said Riethmiller. "Things would have to get worse before I could qualify to participate in a program that might make things better."

A fitness instructor by trade, Riethmiller said he had been in general good health all his life, making the diagnosis of Stage III non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seem all the more dismal.

"Our long-term goals turned short-term," said Riethmiller. "It woke us up to the fact that no one lives forever."

In order to spend more time with his kids, Riethmiller made the decision to stay at home full time. "I wanted to spend as much time with them as possible so they would have some memory of me when they were older."

In the spring and summer of 1997, Riethmiller discovered lumps in both his right and left leg.

Physicians discovered a third in his small intestine. While the tumors' return was a disturbing reminder he had cancer, Riethmiller was determined to participate in Kaminski's study.

"I had to meet certain parameters to be eligible such as the tumors had to be a certain size and my bone marrow couldn't be infected with the cancer more than 25 percent."

### Part of study

In December 1997, Riethmiller qualified as the 40th clinical trial candidate out of a 60-patient study group to receive a drug called Bexxar.

Produced by Coulter Pharmaceuticals, it's an antibody with radioactive iodine attached. "The drug was conceived to attach itself to a protein found only on the surface of B-lymphocytes such as those found in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The radioactivity then hones in on the B-cell and destroys it."

Riethmiller underwent a trial intravenous treatment in April 1998, then a week later he

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# Drug wins FDA Fast Track designation

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Late-stage developments of I-131 Anti B1 Antibody are progressing with much success according to Coulter Pharmaceutical, Inc who reported Monday that "more patients experienced remissions with a single therapeutic dose" of the antibody than to their last "chemotherapy regimen."

The drug, also known as Bexxar, received designation from the Food and Drug Administration, this past week, as a Fast Track Product

The significance of the designation means the FDA will take action to accelerate the development and review of the drug as a commercial therapy. Coulter stated the designation was awarded "because one of the targeted indications for the therapy is a life-threatening unmet medical need" for which low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has been deemed

Principal investigator for the clinical trial, Dr. Mark Kaminski, associate professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, presented

the results of the Phase III pivotal trial reporting unprecedented results based on the current progress of the 60 NHL patient-study

Of the patients who have received Bexxar, 100 percent of previously untreated patients have seen their tumors shrink in size and 71 percent are experiencing complete remission

Presently the average length of remission following the single antibody treatment is 6.5 months, doubling the 3.4 month duration of remission of chemotherapy patients. "Currently, the longest duration of

remission in this trial with the I-131 Anti-B1 Antibody is going at 17.3 months," reported Kaminski to the American Society of Hematology.

Patients participating in the study will have their progress tracked for years to come as the FDA begins processing a license application. Because of the Fast Track Product designation licensing can begin as elements of the package are submitted, instead of waiting until the entire filing is complete

The drug is being tested to treat low stage or low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients only

# Innovative program helps Parkinson patients cope

Over 35,000 Michigan residents live with Parkinson's disease, a slowly progressive disorder that gradually steals control of the part of the nervous system that governs movement, posture, balance and walking.

Now an innovative program at the Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) in Novi is helping a group of Parkinson's patients to make fuller use of their physical endurance and agility.

"We've designed this program to meet the specific needs of patients diagnosed with Parkinson's," says Shel Levine, M.S., a certified exercise physiologist at TRACC. "Although exercise cannot reverse or delay the Parkinson's symptoms, the moderate exercise program we've designed certainly can help prevent the wasting away of muscle fibers and complications

caused by under-utilized joints."

Participants in TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Program (PEP) are evaluated in the areas of cardiovascular conditioning, body composition, flexibility and strength at the beginning as well as the end of the 12 week class. The regimen includes a full range of cardiovascular and weight training, as well as a variety of endurance and balance exercises.

The current class is composed of individuals who range in age from their mid 60s to late 70s. As are considered "mid range" Parkinson's patients because although symptoms such as slow, shuffling walk and tremors are noticeable, they are still able to function independently. However, any age group and early to mid stage patients are accepted into the program.

The TRACC program clients, each of whom is carefully monitored, report an increase in their

endurance, flexibility and balance. But Levine sees more than just physical benefits in clients' attitudes toward the TRACC program.

"Parkinson's affects the activities of daily living," notes Levine. "It is an emotionally draining condition for patients, who are prone to bouts of depression. Participating in a mild exercise regimen — such as the one we've developed here at TRACC — enables them to, in a very positive way, make full use of their physical potential."

Registration is now underway for the next session of TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Program, which runs from Jan. 12 through April 8. Held at TRACC's facilities in the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at 39750 Grand River in Novi. The 90-minute class meets at 11 a.m. three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Call 248-473-5600.

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Isolated from the general population of the hospital, Riethmiller spent three days with restricted human contact due to the extremely high levels of radioactivity injected into his system.

"There were lead plates on the sides of the beds and hospital clothing worn by the staff that did have contact with me, were tagged radioactive," said Riethmiller. He says he spent another week at a relative's home so as not to expose his young child at the time to the radioactivity.

Good news  
One month after the injection, Riethmiller underwent a nuclear scan (similar to an X-ray) and a

bone marrow biopsy. There was less than 1 percent of his original tumors left. In October, he underwent the same testing and the tumors were considered completely gone.

"It's a one-time deal," said Riethmiller. "That's why it's so different than chemotherapy that you have to keep going back for."

It has been eight months since the treatment and Riethmiller still reports no side effects from the radioactive antibody and he remains in remission — tumor-free.

"I'm feeling pretty confident," said Riethmiller, who will return to the University of Michigan Cancer Center in January for a CAT scan to evaluate his progress. "I'm so pleased. In 1994, I thought there was no hope. Today, I know there's something out



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Quality time:** Riethmiller doesn't take for granted the quality time he spends with his two daughters (from left) Megan, 4½, and Amber, 22 months. Decorating the tree together is just one of the things he's able to do as a stay-at-home dad.

there." For more information on Bexxar for the treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, call (800) 865-1125.



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**Physician inducted**  
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### Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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Dr. Martin Tamlar of Beaumont Hospital will host a seminar on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia. The focus will be on a 40-30-30 diet. The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. at the Beaumont Auditorium, at the south end of the hospital. For more information call Sharon at (248) 344-4063.

**WED, DEC. 16**  
**BREATHERS CLUB**  
A support group for persons and or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom 3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3481. 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. 17**  
**BREASTFEEDING CLASS**

St. Mary Hospital is committed to providing education and support to area mothers who decide to breastfeed their babies. A class is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

**MON, DEC. 21**  
**SPORTS SAFETY**  
Course trains individuals to become instructors to teach coaches and other interested individuals basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, choking and CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee includes course cost and materials, \$50. 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 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$22. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

**JANUARY**  
**MINI FITNESS CLASSES**  
Schoolcraft College offers almost 60, four-week mini physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.

**MON, JAN. 4**  
**CARDIAC SUPPORT**

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. From 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-3242.

**WED, JAN. 6**  
**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. You must RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

**JAN. 7-19**  
**STOP SMOKING CLINIC**  
The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates include: Jan. 7, Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 for information.

**FRI, JAN. 8**  
**REDUCING RISK**  
Dr. Marcella Salib will host a discussion on high blood pressure (hypertension) and stress at the Leather Bottle Restaurant. Guest speaker James Mikrut, R.P.T. will be featured. The program will run from 1-2 p.m. (health-o-rama/2-3 p.m.). Subtopics will include cause/effect of hypertension, controlling and treating heart attack and coping and preventing complications of heart disease. The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of 8 Mile and Farmington roads.

**TUE, JAN. 12**  
**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**

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## LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.  
Attorney at Law

#### CRIMINAL EFFECT

Victims of crime who are weighing the possibility of filing civil suits against those who caused them injury should know that filing a civil suit is independent of the status of any criminal proceeding. The victim can file a civil suit while a criminal proceeding is under way. He or she can also sue if no criminal charges are filed or if the defendant is found not guilty.

Let you think that a civil suit would be just a rerun with the same

HINT: Even though O.J. Simpson was not found guilty in a criminal court, the Browns and the Goldmans were still able to press their civil suit against him by a preponderance of the evidence.

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# Accelerators

## Help speed up Web access



MIKE WENDLAND

MIke Wendland  
Making the Internet work faster is something high on everybody's wish list this holiday season.

The problem is, unless we live in one of the still limited areas served by cable TV Internet access or the new DSL service from Ameritech, we're mostly stuck with clunky old modems that all too often turn the World Wide Web into the World Wide Wait.

But there is some good news.

There are some handy new programs that ... pretty painlessly ... can let you get a major speed boost as you surf the net.

They're called net "accelerators."

If you go to one of the free download sites like download.com (www.download.com) and do a key word search on "Internet Accelerators," you'll find plenty of offerings.

But I have two that I can recommend.

The first is my favorite, something called NetSonic, available from the web3000 site (http://www.web3000.com).

It works this way: Since most Internet surfers return to the same pages again and again, NetSonic stores the main graphic elements of each page and only retrieves the content that has changed, cutting download time. Now that's good. And you can get it from the Web site for free.

But a \$30 version of the NetSonic program does something else... Something much better. It ... excite the geek speak here ... offers "a maximum transfer rate optimizer."

That's a very nerdy way of saying it fine tunes the way your Internet connection is configured, and then it ekes out more efficiency ... often very noticeable efficiency. I've been very

impressed. I'm regularly noting a 30 to 40 percent improvement in accessing certain Web sites. And I'm not alone. More than 700,000 other surfers are using NetSonic, too.

If you regularly check in to certain sites that are updated a lot, there's a feature that allows you to exclude them from pulling up the old graphic elements. My page, www.pcmike.com, for example, is updated a couple of times a day. So I excluded it from NetSonic. That means that it automatically refreshes it every time I log on, instead of first loading the old, stored images.

There's a similar program with an even nerdier name ... Tweaked-Dun (http://www.pattersondesigns.com/tweakedun/).

It's available for download on the web, too, and claims it can double your download speed by eliminating fragments of data packets... that's that same optimizing your internet connection whatchamacallit thing that NetSonic does. Tweaked-Dun is shareware ... meaning you can get it for free but, if you use it, they want \$15.

But hey, you wouldn't use it if it didn't work so... if you get faster net access... it's worth it.

As I said, it's been my experience that these web accelerators really do work. You try it and be the judge.

The e-mail I've received since talking about these on my radio show have convinced me that the programs are solid and not apt to cause conflicts with other parts of your system.

Real Audio Updates: Mean-time, have you checked out my Web site (www.pcmike.com)? I've added a new daily briefing in Real Audio. You log into the site, and, with just a mouseclick, you can hear me reporting the top tech news stories of the day. Thanks to Altmedia (www.altmedia.com) and the BigNet (www.bignet.net) for making this service available.

Bottom line shopper: There's another free service on my site

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that's worth mentioning. It's called the Bottom Line Shopping Agent. Type in a keyword of something you're interested in buying, be it a book, music or computer hardware or software. The agent then searches the Internet and returns you a list of every online place that sells that item, arranged by price... thus allowing you to immediately see where you can get the best price.

Congrats to WDIV online - It's with a sense of real pride that I congratulate my friends at WDIV ONLINE (www.wdiv.com) for being voted the "Best in the Industry" broadcast television Web site by the Web Marketing Association.

I founded WDIV ONLINE almost five years ago and helped nurture its growth until I left the station this past September. Among those who have worked so hard to make the site so great over the years is Adam Miller of Webcrossings (www.webcrossings.com); Paul Manzella, now of Mort Crim Communications, and Bill Young, who currently runs the site.

*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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Bill Knapp's  
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

**Redford**  
Thursday, Dec. 17  
2 p.m. at  
Tim Horton's  
11307 Telegraph Rd.

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Monday, Dec. 14  
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## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

*Business Marketplace items are welcome regarding mergers, changes, initiatives or announcements from companies in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Marketplace, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or fax (734) 591-7279.*

### Grand reopening

**Dalley Carpet** recently unveiled a newly designed store at 31745 W. Eight Mile Road in Livonia becoming the first Mohawk Floorscapes retailer. "By adding the Mohawk Floorscapes home to ours, we're building on our reputation for quality and service by offering customers the latest concepts in flooring fashion, style color and performance," said store owner Michael Riley.

### Wireless launch

**Omnipoint Communications** recently launched initial service of its advanced wireless telephone network in the Great Lakes region, including Detroit. The person communications services provider is the area's first and only carrier to offer GSM (Global System for Mobile).

Omnipoint's headquarters are located in Livonia on Merriman.

### Anniversary celebration

The **Little Guys & Dolls Learning Centers** of Livonia recently celebrated their 20th anniversary according to Executive Director Gordon Rutherford. The Center would like to thank their employees, customers, suppliers and friends for their continued support.

### Downsizing

**Simpson Industries Inc.** of Plymouth recently announced it will reduce its worldwide salary workforce by approximately 10 percent through position eliminations, retirements and organizational changes. The company will take an estimated pre-tax charge of \$2.5 million in the fourth quarter to primarily cover the expenses of severance related payments.

### Web conference

**Compuware Corporation** announced it will host a web conference to examine how its Automated Touchpoint Testing Solution accelerates Year 2000 compliance testing. This unique service allows organizations to

accurately forecast the scope of testing efforts, increase the throughput of code conversion and shorten the testing process. The web conference will be broadcast on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Conference participants will learn how Automated Touchpoint Testing will allow them to perform compliance testing on most of their mission-critical applications before the Year 2000.

### Superior work

Fourteen Chrysler suppliers were recently honored with the 1998 Platinum Pentastar Award at the Daimler Chrysler Technology Center. Livonia's own **J. S. Alberici Construction Co.** was recognized along with **LucasVarity Automotive - Livonia** as a 1998 Role Model Award winner.

Platinum Pentastar awards represent achieving outstanding overall performance as measured by the former Chrysler corporation's supplier rating systems and Role Model awards are presented to suppliers that exhibit exemplary performance in a specific rating category of ratings systems.

## BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

*Items for Business Professionals are welcome from area corporations, companies and firms whose employees are active residents in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Professionals, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail: [kmortson@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net) fax (734) 591-7279.*

### Director appointed

**Clean Air Management, Inc. (CAM)** recently appointed Jon Dattilo of Redford to the position of Indoor Air Quality Division Director. He will be responsible for supervising all laboratory and field operations, including performing and supervising IAQ prevention profiles, diagnostic analysis and laboratory processes. CAM is located in Plymouth.

### New project manager

**DeMattia Group of Plymouth**, a southeast Michigan producer of commercial and industrial real estate projects, has named **Bill Richardson** senior project manager. Richardson brings 13 years of industrial, commercial and health care construction experience to the job. He was project manager for Walbridge Aldinger in Detroit before joining DeMattia.

### New controller

**DeMattia Group of Plymouth**, a Southeast Michigan producer of commercial and industrial real estate projects, has named **Joseph Vanden Bossche** controller. Vanden Bossche brings nearly a decade of experience to the job, most recently as an independent tax consultant. Before that, he served five years as a tax consultant for Doeren Mayhew in Troy and two years with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit.

### New development manager

**DeMattia Group of Plymouth** has named **Doug Forman** development manager. Forman comes to DeMattia from WMF Proctor, a commercial mortgage banking firm in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he served four years as an investment officer.

### New store manager

**Maureen O'Brien** of Plymouth has been appointed as the store manager of Hudson's West Lansing. She has worked as assistant store manager at Hudson's Lakeside and Hudson's Westland as a cosmetics selling manager, assistant human resources manager and human resources representative.

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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, JAN. 13

**EXERCISE**  
This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne

from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

**ADULT CPR**  
Learn about risk factors, signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members from 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Call (800) 549-WELL.

## THUR, JAN. 14

**HOSPICE CARE**  
Madonna University will offer the course "Psychological Components of Hospice Care" on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. Non-credit fee \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

## JAN. 29-FEB. 26

**GERONTOLOGY COURSE**  
Madonna University will offer the gerontology course for the winter term, "Helping Dementia Families," on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5364 to register.

## ONGOING

**CAT SCAN TECHNOLOGY**  
Saint Joseph Mercy System has installed a Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scanner at the new Canton Health building. It is the only CAT in the Plymouth-Canton area. For more information call (734) 712-3418.

# BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items for the Business Calendar should be sent to: *Business Calendar*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

## CAREER WOMEN

The featured speaker at the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter will be Jo Peterson, national president of NACW. She will discuss improved networking. Meet at Ernesto's Restaurant at 11:45 a.m., 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. For reservations, call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

## 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.

## MON, DEC. 14

**BOOKKEEPING, PAYROLL**  
Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll reporting workshop, Dec. 14 in the Jenkin Meeting Room on the 3rd floor at the Livonia Library, Five Mile Road from 5-8 p.m. Participants will learn how to track worth of income and determine profits. Cost is \$59 per participant. Call (734) 462-2727.

## WED, DEC. 16

**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.

## THUR, JAN. 7

**SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTS**  
Firms considering entering the international marketplace can receive comprehensive training and customized assistance on exporting at a Schoolcraft College program Jan. 7 through April 1. Sessions will examine the market, rules, regulations and cultural issues; trade finance and international logistics. For information, call the College Export Resource Center at (734) 462-4438.

## TUE, DEC. 15

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Cubans capture images of revolutionaries

Three years ago, Jack Kenny took his first trip to Cuba. He was fascinated by the country's revolutionary history and its people. While visiting Cuba at the invitation of friends who were shooting a documentary, Kenny was introduced to photographer Roberto Salas. The two became friends almost instantly.

Kenny, a fine art photographer, and owner of Quicksilver Photo in Plymouth, purchased an image that Salas' father Osvaldo had taken of Fidel Castro, showing the revolutionary with fist raised and clenched in the early days of his regime. Not long after arriving home Kenny hung it in his office. Business associates and friends began asking where he bought it. Now four times a year, the Ann



PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**First meeting:** Osvaldo Salas took this photo of Ernest Hemingway and Fidel Castro rapt in conversation in 1960.

Arbor resident travels to Cuba to photograph the people and bring back images of Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara taken by the Salases in the 1960s.

Salas' work and that of his late father Osvaldo is currently on exhibit at Frame Works in Plymouth. Kenny hopes the images will create an awareness of Cuba, then and today.

"Cuba is so close to us and people know very little about it," said Kenny. "My interest is the revolution, primarily the roles Fidel Castro and Che Guevara played but I also feel a connection to Roberto. I was in Vietnam as a soldier when Roberto was taking photos for the North Vietnamese as a war correspondent. That's where the picture of Ho Chi Minh is from. But most of the people who buy the photos are familiar with these events in the 1960s."

Beginning in December of 1956, Castro led a guerilla war with Che Guevara and others forcing dictator Fulgencio Batista to flee the country in January of 1959. In several of the photographs at Frame Works, Osvaldo captures the early years of Castro's rise to power. Since his father's death in 1993, Roberto has continued to print from the original negatives. The photos on display show Castro smoking a cigar, playing baseball, harvesting sugar cane in the fields, and playing with his German Shepherd. Many of the photos are published in Osvaldo and Roberto Salas' book, "Fidel's Cuba," scheduled to arrive in the U.S. in December. Roberto will exhibit his work in New York and Los Angeles in January.

**What:** Cuban photographers Osvaldo and Roberto Salas show images taken in the early 1960s of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara.

**Where:** Frame Works, 833 Perinlan, (west of Main St.), Plymouth, (734) 459-3355.

**When:** Through Wednesday, Dec. 23.

### Candid shots

"The photos are so personal," said Kenny. "None of them are posed. They're candid shots; they're caught in action. Che is revered in Cuba. He was killed in Bolivia in 1967 and just

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## In search of...

# THE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAYS

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

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Ten minutes to 10 on a chilly Monday morning. A long line of shoppers wait stoically for the doors to open at a nearby Best Buy - another of those modern-day bees' nests for gadgetry and fun.

No signs of snow, but there's no doubt that the shop-until-you-drop season of conspicuous consumption is under way.

At 10 a.m., shoppers pass through the electronic doors at Best Buy as if solemnly traversing a spiritual threshold.

Indeed, they may be. In these days of "buy now pay sometime in the 21st century," the final weeks of the year blend unbridled consumerism, ritual and religion into a tightly wound knot called the holidays.

Perhaps a bit of perspective is in order. "This is the time of the year when the greater mysteries are reflected," said the Rev. Stephen Petty, pastoral associate at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Southfield.

Somewhere beyond the din of commercial jingles and the resignation of incurring debt lies the origins of the annual celebration whereby Christian, Jewish and African cultures coalesce.

A symbolic time when hopes ride high in the name of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza.

Of course, a shot of egg nog and mumbling through a sing-along or two can't hurt to resurrect the spirit.

### Holidays, healing & the arts

During this time of year, for many, the arts play a central role in expressing the eternal principles of faith, hope and charity.

Typically, as certain as crowded malls in December are renditions of "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol," or a performance of Handel's "Messiah."

Some might be surprised that the Detroit Oratorio Society chose an eclectic program for this year's holiday concert after five years of stirring perfor-



**Celebrating:** (Top left, clockwise) Christ Church Cranbrook choir with orchestra; Santa with awestruck children on his knee; shoppers crowding the mall; the Troy Community Chorus directed by Steve Kosinski.

### See listing of holiday events inside.

mances of Handel's ethereal masterpiece.

The decision, according to DOS executive director Christine Bonner, was based on economics. Approximately half of DOS' annual revenue came from the "Messiah" concerts. Last year, however, their performances incurred unexpectedly high expenses.

Because of competition with other holiday concerts, DOS has scaled down and broadened its program to include Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Beethoven's "Ave Maria," and Vivaldi's "Concerto in D for flute."

"We're competing with community choirs for audiences," said Bonner, noting that DOS is one of the area's professional classical music choirs.

The ultimate competition, however, might be for audiences' attention at a time when most people's schedules fall between busy and frenetic.

"We call our concert a 'musical massage,'" she said. "It's a time to slow down, to find time to let go of stress."

### Mood of the season

Without a doubt, the Southfield Symphony's upcoming concert will be their highest attended for the year. The program of traditional and light classical music has a distinctive multicultural appeal, said Charles Marks, managing director of the 105-member symphony with members from 38 communities.

How else could you explain selections from "The Nutcracker," Brahms' "Ave Maria," Strauss' "The Blue Danube," and pieces from Cole Porter? And, performances by soprano Jennifer Roberts, the

Women's Chorus of the Japanese Society of Detroit, and a symphony conducted by maestro Valery Leonov, a graduate of the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory of Music in St. Petersburg?

While multiculturalist programs are certainly timely, holiday concerts are ultimately about setting the mood of the season.

"Our concerts convey the joy and excitement of the month for all faiths," said Charles Raines, director of music at Christ Church Cranbrook, which attracts their largest audiences during their month of holiday concerts in December.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Christ Church Cranbrook will perform its annual hand bell concert of holiday classics. Raines expects a near capacity crowd at the majestic venue adjacent to the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills.

### Mysterious ways

Annual holiday concerts provide a way for the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings to introduce themselves to new audiences, said Maury Okun, executive director of the Troy-based group of musicians.

"Music is central to the season of Christmas and Hanukkah," said Okun.

"People love traditional music. Our appeal is to set the music to clever arrangements."

Being clever, however, might have its limitations for anyone looking to grasp the deeper meanings of the holidays.

"There's a difference between Handel's 'Messiah' and 'Santa Claus Is Coming to Town,'" said Petty of St. Michael's.

Look around, stand in line, reserve your seat. The spirit moves in mysterious ways.

## MUSIC

# Musicians swing to Big Band music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Duncan Jones grew up listening to Big Band music and the jazz piano played by his father Norm "Stompy" Jones who led a band in Long Beach, Calif. Early on, his father's music, and that of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, inspired the young boy to learn piano. By age 14, Jones was playing keyboards in a country bar in the backwoods of Ohio.

After studying composition at DePauw University, Jones began passing on his love of music to students in Bloomfield Hills and Dearborn Heights public schools. He joined the Plymouth Canton School District 21 years ago. By day, he teaches vocal music at Fiegel and Miller Elementary Schools, but nearly every weekend night he performs with The Couriers, a nine piece Big Band which released the CD "Now a Memory" in 1996.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is inviting all Big Band lovers to its annual dinner/dance fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 13 to kick up their heels to The Couriers' swing era music.

"Playing live music was fun," said Jones, a Lathrup Village resident who played with Johnny Trudell's band and with The Executives from the mid-1970s to 1990s. "I like the energy and the power of all those horns and all the colors you can get from the sounds by combining all those different instruments. I play the music because I like the music not for the money. Like me, most musicians have a day job. I'm lucky to teach music. I work to get the students to like music



PHOTO BY PAUL HERSHMAN

**Jumplin' at the Woodside:** The Couriers revive Big Band music in their CD "Now a Memory."

### "In the Mood"

**What:** The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/dance fundraiser with silent and live auctions, and music by The Couriers.

**When:** 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 13.

**Where:** Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth.

**Tickets:** \$55 per person, \$50 before Wednesday, Dec. 30, call (734) 416-4ART.

and enjoy different kinds of music."

Several of The Couriers' teach, although not all of them teach music. Trombonist Al Townsend, who formed The Couriers four years ago for clients who couldn't afford his 19-piece Ambassadors group, taught music, and was formerly director of the Ypsilanti High School band program. He played with the Gene Krupa Band from 1948 to 1950. At age 72, Townsend is ready to slow down. Although he retired from The Couriers after their appearance at Plymouth's Fall Festival in September, Townsend continues to arrange The Couriers' music and plays with them occasionally when needed.

### Trombonist

Michael Hall, a brass instructor and director of the jazz ensemble at Eastern Michigan University, replaced Townsend as trombonist with The Couriers. He's played extensively throughout the U.S., Mexico, Europe, and China with jazz bands and symphonic orchestras including the Detroit Symphony. He took first place in the 1991 Tucson Jazz Society Competition and is a three-time winner of the Eau Claire Jazz Festival Combo Competition.

"Al Townsend was an arranger in the Big Band era and lived in that era," said Hall. "He was lead trombone with the Gene Krupa Band. He's arranged nearly all of The Couriers music. He just has so many of those sounds from the 40s and 50s and knows how to write those voicings to make us sound authentic."

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reburied in Cuba last year."

Oswaldo was born in Havana but lived in New York City in the late 1940s and 50s. As a photographer for the magazine "Camera over Broadway" he met and recorded the achievements of many of America's most important celebrities including Louis Armstrong and Rocky Marciano. A photo of Salvador Dalí in 1954 shows the eccentric surrealist and his trademark mustache. Oswaldo's work also appeared in "Life" magazine and the "New York Times." In 1958, Oswaldo returned to Cuba after an

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*Jack Kenny*

invitation to photograph Castro and Guevara during the final days of the Revolution.

Born in New York, Roberto joined his father in photographing historical

events after the Revolution including the counter revolution in Cuba, Bay of Pigs invasion, Cuban Missile Crisis, and Castro's and Guevara's trips to Argentina, Venezuela, Washington, D.C. and New York. By 1960, Oswaldo directed the photographic department of Granma, Cuba's leading newspaper. After returning from Vietnam Roberto and Oswaldo shot photos of the embargo's effect on the Cuban people in the late 1970s. One photograph shows Castro addressing a crowd of thousands in Revolution Square.

**Cuba today**

Kenny, who bought his first camera in Vietnam in 1967, is taking photographs for a book of his own about the life of the Cuban people living under Castro's control today. During his quarterly trips, Kenny delivers photo equipment and supplies to Roberto which are unavailable in his country.

"I'm fascinated by the architecture, the people, the old cars from the 50s," said Kenny. "It's like a time warp in Cuba where everyone earns \$15 to \$20 a month but my main interest is

the people. Last year, I photographed open heart surgery after meeting a cardiologist, and a voodoo ceremony where they sacrificed a goat. But it's all networking and that takes time. There's no phone directory. You walk to people's homes to find out if they're home."

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# Music from page C1

Hall, also a member of the Galliard Brass Ensemble based in Ann Arbor, thinks Big Band music is on the way back in but admits the arrangements are a challenge to play.

"I love it," said Hall. "Young people are getting turned on to it and dancing to it. There's this jump scene going on these days with 18- and 19-year old kids going to the clubs to dance to Swing music. There's even a swing Dance Club at Eastern. But it's hard to play because The Couriers is just a nine piece group being asked to function as 18."

**Following dad**

Lynne Raglin is following in her father Al Townsend's footsteps. A fifth-grade teacher at

**'There's this jump scene going on these days with 18- and 19-year old kids going to the clubs to dance to Swing music.'**

*Michael Hall*

Chapelle Elementary in Ypsilanti, Raglin sings with the band. Since age six when she started taking piano lessons, she's loved Big Band music and hoped one day to sing with her own

group. Ten years ago, at the request of Townsend, she sang solo with The Ambassadors and a quartet, The Diplomats, before joining The Couriers. Influenced by artists such as the Manhattan Transfer, Diane Schuur, Linda Ronstadt and Patti Austin, Raglin's developed a style that's hers alone.

"My father played music all the time," said Raglin, an oboe and harp player during high school and at Eastern Michigan University where she studied with Anthony Iannaccone. "He was having rehearsals all the time, musicians coming and going. I remember sneaking in and being curled up on the floor to be part of that. I love the melodic line and the music is a means of expression. Especially in jazz numbers

when the improvisation goes on, I'm still astounded."

Teaching full time and playing as many as 45 weekends a year can be hard on a marriage and family. Raglin's husband Dan is always close though. He manages the band, booking their dates and sets up and takes down the equipment.

"It's a family affair at this point. We work more weekends than we don't," said Raglin. "I have a lot of support at home. My kids are teenagers. They joke with their friends that they're the only teenagers who know the words to 'Sunny Side of the Street.'"

For more information about The Couriers or their CD, call (734) 482-0045.

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**HARMONY AND HYMNS FROM UKRAINE**

The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus performs a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and M-59, Clinton Township.

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**EXHIBIT CONTINUES**

Jeanne Poulet of Livonia displays a variety of landscapes, florals, children's illustrations, and etchings and paintings from her exhibit in Paris through Jan. 12 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon Road at Junction.

Poulet hosts a luncheon as well demonstrates the art of etching 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 6, and Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9. Poulet will also show the videos "Past, Present & Future" and "Etching/Engraving Studio." The luncheon and related activities are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

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The Swann Gallery, as part of its nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to support of the arts in the Detroit area, offers free children's art classes and life drawing sessions at 1250 Library Street, east of Woodward, Detroit.

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Therese Swann, a Wayne State University graduate, teaches how to draw the human figure from life 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Media include oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastel, and sculpture.

J.L. Hudson Building artifacts are available in the gallery to benefit free art classes. The photography exhibition, "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building" and an All Member Invitational opens Friday, Jan. 8 with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of the photographs benefit the nonprofit Swann Gallery Educational Corporation. The exhibit runs to Saturday, Feb. 6.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

**"SONGS FOR SURVIVAL" CD**

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Proceeds from the CD benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation.

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BOOKS



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What did you think? Contemporary Books discussion group members at the library in Plymouth take some time to discuss the Charles Frazier book, "Cold Mountain."

Novel approach Groups open their books to discuss points of view

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown@ee.homecomm.net



Leader of the pack: Moderator Cindy Marriott leads the discussion on "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier at the Plymouth District Library. Information on the Contemporary Books group in Plymouth is available by calling 453-0750.

Let's say you read a good book and want to discuss it. The answer may be as close as the local library.

The Redford Township District Library, for example, offers a women's book discussion group. The 10-12 members take turns picking a book each month, said Brooke Somerville, reference librarian.

The group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month, has been active for about a year. Recent titles read include "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi, an Oprah's Book Club book, and "Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving.

"I think they get the chance to meet other people who have interests the same as their own," said Somerville. "It's a nice hobby where they can get together and meet other people."

The group she coordinates at Redford (531-5960) has a mix of ages. If a man were interested in joining, Somerville would first ask the group. "I can't imagine they would turn anybody away."

Over at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, men and women are reading up a storm. "They kind of choose their own topics," Marney Cooley, outreach librarian, said of the Westland group (326-6123).

The group has been working on "Regional Reads," fiction in which the locale plays an important role. It has been meeting for at least a year. In January, members will start in on science fiction mysteries.

The Westland group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Cooley generally gets about 10 paperback copies of each book, and provides reviews and author information. "It's a small group right now, but they're really articulate."

The mix of age and gender surprised Cooley. "We're always welcoming new people." Occasionally, someone comes to a meeting without having finished the book, which doesn't lead to stern lectures.

Worth the effort

Retired attorney Marvin Skupski has been involved with the Westland group for a year or less. "I'm kind of the substitute moderator," said Skupski, giving credit for organizing the group to Cooley and Cathie Wallace. "Sometimes, you don't even need a moderator."

Skupski, a Westland resident, enjoys reading books such as "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx that he wouldn't otherwise read. He'd started that one, gave up, and came back to it when the group picked it.

He likes mysteries the best, noting that mysteries don't necessarily have to be set in the 20th century United States. Skupski likes books about medical and political intrigue.

a "down subject," he said. "A lot of people never do get back into the swing of it." Even those who do don't necessarily get a chance to discuss books.

"You get all manner of people," Skupski said. "It's a diverse group."

Diversity rules at the Plymouth District Library as well. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier was the title for November's Contemporary Books discussion group at the Plymouth library (453-0750). Darlene Ursel, adult services librarian, said the group has been meeting for approximately eight years.

"There was a demand from the patrons in the library," the library had and still has a Great Books group, but readers wanted to read contemporary books, Ursel said.

Attendance is generally 10 to 12 in Plymouth, although when Robert James Waller's "The Bridges of Madison County" was picked several years ago, attendance climbed in spite of the rapid approach of Christmas.

Ursel provides guidance, with group members picking the titles. Some are best sellers, books of a particular genre, such as mysteries, or award-winning books.

The Plymouth library aims for a multicultural approach.

"A lot of people enjoy just fiction reading," Ursel said. Occasionally, they want to discuss a book, and sometimes there's a good Contemporary Books discussion on a book not well-liked.

"It's not academic in its approach. It's not like a class," she said.

The Plymouth group meets 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Ursel noted that other area libraries, including Livonia (466-2491), have book discussion and Great Books groups.

Busy in Canton

Book discussion is popular at the Canton Public Library (397-0999), said Marcia Barker, Friends/volunteer coordinator. The Friends sponsor Contemporary Books, which meets 7 p.m.

the third Monday of the month. "They're pretty self-directed," Barker said of the group, in which members recommend books to read. "The group pretty much takes care of itself and has a wonderful time." Sessions draw six to 20 people.

Canton also has a lunchtime group which meets 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, with the library providing coffee and tea. There's off-site book discussion with seniors going on, as well as programs for young people.

For Contemporary Books in Canton, recent titles have included "The Giant's House" by Elizabeth McCracken and "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr. The group has more women than men, Barker said, but does get a mix in age and gender.

"We get interesting groups," all of which have met for some time. "There are some who have been there from the beginning. The group kind of ebbs and flows."

"Reading is such a solitary activity," Barker added. "It makes it a group effort. It's companionship, it's sharing ideas." Readers may try a book they otherwise wouldn't, she said.

That's part of the appeal for Zach Holmes of Plymouth Township, who participates in Contemporary Books at the library in Plymouth. He's been involved for about five years.

"It makes it more enjoyable to share with other people," said Holmes, a professor who teaches accounting at Oakland Community College. "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson was a favorite.

"I just thought it was a real good story. Just an interesting story." The book, set in post-World War II America, deals with differences between people. Holmes also liked "The Shipping News."

"The more I talk, the more I might even change my mind. Both were good," said Holmes, who added "You don't have to understand 'King Lear' to enjoy a good book."

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**THEATER**

# 'A Cricket in Times Square' delightful show

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in collaboration with the Wild Swan Theatre present "A Cricket in Times Square." The annual children's holiday play is performed in the Anderson Center Theatre in the museum. American Sign Language interpretation is provided for deaf and hearing-impaired audience members. Special services for the blind and visually-impaired individuals are available when arranged in advance by calling (313) 982-6044. The show runs Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 2. For tickets call (313) 982-6176. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

is a fast-paced children show with delightful animal characters and a cricket-sized set that young and old will enjoy. When Chester, a Connecticut cricket, arrives in Times Square via a picnic basket, he is discovered by Mario Bellini, a young Depression-era boy whose parents run a struggling newsstand. With the help of a friend cat and mouse, Chester the Cricket gets in and out of scrapes, and uses his unique musical talent to help the newsstand prosper. The useful rotating set defines the play. Half of it is a human-sized newsstand, while the other half is on a cricket-sized portion of the same set: a giant box of Ohio Blue tip matches, a cricket

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cage the size of an elevator, a towering radio, and an imposing cash register. The scenes switch back and forth between the humans in the story and the animals, offering a unique perspective. The actors move things along quickly by rotating the set 180 degrees for each scene change. Unlike last year's offering, "The City Mouse and the Country Mouse," this year's play is

lively and quick, holding its young audiences' attention. Aaron Toronto plays the lively cricket Chester, and delights audiences with his energetic high-jumping bounces. Chester is a good role model, too, choosing right over wrong even when the consequences are tougher. Sandy Ryder plays the delightfully eccentric mouse Tucker, the richest rodent in New York City. Ryder's Tucker struts about with

enthusiasm and energy, evoking giggles from the youngsters by his unusual habits. The mischievous mouse has an unusual friendship with the resident cat, Henrietta, his partner in crime, played by Michelle Trame Lanzi. Henrietta looks like a mouse at first, since the relationship lacks the normal cat and mouse adversarial edge, and since both actors are the same size and wear furry costumes with large floppy ears. Some mewing mixed with the dialogue might clear things up. The three animal actors double as humans in the alternating scenes, and manage their quick

costume changes cleverly and completely; one wouldn't know they weren't double cast if not for the program. Ryder plays Mama Bellini, Toronto plays the wise Chinese neighbor who conveys cricket lore, and Lanzi plays a newsstand customer. Don Donnelly is full of boyish charm as Mario, the excited youth who discovers Chester, and Jackie Marns is a likable father-figure as the forgiving and optimistic Papa Bellini. Chester the musical cricket's foot-tapping tunes, including Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" add a fun touch to the show.

# Weighty and funny, 'Resident Alien' out of this world

Show dates for "Resident Alien" are Dec. 13, Dec. 16-20, Dec. 23-27, Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; Saturday 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. Additional matinee 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the JCC, 6600 West Maple Road (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$13-\$23 for more information visit their Web site at <http://comnet.org/jet> or to purchase tickets call (248) 788-2900.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Does God exist? What is the nature of true love? Are angels metaphysical? What do you do when you can do

**■ Imagine 'Northern Exposure' experiencing 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.' Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with 'Space — the final frontier,' and you'll get at least a part of the picture.**

nothing? Who reads Kierkegaard? And what's the correct pronunciation of "Buddenbrooks."

These are just a few of the weighty questions under discussion in Stuart Spencer's fantasy-comedy, "Resident Alien," now onstage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. The play was orig-

inally produced by Actors Theatre of Louisville for this year's Humana Festival.

"Resident Alien," here directed by John Seibert, is the story of two men, each born on different planets, and each feeling as if his home planet isn't really where he belongs. One day, one of these men is dumped on Earth, in a kind of temporary exchange program for the other man's young son.

Soon after the cosmological kidnapping, the two men meet. Then, the boy's mother enters the action (and, of course, she's not buying any story about little green men kidnapping her son), her not-too-bright husband thickens the plot, and the town sheriff tries to keep everybody and everything from falling apart. Imagine "Northern Exposure" experiencing

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with "space — the final frontier," and you'll get at least a part of the picture.

Sounds like it could/should be fun, maybe. But the production falls short.

Perhaps part of the reason for this is that the play is trying to be too many things at once. Part comedy, part romance, part suspense, flavored with philosophy and techno-thrills, it seems to get bogged down sometimes in its own mixed signals. (Also, even though some of Spencer's lines and situations are screamingly funny, some play-goers may wonder why he chose to build comedy around the disappearance of a child — a distinctly unfunny event, especially to those who have directly experienced it.)

Generally, the six-member cast does a good job, although they all seem a little under-inspired at times. Scott Screws as the erudite, earthbound Michael, and Greg Trzaskoma as the rather bilious-looking Alien are charged with some of the funniest lines in the play, which they usually deliver with aplomb.

Rounding out the cast, Scott Goci makes a brief, enthusiastic appearance as the kidnapped boy, Billy.

Settings, which include a definitely unpretentious kitchen, an equally unpretentious bar, a Kmart (where the blue light is almost always on-the-blink), and several other spots in and around a small Wisconsin town, have just the right mundane-but-cartoonish flavor.

Special effects are first rate.

# 'Fabio Man of Comedy' returns to Joey's, Dec. 17-19

Kirk Noland known as the "Fabio Man of Comedy" brings his one man comedy assault back to Joey's Comedy Club, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19. Performances 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets (\$14), call (734) 261-0555.

Armed with a quick wit and an arsenal of sound effects, Noland brings to the stage a snappy and

stylish look at family life, childhood, adulthood, and everything in between. A captivating storyteller, he ricochets across the stage, recounting the intricacies of his peculiarly eventful life, be it as simplistic as a moment in his life as a father or as bizarre as a trip to the emergency room as a kid.

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Noland's TV appearances include A&E's Comedy on the

Road, Comedy Central and CBS 48 hours. His stand up career as taken him all over the world. In 1997 he was one of the featured performers at the Theatre for the

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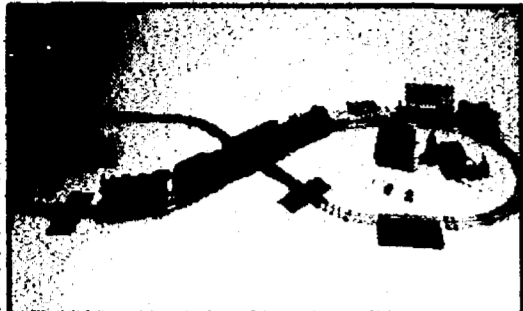
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All aboard: The Santa Fe Special from Lionel.

## Classic trains create memories

One early December day, about five years ago, my husband and I were reminiscing about Christmas past.

"What's the one thing you wanted more than anything else for Christmas when you were a kid, but never got," I asked him.

### SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

"A train set," he said, "but with four kids in the family, my parents couldn't afford it."

I secretly decided to get him one that year. Not only for his sake, but mine, too. There's just something Norman Rockwell-ish about having a train under a Christmas tree.

So, I went to a hobby shop to buy one, not knowing it would be so complicated.

"Do you know what scale he'd like?" a salesman asked me, when I told him I wanted to buy a model train set for my husband.

"Scale?" I asked. "I'm not sure," I said, feeling dumb.

"Well, did he say what brand he'd like?"

"Um, I think he mentioned something about Lionel," I said. The salesman and I both agreed, I needed more information before buying.

I went home and tried to get the information out of my better half without him catching on. He always wanted a Lionel train, he said. But he didn't know what scale.

I wound up buying him a Lionel O27-scale starter train set. I spent more than I had planned, but it was worth it to see the look in his eyes when he opened it.

He always sets the train up under the Christmas tree, and every year I give him a car or some more track to add to it.

If you'd like to buy a model train set for yourself or someone you love, here are some things to consider.

First, think about where you're going to set up the train and how much space you have. That, along with cost and personal preference, will help you determine what scale to get. Scale is the ratio in size between a model train and its prototype (a real train).

Model trains come in a wide variety of scales, which are set forth by the National Model Railroaders Association.

Some of the more common scales, going from smallest to biggest, are N (1:160), HO (1:87.1), O27 (slightly smaller than O), O (1:48), and G (1:22.5), said Dave Herron, manager of the Plymouth Train Shop in Plymouth.

The minimum amount of space you'd need for a starter set in each scale is as follows, said Jeff Durling, a salesman at Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia: N, a 24-inch diameter circle; HO, a 38-inch by 38-inch oval; O or O27, a 4-foot by 6-foot area; and G scale, a 45-inch by 57-inch oval.

HO is the least expensive. A starter set, which includes track, an engine, rolling stock (a variety of train cars), and a transformer, will run you around \$29.99 for a Bachmann HO set, \$44.99 for a Bachmann N set, \$129.99 for a Lionel O27 set, and \$199.99 for a Bachmann G set, Durling said.

Lionel (which makes O, O27 and G scales) and Bachmann are two of the most popular brands on the market and are usually available wherever model trains are sold (look under hobby shops in the yellow pages). Marklin (a tiny Z scale through G scale) is another brand worth checking out. You can find Marklin trains at the Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkeley.

For more information about Lionel trains, which are made right here in Michigan, by UAW workers in Chesterfield Township (tours are available), phone (810) 949-4100 or visit its Web site at www.lionel.com.



Dream weavers: Janet Migliaccio and store owner Judy Palazzolo show off a custom Golfer's Basket from La Strada d'Eleganza in Birmingham.

BY LINDA BACHRACK  
STAFF WRITER

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Esther Ziegelman never imagined running a successful cottage industry from the basement of her Birmingham home. But Ziegelman's life has never been what you'd call prescribed.

"I sold advertising for years," she says, "until I realized I was leaving my integrity at every place I stopped." It was her sons who talked her into starting her own business. They knew a man who was selling his basket business and, though she didn't buy his wares, she thought baskets might be fun.

Thus, Bountiful Baskets was incorporated and Ziegelman set up shop in the basement, turning the space into a veritable warehouse of gourmet foods and candies, straw containers in all shapes and sizes, and bolts of French-wired chiffon ribbons.

Ziegelman's creativity and flair for design are evident in the unique baskets she builds for her mostly corporate clientele. Corporate clients include Arthur Andersen, Doubletree hotels, Deloitte & Touche and Dean Witter. The City of Birmingham contracts with her to make get-well baskets for its employees. She does move-in baskets for apartment complexes and personalized birthday baskets for Price Waterhouse.

As she assembles 60 breakfast meeting baskets for Syntel - Elwin's scones, Michigan apple cider, Bella Vista Farm jam, Stash tea, honey, cocoa mix and a mug with the company logo - she talks about some of the

other goodies that she uses in her work.

"I like using Michigan products," she says, "including Cherry Republic candies and dried fruit, Brownwood Acres mustard, Sweet Elyse rice pudding and Benjamin Twigg's jam."

Damask boxes of DeBrito chocolates are exclusive to Ziegelman in Michigan. She also likes Pandora's Confections from San Francisco. Its product line includes a foil-wrapped dinosaur egg with miniature chocolate dinosaurs inside and a chocolate Chanel bag filled with candy keys, a phone, sunglasses, a watch and perfume. Ziegelman's fruit baskets feature a mix of fresh rosebuds with fresh fruits and a foiled chocolate peach. She personally shops local markets for all of her fresh fills.

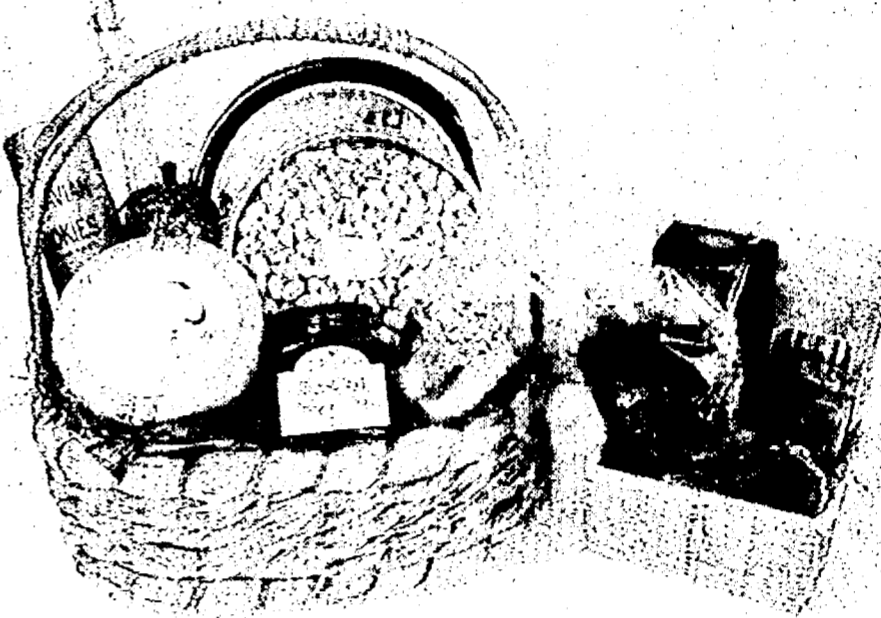
The holidays find Ziegelman assembling candy-filled party trays and hostess baskets. Her business has grown by word of mouth and referrals from clients. She can do everything from a tiny "new baby" welcome basket to an electric Jeep filled with the customer's requests. (A real estate agent placed this \$350 order.) Just give her a price range and any personal preferences.

When she's not in her basement workplace, you can find Ziegelman making bows in front of the TV. That's the beauty and the downside of a home-based business - you're always in the office. And Ziegelman's office surrounds her with mounds of sugar



Sweet stuff: Ziegelman's basket fillers include (top) Pandora's Confections and (bottom) DeBrito chocolates.

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"A dream come true," is how Judy Palazzolo describes her newly opened Birmingham shop, La Strada d'Eleganza. After 36 years with Ford Motor Co. and a year selling specialized custom gift baskets from her home in Milford, Palazzolo found a multi-room storefront that she shares with floral designer Sandy Parmenter.

"I wanted an old house with lots of individual room settings," says Palazzolo, "but when Sandy showed me this space, it was perfect." The shop on North Old Woodward is divided into little nooks and crannies that remind Palazzolo of an older home. It came complete with a fireplace and a grand entry. Within the themed rooms, Palazzolo displays gift items from all over the world, including pottery and ornaments from Italy and Poland, silver pieces from the Victoria & Albert Museum in London and handmade French and Belgian linens.

The centerpieces of every room vignette, however, are the custom gift baskets, tailored to the needs and interests of friends and clients. Popular baskets include the "Buon Appetito - Italia," "The Golfer," and "A Day at

the Spa." The Italian gourmet wire baskets are filled with vinegars and oils, mustards, pasta and other imported foods, including the traditional

Panettone. Spa baskets contain French lotions and potions for women and wooden Italian grooming accessories for men.

Other unique basket ideas include a wire pram baby basket stuffed with a needlepoint pillow, silver keepsakes and a collectible ceramic pacifier. For pets, Palazzolo does a ceramic bowl filled with treats. Tea and coffee baskets are built atop silver trays or inside giant wire coffee pots. There's a fun wire briefcase for the executive, brimming with chocolate cigars and a chocolate humidifier. The baskets are built to look good from all angles and the piece de resistance is the elegant French-wired silk ribbon that tops every creation.

When the holiday season is over, a bed and bath boutique will fill one of the shop's rooms, along with some small furni-

ture pieces. "We want people to visit us as they would a neighbor, to feel comfortable and have fun," says Palazzolo whose right-hand woman is her dear friend Janet Migliaccio. "We'll make the shopping experience as pleasurable as possible."

La Strada d'Eleganza, 708 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 539-9065.

### That's Italian: La Strada d'Eleganza's Buon Appetito basket.

## How's retail weathering the holidays?

It's not the economy. It's the unseasonal weather that's discouraged consumers from buying traditional holiday apparel gifts like wool sweaters, winter boots, scarves and coats. However, this week's temperature plunge might precipitate renewed interest in warm woollens, says Larry Meyer, chief executive officer of Michigan Retailers Association in Lansing.

"The weather is the story this year," Meyer says.

"It's been tough to sell winter apparel and we may see markdowns before Christmas. On the other hand, jewelry sales are strong and computer sales are rebounding."

Warm weather also encouraged destination and downtown shopping, says Meyer. "The tendency in the weeks since Thanksgiving was to drive to shopping destinations like Birch Run."

The fundamentals are still in place for a successful holiday season. Meyer points to low unemployment, low gas prices, lower-than-average heating bills, consumer confidence and our region's strong economy.

Certain segments have experienced phenomenal growth. Outdoor holiday lighting sales were through the roof, according to managers at English Gardens.

Retailers have pulled out all the punches to attract their desired consumer base. According to Arthur Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck Michigan, "Additional sales promotions, including one-day credit card discounts and reduced prices on upscale items, will keep the momentum going throughout the holiday

season. My predictions are for sales increases in the 5-7 percent range this year." According to industry sources, Americans say they plan to spend an average of \$814 on gifts - 4.5 percent higher than average spending last Christmas.

Stephen Epstein, a partner with the Detroit office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, agrees with the optimistic predictions. "Shoppers are responding to the pace of promotional events, as merchants attempt to book as much business out in front of what has been an increasing '11th hour' crush the days before Christmas," he says.

The E-commerce channel of distribution also is having an impact this season, says Meyer. Internet shopping sites are most helpful for niche-oriented, established stores with unique products. It expands their universe. "E-commerce will impact catalog shopping more than storefronts," says Meyer. "It will not swamp the market, but will get its proportional share."

-Linda Bachrack

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### HOLIDAY ANTHEMS

Borders Farmington Hills presents a live performance and CD signing with Karen Newman, national anthem singer for the Detroit Red Wings. Newman's new CD of holiday music, titled "What Christmas Means to Me," is a mix of standards and original Christmas songs produced in Detroit. All proceeds from sales go to the Vladidie/Sergei Family Trust Fund. 7:30 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

#### IN CONCERT

The Livonia Civic Chorus entertains shoppers at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. 7 p.m. Parisian Court.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

#### CAROLING

The Garden City High School Choir performs in

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

front of the fountain court at Livonia Mall. 5-7 p.m. Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

#### KICKS FOR A CAUSE

Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents WOMC's Christmas is for Kids, a live broadcast to raise money for the Research Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Entertainment throughout the day, including a visit from the Rockettes and Sesame Street Live! characters. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### ALL DOLLED UP

The American Girls Club celebrates with a Victorian-era holiday party. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while making a gingerbread house craft. Bring a new toy, book or coat to donate to needy children. Ages 6-11. 7-8 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

#### ANGEL GEMS

Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the Andy Lakey Collection Show of sterling and 14k gold inspirational angel jewelry. Continues on Sunday, Dec. 20. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### IN FASHION

Figaro, a beauty salon in downtown Birmingham, presents "Saturdays at Figaro." Live mannequins model the season's hottest looks from Lotus Imports. Lilith and Tender, while showing off festive holiday hairstyles. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 N. Old Woodward.

#### MOTOWN MIRACLE

The Miracle in Motown Foundation hosts its fourth annual charity party to benefit Focus:HOPE, Westin Hotel Renaissance Center, Detroit. 8 p.m.-2:30 a.m. Music by The Imperial Swing Orchestra. \$55, \$75 at the door. Tickets available at Ticketmaster locations.

#### ALBOM SIGNING

Mitch Albom signs copies of his bestseller, Tuesdays with Morrie. To reserve a signed copy, call Borders Downtown Birmingham at (248) 203-0005 before 5 p.m. Dec. 19. 5-6 p.m., 34300 Woodward.



# 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. 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:**

For the person who called in to say that the Special Olympics would take old bowling and golf trophies, we now a contact telephone number and address, as we have many people who would like to donate.

We need the toll-free number for Makeup for You. The company makes custom lipstick shades.

Linda called from Consignment Interiors on 43235 West Seven Mile in Northville (248) 347-4731. They carry china patterns, pictures and glassware, anything for the home. They call it their Wish List.

Eucalyptus oil can be found at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. The kiosk in the mall carries different oils for light bulbs. Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, F&M in Livonia and Good Food Company in Canton also carry eucalyptus oil.

We found the words and music to 50 Nifty United States and also an appraiser for salt & pepper shakers.

For Mary, plastic bags can be taken to Taylor Elementary School in Livonia on Curtis, west of Levan. Bring them to the school in bundles.

The game Rock EM Sock EM Robot can be found at Dave's Comics in Royal Oak.

Aluminum Christmas trees can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge in Royal Oak.

Mon Classeque de Morabita can be found at Levin Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7323.

Della Lutes books can be found through John King Books in Detroit, (313) 961-0622, or on the Internet at www.bibliofind.com.

I found a silent butler or a table cleaner (it has a silver mini whisk broom with a mini silver dust pan) at On Fifth at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, and at Saks at Fairlane for \$9.90.

Dottie called to say that Pee Wee's Playhouse could probably be found at antique stores in Royal Oak.

There is a store in Charlevoix that has hats and millinery supplies. Call the Chamber of Commerce in Charlevoix for the store number and name.

**WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:**

A company that has a red factory hard-top for a 1996 Mazda Miata.

Bob is looking for a completely disassembled Harley Davidson motorcycle to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter project.

Eleanore of Warren is looking for Zoya nail polish #0192 color Coretta.

Noreen wants to purchase a new/used 1998 Farmington High yearbook.

Doris is looking for the children's book (hardcover) "Little Wiener."

Judy wants Evening In Paris cologne.

Norma is looking for the game Park & Shop, and a black Lions T-shirt/sweatshirt with blue & silver logo.

Shelly is looking for a large old kitchen sink 4-5 feet wide, with backsplash and side drain boards, in porcelain or cast iron from the 1800-1920s.

Pat wants children's metal dishes from the 1950s with an Oriental theme and individual packets of bubble bath from the '50s, gardenia scent.

A Fisher Price alligator flashlight from two years ago for Pat.

Doris is looking for Clinique Cheek Base in Peach Soft.

Carrie is looking for a Sleeping Santa in a Wooden Bed (animated).

Elsie wants Helsha shampoo/conditioner in chamomile scent.

Joan is looking for Low Sodium soup bases.

Erma is looking for St. Ives mint/aloe alcohol-free facial toner and St. Ives collagen moisture firming hydro-gel. Meijer and F&M carried it.

Vonda wants Carva perfume by Tubachet.

Lisa wants a man's back pocket wallet made from eel skin.

The game of Flinch for Barbara.

Darryl is looking for New Era Potato Chips, NeHi Creme Soda and Apple Easy Dessert.

Jenny is looking for Taster's Choice Hazelnut Coffee and a Nite Cap Stocking.

Jerry is looking for four colognes: Faberge's Aphrodisiac, Woodhue, Nine Flags by Colton Company and Russian Leather.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## RETAIL DETAILS

**GIFT ARTISANS**

If you're looking for artful gifts this holiday season, Gallery Nikko features scarves and Christmas stockings by Crispina French, leather stuffed animals by Sandy Vohr, hand-blown glass ornaments by Matthew Beuchner and silver jewelry by Sue Sachs and Terri Logan. 470 N. Old Woodward Avenue on Two, Old Birmingham.

**HOT FROSTIES**

The ancient Japanese method of Raku firing lends itself perfectly to these frosty gentlemen. Each piece is hand-fashioned, baked in a kiln, hand-glazed and fired at an extremely high temperature. When removed from the heat, it smolders in sawdust, creating a beautiful glaze. Pottery snowmen available at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. \$32-\$42.



**SPORTS ART**

The Sports Gallery in Birmingham offers a limited-edition collector's item this season - a Steve Yzerman lithograph. The original lithograph features the Detroit Red Wings captain's locker, where his jersey hangs waiting to be worn. Each piece is signed by Yzerman and sports artist Bill Williams. \$295. 269 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-0044.



**MINI DEPARTMENT STORE**

Hudson's introduces the Little Door Store at the Somerset store in the Kid's Department. The miniature castle made of children's building blocks is a place for kids to shop for holiday gifts for their friends and family. Sales associates assist the children as they choose pre-wrapped

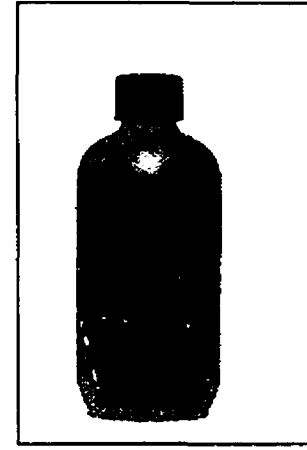
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**CUDDLE UP**

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**BLUE CHRISTMAS**

If the holidays leave you wanting to sing the blues, brighten your spirits with holiday blues, a new aromatherapy bath and shower gel by Philosophy. All profits benefit the National Coalition for the Homeless. \$15. Available at Saks Fifth Avenue.



**SKI BUNNIES**

Hudson's Summit Place and Hudson's Somerset presented holiday fashion shows on Nov. 14-15, highlighting current trends to welcome in the New Year. Included was (left) a red quilted jacket and fleece V-neck by Tommy Jeans, black polar fleece pants by DKNY and (right) a ski jacket by Pacific Trail, zip-front turtleneck by Tommy Jeans and fleece pants by Lauren Ralph Lauren.

**SHEAR DEVOTION**

Red The Salon in Birmingham and The Phoebe Foundation are raising funds to purchase wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment at Beaumont Hospital. Shear Devotion, part of the Phoebe Foundation's hospital programs serving seriously ill children, focuses on helping pediatric patients make the difficult transition of hair loss during treatment. Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket through Dec. 31 at Red, and proceeds go toward the purchase of six wigs. A \$650 Beauty Basket will be raffled. 470 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

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FINE ARTS

Doctor-turned-author believes in magic

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

'If you wait for the perfect time to make a difference, you'll realize, that time will never come.' Dr. Mark Freed Author

If you could have one wish, what would it be? "That I could have three more wishes."

Claire, age 4 from "The Magic of Children"

Jodie, age 4

With a casualness that has put many of his patients at ease, cardiologist Dr. Mark Freed leans over a table of half-filled mugs in a local coffeehouse to make a point.

It's the first of many. His newest book, "The Magic of Children" written with colleague Dr. Robert Safian - both from Beaumont Hospital's cardiology department - isn't about heart disease, nor disorders of the circulatory system.

Freed has found a poetically compelling interpretation of the cardiac muscle that distributes oxygenated blood, and pounds furiously when pleased, threatened or overworked.

According to Freed, contained within the pages of photographs by Kendra Daw and children's responses to questions about the intricacies of their world lies the cure for an unforeseen but inevitable condition - adulthood. "The book," said Freed, "is about the part of the heart that medicine can't reach."

Comes a time

What do you want to be when you grow up? "A kid."

At 42, Freed of Birmingham has the boyish appearance and eternal optimism of a person half his age. Actually, one-quarter of his age. Okay. Maybe one-eighth of his age.

He recalls a pivotal time in his life. A life-changing revelation while attending medical school at the University of Illinois. A circumstance that could find its way into an episode of "ER," right?

Not unless the graduation certificate is endorsed by the Muppets.

With the same assured manner that he's used to explain the cardio-catheterization process, Freed slips into a dead-on imitation of Kermit the Frog.

With the Robin Williams-like catharsis he simulates how he felt at the summer camp where he worked while attending med school.

He recalls their instant laughter, their willingness to wonder, and for a moment, Freed discards his scientific training and pursuit of empirical verification. For him it's clear that the notion of "health" is inseparable from the unblemished and uncynical

viewpoint of a child.

Nearly two decades after he first performed as Kermit the Frog, Freed has cut back on his clinical practice to focus on building his medical textbook publishing company, which published his recent book.

And within the last 18 months, he has formed The Magic of Children Foundation, a nonprofit that will bring doctors and nurses into classrooms nationwide to teach about health.

"If you wait for the perfect time to make a difference, you'll realize, that time will never come."

Unless, of course, you're kid enough to realize that your time has come.

A Christmas tale

"It's sunny in my imagination, but it's cloudy for real."

Becky, age 4, describing the weather

Freed and his book shouldn't be mistaken for the sappy stuff of Disney movies and Hallmark cards.

While he might sound like the ultimate idealist, Freed's views have come from a career of dramatic experiences.

A telling Christmas tale included in "The Magic of Children" serves as an anecdote for Freed's message.

While working in an emergency room on a Christmas day, Freed was overseeing the care of two patients who had suffered massive heart attacks. Both needed heart transplants to survive.

One patient was a hard-driving, successful executive. The other was a janitor at a nursery school.

The executive's room was empty. The janitor's room was filled with family members and gifts.

Freed paused, and asked: Guess which patient succeeded at life?

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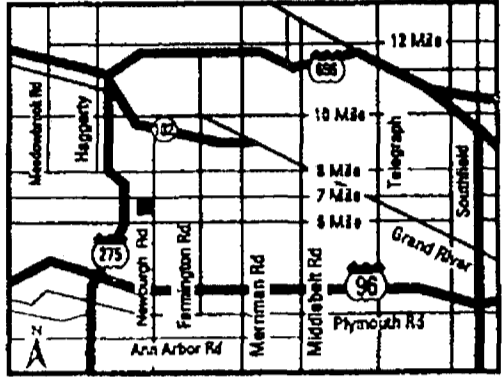
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**MUSEUMS**

# Museum of African American History celebrates Kwanzaa

(PRNewswire) - The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History begins its annual celebration of Kwanzaa Saturday, Dec. 26. Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that is celebrated Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 to reaffirm the commitment to family, community and the Black struggle. The celebration will kick off at noon with a daily Kwanzaa ritual and dance performances ending at 4 p.m. These activities are free with Museum admission. The tradition of Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairperson of the Department of Black Studies at California State University as well as the Director of the African American Cultural Center in Los Angeles. It was first celebrated by his family and friends on Dec. 26, 1966.

Derived from "kwanza," a Swahili word meaning "first fruits of the harvest," Kwanzaa celebrates the set of principles by which African Americans should live, known as the Nguzo Saba. The seven principles are as follows: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). Each day one of these seven principles is featured to focus on its significance. This year, the Museum will also celebrate by hosting "Kwanzaa Concerts: The Music of Our People," which will feature a different genre of music each day beginning at 7 p.m. Concert admission is \$5 per person. The schedule of concert performances are as follows:

- Dec. 26 - 1/4 to Midnight & Millie Scott (R&B)
- Dec 27 - String Quartet & A Darker Shade of Soul Brass Quintet (Classical)
- Dec. 28 - Yatafari & Universal Expression (Caribbean)
- Dec. 29 - Temptation Impressionists & Misty Love and the Motown Sounds
- Dec. 30 - The Hastings Street Blues Band & Sweet Claudette and SC Band
- Dec.31 - Buster Williams Quintet & Johnny Walker Quartet & Others (Jazz)
- Jan. 1 - Men of Covenant, Ginyards Gospel Music Group, The Mims Family & The Whitfield Company (Gospel)

Also this year on the sixth day of Kwanzaa, which is Dec. 31, the museum will serve as the host venue for a New Year's Eve celebration presented by the New Year's Eve Committee and Wayne County Legal Neighborhood Services. Among the live performances, the evening will feature The Buster Williams Quintet (Jazz), The Johnny Walker Quartet (Jazz), Robert Penn Blues Band, Universal Expression (Reggae) and Jazz Head (Acid Jazz Band). The evening will also include dancing, a complimentary champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres and party favors. Tickets are \$70 per person and \$125 per couple. VIP tickets are available at \$150 per person and \$250 per couple. Tickets can be bought at the Museum Information Desk or by phone. The Museum is located at 316 East Warren Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center. For more information on Kwanzaa program call (313) 494-5800.

## Museums abound with activities, events

This holiday season, visitors to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village will take a step back in time to holidays of yesteryear as *Traditions of the Season* is celebrated from now until Jan. 3. Covering more than 100 acres, the museum and village will be decked out in historic holiday splendor, certain to please youngsters and those young-at-heart.

- Events and activities include:
- Susquehanna Plantation, a 19th century southern home in the Village, decorated for plantation society's traditional Christmas wedding season.
  - Adams House, a Victorian Baptist parsonage, where a middle-class 1870s Christmas dinner will feature a frugal, imaginative theme with Mock Apple Pie for dessert.
  - Eagle Tavern, an 1850s stage coach with dishes from America's culinary past on the menu.

Visitors shaking off the holiday chill, will be greeted by a

three-story holiday tree, in the plaza of Henry Ford Museum, decorated with more than 2,000 ornaments and 500 feet of real popcorn. Visions of sugar plums will be abound as visitors marvel at a 720-square-foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling over 75 cars over 500 feet of track winding through lollipop trees and gumdrop gardens.

The Detroit Historical Museum is also making a special presentation of the first 200 years of the city's history in a whole new way with the opening this month of *Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901*.

Frontiers to Factories is a permanent exhibit that originally opened in October 1987 with the title "From Outposts to Industry." The new exhibit opened to the public in December, in time for Detroit's upcoming 300th birthday in 2001.

"No one else tells this story of Detroit's history," said Maud Margaret Lyon, director of the


Detroit Historical Museums. "This new exhibit is a dramatic improvement over what has been shown previously. The best of the old exhibit has been maintained and significant new features including videos and interactive elements, have been added."

The new Frontiers to Factories exhibit is divided into ten sections including the "Introduction; The First People; Furs, Forts and Fire; City of Commerce, 1825-1865; City of Industry; Heavy Industry; Making Goods for Detroiters; The City Where Life is Worth Living; Ready to be the Motor City; and In Business for a Century."

The museum is located at the corner of Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, open Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## TRAVEL

## Sea kayaking can show struggles of nature

(Former Birmingham resident Josh Gerak, son of Birmingham Eccentric Suburban Accents writer Sally Gerak, is an avid adventurer. He moved to the Pacific Northwest and took up sea kayaking, now one of his favorite pastimes.)

BY JOSH GERAK  
SPECIAL WRITER

Autumn is one of the better times to explore the San Juan Islands, one of the best kayaking areas in the lower 48 states. No crowds, often stable weather and as this diary entry will attest, the occasional animal encounter.

This autumn we sea kayaked in the San Juan Islands with eight friends. We had many new wilderness experiences including an astounding encounter with a cephalopod, locally known as the Giant Pacific Octopus.

We established our comfortable campsite on Jones Island and set out to a day trip to Waldron Island, a challenging, five-mile open water paddle. Upon reaching the island, we needed a break, so we beached ourselves on the rugged and rocky south shore, and carefully hoisted our kayaks onto the rocks.

Although where we landed was not an official landing site, we found ourselves on a secluded shore surrounded by cliffs, some of which plunged into the water. The nautical map showed a sea wall dropping 600 feet at this shore. A diving boat arrived later, near high tide, confirming the potential richness of sea life and enticing prospects for wall diving. The current was swift, but we were able to maneuver our nimble boats to a site where few others would venture, much less land.

Our unlikely lunch stop was an old fishing camp. There were hooks and gaffs hammered into the vertical rock walls to hold gill nets that would have been strung out to snag passing salmon. The foundation of an old shack contained scattered coal and, near shore, a graded area, possibly for salmon drying racks. Standing on the steep shore peering into the swift current, I could imagine the bustle of netting thousands of fattened Chi-



Look ma: Josh Gerak gives the no hands sign as he kayaks in the San Juan Islands.

nook on their spring spawning runs on misty mornings of long ago.

As our friends explored the interesting lunch site, Gil, Greg and I admired the purple starfish and colorful sponges from atop a six-foot-high rock wall that sheltered a small pool before the seawall dropped off into the dark abyss. Greg offered to pluck a starfish from the pool below for examination. He climbed down and returned with the five-legged creature.

The purple starfish has a tough hide, but underneath has hundreds of tiny tentacles for gripping rocks and capturing its food. Our starfish was busy digesting several small barnacles and some gooey matter that may at one time have been a sea anemone. As Greg held the startled starfish, its arms slowly recoiled at being out of its environment.

Before returning the starfish to the water, we jokingly suggested to Greg that when he dropped the starfish back into the water he should make sure it landed face down so it could safely reattach itself on the rocks.

"I heard somewhere that an octopus will have that starfish for lunch if his soft underbelly is left exposed," Gil said.

Greg cautiously tossed the slowly curling starfish into the water. Sure enough, when it landed it flipped to rest upside down in two feet of water.

"Now look what you did Greg! He's octopus bait for sure," we chided.



Star man: Josh has a close encounter with a starfish while snorkeling in Washington waters.



Calm waters: Mary Ellen and Josh Gerak find paddling easy going.

We had just made the octopus prediction when an ominous shadow crept on the wall opposite our little protected pool where the upended starfish lay six feet below us. An octopus was moving with deftness along the wall, then across the floor of the pool towards our helpless starfish.

"Good God! It's as if the octopus heard the starfish screaming for help," I said.

The octopus moved like flowing water, masking itself by changing colors when it passed over rock or seaweed. It squeezed into narrow rock crevices, then expanded to full size when gliding over the rocks. It covered 15 feet in about 30 seconds, checking out the more secure starfish on the way.

This was no apparition — the octopus was over two feet long from tip to tip with a head six inches in diameter. We watched transfixed as the octopus scampered directly beneath us to the helpless upside-down starfish.

We could not move to help the starfish — this was nature in live, cinematic magnificence. We were paralyzed, spectators to a struggle we know little about.

Was this our punishment for upsetting the natural balance of the tide pool? A karmic reminder that we are but food in the chain of life?

"Somebody must have been listening to us," I said as the octopus hurried to position itself atop our doomed starfish.

We quickly waved over the rest of our party, who had been exploring other parts of the shore, to witness this extraordinary octopus encounter. But no sooner did the others approach than the octopus moved away to the edge of the tide pool and disappeared into the depths.

Josh Gerak, 37, lives in Seattle, Wash., where he and his wife, Mary Ellen, import handmade products from Central America. Josh is a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School and the University of Michigan. In addition to operating his import company, Josh leads mountain bike and hiking tours in Southeast Utah.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Ocelots' O'Neil honored

A pair of Schoolcraft College soccer players have been honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as All-Americans.

SC men's keeper Eric O'Neil, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, and women's midfielder Lisa Tolstedt, from Northville, were selected in the National Junior College Athletic Association division. The formal presentation will be at the NSCAA convention, which runs Jan. 19-24 in Philadelphia.

At the SC women's soccer awards banquet Dec. 1, several Lady Ocelots were honored. Kerri Bremner, a midfielder/forward from Woodhaven; Annie Hagenah, a forward from Lakeview; and Julie Majewski, a midfielder from Plymouth Canton; shared the top offensive player award. Each scored 12 goals, tying for top honors on the team.

Tolstedt was selected as SC's top midfielder, and Dianna Dean, from Dearborn Edsel Ford, was named the team's top defender for the second-straight year. Marina Vazquez, a midfielder/forward from Farmington, received the most improved player award.

The team's most valuable player was Majewski.

### Wayne alumni swimming

Wayne Memorial High will be staging an alumni swim meet beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the school's pool.

For more information, call Wayne varsity coach Mike Gruber between 2:30-5 p.m. at (734) 595-2244.

### Winter hitting camp

The Double Diamond Baseball School will hold a winter hitting camp from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 20-21 (ages 8-13), and from 4-7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 20-21, at Madonna University.

The two day camp will focus on developing proper swing mechanics, increasing bat speed and power. The camp features two full-length batting tunnels, tee work, short-toss drills and instruction from top high school and collegiate coaches (videotaping for each participant).

The cost is \$90 per player. Payment is due no later than Dec. 16 to guarantee a spot (enrollment limited).

For more information, call Madonna head baseball coach Greg Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

### Holiday baseball camp

Barbaro Garbey, a member of the 1984 World Champion Detroit Tigers, will be an instructor for the '98 Put One In The Upper Deck Christmas Camp (ages 8-12 and 13-16) Monday through Thursday, Dec. 28-31, in Northville.

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### Indoor soccer finalists

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club's under-12 boys select team have been invited to play in the North American Indoor Soccer Division II finals, March 5-6, after competing at the premier level Division I regional, Dec. 5-6, in Wixom Total Soccer.

Members of the Wings, coached by Lou Sveug and Jim Moryc, include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Dan Karas, David Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Ryan Raickovich, Nate Regan and Steve Sudekum, all of Livonia, along with Brendan Diehl (Plymouth).

The Wings' head skills trainer is Adam Pichler.

### AAU girls hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the West Metro Cougars, a girls 14-15 AAU girls basketball team, will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at St. Anselm School, located at Outer Drive and Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call John Maloney at (248) 349-1122 or (248) 478-7681.

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## Ty binds Rockets by Wayne

### Haygood's 18 sparks Glenn to 56-54 win

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

The neighborhood trophy went to Westland John Glenn this year.

Ty Haygood muscled his way to 18 points and Eric Jones made a key bucket in the last two minutes Friday night to lead John Glenn to a 56-54 victory over Wayne Memorial.

It was only Glenn's third win over Wayne since 1981.

"It was pretty good, for a backyard brawl," coach Mike Schuette said after his Rockets gained their first victory in two tries this season. "And for two teams that respect one another and just want to go out and play."

"That was high school basketball at its finest."

Not its technical finest, after all it was only the second game of the season, but surely it was prep basketball at its emotional best and the neighborhood rivals battled for bragging rights.

"We did a better job of handling the ball," said coach Chuck Henry, whose Zebras are now 0-2 by the margin of four points. "We shot the ball well in the first half, which is how we were able to build a nice lead."

"But they toughened up their defense in the second half and we didn't execute as well offensively."

Wayne cut a 51-45 deficit with 5:26 down to 53-52 on Nathan Wade's baseline drive with 2:08 to play.

But Jones responded by driving through the paint to score on a bank layup with 1:47 left. Neither team scored until after Wayne called timeout under its basket with seven seconds left.

Needing a trey to tie, the Zebras inbounded the ball and Shane Nowak's triple try was slightly blocked. A tip was short and Robert Price did the only thing he could do, rebound the ball in with two seconds left.

The Zebras fouled on the in-bounds pass by the Rockets and Bill Foder made a free throw with one second left. A desperation heave at the buzzer was no good.

"At the start of the second half," Schuette said, "we put Eric (Jones) at the high post and he created a whole bunch of action. Down 33-28 at the half, the Rockets tied the score at 39 midway through the third quarter and took a 46-41 lead by period's end."

Foder scored half his 14 points in the third quarter, Jones had five and Haygood six. Foder and Jones wound up with 14 points apiece.

"Foder is a smart player, a quarterback," Schuette said. "He can play any of the positions. He's not our point guard because Reggie (Spearmon) does such a good job. But he could."

John Glenn did a nice job in its high-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Taking it strong:** Westland John Glenn's Ty Haygood (left) tries to muscle Wayne Memorial defender Taron Smith underneath the basket during Friday's city clash.

speed game, sometimes getting a little out of control but mostly looking like one would expect a team to look this early in the season.

The Rockets made just eight turnovers, although they were turned into 14 points. Haygood did a nice job in the middle both ways.

"Based on last season, you'd have to say the strength of our teams is our guards," Schuette said. "But we've got a nice inside game with Haygood and Ben Harris. People are going to have to wake up and take notice of that."

Turnovers hurt Wayne in its opening

game loss to Plymouth Canton but they weren't as critical in Game No. 2. The Zebras made 14 turnovers but limited them to 14 points worth of damage.

Four in a row late in the third quarter, with one shot taken, turned a 39-37 Wayne lead a 42-39 deficit. Westland had an 18-8 margin in the quarter.

Wade led Wayne with 17 points. Justin Goins added 13, Price had 10 and Nowak eight. Taron Smith had 11 rebounds.

"Wade had another very good game," Henry said. "He almost had a triple

double against Canton. He had 17 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals."

Westland wasn't sharp at the free throw line, making just 7-of-18, but Wayne only got to the line twice, making one free throw.

Wayne again felt the loss of Jamar Davis, who suffered a broken arm in a practice just before the season started. The Zebras also need some players to get their grades up.

"We'll try to hang in there until the kids get back," Henry said. "We've got a tough schedule."

## Chargers check Patriots for 5-2 win

BY BRAD EMONS  
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#### PREP HOCKEY

Livonia Churchill hockey coach Jeff Hatley will have to show patience with a young team which has just six seniors and six brand new defensemen.

Same goes for Livonia Franklin's Terry Jobbitt, who has 13 underclassmen on a 17-member squad.

In Friday's Suburban High School Hockey League matchup between the two schools, Churchill showed signs of maturity by skating to a 5-2 win over the Patriots.

Churchill is now 2-2-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the SHSHL, while Franklin drops to 4-2 and 2-2.

"We're not worried about the wobble record right now or the standings in the league," Hatley said. "We're just trying to get better every time out and work on the things that makes us a better hockey team."

Despite taking nine penalties, the Chargers overcame a pair of Franklin power-play goals to earn the win.

Franklin opened the scoring with

8:43 left in the opening period on Tony Sain's goal from Adam Sexton and Josh Garbutt.

But the Patriots followed less than 12 seconds later by taking a two-minute penalty (cross checking) and a 10-minute misconduct (checking from behind).

Churchill's crafty sophomore right winger Adam Krug then cashed in to even the count at 1-1 on an assist from Nathan Jakubowski with 6:56 to go in the period.

"Adam is a smart player well beyond his years as far as hockey smarts goes," Hatley said.

The Chargers' Dan Cook then made it 2-1 on Dan Cook's goal from Krug with just 16 seconds left in the period.

"We took way too many penalties, not because of the referees, because I thought it was a well-officiated game," Jobbitt said. "We just took some dumb ones at the wrong times and you can't do that because Churchill is a good hockey club."

Churchill, which outshot the Patriots 34-16 on the night, owned much of the second period.

Jakubowski went top-shelf on Franklin netminder Rob Williams with 12 minutes remaining in the period for a 3-1 lead.

Krug added a power-play goal from Ed Rossetto and Dan Cook with 5:56 to play in the period.

Churchill defenseman Jeff Andes made it 5-1 with 12:08 left in the third on slapper from the top of the circle.

Franklin closed out the scoring with 9:04 remaining on Ryan Tracy's power-play goal from Sexton and Brandon McCullough.

"Scoring two power-play goals was a plus," Jobbitt said. "And we worked real hard. We took a little step backwards and now we have to go forward."

"We have a lot of things to correct. We made mistakes and Churchill capitalized."

Williams, however, stood out by making 29 saves.

"Rob played a very good game," Job-

bitt said. "Once we settled down it was too late. Part of the problem offensively is that we needed to dump it in because you can't carry the puck in against their defensemen."

Hatley used two goaltenders with Dwaine Jones starting before giving way to Matt Williams midway through the third period.

"We're happy we won the game, but that doesn't mean we can dismiss Franklin or we've accomplished any of our goals," Hatley said. "We're a young team and we're trying to work things together."

"So far we've lost a lot of games to injuries and various things."

Hatley cited two areas where his team needs to improve.

"Defensive zone coverage and fine-tuning our systems," he said. "We also took some unnecessary penalties. We can't do that against Stevenson with (Ryan) Sinks and (Mark) Nebus out there on the power-play or we'll be in trouble."

Churchill will face the league-leading Spartans at 6 p.m. Friday at Edgar.



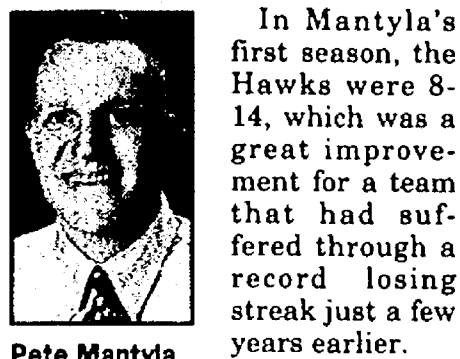
1998 ALL-OSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

# Cagers can dribble, pass, shoot

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Losing has become a thing of the past in the Farmington girls basketball program.

The one person most responsible for changing that is coach Pete Mantyla, who took over a struggling program in 1991 and turned it around.



Pete Mantyla  
Coach of Year

Harrison teams have posted winning records ever since, never failing to win less than 12 games. The best year, strictly in terms of victories, was 1994 when Harrison was 17-5.

The Hawks were 14-7 this year and co-champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association with perennial power Plymouth Salem.

For his work in reviving the program and the job he did in guiding Harrison to the first basketball title for a Farmington public school team in more than a decade, Mantyla has been named Observerland Coach of the Year.

"I feel very fortunate to have the job I do. I really enjoy teaching and coaching," said Mantyla, who teaches sixth grade at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills.

"It combines two things I love. I love basketball and working with kids, being part of a team and being able to do it with close friends. Having the support of my wife, Amy (who keeps the scorebook at every game), has really helped in the last couple years."

Mantyla is known among fellow coaches as a hard worker, coaching players during the AAU winter season and the summer high school circuit.

"I think we've established a tradition of working hard the year round," Mantyla said, "and I've been lucky to have had good relationships with the players who've gone through the program."

Mantyla also gives credit for Harrison's success to coach Harrison and assistant coach (for the last five years) Tom Negoshi-an.

"Tom said he thought this team would have a chance to win something, because the kids are so competitive," Mantyla said. "If we had one outstanding trait as a team this year, I think that was it."

The coach also credits assistant Pat Henderhan, who guided the freshman team.

FIRST TEAM

**Tiffany Simon, Sr., Bishop Borgess:** Simon was a three-year starter and a four-year letterwinner for the Spartans and she truly stood out as a senior.

The only senior on the Borgess roster, Simon averaged 14.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 4.5 steals and two blocks per game. She made 46 percent of her field goal attempts, including 35 percent from three-point range, in leading the Spartans to the Class C Final Four where they lost to eventual champion Freeland in the semifinals.

**1998 ALL-OSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

**FIRST TEAM**  
Tiffany Simon, 5-11 Sr., Borgess  
Samantha McComb, 5-8 So., N. Farm.  
Tiffany Grubaugh, 5-9 Jr., Salem  
Janell Twietmeyer, 5-10 Sr., Canton  
Jessie Brennan, 5-11 Sr., Mercy

**SECOND TEAM**  
Erin Hayden, 5-8 Sr., Ladywood  
Tera Morrill, 5-10 Jr., Franklin  
Latonya Crawford, 5-11 Sr., Wayne  
Andrea Pruet, 5-1 Sr., Salem  
Ari Ault, 5-4 Sr., Harrison

**THIRD TEAM**  
Katie Brennan, 5-6 Jr., Thurston  
Janine Guastella, 5-8 So., Canton  
Michelle Harakas, 5-10 So., Ladywood  
Katie Vitellie, 5-10 Sr., N. Farm.  
Jenny Sutherland, 6-0 Sr., Ply. Christian

**FOURTH TEAM**  
Lindsay Guack, 5-7 So., Stevenson  
Stacey Supanich, 5-9 Sr., Churchhill  
Michelle Catchings, 5-2 So., Borgess  
Susan Roble, 5-7 Jr., Mercy  
Samantha Crews, 5-10 Jr., John Glenn

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Pete Mantyla, Farm. Hills Harrison

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North Farmington: Brittany Vitellie, Katie Gaffey; Farmington Hills: Kately Taylor, Ali Ault, Emily Jackson, Cassie Jamison, Charlotte Blasfield; Farmington Hills: Beth Jager, Julie Rotenhaber; Farmington Hills: Marie Carri-Brankiewicz; Livonia: Stevena; Stephanie Dulz, Cheryl Fox, Cassie Ehlendt; Livonia: Karsten Conklin, Lauren Ruprecht; Livonia: Kerstin Marshall, Lisa Galko; Plymouth: Elise Thorneil, Anne Morell, Christina Kuesel; Plymouth: Christine Phillips, Katie Kelly; Plymouth: Christa; Westland: Laura Clark; Canton: Stephanie Crews, Bridget Hensley, Kristi Mandenhall, Role Arndt; Livonia: Sharon Schwacke, Bekah Hoffmeier, Sharon Greer, Anna Rott; Livonia: Danielle Stodt, Christina Skreks; Livonia: Melissa Harakas, Elana Svetlickas, Carly Queen, Liz Obrecht; Wayne Memorial: Beth Molitor; Westland: Hana Valley; Livonia: Jessie Cherundolo, Stacie Graves; Bishop Borgess: Amber Taylor, DeShawna Hoskins, Stacy Cobbs; Garden City: Sarah Talbot, Carly Wright, Wendy Hankinson; Redford Union: Laura Hillson, Karen Hillson, Kristin Switelski; Redford St. Agatha: Sonia Lousia, Kim Dennis, Jessica James; Redford: Erica Cotton, Julie Stoll.

She also shot 65 percent at the free throw line.

"Tiffany developed from a role player to our go-to player this year," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "In years past she just had to defend and score on layups. This year she played the point from everywhere, defended, scored, rebounded the ball, made sure kids got to practice. She would have driven the bus if we asked her. For her to take 13 underclassmen to the state semifinals is quite an accomplishment."

**Samantha McComb, Soph., N. Farmington:** McComb overcame a summer injury to the ring finger on her right (shooting) hand to have an outstanding sophomore season, leading the Raiders to the Class A district final for the second straight year.

She was the second-leading scorer in Oakland County behind Milford's Christine Schumacher, averaging 21.1 points and scoring a total of 443 in 21 games. She has scored 729 points in two years and is on pace to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

A complete player who excels in all phases of the game, McComb also averaged four-plus assists, four steals, two blocks and eight rebounds. She made 88 percent of her free throws; she shot 51 percent from the floor overall and 39 percent from three-point range.

"She's very much a team player and highly respected by her teammates," North coach Linda Perkins said. "Her leadership this year was better than I've seen in my entire coaching career. She had an exceptional, stellar season and, if she continues at this pace, which I expect, it will be better and better every year."

"She has such a tremendous work ethic, self-discipline and personal drive to rise above something and be the best, and you wouldn't even know it to talk to her. She has the same face and demeanor all the time, but she steps up when it's time to get on the court."

**Tiffany Grubaugh, Jr., Ply. Salem:** When Plymouth Salem's offense was in high gear, it often went through this 5-9 junior.

Grubaugh exhibited all phases of an offensive game, with deadly three-point range, a well-developed ability to drive to the basket, and an adept passing talent. She averaged a team-high 16.7 points for the Western Lakes Activities Association co-champions, as well as 5.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists.

"Tiffany is a dominant player," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She can shoot from long range and has great court vision."

"She's really got a nice package. She'll definitely be a recruited player at the Division I level next year, and she'll be a good player to build our team around. It's going to be fun."

**Janell Twietmeyer, Sr., Ply. Canton:** The 5-9 senior forward led the Chiefs in scoring, averaging 13 points per game

She was also second on the team in rebounding, averaging 8.5 to go with four assists.

"Janell was solid — that was her strength," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "She was a hard worker, very dependable. She was real versatile. If they took away the inside, she could go outside and score."

"But if she went outside, that took away our chances at getting a second shot."

Twietmeyer is undecided about her college choice.

"Coaches are always looking for a player who can shoot, and she can," Blohm said of Twietmeyer.

**Jessie Brennan, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy:** Brennan was a four-year starter and one of Mercy's leading scorers every year. In 18 games this season, she averaged 13 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three-point steals. She shot 31 percent from the floor and 78 percent at the line.

In her high school career, Brennan scored almost 1,000 points and averaged 12 per game, as well as six rebounds, nearly three assists and more than three steals.

Brennan switched from shooting to point guard without a hitch this season. According to coach Katie Vokal, she excelled at playing the point.

"She's an excellent passer," Vokal added. "She has great court vision."

With only three seniors on the squad, it was often up to Brennan to play the role of leader.

"She's a quiet individual," Vokal said. "But she led by her actions."

The coach thinks Brennan can play Division I college basketball. Being 5-foot-10 gives her an advantage playing point guard, Vokal said.

SECOND TEAM

**Erin Hayden, Sr., Liv. Ladywood:** The 5-8 senior point-guard averaged 12 points, four rebounds, six assists and three steals per game as the 13-11 Blazers qualified for the Catholic League playoffs and won their third straight district championship.

"Erin was probably our most important player on the court," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "She rarely came out of the game."

"She was the main reason other teams were not successful in pressing us. She did a good job of handling the ball."

**Tera Morrill, Jr., Liv. Franklin:** Despite the team's 3-16 record and being double-teamed, the 5-10 junior averaged 14.7 points and nine rebounds per game. She shot 53 percent from the field.

Tera was the nucleus of the team, a good all-around player. Franklin coach Gary Warner said, "We expect good things from her next year. She's one of

the better players I've seen play."

Morrill also made All-Western Division in the WLAA.

Latonya Crawford, Sr., Wayne: The 5-10 forward was a unanimous All-Mega Conference (Red Division) selection for the second straight year.

A three-year starter, Crawford capped her senior year by averaging 15.9 points and 15 rebounds per game.

"Latonya could be a great basketball player when she wanted to be," Wayne coach Matt Godfrey said. "There's not a better athlete in the area."

Godfrey said Crawford has drawn interest from several Division II schools.

**Andrea Pruet, Sr., Ply. Salem:** Pruet, a Salem co-captain and a four-year starter, averaged in double figures in scoring all four of her seasons playing for the Rocks. The 6-1 forward averaged 11 points and 9.8 rebounds per game this season.

"The greatest asset to a team is a great team player," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Andrea's just an excellent player, and a great defender."

"We used her both inside and outside. She has a unique ability to guard people. She's just good at all facets of the game, a consummate basketball player, a good team player."

Pruett has verbally committed to attend and play basketball at University of Miami (Ohio) next fall.

**Ari Ault, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison:** Ault started at point guard since midway through her freshman season and was a key player in Harrison's drive to gain a share of the Western Lakes championship this year.

The 5-foot-4 senior averaged 10 points, three assists and two steals. She also shot 30 percent from three-point range, 31 percent from the floor overall and 57 percent at the line. She missed the last nine games because of a knee injury.

In her varsity career, Ault played in 60 games and averaged seven points, three assists and two steals. She made 26 percent of her three-point attempts (69-of-264), 52 percent of her free throws (78-of-149) and 30 percent of her field goals (133-of-445).

"She's very feisty and brought a competitive edge to the gym with her every day," Mantyla said, adding Ault wasn't a great scorer but helped the team in less tangible ways.

"It didn't matter if we were playing for the league championship or for pride in practice. She's just an unbelievable competitor, and I think it rubbed off on all her teammates."

"It's hard to find people who care that much and play that hard every day. For only being 5-4 she never backed down from anybody."



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**PREP WRESTLING**

**WYANDOTTE ROOSEVELT 54**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 24**  
 Dec. 9 at Stevenson  
 103 pounds: Joe Moreau (LS) pinned Kevin Lillenthal, 4:21; 112: Charlie Moreno (WR) p. Bill Bullock, 0:35; 119: Kyle Fleeger (WR) won by void; 125: Dustin Obed (LS) p. Greg Theisen, 3:04; 130: Justin Sammons (WR) decisioned Matt Redley, 7:3; 135: Brian Vermillion (WR) p. Nick Harris, 1:40; 140: Imad Kharbush (LS) p. Shawn Hoagland, 2:38; 152: Mike Falzon (LS) p. Jeff Coates, 4:53; 160: Kevin Stone (WR) p. Joe Gaisky, 1:56; 165: Landon Greene (WR) dec. Brian Barker, 5:4; 171: Al Martin (WR) p. Joe Jamison, 0:42; 179: Chris Hoffman (WR) p. Tim McCarthy, 2:15; 215: Keith Agee (WR) p. Del Loranger, 3:18; Heavyweight: Brandon Garrison (WR) p. Mark Costella, 1:00.  
 Stevenson's dual meet record: 15.  
**GARDEN CITY 41**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 33**  
 Dec. 9 at Clarenceville  
 103 pounds: Scott Massey (GC) decisioned Darryl Tondreau, 20:15 (technical foul); 112: Pat Sayn (GC) pinned Eric Burr, 0:21; 119: Vinnie Zoccoli (GC) p. Nick Elam, :36; 125: Brian Reed (GC) p. Matt Combs, 0:16; 130: Dave Lemmon (LC) p. Casey Samland, 0:41; 135: Joe Scott (GC) p. George Gostias, 2:25; 140: Dan LeClerc (LC) dec. Joe Breda, 8:6; 145: Josh Fee (GC) p. Matt Wehl, 12:5; 152: Eddie Traynor (GC) p. Robbie Simpson, 0:49; 160: Tony Rachoza (LC) won by void; 171: Adam Marcum (LC) p. Craig Medos, 3:49; 189: Brian Hinzman (GC) dec. Walter Ragland, 8:1; 215: Steve Roteneber (LC) p. Leo Alvarez, 1:53; heavyweight: Josh Rose (LC) p. Brian Slykhouse, 0:24.  
 Clarenceville's record: 3-1 overall.  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 66**  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 15**  
 103: Dan Tondreau (LC) p. Neil Krishan, 0:25; 112: Nick Elam (LC) won on void; 119: Sid Padgaonkar (BHC) p. Matt Combs, 1:04; 125: Iban Khojah (BHC) won on void; 130: Dave Lemmon (LC) p. Tatsuya Sakai, 4:48; 135: George Gostias (LC) p. Tourne Thau, 3:30; 140: Dan LeClerc (LC) p. Panit Arkaya mas, 1:19; 145: Matt Wehl (LC) p. Matt Stampis, 1:32; 152: Jonathan Tam (BHC) dec. Robbie Simpson, 12:10; 160: Tony Rachoza (LC) p. Peter Badalamant, 0:21; 171: Adam Marcum (LC) p. Mark Saab, 1:25; 189: Walter Ragland (LC) p. Matt Kaiser, 2:36; 215: Steve Roteneber (LC) p. Visarut Napaport (CB), 0:32; heavyweight: Josh Rose (LC) won by void.  
 Clarenceville's record: 2-0 in Metro Conference.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Monday, Dec. 14**  
 Greater Life at Agape, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 15**  
 Det. Urban at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Adrian, 7 p.m.  
 Selens at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
 Divine Child at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Brighton at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
 N. Farmington at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.  
 Farmington at Andover, 7:30 p.m.  
 Cabrini at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.  
 Ply. Christian at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Farm. at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.  
 Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
 Huron Valley at Mt. Carmel, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 7 p.m.  
 Wyandotte at Lincoln Ck., 7 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Lincoln Pk., 7 p.m.  
 Milford at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 St. Mary's at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Agatha at Bish. Gallagher, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Monday, Dec. 14**  
 Greater Life at Agape, 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 15**  
 Ply. Christian at Bethesda, 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Alphonsus at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 16**  
 Wayne, Glenn at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
 Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
 Crestwood at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
 Taylor Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Allen Park Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Delta College Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Portage Northern Tourney, TBA.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 15**  
 Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 16**  
 Franklin vs. W.L. Central, Churchill vs. Trenton at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.  
 Redford CC at G.P. North, 8 p.m.  
**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
 Franklin vs. Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
 Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
 Farm. Unified vs. Northwille at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
 Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Compuware Arena, 4:30 p.m.  
 Redford Unified vs. Dearborn at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
 Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
 Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Monday, Dec. 14**  
 Madonna at O.L. St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
 Madonna at K'zoo Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
 Madonna at K'zoo Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.  
 Lake Mich. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Monday, Dec. 14**  
 Central St. at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
**(OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney)**  
 Owens Tech vs. Henry Ford, 1 p.m.  
 Lake Mich. vs. Lakeland, 1 p.m.  
 Sinclair vs. Alpena, 6 p.m.  
 Oakland vs. St. Mary's (Ind), 8 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
 OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney, TBA. (Madonna Tournament)  
 St. Francis vs. IU-South Bend, 6 p.m.  
 Madonna vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
 Schoolcraft at Lansing, 1 p.m.  
 Madonna Tournament, 1 & 3 p.m.  
 OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney, TBA.  
 TBA — time to be announced.

**Lady Crusaders upend Tartars**

Aesthetically speaking, it wasn't. But Thursday's trip to Wayne State University did pay the kind of dividends Madonna University's women's basketball team treasures: a victory. The Lady Crusaders pulled away from a five-point halftime lead to a 60-51 triumph. That pushed their record to 8-1; WSU fell to 1-7. The game featured a match-up of former teammates: Plymouth Canton's Fiorenzi, a junior forward at Madonna, and Sarah Warnke, a junior forward for WSU. The Lady Crusaders' shooting, which had been strong in the past few outings, was off against the Tartars. Madonna made just 20-of-54 floor shots (37 percent), including an 8-for-26 second-half performance (30.8 percent). But WSU was even worse, converting just 20-of-64 shots (31.3 percent) in the game. Neither team shot three-pointers well, either — Madonna made 3-of-14 (21.4 percent) while the Tartars were 4-of-15 (26.7 percent). The difference came at the free-throw line. The Crusaders hit 17-of-19 (89.5 percent), including 16-of-17 accuracy in the second half, to WSU's 7-of-12 (58.3 percent). Chris Dietrich paced the Madonna offense with 15 points. Kathy Panganis added 14 points, 10 rebounds and two steals, and Lori Enfield had 12 points, eight boards and three assists. WSU was led by Liz Beach's 17 points. Warnke and Fawne Allossery added eight points apiece, with Warnke grabbing 12 rebounds. Nichelle

Hunter chipped in six points, six steals and five assists.

**WSU beats stubborn Madonna men**

On a rare stop at home for the Madonna University women's basketball team, Wayne State proved an unwelcome visitor by battering the Crusaders 80-57 Wednesday. It was the only home game for Madonna's men in nearly a two-month span (Nov. 18-Jan. 13).

WSU improved to 7-1 for the season; Madonna fell to 2-8.

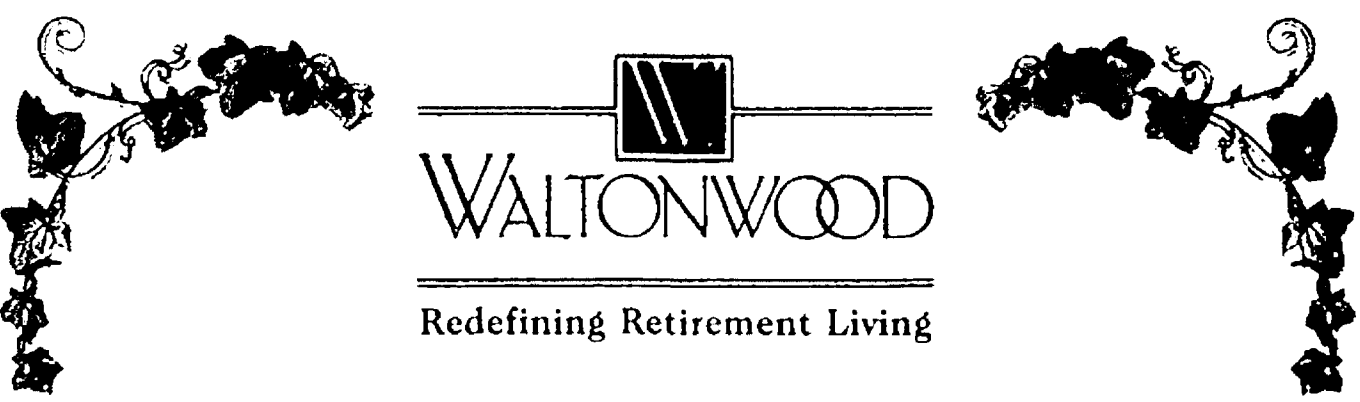
Again, rebounding was a problem for the Crusaders — they were outboarded 38-25 by the Tartars.

Madonna trailed by four at the intermission (33-29) after leading by as much as 11 (24-13) with 11:37 to go in the half. The Crusaders kept it close to start the second half, narrowing the gap to 39-37 with 16:26 left on a Narvin Russaw dunk. But WSU took command after that with a 21-5 run to go up 60-42 with 9:01 to play. It was never closer than 15 after that.

Russaw led the Crusaders with 14 points, but foul trouble limited him to less than 22 minutes of floor time. John-Mark Branch added 10 points. Nick Hurlay (Plymouth Canton) had four points, seven assists and three steals, and Mike Maryanski totaled nine points, six boards and two steals.

Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) topped Glenn with 19 points. Tom Pauly had 12 (and three steals) and Brandon Johns 11.

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RECREATION & BOWLING

Deer harvest huge success

According to preliminary numbers issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, firearm deer hunters in Michigan enjoyed the second most successful season on record by harvesting an estimated 323,000 deer during the recently completed, 16-day firearms season.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

would be up from last year, and our figures confirm that this year's harvest was 20-percent greater than 1997," said John Urban, big game specialist with the DNR. "We are especially encouraged by the harvest in southern Michigan, where we focused on increased antlerless harvest in areas of high deer numbers."

The second archery season runs through Jan. 3 statewide and a special antlerless firearms only season will be held Dec. 19-Jan. 3 on private land only in many areas of the state.

and dressed out at 230 pounds. Westland's Bill and Sheryl Sutherland each took an 8-point buck this fall.

Warm weather can't change nature ways

Animal activities can be likened to the Bell curve. Most of the animals will exhibit the typical behavior at a time when they are supposed to, but there will always be some animals that show a more extreme variation to the standard, or typical behavior.



TIM NOWICKI

but some individuals on the end of the Bell curve remain behind to feed on berries and fruits. Bluebirds exhibit this same phenomena. A few birds stay behind and spend the winter in the northern states, while most of the birds migrate south.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

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.

- 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.

SEASON/DATES

- DEER: The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula).

- Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

Helpful holiday shopping tips give buyers variety of options

There are only 11 more shopping days until Christmas, so let's think about what to buy for our favorite bowling friends and relatives.



AL HARRISON

It will feature several manufacturers displays, distributor and pro shop booths with some bargain prices on balls bags and other related items.

Senior Men's Classic League at Mayflower Lanes. The 71-year-old brought in his newly drilled Storm El Nino and rolled a 801 series this week.

All bowlers would love to receive a brand new ball, but some of them are pretty pricey, however there are lots of special buys, or perhaps a gift certificate for a certain amount which could be redeemed as partial payment for a new ball.

Her series was 718 as she joins teammate Sandy Winbigger who had one earlier. It was more unusual, since it was a low scoring night on these lanes except for a few including Sandy with 258-215-219/692 and another teammate, Kim Kopf, who rolled a 254 game.

There are cash prizes and 50 percent of teams advance to the bowling center championship, held one day (March 6-April 18, 1999) at your center.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- CLOVERLANES (Livonia): St. Aidan's Men: Dave Weber, 236-204/623; Rich Redak, 256-202/639; Joe Naujokas, 242-233/666; Tony Kaluzny, 228-224-236/686; Alan Polasky, 225-207-217/649; Scott Underwood, 247.

Santa's hints
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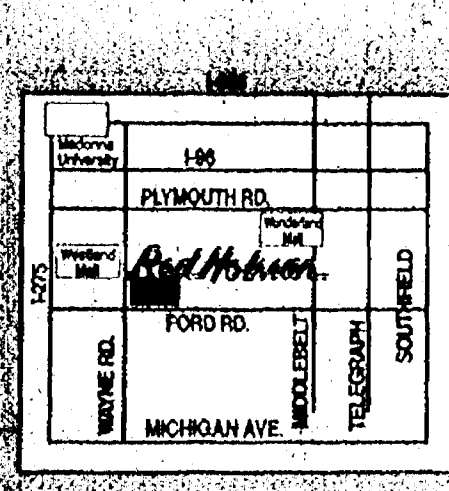
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