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THE WEEK AHEAD

Thanksgiving closings:
Westland City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday. The 18th District Court will also be closed Thursday and Friday. The Westland library will close early at 5 p.m. Wednesday and be closed Thursday and Friday.

MONDAY

City Hall: The Westland City Council will hold a study session 6:15 p.m. in City Hall. It will focus on the arena feasibility study.

TUESDAY

Speaker: The Westland Democratic Club will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Dorsey Community Center. The speaker will be American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan President Janet Cooper, who will discuss charter schools. Call (734) 729-6248 or (734) 422-5863.

WEDNESDAY

Grand opening: Bed Bath & Beyond will have an 8:30 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony with the Westland Chamber of Commerce. The location is 35120 Central City Parkway. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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Library nepotism flap heats up



No action was taken, but several residents came to a library board meeting Wednesday to protest a violation of the library's nepotism policy. The board will next consider action on the policy at its Dec. 15 meeting.

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Westland library board members are under intense pressure to keep a nepotism policy that was violated when President Jim Chuck's wife was hired for a part-time job. Amid warnings from residents that dropping the policy will tarnish the

library's image, board members left a meeting Wednesday without resolving the issue.

The board will tackle the controversy again during its next meeting, Dec. 15. In the meantime, Chuck will continue to serve as president while his wife, Cheryl, keeps her \$12-an-hour job in the library children's room.

"It's going to be much harder to talk

about how marvelous Westland is," resident and former library volunteer Jim Cook told the board. "It's an embarrassment. Honest to God, folks, it's an embarrassment."

One former library board member, Jo Johnson, already resigned over the hiring flap.

Library Director Sandra Wilson has conceded that she made a mistake by hiring Cheryl Chuck for a 30-hour-a-week job that Chuck started Oct. 18.

A nepotism policy clearly states that family members of library board members may not be hired. The board has lifted the rule for Cheryl Chuck as it debates a policy change.

On Wednesday, Wilson said she hasn't been able to find employees, "and I was desperate and glad to have Cheryl."

Even Wilson has had to work as many as 30 hours a week at the library reference desk, working weekends and nights to try to keep up with her duties as director.

"I can't go on working these kinds of hours and not get burnt out myself," she said.

Image concerns

But several residents who attended the board meeting implored officials

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Chautauqua Express: Guy Louis performs his Native American song with the help of students at Wildwood Elementary. Two performances were held at the school, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Wildwood's wild about Louis

BY JULIE BROWN
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Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express Musical came to Wildwood Elementary Wednesday for a fun-filled day.

The morning and afternoon performances focused on American music. Students sang and danced with Native American drums and rattles. Folk, blues and rock and roll were also featured.

"I think it went really well," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Wildwood Elementary School principal. "He had a lot of student interaction."

Instruments Louis used included a Stratocaster electric guitar, Renaissance lute, six- and 12-string guitars, ukulele, mandolin and a variety of percussion instruments.

"They really had a nice time," Tyszkiewicz said of the Wildwood students. He was impressed with how Louis tied the history of music into ecology, emphasizing saving trees and keeping water clean. The program included science and history, the principal said.

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Participation: Fifth-grader Jason Moody (left) acts and sounds like a monkey when performing with Guy Louis. Students were performing as different animals to a folk song as part of the American music lesson. At right is fifth-grader Briana Gutierrez.



Outlook's good for man after kidney transplant

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Richard Popp Sr. said Friday morning he expected to be home this weekend, roughly 10 days after receiving a kidney from son Richard Jr.

"If not today, tomorrow (Saturday)" is what doctors at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak told the popular former Garden City High School teacher and assistant football coach who underwent an 11-hour operation Nov. 10 that ended a nearly five-year wait for the

transplant.

The elder Popp, 59, of Westland, said his time on the surgical table was longer than expected because doctors had to operate twice — the second time to realign the new kidney.

However, that procedure took "just a couple hours," he said.

The new kidney is "still not functioning as fully as they want, but it's moving in the right direction," he said. "It is functioning, just not fully."

Popp will return next week to the hospital for "a lot of anti-rejection treatment" — daily "for the next four

five or six days," he said.

The anti-rejection drugs he's being given to help his body accept the new organ "are very difficult to get used to," he said Wednesday.

He also said he'd lost 20 pounds because he's had to continue with the kidney dialysis he's been undergoing the last five years to remove waste from his body.

However, Popp Sr. also began walking Wednesday for the first time since surgery, going 300-400 feet from his bed, then back several times.

Though his strength is returning and

he's "getting a little better every day," the healing is "slower than I wanted. But that's not odd, they (the doctors) say."

On Friday morning, Richard Jr., a computer teacher at a Southfield high school, visited his father and said his dad "looked better than he has in years, color-wise."

As for himself, the younger Popp, a 32-year-old single father of three who was released from the hospital Nov. 13, said he feels great and plans to return

Please see **KIDNEY**, A3

Ice arena addition tops Monday meeting agenda

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A new study indicates strong support for a second ice surface to allow Westland hockey and figure skating programs to expand.

A new ice surface would likely double the size of Westland Sports Arena and cost \$3 million to \$5 million to build, Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

Even if city approval comes quickly, he said, it could take two to three years to expand and renovate the ice arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

No decision has been made about how to pay for the proposed project.

"We are only in the exploratory stages right now,"

Kosowski said.

Westland City Council members will discuss ice arena issues during a study session at 6:15 p.m. Monday at City Hall on Ford Road.

Councilwoman Justine Barns said during an earlier council meeting she hopes a new sheet of ice will be approved.

"We are going forward hopefully on another sheet of ice," she said.

Late last month, 81 people attended an arena feasibility study meeting and voiced sweeping support for a Westland Sports Arena expansion.

Kosowski, in a report to council President Sandra Ciarelli, noted that "there is a strong current need for more ice time to accommodate our Westland user groups."

The Westland Hockey Association — the largest user — could "easily" double its use of ice time if a second sheet were added to the arena, the report suggests.

The hockey association now has 375 members and 13 teams using 42 hours of ice time each week.

Kosowski's report noted "the need for additional hours to accommodate the many Westland children on waiting lists for the hockey association."

The Westland Figure Skating Club — the arena's second biggest user — also could double its use of ice time and would like to add more prime-time hours to develop the program, the report said.

The figure skating club has just under 200 mem-

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Station funding gets nod

BY DARRELL CLEM
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In a long-awaited victory, Westland city officials learned Friday that a proposed south-end fire station will receive \$700,000 in federal dollars.

"I feel exuberant," James Gilbert, city housing/community development director, said. "It's only Thanksgiving, but Christmas has come early."

A minor glitch in population statistics had threatened federal funding for a full-size fire station on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene, in Carver subdivision.

But city officials waged a battle until learning Friday from U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, that the federal dollars had been approved.

Construction is expected to start next spring.

"We kind of anticipated that it would be OK," Mayor Robert Thomas said of the project, adding later, "We had never given up on it."

He hailed the fire station as a catalyst that will continue a redevelopment effort already under way in Carver subdivision, southeast of Middlebell and Annapolis.

"Not only will it be a catalyst for continued development in that area, but now people moving in there will know that there will be a fire station around the corner," Thomas said. "Things like that will make people feel comfortable and make them want to move there."

City officials want to build a new fire station because the city's southeast side includes an L-shaped area that is geographically separate from the rest of Westland.

Moreover, firefighters responding from the closest fire station at Palmer and Northgate faced possible delays at a railroad crossing.

The new fire station also will include an office for a part-time community

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Community college offerings defended

BY DARRYL CLEM
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A Westland woman, critical of Wayne County Community College services, wants the entire city to become part of the Schoolcraft College district.

The measure would entail state legislative approval, but a longtime WCCC trustee defended the job the college is doing.

"Is it serving the people of western Wayne County? Yes, it is," former trustee Ted Scott said.

Judi Cornfoot, who is not enrolled in college, disagrees and cites the following problems she said she has encountered:

■ She hasn't been able to get catalogs and class schedules at her home.

■ She opposes WCCC tax increases that she said don't bring any improved services to the Westland area.

■ Some classes she has wanted to take would force her to drive long distances because they weren't available at the western campus in Van Buren Township.

"If Westland is going to be a world-class community, it needs

to get out of Wayne County Community College because they're not serving us at all," Cornfoot said.

Scott disagreed. He said he has personally delivered some college materials, such as catalogs and schedules, to Cornfoot. He also made her aware of western-campus classes that he thought might interest her.

"She wants more than it sounds like is normal," Scott said.

What Cornfoot wants is for all of Westland to become part of the Schoolcraft College district.

Right now, the part of Westland served by Livonia Public Schools is already in Schoolcraft, while the area served by Wayne-Westland Community Schools is part of WCCC.

Cornfoot said many Westland students pay nonresident fees to attend Schoolcraft at the Radcliff campus near Radcliff and Ford Road.

Scott conceded that students have to drive several miles to WCCC's Van Buren campus.

"Is that reasonable? Yes, I think it is," he said. "We are not built next to John Glenn High

School. I'd like us to be, but I didn't do that."

Even so, the Van Buren campus is the fastest-growing among WCCC's sites, Scott said.

"It has room to grow more than any of the others," he said.

Cornfoot, 45, is sitting out this semester but said she has 20 credit hours to go for an associate's degree in arts. She says she won't attend WCCC.

"I'd like to see our property taxes going somewhere where it's going to do some good for the people of Westland," she said. "The school is not serving Westland residents at all."

Scott said he has not received widespread complaints. "I was on the (WCCC) board for 10 years," he said, "and I never had anybody with that kind of bitterness."

Statistics provided by Schoolcraft researcher Jim Utley show that many of that school's Westland students do come from the WCCC district.

Of 1,522 Westland students last fall, only 599 actually lived in the Schoolcraft district, he said.

That means Schoolcraft drew

923 students from the WCCC district.

Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc previously investigated what it would take for all of Westland to become part of the Schoolcraft district. He learned the city council would have to pass a measure and then seek approval from state legislators — a nod that isn't likely to occur.

LeBlanc said his concerns were purely geographical.

"Some people from Westland can toss a stone and hit that (Radcliff) college, yet they are charged nonresident status," he said. "It was always an issue of geography for me and nothing else."

WCCC resident students pay \$54 per credit hour; nonresidents pay \$70.

Schoolcraft resident students pay \$53; nonresidents, \$78.

Scott said people like Cornfoot, who aren't happy with WCCC, have the option of attending Schoolcraft, but he said the attacks on WCCC are unwarranted.

"They're both good community colleges," he said.

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Students view court in action at school

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Judicial proceedings inside her high school's auditorium didn't surprise Becky Camilleri much.

"My mom makes me watch 'Judge Judy' all the time," the Livonia Franklin senior said.

Though seemingly nonplused by Wednesday's visit of 16th District Court and Judge Kathleen McCann, Camilleri still found the cases rather interesting.

In 1½ hours, Camilleri and an auditorium full of her fellow students watched McCann quash a motion, sentence a drunken driver, extend someone's probation and send an expelled Stevenson High student to jail.

With both hands cupping his chin, senior Phil Huelter listened intently to testimony in an attorney's vigorous but failed attempt to get the judge to throw out his client's case.

The attorney argued Livonia police didn't have just cause to pull over and question his client who was in a van stopped on Clarita Street. Two officers testified they investigated after the saw the van cross Farmington Road going west on Clarita and

then stop in the middle of the street.

The driver switched seats with a passenger after authorities spotted them, police officers said. Police arrested the defendant for driving with a suspended license.

"I've always been interested in being a lawyer," Huelter said afterward. "Even more so now."

Students watched as the judge ordered a father of three children to continue substance abuse counseling after his second marijuana conviction.

Another man limped up to the stage with a severely broken ankle and herniated disks in his back, the result of crashing his motorcycle while intoxicated.

"I'm very lucky to be here," said the defendant, who cannot work and faces additional surgery because of the accident.

McCann was sympathetic, but only to a point. She ordered him not to drink and attend Alcoholics Anonymous as well as seek outpatient treatment.

She sentenced him to two years probation, 15 days in a work-release program and assessed fines totaling more than \$1,000.



Justice:
Judge
Kathleen
McCann
of the
16th Dis-
trict
Court
hears a
case.

STAFF PHOTO
BY TOM HAWLEY

"There but for the grace of God, a child is not dead or you would be facing homicide charges," said McCann, noting the man rode the motorcycle while drunk on a neighborhood street with kids playing nearby.

"This is not your first offense. You should've had a wake-up call a long time ago."

McCann also lectured a teen convicted as a co-defendant in an incident where \$200,000 damage was done at Stevenson in July.

She sentenced him to 15 days in jail and another 15 in a work release program for a range of charges including breaking and entering, vandalism and loitering.

She assessed more than \$1,000 in fines to go along with \$2,500 in restitution. The teen is working as a busboy

to pay back the money.

In addition, the judge said he must attend aggressive behavior resolution classes and complete 240 hours of community service in Livonia. McCann also ordered him not to have contact with the co-defendant.

Students found the teen's case and the one involving the police stop most compelling.

Though the case involving the suspended license focused on the debate of civil liberties versus police rights to investigate, some students questioned why the man bothered to fight the ticket.

"I thought it was pointless," Phil Huelter said. "He shouldn't have been driving and he didn't have a license in the first place."

Added Becky Camilleri: "I thought it was stupid because he shouldn't have been driving."

Academic Letter Awards will be given in Tuesday ceremony

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools will have an Academic Letter Awards Ceremony 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, in the Stockmeyer Auditorium of

Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood in Wayne.

The award, established by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in 1996, recognizes those

high school students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better during an academic year.

Also at Wayne Memorial, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, there will

be a Winter Concert. Performers will include the concert band, symphony band, symphony orchestra and Zebra Marching Band. The holiday concert is free.

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Poetry's lyrical magic draws them to library

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

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- Tim White

Tim White's poems captivate the mind; and he reads them at a new library program that's



Thoughts: Pam Hussein reads a poem to the library listeners.

easy to find. The Wayne resident is among a group of poetry lovers who meet monthly at the Public Library of Westland Open Mike Poetry Reading brainstormed last spring by Suzie Shipman, reference associate.

Usually, between 10 and 15 people attend. Some bring their original poetry; some read published works and some just come to listen and absorb the messages. Some are regulars and some are curious.

"I was inspired, actually, by local coffeehouses and I thought, what better place to have a poetry reading than a library?" explained Shipman, who enjoys reading poetry but doesn't write.

"It's a nice group of people with outstanding poetry," Shipman said.

The visitors range in age from a 4-year-old who came once and read a poem to elderly people.

"Lately, we've been having teenagers come, too," Shipman said. "It's a place they can express themselves in an emotionally safe environment. No one's going to laugh at their poetry. Most people are really enthusiastic about it. They're making time; or finding a sitter to do this and that's really encouraging. We emphasize the family and friendly atmosphere."

The informal setting, sitting in a circle without actually having to stand by a podium is inviting to people who might be otherwise intimidated, said White, who earned a degree in English and philosophy from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He works in customer service at Detroit Newspapers Inc., as a substitute teacher for Garden City Schools and as an essay grader for the MEAP tests.

"My goal is to make my living

via writing and I'm not real fussy," he said, adding that he also does freelance writing.

White was happy to get a positive reaction to one of his favorite poems, "The Wasted Land," which is a contemporary takeoff of T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land."

"The Wasteland' is about the numbing of values and the degeneration of society that he saw in the '20s," White said. "He thought the activities of the Roaring '20s were escapism to escape the horrors of World War I."

White's poem addresses the blending of fantasy and reality.

"War is more and more like a video game and video games are more and more realistic," White said.

The poem is ever changing as current events inspire him to add more verses.

A few passages from "The Wasted Land" include:

"I have a dream but a couple Valium oughta get rid of it.
Life in the fast lane,
Everything all the time.
I want my war t.v."

The reaction from people at the poetry reading, White said, was positive.

"There was an older gentleman who was a veteran of World War II," White said. "I was concerned that veterans might think I was trivializing war, but he was able to see that was never my intent."

The next Open Mike Poetry Reading nights at the Public Library of Westland are 7-30 p.m. Dec. 13, Jan. 26 and Feb. 6 in Community Room B. There is no charge. Coffee, tea, punch, cookies and crackers will be served.

For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.



Listen: Araxy Argahian (right) reads a poem called "Armenia 1992 - Dim Memories" as Pam Hussein listens.

PHOTO BY BOB DONAT

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to teaching Monday. "I'm a very fortunate person," he said.

Popp Sr. said Friday he told Carol, his wife of 38 years, to stay home and rest. She's "been a real trooper," he said.

The help and support he's gotten from his wife, other family members and friends has been "overwhelming," he said.

"There are so many people pulling for me, it's just unbelievable. The phone is ringing off the hook," he said at midweek.

"The support is absolutely incredible. (People) calling, sending cards, prayers. I can't get over it," he said.

All the good cheer was very important "because you tend to get depressed," he noted.

Forced into retirement in 1995 by diabetes, Popp Sr. suffered a series of medical problems that caused kidney problems.

That reduced his kidneys' function to just 5 percent, forcing him to spend four hours a day, three times a week in dialysis the last five years as he and the family went through a series of delays before the transplant took place.

"I can't emphasize enough the need for donors," said Popp Sr. "I sure appreciate it."

Make shopping safe with center's tips

Westland Shopping Center is offering tips to holiday shoppers on how to stay safe. No matter where you visit, taking that extra bit of precaution will help make you a little more aware of your surroundings.

Always stay alert, watchful and aware of your surroundings. Walk with confidence. Make sure someone knows where you are when you are away from home.

Park in well-lit areas as close to your destination as possible.

Whether you're driving or parked, always lock car doors. When you must leave valuable items, such as your shopping bags or purse, in your car, always store them in the trunk.

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through the strap.

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If someone suspicious approaches you as you are leaving the building, return to the building immediately and contact a public safety officer or the police.

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Yule comedy set for December

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"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented at the Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford near Carlson in Westland.

Tickets, which run \$5 each, will be available at the center or at the door.

The story concerns the efforts of a woman and her husband to put on the annual church Christmas pageant - despite having to cast probably the meanest, nastiest, most inventively awful kids in the world.

The Christmas comedy is designed for all ages.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 15, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, November 15, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII, BY ADDING SECTION(S) TO BE NUMBERED 70.04(K) PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION UPON DETENTION OF DRIVER; CONFISCATION OF PLATE; TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATE; NOTICE TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION(S) 70.04(K) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

70.04(K). Detention of driver; vehicle immobilization; temporary vehicle registration plate.

Section 1. When a peace officer detains the driver of a motor vehicle for a violation of a law of this state or the City of Garden City for which vehicle immobilization is required, the peace officer shall do all of the following:

- (a) Immediately confiscate the vehicle's registration plate and destroy it.
- (b) Issue a temporary vehicle registration plate for the vehicle in the same form prescribed by the Secretary of State for temporary registration plates issued under Michigan Compiled Laws 257.226a.
- (c) Place the temporary vehicle registration plate on the vehicle in the manner required by the Secretary of State.
- (d) Notify the Secretary of State through the law enforcement information network in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State that the registration plate was confiscated and destroyed, and a temporary plate was issued.

Section 2. A temporary vehicle registration plate issued under this ordinance is valid for until the charges against the person are dismissed, the person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to those charges, or the person is found guilty of or is acquitted of those charges.

Repeal.

This Ordinance is in addition to the Code of Ordinances, as amended, at Chapter 70, Title VII, entitled "Traffic Code", and its amendments, and this Ordinance only hereby repeals any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of any conflict.

Severability.

This ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provisions and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Savings Clause.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are hereby saved and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the ordinance in effect at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or evade any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed by this Ordinance adopting this penal regulation code for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued or instituted under or in accordance with the provisions of any ordinance in force at the time of the commission of such offense.

Date of Effect.

This Ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Inclusion into Code of Ordinances.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City, as an addition and amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code if necessary.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
Mayor
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ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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not to ease the policy against hiring relatives.

"I think the situation could be compounded much more if the board were to reverse the policy that's in place," City Councilman Glenn Anderson said. "I think this is an unfortunate thing that happened, and I would hope we would not repeat it."

Cook said he researched nepotism. "I could find nowhere where it is defended."

Cook voiced concerns that students working convenience store jobs will come to believe that the only way to get a library position is to have a relative there.

"You've got to set an example for the community," Cook told the board.

Former library board member Marjorie Kay Daniels, who helped establish the policy, called it "a good one."

"It was set up to avoid the situation you now find yourselves in," she said to board members.

Daniels questioned conflicting statements made by Jim Chuck and library board member Sharon Clark in an Oct. 31 story in the Observer.

Clark said board members had

earlier considered dropping the policy, but Chuck said he wasn't even aware of the section that prohibited the hiring of board family members.

"They conflict," Daniels said of their statements.

Daniels also warned board members that allowing nepotism would cause resentment among employees and hurt the library's reputation.

"These things are never forgotten," she said. "You've got to make the right choices."

Anderson said the hiring of relatives could raise questions about whether library employees are getting preferential treatment for merit pay increases.

Pay an issue

Wilson said library officials will have to address how to keep employees. She lost one employee to a similar job in Wayne that paid \$2.50 more an hour.

Wilson voiced fears that library hours will have to be reduced unless hiring problems subside.

Board member Marty Budner indicated that Cheryl Chuck's hiring isn't the first time the library has been guilty of nepo-

tism. Wilson's husband, Jim, has worked as an outside consultant to address computer problems.

But Joanna Bennett, assistant city attorney, pointed out that a consultant isn't considered a library employee. Moreover, the nepotism policy in question applies only to library board members.

Clark said that she has never supported the nepotism policy and that she has received no complaints about Cheryl Chuck's hiring.

Daniels, Anderson and others said they have.

"It is a concern to quite a few people," Anderson said, telling Clark, "You can't cavalierly disregard the impression it's going to set out there in the public."

Clark responded that she wasn't trying to be cavalier about the issue.

"It's much more serious, I believe, than some people think," Anderson said.

Library board members indicated they delayed a decision Wednesday to study the issue. They have identified several options:

- Dropping the policy alto-

gether. ■ Keeping it intact, which means Cheryl Chuck's job could be threatened.

■ Allowing relatives to work as temporary employees, which could threaten Cheryl Chuck's long-term employment.

■ Revising the policy to allow the hiring of family members if they are qualified; are not given preferential treatment; are the best qualified for the job; and won't be directly supervised by Wilson.

Daniels and her husband, Ed, suggested Wednesday that the issue could be resolved if Jim Chuck resigned as board president.

He had already offered to step down, but his colleagues asked him to stay.

"I don't think that the position I have is really the issue," he said.

Jim Chuck indicated, however, that Wilson's decision to hire his wife in violation of the nepotism policy will be remembered when Wilson has her next job evaluation.

"It will not be overlooked," he said.

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There was a morning show for kindergarten through second grade, followed by an afternoon show for third through fifth grades.

"The kids had remembered him from last year," Tyszkiewicz said. The show last year focused on African music.

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■ 'I think it went really well. He had a lot of student interaction.'

Kurt Tyszkiewicz
—Wildwood principal



Wow: Wildwood Elementary third-graders Corey Painter (left) and Tessa Shiller enjoy the performance.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

■ 'We are going forward hopefully on another sheet of ice.'

Justine Barns
—councilwoman

Ice from page A1

bers who use 27 hours of ice time each week.

The report also found that:

■ The city needs extra arena activities such as more open skating and extra hours for novice hockey players who just want to drop in to play.

■ The arena needs to accommodate more special promotions, shows, tournaments and practice time.

■ Consideration should be given to the possibility of adding high school activities such as

hockey and figure skating teams.

■ The arena needs more dressing rooms, extra storage space, a better concession area and more room to display trophies that local sports organizations have won.

If the city decides to expand the arena, then officials will be forced to address issues such as losing space for adjacent ball fields and park land.

Bill Yarger of Yarger Architectural Design already has drawn up three conceptual arena

designs, but Kosowski stressed that the drawings are preliminary because no decision has been made to expand the facility.

Still, Kosowski said he has been encouraged by the level of interest and support for a second sheet of ice.

Kosowski said he has been "energized" by the positive comments as the administration and the council seek ways "to offer the most innovative recreation possible."

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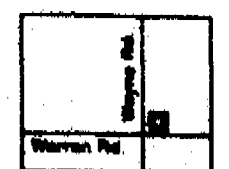
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Western Wayne may lobby against motor carrier bill

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Western Wayne leaders may visit Lansing again, this time over a state bill one mayor says will give the literal green light to truck drivers to haul freight that violates weight restrictions.

Members of the Conference of Western Wayne may organize a journey similar to a bus trip that recently went from Farmington Hills to Lansing to protest House Bill 4777. Many mayor and township supervisors believe that bill would strip local officials of "home rule" powers, and this time motor carrier bills approved Oct. 28 by the state House are drawing the ire of many from the CWW's 18-member legislative consortium.

The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The House package would redistribute revenue derived from trucking violations for weight and equipment citations by local police agencies to county libraries. In October the CWW approved a resolution opposing the bills that was forwarded to

state lawmakers.

Currently money collected from the civil fines is placed by communities into their general funds. In 1994 the Legislature passed bills to allow local units of government the option to create municipal ordinance violations bureaus and adopt by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code to better enforce the state's traffic laws. The laws allowed local law enforcement agencies to bring civil, rather than criminal, actions against people who violated local ordinances.

In October the revenue distribution derived from violations was revised in the proposed bill. Those changes would disburse 30 percent of the fines to cities, villages or counties for repairs and maintenance on local roads, 40 percent to the jurisdiction for library purposes and 30 percent to the courts.

The House bills were eventually referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

Critical of bill

Local officials criticize the move because that money is now used to help pay for officers to enforce those violations. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chairs the CWW, said many communities will not be able to afford the enforcement of police units

assigned to enforcement.

"The bottom line is, if they do pass, it will be an open invitation to at least violate the laws of the state, if local governments check out (of enforcement)," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said the bills will not be on the "fast track" in the Senate as they were in the House. "They will not get as high of a priority," Kirksey said.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack suggested the CWW take a leadership role for Senate hearings expected in February on the package. "The heaviest of trucks will only get heavier," Yack said. "Then there will be a plea for more money from the general public to fix our crumbling roads."

Package supported

Last month state Rep. Thomas Kelly (D-Wayne) said he disagreed with an Oct. 8 resolution from the CWW opposing the bills.

Kelly, who sponsored one of the bills, said the package reverses what has gone on in the past seven or eight years. Nearly 50 libraries are funded by fines, Kelly said.

"What's happening is the communities are seeing treasure troughs with truck weights," Kelly said. "Some of the things they are getting written up for are silly, such as not enough

Band-Aids in safety kits. Sometimes they are cited three times, sometimes for the same thing, in the same community."

Kelly said all he was trying to do was put the system back to what it was.

"They're pitting one department in municipal government versus another," Kelly said, that is libraries versus public safety.

Also, Kelly said garbage haulers hired by local communities are fined. Those fines can be sizable and add to the company's costs. "Who will pay for that? Not the communities, but the

people who live there."

Chief opposes bill

But Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst said local enforcement was critical in curbing the problems and the dangers of overweight trucks. "They have a devastating crash potential," Kunst said.

Kunst said Livonia's motor carrier enforcement officer cited 138 commercial vehicles for 93 weight violations, 86 equipment violations and 56 document violations through September 1999. Costs for the officer include

\$70,000 to \$80,000 annually for salary and fringe benefits, while the vehicle costs \$25,000-\$30,000 amortized over five years.

Even with the legislative revisions, Kunst still opposed the bill. "I can't justify the budget (for enforcement) when a portion is going to the library system," Kunst said. "This is a traffic safety issue, this is an area where we can make an impact."

"Their record is not very good when they collide with a vehicle."

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Class start 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, and continues through Dec. 15, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. The Center is located on 1751 Radcliff Street, south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman roads.

The cost of the course is \$102. Fresh flowers will be provided. Students need to bring a knife, wire cutters, scissors, and a cutting board. For more information, to register for classes, or to obtain a catalog, call (734) 462-4448.

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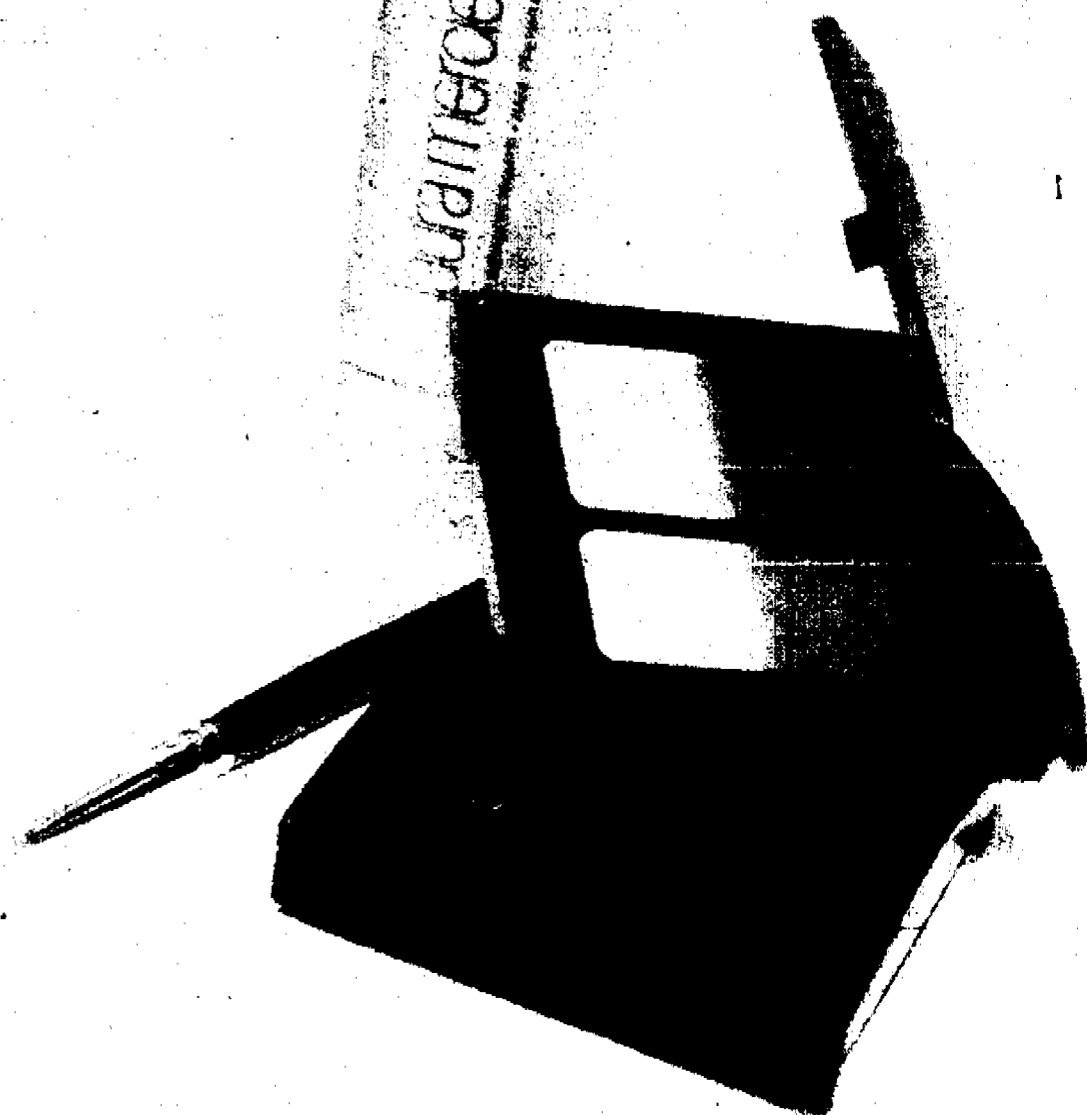


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New Concourse A opens six gates at Metro Airport

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Ned Holmfeld was a happy man Thursday.

The president and founder of Spirit Airlines stood in Concourse A near the Smith Terminal of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, watching airline passengers in queues before boarding airplanes.

It was just as he imagined when Spirit and Southwest Airlines signed onto an \$10.8 million expansion project of Concourse A to add six gates, which officially opened that day for business. Spirit, a discount carrier based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., actually began flights from its

'This is what our customers have been asking for. This is what we are working to provide.'

Edward McNamara
Wayne County Executive

two new gates on Nov. 8.

With the gates Spirit air crews can now operate without worrying about gate availability. Previously Spirit agents had to ask other airlines to lend them gates on a flight-by-flight basis, leasing gates from three different carriers on three different concourses.

"We would spend hours and

hours to get a gate," Holmfeld said. Spirit Airlines now has consolidated operations.

Southwest Airlines has looked forward to occupying the four gates in the remodeled concourse, said Bob Montgomery, Southwest's director of properties. Montgomery also believed the gates will allow Southwest to continue to offer low fares and "excellent customer service" to Detroit travelers.

County officials believe the gates could handle as many as 40 additional low-fare flights a day. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said in every market Southwest has entered, fares have declined.

"This is what our customers have been asking for," McNamara said. "This is what we are working to provide."

Northwest Airlines maintains 60 of Metro's 103 gates. Other carriers include Mesaba with 12, Continental/America West (four), Delta (four), and now, Southwest with four. American, U.S. Airways and United each have three gates.

Northwest says it flies 70 percent of the passengers at Metro if connecting traffic is included,

but airport officials point out that, out of originating and destination flights, Northwest controls 45 percent of that market and other carriers maintain 55 percent.

Holmfeld doesn't expect the new gates to take business travel away from Northwest, which uses Detroit Metro as a hub, but does expect customers to get good fares. "Our role is to come in as a low-priced carrier," Holmfeld said.

McNamara called it "simple economics. These guys go to Florida for \$100, and it drives the rates of the other carriers down," McNamara said.

David Katz, airport director, said the six additional gates could carry 10 flights a day with 150 people on a plane. "That's a lot of seats a day that people can choose from," Katz said.

Southwest Airlines acted as the construction manager on the Concourse A project. Spirit paid Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from Passenger Facility Charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne County.

McNamara said the project could be the "poster child" for the effectiveness of the passenger facility charge legislation, currently deadlocked over the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill, due to disagreements over PFCs.



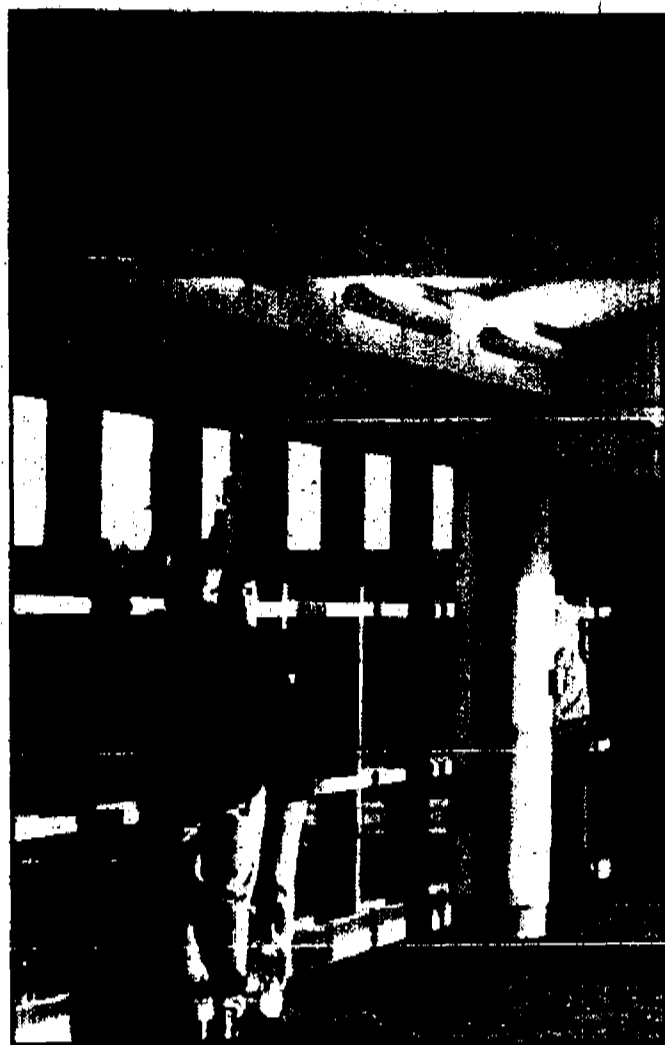
Dedicated: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara speaks to reporters at a dedication Thursday of the recently expanded Concourse A at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, while Cornell Mays, deputy director of airports, looks on.

"If any member of Congress would like to see evidence that PFCs can be used by airports to stimulate competition, they only need to walk to the end of Concourse A at Detroit Metro Airport to see six brand new gates

for two low-fare carriers," McNamara said.

Holmfeld expects to expand service to more outboard destinations. Spirit currently flies to eight cities.

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Engler, schools differ on Durant II

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The deadline for starting an appeal in the so-called Durant II lawsuit passed Wednesday, Nov. 10, without a filing.

But the fight appears far from over.

The plaintiffs in the case, 255 school districts across Michigan, believe the state government owes them \$428 million in the current school year as a result of an October decision issued by the Court of Appeals. School districts charge the state underfunded them for special education, lunch programs and transportation.

Gov. John Engler disagrees.

He interprets the Court of Appeals ruling to mean that while technically the state had violated the constitution, by not breaking special education money out from the remainder of the districts' school aid foundation grants, that it had provided enough money overall.

There will be no additional



Gov. John Engler

funds for schools, according to Engler spokesman John Truscott.

"There has been no change in the governor's position on this. The budgets are set for 2000 and

2001. There will be no additional money," deputy press secretary Susan Shafer confirmed Tuesday, Nov. 16.

John Schultz, chair of a committee of the school districts involved in the case, issued a statement Thursday, Nov. 11, calling on the Legislature to appropriate the additional cash.

"This is the first time in the history of the Durant litigation that the state has not challenged a decision of the Court of Appeals which concluded that the Legislature had violated the Michigan Constitution," he said.

"The fix clearly involves the restoration in full of the foundation allowance revenues for all children enrolled in our public schools, regardless of whether they are handicapped or entitled to special education services or not."

The Legislature is required by the Headlee Amendment to provide sufficient funding to meet the minimum percentages required for special education

services. And Schultz concludes it will take an additional \$428 million to meet that requirement.

"The suggestion of some people in state government that some new or more clever sleight of hand or 'technical change' in the school aid act will fix this problem is an ill-advised suggestion. It will only serve to further extend an already far too protracted dispute," he said.

The school districts filed suit against the state saying it hadn't adequately funded special education, transportation or school lunch programs. The Legislature over the summer put an extra \$7 million to lunch programs.

The Court of Appeals ruled in October in favor of school districts on the claim that the allocations violated Proposal A in the state Constitution. But the court disagreed with school districts about whether the foundation grants could be counted as covering the state's overall obligations.

13-hour telethon to benefit Arab community

DEARBORN, Mich. (PRNewswire) — On Sunday, Nov. 21, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) will kick off its 18th Annual Telethon, a live, 13-hour broadcast, airing from noon to 1 a.m. on MediaOne Cable in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Westland, Livonia, and Redford Township, Detroit's Comcast Cable, and other regional cable stations. More-

over, ACCESS's 18th Annual Telethon will be broadcast nationally during designated hours, thanks to the efforts of ANA Television.

For almost 31 years, ACCESS has provided much needed services to the Arab and non-Arab communities throughout the Metro-Detroit area, annually assisting over 40,000 people. Last year ACCESS, with the

help of the community, built a new \$3.9 million dollar One-Stop Employment & Human Services Center located on Schaefer Road in Dearborn, Michigan. ACCESS's new Employment and Training Center is on its way to helping thousands of people become skilled workers.

This year's Telethon will begin the process of raising money to build a state-of-the-art Community Health Center, ensuring

that every person that walks through its doors will get the best help provided. The Telethon will also help ACCESS to continue to provide many of its everyday services, including immigration, translation, education and family counseling services.

To support the 18th Annual ACCESS Telethon call and pledge at 313-271-2211.

1.5 million will travel on Thanksgiving Day

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians - 16 percent of the population - will travel during the 1999 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan, up from 1.3 million last year.

According to an Auto Club survey, 75 percent of all travelers will drive to their final destination. Forty percent of those traveling will be heading to a destination within Michigan. Popular

destinations outside of Michigan include Illinois (16 percent), Ohio (11 percent) and New York (11 percent).

Eighty percent of travelers intend to visit with relatives during their journey, however, only 55 percent plan to stay with relatives. The average trip will include four travelers and last five days. Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally one of the

busiest travel periods of the year, says AAA, prompting heavier-than-normal traffic volumes.

"Holiday travelers heading to airports should be prepared for crowds and travel lightly," says Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan Travel Vendor Relations Director. According to Dickens, some airlines may limit the size and number of carry-on items, especially during heavy travel peri-

ods when planes are at full capacity.

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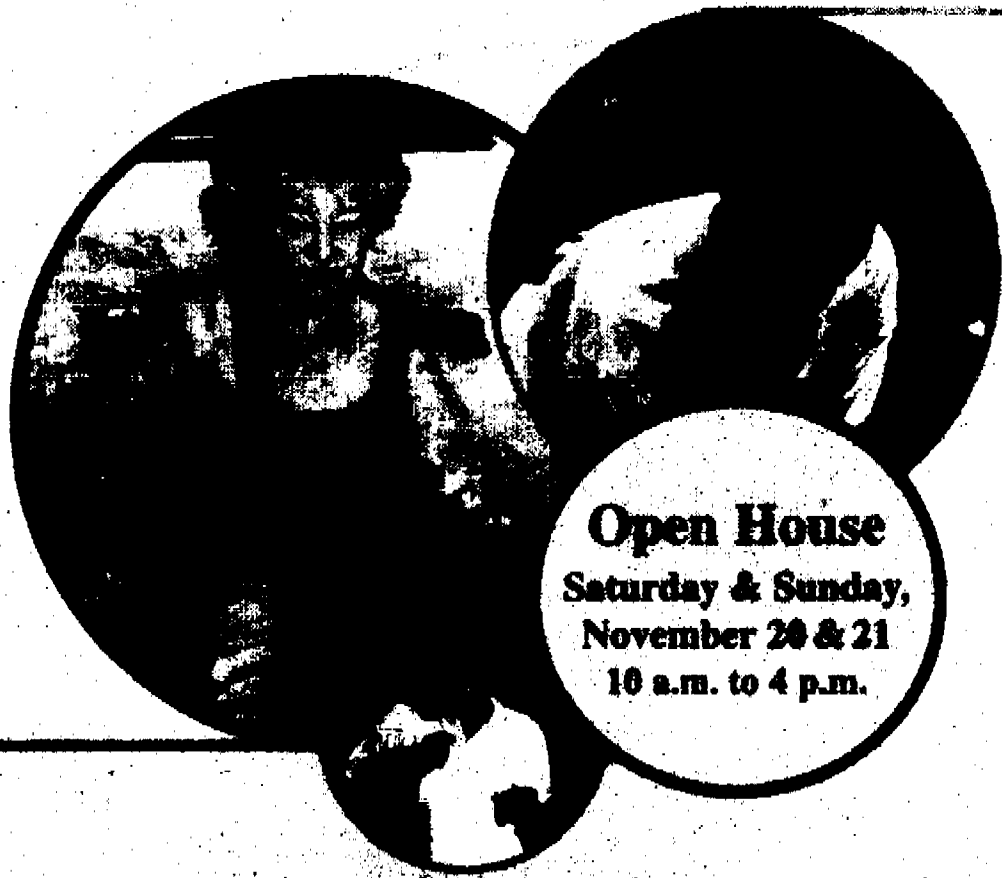
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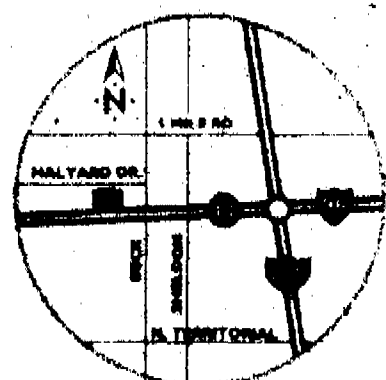
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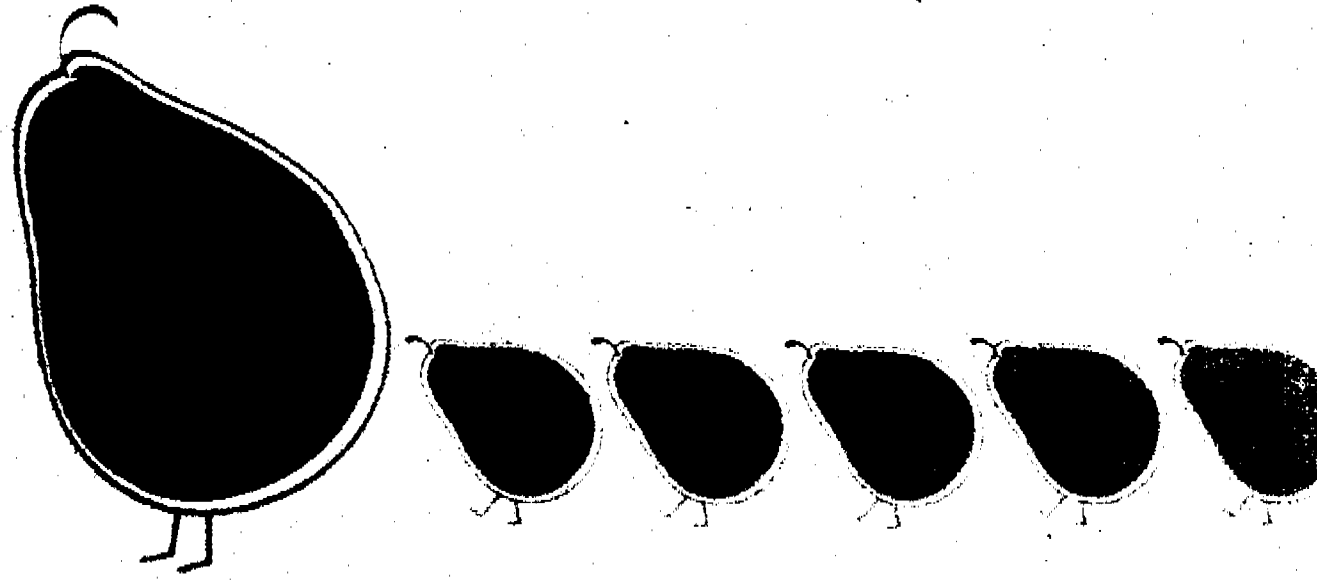


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelots split in Idaho

Schoolcraft College is 1-1 after a pair of games in the College of Southern Idaho Classic.

The Ocelots fell Friday to the host school from Twin Falls, Id., 122-93, as William Parker and Matt Seibrandt scored 24 and 22 points, respectively.

SC trailed 55-50 at halftime, but was outscored 67-43 in the second half. College of Southern Idaho made 26 of 35 free throws and shot 56 percent from the floor (42 of 76).

Four Ocelots scored in double figures: Quentin Mitchell (18), Lamar Bigby (16), Robert Brown (15) and Reggie Kirkland (13).

Brown, the Central Michigan transfer, grabbed nine rebounds.

The key statistic on the game was assists.

College of Southern Idaho had 32, while Schoolcraft totaled 17.

On Thursday, Brown scored 20 points to propel Schoolcraft to a 93-85 victory over Casper (Wyo.) in the opener.

Bigby added 16, Mitchell had 13, while Kirkland 12 and Mike Williams came off the bench to score 12 apiece.

Brown also had 15 rebounds and three assists. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Bigby had four assists each.

Schoolcraft held a 56-45 halftime lead on 51 percent shooting. The Ocelots shot just 37 percent in the second half.

Petes dump Whalers

Preston Mizzi scored twice Thursday night to help the Peterborough Petes get the Plymouth Whalers' three-game weekend road trip off to a poor start with a 4-1 loss.

Justin Williams notched the lone Whalers' goal, his 11th of the season, at 9:29 of the third period. Stephen Weiss and Eric Gooldy drew the assists on the score, which made it 3-1.

Mizzi scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season in the first and third periods. In between, Marcel Rodman and Adam Dewan scored for the Petes.

Peterborough held a 49-25 edge in shots on goal. Rob Zepp played in goal for Plymouth.

The Whalers outshot the Petes, 16-12, in the first period but Peterborough wore Plymouth down and held a 20-4 edge in shots on goal in the second period and 17-6 in the third.

Plymouth played at Kingston on Friday night and in Ottawa today.

O'Dea sparks Blazers

Senior center Katie O'Dea scored all four goals Friday night, three of them in the final period, to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 4-3 victory over Grosse Pointe North in a Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contest at Fraser.

The score was tied, 1-1, after one period but North scored the only two goals of the second period to take a 3-1 lead into the final session.

Mickie Fallon had two assists, as did Sarah Sharp, as the Blazers won their opener. Megan Shefferly was in goal for the Blazers.

CMU's Young Improving

Jenny Young (Livonia Ladywood), a freshman on the Central Michigan University volleyball team, ranks among the Chippewa statistical leaders.

Young was second in kills (258) and blocks (38) with 16 service aces and 59 digs.

In a recent four-game loss to Ball State, Young had 10 kills and three blocks.

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Southfield stuns Blazers, 45-44

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When he coached at Detroit Cooley, Ben Kelso captured three consecutive boys state championships (1987-89).

But Friday night's stunning 45-44 district final win at Livonia Ladywood probably brought a bigger smile to his face.

With his daughter Jennifer leading the way with 16 points and Safiyyah Bibbins adding 14 points (all in the first half), the Blue Jays won their first district girls basketball title of the decade.

"It's been a lot of years since this happened — over 12 years," said Kelso, whose team improved to 21-1 overall and will face Dearborn Fordson in the regional semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Ladywood. "The kids wanted it so bad and I wanted it so bad for them."

"You have to understand these girls all grew up in the same community and have known each other since they

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stepped to the line and missed the front end of another one-on-one.

Obrecht snared the rebound and passed the ball up court, but Kristen Barnes' desperation three-point attempt did not hit the rim, sending the Blue Jays' fans into a wild celebration.

"We had a three-minute drought where we missed wide-open layups and open jumpers that we normally make," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "When we didn't make those, it gave their team an opportunity to come back."

Ladywood shot itself in the foot with seven fourth-quarter turnovers, many unforced after getting Southfield to cough up the ball.

"When we needed to get the ball back, we'd come back down and throw it away, which is uncharacteristic of this team," Gorski said. "I think we panicked. Maybe our heads weren't in it for some reason."

Melissa Harakas, who made the Blazers' only three-point shot of the

With 3.2 seconds remaining, Bibbins

led Ladywood with 13 points.

Sister Michelle, hampered by a sprained ankle and bloody nose, finished with 10. Obrecht, the 6-2 sophomore center, contributed nine points and 11 rebounds.

"During the season we were fortunate to hit those three-point shots in close games and tonight we got good looks, we just didn't make them," Gorski said.

Southfield, meanwhile, overcame some adversity of its own.

Bibbins, a 5-9 senior, sprained her ankle just before the end of the first half, but later returned. Kelso also hit her head on the floor midway through the final quarter and was wobbly.

And to make matters worse, Moore, the team's primary ball handler, was saddled with four second-half fouls.

That prompted Kelso to revert to a semi-delay game with 5:16 to go.

"We were hurt, tired and we wanted to get the game to the end," Kelso said. "I instructed who was going to shoot."

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Belleville too much for Glenn

Tigers roar to win with big 2nd half

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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It was hard to tell it from the scoreboard but Coach Joel Lloyd feels the Westland John Glenn girls basketball program is making excellent progress.

John Glenn made a reluctant exit from the state high school girls basketball tournament Friday night by a 66-27 margin by Belleville.

"Remember, though, the Tigers have three Division I college players in their starting five and have a decent chance to get through the regionals for the second straight year. Provided they can avenge their only loss of the season, to Ann Arbor Pioneer."

"This team came an awful long way this year," Lloyd said after the Rockets finished 12-11. "We finished with two more wins than we had a year ago, we were over .500 and we got to the district-championship game."

"Getting to the finals was a wonderful experience. We'll learn from this and go to work on next year."

The Rockets played the Tigers at the start of the season and were mauled, 63-21, so on the surface the finish wasn't much better.

But John Glenn actually held a 10-4 lead in the first quarter of the district championship game at Romulus and trailed by only a 23-17 margin at halftime.

"I was talking to the girls at halftime about coming out and playing defense," coach Kevin Edwards of Belleville said. "We wanted to come out and play hard defense."

It did. To the tune of a 21-6 third quarter.

Please see **GLENN HOOPS**, B2



Tug of war: Westland John Glenn's Samantha Crews (right) battles for possession of the ball with Belleville's Courtney Ivan during Friday's Class A district championship game at Romulus.

Lack of tourney success no mystery in girls hoops

What happened? Nine schools started district girls basketball play on Monday and by the time Friday rolled around, none were left.

With the tournament barely started on Monday, these teams were already ancient history: Lutheran Westland (6-15), Livonia Clarenceville (0-21), Livonia Churchill (4-16), Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (13-8) and Livonia Franklin (8-13). On Wednesday, a rebuilding Wayne Memorial squad (4-17) also bit the dust.

Westland John Glenn (12-11), which made nice strides this season under third-year coach Joel Lloyd, hung around until Friday before running into state-ranked Belleville (22-1). The biggest shocker was Friday's district championship game at Livonia Ladywood (see related story).

What does it all add up to? Nine schools and no teams in the regional this week.

Ladywood, the Catholic League runner-up and winners of the last two districts, got upstaged in its own gym by Southfield, 45-44.

Southfield, despite a 21-1 record, was not the favorite because the Blue Jays played in fourth division of the Oakland Activities Association and their schedule was suspect.

Consequently, Ladywood had to battle the likes of Flint Powers, Birmingham Marian, Dearborn Divine Child and Redford Bishop Borgeson en route to a respectable 16-7 record.

But when you match wits with one of the masters of high school basketball coaches, Ben Kelso, no victory is a gimme.

Just ask Perry Watson. Like he did all those years at Detroit Cooley, Kelso has transformed Southfield into a formidable team in just two seasons.

And if Kelso stays around, the Blue Jays, who played two sophomores and two freshman extensively, won't be

going away any time soon.

Kelso not only knows how to mold a good basketball program, you can bet he also has access to his own gym in-season and during the off-season (the time basketball players are born and made).

You see, Kelso is also the school's athletic director and boys basketball coach.

Since the highly-gifted Dawn Warner led Franklin to four consecutive district titles during the early 1990s, Livonia schools have been shut out of the regionals.

Several factors contribute to this lack of success.

The solutions are simple, but school administrators must cooperate.

Farmington Hills Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said he could not survive in the Western Lakes Activities Association if it weren't for an AAU program.

But the word AAU is a often a dirty term.

The public schools in this area are only kidding themselves if they think they can survive with a watered-down, non-competitive intramural middle

school program.

They have to open up their facilities (just they do for other groups and not necessarily at the high schools), create new facilities and form a competitive and more extensive middle school sports program within their own leagues.

These middle school kids need to compete for medals and ribbons, not bagels and apples.

That doesn't go for just basketball, but it would help in a number of other sports not tied in with club programs as well.

One Livonia coach wrote me recently and said he was rebuffed in his attempt to secure a high school gym for his program.

Totally frustrated, this former Livonia high school coach and teacher now plans to take his program elsewhere.

So guess where?

Ladywood, the only program right now among the nine schools in the Livonia Westland area which has a legitimate shot at playing in a girls basketball regional.

Blazers fall from page B1



Sister act: Livonia Ladywood's Melissa (left) and Michelle Harakas, both juniors combined for 23 points in the loss to Southfield in Friday's district final.

"Jennifer said, 'Don't take me out.' And Bibbins told me, 'I can hurt tomorrow, put me back in.'"

Each team had 17 turnovers. Ladywood shot 18 of 42 from the floor (38 percent), while Southfield made 17 of 39 (43.5 percent).

Victory, however, couldn't have tasted any better for Kelso and his girls.

"Because of my daughter, these girls have virtually lived at my house the last two years," Kelso said. "They spend a lot of time with each other and have parties together. We've tried to get a family-type attitude among the kids and it's been nice."

And asked if this victory was better than any of his three state titles at Cooley, Kelso put it simply: "You're right."

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quarter and a 22-4 fourth.

"We didn't start out very well," Edwards said. "I keep telling the girls you can't do that. You have to play hard right from the start."

Samantha Crews made the first basket of the second half to cut the lead to 23-19, but Belleville turned up the defensive pressure and John Glenn turned the ball over on seven of its next eight possessions.

The Tigers went on a 10-0 run, then outscored the Rockets 11-2 in the final 4:23. They stole everything but the John Glenn players' sneakers.

"For a half we were right in the thick of things," Lloyd said. "The first 12 minutes we played pretty well. We were taking the fight to them."

John Glenn outthrustled and outscraped Belleville. But the physical play took its toll. The Tigers were quicker, deeper and stronger, which eventually made the difference.

Providence College-bound Ryann Kilgore scored 17 points while her junior sister Kristen, being heavily recruited by both Michigan and Michigan State, scored six of her 16 points in the final five minutes of the game.

The girls' father, Bill, was a prep star at nearby River Rouge and played college ball at Michigan State.

Guard Jenetria Harden, going to Loyola of Chicago, scored 10 points while Crystal Steward

had eight and Courtney Ivan six.

LaToya Chandler led John Glenn with seven points but sprained her left ankle with 2:10 left in the first half and didn't return until late in the third quarter.

"In the second half they took control of the boards," Lloyd said, "and not having LaToya Chandler hurt a little bit, too. She can jump with the best of them."

"But give them credit. When a shot goes up, they crash the boards like a tidal wave. You can't jump with them, you've got to box them out."

Samantha Crews scored six points in her final high school basketball game while her sophomore sister Stephanie scored four.

"We wanted to slow things down," Lloyd said, "but not to a crawl. We didn't want to run up and down the floor with them."

"But nonetheless, we did get some fast-break points. And when you're running and getting good shots, you hate to rein your kids in."

John Glenn bothered Belleville early with its tight defense. The Rockets contested most of the shots, anticipated the Tigers' passes well and did a nice job of stripping the ball in the paint if it wasn't shot right away.

But the second half was just the opposite. And once the basketball got rolling downhill, it didn't stop.

St. Agatha rules district crown vs. Canton Agape

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In the final analysis, Redford St. Agatha simply had more options to call upon. Bigger ones, too.

Canton Agape Christian tried to offset the Aggies' overwhelming size advantage with superior quickness, but the Wolverines simply couldn't win without an inside offense. St. Agatha prevailed in this Class D district final, 41-33, advancing to the regional semifinal against Adrian Lenawee Christian at 8 p.m. Monday at Pottsville.

"Certainly, they were much bigger than us," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, his team finishing with a 19-3 record. "The first half was pretty good. Then Sara (Chrenko) got her third foul, and that hurt us."

St. Agatha, once-beaten champions of the Catholic League's C-D Division (22-1 overall), started a front line measuring 6-foot-3 (senior Krystol Dennis), 5-7 (senior forward Kerry Shivers) and 5-6 (sophomore Kim Dennis), with a 5-10 top sub (sophomore Jessica James).

Chrenko, a 5-9 senior, was Agape's only real sizable solution.

Indeed, through most of the first half, she was Agape's only solution. The Aggies got off to a fast start, hitting their first three shots (including a game-opening three-pointer by Kim Dennis) to build a 7-0 lead.

But the Wolverines stuck with it. With Chrenko scoring off the dribble, they closed the gap to 11-9 at the end of one quarter and pulled to within one three times in the second period.

The Aggies got back-to-back baskets from Krystol Dennis and James to pull in front by five with 2:37 left in the half, but Chrenko answered with two buckets in a 20-second span and the gap was one once again.

That's when the turning point came. Chrenko got her second foul with 1:34 left in the half, then got another on the in-bounds play, her third.

To the bench she went, taking with her 13 of the 17 points Agape had scored. St. Agatha jumped at the opening, getting

four points from Krystol Dennis and three from James to close the period with a 7-0 run, making it 25-17 at the break.

"She was the one girl who could take advantage of them inside," said Henry of Chrenko's absence. "I really enjoyed the way things were going in the first half until that time."

The third quarter was a nightmare, for both teams. St. Agatha committed 11 turnovers and made just 3-of-16 shots in the period.

But Agape couldn't take advantage. The Wolverines hit just 1-of-6 from the floor in the quarter and had eight turnovers of their own.

Trailing 32-20 entering the final quarter, and with Chrenko now saddled with four fouls, the outlook was dim for Agape. Adding to their troubles were the defensive clamps applied by Kristen Rogers on the Wolves' standout point guard, Amy Henry.

"We knew coming in they had a couple of outstanding guards," said St. Agatha coach Tim Szakal. "Rogers just did a great job on their point guard, Amy Henry. She forced her to make some mistakes."

Indeed, Henry was scoreless through 3 1/2 quarters. Then, suddenly, without warning, the diminutive guard caught fire. She nailed a three-pointer from the corner to trim a 12-point deficit to 36-27 with 2:35 left.

Thirty seconds later, Henry was fouled on a three-point try; she made all three free throws, and the score was 36-30.

A miss by the Aggies gave the ball back to Agape, and Henry hit again from three-point range. With 1:40 remaining, the Wolverines were within three.

"We made it interesting," said Szakal. "It builds character. I guess."

The Aggies found an answer, and it was in the area they dominated. Agape fouled three times in the final 1:07, and although the Aggies converted just one of the six free throws, twice they rebounded the misses, getting a basket from Kim Dennis on one of those.

"You take away the baskets they scored on free throws and out-of-bounds plays, and we outscore them," said Henry.

Szakal didn't argue. "We beat them off the glass," he said. "They were getting their shots in the first quarter, but they weren't getting any second or third shots."

"We controlled the glass," Chrenko's 17 points led all scorers. Henry added nine for Agape, but no one else had more than three.

St. Agatha certainly enjoyed better balance.

Krystol Dennis led with 14 points; James totaled 12 and Kim Dennis had 10.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Patriots roll past Crestwood

All-Stater Nebus leads Stevenson past Bears in season opener

Livonia Franklin scored early and often en route to a season-opening 11-0 boys hockey win Friday over non-league foe Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Edgar Arena.

Brandon McCullough, a senior center, paced Franklin's offensive attack with two goals and three assists.

The Patriots led 5-0 after one period and 8-0 after 30 minutes.

Franklin goaltender Rob Williams made 17 saves in posting the shutout.

Other Franklin point producers included Jesse Wright and Sam Dismuke, two goals and one assist each; Gordie Statham, two goals; Josh Garbutt, one goal and one assist; Andy Garbutt and Chad Van Hulle, two assists apiece; Nick Tilt and Adam Bierley, one goal each.

Both of Dismuke's goals were short-handed, while one of Wright's was on a power-play.

Assists also went to Matt Wissel, Joe Ceci, and John Nichol and Adam Beaudoin.

Crestwood had three players missing out of the lineup.

•STEVENSON 4, WYANDOTTE 2: Livonia Stevenson got a pair of goals and one assist from All-Stater Mark Nebus Wednesday at Edgar Arena to beat non-league foe Wyandotte Roosevelt, a member of the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League.

Stevenson led 2-0 after two periods. Nebus scored at 3:06 of the opening period from Jason Gildersleeve and Bryan Dery.

Dave Bonello made it 2-0 at 11:05 of the second period on assists from Mark Blazok and Nebus.

Wyandotte's Eric Pattenauide cut the deficit to 2-1 with a goal at 2:25 of the third.

Nebus then gave Stevenson a three-goal cushion at 5:34 from Alex Piotrowski and Dery.

Blazok notched his first high school goal at 8:16 (unassisted), while Nick Mendenhall of Wyandotte ended the scoring at 12:06.

Kevin Mariowe was the winning goaltender, while Josh Cade was in the nets for the Bears.

"We played a very strong first period despite getting only one goal," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We played with a lot of intensity. But as the game dragged on some of our systems broke down."

"But overall I was happy with the way we played our opening game and I was happy with the win."

•OLD-TIMERS 4, REDFORD 3: The Detroit Red Wings' Alumni Team, including retired players Lee Norwood, Dennis Hextall, Alex

Delvecchio, beat Redford Catholic Central in the Shamrocks' season opener on Friday at Redford Ice Arena.

CC led 2-1 after one period before three unanswered goals by the Wings' Alumni left the Shamrocks trailing 4-2 after two periods.

CC added a goal to make it close in the third.

Brandon Kaleniecki, Jason McDonald and Jim Spiewak scored for CC. Rick Buttery collected an assist on Kaleniecki's goal and the other two goals were unassisted.

Beri Dunne, Andy McCoy and Daryl Bridges played in net for the Shamrocks.

•CANTON 4, WYANDOTTE 3: It took just 21 seconds.

In the first 8:33 of the third period in Thursday's opening round of the Redford Tournament, Wyandotte Roosevelt re-established itself as a longtime member of the prep hockey ranks.

The Bears' Nick Williamson scored twice in that span, capping their comeback from a 3-0 deficit against that newcomer, that upstart Plymouth Canton squad — in its first year of play and in only its second game ever.

Williamson's second goal knotted it at 3-3, giving Wyandotte what would seem a firm grip on the momentum — a grip that lasted just 21 seconds.

It took that long for the Chiefs to reassume control. Brad Wolfe knocked in his second goal of the game at the 8:54 mark, assisted by Sean Depp, and Canton made it stand up as the game-winner.

The win gave the Chiefs a 2-0 record and a berth in the Redford Tournament final opposite Redford Unified, which defeated Plymouth Salem 8-2 in Thursday's second game. The title game was played last night (see Thursday's Observer for results).

The Chiefs built a 3-0 advantage, getting a first-period goal from Jeremy Majszak (Ryan McCabe and John Rockstanz assisted) and adding two more in the second, from Wolfe (assisted by Depp) and Brian Marsh (unassisted).

The Bears' Derrick Servcki narrowed the gap to 3-1 before the end of the second period, putting Wyandotte's comeback in motion — one that Canton goalie Ryan Zeilinski controlled.

•REDFORD UNIFIED 8, SALEM 2: In the second game, Redford got three goals and two assists in its season-opener from Kevin Moodie and two goals and an assist from Bill McSween in handing Plymouth Salem its second-straight loss.

First-period goals by McSween and Moodie put RU ahead, but the Rocks did manage to trim that to 2-1 on a goal by Mark Nagel. All three were scored in the game's first four minutes.

Four unanswered second-period goals put Redford in command. Jon Duke, McSween, Cody Bartlett and Moodie found the net for RU.

Goals by Moodie and Nick Ostrowski increased Redford's lead to 8-1 in the third period. Steve Nagel, who assisted on his brother's first-period goal, scored on an assist from Andrew Peters in the third period. Steve Lyons also had an assist for the Rocks.

RU assists went to Bartlett, Erik Wurn, Brad Geistler, Brad Johnson (two), Dave Sellin, Brad Johnson, Kyle Robertson and Nick Slayden.

Ian Hannan was in goal for RU. Scott Stukel played goal for Salem.

•FARM. UNIFIED 11, W.L. WESTERN 0: Farmington high school hockey coach Glenn Breuhan's wish became a reality Friday night.

His players made it so by starting the team's second season with a trouncing of Walled Lake Western at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"We finished strong last season," Breuhan said. "We were pleased with the way the team progressed going into the district. We played excellent hockey at the end of the season, and we had hoped it would carry over into this season."

It's only one game, but there was definitely a carryover effect as the Flyers dominated a team to whom they lost twice last season by 6-1 and 5-1 scores.

The Flyers, who were 5-18-2 last year, took a 3-0 lead after one period against the Warriors, extended it to 8-0 at the end of two and finished with another three-goal period.

Brad Heragnty scored three goals and had one assist, and Matt Lee scored two goals and assisted on two others. Ross Patterson recorded three assists.

Kevin Temerowski, Mike Lautenbach, Jeff Swanson, Brian Marion, Mike Frayne and Glen Hearn also scored goals.

Temerowski had two assists; Lautenbach, Marion and Hearn were credited with one apiece.

Farmington goalie Logan McLean earned the shutout while making 10 saves. Meanwhile, the Flyers fired 47 shots at the Western net.

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Flying high: Working out four nights a week since Aug. 5, along with weekend games, the Livonia Orioles freshman cheerleading squad recently finished first out of 15 teams in the Western Suburban Junior Football League's 10th annual Cheerleading Rally, Nov. 6 at Wayne Memorial High School. Members include Rachel Sager (front row, from left), Erin Ellison, Fu Fu Jafaar (mascot), Brooke Hamp (mascot), Julia Saldana, Paige Murray (mascot) and Laura Adams, Rebecca Leech (second row, from left), Ashley Robinson (mascot), Jillian Henderson, Laura Robinson, Jaelyn Henderson, Brittany Wood, Sara Shelley, Shawna Vine (third row, from left), Sara Adkins, Krysten Barczuk, Kelsey Lester, Brittany Morris, Chelsea King, director Karen Adkins (top row, from left), Gail Adams, Betty Jafaar, head coach Kim Robinson, Jackie Hamp, Cyndi Murray and Andrea Shook.

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MU signs top recruit

Shull in fold for Larson

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Success can be epidemical, spreading like a bad cold through a school room full of grade-schoolers. At least that's a theory coaches cling to.

At Madonna University, women's soccer coach Rick Larson is providing proof to that theory. In the first year of the program — 1998 — the team struggled, winning just three games. But in the just-completed 1999 campaign, the Lady Crusaders won 14 games and advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference final before losing.

Banking on that belief that success breeds success, Larson attacked the off-season recruiting period with one major goal: "We set out to bring in a couple of big-time players."

Last week, Larson figures he did just that when he signed Plymouth Salem senior Christen Shull.

A sweeper for most of her junior season at Salem, Shull was instrumental in guiding the Rocks to an upset of Plymouth Canton in the state district final last spring.

Her efforts earned her all-state and all-Western Lakes Activities Association — as well as all-Observer — honors.

"She's the kind of player we need to take this program where we want it to go," said Larson. "She's the kind of player we need to get better."

And that would include any position. Indeed, Shull wasn't recruited to fill a specific need; indeed, according to Larson, "I don't even know if she'll play in back."

Shull has displayed an ability to play just about anywhere.

At Salem last season, her skills at sweeper made the Rocks one of the best teams in the area defensively.

But when needed, she also switched to marking back, frustrating scorers like Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Gussick.

As strong as Shull was defensively, Larson — who also serves as her Olympic Development Program coach — was equally impressed with her offensive skills.

"I think she'll help us the most with her ability to go forward," the Madonna coach said. "That's where we struggled the most, getting offensive support from our defense. Christen has speed and has shown an ability to strike the ball."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Madonna recruit: Cristen Shull of Salem, an All-Observer and All-States, will play for the Madonna next fall.

For Shull, going to Madonna means an opportunity to play in a winning program right away, one that's building rapidly toward national prominence.

"They have a great program," she said, "and they have a great coach. They've been getting better, that's for sure."

Most important, the school offers something Shull is very interested in. "They have a very good physical training program, which is what I want to study," she said.

"They're just doing some great things," Larson hopes with Shull's addition, and perhaps a few others close to her ability, Madonna will be doing even greater things in the not-to-distant future.

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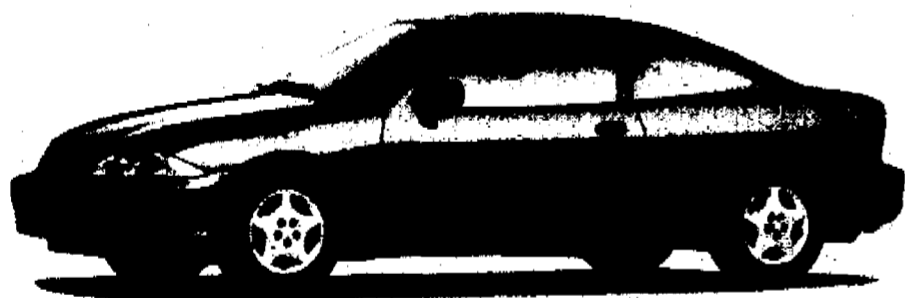
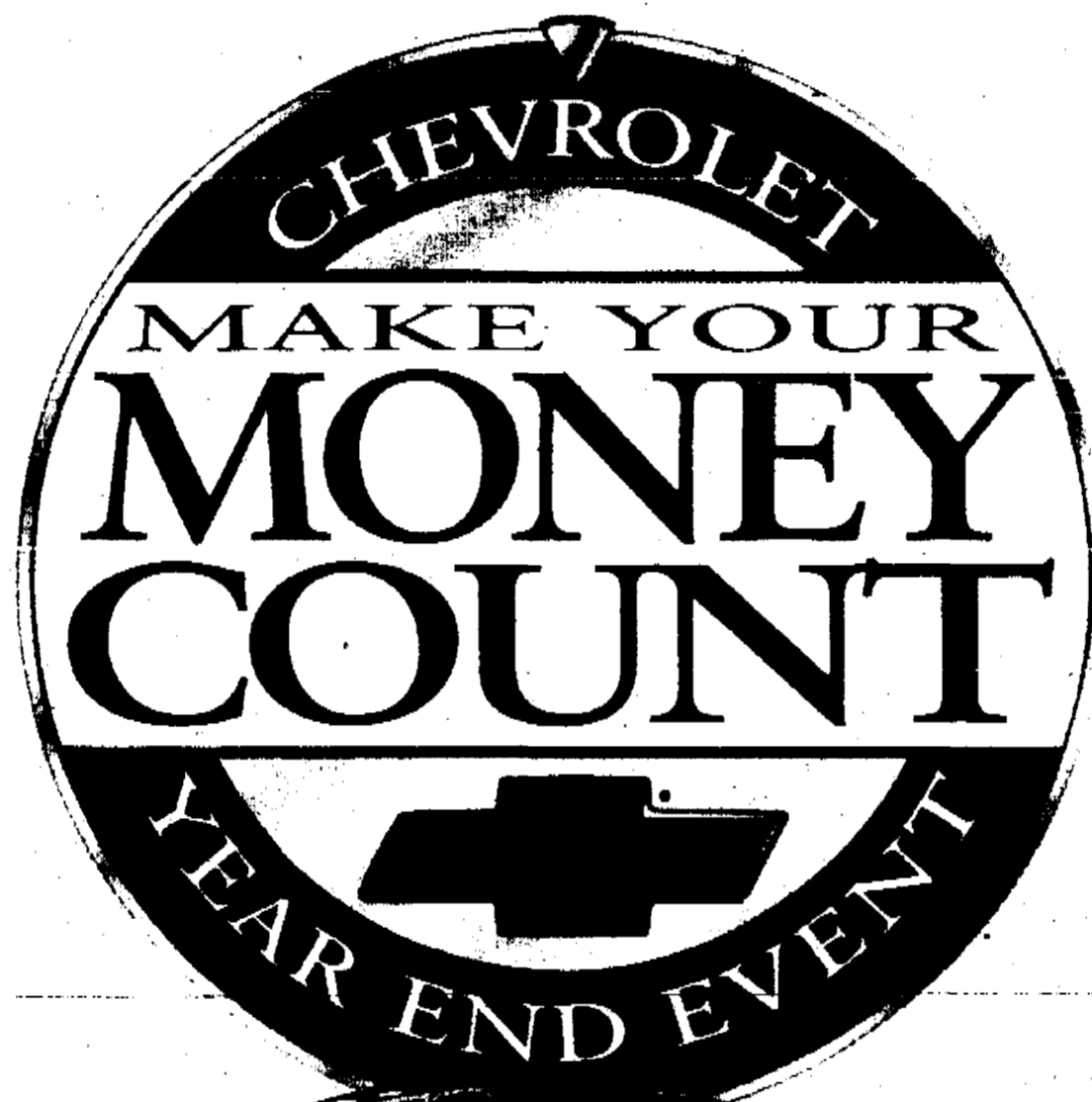
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DUCK Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle Zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

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ARCHERY

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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SPORTING CLAYS Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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West Bloomfield too strong for North Farmington

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West Bloomfield's girls basketball team was too athletic, too quick, too tall, too accurate and just plain too good Friday night.

The Lakers had too much of everything going for them as they overwhelmed North Farmington to win their third consecutive Class A district tournament championship over the Raiders, 62-24.

West Bloomfield (18-4) will play the Detroit Northern district winner at 6 p.m. Monday in the regional tournament at Birmingham Groves.

Playing on their own floor Friday, the Lakers started fast and left little doubt where the game was headed by racing to a 26-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Senior guard Jen Kristensen provided the spark, scoring all 17 of her points in the first half. She made three triples and had 11 points in the first eight minutes as the Lakers piled up the points early.

"In the first two district games, I was rusty," Kristensen said. "Coach (Lance Davis) said I had to be ready to shoot; so that's what I did, and the shots started falling for me."

"We had to be intense the first quarter. That was our good defense. We came out full speed ahead and we got (the victory)."

West Bloomfield junior Lisa Copeland finished with a game-high 18 points. Senior Heather Robbins added eight, junior Amanda Shammis seven, junior Chastity Quinn six and senior Nina Dixon five.

"Jen didn't surprise me in terms of her ability to shoot the

ball," Davis said, adding Kristensen averages 13 points per game and was the fourth-leading scorer in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"When she plays at that level, good things can happen. When she comes to play, it makes my job easier."

Junior Samantha McComb, who was double teamed whenever she touched the ball, had nine points on 3-of-9 shooting from the floor to lead the Raiders (13-9). She also was 2-of-2 shooting free throws. Junior Staci Russell added six points.

"Sam is an excellent player," Davis said. "That doesn't attest to who she is. She shouldn't hold her head down, because she only had nine points."

"It's a team sport and it requires having other players step up to ease the pressure. It looks as if we bottled her up. We left it open for other people to score and they didn't."

In a district semifinal game Wednesday and again Friday, Davis said McComb was looking for open teammates under intense defensive pressure.

"She's willing to make the extra pass, because it's the right fundamental thing to do," he said.

Davis added the Lakers had more offensive capability on paper, and that was borne out in the game.

"They have an excellent player in Sam McComb. I thought our three (Copeland, Kristensen and Robbins) were just as good," Davis said. "I thought our three versus their one — not that it's a three-on-one game — would win out."

The Lakers led 35-10 at halftime. Copeland scored 11 points

in the third quarter, including the last eight, to boost the West Bloomfield lead to 52-19.

"We watched a tape of this team and knew they picked it up in the second half," Kristensen said. "We didn't want them to come back. We knew they were capable of it."

West Bloomfield turned up the heat with its defensive press in the third quarter.

That resulted in nine North turnovers (29 overall) and was a big reason why the Lakers dominated the game.

"We had to make sure the game was up-tempo and intense," Davis said. "I think our five play at that level, because we practice that way; we had to make sure North played like that."

"We talk about starting the game with intensity and we did that. The last two games we've been able to break teams' spirit in the first half. We were able to capitalize on that today and put the game away early."

The Lakers, who had nearly twice as many shot attempts as the Raiders, were 11-of-19 shooting in the first quarter, 15-of-32 in the first half and 27-of-63 overall (43 percent). The Raiders were 10-of-35 for the game (29 percent).

"They're athletic; they trap; they do everything well," North coach Linda Perkins said of the Lakers. "They have the potential to get through the regional to the state tournament."

"We talked at halftime about swinging the ball instead of dribbling through the trap, hitting the high post through the double team and the girl on the baseline."

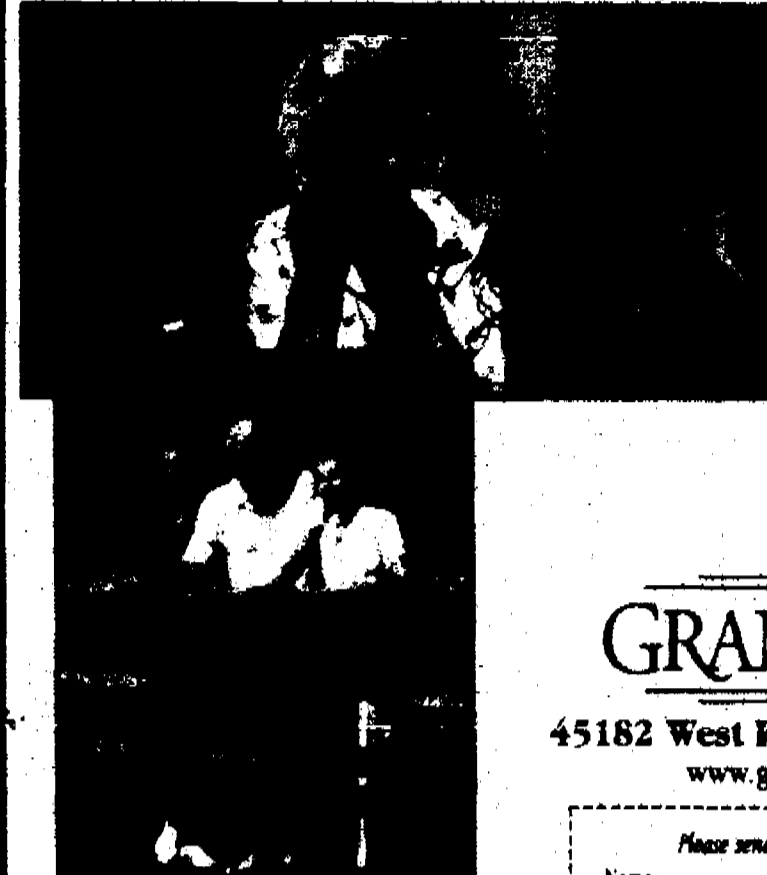
"My kids were trying; we just

kinda got rattled." The Lakers have some unfinished business during Davis'

five-year tenure. Despite their success in the district tournament, they haven't won a region-

al title. "This is three of eight (post-season games), and we have five

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(b) If the person is arrested for felonious driving, negligent homicide, manslaughter, or murder resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, and the peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person was operating the vehicle while impaired by or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or while having an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine, or if the person is less than 21 years of age while having any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subdivision, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:

(i) An alcohol content of not less than 0.021 grams or more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(ii) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of intoxicating liquor other than consumption of intoxicating liquor as part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

(2) A person who is afflicted with hemophilia, diabetes, or a condition requiring the use of an anticoagulant under the direction of a physician is not considered to have given consent to the withdrawal of blood.

(3) The tests shall be administered as provided in section 5.15a(6).

Section 5.15d. Refusal to submit to chemical tests; report.

(1) If a person refuses the request of a peace officer to submit to a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6), a test shall not be given without a court order, but the officer may seek to obtain the court order.

(2) A written report shall be immediately forwarded to the secretary of state by the peace officer. The report shall state that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the person had committed a crime described in section 5.15a(1), and that the person had refused to submit to the test upon the request of the peace officer and had been advised of the consequences of the refusal. The form of the report shall be prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state.

Section 5.15e. Refusal to submit to chemical tests; written notice by officer, form; request for hearing.

(1) If a person refuses to submit to a chemical test pursuant to section 5.15d the peace officer shall immediately notify the person in writing that within 14 days of the date of the notice the person may request a hearing as provided in section 257.625f of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The form of the notice shall be prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state.

(2) The notice shall specifically state that failure to request a hearing within 14 days will result in the suspension of the person's license or permit to drive. The notice shall also state that there is not a requirement that the person retain counsel for the hearing, though counsel would be permitted to represent the person at the hearing.

Section 5.15f. Chemical tests; results; duties of peace officer; confiscation of license; temporary license

(1) If a person refuses a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6), or submits to a chemical test, or a chemical test is performed pursuant to a court order and the test reveals an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the test shall do all of the following:

(a) On behalf of the secretary of state, immediately confiscate the person's license or permit, issue a temporary license or permit to the person. The temporary license or permit shall be on a form provided by the secretary of state.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (2), immediately do all of the following:

(i) Forward a copy of the written report of the person's refusal to submit to a chemical test required under section 5.15d to the secretary of state.

(ii) Notify the secretary of state by means of the law enforcement network that a temporary license or permit was to the person.

(iii) Destroy the person's driver's license or permit.

(2) If a person submits to a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6) that requires an analysis of blood or urine and a report of the results of that chemical test is not immediately available, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall comply with subsection (1) (a) pending receipt of the test report. If the report reveals an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall immediately comply with subsection (1) (b). If the report does not reveal an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall immediately notify the person of the test results and immediately return the person's license or permit by first class mail to the address given at the time of the arrest.

(3) A temporary license or permit issued under this section is valid for 1 of the following time periods:

(a) If the case is not prosecuted for 90 days after issuance or until the person's license or permit is suspended pursuant to section 257.625f of the Michigan Compiled Laws, whichever occurs earlier. The prosecuting attorney shall notify the secretary of state if a case referred to the prosecuting attorney is not prosecuted. The arresting law enforcement agency shall notify the secretary of state if a case is not referred to the prosecuting attorney for prosecution.

(b) If the case is prosecuted, until the criminal charges against the person are dismissed, the person is acquitted of those charges, or the person's license or permit is suspended, restricted, or revoked.

(4) As used in this section, "unlawful alcohol content" means any of the following, as applicable:

(a) If the person tested is less than 21 years of age, 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(b) If the person tested was operating a commercial vehicle within this state, 0.04 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of

breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(c) If the person is not a person described in subsection (a) or (b), 0.10 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine.

Section 5.15g. Ignition interlock devices; warning label; prohibited conduct; violation as misdemeanor; penalty; definition; liability; insurance; servicing.

(1) A person who has an ignition interlock device installed and whose driving privilege is restricted shall not request or collect any other person to blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing the person whose driving privilege is restricted with an operable vehicle.

(2) A person shall not blow into an ignition interlock device or start a motor vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing an operable vehicle to a person who has an interlock device installed and whose driving privilege is restricted.

(3) A person shall not tamper with or circumvent the operation of an ignition interlock device.

(4) A person who violates subsection (1), (2) or (3) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(5) As used in this ordinance, "ignition interlock device" or "device" means an alcohol concentration measuring device that prevents a motor vehicle from being started at any time without first determining through a deep lung sample the operator's breath alcohol level. The system shall be calibrated so that the motor vehicle may not be started if the breath alcohol level of the operator, as measured by the test, reaches a level of 0.025 grams per 210 liters of breath.

Section 5.15h. Operation of commercial motor vehicle by person with certain alcohol content; arrest without warrant; violation as misdemeanor; sentence; prior conviction; defined.

(1) A person, whether licensed or not, who has an alcohol content of 0.04 grams or more but not more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle within the City of Garden City.

(2) A peace officer may arrest a person without a warrant under either of the following circumstances:

(a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person was, at the time of an accident, the driver of a commercial motor vehicle involved in the accident and was operating the vehicle in violation of this section or the provisions of section 257.625m of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) The person is found in the driver's seat of a commercial motor vehicle parked or stopped on a highway or street within the City of Garden City if any part of the vehicle intrudes into the roadway and the peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating the vehicle in violation of this section or the provisions of section 257.625m of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) A person who is convicted of a violation of this section or is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$300.00, or both, together with costs of the prosecution.

Section 5.15i. Forfeiture of vehicle or return to lessor.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in addition to any other penalty provided for in this ordinance, the judgment or sentence for a conviction for a violation of section 5.15(f), may require 1 of the following with regard to the vehicle used in the offense if the defendant owns the vehicle in whole or in part or leases the vehicle:

(a) Forfeiture of the vehicle if the defendant owns the vehicle in whole or in part.

(b) Return the vehicle to the lessor if the defendant leases the vehicle.

(2) The vehicle may be seized pursuant to an order of seizure issued by the court having jurisdiction upon a showing of probable cause that the vehicle is subject to forfeiture or return to the lessor.

(3) The forfeiture of a vehicle is subject to the interest of the holder of a security interest who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the violation.

(4) Within 14 days after the defendant's conviction for a violation described in subsection (1), the prosecuting attorney may file a petition with the court for the forfeiture of the vehicle or to have the court order return of a leased vehicle to the lessor. The prosecuting attorney shall give notice by first class mail or other process to the defendant and his or her attorney, to all owners of the vehicle, and to any person holding a security interest in the vehicle that the court may require forfeiture or return of the vehicle.

(5) If a vehicle is seized before disposition of the criminal proceedings, a defendant who is an owner or lessee of the vehicle may move the court having jurisdiction over the proceedings to require the seizing agency to file a lien against the vehicle and to return the vehicle to the owner or lessee pending disposition of the criminal proceedings. The court shall hear the motion within 7 days after the motion is filed. If the defendant establishes at the hearing that he or she holds the legal title to the vehicle or that he or she has a leasehold interest and the it is necessary for him or her or a member of his or her family to use the vehicle pending the outcome of the forfeiture action, the court may order the seizing agency to return the vehicle to the owner or lessee. If the court orders the return of the vehicle to the owner or lessee, the court shall order the defendant to post a bond in an amount equal to the retail value of the vehicle, and shall also order the seizing agency to file a lien against the vehicle.

(6) Within 14 days after notice by the prosecuting attorney is given under subsection (4), the defendant, an owner, lessee, or holder of a security interest may file a claim of interest in the vehicle with the court. Within 21 days after the expiration of the period for filing claims, but before or at sentencing, the court shall hold a hearing to determine the legitimacy of any claim the extent

of any co-owner's equity interest, the liability of the defendant to any co-lessee, and whether to order the vehicle forfeited or returned to the lessor. In considering whether to order forfeiture, the court shall review the defendant's driving record to determine whether the defendant has multiple convictions under this ordinance, the provisions of state law set forth at section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this ordinance and state law, or multiple suspensions, restrictions, or denials under section 257.904 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or both. If the defendant has multiple convictions under this ordinance, section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to state law, or multiple suspensions, restrictions, or denials under section 257.904 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or both, that factor shall weigh heavily in favor of forfeiture.

(7) If a vehicle is forfeited under this section, the Township shall sell the vehicle and dispose of the proceeds in the following order of priority:

(a) Pay any outstanding security interest of a secured party who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the commission of the violation.

(b) Pay the equity interest of a co-owner who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the commission of the violation.

(c) Satisfy any order of restitution entered in the prosecution for the violation.

(d) Pay the claim of each person who shows that he or she is a victim of the violation to the extent that the claim is not covered by an order of restitution.

(e) Pay any outstanding lien against the property that has been imposed by governmental unit.

(f) Pay the proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including, but not limited to, expenses incurred during the seizure process and expenses for maintaining custody of the property, advertising, and court costs.

(g) The court may order the defendant to pay to a co-lessee any liability determined under subsection (6). The order may be enforced in the same manner as a civil judgment.

(8) The return of a vehicle to the lessor under this section does not affect or impair the lessor's rights or the defendant's obligations under the lease.

(10) A person who knowingly conceals, sells, gives away, or otherwise transfers or disposes of a vehicle with the intent to avoid forfeiture or return of the vehicle to the lessor under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(11) The failure of the court or the prosecutor to comply with any time limit specified in this section does not preclude the court from ordering forfeiture of a vehicle or its return to a lessor, unless the court finds that the owner or claimant suffered substantial prejudice as a result of that failure.

(12) The forfeiture provisions of this section do not preclude the prosecuting attorney from pursuing a forfeiture proceeding under any other law or this state or a local ordinance corresponding to this section.

Repeal.

This Ordinance hereby repeals Chapter 70, Section 70.04(E) through Section 70.04(G) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City known as the "Uniform Traffic Code", as amended, and this Ordinance only hereby repeals Sections 70.04(E) through Section 70.04(G), and all ordinances or parts thereof, which conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, and which are repealed only to the extent of any conflict. Except as herein modified, Said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Severability.

This Ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Savings Clause.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are hereby saved and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the Ordinance enforced at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or abate any pending prosecution or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any Ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed by the Ordinance adopting this penal regulation code for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, and all prosecutions instituted after the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued or instituted under or in accordance with the provisions of any Ordinance enforced at the time of the commission of such offense.

Date of Effect.

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

Inclusion into Code of Ordinances.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City as an addition and amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

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County studies giving youth programs to Growth Works

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Wayne County's Department of Community Justice and local service agencies are embarking on a brave new world of juvenile justice and intervention.

On Tuesday, Wayne County commissioners will discuss and possibly approve an eye-popping \$288 million in contracts for six care management organizations which then can subcontract community-based services to service providers.

Western Wayne communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, would be serviced by Growth Works of Plymouth through a \$37.5 million proposed contract with the Department of Community Justice. This week, like the other five CMOs, Growth Works' contract is under study by the commission.

Wayne County wanted to initiate the CMO approach for juveniles instead of using the state's Family Independence Agency because county officials believe they can conduct the program for less money and with better results.

In western Wayne County, Growth Works will oversee programs by service providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse, treatment, mental health services, case management and educational and employment options. The contracts provide incentives to award agencies for rehabilitating children and stopping recidivism, and impose financial penalties to those who do not.

On Thursday, commissioners still wrestled with the juvenile court's role in overseeing the youths and some were wary of approving that dollar amount without some emphasis on prevention and programs for at-risk youths.

The issue was considered so critical, that Thursday's regularly scheduled commission meeting was postponed until Tuesday, so commissioners could spend the morning discussing the CMOs with Jeriel Heard, director of the Department of Community Justice, and court administrators.

"This is one of the most important things to ever come before the Wayne County Commission that involved young people," said Ricardo Solomon, commission chair.

Who's in charge

Administrators from the Wayne County Circuit Court's family division told commissioners the court would maintain oversight responsibility, but not management responsibility.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, asked whether the courts would turn over the program to Wayne County. "The intent of the court is to oversee the rehabilitation of youths," said Jane Varner, an adminis-

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trator of the family division of the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

Parker was concerned about the time element for the placement of youths. "The whole idea of the CMOs was to respond to the needs of the child, rather

than go back to the courts which can take two or three months," Parker said. "That was the problem before and it seems to be the problem of the future."

Alexander Luvall, court administrator for Wayne County Circuit Court, said no agreement

was in place between the court and the Department of Community Justice, but assured Parker the court wanted "accountability and performance evaluation."

Judges will conduct "business as they see fit," Luvall said. "If we offer them good programs, I'm sure they will be utilized," Luvall said.

Financial concerns

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she didn't want a similar situation that happened with county's Department of Mental Health a few

years ago. Budget deficits were reported after cash was advanced, Beard said.

"Some (providers) were able to make payments and some went bankrupt," Beard said. Beard was "concerned on how the advance will be spent and whether the county would be put in a similar situation." She encouraged her colleagues to ensure audits were completed by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Parker introduced amendments to the CMO contracts outlining prevention services, pay-

ment schedules, a documentation provision and add \$1.5 million for prevention programs. That was referred for committee study.

Solomon commended Jeriel Heard, the director of the Department of Community Justice, for doing an outstanding job.

Heard said the CMO program was a partnership with the commission.

"We will resolve every issue that this commission has raised today and we'll get it done for you," Heard said.

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MADD plans vigil for Dec. 7

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will hold its annual candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph at Northline, in Taylor.

The event is an opportunity for people who've lost loved ones or who've been seriously injured in a drunken driving crash to join together.

Call the MADD office at (734) 721-8181 to have names put into the program. A bell will be rung as each name is remembered at the vigil.

MADD organizers ask that participants have a slide made of a favorite photo of the loved one so that it can be shown at the vigil. Mail them to MADD, P.O. Box 85570, Westland, MI, 48186.

The Wayne County chapter also has extended an invitation to its new victim support groups.

The groups will meet at the Michigan State Police post located at 12111 N. Telegraph in Taylor at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

The first support group began on Oct. 20. For more information call the above-listed MADD number.

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Encouraging participation in art praiseworthy

The Livonia Arts Commission and Westland Chamber of Commerce deserve praise for encouraging participation in the arts.

In addition to nurturing young talent by awarding scholarships, the arts commission regularly showcases art works and musical programs. On Sunday, Nov. 7, the commission installed a new bronze work at the Livonia Civic Center Library to help develop a sculpture garden. It was an anticipated event, after all, promoting art is what the commission is all about.

And while I don't want to seem as if I'm discounting their achievements, I do want to applaud the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which chose arts as the theme of its fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The chamber could have chosen any topic for a fund-raising theme. Choosing the arts as a theme required extra work and coordination. The Westland Chamber of Commerce worked to develop relationships with local artists and art teachers to create the event.

Tasty event

"Taste of the Arts" will feature samplings of food and beverages from more than 20 local businesses including Chimento's Italian Market, Max & Erma's and the Fire Academy Brewery and Grill. Art works by students from Wayne-Westland Schools will be exhibited and will be for sale. During a silent auction, you can even place a bid on works by a number of local artists, including Norma McQueen and Mary Brittain. A string quartet will provide entertainment for the evening.

Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the event benefits the chamber and the Family Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that helps families in need.

"I'm excited," said Lori Brist, the chamber's executive director. "We'll have delectable cuisine from the area's best restaurants, in addition to the more-than-100 pieces of art on exhibit by students from Wayne-Westland elementary and high schools. There will be a donation box for anyone wanting to take home one of the pieces of student art."

A mystery prize drawing offers more than 180 items donated by Westland businesses, including a VCR.

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Public art: Ferenc "Frank" Varga created this sculpture titled "Birds in Flight."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN BERKMAN

Marching along: Members of the Livonia Stevenson High School Marching Band keep in step with the music.

The season ends but the music goes on for area marching bands



Competitive spirit: Franklin High School Marching Band members Chris Koliuccelli (left to right), Mark Wholihan, Devin Maxwell, Pat Carden, Laura Evens, Jay Franklin, and Kelly Carroll competed in the nationals in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAMLEY

Talented beauty: Homecoming Queen Marrison Wanderski performs with the Redford Thurston High School Marching Band.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Kristi Jasin's enthusiasm for marching bands remains as ardent as ever, even though silence has descended over fields once filled with sound and color.

This cold November day finds the Livonia Franklin High School Band director indoors rehearsing students for their final performance of the season at Livonia's Holiday Parade. Jasin's passion for the music goes back to the days when she was marching with bands at Plymouth Canton Educational Park and Michigan State University.

"I always loved marching band," said Jasin, pointing out that although the season has ended students continue to play in the concert, symphonic and jazz bands. "I hear the drums and it does something for my heart. The nostalgia, hearing the cadence, you want to march."

The Franklin Marching Band officially ended their season by competing against 79 bands in the nationals presented by Bands of America on Nov. 13. Jasin said she was proud of her students who didn't seem to mind placing 13th because the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, under David McGrath, took first place home to Michigan.

"They were very happy for Plymouth Canton," said Jasin. "They cheered for them even though they competed against them in the state competition."

Jasin values the feedback she receives from judges at competitions. It helps the 79-member Franklin band grow.

"They put on a very good show," said Jasin. "It was the first time, they played in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and just going there was such a thrill. We didn't go there to win. The goal is musical growth. The kids learn a lot by not making it because they learn this is what we need to do better. Being in marching band is about loyalty to the group, responsibility, decision making, leadership. It's teaching them skills that transfer into life. It's teaching them to be the best they can be. The process is more important than the end product."

Even though marching band season is over the lessons go on for the Franklin students who frequently play at events ranging from the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit to ice cream socials at elementary schools. Community involvement is important for marching bands at Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Thurston High Schools because students receive experience while providing pleasure for an audience.

Franklin's symphonic, concert, and jazz bands are presenting a holiday concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, that's open to the public. It's part of their plan to invite the community into the school to see what they're doing.

Franklin participates in the community in other ways as well. For the 21st year in a row, it will host the Solo Ensemble Competition on Jan. 29 and Feb. 6. It is the largest solo ensemble competition in the state and run by students and parents, including the Band Boosters directed by Jim Hatten.

"One of our goals is to share our music and love of performing with the community," said Jasin. "I think performing in public is a very important part of music ensemble growth."

Drum major Anne Darket, in addition to playing flute in the symphony band, has led the marching band for four years. She started playing flute in fifth grade and feels she's matured as a musician since joining the marching band.

"I like marching band because the people are like a second family to me," said Darket, a Westland resident. "As far as the nationals, I wasn't really nervous because we pretty much have the show under our feet by then and it's a good experience seeing the better bands like Plymouth."

Sara Knopsnider, drum line captain in charge of percussion for Franklin, agrees with Darket. She's stayed in marching band because of the growth and camaraderie. As a junior, she also has the opportunity to recruit students from elementary schools during the upcoming winter. Last year, Darket and other Franklin juniors were able to recruit 30 new members for marching band.

"It's like one big family," said Knopsnider, who also plays drums with the jazz band.

Winning attitude

Thurston High School, along with Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, took part in the state competition presented by the Michigan Competing Band Association. Director Edward Lucius is proud of the fact that

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THEATER

Lively 'Flanagan's Wake' provides hearty laughs

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The crowd filed in dutifully at the makeshift parlor at Baci Theatre in Pontiac where a wake was being held for a friendly fellow named Flanagan.

First stop: the bar to fill up with spir-its, limericks and fabricated tales about the recently departed. There's plenty of raucous encouragement for audience members to get two drinks - one for each kidney.

Irish wakes, as the roaming cast of "Flanagan's Wake" reminds, is an ritualistic exercise of drinking, dancing, and between bouts of storytelling and eulogies, a fair amount of fighting.

Somewhere along the way to depositing the wooden casket six feet under, a sermon gets mangled and an Irish culture that cele-

brates life at a ceremony of death gets honored and insulted.

It's the type of irresistible fun of family reunions, comedy clubs, and well, Irish wakes.

Like its interactive cousin "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" that plays upstairs at Baci's, "Flanagan's Wake" proves that the theatrical experience can indeed transform an audience of strangers into a community where the common interest is a good laugh and a sing-along.

There isn't any resisting the current production of the hilarious interactive play. In about two hours, the charming cast demonstrates the appeal of dissolving the traditional fourth wall of theater and inviting the audience to participate in a 50-percent scripted play and a 50-percent free-for-all.

For Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills, who portrays the howling mystic Kathleen Mooney, "Flanagan's Wake" is a play of scripted spontaneity that draws in the audience in the actor's unfolding craft of storytelling.

Being "in the moment," said Dorrington, extends beyond the stage. Audience members are encouraged, provoked, and drafted into partici-



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

pating in putting flesh on the skeleton story about Flanagan's dreams, demise and foibles.

The collaboration with the audience requires a balance of wit and respectful distance - not easy when the cast is on the prowl for a quick laugh. But with this endearing cast, there is a near-instant comfort.

While actor appear firmly grounded in their respective characters, it's when they let out their personalities and demonstrate their improv skills that they shine.

At various times, the spotlight shines on Dorrington, Tony Lawry of Garden City, Dean Ravich of Livonia, Charles

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Liberated: The cast of "Flanagan's Wake" puts audiences at ease, but not without a good deal of prodding.

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McGraw of Hamtramck, Tom Whalen of Royal Oak, Pat Caporusio of Richmond and Courtney Jo Demsey of Grosse Pointe.

All have their fair share of dramatic and comedic theater credits and stints in improv.

Together they take audiences on a journey through an Irish wake without hitting any insulting bumps. Well, then again, that depends on whether you're open to sparring with the likes of Flanagan's angry fiancée or his babbling, iron-fisted mother.

After six years of performances in Chicago, the play opened in Pontiac in early October. Several weeks later, however, the original producer, Joe Nederlander,

pulled out of the show, and Baci owners Nino and Luigi Cutraro stepped up to keep alive "Flanagan's Wake" and extend its open-ended run.

In a local theater scene often lacking in vibrant performances, "Flanagan's Wake" offers a glimmer of hope. It's the type of play that will be fun for those who prefer movies or home entertainment.

And it's a good laugh for die-hard theater-goers who should be impressed with the improv ability of the cast.

"Danny Boy" might be delivered off-key, but there's nothing out of tune with "Flanagan's Wake."

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Thurston's 117-member band has made the top 10 in state finals the last four years. They placed seventh in Flight III in 1999.

"The kids work hard all season long," said Lucius. "At state, there's 6,000 to 9,000 people staring at them. The kids do get nervous. What's special about state is our kids had their best performance of the year."

Like Jasin, Lucius believes that there's more to competition than winning.

"We're teaching kids that there's no winners or losers," said Lucius. "We're not competing with other bands. It's not a sport but for kids to do the best they can do."

In addition to performing at competitions held throughout the fall, Redford Thurston plays concerts for the community. Their winter concert by the wind ensemble, honors band, concert band, and jazz ensemble takes place 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 535-4000, Ext. 1133.

"We compete because bands here have always striven for excellence," said Lucius. "We're still able to participate in the community and play at home games."

Top honor

Tiffany Labon joined the Redford Thurston Marching Band as a requisite for performing in the honors band at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 19. The Redford Thurston band was one of nine chosen from 77 bands which applied for the honor of performing at the National Concert Band Festival. As at other schools, the group making all of the performances by all of Thurston's bands possible is the Band Boosters led by Pat Bilicki, Bruce and Debbi Bovee and Chuck Litvin.

"Once I joined marching band, I really

liked it," said Labon, a freshman percussionist. It's a lot of fun especially when you can finally put all the drill moves together."

Community connection

As director of Livonia Stevenson's 107-member marching band for the last 14 years, David Booker chooses not to compete in the state or nationals but instead concentrates on community performances in the Holiday Parade and nursing homes in addition to playing at football games.

"We're one of the few bands that makes a community commitment," said Booker. "Other schools don't do as much for the community because they spend all their time marching. I choose not to compete in state or national because I want to develop the jazz and symphonic programs. Students should have a balanced program. Ours offers a total musical experience."

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The Livonia Arts Commission's latest sculpture is a welcome addition to the landscape of the Livonia Civic Center Complex where an environmental work by Andrea Blum invites the public to interact with art.

Installed on Noy. 7, the bronze sculpture by Ferenc "Frank" Varga, "Birds in Flight," cost

\$16,000.

"It's understandable, believable," said arts commission president Bob Sheridan who donated the foundation for the 10 foot high sculpture. "I think everybody can appreciate it."

The sculpture was paid for with the proceeds of the commission's annual arts festival and

the \$5,000 stipend it receives annually from the city to promote arts.

"Our challenge as arts commissioners is to develop cultural interests in the community," said Sheridan, who donated one of his ceramic pieces to the Westland Chamber of Commerce's silent auction. "I'd like to show my appreciation for all the hard work the commission does - from putting on the monthly art exhibits, the Music Under the Stars and scholarship programs to helping groups such as the Livonia Symphony and Jack-in-the-Box Productions."

This is the second time the arts commission asked Varga to create a sculpture. The first sculpture, "Wisdom and Innocence," was installed in front of the Livonia Civic Center Library in October 1995. Varga's works can also be found in front of St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., the Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia, and the Oncology Center of West Branch Hospital. His "Copernicus" graces the front of the main branch of the Detroit Public Library.

Varga studied sculpture at the University of Honolulu and the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy. In the early years of his career, the 56-year-old Varga

apprenticed under his father, Ferenc Varga.

"After the lighting is installed in the garden of sculptures area we hope to invite sculptors to send their proposals for works to be included," said Sheridan. "We hope on a yearly basis to add another piece and that these could be enjoyed for many generations. They'll know we did something for the arts. We'd been there."

Varga worked closely with the commission on the design for the sculpture after the commission chose birds as the subject.

Spirit of flight


"Man's interest has always been the spirit of flight," said Varga from his home in Delray Beach, Fla. "I wanted to represent the spirit of man and his interest in flight in a figurative, modern way. It's recognizable that they are birds but is stylized. The composition is angular so when the sun shines on it you always have a different movement. The composition begins to change in movement with the sun."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchamin@oe.homecomm.net

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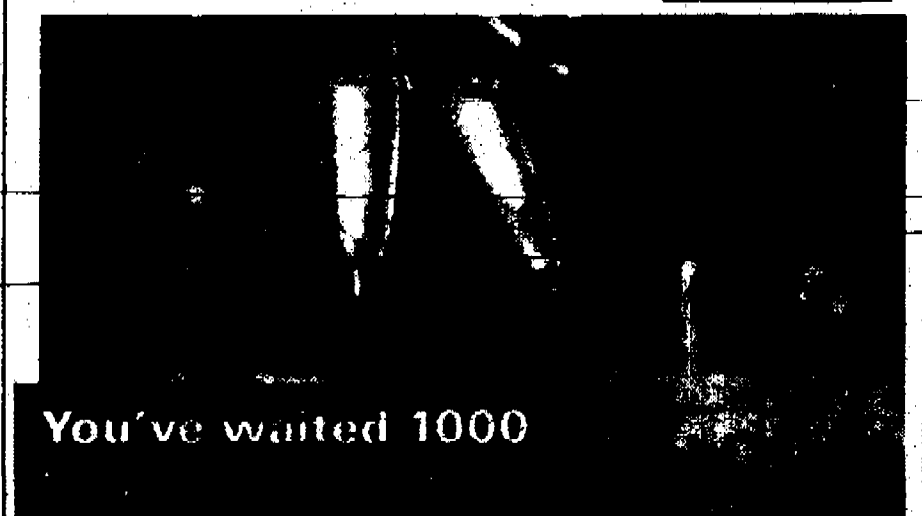
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The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford holds open auditions for "Godspell," a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew 7 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Nov. 21-23 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly.

All performers (experience not necessary) as well as technicians are welcome to try out for this Off Broadway-style show. For more information, call (313) 531-0554.

ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL
Native West celebrates its 10th anniversary with the annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor

Trail, west of Main Street, Plymouth.

In the last year, Native West owners Annette and Ken Horn have found new metal artists, glass art from Arizona, Southwest fountains, sculpture, bronze and more. As always they continue to add to their selection of pottery, fetishes, Kachina dolls and other art forms created by Native Americans.

The jewelry trunk show will host works from jewelry Indian trader Jonathon Cox of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and till 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Call (734) 455-8838.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Holiday Greetings," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

The songs, most of which have exciting new arrangements, include everything from "Jingle Bells" to "You are My Christmas Angel." For tickets, call (734) 455-4080.

The Madonna University Chorale sing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. The concert will be repeated 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at historic St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$10, proceeds go towards the chorale's tour to Ireland in June. For more information, call chorale director David Wagner at (734) 432-5708.

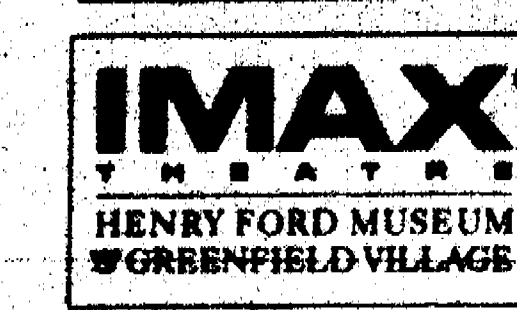
Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents two holiday concerts featuring Mozart's "Regina Coeli" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other season favorites 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, between Warren and Hancock, Detroit. Admission is free.

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Weekends of special holiday sales starting Thanksgiving weekend. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, Dec. 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28. The fiber sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 4 and the pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

FINE ARTS AUCTION
The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies is holding its first arts auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Botsford Inn Coach House in Farmington Hills. (248) 557-4522.

GALERIE DE BOICOURT
Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts on sale until Dec. 25, 251 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 723-5680.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT MERCY
19th annual Christmas arts & crafts show 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 at Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8020.

KAIROS INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE
Ksenija Savic's artwork is on exhibit 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the office of Dr. Gary Renard, 555 Barclay Circle #150, Rochester Hills.

MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK
View "The French Collection" at the hall's 29th annual walk Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 5 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. (248) 370-3140.

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Presents "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6, 50 percent of net proceeds benefit the Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. (248) 644-0527.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS
Auditions for "Oliver" 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 for children and adults at the Jewish Community Center in Room 107A. For more information, and to make an appointment for audition, call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 or (248) 352-2797. Children are to prepare both a ballad and a tempo song. The show will open 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center and run week ends through Sunday, Feb. 27.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Creative Arts Center is seeking artists in all media for its January 2000 show whose theme is "Visions of Peace and Evolution for the next Millennium. Slides or photos and resume should be submitted by Dec. 1. Selections made by December 15. Send materials to: Exhibit Coordinator, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

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"Seasonal Visions" - The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660. Ext. 270.

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Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. (Chorus meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Christ Middle School, 2500 E. 7th St., 27394.)



Contemporary works: "Crocodiles & Serpents," a sculptural basket by Carol Eckert, is on display at the Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak, through Saturday, Dec. 4. Eckert's work is part of an exhibition of sculptural baskets, which also features works by Ferne Jacobs. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 544-3388 for more information.

Evergreen Road, Southfield. **MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION**
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MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET
"The Nutcracker" featuring American ballet Theatre soloist Grit Braun, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 children 12 and under and seniors. (248) 334-6964.

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE
"The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5 at the Lake Orion High School's Center for Performing Arts, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12 and seniors. (248) 652-3117.

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Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The Flying Karamazov Brothers with conductor Erich Kunze, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Special event with Aretha Franklin, 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27. Benefit concert for the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-development, 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 876-5111.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ
The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Don Swindell, trumpet & flugelhorn, 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756.

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Frank Gratkowski, Jazz at the Edge, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Kremerata Baltica soloists perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. The Harlem Nutcracker, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, 2 & 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 1-800-221-1229.

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The Marian Rice Players present Shakespeare's classic play at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at Marian High School, 1225 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills.

DANCE

HARLEM NUTCRACKER
Presented by the University Musical Society with Detroit Opera House and The Arts League of Michigan. Friday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House, 11 performances. (313) 231-5151. (734) 762-7756 and at TicketCity.com.

FOR KIDS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Special Planetarium Programs Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28 including Young Stargazers Sky Journey, Millennium Sky Show, Holiday Lasers and Laser Swing. Call for times at 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 9 - What is a book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection, "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection through March 5 at 5700 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 - Song West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars, 60 Watters, Troy. (248) 624-3570.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF FRENCH AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 - Emile Zola: The Life and Works of the First Great African American Painter, Dave, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Begins to Rain and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland, 525 South State Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0305.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

SISSON ART GALLERY
Through Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Contemporary Art, 1100 University Ave., Ann Arbor. (313) 763-1212.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONART
Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - Michigan Student Furniture, Functional Art Design Competition. More than 30 works by area students will be on display Friday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 18, 21 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Opens Monday, Nov. 29 - Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christine Redmond through Dec. 23, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-0922.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Nov. 27 - The annual holiday exhibition of jewelry by Darcy Miro through Jan. 8. Artist's reception, 2:5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27. Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert, 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

UZELAC GALLERY
Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - paintings by Michael Rollins from his "Ticker series" presented by Gallery: FunctionArt at Uzelac Gallery. Artist reception 7:10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Oakland Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw. (248) 957-2357.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALLEY CULTURE
Through Nov. 27 - Dignified works by young artists and illustrators at Southwest Detroit Art Alley Culture, the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, Red building south of W. 15th, Detroit.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 - "Let There Be Light," 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - The Michigan Friends of Photography Annual Membership Exhibition, Margaret Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Dearborn. (313) 593-6400.

BUCKHAM GALLERY
Figurative, Speaking, Painting and mixed media works, 1241 W. Second Street, Farmington Hills. (248) 833-4334.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - Paintings by Lisa Kopa, 225 West Park Drive, Troy. (248) 651-3655.

CASS CAFE
Through Nov. 30 - Current works by David Snow, Pointe St. and Park Ave., 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

EMU ART ALUMNI INVITATIONAL
Through Nov. 24 - Alumni exhibition at Ford Gallery, 114 Franklin Ypsilanti.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Nov. 21 - Women of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

GALERIE BLU
Through Nov. 30 - Stripped Goodfellows, New York, Detroit, Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

GALLERIA
Through Nov. 27 - An exhibition of Chinese ink painting, North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

GALLERY 212
Through Dec. 12 - The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (313) 833-8224.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Ben Tre, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Nov. 26 - New works by American artist Diane Chavira and Chris Hart at Pavel Hlava, North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - E. C. Rindler-Schjerve, 1100 University Ave., Ann Arbor. (313) 763-1212.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - "The World is a Stage," 1100 University Ave., Ann Arbor. (313) 763-1212.

State University in Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Dec. 7 - Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Watercolor artist, Carol LaChusa, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Presents an exhibition by Robert Gniwiewski entitled "Detroit Theaters Past and Present," and a solo exhibition by Victor Rodriguez, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition, 3278 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The works of Lauren Finn, Pat Peake Martin, Sue Schwartz and Chris Trombley, E. N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Nov. 30 - Fabric art by Michigan Weavers Guild in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Nov. 30 - Wood block prints by Michael McGuire, Livonia Civic Center Library, 52777 Ave. Mile, 704-466-2429. Through Nov. 30 - Watercolors by Art St. Kathy, Philadelphia City Hall lobby, 3300 City Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2543.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Nov. 8 - Imaginary Expressions, 1700 Westland, Detroit. (313) 497-1223.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Dec. 18 - Paintings, Daniel Egan, Oak Woods and Constructions, 197 West Maple, Birmingham. (248) 504-9471.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 - Collage and Cuts, The Artists of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880 Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oak and Livonia, Rochester Hills. (248) 967-4030.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through Dec. 20 - Document USA, a survey of art at the end of the millennium, 11 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6938.

NETWORK
Through Nov. 20 - Museum McCabe, 1100 Westland, Detroit. (313) 497-1223.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - Art of the Chinese, 1200 N. Saginaw, Troy. (248) 555-0400.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 27 - Barbara Aber, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through Nov. 27 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

PRINT GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

REVELATION GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Revelation, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

SPLASH GALLERY
Through Nov. 28 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Nov. 30 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Marked on the Canvas, 1100 University Ave., Ann Arbor. (313) 763-1212.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - The Art of the Book, 1000 East 4th St., Westland. (734) 881-1400.

'Not a Word of a Lie' in book about rural Irish

BY M.B. DILLON
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Hynes sisters of Redford and Livonia ever want to relate in detail what it was like growing up in rural Ireland on a Galway Bay peninsula, all they need to do is recommend the reading of "Not a Word of a Lie," a newly published book penned by their childhood friend, Bridie Quinn-Conroy of County Galway, Ireland.

In town to visit Teresa Hynes Misener, Peggy Hynes Boland and Delia Hynes Melvin and attend the wedding of a family friend, Quinn-Conroy "has immortalized the wonderful Irish people who survived with very limited resources during World War II," said Misener.

"Those people's dreams came true and became our inheritance. Bridie shows the caliber of people they were in a way no 'blow-ins' possibly could."

Chicago-born Jeff O'Connell — a writer now living in a thatched house in the farming community of Duras where Quinn-Conroy and the Hynes girls came of age — acknowledges as much in his foreword in "Not a Word of a Lie."

"No matter how deeply 'blow-ins' like myself might dig in bringing to light aspects of history and folklore, we will always lack something essential that no amount of reading and research could make up for," writes O'Connell. "We were not born here. But Bridie Quinn-Conroy was. In 'Not a Word of a Lie,' you are introduced to the inner history of Duras, the stories of particular men and women — their struggles, joys, sorrows, and small but important triumphs — in a way only hinted at by documents and parish records."

"We had to do the 'brothers' jobs. I picked potatoes and drove a tractor," said Quinn-Conroy, currently the mayor of her adopted hometown of Craughwell, 15 miles east of Duras. Children also helped plant crops, bind corn and save barley, hay and oats.

Women ran households without the benefit of running water. There were no bathrooms, no refrigerators, no washing machines, no electric irons, toasters or appliances.

They were hard times, but the best of times, said Quinn-Conroy, who is married and has four children and nine grandchildren.



CRUCK MISENER

Reunited: Teresa (Hynes) Misener (left), Maryagatha (O'Grady) Savage, author Bridie Quinn-Conroy and Delia Hynes Melvin, who grew up together in a rural area in the west of Ireland, were reunited at the wedding of Mrs. Savage's son.

"Perhaps the younger generation has more, but I doubt they have such simple, carefree happy days," she said.

Misener agreed. "They were hard times, but we survived, and our characters are all the better for enduring the rainy days and coming out the other side," she said.

The people of Duras supplied their own entertainment. "During the long winter nights, our kitchen seemed a haven for many of the villagers. They could be sure of a warm seat around a turf fire, a good discussion, and tea and currant cake. They made predictions about the rise and fall of prices of beef, spuds, cattle, hay, sheep, pigs, barley, wool, or a pint, and were often right. They talked about the weather and were never satisfied."

The Quinns made good hosts. Michael was noted for his knowledge of history and folklore, and for his political involvement in Duras. Before her marriage, Julia had lived in the U.S., where she visited 47 states. A strong advocate of education, Julia walked three miles to her job at Seamount College, where she taught the Irish language. All the Quinns, Hyneses, and their neighbors spoke Gaelic fluently.

"The rural Irish cherish their memories of ceilis — dances held in the home in which all generations participated. Family members or friends played the instruments. 'Not a Word of a Lie' evocatively portrays interesting villagers, as well as local folklore

and other aspects of life in Duras long ago: growing up Catholic, matchmaking, baking on the open hearth, events at sea, and savoring catches of the day.

Quinn-Conroy says she hopes her book "will be looked at in 60 years' time as a social history which touches on the times, lives, traditions, superstitions, education, religion, and above all the friendships, neighborliness and high standards and moral ethics we had."

The author's desire is fast becoming a reality. Her book should be available in the U.S. soon through Irish Books & Media of Minneapolis, Minn. Irish Books & Media also has expressed interest in publishing the sequel, entitled "Believe it or Not."

"Not a Word of a Lie" is available online from Kenny's Bookshop in Galway City for \$15 (including shipping) or by contacting publisher Ann Korff, Tir Eolas, Newtownlynch, Kinvara, Co. Galway, Ireland. The book is included among reference materials at the Irish Cultural Center in Norwood, Mass.

"Not a Word of a Lie" is actually the fruition of a childhood vow: "I was always writing short stories and notes," said Quinn-Conroy. "I used to talk with the old people, and I would listen to their stories. I'd read the 'Irish Press' every day, and I never once saw Duras mentioned. It was just in my head that one day I would write something which merited Duras being put on the map."

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kuygonik@oe.homecomm.net

LOCAL INTEREST
Northville resident James E. Person Jr. will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Russell Kirk, A Critical Biography of a Conservative Mind," noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. Person is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and his book is an account of the noted thinker Russell Kirk, who also lived in Plymouth as a youth.

Kirk developed a unique philosophy of conservative values and perspectives. The Little Book Shoppe is located at 308 S. Main. **OTHER BOOK SIGNINGS**
n TV talk show host Mike Douglas will sign copies of his new book, "I'll Be Right Back," at the Barnes and Noble store in Northville, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. In "I'll Be Right Back," Douglas writes about more than 50 years of involvement in television, including his popular late afternoon programs from the 1970s. For more information, call (248) 348-0896. The store is located off of Haggerty and Six Mile.

n Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies — Little Thumbs Up!" Saturday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Welden Books, Lakeside Mall, Half Road, Sterling Heights, (810) 247-0420, and Thursday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Borders Books and Music.

Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS
Where is the stock market headed in the next decade? What is the outlook for interest rates? Hear Harry Dent's compelling forecasts based on commonly accepted facts about baby boomers, consumer spending patterns and inflation at this financial workshop set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29. Call (248) 652-0558 for information.

BORDERS FARMINGTON
Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills offers a number of special programs and events during the month of November. A Critical Biography of a Conservative Mind, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. Person is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and his book is an account of the noted thinker Russell Kirk, who also lived in Plymouth as a youth.

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BORDERS ANN ARBOR
Koalas and Eucalyptus leaves. Plants and animals of Australia is the topic of a children's program at Borders Ann Arbor, 612 E. Liberty. The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

STORYTELLING
The popular storytelling series Evening Voyages: Tunes and Tales continues at the Ann Arbor District Library. This 45-minute free family program features traditional storytelling and is held in the Main Library Youth Room at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. The series is geared toward listeners ages 6 to adult. Younger listeners won't be admitted and no registration is required. The Main Library is located at 343 S. 5th Avenue in Ann Arbor. Call information, call (734) 327-8301.

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MUSIC OF THE HEART (PG)
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6:30 & 9:30 PM ONLY

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THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (R)
4:35 PM & 6:55 PM ONLY

THE BEST MAN (R)
11:35, 4:25, 9:45

HUNGRY FOR THE DEAD (R)
9:20 PM ONLY

FIGHT CLUB (R)
10:45, 4:15, 9:35

SUPERSTAR (PG-13)
2:15 PM & 7:25 PM ONLY

ELMO IN GARDENLAND (G)
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DOUBLE JEOPARDY (R)
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THE SIXTH SENSE (PG-13)
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THE STORY OF US (R)
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Gem Theatre 'yoops' it up with Jeff Daniels' play

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, runs through Feb. 13 at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Performances: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets: \$29.50-\$36.50. For information call (313) 963-9800.

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Sure, there are thick breezes of flatulence jokes and a profusion of politically incorrect "yooper" convention, but what's not to love in "Escanaba in da Moonlight?"

Not much. In fact, fewer folks leave the show with a frown on their face than there are men walking the streets of downtown Menominee on opening day of deer hunting season. In both cases, there sure aren't many.

Jeff Daniels' comedy offers a constant array of manly merriment regulated by practical wisdom.

"If you're looking back at the things that you missed, you won't know what hit you," is just such a truism.

Yet this story does look back, to opening day 1989 at the Soady deer camp, "the world famous Soady deer camp," outside Escanaba.

In a log cabin decorated with

animal hides and cases of Gobel beer, Albert Soady (Jim Porterfield) talks up the Superior State while he rips on the "flatlander fudge-sucking, beer-drinking trolls" who drive up north in their Winnebagos.

"If we wanted company we would have built a bridge sooner."

He's awaiting the arrival of his sons, Ruben (Phil Powers) and Remnar (Joseph Albright) who, he candidly explains, are not "the sharpest tool in the shed."

Ruben, at 35, is about to become the eldest "buckless Yooper" in Soady family history. So this year, he's breaking with tradition. No pasties. No Spam and mayo sandwiches in the blind. He's trusting that the concoctions and incantations from his full-blooded Indian wife Wolf Moon Dance (Sandra Birch) will guide his aura (that's air-a as in "the air around 'ya") and break the curse that has forever denied him a buck.

Naturally, the Soady men and friend Jimmer (Wayne David Parker), whose speech was rendered unintelligible after an alien abduction, are reluctant to stray.

Remnar offers evidence to that with the tattered, duct-tapedannel shirt he's worn since he was 9. "Does it smell?" he asks rhetorically. "Most certainly."

But it's tradition. And the Soady men don't mess with ancestral forces.

Hilarious happenings ricochet as the plot charges through visions of God, mishaps with porcupine pee and a surprise visit from DNR Ranger Tom Treado (Randall Godwin), who has a penchant for teddies.

But there are moments of "Blair Witch" suspense, as when the men confront a "bear walk," which, according to their knowledge of Indian lore, requires a sacrifice far beyond going without whisky for the duration of camp.

Under Guy Sanville's direction, the cast hits their comedic marks dead-on. And though pretty much the same group has been performing since it first opened at the Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre in 1997, they still have the ability to make rehearsed material sound - and appear - spontaneously funny.

Daniels has plans to take his gem to the silver screen and is currently working on the movie screenplay. But you'd be wise to see the Gem's production.

Get ready for a facial muscle workout because "Escanaba in da Moonlight" will keep you little "flatlander fudge-suckers" grinning ear-to-ear, from da start to da end.



da reflective: Phil Powers (standing) and Jim Porterfield portray two "Yooper" deer hunters in Jeff Daniels' comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight."

Hilberry Theatre's 'Merchant of Venice' a treat to watch

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" through Dec. 9 in rotating repertory. The Hilberry is on Cass near Forest on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry Theatre's production of "The Merchant of Venice" is a quick paced, easily

understood and well-acted rendition of one of the immortal bard's better-known works.

Directed by Gillian Eaton, the play is a treat to watch. The undercurrent of anti-Semitism, with which the play is generally associated, is used to highlight intolerance between cultures, not to indict Shakespeare for holding similar beliefs.

Despite its serious moments "The Merchant of Venice" is a comedy of attitudes that explores the lifestyles of the merchant

ruling class in Venice 500 years ago. Antonio, a merchant, borrows money from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to help his friend Bassanio win the hand of the beautiful and noble Portia.

Shylock, who had been treated like an outcast for much of his life, grants the loan with a notarized condition that he receive a pound of flesh if the bond is forfeited. Antonio, whose fortunes depend on a fleet of his ships traversing the globe, carelessly assumes his fortune is assured.

Romantic escapades enliven the plot. Portia's potential suitors attempt to solve the riddle of her late father's will, which would grant them Portia's hand in marriage, while Shylock's daughter Jessica chafes under cover of darkness with a Christian, lining her pockets with much of her father's wealth.

Gavin Lewis is a convincing mixture of wounded pride and burning revenge as the bitter Shylock. It is through Portia's wisdom that Shylock learns that cruelty can not be repaid in kind.

Sara Wolf performs the role of Portia with polish and finesse. She captures the spirited nature of Portia while cloaking the character with the sophistication of

her station and a wellspring of intelligence and insight. The scenes with her lady-in-waiting Nerissa, played by Trisha Miller, were light-hearted yet key to the plot. Miller, a first-year student appearing in her second show of the season, exudes talent and charisma on stage.

Christopher Gilbert portrays Antonio, the merchant with stubborn pride and quiet dignity. More passionate than practical, Antonio's heroism is dimmed only by his anti-Semitic attitude, which was as acceptable in that era as it is disturbing today in a century scarred by the Holocaust.

Erk Gratton is a charming, sincere and moon-eyed success-

ful suitor to Portia. Jessica, the eloping daughter of Shylock, is played with misty enthusiasm by Cat Shoemaker.

Dallas Henry played Lancelot Gobbo, the comic relief and lower class clown, with a cascade of amusing accents, the most disconcerting of which was a red-neck twang. Though funny, it broke the otherwise historical continuity of the production.

The entire cast poured enthusiasm into the production. Costumes, designed by Jean Woodland and created by Mary Leyendecker, were elegant and superb. Charles Moser's multi-level set, accomplished the numerous shifts in scene easily.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted (Call 248-349-8175 or 734-462-4435 for information about either concert.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW
The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Art Show and Sale Dec. 9-11 at The Art Gallery Studio, 29948 Ford Road, west of Middlebelt, Garden City.

An awards night and opening reception will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. Original works

of art by the members will be displayed. Call (734) 514-4044 for more information.

ADVANCED TICKET SALE
The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to escape to the Caribbean at its annual fund-raiser dinner auction 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$55 per person, \$50 if purchased before Dec. 31. Call 734-416-4278.

Auction items will include vacation trips, dining certificates, clothing, furniture and all kinds of art.

ART EXHIBIT
Madonna University spotlights the work of Hilary Franström, an adjunct instructor in the art department, Dec. 2 to Jan. 2 in the second floor gallery of the Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoenwald at Levon, Livonia.

The exhibit includes everything from paintings to drawings. Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call art department chairman Doug Sarayan at 734-422-5710.

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Smoky eyes, golden lips are key to a fab party face

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

If there were ever a time to splurge on a fabulous dress, an outrageous pair of shoes, a long-awaited appointment with your hair stylist, and a shopping bag full of the newest make-up, this is it!

This New Year's Eve, being what is now popularly accepted as the beginning of the new millennium, is reason enough to make sure you look just as put together as your New Year's celebration plans.

This Y2K demands a little more effort in the makeup area. This is the evening when you need to jazz up your evening makeup a bit.

The easiest way to glamorize your dewy skin, smoky-eye look is to sparkle. Sprinkling finely milled sparkled talc gives a delicate glow to cheekbones, shoulders and décolletage.

But a heavier hand applied to these areas screams "Happy New Year" in no uncertain terms.

This is also a time when you bring out your color palette. Use your dark jewel tones to accent your dark eyes. Add a little of Sebastian's Blue Dusk shadow to the already darkened socket of your eye.

This enhances the smoky eye with transparent color which will put the attention to your eyes rather than the dark circles that could appear when you're dancing until dawn.

Another way to richen your looks is to keep the dramatic smoky eyes accentuated with gold-burnished cheeks, lips and nails. This is also the time to experiment with color and texture. Pick a burgundy lip or pale, shimmering eyes and lips balanced with pink cheeks.

Even if you're going to a low-key event or this just fits your personality, this New Year's still calls for a definite glamour factor.

For you makeup minimalists, we know that "nature" doesn't mean bare face but rather a well-defined glowing face able to withstand a serious night of party playing.

In order to keep things from getting messy, make sure you use waterproof mascara and a little bit of extra glue on those long, lush false lashes.

Also, I found a product that saved my life when working long hours on a location shoot called She Lac by BeneFit, which is resistant to water, tears, humidity, smudging and all of those beauty disasters.

It's a liquid sealer for eyes. This is similar to Lip Chic, which I've used for years as a sealer to keep a stain of color on lips. No matter how many New Year's kisses you give away, your lips will stay on.

Accenting the eyes is the surest way to have a low maintenance makeup. Use a soft lip color with a strong eye to ensure that you won't have to worry about touching up your lips.

With all the running around from party to party, things can get heated up, so you may want to make sure your foundation is minimal and well set with translucent or sparkled powder. Then you can run around achieving a glow but without exposing any beauty flaws.

So whether you're dancing until dawn, hopping from dinner to club, or laying low with loved ones, I'm sure you'll look amazing for the entry of the new century.

Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday. I'll talk to you next month.



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With so many millennium and New Year's Eve party goods already in stores, shoppers might be thinking manufacturers and retailers have contracted another case of, "if we build it, they will buy."

But retailers don't think so: Consumers, and not just the retail industry, are excited about the celebrating the millennium and are likely to purchase merchandise to commemorate the event, they say.

"People recognize that the millennium is special, and it's not just another novelty approach retailers have taken to drive sales," said Ron Rademacher, a divisional merchandise vice president with Jacobson's. "They realize that this is a very special time period that we're living in and they're tuned into celebrating it."

Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association agreed, saying, "I think the millennium is going to be a real boost in retail sales."

After all, retailers are in the business of predicting consumers' needs and wants.

So far, Jacobson's customers have responded well to the store's millennium merchandise, said Rademacher, adding, "It has clicked for them that I need this to make my millennium celebration more complete, special and exciting."

The sheer number and range of products currently sitting on store shelves might leave some shoppers wondering how many millennium party trinkets one person can own.

From special tuxedo shirts to time capsule kits to Year 2000 cocktail blenders, the availability and range of millennium party gear is

Millennium madness

There's no end to the New Year's Eve merchandise retailers have in store

positively overwhelming.

However, manufacturers and retailers aren't working together to market these goods; they're competing to sell them, noted Mohan Pisharodi, associate professor of marketing at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

"Competition is intense," said Pisharodi. Thus, retailers are putting these goods on the market in hopes of selling what they can, they're not worrying consumers might find the choices dizzying, he said.

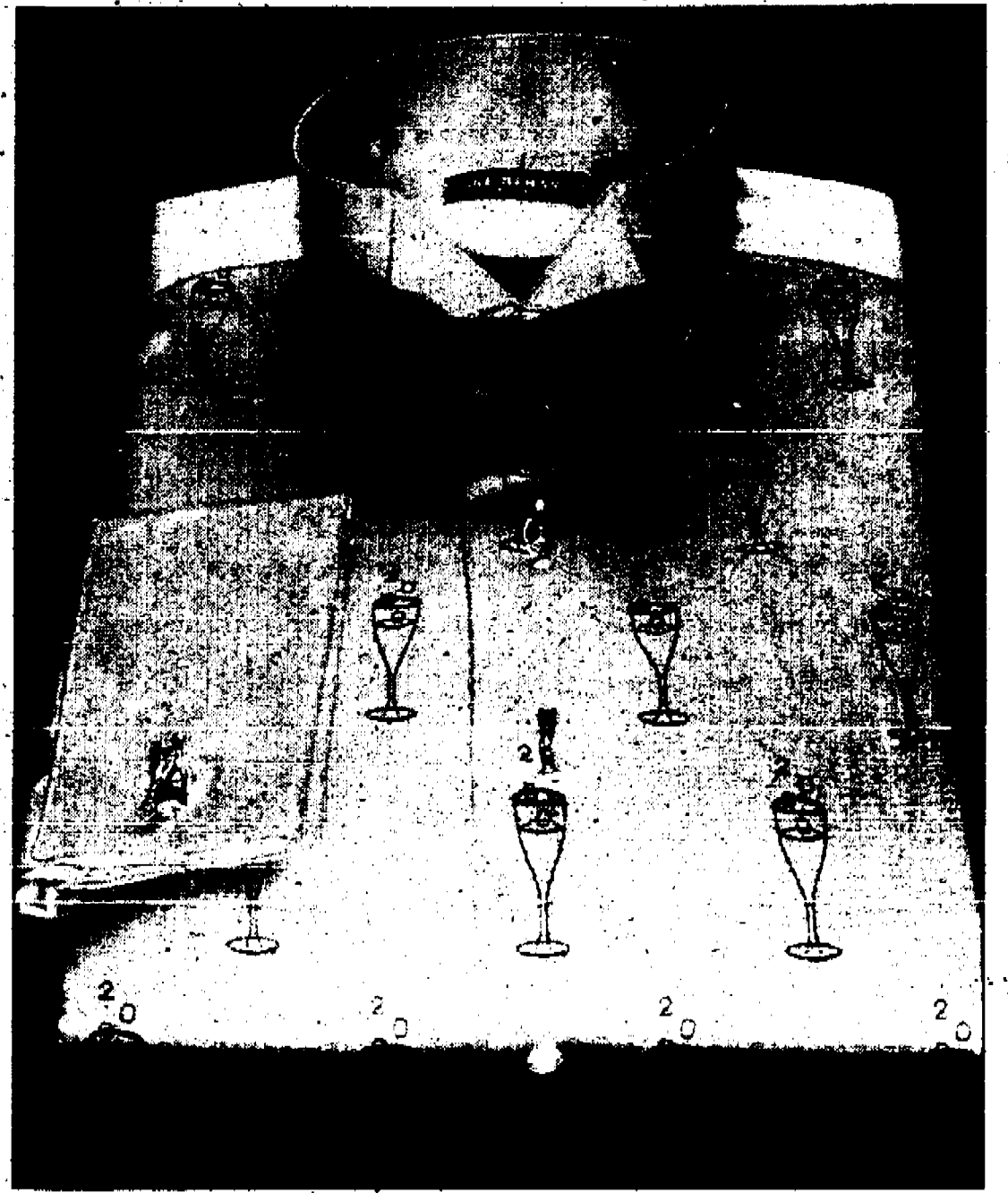
The oddity of some millennium party baubles is probably an attempt to attract attention and differentiate a particular product from the range of others, said Pisharodi.

Besides, there has always been a segment of the consumer market that purchases innovative products and novelty items, he said. Also, different types of consumers buy different types of products, so the plethora of millennium goods on the market reflects that range, said Pisharodi.

At Jacobson's, for example, the focus has been on millennium offerings geared to entertaining, said Rademacher. "As a company, our customer base does a lot of social events. ... We have tailored not only our apparel but our home furnishings items to the party season."

While stores like Jacobson's already have plenty of millennium merchandise on store shelves, there's more to come, said Rademacher, adding Jacobson's is carrying at least twice as much New Year's Eve and holiday merchandise this year than in the past.

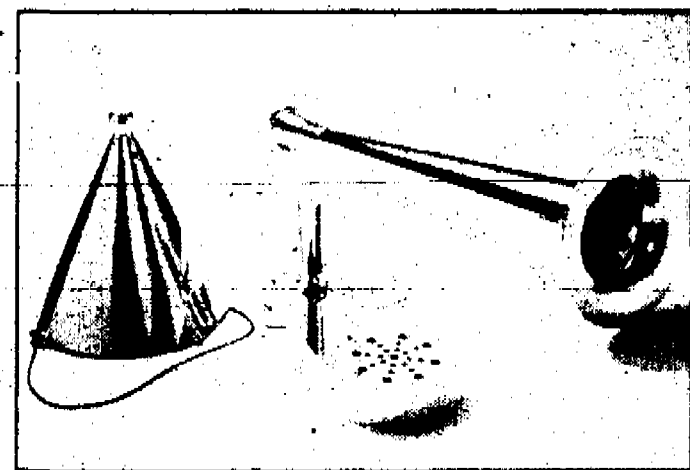
"These products have value to different people, and, in retail, you serve the customer," said Meyer of the trend. "I think we're going to see more and more products with a millen-



Champagne shirt: Even tuxedo shirts have been tailored to celebrate the millennium. Jacobson's sells one with a champagne glass print and another printed with "2000," about \$165.



Party mixing: Krups serves up a midnight cocktail mixer for the millennium, \$14.95 at Crate & Barrel.



Sterling celebration: Even Tiffany & Co. is selling New Year's Eve party favors. The company's sterling silver party hat, \$225, noise maker, \$300, and horn, \$350, will cost party givers a bundle.

Great Lakes Crossing creates unique, half-hour television ad to boost holiday traffic

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Television ads can be entertaining, but how often do they have a story line and run 30 minutes in length?

If Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is on to something, more plot-driven retail advertising may be on the horizon.

The value and entertainment shopping center, owned by Taubman Centers, recently filmed a 30-minute television ad/comedy program hybrid aimed at encouraging viewers to head to Great Lakes Crossing to do their holiday shopping.

The segment is slated to air Thanksgiving Day on WDIV Channel 4 following the station's broadcast of downtown Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"I think it will be very effective because it is entertaining," said Mort Zieve, of Simons, Michelson, Zieve

Advertising, the Troy firm that created the segment.

While the program showcases the mall's offerings, a holiday shopping guide, new computer coupon service and recently launched national gift certificate program, viewers will be entertained, said both Zieve and Julie Nemeth, Great Lakes Crossing's marketing director.

The program follows two friends, a man and a woman, who have challenged one another to complete their holiday shopping



On location: Producers film Great Lakes Crossing's innovative, 30-minute ad on location at the Auburn Hills mall.

during a trip to the mall. Several comic moments arise since the story plays on cultural stereotypes about men and women's shopping habits.

"The guy is sort of sloughing off a bit. There's a scene, actually, when he is just hanging out at Outdoor World," said Nemeth. Produced by WDIV, the segment also has a surprise ending, she said.

"What we're trying to do this holiday season is make the shopping experience a lot easier," said Nemeth. Shop-

per's schedules are packed and hectic, so making holiday gift-buying easier is a competitive necessity for any mall, she said.

Great Lakes Crossing's holiday shopping guide, for example, not only lists gift ideas for mothers, fathers and other loved ones but also tells shoppers where specific merchandise can be purchased. The company's new gift certificates are redeemable at any Taubman mall in the country, meaning the certificates can be mailed to friends and family in other states.

Great Lakes Crossing's new coupon service allows visitors to learn about and obtain retail discounts at computer kiosks in the mall. The computers also register regular users of the system into a monthly drawing for a cruise.

"We hope the results will be that the consumer will understand that all their holiday shopping can be done here at Great Lakes Crossing," said Nemeth of the mall's marketing tact and new services. We're a new mall.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 844-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SWEATER AND COAT COLLECTION
From now until Wednesday, Oilly at Somerset Collection South will be collecting gently used sweaters and coats which will be donated to the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness in Royal Oak. Oilly will offer a 20 percent discount on an equal number of items purchased. (248) 614-9030.

YVES SAINT LAURENT GIVE-AWAY
The Deluxe Collection is your with any Yves Saint Laurent purchase of \$50 at Saks Fifth Avenue. (248) 614-3364.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MICHAEL CASEY APPEARANCE
Meet the designer today, November 22 and tomorrow, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus Couture Salon on 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BORDERS SING-A-LONG
Musician and ecologist Lisa Hunter sings for kids and adults at 7 p.m. at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BLAIR DELMONICO FALL COLLECTION
Holiday collection show featuring Austrian crystal

jewelry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, November 26 and tomorrow, Jacobson's, Livonia.

ROCHESTER ORNAMENTS

Take a little piece of Rochester home with pewter ornaments depicting historic downtown buildings. The first ornament in the 1999 series will be available today. The remaining ornaments will be released weekly until Christmas. Ornaments are available at many downtown stores. (248) 656-0060

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

TASTE OF LAUREL PARK PLACE

Each Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, enjoy free food samples from Livonia restaurants. Bucca DiPeppo has samples from noon-4 p.m. November 27 near Center Court. December 4 is hosted by Real Seafood Grill, and December 11 & 18 is Max & Erma's. (734) 462-1100.

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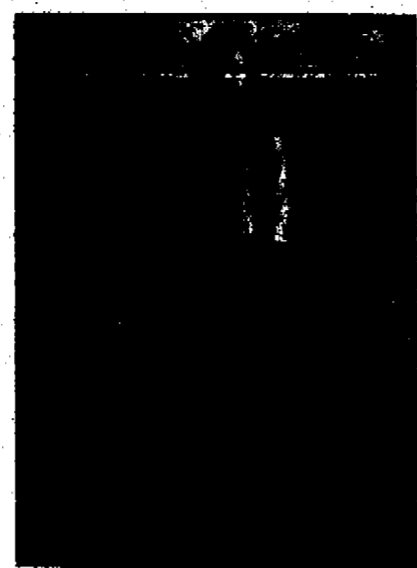
STUFF WE CRAVE



Millennium magic: Hudson's Santabear harkens back to Camelot as Merlin the Magician, \$38, wearing a blue velvet robe and blue satin hat with yellow moons and stars. He carries a full-size magic eight ball. Miss Bear, Santabear's companion, is Lady Guinevere, \$32. Available at area Hudson's beginning Friday, November 26 while supplies last.



Handcrafted gifts: Jewelry, including these necklaces by Barbara Sucherman, is for sale at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center's Holiday Jewelry Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27 and noon - 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.



Silver belle: She'll look stunning in a three-piece silver ensemble from Nicole Miller. Includes a cardigan with embroidered lace collar, tank and embroidered lace skirt with underskirt. Girls' sizes 7-14, \$205, at Jacobson's.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- Bander's Bumpy cake can be bought at 10930 Farmington Road, one block south of Plymouth Road in Livonia.
 - FIND A SEARCH NOTES:**
 - The Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action Organization has a Monopoly game about Birmingham for sale as a fund raiser. Call (248) 642-2458 for more information.
 - One reader has the Dykes Automotive book.
 - Another reader has an Apple IIc to donate.
 - A reader has a computer to donate.

- A reader has many Santa Bears to sell.
 - WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
 - A store that sells white shelf paper without adhesive backing for Mary.
 - A Mackintosh of New England jacket for Angie.
 - An old record of the song "Yellow Bird" by Martin Denny and "Quiet Village" for Mary.
 - Dishes sold at A&P in 1977-78, pattern "Diane" for Dell.
 - The "Jesse" doll from the Babysitter Club for Gloria.
 - A 1988, 1990 Farmington High School yearbook for Melissa.
 - The words to the song "My Little Buckaroo" for Teresa.
 - A doll that moves its arms and head when you pull a string in its back (9, 12 inches) for Sandy.
 - A "Helix" plastic spiral spinning called for Barb.
 - A store that sells Arpege perfume for Martha.
 - A Waterford Crystal 1980 Christmas ornament for Mike.
 - The Video "Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit" for Delores.
 - A 1984 Benedictine High School yearbook for Corinne.
 - A "Little Tyke" Mountain Raceway for hot wheel cars for Olivia.
 - A 1943-44 Fordson High School yearbook for Frances.
 - A Roy Rogers lunch box for Cleo.
 - The card game Mill Bourne for Janet.
 - A Churchill High School Varsity jacket for Anne.
 - A Bentley High School Varsity jacket for Ann.
 - A 1954-55 University of Detroit High School yearbook for Linda.
 - A Halloween game (it is in the form of a poem) "Once there lived a Man named Smith" for Ruth.
 - A musical birthday cake plate for a child for Barbara.
 - A 1989 Cooley High School yearbook for John.
 - A full size female mannequin on a stand in good condition for Carol.
 - A store that sells Coty dry lipstick or another brand of the kind for Lynn.
 - A Big Ben windup clock with two bells on the top (no batteries) for Charlene of Canton.
 - The stainless silverware by Onieda Deluxe "Village" Pfaltzgraff for Pat.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, services, events and bargains during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Markets, c/o Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 505 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1315. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

TOYS FOR TOTS
The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting toys at all Art Van Furniture stores through Thursday, Dec. 16. Donate now unwrapped toys. No toy guns or breakable toys.

LITTLE DOOR STORE OPENS

For the second holiday season, Hudson's Somerset welcomes children to a place of their own to shop for gifts. Constructed of children's building blocks, the store is a replica of a miniature castle with two doors only 4-feet high. Parents may accompany children through the little doors which open on November 26 at Hudson's Somerset, third floor in the Kid's department.

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BIRMINGHAM TREE LIGHTING

Santa arrives at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24 at Shain Park and the Birmingham Brass Quintet plays at 7 p.m. to warm up the crowd for caroling by the Village Players and the annual tree-lighting ceremony. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Find one-of-a-kind gifts at the annual Holiday Gift Gallery, Monday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 18. The Center will be open Monday, November 29 during Rochester's Lagniappe. PCCA is located at 407 Pine Street. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

DESTINATION CRANBROOK

Max the Museum Mutt, created by staff designer Lisa Babbitt, has been "spotted" on T-shirts, plush animals, pencils, cups and in a new activity book at the Institute's Science Shop. Check out the lovable Max merchandise for the holidays at 1231 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

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From now until Sunday, Jan. 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. the Wild Lights will illuminate

SANTA'S LAST STOP

HOLIDAY SHOPPING PACKAGE

The Hotel Somerset in Novi is offering a shopping package for \$100 which includes weekend stay, VIP cards to shops at Twelve Oaks, complimentary breakfast buffet and a beverage reception near through December 19. For reservations call (248) 849-1999. The Hotel is located at 27700 Novi Road in Novi.

JEWELRY COLLECTION

Kathrine Baumann will be at Orin Jewelers in Garden City on Sunday, Nov. 21 from noon-5 p.m. with her whimsical collections of crystal minaudières and handbags. Orin Jewelers is located at 29317 Ford Road. (734) 422-7030.

GIVING TREE BENEFIT

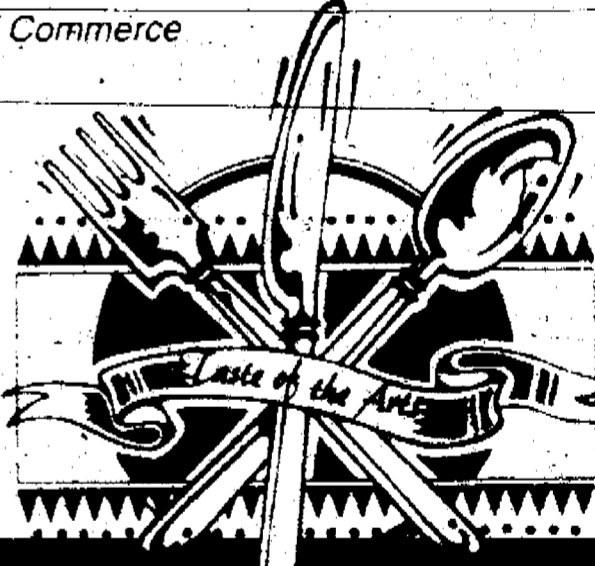
Boy Scout Troop 188 will be decorating a Christmas tree at Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills with the names of 400 children served by the Oakland County Family Independence Agency. Patrons are asked to purchase items and return the unwrapped gifts to the mall office or the mall's Waldenbooks store by Sunday, December 19. Meadow Brook Village is located on the corner of Walton and Adams in Rochester Hills.

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Plan a special New Year celebration near or far away

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

Where will you be when the new millennium rolls in? In some faraway place of wonder and excitement? At a party to end all parties? At your favorite watering hole? Having a glass of champagne with a few choice friends? Sitting on your old couch watching the Times Square celebration on the boob tube? In a basement closet watching for doomsday surrounded by canned food and jugs of water, just in case...?

If you like any of the first three, but haven't finalized your plans, it's time to get cracking.

There is still space in some choice vacation spots, according to Linda Munson, director of marketing at Royal International Travel Inc. of Birmingham.

"Sure," she said, "some people are concerned about Y2K problems and are staying in their own backyard, but there's plenty of space for those who want to travel... people are going on safari in Africa, to Mexico and Disney in Florida."

She said some of the space is a result of the sharp rise in prices early on as Y2K came into focus.

"Hotels raised their prices. They're coming down now. Cruise companies got carried away and extended their cruises to 21 days. Now, they're offering 10-day cruises."

She said a year ago, Renaissance Cruises demanded a \$5,000 per person deposit.

"That's outrageous," she said. While much of this has since changed for the better, Munson

cautioned, "Hotel rooms are very high in New York — for those who want to see the ball drop."

Rochelle Lieberman of Gateway Travel of Southfield and Troy said, "Not too many are worried about Y2K. A lot of people are looking for the exotic — they want to be by the Eiffel Tower in Paris or Tahiti for the millennium. For a while prices were very high. Now (as of mid-October) there was lots of space available because people were waiting to see if prices will come down. For those who like a warm climate, there's a lot of big New Year's Eve parties on cruises."

Chuck Supnick, regional manager for Your Man Tours of Dearborn, said his company is offering a package trip to Los Angeles and the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

"We're not even offering Hawaii. We couldn't get the airlines to commit on fares." As of last month, there was still room on the L.A. trip.

Cradles of history

Years to celebrate this momentous night in one of the cradles of American history?

Washington D.C. rolls out the red, white and blue carpet with a three-day, family-oriented celebration on the National Mall. The White House Millennium Council and Smithsonian Institution are planning this event.

The President and Mrs. Clinton will host the New Year's Eve gala at the Lincoln Memorial against a background of music by marching bands, a concert by



Quincy Jones and a world premiere film by Steven Spielberg on a super-size screen. All this will be capped off by a midnight fireworks display over Washington Monument. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Two of the five downtown Washington D.C. hotels I contacted still have rooms available for millennium weekend — Best Western Capitol (800) 242-4831 and Washington Park Perrase, owned by Doubletree Guest Suites, (800) 333-TREE. You can find a complete listing of hotels on the Web at www.Washington.org

Boston is making its traditional First Night even livelier.

Many of the big hotels are holding black tie galas with a special overnight package. For the biggest, and best of these, the bill could run well into four figures. Among the overnight/black tie party deals are those at the Boston Park Plaza (\$900 per couple, (617) 426-6000) and the Hyatt Harborside (\$809.59 per couple, (800) 233-1234). For a complete hotel listing on the Web, go to www.Boston.org Boston hotelguide.net

For the budget-minded, jeans crowd, there's Boston's International Youth Hostel, \$20 for members, \$23 for others, call (617) 536-9455 for information.

As for restaurants, from the

most elegant to the ubiquitous street corner cafes in Cambridge, festive big night celebrations will be going full blast. You'll need reservations for elegant dining at the city's finest restaurants such as Clio, Les Zygomates and Maison Robert. Walk-ins will have the best shot for seats at small ethnic eateries around Harvard and Central squares in Cambridge.

In the mood for something less hectic? How about a Y2K dinner cruise? Boston offers three. Call Boston Harbor Cruises, (617) 227-4321, Massachusetts Bay Lines, (617) 542-8000 or Spirit of Boston, (617) 748-1450 for prices and reservations.

Colonial Williamsburg, celebrating its 300th birthday in the millennium, will have New Year's Eve fireworks and a First Night celebration. For information, call 1-(800) HISTORY. The holiday atmosphere and decorations at Williamsburg have few equals. Sunday champagne brunch at holiday time in the lap of history is memorable.

Lois Kozlow of Birmingham's Lark Tours canceled a trip to Egypt to watch the millennium unfold over the cradle of civilization because of uncertain costs.

"The suppliers were holding us up, tripling, quadrupling expenses. They were pricing themselves out of the market. Now, they're coming around because they have space."

Kozlow opted instead to plan what she calls "two spring trips." The first, to Tunisia and Malta, will be next April. The second, to South America — Brazil,

Uruguay, Patagonia and Chile — is slated for October, springtime in the Southern hemisphere. For information, call Lark Tours, (248) 644-3335.

Michigan getaways

If you plan to celebrate, but would rather not stray too far afield, there will be lots to do in Michigan. Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, is offering a three-night and a seven-night New Year's Eve package, featuring a Governor's Hall New Year's Eve party as well as activities for youngsters and adults. For information, call (800) 748-0303.

New Year's eve parties for all ages are in the works at Shanty Creek in Bellaire. For more about these, call (800) 678-4111.

If you decide to stay home and enjoy the holiday season with friends, there are many ways to make it special. For instance, see the Wayne County Lightfest, four miles of lights along Ann Arbor Trail in Westland or the special exhibit, "Your Place in Time" at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. It opens Dec. 15 and runs for a year, illustrating how technology has changed our lives over the past century.

If your destination for ushering in the new millennium is a favorite local haunt, make reservations now. Julia Reyes, manager at Peabody's of Birmingham, said they already have reservations (eight or more only) for their always festive New Year's Eve with live music and lots of space for dancing.

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SKI HOTLINE

AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan offer a guide to services at all of Michigan's ski area and it is available free at all Auto Club offices. Also, the ski phone line will start up in December; call (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328) for daily ski conditions. The same number will get a free copy of AAA's Ski Michigan booklet which contains a two-for-one coupon for mid-week skiing at participating ski runs. In south-east Michigan, Alpine Valley

near Milford will use a water-cooling tower to help make dryer snow earlier in the season. They have remodeled their lodge and will be offering Sunday night lift tickets at 40 percent off for their 40th anniversary. At Pine Knob in Clarkston they have increased snowmaking capacity, lengthened the race hill by 25 percent, and upgraded the lodge and cafeteria.

CEDAR POINTERS

The Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park received two honors. The National Amusement Park Historical Association voted the park's Magnum XL-200 the favorite steel roller coaster in the world. Readers of Family fun magazine rated the park the top amusement park in the Midwest for families.

FLY FIRST CLASS

"Ninety-five percent of people traveling first class get there by asking, not by paying first-class

prices," says Joel Widzer, travel expert and author. He reveals how to fly first class on a regular basis, stay at the world's best hotels at a fraction of the cost, and drive a luxury car at subcompact prices in his new book, "The Penny Pincher's Passport to Luxury Travel" (Travelers' Tales, \$12.95). Widzer's techniques are based on the simple premise of asking. Knowing who to ask and what to say are key to becoming a first-class traveler.

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CHRISTMAS ON RAILS

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will sponsor December trips to Frankenmuth and Crossroads Village. Once at the village, participants will ride on the Huckleberry Railroad. Tours also include a trip to Bronner's, dinner at the Bavarian Inn (both in Frankenmuth) and a

trip to Crossroads and a train shop tour. Buses leave from Dearborn's Bicentennial Library (Dec. 4), Royal Oak's Amtrak bus station (Dec. 11), and Livonia's Ford Field (Dec. 18) at 11 a.m. and you can expect to be back by 11 p.m. For tickets and more information, call Bluewater at (248) 541-1000 or (800) 594-5162.

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FOCUS ON WINE



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Flavorful wines for Thanksgiving

A treasure trove of food flavors find their way to the traditional Thanksgiving dinner table. No one wine is perfect with both white and dark turkey meat, your special homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, or whatever else you may serve.

So, we're offering a bounty of flavorful wine suggestions in a broad price range. Using our suggestions in each wine category below, you should find a few bottles that will please adults gathered around your Thanksgiving table.

Wines are listed by price and you may wonder, how can we recommend a \$40 wine with the same enthusiasm as an under \$10? That's easy. High-end recommendations are serious wines of complexity and depth. Lower-priced are simple, pleasant drinking.

Pinot grigio

Today's new and hot white is pinot grigio. It's a superb aperitif pour. Go right to its Italian origins and choose some dynamite values from among:

- 1998 Kris Pinot Grigio \$11.50
- 1998 Zenato Pinot Grigio \$10
- 1998 Stella Pinot Grigio \$7

Favorite white wine

Chardonnay, America's favorite white wine, is well suited to the Thanksgiving feast. Oakier, more complex styles are not overwhelmed by seasonings in the dressing or gravy. They aren't beat up by sweet potatoes or cranberries. Oranges in a cranberry relish actually showcase the bright tropical fruit of California chardonnays. Oakier styles cost more to produce and the price for the best are above \$20, but you'll find some price surprises.

- 1997 Matanzas Creek Winery Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley \$31 bested any chard in our tasting.
- 1998 Edna Valley Chadonnay, San Luis Obispo \$18.50 was number two, so we placed it here instead of by price to get your attention.
- 1997 Penfolds Adelaide Hills Chardonnay (Australia) \$27
- 1997 Beaulieu Carneros Reserve Chardonnay \$27
- 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay, Sonoma County \$22
- 1997 Acacia Chardonnay, Carneros \$21
- 1997 Venezia, Regusci Vineyard Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$20
- 1997 Belvedere Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$19
- 1997 Franciscan Oakville Estate Chardonnay \$17
- 1997 Byington Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountain \$17
- 1998 William Hill Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$15
- 1997 Chateau Ste Michelle Chardonnay \$13 - none better under \$20 from Washington
- 1998 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Chardonnay \$10 - best buy

Light red

- Beaujolais Nouveau from France is best bet light red.

Please see WINE, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Visit Awrey Bakery
- Hanukkah recipes

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DO'S & DON'TS

HOME ECONOMISTS OFFER TIPS

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Plan ahead - that is the secret to making a memorable Thanksgiving dinner.

Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County, has lots of tips to share.

"When buying a turkey, it is generally suggested that for every adult plan and buy 1 1/2 pounds of turkey," said Thieleke. "There is a lot of waste on a whole bird and you certainly want leftovers."

"What's the best way to thaw a turkey?" is one of the most frequently asked questions this time of year. Last year, 13,276 people called the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (800) 323-4848, or www.butterball.com, to find out.

Refrigerator thawing is recommended both by the 48 home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line, and by Sylvia Treitman, director of the MSU Extension-Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

Thaw your turkey breast-side-up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

If you forget to take the turkey out of the freezer, you can use the cold water method - place the turkey breast-side-

down in its unopened wrapper in cold water to cover. Change the water every 30 minutes to keep the surface cold. Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound for the whole turkey.

"Give your turkey a bath," said Treitman. "Remove the neck and giblets. Rinse inside and outside in cold water, drain well."

Some people like to stuff their turkeys, some don't. I like to cook my stuffing in a separate casserole dish. For flavoring, I fill the cavity of the turkey with quartered fresh apples, a bay leaf, two cinnamon sticks, and a sprinkle of nutmeg and ginger.

"Do not stuff the turkey the night before," said Thieleke. Home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line say to allow 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. Pack the stuffing lightly in the turkey.

Roast your turkey at 325 degrees F, and use a meat thermometer to check for doneness - 180 degrees F in the thickest part of the inner thigh, or 170 degrees F for the white meat.

"Even if your turkey comes with a pop-up thermometer, check the temperature with a meat thermometer," said Thieleke. "Use a meat thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees F."

"Do as many things ahead of time as



BUTTERBALL TURKEY COMPANY

Holiday feast: Golden, roasted turkey, and sumptuous side dishes such as orange candied sweet potatoes and string beans with browned butter and almonds, make Thanksgiving dinner a memorable meal.

you can," said Marion Mahoney, administrator of Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program, which developed a Turkey 101 class for novice cooks. Timing is important.

"Be sure to let your turkey rest 20 minutes after roasting. If your turkey tastes dried out, you probably carved it too soon," she said.

When you're shopping for potatoes, Thieleke recommends a russet potato for mashing or baking. For boiling or roasting buy red potatoes. For mashed or scalloped buy Yukon gold.

For a truly traditional Thanksgiving,

don't forget the cranberry relish.

"Cranberries are one of only three major native North American fruits," said Thieleke. "The others are concord grapes and blueberries. Cranberries are very tart so sugar is generally added to make them sweet. Cut the calories when cooking cranberries for sauce by using apple juice for the sweetener. Bring one cup frozen apple juice concentrate to a boil in a saucepan and add four cups cranberries, reduce heat and simmer until thickened."

Please see TIPS, D2

Be thankful for the Internet

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you are looking for recipes to update your traditional Thanksgiving dinner fare, the Internet is invaluable. Start a new tradition as we head toward the millennium - surf for your supper.

Thanksgiving recipes, a reader exchange, glossary of cooking terms and more can be found at www.thanksgivingrecipe.com

Turkey cooking and carving instructions are available, as well as vegetarian fare. You can print recipes on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper, 3 by 5 or 4 by 6-inch cards. Recipes are sorted by category or alphabetically.

Lots of interesting vegetarian recipes for Thanksgiving can be found at www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm

Visit the home page www.vegsource.com for links to more than 5,000 recipes.

You'll find more than 200 holiday recipes, home brewing tips and more at the Home Arts Web site <http://homearts.com/depts/toc/thanks2.htm>

Visit any or all of these sites for recipes, you'll be thankful.

MAPLE AND TARRAGON SWEET POTATOES

Makes 8 to 10 servings
4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
1/3 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup soy margarine, melted
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons dried tarragon

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Arrange the sweet potato slices in overlapping rows in an oiled shallow 2-quart casserole. In a small bowl, combine the syrup, margarine, juice, cinnamon, and salt. Pour evenly over the potatoes.

Sprinkle the tarragon over the top. Cover with lid or foil and bake, covered, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until readily pierced with a fork but still firm. Bake another 20 to 25 minutes uncovered, or until glazed and golden around the edges.

Recipe from www.vegsource.com/thanks1.htm

Maggie Boleyn is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and enjoys surfing the Internet for food and nutrition information.

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You'll want to pass these festive holiday side dishes

ORANGE CANDIED SWEET POTATOES

- 4 large sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate

Wash sweet potatoes, place in large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and then simmer until potatoes are not quite tender when pierced with a knife in the center, about 20 to 25 minutes. Drain potatoes and cool until easy enough to handle.

Using hands and/or paring knife, remove skin from potatoes. Then cut potatoes in half lengthwise and widthwise to make quarters.

Arrange potatoes in a single layer in large saucepan or skillet. Combine water, sugar, marmalade and orange juice concentrate. Pour mixture over potatoes. Bring to a boil and then simmer uncovered for 2 hours over very low heat. Using a large spoon, carefully turn potatoes occasionally to cook evenly and coat with glaze. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe from Butter Ball Turkey Company

STRING BEANS WITH BROWNED BUTTER AND ALMONDS

- 1 1/2 pounds fresh string beans, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- Salt to taste

Bring large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat, add a large pinch of salt, and stir in beans. Cook until tender, 4-5 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter over medium heat in

large skillet. Add almonds and cook until both almonds and butter begin to brown lightly, about 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Drain beans very well and add to skillet, tossing to coat with butter and almonds. Salt to taste. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

MASHED POTATOES WITH GREEN ONIONS

- 5 1/2 pounds Russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cups hot milk, reserve 3/4 cup
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, reserve 1 tablespoon
- 2 bunches green onions chopped (about 2 1/2 cups total)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Prepare the day before Thanksgiving

Cook potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until just tender, about 30 minutes. Drain.

Process the potatoes through a potato ricer. Gradually add milk (only 1 1/4 cups), stirring until blended. Season with salt and pepper.

Now pile the potatoes into an oven-safe casserole dish. Smooth the top and coat with tablespoon of melted butter.

Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of milk on top. Cover lightly and refrigerate.

The next day, place the casserole in a 325°F oven and heat for 45 minutes or until heated through. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes.

Combine the onion mixture with the heated potatoes and stir to fluff and serve.

Recipe compliments of Land O'Lakes and Marion Mahoney, administrator, Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program. Recipe from Turkey 101, a class recently offered at metro Detroit Hudson's stores.

Wine from page D1

Tops here is the 1999 Georges Dubouef \$10, but a winner at a reasonable price from California is:

- 1999 Beringer Nouveau \$8
- Pinot noir, merlot, and sangiovese match juicier dark turkey meat. They have less overt fruitiness than Beaujolais and are more complex. Their mellow finish works well with mashed or sweet potatoes, gravy, and dressing.
- Tops here are:
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- 1997 Pouilly Fumé Les Pentes \$18.50
- 1997 Reverdy Sancerre "La Coute" \$17.50
- 1998 Fouquet Vouvray \$13.50. Serve it with lobster!
- 1996 Chateau de la Grefiere Macon La Roche Vieilles Vignes \$10.50 - for meatier, textured fish, such as swordfish

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Tips from page D1

"Make an uncooked cranberry relish by combining cranberries with orange slices (skin on) and apple slices in a food processor. Chop to a medium texture. Tame the tartness of the cranberries by adding sugar to taste."

Linger over dessert, but put the food away. "Remember the two-hour rule for food safety," said Thieleke. "Don't leave food out for more than two hours. Separate the meat from the bones before refrigerating."

And what about that first

Thanksgiving dinner the pilgrims enjoyed in Plymouth, Mass., in 1621?

"The pilgrims had few resources to draw from, and a limited number of foods," said Richard Ford, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

"At that time, the domesticated plants known to Native Americans were corn, beans and squash, while the Europeans brought over wheat, barley for

beer, and peas, although they may not have produced much of a crop that year."

The meat at the feast included deer, wild turkey and other fowl and fish. The dinner probably also included berries, but not cranberries because there was no sugar to sweeten them.

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Stuff squash with figs and nuts

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This savory and colorful side dish, Honey Fig Acorn Squash, is a natural for your Thanksgiving table.

The squash halves are filled with honey-glazed, lightly spiced dried figs and almonds, and are baked for 50 to 55 minutes.

HONEY FIG ACORN SQUASH

- 2 acorn squash
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3/4 cup (about 4 ounces) chopped dried figs
- 1/3 cup chopped natural almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon potato nutmeg

Cut squash in half lengthwise; remove and discard seeds. Place cut-sides-down in buttered baking pan. Add boiling water to a depth of 1/4 inch. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes, just until cooked through but still firm. Carefully remove foil and pour off water.

In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in honey, figs, almonds, cinnamon and nutmeg. Turn squash cut-sides-up and fill with fig mixture. Bake, uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes longer, until squash is tender and the filling is bubbly.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: @ 394 cal., 5 g pro., 15 g fat, 67 g carbs., 23 mg chol., 8 g fiber, 14 mg sodium.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board.

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Mushroom or minty, choose stuffing to suit family taste

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The recipes for Mushroom and Cashew Stuffing and Minted Fruit Stuffing start with a traditional base of bread, then each adds tasty extras for a distinctive flavor lift.

The recipes give instructions for the stuffings to be baked alone, not inside another item, so they are easy to adapt for menus to suit different family tastes. The stuffings can accompany a festive entrée such as turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner, be part of a party buffet, or serve as a nourishing comfort food item for a lighter supper.

MUSHROOM AND CASHEW STUFFING

- 3/4 pound regular sliced white bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 8 cups)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 large red onion, chopped
- 1 large red pepper, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 pound button mushrooms, sliced
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups roasted, unsalted cashews, halves and pieces
- 2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup canned chicken broth
- 2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place bread cubes on large, shallow baking pan and bake until golden, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Transfer to large mixing bowl.

Turn oven down to 350 F.

Melt butter in a large, heavy skillet. Add onion and cook until clear, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Add red pepper, mushrooms and celery; cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Combine with bread in a mixing bowl. Add nuts, seasonings, broth and beaten eggs. Stir well and pour into an 8-by-8-inch greased baking pan or one of similar size. (Can be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated.) Bake, cov-

ered, for about 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 355 cal., 10 g pro., 35 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 63 mg chol., 554 mg sodium.

MINTED FRUIT STUFFING

- 12 slices honey wheat bread, cubed
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider or apple juice
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/2 cup yellow raisins
- 1/2 cup minced fresh or 4 teaspoons dried mint
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh lemon thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Mint sprigs to garnish, optional

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large mixing bowl, toss together the cubed bread and cider; set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet, melt the butter. Add the onion and saute over medium heat until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the apple, reduce the heat to low and cook until the apple is tender, about 4 minutes. Stir in the honey. Stir the apple mixture, dried apricots, raisins, mint and lemon thyme into the moistened bread. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Spoon the stuffing into a 2-quart baking dish. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, until golden brown on top. Garnish with fresh mint and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 297 cal., 6 g pro., 58 g carbo., 6 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 10 mg chol., 3 mg sodium.

Recipes from: Wheat Foods Council.

Pumpkin-ricotta cheesecake low in fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pumpkin-Ricotta Cheesecake will not leave Thanksgiving diners feeling deprived, even though a serving contains only about 1 gram of fat.

The festive dessert fits in well with meal plans and advice given by Weight Watchers International. The advice includes: Do not starve before a feast, so you're less likely to overeat; serve yourself plenty of vegetable side dishes; cut off turkey fat; make your own low-fat, low-sodium gravy - and go out to play or walk briskly after you have eaten!

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle bottom of pan evenly with graham cracker crumbs.

In a blender or food processor, puree remaining ingredients until smooth; pour mixture into prepared pan, reserving 1/4 cup of the batter. Drizzle the reserved batter in 3 concentric circles over the batter. With a knife, lightly draw a line through the batter from the outer edge toward the center. Repeat lines around the pie, alternating directions to make a decorative web pattern.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on rack. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 160 cal., 12 g pro., 1 g fat, 24 g carbo., 3 mg chol., 263 mg sodium.

Recipe from: Weight Watchers International.

Holiday hot lines for the home cook

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites are available to help answer cooking queries during holiday preparation times. Here are some of them.

■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline: (800) 535-4555. Personal assistance with all meat and poultry

preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Foster Farms Turkey Helpline: (800) 255-7227. Representatives answer 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with consumer tips on turkey cooking, carving, food safety tips, recipes

and free brochures.

■ Land O'Lakes Holiday Bake-line: (800) 782-9606. Bakeline is available 7 days a week, through Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Consumers may speak with a trained home economist and baking expert, to ask questions, request a free brochure or order a cookbook.

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Immunizations clinic

Providence Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia will host an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Fee, \$5 per child includes all vaccines your child needs (except chicken pox). Don't forget to bring your immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

Blood pressure test

The Maplewood Community Center in Garden City offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every Wednesday. The next test is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24. The community center is located on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

Menu planning

St. Mary Hospital is offering a class on menu planning. Part of the "Food for Thought" nutrition education program, this session will help participants learn how to plan menus and make shopping lists for a healthy diet. The class will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 7-8 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Cost to attend is \$6, \$5 for those over 55. Call (734) 655-8940.

Health seminar

Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Aroldo Aragones, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

Cardiac center

The Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiac Center Open House is scheduled from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Free of charge. Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center is located at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, second floor overlooking the Atrium.

Natural therapies

Oakwood offers Healing Touch sessions to patients

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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In the midst of a hi-tech revolution in the health care industry, some hospitals and independent health centers are getting back to the basics by focusing on "wellness" not "illness" based treatments.

When it is estimated that Americans are spending an average of \$20 billion a year on alternative health care, hospitals are finding it necessary to make radical changes in the current health care system. Changes include training nurses and nurses assistants in therapies such as Healing and Therapeutic Touch.

Healing Touch is an energy-based therapeutic approach to promoting and accelerating the natural healing process of the human body through a series of techniques the practitioners use, with their hands, to assess and influence the inherent energy system within.

Oakwood Healthcare System now offers Healing Touch sessions, as a complement to current medical treatments, on the third floor of Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne.

According to Registered Nurse and Healing Touch Practitioner Barb Welcer, Healing Touch is a certificate program developed by Colorado native Janet Mentgen, R.N., B.S.N., through the American Holistic Nurses Association more than 10 years ago.

Welcer provides Healing Touch treatments two days a week at the Oakwood hospital in addition to maintaining a private practice from an at-home studio. Certified by Healing Touch International Inc. of Colorado and endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association, Welcer has been practicing Healing Touch for the past six years.

"Healing Touch is heart-centered work performed by someone who has a genuine interest in caring for people and helping them heal," said Welcer. "By using on and off the body movements and light touch, a practitioner assesses the energy field of the patient then smooths and

balances the patient's energy so that the body can do its own self-healing. It puts a patient in their best state of healing and almost always induces the relaxation response."

Welcer said it also works to increase the immune system and decrease pain. Patients are fully clothed during the session and can either lie down or sit from five minutes to more than 50 depending on the treatment and the state of their energy field.

Welcer notes that Healing Touch isn't a miracle remedy that results in "vast improvements" directly following sessions, but it has been attributed to increasing the healing process of wounds and fractures, alleviating anxiety and inducing the relaxation response by awakening the body's ability to heal itself.

How can it help?

The list of conditions in which Healing Touch can be used is long and varied, including pain management, hypertension, spiritual enhancement, migraines, side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, pre and post surgical procedures, rehabilitation and maintaining wellness.

Welcer says among the many benefits of HT is that "any one can perform the work," whether you are a trained professional or a layman. She offers informational sessions to patients, family members and staff once a week on how it can be used in concert with medical treatments.

"Because this is heart-centered work you have to want to do this and not everyone does," said Welcer. "Not all the nurses on this unit are interested or comfortable with Healing Touch."

To date though, Welcer has offered basic Healing and Therapeutic Touch classes to staff members since July. Approximately one dozen employees have participated in the training and future classes are being planned. While two of the staff members have completed the Level I class and possess the basic skills to provide Healing Touch, Welcer said she will continue to collaboratively practice HT with staff members



BodyWorks focuses on mind, body connection

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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A growing practice in Plymouth's Old Village, founded on the concept of holistic healing, is meeting the needs of clients through neuromuscular therapy, cranio sacral therapy, Reiki, astrology, numerology and psychotherapy.

According to BodyWorks Healing Center owner, Pat Krajovic, the Plymouth business recently observed its first anniversary since the change in ownership from Heartlight.

"The services and retail products we offer support the natural healing process," said Krajovic. "There is an emphasis on caring for the body, mind and spirit through bodywork and not just traditional massage but the use of energy healing and spiritual interaction."

Krajovic, a certified massage therapist through the American Massage Therapy Association, took over the Plymouth business in 1998 from Heartlight owners who wanted someone who shared their vision and would be equally supportive to their loyal clientele.

"We continue to provide a safe and comfortable environment based on unconditional love without judgment," said Krajovic. "We have enhanced the retail product line and now include intuitive counseling, crystals, psychotherapy, chakra balancing, and we've expanded the bodywork modalities."

Krajovic and her husband David, who professes to "dabble" in a little bit of everything at BodyWorks from Bach Flower remedies to maintaining the financial aspect of the business, both say they are witnessing a "renewal" in peoples interest in the body, mind and spirit.

"This country is experiencing a spiritual revival," said David Krajovic. "People have this sense of emptiness in their life and they're starting to turn to other sources for answers. They're asking themselves what's missing? They want to some how reconnect with the earth and be in control of their well being."

Collaborative effort

Krajovic says the BodyWorks Healing Center can help them uncover what may be troubling them whether it's physically, emotionally or spiritually and provide them with the tools and guidance to heal.

"People are tired of taking pills to

until they are fully comfortable working alone.

Healing and Therapeutic Touch also meet the intrinsic need humans have to be touched. The skin-to-skin contact has been shown to provide comfort, warmth and solace for an individual whether they are ailing or in good health.

Bertha Miller, a 79-year-old Wayne resident and patient at Oakwood Hospital, received a Healing Touch treatment while on the third floor unit where she was being treated for cancer.

"It was beautiful," said Miller. "It was peaceful and it felt so good."

Miller said she would recommend it to others both for the healing and calming effect the therapy provided. The Wayne senior, who was about to be transferred to Arbor Hospice in Washtenaw County, was hoping the therapy would be provided at the Ann Arbor hospice as part of her care.

"I would really like that. I loved it," said Miller.

Barb Welcer, RN, BSN and certified Healing Touch practitioner, can be reached for Healing Touch sessions at her in-studio home by calling (248) 348-7271. On special request she will provide treatments at the hospital or at your home. A reduced rate is offered to seniors.

Rocks, crystals hold inherent energies

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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That pretty blue gemstone set in gold on your right hand may be more than an accessory to your wardrobe, it could also be a healing aid that's working with your body's own magnetic field.

According to Pamela Zuch of BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village, rocks and crystals are the tools she uses to help calm chaotic energy, promote healing, turn negative emotions into positive ones and induce inner peace among others.

"Stones and crystals have immeasurable powers to influence and enhance the healing process," said Zuch. "I wear a lot of them for their different effects, because I'm drawn to others and as a support buffer."

Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as "a Jill of all trades," also is knowledgeable in herbology, Tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitive healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye — a person's health and disease status can be diag-

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Healer uses astrology to empower, educate

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Did you know that the very moment you were born a virtual road map of your existence could already be charted that illustrates "the hand you've been dealt" in life? This blueprint is known as your birth or natal chart.

"Knowing how to interpret your birth chart arms you with the knowledge to help you steer your boat, so to speak, through life's uncharted waters," said Susan Austin. "And we all know — knowledge is power."

Austin, a metaphysical reader, has been working at BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village since 1993 yet honing her psychic and astrological skills for the past 22 years. She said when she first began studying astrology in the late 1970s it wasn't as widely accepted as it is today.

"I got a lot of criticism and strange looks from people when I told them about what I did and what my interests were. People thought I was crazy," said Austin.

Having had visions as a child and a strong attraction to astrology, Austin says she uses her natural abilities to help people seek greater knowledge about themselves. She uses astrology, reads tarot and tarot cards, chakra scanning and intuitive healing and guidance.

"I basically help them troubleshoot," said Austin. "It's terribly difficult to be objective about ourselves. Lots of issues can get in the way, like our ego and our emotions. I don't predict events but I

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Susan Austin
—BodyWorks healer

can interpret the natural cycles people are inclined to encounter and I know what areas to look out for."

Interpreting the signs

Astrology is based on a two-dimensional chart showing the position of the sun, the moon, and planets at the precise moment of your birth.

According to Austin, a skilled natural healer understands "what reflects back" from your birth chart and can help you comprehend lessons you have to learn, issues to be faced, and problems to be solved.

Austin says she can't force people to make changes — that's up to the individual and the choices they make once they possess the knowledge their birth chart holds.

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er, understanding where you're coming from will help you begin the healing process."

Austin says not only has the acceptance of her talents changed dramatically in the last two decades, but so has the way in which she's able to develop an individual's birth chart. Thanks to technology, Austin simply enters your birth date, day of the week, time of the day and year and a computer program provides a printout that Austin uses as a guide. In the past, she said everything was written out by hand and involved a great deal of mathematical calculations.

"One wrong number and the whole chart would be in error," said Austin.

The chart includes information about the sun and the moon and the planets in signs; the houses; planets in the houses (behavior influences) and your ascendant, or rising sign (impacts personality).

Austin does initial readings once she's developed your "blueprint" and each reading is recorded on cassette tape so the individual may refer to them later. Other readings typically follow.

Twelve houses

The 12 houses of the horoscope define 12 areas of your life. The beginning of each of the houses is called its cusp. Each house has what is called a natural ruling sign and natural ruling planets. That is the sign and planet associated with that house that begins with Aries and ends with Pisces.

The 12 areas of our life that are depicted include

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail, kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

WED, NOV. 24

NEWBORN CARE
A two-session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

WED, DEC. 1

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

MENU PLANNING
St. Mary Hospital is offering a class on menu planning. Part of the "Food for Thought" nutrition education program, this session will help participants learn how to plan menus and make shopping lists for a healthy diet. The class will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Cost to attend is \$6, \$5 for those over 55. Call (734) 655-8940.

SIBLING CLASS
A night devoted to siblings that will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is 1.5 hours and is recommended for children 3 to 8 years of age. Call 458-4330 for class dates and registration.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three-hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call 458-4330 to register.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
Ellen Stephens, a Karmanos Cancer volunteer, will discuss "The Gift of Giving" from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital, West Addition B (South Entrance off Levan, 36475 Five Mile). No charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

BEAT GOES ON...
Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Understanding Your Medication" from 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

THUR, DEC. 2

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Aroldo Aragoes, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

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SAT, DEC. 4

VIBRATIONAL MEDICINE
Learn why our present views of health and disease will radically change in the new millennium, and how the use and acceptance of alternative therapies will accelerate over the next decade. This course, "Principles of Vibrational Medicine," will present how medicine is beginning to evolve away from the body as a machine and toward the bioenergetic perspectives of health and disease. Course is transferable into the Holistic Health Practitioner Diploma program leading to Board Certification in Holistic Health. To register call the Serenity School of Holistic Health in Livonia at (248) 474-0368 or (734) 513-0868.

SUN, DEC. 5

PUBERTY/GROWING UP
"A Heart to Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up." This class provides mothers with daughters ages 9-12 with accurate information and emotional changes that girls will experience as they enter puberty. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor from 1-5 p.m.

MON, DEC. 6

HEART PALS
Support for cardiac patients and/or their significant other will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-3242 for information.

TUE, DEC. 7

EATING DISORDERS
A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for person who are in need of peer group support at 7 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Open to both men and women. Call (734) 458-3395 for additional information.

BREASTFEEDING
A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many aspects of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

WED, DEC. 8

ESTATE PLANNING
St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carelink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubienski, J.D., will discuss what a will, trust and power of attorney is as well as the advantages and differences. There is no charge for this lecture but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Free, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

BREATHER'S CLUB
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free. Call 458-3481 for information.

RELATIONSHIPS
"Valuing Ourselves in Relationships." This presentation will focus on relationship dilemmas that are particular to women and show how you can enrich relationships for yourself and others. From 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

BEAT GOES ON...
"And the Beat Goes On..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Managing Your Stress." From 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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WONDER WALKERS
St. Mary Hospital is offering a health talk at Wonderland Mall as part of their sponsorship of Wonder Walkers, a walking club at the mall. Participants will learn ways to make better eating choices and about the role cholesterol plays in our diet on

from 9-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall Community Room. There is a no fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

SAT, DEC. 11

LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP
Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St. Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recount indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 CEUs available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single; \$90 couple.

WED, DEC. 15

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call (734) 458-3381.

ADULT CPR
Three hour evening class conducted at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-4330.

BEAT GOES ON...
"And the Beat Goes On..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Integrating Exercise Into Your Lifestyle." Location: Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

TUE, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge) Call 458-4396 for information.

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE
During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

FRI, DEC. 31

Y2K WALK/RUN
Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31, at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race/walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m.; and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center - Broadhead Armory, 2600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and \$15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. More information on the event may be obtained by calling 313-856-5500 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or through the Web at www.actoerusa.com and selecting "Michigan events" at the top of the screen.

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Garden City Monday, November 29 2 p.m. at Garden City Library 2012 Middlebelt Rd.	Westland Wednesday, December 8 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 36601 Warren Ave.
Southgate Thursday, December 2 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 15750 Northline Rd	



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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Meeting a need

Magic Medical of Canton, a local supplier of adult diapers over the Internet, carries all major brands of adult diapers. Visit their Web site at www.adultdiapermagicmed.com.

According to owners Craig and Kathleen Van Vliet, more than 250 customers are visiting their Web site every day. For more information or to place an order call toll free (877) 245-7148. Magic Medical ships UPS and parcel post.

Surgeon appointed

Vascular surgeon **Gerald B. Zelenock, M.D.**, has been appointed chairman of the department of Surgery and chief of Surgical Services at William

Beaumont Hospital.

As chairman, Zelenock oversees the state's highest-volume surgical service. More than 40,000 inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures were performed at Beaumont in 1998. The Royal Oak physician is certified by the American Board of Surgery (ABS), and holds additional certification of special competence in general vascular surgery and certification of added qualifications in surgical critical care, both from the ABS.

Dentist welcomed

Dr. Nancy Highland recently joined the staff of Dr. Richard Stec of Canton. Stec will be seeing patients on Wednesdays and Thursdays and practices general dentistry, root canals, extractions, children's dentistry and cosmetic dentistry.

With the addition of Highland, Stec will now be offering more extended hours to patients including evening appointments Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For information call (734) 981-1800.

Elected position

Judith Caroselli, director of

Operations at Westland Convalescent Center was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Health Care Association of Michigan at the Health Care Association of Michigan's annual convention. Her term of office as a director is 1999 through 2000.

Benchmark status

General Motors Corporation designated Health Alliance Plan (HAP) a "Benchmark" HMO for the salaried employees and retirees' health care program. HAP meets the highest quality, service and cost standards GM has for the HMO's it offers. HAP is one of only 13 premier GM Benchmark HMO's nationally, and Michigan's only Benchmark HMO for the year 2000.

"HAP commends General Motors' leadership in holding health plans accountable for customer satisfaction, value and quality," said HAP president and CEO Cleve L. Killingsworth. "The GM Medical Plan Guide enables consumers to make an informed choice among local health plans by sharing meaningful, comparative information during open enrollment. Achiev-

ing the GM 'Benchmark' standard reflects the high quality of HAP-affiliated physicians and employees and their dedication to excellence in quality health care and service."

HAP, with approximately 6,000 contracts, will be the largest GM Benchmark HMO in the country offered to their salaried employees.

"Now that HAP attained Benchmark status, the monthly contribution paid by GM salaried employees and retirees enrolling with HAP will be the lowest of any HMO offered. GM employees will appreciate the contribution advantage and will recognize the value implied by the 'Benchmark' designation," said Joan C. Rodney, regional director — Southeast Michigan Health Care Initiatives.

GM devoted considerable effort to ensure that health plans offered meet our expectations in terms of quality of care. We look forward to building on HAP's strengths to ensure an increasing level of health care quality, value and service offered through the HAP program."

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make themselves feel better," said Krajovic who practices relaxation and therapeutic massage, neuromuscular therapy, visceral massage, polarity, Nuat Thai massage, Shiatsu, Jin Shin Do and other energy healing modalities.

Her colleague, Rob West, a certified massage therapist who previously taught at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy, practices advanced structural neuromuscular therapy, of which he is certified in, as well as myofascial therapy, cranio sacral therapy, reflexology, and Reiki. His clients range from individuals suffering from a variety of ailments and injuries including trauma from a blow to the head, fall or accident; lower back pain, postural

■ 'The services and retail products we offer support the natural healing process.'

Pat Krajovic
—BodyWorks Healing Center

Chakra system

Chakra One: Earth, physical identity, oriented to self-preservation

Located at the base of the spine, this chakra forms our foundation. It represents the element earth, and is therefore related to our survival instincts, and to our sense of grounding and connection to our bodies and the physical plane. Ideally this chakra brings us health, prosperity, security, and dynamic presence.

Chakra Two: Water, emotional identity, oriented to self-gratification

The second chakra, located in the abdomen, lower back, and sexual organs, is related to the element water, and to emotions and sexuality. It connects us to others through feeling, desire, sensation, and movement. Ideally this chakra brings us fluidity and grace, depth of feeling, sexual fulfillment, and the ability to accept change.

Chakra Three: Fire, ego identity, oriented to self-definition

This chakra is known as the power chakra, located in the solar plexus. It rules our personal power, will, and autonomy, as well as our metabolism. When healthy, this chakra brings us energy, effectiveness, spontaneity, and non-dominating power.

Chakra Four: Air, social identity, oriented to self-acceptance

This chakra is called the heart chakra and is the middle chakra in a system of seven. It is related to love and is the integrator of opposites in the psyche: mind and body, male and female, persona and shadow, ego and unity. A healthy fourth chakra allows us to love deeply, feel compassion, have a deep sense of peace and centeredness.

Chakra Five: Sound, creative identity, oriented to self-expression

This is the chakra located in the throat and is thus related to communication and creativity. Here we experience the world symbolically through vibration, such as the vibration of sound representing language.

Chakra Six: Light, archetypal identity, oriented to self-reflection

This chakra is known as the brow chakra or third eye center. It is related to the act of seeing, both physically and intuitively. As such it opens our psychic faculties and our understanding of archetypal levels. When healthy it allows us to see clearly, in effect, letting us "see the big picture."

Chakra Seven: Thought, Universal Identity, oriented to self-knowledge

This is the crown chakra that relates to consciousness as pure awareness. It is our connection to the greater world beyond, to a timeless, spaceless place of all-knowing. When developed, this chakra brings us knowledge, wisdom, understanding, spiritual connection, and bliss.

Source — Sacred Centers (www.sacredcenters.com)

distortion, migraines, TMJ, and fibromyalgia to people seeking to maintain overall health and wellness.

West says he also receives referrals from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor primarily treating head and neck injury victims.

When treating chronic pain patients, West says it's a matter of treating not just the afflicted area but the "whole neurological system," in order to correct the distortion. "Muscles have memories," said West. The BodyWorks therapist says he and his client will work toward strengthening the injured muscle — not just manipulating the tissues and muscles.

Initially a complete history of the patient is taken including cranial measurements, past medical conditions, active diseases, prescription medication, prior injuries and symptoms. Then West and Krajovic work with their client toward addressing the physical and emotional issues they hope to resolve, and focus on helping the body learn to heal itself through their guidance.

"People want to gain control of their lives and are tired of feeling bad and living with pain. We offer natural healing options for them to shed all the emotional and physical baggage many of us carry around," said Krajovic. "We encourage people to come in and see what's here. Some people just stop in and spend a few minutes here because they say they feel better after they leave."

Jama Cuellar, a clairvoyant consultant, is also on staff at BodyWorks Healing Center. She began psychometry and clairvoyant readings in 1984. She reaches Tarot, ESP and conscious awareness classes.

BodyWorks retail hours are 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Readings are available on a walk-in basis during retail hours as well as by appointment. Massages are by appointment only. BodyWorks Healing Center is located at 819 N. Mill Street, Old Village, Plymouth.

For information or to schedule an appointment call, (734) 416-5200. Classes at the Healing Center include Tarot; Reiki I, II and Reiki III Master certification; Astrology - Level I and II; talks on rocks, crystals, gems and other minerals; and intuitive Feng Shui.

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■ Behavior, health, appearance.
■ Material side, financial condition.
■ Early childhood, siblings, early education.
■ Family life, domestic affairs, home, end of life.
■ Love affairs, children, creativity.
■ Work, health issues.
■ Marriage partner, business partners.
■ Attitudes about life/death, legacies, sex.

■ Religion, higher learning, travel.
■ Social status, fame, reputation.
■ Friends, social associations, goals, wishes.
■ Hidden resources, subconscious, hidden problems.

Austin teaches Level I and Level II Astrology classes for beginners and intermediate students. The next six week class starts Feb. 12, 2000. For more information call (734) 416-5200.

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nosed from the color, texture, and location of various pigment flecks in the eye).

Intrinsic value

Individual rocks and crystals have various healing powers and each of the seven chakra's in our body have their own healing stone. Chakra's are innate energy systems that correlate to a major nerve in our spinal column. Using the correct stone, the object is placed on the appropriate chakra to focus its energy to the area that needs healing.

Zuch says if she can't get a feeling for the kinds of rocks and crystals people need she'll often lay them out and ask the person to choose which ones they're drawn to, for whatever reason.

■ Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as 'a Jill of all trades,' also is knowledgeable in herbology, tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitional healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye).

"The vibrational energy of the stones have a luring power unto themselves," said Zuch.

There are literally hundreds of different rocks, crystals and gemstones in existence. Listed below are a few, along with their natural healing powers:

■ Malacite: Cleanses the emo-

tional body, releases old trauma of past lives.

■ Lapis lazuli: Cleanses the mental body, changes negative views of reality into positive ones.

■ Rose quartz: Promotes the healing heart through self love, self esteem and body image. Fosters inner peace.

■ Citrine: Useful to balance energy.

■ Green fluorite: Aids ability to meditate, brings healing to emotional body and heart chakra.

Zuch said crystals are more than ornamental accessories in our homes or articles that we wear as a trendy fashion statement. "Stones and rocks are natural objects that emit their own electrical frequencies. It's important for people to know the healing powers they possess and use them appropriately."

If you would like to meet with Pamela Zuch, contact BodyWorks Healing Center of Plymouth at (734) 416-5200. She teaches classes in Tarot and in the use of crystals in healing.



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CORRECTION NOTICE

In our November 21 insert, we advertised *The Source Presents: Hip Hop Hits Vol. 3* by various artists, as available Tuesday, November 23. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Tuesday, November 30. However, we will be offering rainchecks

on this title. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.



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Retailers worry over Internet, e-commerce boom



MIKE WENDLAND

The e-commerce shopping season officially starts Friday, right along with the regular retail season. But already, signs are strong that this year, shopping online may actually start to put a dent in some traditional store shopping.

"You owe a loyalty to your local retailer," read an angry e-mail I received this past week from a merchant whose store in an Oakland County suburb's "downtown" is fairly well known. "Every time you promote shopping online, you're shooting us in the back and causing prices to rise."

I'm not promoting anything. But I'd sure be remiss if I didn't point out what's happening out there in cyberspace.

For the past two weeks, so many people have logged onto the huge Toys R Us Web site (www.toysrus.com) that, if you do get through, you're greeted with this message:

"...we have been getting millions of visitors to our Web site over the last few days. Right now, we are processing thousands of new orders every hour! Because of the high demand, we are at full guest capacity and are therefore

currently unable to process your request to enter our site right now."

And the real season has yet to start.

Last week, according to a survey commissioned by the investment banking firm Goldman Sachs, Internet shoppers spent \$222 million. Just last week, that's up \$21 million over the week before. And, according to the survey, the vast majority of those who bought online said their spending had nothing to do with holiday shopping. That, they said, was yet to come.

Last year, some \$3.1 billion was spent online during the holiday season. This year, estimates range from \$10 billion to \$12 billion.

Cameron Meierhofer is an online analyst for PC Data Online. He told Cnet News (www.cnet.com) that the data doesn't suggest that brick and mortar retail stores will be completely neglected. Indeed, while 90 percent of those online shoppers polled said they immensely enjoy Internet shopping, 60 percent of them still intend to buy their gifts from real stores.

But the trend is clear. Retailers will feel the competition from e-commerce. "Each week, Internet shoppers spend a little more time online," Meierhofer says.

Meierhofer isn't alone.

"Books, CDs, and computer sales are still the drivers, but apparel is the fastest growing segment," says Brett

Azuma, vice president for electronic business at DataQuest, a unit of Gartner Group (www.info-edge.com/gartner.htm).

Shop till you drop

Azuma says the growth rate simply shows no sign of tapering off. "This is not a niche market; this is not an emerging market, this has become a mainstream market," he contends.

Jupiter Communications (www.jup.com) is another online marketing firm that is trying to chart this trend. Jupiter predicts that there will be 10 million new online buyers this holiday season. Those shoppers will be spending more — from \$412 per person last year to \$919 in 2003.

Allen Weiner, a vice president for Nielsen/Net Ratings, says his company has started a special Internet holiday e-commerce index. "We anticipated that shopping would start earlier this year, but not this early."

Convenience is cited over and over as the main reason folks buy online. People like clicking a mouse instead of hoofing it through a mall.

And the so-called "dot-com" folks are also undoubtedly helped along by a blitz of advertising. I watched the Lions game the other day on TV and was amazed to note that during one commercial break, literally every advertiser was an Internet shopping site. This

coming Tuesday, I'll be in New York doing a coast-to-coast satellite TV tour, reporting for more than a dozen stations from California to New York about the coming online shopping season.

Everyone, it seems is ecstatic over e-commerce.

Except most retailers. And the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Governors' Association.

Last week leaders from both groups called for taxes to be collected on all those billions being spent online. All the paranoia and hand wringing is going to increase as the Net becomes still more pervasive. The smart retailers, of course, will realize that there is still a need to physically inspect the things we buy, to try them on, kick the tires, smell the perfume, look at the jewelry sparkle. And they'll figure how the Internet can be used to turn Net surfers into face-to-face buyers.

So the smart ones will open up their own Web sites to showcase their wares and attract the eyeballs of Net surfers. A good example: The Toy Soldier and Doll Hospital in Berkley (www.Toyshoppe.com).

Jack Zagrodzki, vice president of marketing, has put together a very creative and compelling Web site that showcases the store's emphasis on non-violent, old-fashioned toys, classic playthings and learning aids.

"We decided to move forward with

technology," Zagrodzki wrote me in an e-mail. "The Internet is not going away."

Instead of finding the Internet a threat, Zagrodzki has found it to be a great opportunity. While his store's Web site builds loyalty and strong relations with local customers, it opens up the store to a worldwide audience, who never would have heard of the place were it not online. And online, it's of course open 7-by-24.

This shopping season will be pivotal, I predict, in the Internet's evolution. Online shopping will truly mainstream this year.

And, I also predict, the response of retailers to this trend... as a threat or an opportunity... will seal their fate within a few years.

What do you think? How has the Internet impacted your shopping habits? E-mail your response to me. And also send along Web sites from local retailers you think have done a good job using the Internet to draw people to their bricks and mortar stores.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270. WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are well come from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kmortson@oe.homer.com or fax to (734) 591-7279.

New local office

Haley & Aldrich, an environmental and underground engineering firm, has entered in Boston, recently added Techna Corporation of Plymouth to its national network of offices. The former Techna Corporation, an environmental consulting firm founded in 1986, has a growing base of industrial, commercial, attorney and public sector clients in Southeastern Michigan. Haley & Aldrich are hoping the new Ply-

mouth office will provide strong staff capability in the Detroit area to support their clients needs in the Midwest.

Grand opening

Staff Net, Inc. recently held their grand opening at their new Livonia location, 31395 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite C (southeast corner of Seven Mile and Merriman). Staff Net, Inc. is a temporary, temporary-hire and direct job placement service that specializes in all phases of office administration including full secretarial, word processors, data entry, accounting, receptionists, sales/marketing, clerical and typists.

Applicants can call to schedule an appointment, walk-in or fax resumes. New customers receive \$50 off their first order of 40 hours or more in addition to referral bonuses are paid and Staff Net, Inc. boasts a state-of-the-art evaluation process.

For more information e-mail President Pamela Oakes or Cyndie Delgado, office manager/recruiter, at staffnet@earthlink.net; call (248) 473-STAF (7923); or fax: (248) 47 FAX 41.

Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI) was recognized by Ford Motor Company with its 1999 Corporate Citizenship Award for the supplier's strong commitment to supporting and doing business with minority-owned companies.

Johnson Controls, a major, global manufacturer of automotive interior systems, has a formal program to recruit and develop minority-owned suppliers. In 1999, the company purchased more than \$235 million in goods and services from minority-owned firms, a figure that's expected to grow to \$317 million in fiscal-year 2000.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

WED, DEC. 15

AAI INVESTOR MEETING
The AAI Eastern Michigan Chapter will meet

JAN. 10, 2000

CANTON BPW
The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m.; speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at 734-981-2572 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring.

WED, DEC. 1

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia. The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office: 810-323-3800.

FRI, DEC. 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at 810-323-3800.

Read Observer Sports

Dentistry in the 90s

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

LEFT HIGH AND DRY?

Dry mouth is a common symptom before, during and after menopause and a side effect associated with more than 400 medications. As such, it poses a problem for many people. According to researchers at the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, older adults with reduced saliva flow were about 50% more likely to lose at least one tooth during the course of the three-year study than those with normal flow. The fact is that saliva helps to significantly reduce the risk of cavities by neutralizing acid, removing plaque and removing germs and food residue. It also helps provide a mineral barrier that protects the tooth's surface. If dry mouth is a problem for you, you should see your dentist.

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East Lansing and Grand Rapids. He will maintain offices at New Horizons' East Lansing and Grand Rapids centers, as well as at the company's headquarters in Livonia.

New appointment

Lear Corporation announced the appointments of three executives to new positions in the company's Ford Division, reporting to Lear's Ford Division President Charles E. Fisher. Daniel Kuzdzal is appointed Vice President - Advanced Engineering, John Lanier is named Vice President - Human Resources and Gail Miciuda is appointed Director - Mirror Operations.

As Vice President - Human Resources, Lanier is responsible for leading the human resources function within the Ford Division, ensuring that the human resources initiatives are aligned with business objectives.

He and his wife, Anne, reside in Canton with their three children.

New underwriter

Roxanne Logan has been appointed to the position of underwriter in the firm's special risk division by Burns & Wilcox Ltd. of Farmington Hills. She will also continue to serve in her previous capacity as operations supervisor. Logan is responsible for overseeing and training a staff of eight underwriting and technical assistants. She resides in Garden City with her husband, Kevin.

Supervisor welcomed

Karen L. Glenn has joined Burns & Wilcox Ltd. of Farmington Hills as accounts receivable supervisor. At her new post, Glenn is responsible for supervising and managing the operations of the firm's accounts receivable department. She resides in Livonia with her children, Brandon and Tanner.

Reader award

Glenn Yanchitis of Redford has won a Meter Reader of the Year Award from MichCon. Yanchitis was selected for his outstanding job performance among more than 100 MichCon meter readers. MichCon also gave Yanchitis and four other award winners an all-expense-paid trip to Toronto.

New account manager

FCI Automotive of Livonia has appointed Milton Callender as account manager. Callender now

has responsibility for selling FCI's safety related connector products to a number of key tier accounts, as well as supporting these products after the purchase has been made.

New agent

Michelle Alexander has joined Farm Bureau Insurance of Livonia as a new agent serving this area. Alexander recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which provided instruction in all area of property/casualty and life insurance. Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Alexander was a sales and service agent for AAA in Canton.

New senior partner

Mike Wallace of Westland was recently named a new senior partner at J. Walter Thompson in Detroit, to the position of communications director. His responsibilities include providing leadership for a multi-disciplinary team.

Governor appoints

Stephen M. Conley of Canton, a manager of PricewaterhouseCoopers, L.L.P., has been appointed by Governor John Engler to replace Donald Dismuke of Plymouth and to represent public accountants for a term expiring June 30, 2002.

Promotion

Kirsten Gardner has been promoted to the position of Client Service Executive at J.R. Thompson Company of Farmington Hills. In her new position, Gardner is responsible for program planning and implementation for the Mopar Accessories and Mopar Competitive Parts account.

Production promotion

The Detroit office of Bozell Worldwide recently promoted Chris Conway to Audio/Visual manager, from AV coordinator. In his new position, Conway oversees the AV support group, providing coordination, set-up and operations, as well as creating and implementing presentations for the agency and its clients. Prior to joining the agency, he spent 11 years in the industry working in various positions, including a sales manager for Sony. Conway is a graduate of Ferris State College and is a resident of Livonia.

New art director

Peter Moreau has been promoted to art director at Plymouth-based Identity Marketing

and Public Relations. Moreau directs the creation and production of marketing materials for Identity and its clients. Components include corporate identity, annual reports, brochures, newsletters, packaging and Web site design.

Responsibilities include design conceptualization, layout and implementation and production supervision.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 15, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, November 15, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70.04(H) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 70.04(H); TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE IF LICENSE, ENDORSEMENT, OR DESIGNATION IS SUSPENDED, REVOKED, DENIED, OR NEVER APPLIED FOR; INFORMING COURT OF RECORD AND STATUS; CONFISCATION OF PLATES; DEFINITION OF NEVER APPLIED.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70.04(H), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 70.04(H) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Operation of vehicle if license, registration, certificate, or designation suspended, revoked, or denied, penalty, informing court of record and status; definition of never applied.

Section 1. A person whose operator's or chauffeur's license or registration certificate has been suspended or revoked and who has been notified as provided in Michigan Compiled Laws 257.212 of that suspension or revocation, whose application for license has been denied, or who has never applied for a license, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the City of Garden City.

Section 2. A person shall not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by the person to be operated upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within the City of Garden City by a person whose license or registration certificate is suspended or revoked, whose application for license has been denied, or who has never applied for a license, except as permitted under this Ordinance or state law.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided a person who violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500, or both. Unless the vehicle was stolen or used with the permission of a person who did not knowingly permit any unlicensed driver to operate the vehicle, the registration plates of the vehicle shall be cancelled by the Secretary of State upon notification by a peace officer.

Section 4. Any person, not exempt from licensing in the state, who shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the City of Garden City and who is unable to show that he or she has been issued a license to operate a motor vehicle by any state or foreign country valid within the 3 years preceding is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00, or both. Any person convicted of a second offense under this ordinance, or the provisions of MCL 257.904a, or a combination thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 2 nor more than 90 days, or a fine of \$100.00, or both.

Section 5. A person whose vehicle group designation is suspended or revoked and who has been notified as provided in Michigan Compiled Laws section 257.212 of that suspension or revocation, or whose application for a vehicle group designation has been denied as provided under state law, or who has never applied for a vehicle group designation and who operates a commercial motor vehicle within the City of Garden City, except as permitted under state law, while any of those conditions exists is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, by imprisonment for not less than 3 days or more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$100, or both.

Section 6. Before a person is arraigned before a district court magistrate or judge on a charge of violating this section, the arresting officer shall obtain the person's driving record from the Secretary of State and shall

furnish the record to the court. The driving record of the person may be obtained from the Secretary of State's computer information network.

Section 7. This ordinance does not apply to a person who operates a vehicle solely for the purpose of protecting human life or property if the life or property is endangered and summoning prompt aid is essential.

Section 8. If a person has a second or subsequent suspension or revocation under this section within 7 years as indicated on the person's Michigan driving record the court shall proceed with vehicle immobilization as provided for in the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Redford at Chapter 82 thereof and/or the provisions of 1999 Public Act 73; Michigan Compiled Laws 257.904d.

Section 9. For purposes of this section, a person who never applied for a license includes a person who applied for a license, was denied, and never applied again.

Section 10. A prior conviction, a suspension, or a revocation under this section shall be established at or before sentencing by 1 or more of the following:

- (a) An abstract of conviction.
- (b) A copy of the defendant's driving record.
- (c) An admission by the defendant.

Section 11. If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced sentence under this section or a sanction under section _____ or the Michigan Compiled Laws 257.904d based upon the defendant having 1 or more prior convictions, or suspensions or revocations under this section, the prosecuting attorney shall include on the complaint, or in an amended complaint, filed in the district court, a statement listing the defendant's prior convictions, suspensions, or revocations.

REPEAL. This Ordinance is in addition to Chapter 70, entitled "Traffic Code" codified at Chapter 70, of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Garden City, and is in addition to the Uniform Traffic Code, and its amendments, and this Ordinance only hereby repeals Chapter 70, Section 70.04(M) and all ordinances or parts thereof which conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, and which are repealed only to the extent of any conflict.

SEVERABILITY. This Ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SAVINGS CLAUSE. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are hereby saved and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the Ordinance enforced at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or abate any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any Ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed by the Ordinance adopting this Ordinance, and all prosecutions instituted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued or instituted under or in accordance with the provisions of any Ordinance enforced at the time of the commission of such offense.

DATE OF EFFECT. This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

INCLUSION INTO CODE OF ORDINANCES. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City, as an addition and amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER Mayor
Adopted: November 15, 1999
Published November 21, 1999

ALLYSON M. BETTIS Treasurer/City Clerk

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 15, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, November 15, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-015

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING SECTION(S) TO BE NUMBERED 70.04(N) PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO ANSWER CITATION OR NOTICE TO APPEAR IN COURT; NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OR JUDGMENT, MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS; PENALTIES SUSPENSION OF LICENSE; PARKING VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION(S) 70.04(N) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

70.04(N) Failure to answer citation or notice to appear in court, noncompliance with order or judgment, misdemeanor convictions; penalties; suspension of license; parking violations.

Section 1. A person who fails to answer a citation, or a notice to appear in court for a violation reportable to the Secretary of State under Section 257.732 of the Michigan Compiled Laws or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a violation of a law of this state reportable to the Secretary of State or an Ordinance of the City of Garden City substantially corresponding to a violation of state law reportable to the Secretary of State under section 732, or for any matter pending, or who fails to comply with an order or judgment of the court, including, but not limited to, paying all fines, costs, fees, and assessments, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both. A violation of this subsection or failure to answer a citation or notice to appear for a violation of section 33b(1) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, section 703(1) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, or an Ordinance of the City of Garden City substantially corresponding to either of those sections shall not be considered a violation for any purpose under section 320a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 2. Except as provided in subsection (3), 28 days or more after a person fails to answer a citation, or a notice to appear in court for a violation reportable to the Secretary of State under section 732 of the Michigan Compiled Laws or an Ordinance of the City of Garden City substantially corresponding to a violation of a law of this state reportable to the Secretary of State under section 732, or for any matter pending, or fails to comply with an order or judgment of the court, including, but not limited to, paying all fines, costs, fees, and assessments, the court shall give notice by mail at the last known address of the person that if the person fails to appear or fails to comply with the order or judgment within 14 days after the notice is issued, the Secretary of State shall suspend the person's operator's or chauffeur's license. If the person fails to appear or fails to comply with the order or judgment within the 14-day period, the court shall, within 14 days, inform the Secretary of State, who shall immediately suspend the license of the person. The Secretary of State shall immediately notify the person of the suspension by regular mail at the person's last known address.

Section 3. If the person is charged with, or convicted of, a violation of section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or section 70.04(E) 5.15(1), (2), (3) or (4) of the Uniform Traffic Code in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to the provisions of section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the person fails to answer a citation or a notice to appear in court, or for any matter pending, or fails to comply with an order or judgment of the court, including but not limited to the paying of all fines, costs, fees and crime victim rights assessments, the court shall immediately give notice by first class mail sent to the person's last known address that if the person fails to appear within 7 days after the notice is issued, or fails to comply with the order or judgment of the court, including but not limited to paying all fines, costs, and crime victim rights assessments, within 14 days after the notice is issued, the Secretary of State shall suspend

the person's operator's or chauffeur's license. If the person fails to appear within the 7-day period, or fails to comply with the order or judgment of the court, including, but not limited to, paying all fines, costs, and crime victim rights assessments, within the 14-day period, the court shall immediately inform the Secretary of State who shall immediately suspend the person's operator's or chauffeur's license and notify the person of the suspension by first-class mail sent to the person's last known address.

Section 4. If the person is charged with, or convicted of, a violation of section 33b(1) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, section 703(1) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, section 624a, section 624b, or an Ordinance of the City of Garden City substantially corresponding to those state law sections or fails to comply with an order or judgment of the court issued pursuant to section 33b of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, section 624a, section 624b of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or an Ordinance of the City of Garden City substantially corresponding to those state law sections including, but not limited to, paying all fines and costs, within 14 days after the notice is issued, the Secretary of State shall suspend the person's operator's or chauffeur's license. If the order or judgment of the court, including, but not limited to, paying all fines and costs, within the 14-day period, the court shall immediately suspend the person's operator's or chauffeur's license and notify the person of the suspension by first-class mail sent to the person's last known address.

Section 5. A suspension imposed under subsection (2) or (3) remains in effect until both of the following occur:

- (a) The Secretary of State is notified by each court in which the person failed to answer a citation or notice to appear or failed to pay a fine or cost that the person has answered that citation or notice to appear or paid that fine or cost.
- (b) The person has paid to the court a \$25.00 driver license clearance fee for each failure to answer a citation or failure to pay a fine or cost.

Section 6. The court shall not notify the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State shall not suspend the person's license, if the person fails to appear in response to a citation issued for, or fails to comply with an order or judgment involving 1 or more of the following infractions:

- (a) The parking or standing of a vehicle
- (b) A pedestrian, passenger, or bicycle violation other than a violation of section 33b(1) or (2) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, section 703(1) or (2) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, section 624a or 624b of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 33b(1) or (2) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, section 703(1) or (2) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, or section 624a or 624b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 7. The court may notify a person who has done either of the following, that if the person does not appear within 10 days after the notice is issued, the court will inform the Secretary of State of the person's failure to appear:

- (a) Failed to answer 2 or more parking violation notices or citations for violating a provision of this Ordinance or the provisions of section 321a of the Michigan Compiled Laws pertaining to persons with disabilities
- (b) Failed to answer 6 or more parking violation notices or citations regarding illegal parking

Section 8. The Secretary of State, upon being informed of the failure of a person to appear or comply as provided in subsection (7), shall not issue a license to the person or renew a license for the person until both of the following occur:

- (a) The court informs the Secretary of State that the person has resolved all outstanding matters regarding the notices or citations
- (b) The person has paid to the court a \$25.00 driver license clearance fee. If the court determines that the person is responsible for only 4 parking violation under subsection (7)(a) or less than 6 parking violations under subsection (7)(b) for which the person's license was not issued or renewed under this subsection, the court may waive payment of the fee.

Section 9. Not less than 28 days after a person fails to appear in response to a citation issued for, or fails to comply with an order or judgment involving, a state civil infraction described in chapter 88 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8801 to 600.8835, the court shall give notice by ordinary mail, addressed to the person's last known address, that if the person fails to appear or fails to comply with the order or judgment described in this subsection within 14 days after the notice is issued, the court will give to the Secretary of State notice of the failure. Upon receiving notice of that failure, the Secretary of State shall not issue or renew an operator's or chauffeur's license for the person until both of the following occur:

- (a) The court informs the Secretary of State that the person has resolved all outstanding matters regarding each notice or citation.
- (b) The person has paid to the court a \$25.00 driver license clearance fee. If the court determines that the person is not responsible for any violation for which the person's license was not issued or renewed under this subsection, the court shall waive the fee.

Section 10. For purposes of subsections (5)(a), (8)(a), and (9)(a), the court shall give to the person a copy of the information being transmitted to the Secretary of State. Upon showing that copy, the person shall not be arrested or issued a citation for driving on a suspended license, on an expired license, or without a license on the basis of any matter resolved under subsection (5)(a), (8)(a), or (9)(a), even if the information being sent to the Secretary of State has not yet been received or recorded by the department.

Section 11. Six dollars of each fee received under subsection 5(b), (8)(b), or (9)(b) shall be transmitted by the court to the Secretary of State under this subsection shall be deposited in the state general fund and shall be used to defray the expenses of the secretary of state in processing the suspension and reinstatement of the driver licenses under this section.

Section 12. Section 819 of the Michigan Compiled Laws does not apply to a reinstatement fee collected for an operator's or chauffeur's license that is not issued or renewed under section 8827 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8827.

REPEAL. This Ordinance is in addition to the Code of Ordinances, as amended, at Chapter 70, Title VII, entitled "Traffic Code" and known as the Uniform Traffic Code and its amendments, and this Ordinance only hereby repeals any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of any conflict.

SEVERABILITY. This ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provisions and such holdings shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SAVINGS CLAUSE. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are hereby saved and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the ordinance in effect at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or evade any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed by this Ordinance adopting this Ordinance, and all prosecutions instituted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued or instituted under or in accordance with the provisions of any ordinance in force at the time of the commission of such offense.

DATE OF EFFECT. This Ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

INCLUSION INTO CODE OF ORDINANCES. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City as an addition and amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered, if necessary, to conform to the uniform numbering system in the Code.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER Mayor
Adopted: November 15, 1999
Published November 21, 1999

ALLYSON M. BETTIS Treasurer/City Clerk

ON JANUARY 1, 2000 BE PART OF YOUR HOMETOWN HISTORY

Our first editions of the new millennium will serve as an exciting "time capsule" featuring messages like the ones you see here.

Here is your opportunity to mark the turn of the century with a message about the future or a last loving look at the the past!

Be part of this very special edition of your hometown Observer with a picture and message about your family, your service organization, your place of worship...the list is endless. Perhaps you had a significant anniversary, a special event, or another important milestone in your lives during the past century. Here's your opportunity to record it for your friends, family, neighbors and business associates!

These special messages will appear on the pages of the January 1st edition of your hometown Observer on January 1, 2000 and you can

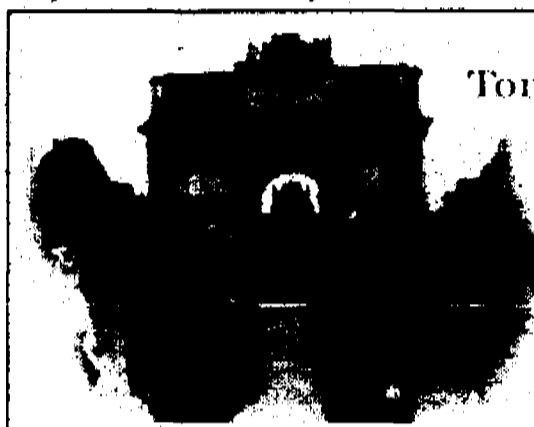
deposit the entire issue in your own time capsule, so that when you look at it again in the years to come, you'll enjoy remembering or telling your grandchildren what was going on in your hometown!

Here's all you do to be part of our Hometown History pages:

1. Fill in the information requested on the form below.
2. Clip one of the sample ads below and send it with your message and photo
3. Enclose one photo, no larger than 8"x10" per message. (If you wish photo returned please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope)
4. Compose your message of 25 words or less.
5. Tell us in which Observer newspaper you would like your message to appear.
6. Include your check for \$30, \$60, or \$90 for your message, made payable to: "The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers"
7. Mail to: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150—Attention: Hometown History
8. Questions? Call Jane Garner (734) 953-2235

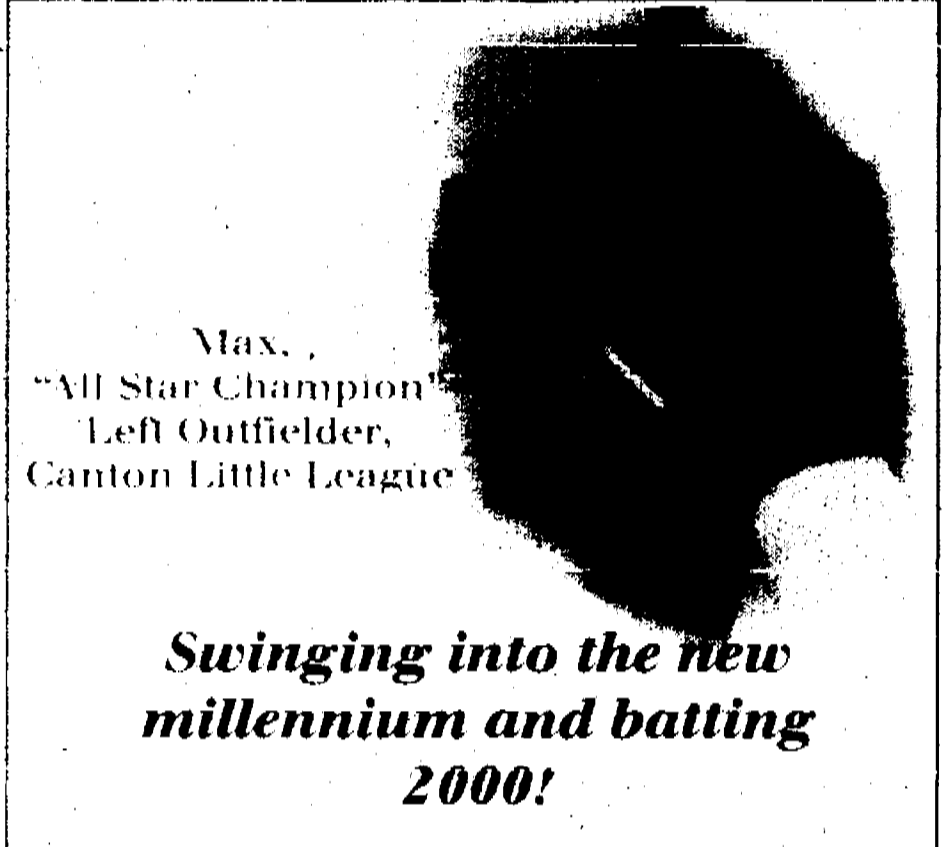


The Hammerheads hail the new millennium and remember March 16, 1999.



Tom and Ken in Paris

May your dreams come true in the new millennium!



Max, "All Star Champion" Left Outfielder, Canton Little League

Swinging into the new millennium and batting 2000!

Please include the enclosed message and photo on **The Observer HomeTown History pages!**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE WITH AREA CODE: _____

NAME OF GROUP: _____

or NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PHOTO: _____

I would like my message to appear in: (check one)

Livonia Observer

Plymouth Observer

Redford Observer

Canton Observer

Westland Observer

Garden City Observer

Farmington Observer

MY HOMETOWN HISTORY MESSAGE:

\$30

Your photo here

SAMPLE #1—Actual Size—4 1/2" wide x 2" deep

\$60

Your photo here

SAMPLE #2—Actual Size—4 1/2" wide x 4" deep

\$90

Your photo here

SAMPLE #3—Actual Size—4 1/2" wide x 6" deep