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THE WEEK AHEAD

Open house: An open house with refreshments begins at noon today in the lobby of the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland. The event marks the library's first anniversary.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Informative breakfast: "Are You Really Listening: Really Powerfully Listening?" is the topic of the Westland Chamber of Commerce Wake-up Westland breakfast from 8-9:30 a.m., at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, in Westland. RSVP at (313) 326-7222.

WEDNESDAY

Thanks: With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we want to know what our Observer readers are thankful for this holiday season. In 25 words or less, please share your thoughts with us and send them to our office by 5 p.m. Nov. 19. Fax to (313) 591-7279. Mail to 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150. E-mail to newsroom@oeonline.com

THURSDAY

LightFest: The Wayne County LightFest begins tonight and runs every night (except Christmas) 7-10 p.m. through New Year's Day, on Hines Drive, between Merriman and Warren roads, in Westland. Donation is \$5 per car.

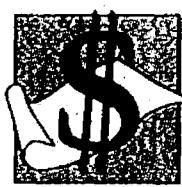
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Schools awarded \$14 million



Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has been awarded \$14 million, the largest allocation among non-plaintiff suburban Detroit school districts in a special education lawsuit settlement.

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has been awarded the largest allocation among non-plaintiff suburban Detroit school districts in the Durant special education lawsuit settlement.

But it won't begin to see any of the

money until next spring at the earliest.

The settlement comes after a Michigan Supreme Court ruling this summer that the state had shorted 84 mostly suburban school districts on aid for special education and other items.

Under terms of the \$1 billion final settlement in the long-running lawsuit, which the state Senate approved 34-0

following negotiations with the House of Representatives, Wayne-Westland will get \$14,003,645.

It is the largest amount among any of the 36 non-plaintiff suburban school districts in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The city of Detroit, also a non-plaintiff district, was awarded \$118,608,866.

Among the plaintiff districts - the original 84 that filed the suit against the state 17 years ago - the Pontiac district in Oakland County was awarded the largest share, \$12,861,378.

The Livonia district, also a plaintiff, got the second largest share,

\$10,207,936.

The Wayne-Westland district is among the largest special-education districts in the state, with about 800 of 15,000 students in special ed, according to Charlotte Sherman, the district's assistant superintendent of general administration.

Waiting for money

The earliest Wayne-Westland and the other districts will begin to see any of the money is May 15, depending on how each district chooses to take pay-

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Light fests brighten holidays

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Among the first real signs of the holidays are lights, and area residents will have millions to view as festive light displays along Hines Drive, at the Detroit Zoo and at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor are ready to illuminate the Observerland skies for the next six weeks.

Billed as the country's largest drive-through light show, Wayne County's Light-Fest runs Thursday, Nov. 20, through Thursday, Jan. 1, along Hines Drive, between Merriman and Warren roads.

"We have overhead bridge displays, deer leaping across your car, and a four-story poinsettia wreath with candles," said Kathy Lewand, Wayne County parks department executive.

For \$5 per car, Lewand promises you'll enjoy a mix of new and old displays, featuring more than 800,000 lights.

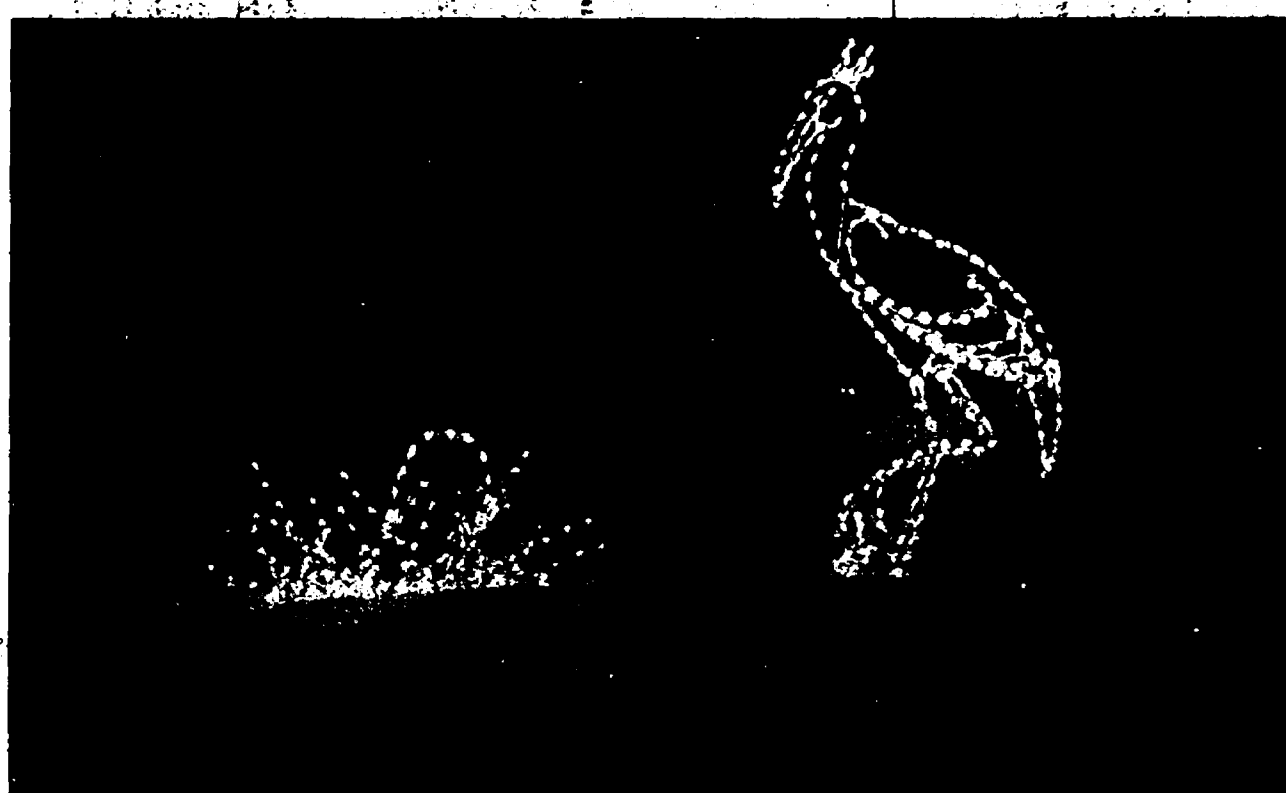
"We have more than 35 displays," added Lewand.

"This year we have two new wetlands-themed exhibits, in conjunction with the newly opened Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township. Look for the giant heron and animated frogs leaping from lily pad to lily pad."

The new displays cost \$8,000, and are handmade by companies in South Carolina and California, just like the others.

Lewand says much of the money for new displays is donated by Friends of

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Zoo Lights: A swan and stork are just one of more than 50 exhibits on display at the Detroit Zoological Society's "Wild Lights" which opens Friday.

More lights to see

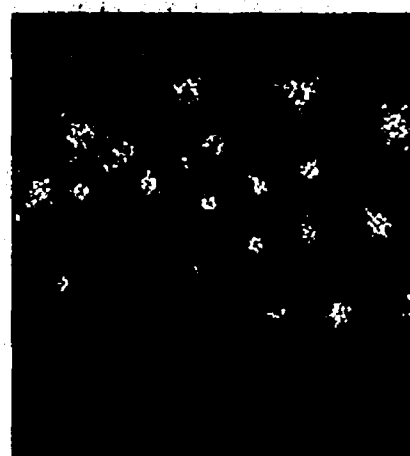
If you're looking for more lights this holiday season, here are a few more places to visit.

■ The Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau is geared up for its 12th annual Festival of Lights at Riverside Park.

"We have thousands of lights stringing through the trees, to go along with light displays along the Huron River," said spokeswoman Virginia Kingsley. "It's a half-mile stretch along the Huron River that visitors can view by both walking or driving."

The lights will be on 6-10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights the first three weekends in December. They also will be on display Christmas Eve and Christmas until 10

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Domino's Farms: Drive-through lights and tunnels are all part of this year's holiday display.



PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

LightFest: The Wayne County Parks drive-through light show along Hines Drive features more than 35 displays.

EPA soil sampling turns up no problems

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The long-awaited results of the federal Environmental Protection Agency's tests of soil samples within a mile radius of the central Wayne County incinerator in Inkster turned up no general contamination problem.

While there were "some differences" in levels of lead in the various soil samples, the EPA said that most of the results were in the normal range.

They attributed the few high levels of lead that were found more to vehicle

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emissions and lead from old paint than to incinerator emissions.

Mercury levels were "low or fairly normal for urban areas," the EPA report said.

The test was of samples taken from 29 sites within a mile radius of the incinerator, the sites having been picked with input from residents. Sites were at a park, schools and churches as

well as the back yard of one house, in response to that owner's request.

The "data was extensively quality-assured," said Paul Reusch of the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, which conducted the testing.

However, the report failed to sway some in the audience of about 30 area residents Thursday night at the Inkster Recreation Center on Middlebelt.

One man, whose house is near Stanford and John Daly northeast of the

incinerator - generally considered to be downwind - said his property value dropped from \$95,000 to \$40,000 and said "the whole area is a toxic waste."

"I don't believe in your records," he said.

Another Inkster resident, Fannie Hicklen, said "There should be more protection and more up-to-date guidelines in the rules and regulations" concerning environmental pollution.

"There should be yearly checks -

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Library marks anniversary

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland's public library is celebrating its first anniversary boasting the second-highest circulation in a 56-facility network.

What's more, Westland's \$12 million facility is closing the gap on Livonia's top-ranked Civic Center Library.

"We're really catching up," Westland library Director Sandra Wilson said. "Every month we keep creeping up and getting closer."

A two-month circulation comparison supports Wilson's claim.

In August, Westland's library had a 32,521 circulation compared to Livonia's 36,483. That marked a 3,962 difference.

In September, the gap narrowed to 2,490. "Our circulation is way above projections," Wilson said.

That comes as little surprise considering that the 33,450-square-foot library - located on Central City Parkway south of Warren - ended its first year on Nov. 4 with a door count of 260,037 patrons.

Library officials had projected 170,000 first-year patrons - far less than the number of visitors who actually came.

Repeat visitors

To be sure, many of the 260,037 people who passed through library doors are repeat patrons, but officials



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Frequent visitor: Henry Morozow of Westland looks through the books. He said he comes twice a week.

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Reading and research: Above, Jeannie Castillo, a senior at Ladywood High School and from Westland, does research at the library for her sociology class. At right, Denise Christensen of New Zealand, who's visiting friends in Westland for the past six months, enjoys the library three to four times a week reading a novel.



All in the family: Ray and Hazel Baker of Westland take their great-grandson Kyle Sluder, age 3 of Westland, to the library every Monday.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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view that as a sign of community acceptance.

"We've been much busier than we anticipated," Wilson said. And why not?

Consider the 122,830 collection items that library administrative assistant Joseph Burchill III said are available to patrons.

Broken down, the library has: ■ 115,016 books, marking a sharp increase over the 55,000 books that stocked shelves one year ago.

■ 4,121 books on tape, including 3,823 for adults and 298 for children.

■ 414 audio cassettes: 106 for adults and 308 for children.

■ 212 compact discs, including 111 for adults and 101 for youngsters.

■ 3,020 educational videos, specifically 1,551 for adults and 1,469 for children.

■ 47 children's "kits" that typically include cassettes and books.

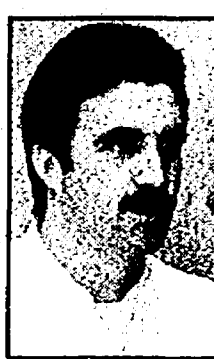
In one year, the library has issued 17,129 user cards, but not everyone comes in for books, videos or audio cassettes.

Many patrons are using Westland's library because it offers Internet access and all the worldwide information that comes with it.

Some 1,700 people have used library Internet services by logging onto the facility's seven computers. Patrons want everything from the latest stock



Wilson



Burchill

reports to cooking recipes to football scores, but many just want to use chat lines, Wilson said.

The library also has had nearly 800 children's CD-ROM computer users.

"It surprises me how much libraries have changed in the last few years," Wilson said. "Technology has taken over."

Library officials are quick to note that they want to maintain a dynamic facility and services. Wilson said as many as 8,000 new book titles will be added each year, replacing books that may become outdated.

Patrons don't want to read five-year-old books on medical advances, for example, because new information surfaces so frequently, Wilson said.

"Most people don't even want popular fiction from five years ago," she said. "And we're lucky if a book about computers lasts one year."

Library anniversary activities

Scheduled activities for this week at the library:

■ Today, beginning at noon, an open house with refreshments in the lobby.

■ At 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, Critter Capers, a puppet show performed by Pippin Puppets, community meeting room.

■ At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, Book Discussion Group discusses "The Cuckoo's Egg" by Clifford Stoll in community meeting room A.

■ At 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Toddler Tales Storytime for children

18-36 months, in community meeting room A. Also from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Just For Me Storytime for children ages 3-5 years, in the children's activity room.

■ At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, an Introduction to the Internet Class will be held. Pre-registration is required at the Reception Desk or call (313) 326-6123.

■ At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, The Wish Giver, a children's play performed by September Productions.

■ All week, National Children's Book Week Challenge.

Patron donations

Many patrons have shown their appreciation of the library by donating old books that they no longer want. In the past year, the library has received 9,098 donations.

Of those, 6,209 went to the Friends of the Library, a volunteer group that uses money from used book sales to help buy items for a library wish list, Wilson said. Patrons can buy used books during any visit to the library.

Library staffers also placed 1,500 of the donated books on the shelves.

"That's 1,500 items we didn't have to purchase," Wilson said.

The remaining donated items had to be discarded because of their poor condition, she said.

Burchill noted that the Friends of the Library group has raised \$12,726 during the first year. The money came not only from book sales, but also from donations and the sale of items such as T-shirts and book bags at the library.

Given the first-year success of Westland's library, officials say

it's easy to see how it has pulled close to Livonia's Civic Center Library in monthly circulation.

Already, the library has pulled ahead of libraries in Novi, Royal Oak, Wayne, Redford Township and Garden City, among many others.

It should be noted, however, that Westland's circulation is below libraries in communities such as Canton Township, Farmington and Plymouth — communities that aren't included in the same library network.

A few critics still believe that Westland didn't need its own library. The city used to share a much smaller facility with Wayne. The building was actually in Wayne, which also has its own library now.

Library employees hope that their success statistics will speak for themselves.

Moreover, they're planning new programs and services for the coming year.

Details will be divulged later — in the library's next chapter.

If you have questions about the Westland library or the services it offers, please call 326-6123.

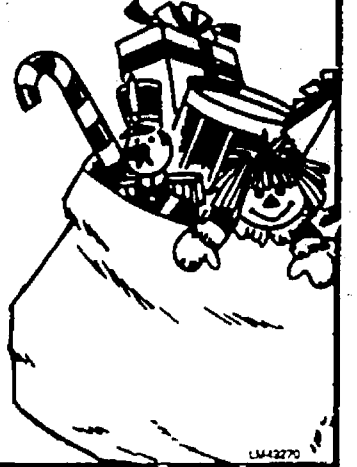
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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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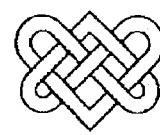
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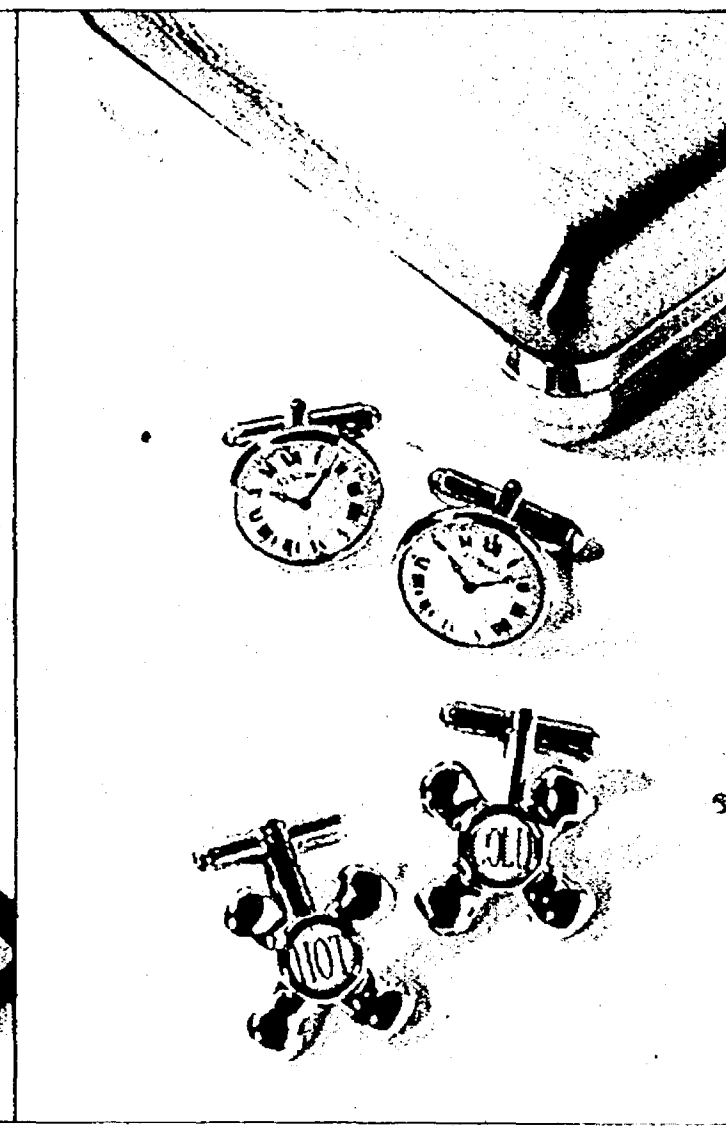
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ment.

According to the Legislature, one-half of the amount owed non-plaintiff districts will be paid from the Budget Stabilization Fund over the next 10 years, beginning Nov. 15, 1998.

The districts can choose

whether to receive the other half via payments spread over 15 years and beginning May 15 or in a lump sum from state municipal bonds beginning Nov. 15.

"If districts don't need cash today," said state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, they will

take the 15-year method and also earn interest as bondholders.

Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent for business, was unavailable for comment on the settlement.

But Bennett said he thought it was "certainly fair and equitable to all parties concerned."

"The court actually ordered the state to pay 84 plaintiffs, but I was one of the ones that said any settlement had to include all the districts in Michigan," he said.

"It's perfectly logical, but very difficult" to accomplish, he said, but if the plaintiffs had been sole winners, "the other districts would have sued."

He praised the effort by Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, the majority floor leader whom Bennett said "did an incredibly good job."

Nearly double

Wayne-Westland's share is almost twice the \$7,891,782 awarded the Waterford district in Oakland County and it's more than twice the \$6,396,657 awarded to the Taylor School District in Wayne County.

The largest award in Macomb County was \$2,743,571 to the Chippewa district.

Following Wayne-Westland in Wayne County were Northville Public Schools, \$3,766,185, followed by Wyandotte City School District, \$3,732,656, and Van Buren Public Schools,

\$3,312,445.

Twice, the Legislature put together packages to give \$10-12 million additional to districts including Wayne-Westland, said state Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, but both were vetoed by the governor.

"Bennett boasted ahead of time that he could get the money. He doesn't know how the system works," Kelly said. "Bennett has no clout with the governor. He talked a good game but he didn't deliver."

Bennett responded: "That's interesting. There's extra money in the budget for Wayne-Westland and obviously Tom doesn't know it's there."

"I couldn't count on the House to do anything so I worked with the Senate. There's \$3.5 million in the budget for Wayne-Westland and I'm sorry Tom doesn't even know it's there. It's in the budget and it's in the bills that were passed this week and it's interesting that he says I don't understand the system because I got it in there."

"If he's unable to find where it's at, because I didn't put it in clear view — if he doesn't find it by the time we have (the next Wayne-Westland) school board meeting, I would encourage him to come and I'll show him where it's at."

"I'd personally like to see what Tom did to get money in the budget."

Bennett declined to say where the \$3.5 million is.

Snow cool

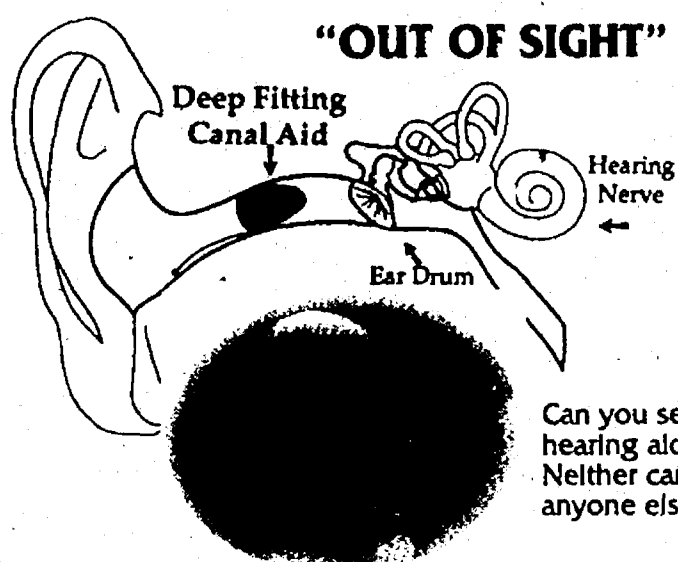


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Helping out: Three-year-old Jesse Reid thought the snow was cool as he helped dad Ron clear snow from the sidewalk in front of their house on Venoy in Westland. The area received from 2-5 inches of snow Friday morning.

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even every six months," she said.

Speaking of the planned \$100 million project to convert the incinerator into a waste-to-energy facility, Chuck Pare of Westland said the 45-year contract "will drain our city dry" in part because the planned facility is already outdated.

Ed McArdle of Melvindale, conservation chairman of the Sierra Club of Southeast Michigan, said even if the incinerator had zero emissions, "it's still wasting natural resources."

"Recycling saves much more energy than waste energy plants will produce," he said.

While the Central Wayne study did turn up some spots in which the lead contamination range exceeded 400 parts per million — the acceptable limit, according to current EPA standards — they were still low compared to other areas of the country, the EPA report said.

For example, the range for southeast Michigan ran as high as 934 ppm, while Illinois had up to 647 ppm, Minneapolis 878 and New Orleans up to 3,960.

One of the places where 440 ppm were found was the parking lot next to the Cooper Temple on John Daly.

Reusch said the concentration was due mostly to gasoline emissions over the years but that he will be talking to the church's pastor about cleanup options.

The EPA said it planned no further soil sampling but said its complete data will be available at public libraries in Westland, Inkster, Wayne, Taylor, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

Environmental officials from Wayne County's health and environmental departments as well as from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality fielded questions from the audience.

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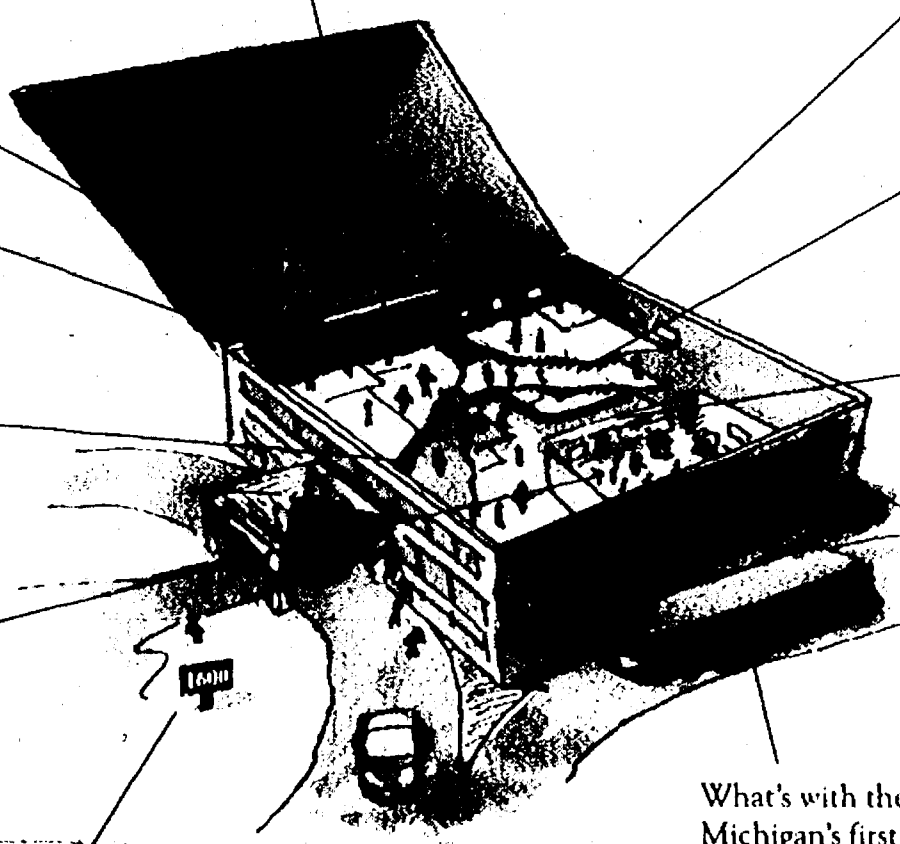
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Wayne County Parks, with others sponsored by companies like Blue Care Network, NBD Bank and AAA Michigan.

"This is the fifth year of the event, which started with roughly 25 light displays. The number has grown by approximately two a year, and includes displays depicting the Nativity, Hanukkah, and Kwanza.

"The first year we spent \$250,000 on displays, and another \$100,000 on costs related to setting them up," Lewand said.

"We have nearly 300,000 people come through each year," Lewand said.

The Wayne County LightFest begins Thursday, Nov. 20, and runs every night (except Christmas) 7-10 p.m. through New Year's Day.

Opening ceremonies will start at 6:30 p.m. Thursday as County Executive Ed McNamara and the CEOs of the sponsoring companies flip the "on switch." A brief fireworks display will follow.

Another way to view the lights is the first annual 8K Fun Run/Walk at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18.

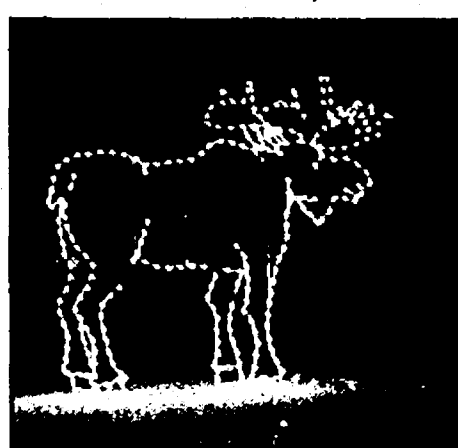
"Participants will be running through the lights," said Lewand. "All proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of Wayne County Parks and the American Heart Association."

Entry fee \$16, and \$10 for teens or younger.

For additional information, call (313) 261-1990.

Zoo lights

Heading east on I-696, you can stop and enjoy the fourth annual Wild Lights celebration at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.



Aglow: "Wild Lights" features more than 50 animated animal displays.

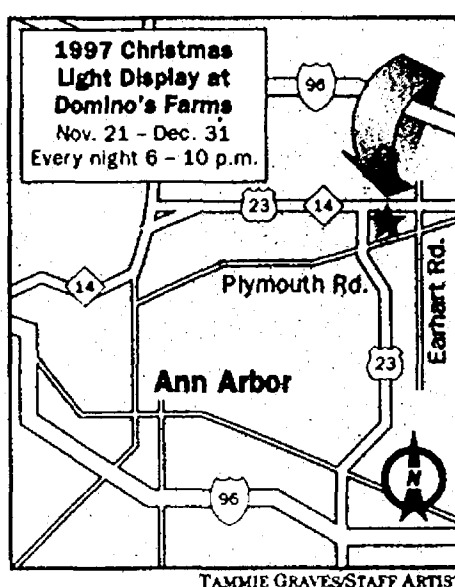
"This event is growing year after year with more lights and more people," said Lisa Brancato-Mauk, special events coordinator for the Zoological Society. "We'll have more than 50 animated animal displays with 350,000 lights."

Be sure to dress warmly.

The half-mile walk begins at the main entrance, winds through part of the zoo, and then back," said Brancato-Mauk. "It usually takes about 45 minutes to walk. Wild Lights visitors will also be able to visit the new Edward Mardigian Sr. River Otter exhibit and the reptile house."

There will also be singing groups, Santa Claus and costume characters to entertain each night, as well as a hospitality tent with refreshments.

Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo illuminates from Friday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Jan. 4. The lights will be on Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, the display will be on until 9 p.m. Wild Lights will be



unplugged on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free.

"Proceeds from Wild Lights goes to the Detroit Zoological Society to help fund educational programs and for exhibit renovations," said Brancato-Mauk.

In 1994, Wild Lights attracted 25,000 people. This year, zoo officials are expecting nearly 60,000 people through the turnstiles.

"We originally billed Wild Lights as a family event, however, we see a lot of couples attending," said Brancato-Mauk. "It's a nice night out before going out to dinner or a movie."

For more information on Wild Lights, call (248) 541-5835.

Domino's Farms

The Christmas Light Display at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor has attracted more than a million people and raised nearly \$500,000 for charity over the

past five years.

"Last year 70 charities shared more than \$70,000," said Ashley Moran, director of the non-profit group Spirit of Christmas, which sponsors the event.

"We'll have over one million lights this year as we add six new displays, some with animation," said Moran. "We'll have upwards of 30 light displays."

The holiday event costs \$5 per car Monday through Thursday, and \$7 on the weekend. Buses are asked to pay \$50. All the proceeds will benefit children and charities around metro Detroit.

"Last year we had 42,000 cars drive through, with 80,000 people visiting the indoor display. This year we think we'll get 50,000 cars and 100,000 people."

"We also will be expanding the route to include a drive around the petting farm," added Moran. "Visitors will drive through most of the light display before being able to enter the backside of the building for indoor attractions."

Moran says inside visitors will see 20, 14-foot designer-decorated trees, a "Christmas Around the World" creche exhibit, a miniature electric train, ornament-making for children, and a gingerbread house gift shop.

"The focus of our exhibit is children, because Christmas is for kids," said Moran. "We are also looking to broaden our appeal to make this an area event, not just an Ann Arbor experience."

The view the Christmas Light Display at Domino's Farms take U.S. 23 to Exit 41, then a half-mile east. Follow the signs to Domino's Farms on Earhart Road, north of Plymouth Road.

Officials hope airport expansion creates more development

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

County officials unveiled plans for a "shopping mall" Thursday, but it won't be another a Laurel Park Place or a Westland shopping center.

County Executive Ed McNamara and other county officials unveiled plans for a commercial/industrial center with Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports serving as the anchors at a University of Michigan Real Estate Forum at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

"A terrific opportunity for economic development lies north of Metro Airport and west to Willow Run," McNamara said.

County officials and planners hope to capitalize on the \$1.6 billion expansion of the airport with distribution and warehouse centers and manufacturing facilities. Officials hope to create 90,000 new jobs that will disburse a \$2.25 billion annual payroll into the local economy and \$115 million in property tax revenue.

"This zone, we believe, is perfect for creating a major commercial-industrial center and corridor," McNamara said. "We envision creating an industrial airport 'shopping center.'"

The area is bounded by Inkster, Eureka, I-275, I-94 and Ecorse Road. It includes stretches of Belleville, Haggerty, Inkster, Merriman and Wayne roads, between I-94 and Ecorse Road.

Land of opportunity

McNamara also said the increased globalization of the auto industry was creating opportunities for the local economy as 25 percent of all trade between the United States and Canada travels through Wayne County.

The airport's expansion will allow the county and southeast Michigan to capitalize on economic opportunities, McNamara said.

"There are three reasons for

the lack of major development around Metro," McNamara said.

"The first is that, historically, our land-use plans off the airport have been incompatible with what optimum zoning around an airport should be. I'm happy to report that we're working with our local communities to address possible zoning changes that are market-sensitive."

"Another reason is that while it is important for businesses to locate close to the airport, 'close' can mean Livonia, Novi or Troy, because of our great freeway system."

"Finally, our airport area lacks adequate infrastructure to service economic development."

Alliance will help

Dewey Henry, director of Wayne County's Jobs and Economic Development, told the audience of about 400 people he hoped the I-94 International Trade Alliance could obtain a special designation.

"If we get this designation, there will be a whole new pot of money for what we want to do," Henry said. Henry hopes Congress can pass legislation to allow the designation next year.

Henry hoped the move would connect not just Detroit with Chicago and Indiana, but run a route of commerce all the way to Texas and Mexico.

Henry said airport and airline officials were looking to add 20 more foreign cities to Metro's list of 18 international destinations.

A new marketing and advertising campaign is expected to begin in January. Henry said the Wayne County website receives 30,000 "hits" or connections a month. Many are from European countries, such as Sweden, Ireland and Germany.

County officials were optimistic over the expansion and the development area between airports.

Henry said: "Someone once said, 'you have to look at the airports as being one, it's just that runways are seven miles apart.'"

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p.m., and New Year's Eve until midnight. Free miniature train rides will be given the first weekend, and free horse-drawn wagon rides will be given 6-8 p.m. Saturdays and New Year's Eve.

A special opening ceremony featuring Santa Claus is slated for 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the 14th annual Fantasy of Lights at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, in down-

town Howell. Dozens of floats, marching units and Christmas trees will sparkle with thousands of holiday lights.

The parade, sponsored by Detroit Edison and Cobb-Hall Insurance Agencies, attracts some 30,000 spectators. The parade begins at Byron Road and travels east on Grand River through Howell's historic downtown to Elm Street.

For more information, call the Howell Area Chamber of Com-

merce at (517) 546-3920.

If you want to make a day of it, a trip to Battle Creek for the International Festival of Lights is slated for its seventh winter season.

The outdoor light displays shine from 5 p.m. to dawn throughout the downtown area.

McCamly Place in downtown Battle Creek, which is Festival headquarters, will have a display of 15 decorated trees highlighting the customs and tradi-

tions of 15 countries around the world.

The International Festival of Lights begins Saturday, Nov. 22, and continues through Tuesday, Dec. 30. While the lights will be on every day, the indoor activities will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas. Admission to the zoo is \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for children ages 3-12. Festival officials are asking for donations to view festivities at McCamly Place.

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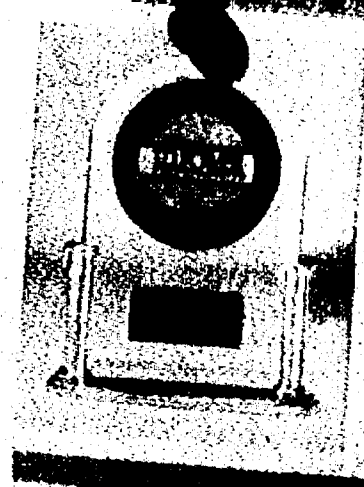
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RICK HALBERG

Memories linger with seasonal aromas

This is one of those times a year when there are so many smells I associate with specific holidays and activities. We're getting into the time when there are great family feasts - Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas.

What could be better than the smells of roasting meats, sweet potatoes and cranberries? For most holidays that require it, I am given the task of roasting the turkey.

Even though I am a chef, my mother-in-law insists that I not do any work, except for making the turkey. She has always felt that the turkey comes out best when it is roasted in my restaurant ovens. The truth is I almost always roast the turkey at home, and it comes out the same. The best part of this is the delicious smell that fills our house as the turkey cooks.

Hanukkah

During Hanukkah my family always goes to a potato latke party at a relative's house. Walking in is a treat. There is something special about the earthy, heavy smell of fried potato pancakes mixed with the sweet smells of sour cream and applesauce. Every year there is always a debate about how people eat their latkes.

Some eat them with salt, some with sugar, some dip them in sour cream. It's always the same debate, and always funny. That's one of the great things about family meals, sitting around a big table with people you love and sharing the same wonderful memories.

Another one of my favorite aromas is hot chocolate or hot spiced cider after coming in from an afternoon of ice skating when your fingers are almost too numb to hold the mug.

Manhattan memories

I just returned from a whirlwind trip to Manhattan and had forgotten about the mix of food smells in that great city. There's something different on every street corner, and the smells seem to mingle together, yet you can separate them out - kosher hot dogs, Polish sausage, Indonesian grilled meats, shish kebab, Chinese and Japanese noodle shops. There's so much variety, and because it's so hard to stay in one place in New York City, it's easy, and exciting to eat on the run.

The main purpose of my trip to New York was to visit the James Beard House. James Beard is recognized as the father of American gastronomy. After his death in 1985, Julia Child had the idea to preserve his home. It was always a gathering place for top culinarians, and Child thought it should remain that way.

Today, the James Beard Foundation celebrates this country's culinary artists, provides scholarship and educational opportunities, serves as a resource for the industry, and offers members the opportunity to enjoy dinners there, which are prepared by top chefs from around the world.

Craig Common of the Common Grill in Chelsea was preparing a dinner there during my visit, so I offered to give him a hand. It was quite an experience, and Craig's dinner was great.

I have been invited to prepare a dinner at the James Beard House next year and am looking forward to it. Once I have the date I'll be sure to let you know. I'm going to attempt to put together a group travel package for those who might like to attend the dinner and be my hometown rooting section.

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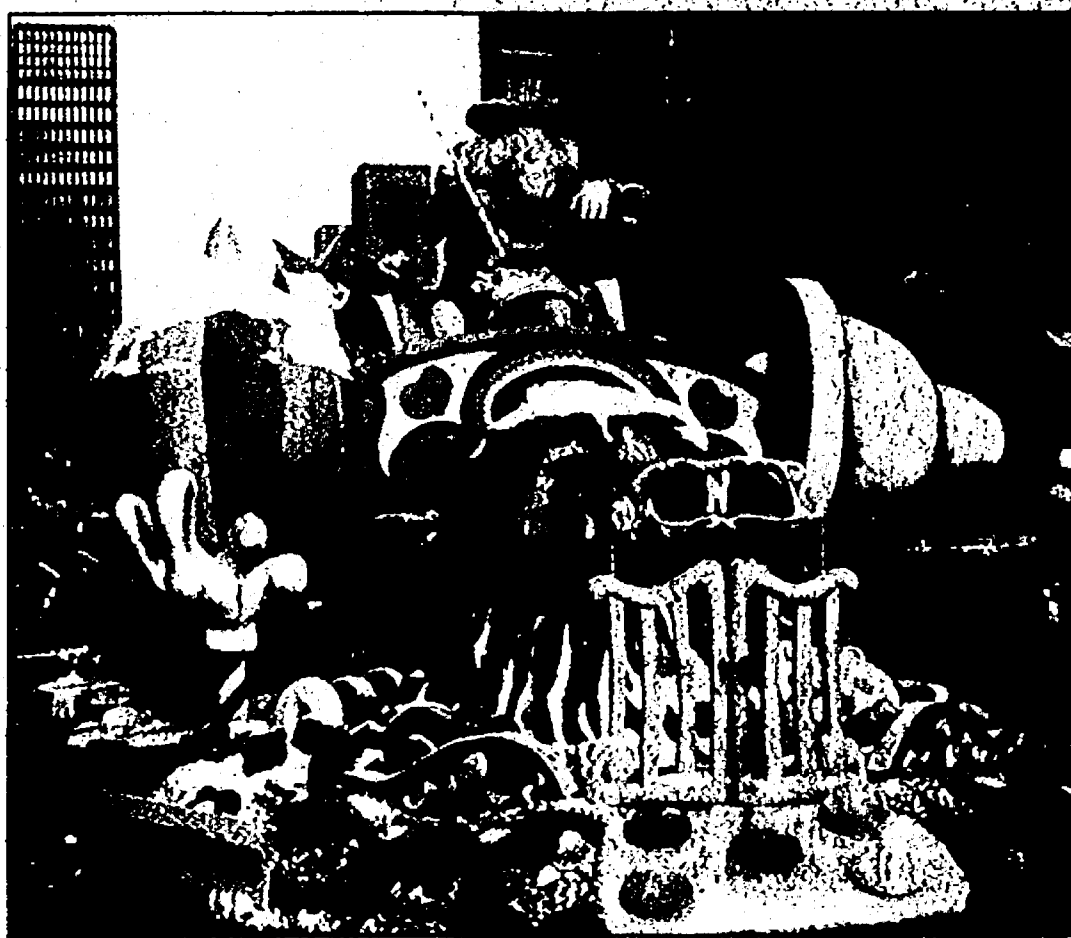
LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Readers share recipes
- Holiday tea

Parade leads our Thanksgiving traditions

Sweet: The "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" float makes its way down Woodward in America's Thanksgiving Parade, 9:15 a.m. to noon Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 27. The parade begins on Woodward at Mack and proceeds to Jefferson Ave.



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BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Let the feasting begin! Thanksgiving Day officially ushers in the start of the holiday season.

In our family the celebration began early in the morning when my brothers and I woke my dad up at the crack of dawn and asked - "is it time to go to the parade yet?"

I don't know how he managed to look after me, and my younger brothers, Mike and Greg, carry a ladder for us to sit on, blankets, and a thermos full of hot chocolate.

Dad found our spot on Woodward Avenue, in front of the marquee of an all night theater, by accident. It happened the one and only time my mom joined us.

"We were running late, and traffic was getting heavy," he recalled. "Instead of trying to head all the way downtown near Hudson's, I pulled off along the route, and looked for a space to park."

We walked a couple of blocks to Woodward and found "our spot." There was even a White Castle down the street, a good thing in case one of us "had to go," and the theater marquee offered shelter from unexpected sprinkles and flurries. For a father with three small children it was heaven.

While we were at the parade, mom was home getting dinner ready, usually with the help of my grandma. I remember one Thanksgiving when we had to wait for the turkey to be done.

Everybody has a favorite Thanksgiving Day memory, and if you live in metro Detroit, chances are very good the parade is one of them.

"My parents were from South America, and we moved here in 1961," said Annabel Cohen of Bloomfield Hills. "We lived downtown, and I remember being three or four and sitting on my dad's shoulders watching the parade. For some

reason it seems a lot colder now. The parade initiated them into the Thanksgiving tradition."

Cohen, a chef, writer, and cooking instructor, with Linda Hayman, a parade foundation trustee, compiled "Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook," a collection of favorite recipes from Detroit's personalities. It ties in with this year's parade theme - "America's Thanksgiving Parade... Everyone's Favorite Family Tradition!"

All of the proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, which produces the parade.

"Everything for the cookbook was donated - we don't have to pay anybody back," said Hayman who shared her Cranberry Quick Bread recipe.

"The parade is a huge volunteer effort," said Cohen who also contributed some of her favorite recipes including Root Vegetable and Apple Puree and Apple Cider Glazed Roast Turkey. Parade supporters were invited to share their favorite recipes for the book, not all of them are for Thanksgiving dinner.

There are recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, entrees, desserts, and even "Carmen's Classic French Toast," contributed by Carmen Harlan.

"It's interesting to see the traditions, and how different ethnic groups relate to Thanksgiving," said Cohen. "We even have two stuffed cabbage recipes in the book. People celebrate the whole weekend. Paul W. Smith doesn't cook on Thanksgiving, he eats out, and shared a recipe from the 'Beruit Restaurant' in Toledo."

Vintage parade photos, comments from recipe contributors, cook's tips, and sayings to share are part of this culinary treasure.

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Thanksgiving Tidbits

■ After the colonists' first bountiful harvest, Pilgrim Governor William Bradford declared a day of Thanksgiving. Indian Chief Massasoit attended along with 90 braves.

■ The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days.

■ Indian braves presented the Pilgrims with a gift of five deer for the first Thanksgiving dinner.

■ Venison, roasted or stewed partridges, ducks, geese and turkeys, common game along the Cape Cod shore, were probably served at the first Thanksgiving dinner. Cranberries were boiled to make a sauce for the meat - perhaps sweetened with a little wild honey.

■ Pumpkins and corn were abundant in the New World, but since there was no flour or molasses, there was no Thanksgiving pumpkin pie - just plain, boiled pumpkin.

■ Desserts for the first Thanksgiving dinner consisted of wild fruits and nuts.

■ The "spirits" served at the first Thanksgiving was a very sweet, strong wine made from wild grapes.

Information from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village archives.



JOSEPH CRACHOLA

"Moo-ve" over: "The Cow Jumped Over the Moon" is one of the balloons you'll see in America's Thanksgiving Parade.

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Port wines are seeing a new age and rising popularity in the U.S. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to serve them - before and after the traditional feast.

Thanksgiving relives our history. If you take our suggestion and serve port, or more properly Porto, here's a bit of history to relate. Port was first created, almost by accident, in the 17th century.

British traders, cut off from France by wars, took fancy to the red wines of the Douro Valley, near Oporto in Northern Portugal. To preserve the wine for their long journey back to England, they added brandy to it. The combination created an extraordinary flavor.



Fabulous finish: Fine port makes a perfect ending to a Thanksgiving Day meal.

No one we know relates port tales and explanations of the many port wine styles like Adrian Bridge, director of the port house Taylor Fladgate &

Yeatman and its sister company Fonseca Guimaraens. Taylor (as it's commonly known) is one of the oldest and most prestigious of port wine companies, dating its founding to 1692. In 1744, the son of the company's founder became the first British wine shipper to purchase property in Portugal's Upper Douro Valley, the most famous port wine growing region.

This purchase became the cornerstone of a series of Taylor vineyard acquisitions including the most famous Quinta de Vargellas. Quinta is Portuguese for vineyard. Additionally, through the years, Taylor has become a recognized leader in wood-aged and vintage port production. It also pioneered Chip Dry white port and Late Bottled Vintage port styles.

"The port wine region is the only one in the world that uses dynamite to

plant grapes," Bridge noted. "The soil is so rocky that it takes one ton of dynamite to plant two and one-half acres of vineyard." Might we say a big bang for the buck?

Chip Dry white port was a Richard Yeatman invention in 1934. He was the first to depart from the traditional sweeter white aperitif port consumed in Portugal, but rarely exported.

Lew Weidenmann, Maitre d' of Big Rock Chop and Brew House's specialty bar Got Rocks, says Chip Dry should be served slightly chilled neat or on the rocks. He also suggests it 50/50 with tonic and a lemon twist as a "longer" aperitif. As such, it makes a good Thanksgiving Day pre-meal opener.

After the feast, there are a number of port styles from which to choose. An older (20+ years) vintage port would be

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Food from page B1

I'm sure the aroma of roast turkey and other traditional dishes helps you recall some pleasant memories of holidays past. I'd enjoy hearing about them.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you might have about food and preparing it. I'd like to devote a column to answering your questions.

I also have some information about Slow Food membership. Write me at Emily's, 505 N. Center, Northville, MI 48167

or email me at pigrick@aol.com

Rick Halberg, chef/ owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville, lives in Farmington Hills with his family.

He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste

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the finest offering if available. The 1980 Taylor, about \$52, is drinking well, but is still a baby.

"Even in non-vintage years, we try to make a wine of the vintage," Adrian Bridge said. "Vintage character ports are soft, velvety and a good value. They are much better than a young ruby or tawny port. Pay \$2 to \$3 more and get something better." Taylor Fladgate First Estate \$17 is a vintage character port filling the bill with its lively rich, black-fruit flavors and mellow oak-toned finish.

But if you like tawny port with all its nuttiness, then Fonseca's 10-year \$28 is excellent. Its vanilla-caramel character is like eating ice cream topping.

A step up in the after-dinner category is 1991 Taylor Fladgate Late Bottled Vintage Porto (commonly LBV) \$18. Bridge's father-in-law Alistair Robertson,

chairman and majority share holder of both Taylor and Fonseca, invented LBV in the late 1960s. The convenience of serving an LBV over a vintage port cannot be overstated. Bottled at six years old, it needs no decanting and is ready to drink. The 1991 sports sophisticated berry fruit and the complexity of a vintage year.

From the flagship and renowned vineyard, 1986 Taylor Fladgate Quinta de Vargellas Porto \$31 has mature aromas and complex flavors. Depthful and structured, it is a perfect after-dinner, fireside sipper showcasing the merits of bottling a single vineyard port.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Herald, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Wine Picks for Thanksgiving

The varied flavors of the traditional Thanksgiving feast require, for the best match, vibrantly juicy, berry-fruit red wines with good texture and body, but soft tannins. Here are the best under a number of categories:

- Rosé: 1996 McDowell Valley Grenache Rosé \$10; 1996 Simi Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon \$10.
- Beaujolais: 1997 Beringer Nouveau Gamay Beaujolais \$7; 1995 Chateau de la Chaize, Brouilly \$14.
- Pinot noir: 1996 Meridian \$14; 1996 Iron Horse \$25.
- Merlot: 1996 Tarapaca (Chile) \$7; 1995 Paul Thomas Rattlesnake Red \$9; 1996 Veramonte (Chile) \$10; 1995 Lockwood \$17; 1995 Murphy-Goode \$18.
- Cabernet Sauvignon: 1994 Van Asperen \$17, 1994 St. Clement \$26; 1993 Simi Reserve \$42 (but probably best with a nice, juicy steak!).
- Zinfandel: 1995 Villa Mt. Eden Grand Reserve Monte Rosso Vineyard \$20; 1995 Villa Mt. Eden California Zinfandel \$12; 1995 Sierra Vista \$13; 1996 Preston Old Clones/Old Vines \$19.
- French red: 1995 Domaine du Mas Cremat, Cotes du Roussillon \$12.

Thanksgiving from page B1

"It turned out great," said Hayman about the cookbook. "You don't buy this book just for the recipes, you buy it because it's part of Detroit and your heritage. It help build the image of the city. You'll also see some interesting recipes."

Cohen and Hayman are already thinking about a cookbook for next year - "Generations," that would include some children's drawings, and favorite family recipes, handed down generation to generation.

The cookbook is available at Borders two Birmingham locations; 34300 Woodward, and 31150 Southfield Road, or by calling (313) 923-COOK. It costs \$10 (plus \$3 shipping and handling).

Tom Prenczky of Plymouth is surrounded by tradition at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum where he works as a pastry chef. At home, he likes

to introduce his family to new foods that have since become their traditions.

"Like every year we have Butternut Squash Soup," he said. It was something he learned how to make while he was studying to be a chef. "My family loved it, now we have to have it."

Because he's a pastry chef, he's often asked to bring dessert. Prenczky doesn't mind. "I like to try different things," he said. "People shouldn't be afraid to try something new. We make an apple pie with dried cherries and walnuts."

Growing up, butter tarts were a Thanksgiving tradition at the Prenczky house. "I'm half Canadian," he said.

His advice for getting ready for the big day - "prepare as many things in advance as possible."



Thanksgiving memory: Keely (Kaleski) Wygonik on the ladder (center) with her brother Mike, wait for the parade to begin. This photo was taken in 1968.

Potatoes with vanilla cream are really 'sweet'

See Rick Halberg's column on the Taste front.

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AP - Kiwifruit-Grapefruit Salad makes a great dessert or light meal. The yogurt-lime dressing with honey tops off this light, healthy and easy-to-make dish.

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- 3 (about 3 ounces each) kiwifruit, pared and sliced
- 1 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- Yogurt-Lime Dressing (below)

Arrange fruit on platter, sprinkle with almonds. Serve with Yogurt-Lime Dressing. Makes 2 servings. **Yogurt-Lime Dressing:** Combine 1/4 cup plain yogurt with 1 teaspoon honey and 1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel; mix well. Makes about 1/4 cup. Recipe from: California Kiwifruit Commission

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Facial fallacies are unmasked

I've received a number of letters from readers asking for information about skin care — facials in particular.

So, I decided to interview an expert I have known for years who has her own salon in Birmingham, Mary Glancz. Like so many other aestheticians, she's from Hungary. She learned the craft at the feet of her parents who were also in the same field.

JB: How do you select the proper facialist?

Mary: Referral is always best. Tour not only the premises, but the surrounding neighborhood as well. In the salon, look for good lighting, an immaculate atmosphere, and state of the art equipment. Be sure to ask lots of questions before you sign up for treatment, so that expectations on both sides can be understood and met.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

JB: What are the procedures that are being offered at the moment that women should be aware are a waste of time and money?

Mary: The two biggest rip-offs that are fashionable at the moment are cellulite removal and banded body wraps. I feel they are fraudulent, and they don't work.

JB: What is new to the field?

Mary: Glycolic acid peels for dry/tired skin, as well as sun-damaged skin. We prefer to take a slow approach, and it should take between two and three weeks for the face to heal properly. Results have been particularly good for women who have the common problem of feather lines around the eyes and the mouth.

JB: I have oily skin, and have been having facials for a number of years. But one procedure that I am not fond of is the steaming and then squeezing of pores. Is there a good reason for doing this?

Mary: Squeezing can be good as long as the skin is moist, and also that gloves are worn by the practitioner. Disposable instruments should also be used if the best results are to be achieved. If you break out after a professional facial, then in all likelihood they did not "deep pore cleanse." That would mean that some of the impurities were not removed. Steaming is not for everybody. If your skin is sensitive, if you have rosacea or broken capillaries, then you should be very careful about subjecting your skin to extremes of temperature. If steaming is used, then it must be placed far enough away from the face so that the skin does not react angrily. I like to finish by adding chamomile tea to the steam, mainly for its soothing qualities.

JB: Is there a standard facial?

Mary: No. Everyone is different. The most important part of a facial is the consultation. That way there are no surprises for the client. Men as well as women should have them. With men the main objective is to get those pores cleaned. Many men who may not have had a facial before may need a couple of sessions before the pores get used to being opened up and cleaned. Follow up work at home, taking time to get the skin clean every day is imperative. Otherwise it's like only vacuuming the house once a year.

JB: How old should you be to go for your first facial?

Mary: Ideally 12 or 13, or when you hit puberty.

JB: How much should you expect to pay for a good facial?

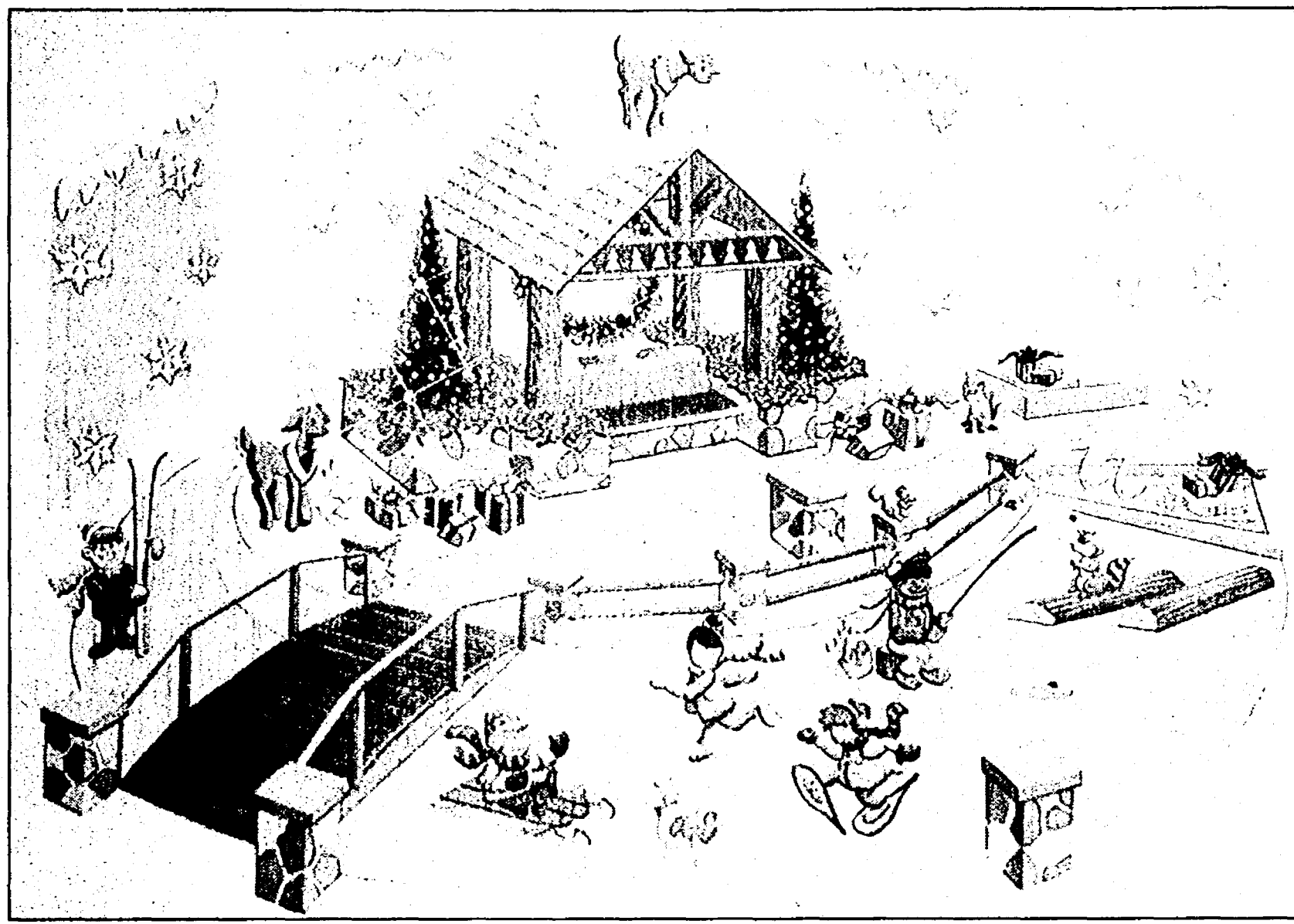
Mary: Most facials start at \$65 and go up from there, depending on what is included. Make sure to discuss this beforehand.

JB: Do you have final words of advice?

Mary: Winter is approaching, and we are most concerned about complexion that have broken capillaries. It is most important to protect those skins from the elements. If proper care is utilized, along with the soothing aloe plant, we feel that a man or a woman can make it through our frigid winters with a minimum of problems.

If you would like to contact Mary Glancz, you can reach her at (248) 642-6787. Her salon is at 102 Pierce Street, Birmingham.

I will be taking appointments for beauty consultations at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham for the first week of December. These sessions last three hours and are limited to five women. I apply your make-up, teaching you to replicate the look yourself. We also discuss skin care, and make recommendations about hair. The minimum purchase is \$125 which is applied towards products that have been used on you. For information call 1-800-944-6588. My salon visits resume in February.



Picture perfect: When he arrives, Santa Claus will wait for little visitors inside a snow-covered pavilion at MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills through Dec. 24.

Santa sightings Malls decked out for the holidays

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

An informal survey of area mall managers reveals that most holiday exhibits cost shopping centers about \$250,000 and are kept for three years.

They are designed and built by a handful of display companies across the U.S. and Canada, and magically appear overnight at your neighborhood mall, assembled by "elves" and "fairies," as one jovial manager insisted.

This year, shoppers and their children will delight to winter wonderland exhibits in center courts that include giant Polar Bears — Westland Center, Reindeer — Livonia Mall, 'A Crystal Forest' — Twelve Oaks, A Dept. 56 Christmas Village — Oakland Mall, A Renaissance Holiday — Somerset Collection, Snow Scenes — Northland Center, and A Charlie Brown Christmas — Lakeside Center.

Native-costumed "children" celebrate Holidays Around The World — Tel-Twelve Mall, Teddy Bears — Wonderland Mall, Flights of Fancy — Fairlane Town Center, Santa's Magical Topiary Garden — Laurel Park Place, Mother Goose — Summit Place.

The Hudson's store at Summit Place hosts the retailer's stunning 8th annual holiday exhibit portraying Charles Dickens holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* in 23 animated theatrical vignettes, up now through Dec. 31 — and complimentary!

MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills debuts a turn of the century skating pond scene this year, featuring a frozen creek with "animated children skiing, skating and ice fishing near the creek's wooden bridge, observed by animated woodland creatures," according to manager Jim Westcott. Santa will be waiting for children who want pictures in the center of the winter village in a snow-covered pavilion.

Lakeside in Sterling Heights also premieres a new exhibit this season with Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Pig Pen, Peppermint Patty and Schroeder featured in a variety of holiday settings throughout the center. The highlight of the exhibit is an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse, complete with 36-foot tree exploding through the roof!

Laurel Park Place is the third center with a new holiday decor package, animated elves prepare Santa's hot air balloon, with garden animals shaped from topiaries. There is an interac-

tive children's play area nearby.

Santa Claus arrives at most shopping malls this weekend (Nov. 22-23) signaling the start of the 1997 Holiday Shopping Season.

Over the next nine weeks, according to retail analyst Fred Marx of Marx/Layne in Farmington Hills, traditional retailers will make two-thirds of their annual profits from about 29-percent of yearly sales.

Not to be outdone by their larger, enclosed counterparts, Main Street retail centers in Franklin, Plymouth, Rochester, Birmingham and Farmington also have their unique events for holiday shoppers.

Franklin hosts a *Holly Day* for families 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 with raffles, refreshments, dreidel demonstrations, Santa photos, food sampling, crafts for kids, ice carvings and a *Light Up A Life Sweater Drive*.

Rochester kicks off the season with the annual *Lagniappe*, Monday, Dec. 1 from 6 p.m. featuring carriage rides, gifts for shoppers and carolers.

Birmingham welcomes the season with the annual *Christmas Tree Lighting* 7 p.m. in Shain Park. The Salvation Army Band performs, the Village Players lead carols. On Dec. 12 the annual Midnight Shopping Spree begins at 6 p.m. with marching bands, carriage rides and Santa photos.

Plymouth invites shoppers to *Come Home to Plymouth* with an Open House throughout the retail district, Nov. 21-23. Merchants will serve refreshments, welcome Santa to Kellogg Park where he will be available for photos weekends through Dec. 24. From Dec. 6-8 volunteers will decorate 50 trees in Kellogg Park which will be lit to the tunes of carolers, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Street corners will host carolers Friday, Dec. 12 from 7-10 p.m. and shops will stay open until 10 p.m. providing discounts to customers who stop in with a canned food for The Salvation Army Food Bank.

Farmington celebrates *Holidays Around The World*, Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scrooge with Albert Finney will be shown, free, at the Civic Theater 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Carolers will fill the streets along with a holiday trolley and fire truck. The tree lighting is at 6 p.m. at Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River.

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

Holiday exhibit open

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

Summit Place Mall.
Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford.
(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event

Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-muffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free. Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 816-5484.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Santa arrival

Troy Athens Marching Band welcomes Santa Claus for a rousing parade through the shopping center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Santa E-mail station on upper level, near JC Penney's.
Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(248) 585-6000.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Radio event for charity

WJLB's Mason & Co., broadcasts live from the mall, 6 a.m. to midnight and Nov. 21 from 6 a.m. to noon, collecting *Coats For Kids*. Elves will take children's gently-used coats at the Valet Entrance between JC Penney and Lord & Taylor from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m.

Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Southfield. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

Santa on parade

A horse-drawn carriage brings Santa Claus to the mall at 7 p.m. Walton entry. Parade includes musicians, dancers and costumed characters.
MeadowBrook Village Mall.
Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills.
(248) 375-9451.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Annual holiday parade

Don't miss the 15th mall/city-sponsored community parade, "Wishes Can Come True," beginning at 9 a.m. Six Mile and Middlebelt, proceeding north on Middlebelt to the shopping center at Seven Mile. Free hot chocolate for all at the mall after the parade. Clowns, floats, fire engines, celebrities, bands, giant balloons. Christmas concert by Evola Music/Baldwin pianos at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. west end of the center. Santa photos through Dec. 24.
Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Santa/Character Parade

Colorful characters walk Santa Claus to his place in Center Court, noon.

Summit Place. Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph.
(248) 682-0123.

Bananas in Pajamas

Santa Claus arrives by horse and carriage outside entrance 6. John Glenn High School marching band brings him into the mall to JC Penney Court. Enjoy a special musical performance starring Australian phenomenon *Bananas in Pajamas*, follows at 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Santa photos through Dec. 24.

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

Lamp Chop greets Santa

Shari Lewis' Lamp Chop makes a solo appearance to welcome Santa Claus at noon. Lamp Chop stars in a musical production at 2 and 4 p.m. in the Sears Court. Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.
(248) 348-9411.

Band brings Santa

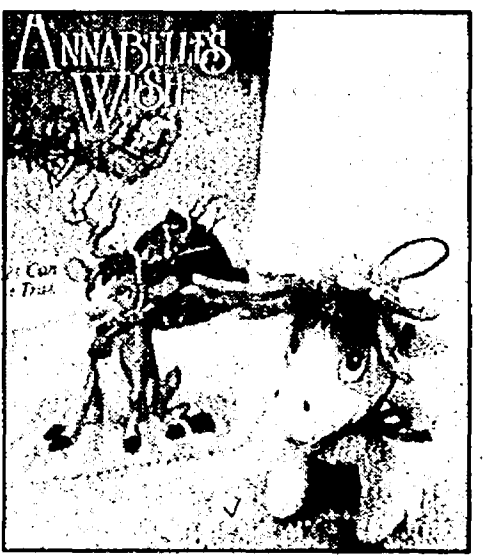
Southfield Lathrup's High School Band plays to the arrival of Santa Claus at 11 a.m. Face painting activities for children 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.
(248) 353-4111.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

Leader Dog benefit

Jacobson's hosts 5th annual fund-raiser 6 p.m. silent/live auction of 150 items from Rochester-based shops and service stores, fashion show (8 p.m.) hors d'oeuvres and wine from area restaurants. Dessert afterglow. Tickets are \$30, \$75 and patron \$100. Call Leader Dogs office (248) 651-9011.

Great Oaks Mall.
Walton/Livernois Rochester Hills.
(248) 651-6000.



Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

What we found:

- **CORRECTION!** Stephanie Kopinski, owner of **I Do, Two**, 345 N. Main in Plymouth, said the shop does NOT buy old bridesmaid dresses. However, the shop will take bridal gowns, slips and veils, up to a year-old on consignment. Call (313) 455-4800.
- A Tim Allen signature **hammer** for Bruce of Canton.
- Several readers called offering their 1995 Oreo **cookie tins** for Chris of Garden City.
- Many readers had **recipes** for pumpkin bar cookies to share.
- A pushbutton radio is at **Service Merchandise** stores.
- Shirley Mullen said she spotted Shirley Temple **paper dolls** in the **Miles Kimball** catalog for \$3.95. To order 1-920-231-4886.
- The 1984 Precious Moments collectible was spotted in *The Limited* catalog from Holland, MI for \$23. To order, call 1-800-355-6363.
- A reader said she has a **CD** of Billboard's Greatest Christmas recordings from 1935-1954 that contains Gene Autry singing Rudolph. She said she would be happy to make a copy of the tune, or it may be in the music stores again for the holidays.
- Many readers called offering their electric **Super Shooters**.
- Theresa of Canton said silk sheets are in the *Domestications* catalog \$129.99 to order, 1-800-746-2555.
- A caller wanted to make a copy of the book *The Shiniest Star*.
- Lily of the Valley was seen at **Victoria's Secret** stores, as well as under the name Muguet by Coty, sometimes at **Kohl's** for the holidays.
- Reader, Bill Perry, said the folks looking for **collectible** items should check out the spring Collectibles Show at the Dearborn Civic Center. Until then, he suggests calling Eve Baker in Fort Wayne, IN who knows a lot about Enesco, Dept. 56, Hallmark etc. items, 1-219-637-5708.
- A **Keepsake Jewelers** is open at the Fairlane Town Center.

Still looking for:

- A Hallmark 15" red, bean bag Santa bought in 1988, for a handicapped boy whose "favorite friend" is falling apart, according to his mom. "Santa's wearing black shoes and has green mittens."
- The rustspot remover *Magica* for Michelle.
- Tame cream rinse for Janet of Livonia.
- Aziza crease resistant powder eye shadow base.
- Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.
- A used, regulation size tennis net for Judy of Farmington Hills.
- A used, piano bench for Claudia of Livonia.
- Mary Kay eyeshadow pencil in mushroom shade for Shirley.
- A microwave turntable where the top comes off to clean in the dishwasher. "Our original broke. It was by Anchor-Hocking," said Shirley Mullen.
- The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.
- A Bo-Jo or Jo-Bo, neutral-colored rubber toy whose eyes, ears, nose etc, pops out when you squeeze it. "My kids loved it in the '50s," said Mickey of Livonia. "I want it for my grandkids now."
- Revlon oily Flex shampoo with brown cap and Emprin aspirin for Dawn Peruski.
- A stone polisher for Jennifer.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll"
- A card game Lizard for Barbara.
- The Cross Up Poker game from the '70s for Ruth of Livonia.
- Rubber Spoolies hair curlers.
- A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.
- Where can Bangkok flatware be appraised?
- A recording of Cyndi Lauper's *Man in the Desert*
- A three-foot high wishing well for Dianna's outdoor garden.
- A Vidal Sassoon set of hot rollers with 25 hair rollers.
- Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.
- Pleated rainbonnets that fold to 3-inches and pleated rainbonnets that have a snap on the bottom.

RETAIL DETAILS

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

Designer visits Neiman Marcus

Annie Morhauser, famous for her winning tableware known as "Annieglass" meets customers and offers ideas for "bold, creative tablesettings" at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection South in Troy, Friday, Nov. 21 from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Gift Galleries on Level 3. The public is invited to attend.

New to Star Southfield

A coffee shop, Frisco Bay, has been added to the lobby's lineup of concessions. Movie-goers can enjoy a latte, dessert or smoothie

during the film or after. The Star Southfield is on 12 Mile between Telegraph and North-western.

Kroger hosts Food Drive

The demand for food for the needy is up 23-percent this year heading into the holidays, according to Gleaners Food Bank. To help, all 82 Michigan Kroger stores will offer prepackaged bags of Kroger-brand food in \$5 and \$10 increments for purchase. Shoppers simply pick the bag of their choice and pay for it when they cash out, depositing the bag in a collection bin for distribution to the food bank. For their donation, customers will be given a coupon for \$5 off a deli party tray. The drive runs through Dec. 23.

Fashion Library marks 10th year

The Fashion Group International hosts an Open House at

the Tavy Stone Fashion Library to commemorate the library's 10th year on the second floor of the Detroit Historical Museum Sunday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featured will be a display of vintage hats and clothing from the private collection of Maureen Wickenheiser. Museum admission and parking fees apply. The non-circulating library keeps limited hours Wednesday-Friday. Phone requests can be made by calling (313) 832-0844.

Holiday stores open at mall

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield has many new shops open for Nov.-Jan. Among them: The Warming House (family accessories), Toys For Less (discount playthings), N&J Tailoring, Christmas By Frank's, Wilson The Leather Experts, Pager One, Great Lakes Hotdog (Vienna beef variations), The Sports

Gallery (memorabilia and collectibles). The mall, at 12 Mile and Telegraph, welcomes inquiries at (248) 353-4111.

Shop hosts sweater swap

Redwood & Ross shoppers at the Merrillwood Collection in downtown Birmingham are urged to bring in old sweaters for a \$25 discount on a new sweater over \$88, through Nov. 30. All traded sweaters will be sent to The Pontiac Rescue Mission according to manager Chris Duell.

Duell has just overseen the recent remodel of the store which sells fine fashions for men and women. The store boosted its lighting by 30-percent, installed new racks and removed walls for greater visibility through the store.

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Farmington Hills

Thursday, November 20
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
36650 Grand River Ave.
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at Bill Knapp's
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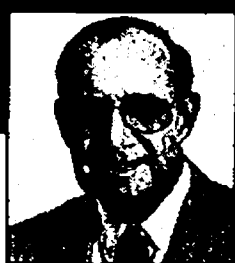
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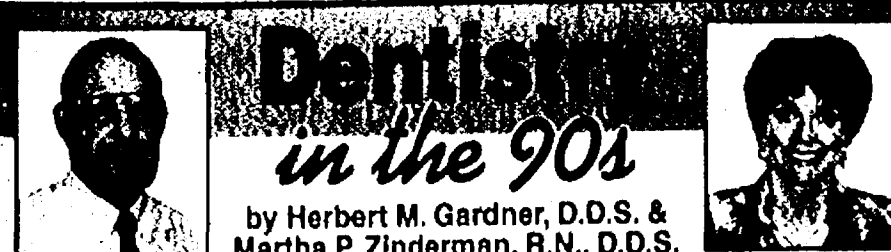
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damage them. There should also be sufficient space on the underside of the pontic so that dental floss can be passed beneath it to keep it clean.

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Gobble up Thanksgiving Day at fine area restaurants

Spending time together is what counts on holidays, and for families who would rather leave the cooking to someone else on Thanksgiving Day, here are some options to consider. Reserving in advance is strongly advised and in some cases essential.

WAYNE COUNTY

■ **Schoolcraft College** - The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a complete Thanksgiving Day dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Included with a 14- to 16-pound whole turkey are stuffing, a fresh vegetable, yams, relish and gravy. The meal will serve 8 to 10 people and cost between \$70 and \$80. Fresh pies and cheesecake can also be purchased to complement the meal. Call (313) 462-4491 to place your order.

■ **Ernesto's** - 41661 Plymouth Road (west of Haggerty) Plymouth, (313) 453-2002. Open noon to 6 p.m., all day buffet includes traditional turkey with trimmings, ham, porkloin, Italian dishes, desserts, and more. Cost \$17.95 per person, children ages 6-12, \$8.95; children five and younger complimentary.

■ **Leather Bottle** - 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420. Open 1-6 p.m., Thanksgiving Day menu features choice of turkey, baked Atlantic cod, glazed ham, beef, and chicken breast supreme. Cost \$11.95 per person, children's menu also available.

■ **Leon's Family Dining** - 28904 Seven Mile Road, Livonia (248) 478-7811. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special Thanksgiving menu, turkey dinner, \$6.95 per person, \$4.95 children 12 and under, includes soup, salad, turkey and trimmings, other menu items also available.

■ **Mama-Mia Restaurant & Pizzeria** - 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (313) 427-1000. Open noon to 9 p.m. Whole turkey dinner for parties up to eight, carve it at your table, \$79, includes pumpkin or apple pie. Take home the leftovers. Single turkey dinners, and other menu items will also be available.

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■ **Plymouth Landing** - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (313) 455-3700 - Offering a buffet 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Includes traditional turkey dinner with trimmings, baked pineapple glazed ham, Seafood Newburgh, Beef Stroganoff, Pasta Italiano, Greek Spinach Pie, fresh fruit, pastry table and more. Cost \$15.95 per person; \$6.50 for children ages 5-10; no charge for children 4 and under. Reservations recommended.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

M-CARE Web site

Fry Multimedia, an interactive agency and software development firm based in Ann Arbor, launched the M-CARE's new Web site at <http://www.mcare.org>. M-CARE is the managed care organization designed by the University of Michigan.

"We wanted to provide a site that our members would find fresh, useful and informative," said Ken Arbogast-Wilson, M-CARE senior graphic artist and Web site project leader. "Features like the on-line provider directory, HouseCall member magazine and Health at Home medical self-care guide will keep them coming back. We're giving our members a best-in-class Web site."

MPMA election

Michael Gerber, D.P.M. was elected treasurer of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), the statewide organization of physician specialists of the foot and ankle.

Skiing conditioning

Oakland Physical Therapy P.C. is presenting a seminar for all individuals interested in skiing. The information provided in this class will give an overview of musculoskeletal conditioning for skiing. The emphasis will be on stretching and strengthening exercises. The class format will include a brief lecture on concepts, a slide presentation on biomechanical principles, and a live demonstration of exercise techniques. Participation in exercises is encouraged at the seminar. Comfortable attire is recommended. There is no charge for the Dec. 4 class at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physicians Office Building) Suite B-124, 47601 Grand River, Novi.

Please R.S.V.P. by telephone if you plan on attending (248) 380-3550.

Safety tips can help hunters stay healthy

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Two days into deer camp for the 1997 hunting season and one can't help but be reminded of the tragic outcomes that often result from over-indulgent men and women who don't take a few extra minutes to be "on the look-out" for more than just deer, but warning signs their health is in jeopardy.

A few simple suggestions can help you ward off a potential disaster or worse - death.

First and foremost, say health care providers, if you already have a diagnosed heart condition, extra care must be taken in and out of the woods.

■ Remember your medication. Heart problems don't take the weekend off for a venture into the woods.

■ If you are on prescription drugs, avoid or limit your intake of alcoholic beverages that may cause hazardous interactions and side effects.

■ Eat in moderation. Hunters have a reputation for "over-indulging" throughout the three weeks that encompass firearm deer season. However, don't completely avoid eating all together especially if you plan on being in the woods from sun up to sun down or you are a diabetic.

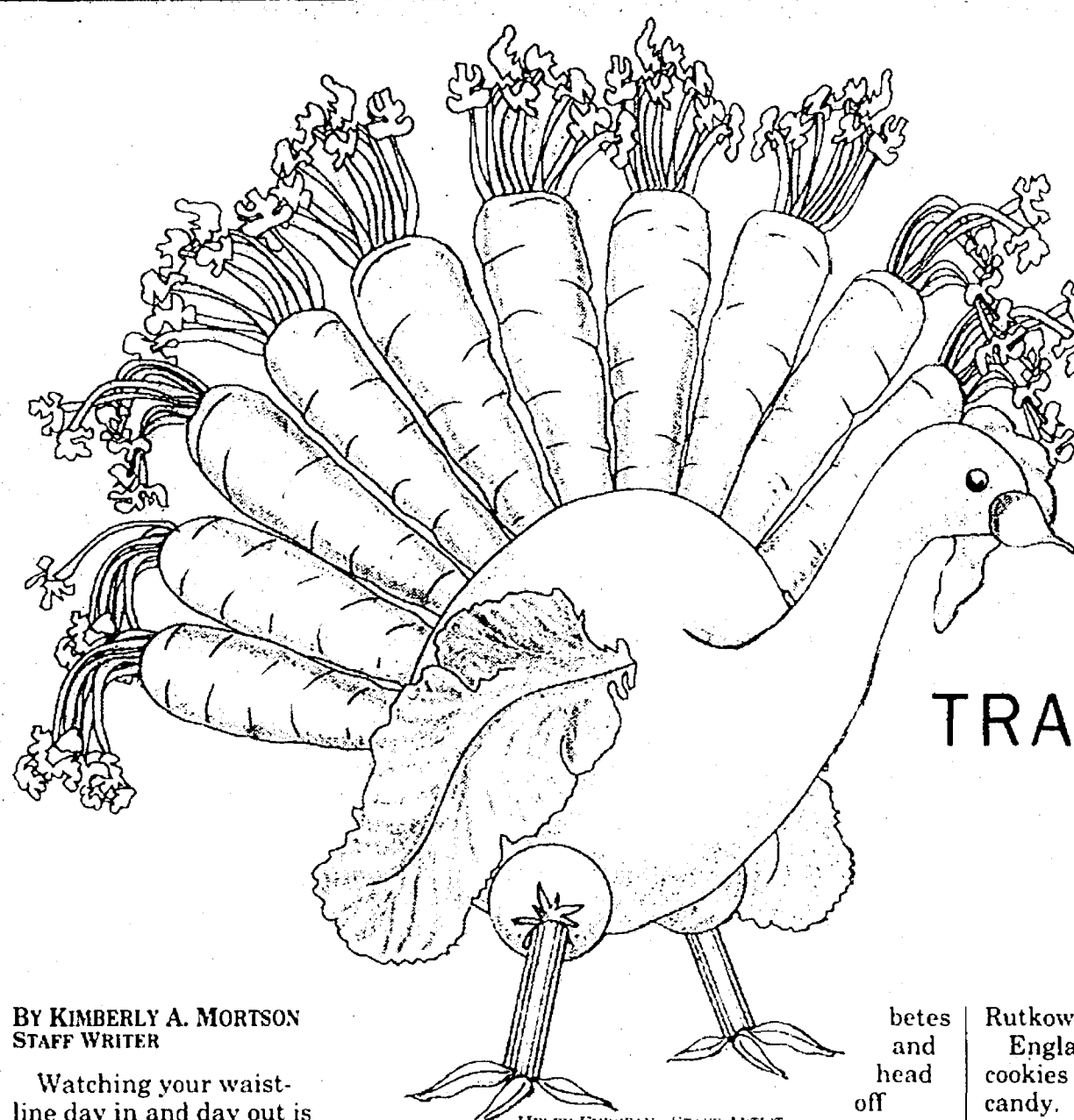
■ Bring along a sack lunch or foods that will keep your energy level up. Granola, dried-fruit and cheese are convenient sources of nutrients that can be easily stored and light-weight.

■ Make an attempt to hunt with a partner. If you face an emergency sit-

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BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Watching your waist-line day in and day out is a challenge unto itself but the upcoming holidays can present an even "bigger" obstacle with office parties, cookie exchanges and buffets becoming a regular part of your itinerary beginning in November and winding down with Super Bowl Sunday.

Although it may be tempting to gorge yourself with foods not consumed year-round, dietitians are warning that the 10-15 pounds put on throughout the holiday season is doing more harm than good.

"Everything in moderation," advised Cinde Rutkowski, Oakwood Healthcare clinical dietitian, Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. "You need to adjust your 'eating attitude' around the holidays and look at your overall intake."

Your best plan of action before the jingle in your step becomes a profound plod is to balance your intake during the weeks you know you have business and social occasions where food is involved.

"If you know that you're going to a party in the evening where heavy foods and sweets are being served, don't have a big breakfast or lunch. Plan to eat lighter throughout the day or find out if the person responsible for the party will be accommodating people watching their health such as low-fat, salt-free or low-calorie dishes," suggested Rutkowski.

MaryLynn England, 56, of Redford Township, who underwent triple bypass surgery in the fall of 1996, has altered her eating habits since suffering a massive heart attack and learning she has diabetes.

The surgical procedure unclogs arteries that limit the flow of blood to an organ such as the heart, in England's case.

"I never gave much thought to what I ate or how I prepared foods in the kitchen," said England. "I had to learn my lesson the hard way."

Since the heart attack, England's cardiac therapist has encouraged her to alter her diet because of her dia-

betes and head off another heart attack.

"If I had known about low calorie, less fat 20 years ago I'd be much better off today. It's not so bad though - eating more healthily. It's more of a state of mind than anything else. Something I voluntarily choose to do."

Wary of sugar

Diabetics need to be particularly careful with their sugar consumption around the holidays when pies, candies and cookies find their way onto plates.

Some suggestions include looking out for high sugar sources such as frostings and glazes.

■ Eat three regular meals as close to the same time everyday. "We get busy around the holidays and might forget to eat. If you're taking insulin you can't afford to skip a meal and risk getting dizzy or having a diabetic seizure."

■ Watch portion sizes. Today's diabetic diet is more liberal, said Rutkowski, "but that's not to say they can eat whatever and as much as they want." If you're going to have cake don't have a piece of bread with your meal or have a small portion of the cake because the frosting's origin is mostly sugar.

As with non-diabetics, Rutkowski said persons on medication and diabetics need to ask their doctor about consuming alcohol and the interaction, if any, it will have with the medication they are taking.

Also, if you are preparing a drink, dessert or entree with alcohol as an ingredient (no matter how minimal), you should alert guests to its presence in the meal.

■ Be aware of the tell-tale signs your blood-sugar levels are off.

If you are consuming something with a high sugar content, balance that out with more protein. "If you go through the buffet line and put a piece of pie on your plate, take a piece of cheese. It will stay with you longer and help you digest the sugars," said

Rutkowski.

England says she eats cakes and cookies in moderation but does enjoy candy.

"I never thought sugar-free candies would be very good," said England, "but I put some out last Christmas and nobody knew the difference. Not even my grandkids."

The Redford Township grandmother says she also eats smaller portions, especially around the holidays, and has found many food substitutes to be very tasty including fat-free mayonnaise, cheese made with skim milk rather than whole, prune butter and apple sauce as a replacement for milk in cakes and breads.

"Try things to see what you like best. I have a few recipes I'll be bringing to a Christmas party this December using many substitute ingredients. I'm sure no one will notice the difference."

Aches more serious?

Overeating is a holiday habit and all too often we see people loafing around after a meal feeling overly full and complaining of a stomach ache. Rutkowski said the images of people doubled-over from a full stomach may paint a more serious picture of food contamination or a food-borne illness. One of the biggest culprits around the holidays is bacteria bred inside the cavities of turkeys stuffed with dressing.

"Although it's not the most popular alternative, because the stuffing doesn't absorb the fats and juices from the turkey, cook your dressing in a separate dish from the turkey or around the outside rather than packing in the stuffing in the neck or body cavity. Densely packed stuffing doesn't allow the heat to circulate and kill off any germs that may exist inside the bird."

Watching what you eat doesn't have to hamper your enjoyment of the holidays.

"Enjoy food but don't take out the stress and frustrations of the holidays on your eating habits," said Rutkowski. "Fill up on companionship, a beautiful table setting and a moderate meal. It's all about the way you look at things."

HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING

TRADE THE TRADITIONAL FOR A SMARTER EATING ATTITUDE

Plan of action

Cinde Rutkowski, an Oakwood dietitian, said following the "Four P-Plan" may help you avoid putting on pounds and making a New Year resolution you can't keep.

■ **Plan:** Balance intake and be prepared for occasions when you can't avoid eating foods prepared by someone else.

■ **Purchase:** Look at ingredients. Read labels and substitute where you can to "lighten" up a recipe such as using an egg substitute or egg whites in place of eggs or plain yogurt in place of sour cream with just as much texture and flavor. Cut back on salt and saturated fats.

■ **Prepare:** Don't neglect hygiene and sanitation in your rush to cook for the holidays. Regular and thorough handwashing is a must. Cutting boards, sponges and dish towels are breeding grounds for food-borne illness and germs. Wash your hands, dishes and cooking utensils (especially when working with raw meat) with hot and soapy water - making sure you rinse with hot water as well.

■ **Partake:** The holidays are traditionally a time when we eat appetizers, entrees and desserts in celebration of the season. Eat in moderation and avoid piling on foods you can eat anytime with those special holiday recipes.

"If mom gets her Christmas cookie recipe out and bakes only for the month of December - it's not necessary to eat her cookies and Oreos when you can eat those anytime," said Rutkowski.

Reckless consumption of fatty, sugary, high cholesterol foods can lead to more serious problems besides obesity, including high blood pressure, heart attack, clogged arteries, and digestive problems. "The choice is yours," said Rutkowski. "Going to a friend's house - find out what's on the menu. Ask if you can bring something low-fat or prepare a dish you can eat that others may find just as appetizing but with less calories."

See recipes on C2

Controlling acne helps physically, mentally

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Getting a pimple can be upsetting, but having a face full of acne can be emotionally devastating, especially to teenagers.

At 18 and with a clear complexion, Amy LaGrow, said she often felt self-conscious and distracted by her acne. "It was a big part of my life for a long time," said LaGrow, now a freshman at Michigan State University.

Her first outbreak was when she was 13 or 14. "It did a lot to my self-esteem - always worrying about how much my face was breaking out," the Canton resident said. LaGrow went to Dr. Ann LaFond, of Canton Dermatology, P.C., who said she often sees patients transform not only physically, but mentally during the course of treatment.

"When you get their acne under control they have a happier personality and are more outgoing," LaFond said. Not all teens with acne need professional help. LaFond tells teens to follow a basic routine of washing their faces gently twice a day with a mild or acne soap and to use a benzyl peroxide based cream or gel, once or twice a day. And don't scrub your skin.

"If that doesn't clear them up they should see their pediatrician or dermatologist," LaFond said. A lot of factors play a role in who gets pimples and how severe they are. But, like most other concerns, heredity plays the biggest part. "Skin is very sensitive to a lot of things that go on in our bodies, changes in hor-

mones and stress," according to Dr. Sandy Goldman, of the Skin and Vein Center in Garden City.

"In the teenage years our bodies are doing some changes and our skin is not used to the changes." Our bodies naturally produce oils that go through the pores and onto the skin keeping the skin moist and from drying out. The pore gets plugged up and the oil can't get out. This oil gets trapped and the bacteria that lives naturally on our bodies breaks the oil down into a fatty acid. That's irritating to the body, which sees it as a foreign element and tries to get rid of it. The area gets inflamed and sometimes if the pore is plugged-up, on the surface you get white and black heads. If it's really deep you get a cyst, which are the big red angry looking pimples.

"Everyone gets a pimple now and then," Goldman said. "When it's chronic it's acne." Environmental factors, like hot sweaty climates, can make it worse. While acne can begin before puberty, normally doctors start seeing it in patients around 12 years old. Close to 100 percent of people, regardless of ethnicity, between 12 and 17 have at least an occasional pimple, according to Acnenet, which provides basic facts about acne on the Internet.

Also, more than 10 percent of adolescents have acne severe enough to require some treatment by a physician. Usually it goes away when patients are in their early twenties. However, for some people, the acne can last a couple of more decades. Keep in mind that pimples are unavoidable, but you can lessen the results of flare-ups and scars or pot marks caused by

the deeper cysts.

"You don't see as many of the teens now with deep scars, because most people will see a family doctor or dermatologist," LaFond said. "One reason to control acne is to avoid scarring and pigmented marks on your face. If you've inherited a tendency toward acne, you'll still go through your teen years with the tendency, but if you keep it under control you won't have scarring and pigmentation."

Teens who get the deeper cysts are treated with oral and topical antibiotics or a medication like the pill, Accutane, which is a vitamin A derivative that dries up oil glands. About 80 percent of patients who go on it are cured even when they discontinue use, Goldman said. Patients are on it for 20 weeks. However there are side effects, including a drying effect on the body, occasionally feeling achy, a temporary rise in triglycerides and cholesterol levels; it can cause severe birth defects if it is taken while pregnant and it can affect liver enzymes.

Close supervision is necessary when Accutane is prescribed. Still, the results of Accutane to someone who was burdened emotionally by acne are amazing.

"I'm glad I had a chance to use Accutane," LaGrow said. "I see people and I think why don't they know about this treatment, because it does help out a lot. It changed my life. I think I became more outgoing, because I wasn't worried about people looking at my face."

Acne is even more traumatic to people who never

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Fund-raiser benefits Batten disease victims

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

More than 65 people put their best foot forward, Oct. 25, to help raise funds and awareness of a rare neurological disease at the first Batten Disease Walk in Livonia.

According to Linda Houghtby, founder of the Michigan chapter of Batten Disease Support and Research Association, the fundraiser generated more than \$7,000 in pledges with more donations expected.

"It was totally awesome," said Houghtby. "The turn out, number of people and what we got in donations was much more than we anticipated or could have expected."

Houghtby and her husband David, established the Michigan chapter of BDSRA in April of this year, seven years after their 17-year-old son Dan lost his battle with the always fatal Batten disease.

Walkers at the Sunday event included friends and relatives of Batten disease victims who hope their efforts and contributions will advance research ultimately leading to a cure of such a rare and debilitating disease.

The Livonia couple wished to express their appreciation to everyone that participated in the event as well as the Livonia graphics company - Graf-X who donated 100 t-shirts.

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New chiropractic owner

Cherry Hill Chiropractic Clinic, P.C., at 315 S. Wayne Road in Westland, has a new owner - Dr. Bernard E. Hughey III. Hughey recently took over the practice that had previously been closed. He has been practicing

downriver for nine years and graduated from Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Ga. in 1988.

Hughey uses a wide variety of techniques to treat his patients. His office is open Monday through Saturday and he is available for late evening hours by appointment on Monday and Thursday. For more information, or to schedule an appointment



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New director appointed

Dana Newton of Livonia has been appointed director of clinical information at Health Alliance Plan (HAP). She will oversee HAP's managed care information group.

"Dana is well-known throughout the organization for championing HAP's PICOS efforts and her work in information systems," said Emily Santer, HAP's associate vice president of health and medical affairs. "Her experience will be a definite asset as she takes on the responsibilities of her new position."

In her new role, Newton will spearhead provider profiling efforts, provide information for care management programs and support efforts to improve date integrity.

New DMC associate chair

The Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University

appointed John M. Flack, M.D., MPH, as the associate chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. He is internationally renowned for his clinical expertise and research in the areas of hypertension and cardiovascular epidemiology with a focus on the African-American community.

Flack has published extensively in the area of hypertension and cardiovascular epidemiology. He has given numerous academic and educational presentations at workshops and medical seminars both nationally and internationally.

Precautions can help guard against food contamination

A touch of the flu?

Don't be so quick to assume that stomach pain, fever, and headache is influenza. It may be the result of a foodborne illness, what we usually call food poisoning. Approximately 80 million Americans suffer from it each year. Don't be one of them. By following a few simple tips you can practically eliminate the risk of foodborne illness, keeping yourself, and your dinner guests safe.

With *How to Help Avoid Foodborne Illness in the Home*, a free publication developed by Lysol and reviewed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, you'll

learn how to safely handle, prepare and serve foods to prevent the spread of illness-causing bacteria. There are also tips for keeping your kitchen clean and bacteria-free.

Bacteria accidentally spreading among foods is one of the biggest causes of foodborne illness, with raw meat often to blame. But it's easy enough to prevent by following a few commonsense rules of thought:

■ After grilling your burgers, for example, don't put them back on the same plate you used when they were raw.

■ Another no-no: preparing vegetables on the same cutting board you used for raw chicken without thoroughly cleaning it in between.

■ Proper cleaning means more than merely rinsing or wiping the board off. Soap and hot water, followed by an antibacterial cleaner or bleach and water mixture, is the way to kill bacteria before it ends up in your salad.

Speaking of cutting boards, plastic is better than wood. Why? Because wood is more likely to absorb and hold bacteria. And since bacteria can also lurk in kitchen sponges, towels, and dishcloths,

make sure to wash them frequently. Better yet, use paper towels when possible.

Hands spread bacteria, too. Not only between foods, but also to doorknobs, refrigerator handles, and kitchen counters. Always wash with soap and water then dry your hands with a clean towel or paper towel, before and after handling food.

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Holiday recipes offer healthy alternatives to old favorites

LITE 'N' EASY CRUSTLESS PUMPKIN PIE

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 2 Tbsp. cold water
- 2 1/4 cups low-fat evaporated milk, divided (undiluted)
- 1 3/4 cups (16-ounce can) solid pack pumpkin
- 6 Tbsp. packed dark brown sugar or low-calorie equivalent
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

In a large bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water to soften; set aside. In small saucepan, heat one cup low fat evaporated milk just to boiling. Slowly stir hot milk into gelatin. Mix in remaining evaporated milk, pumpkin, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla; set aside. Spray 10-ounce glass pie dish with non stick cooking spray. Pour pie mixture into dish; refrigerate.

■ Yield: 1 10-inch pie
Nutrients per serving (1/10th of pie): 97 calories; 2 mg cholesterol;

fat, trace; and sodium 72 mg.

CRANBERRY-NUT BREAD

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 slightly beaten egg white
- 1 2/3 cups skim milk
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 2 tsp. finely shredded orange peel
- 1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Spray one 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan or two 7.5-by-3.5-by-2-inch loaf pans with non-stick coating; set pan aside. In a large mixing bowl stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In another mixing bowl stir together the egg white, milk, cooking oil, and orange peel. Add to the flour mixture, stirring just till combined. Stir in the cranberries and walnuts. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake in a 350 degree oven from 1 to 1 1/4 hours for the 9-by-5-by-

3-inch pans (40 to 45 minutes for the smaller pans) or till a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool the bread in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove bread from the pan and cool completely on the wire rack. Wrap and store overnight before slicing.

■ Yield: One large loaf or two small loaves.

Nutrients per serving: (1/18th of loaf): calories, 160; cholesterol, 5 mg; fat, 4 g; sodium 105 mg.

CRISPY CEREAL TREATS

- Vegetable oil spray
- 1/4 cup maple syrup or corn syrup
- 2 Tbsp. acceptable margarine
- 40 regular marshmallows
- 3 cups toasted rice cereal
- 3 cups toasted chocolate rice cereal

Spray a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan with vegetable oil. Set aside. In a large saucepan or dutch oven, cook maple syrup and margarine over medium-low heat until margarine melts, about three minutes. Add marshmal-

lows and stir until completely melted, about five minutes. Remove from heat. Add cereals and stir until well-coated. Transfer to baking pan. Spray the back of a metal spoon with vegetable oil. Use it to press mixture evenly into prepared pan. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Cut into 32 bars. The bars can be stored, covered righty, in the refrigerator for up to one week.

■ Yield: 32 bars

Nutrients per serving (1 bar): calories, 63; cholesterol, 0 mg; fat, 1g; sodium, 69.

SPLENDID SPINACH DIP

- 2 cups plain, nonfat or low fat yogurt
- 1 pkg. (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/3 cup finely chopped or grated fresh onion
- 2 Tbsp. reduced calorie mayonnaise
- 1 pkg. (1.4 ounces) instant vegetable soup mix

In a medium bowl, combine yogurt, spinach, onion, mayon-

naise, and vegetable soup mix; mix well. Serve immediately or cover and chill up to three hours. Serve with fresh vegetable dippers.

■ Yield: 3 cups

Nutrients per serving: (2 Tbsp.): calories, 10; fat, 0g; cholesterol, trace; and sodium, 32 mg.

CRANBERRY FRUIT DIP

- 1/2 cup nonfat or low fat vanilla, lemon or peach yogurt
- 1/2 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. ground ginger (may use less - tends to be a strong spice)

In a medium bowl, stir together all ingredients. Serve with fruit. Can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.

■ Yield: 1 cup

Nutrients per serving (2 Tbsp. dip): calories, 37; cholesterol, 0mg; fat, 0mg; and sodium, 11mg.



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HEALTH News

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MON, NOV. 17

BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR DAY

Henry Ford Health Core will sponsor a Breast Cancer Survivor Day from 1-4 p.m. at the Dearborn location. You will have the opportunity speak with a breast prosthetics certified fitter, mastectomy bras and bathing suits. The importance of self

breast exams and support groups will be discussed by the American Cancer Society. A door prize will be given for every woman entering the store and a raffle at the end of the seminar. For more information call, (313) 562-7800.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A bloodmobile at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will be held from 2-8 p.m., 9901 Hubbard - basement. For appointments call, (313) 422-0494.

TUE, NOV. 18

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding information and support. Babies and children are always welcome. Next meeting is Nov. 18th at 7 pm. Please call for location and/or additional information. Theresa 261-6814, Vicki 937-

3011 or Michele 591-7071.

DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics age 18 years and older, "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes. Held at St. Mary Hospital from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Nov. 18-Dec. 16, in the West Addition Conference Room. The fee is \$75 and includes all materials. A support person at no extra cost can participate. Preregistration is required, call, (313) 655-2922.

HOSPICE SUPPORT FOR HOLIDAYS

Facing the holiday season can be one of the most challenging and difficult experiences we must endure as grieving persons. This one-hour seminar, from 7-8:30 p.m., will provide you with "holiday helps" and suggestions for dealing with grief during the holidays. To register for this GranCare Hospice event, call 1-

800-428-3441 ext. 115. Meet in the lobby of GranCare, 38935 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.

INFANT/CHILD CPR

Learn to perform CPR on infants and children. Certificates given upon completion of the course. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) Contact 1-800-543-WELL. From 6-10 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne.

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who have or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call 458-4396.

NOV. 18 & 20

MOMS FITNESS ON THE GO

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WED, NOV. 19

ASTHMA EDUCATION

Don't let asthma control your life. Learn more about asthma, triggers, medications, peak flow and inhaler use at an asthma education class from 5-8 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia, 29200 Schoolcraft. The class is open to asthma patients or parents of children with asthma but is not intended for those under age 18. The cost is \$35

which covers supplies. The class is a covered benefit for members of Health Alliance Plan. To register call, (313) 523-1704.

HOLIDAYS & CAREGIVING

Why holidays can be so difficult for caregivers and care receivers. This program provides recommendations for coping with this stressful time of year. Tips and gift ideas for caregivers & care receivers. Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia from 7-8:30 p.m. (313) 462-2300, 37595 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

ADULT CPR CLASSES

Three hour evening class conducted on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Registration required by calling, 458-4330.

Acne from page C1

Acne is even more traumatic to people who never had acne and developed it in their late teens and early 20s, Goldman said. "We've had some severe cases where people won't go to school," he said. "If you have that severe acne and you get it cured it's a dramatic impact on their lives, especially among teenagers who can be made fun of."

There are more than 100 medications prescribed for various degrees of acne. "I have some patients with super dry sensitive skin with acne and some patients with oily skin with acne," LaFond said.

Also, some over the counter medications that include salicylic acid and benzyl peroxide can be helpful, LaFond said. She tells girls using make-up or moistur-

izers to consider non-comedogenic products. It's no coincidence, LaFond said, that acne seems to flair-up at the worst times, like before the prom, or a date.

Stress can aggravate outbreaks. There are also some myths about acne. For instance, it's a myth that chocolate and french fries cause acne. No direct link has been found between

acne and diet. However, a good balanced diet will improve the circulation of your skin, according to Acnenet. Another myth is that acne is caused by dirt. In fact, professionals find that people with acne wash their faces more often than others, because they're trying to get rid of the oily presence often found on their faces. Teens and their parents should understand, LaFond

said, that seeing a doctor or dermatologist for acne doesn't mean they're signing up for a lifetime weekly regime and a bag full of creams and pills.

"Some people just need one topical at night," she said. "Not everyone has to go in frequently. You may only need one medication, or several, but there are lots of medications you can use."

Safety from page C1

uation a second person would have a greater chance of getting help than the one experiencing the crisis.

■ Carry a first-aid kit with you in your vest or pack that could take care of minor cuts or scrapes. Nothing elaborate, just a few items that could get you by until you reach a hospital or medical center.

Gauze, a prepackaged alcohol swab,

band-aid and something that could be used as a tourniquet in the event you need to stop the bleeding from a limb.

■ Stay hydrated. Carry a water bottle or thermos with warm fluids or juice.

If you do shoot a deer and find yourself deep in the woods, far away from your vehicle remember that a dressed deer has an average weight of 150 pounds. That's a

lot of dead weight to be dragging through heavy brush, snow and over rough terrain whether you're in good health or not.

Surprisingly, some of the heart attacks suffered by hunters are the result of the adrenaline "rush" and excitement they experience after the kill. Pace yourself. Don't try and drag the animal the entire way without stopping. Here's another

example of the benefits of hunting with a second person.

Use these suggestions to safe-guard your hunting experience rather than letting a medical emergency hamper your hobby. A well-planned trip can insure you'll be back "on the look-out" for your four-legged friends for years to come. Healthy hunting!

National Hospice Month

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Cyber families

Households use Internet to improve life

The neat thing about the Internet is it has no boundaries. I get e-mail from people all across the country and, as research for a new book that the Zondervan Publishing Company (www.zondervan.com) will publish early next year (*The Complete No-Geek-Speak Guide to the Internet*), I've been collecting stories about how real people really use cyberspace.

That's how I came to meet Pat Hawn, who calls herself "Cybermom." In fact, she says, her family could be called a "Cyberfamily" because from sunrise to bedtime the family computer is almost always in use and someone is always online. Pat is a marketing representative at public opinion company in Indianapolis and before she heads out the door each day, she sips her coffee while catching up on the morning news with CNN Interactive (www.cnn.com).

Then, it's A Word a Day, a mailing list that sends out a different vocabulary word to subscribers every day. She also is an avid cook and, more mornings than not, checks in on a site about bread making (www.bbga.org) operated by the Bread Bakers Guild of America.

No sooner is Pat off the computer and out the door than her husband, David, a counselor and substitute teacher, usually logs on and e-mails a homework assignment to his Indiana University instructor. David is taking some graduate education courses and the Internet is a key resource.

The couple has two children. Eddie, 14, is a hoops fanatic. Remember, this family lives in Indiana, the Mecca for basketball fans. During the season, he's always on the Net, usually at the National Basketball Association's home page (www.nba.com). Daughter Laura, 11, has several pen pals, including a former favorite teacher, who moved to Ohio.

MIKE WENDLAND



PC TALK

"My kids do homework research on the Net," says Pat. "One time last year we downloaded pictures of Civil War soldiers from the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov).

The Hawns got their computer in early 1995 and were introduced to the online world through commercial online services. Both America Online and CompuServe were offering new users 10 free hours of use during the first month. The Hawns took both services up on the deal.

"This was before they started offering a flat fee of \$19.95 a month. We started out using the 10 free hours from AOL and CIS. They were too addicting. We ran up a bill of about \$100 on each," Pat says. Because being charged by the hour was too expensive for a family that uses the Net so heavily, Pat made some calls and found an Indianapolis-based ISP that gave 120 hours of Net access for just \$15 a month.

"We are on the Internet all the time and have never reached that amount of time," she says of her decision today. "Besides, they only charge 50 cents per hour over 120 hours, so if we did go overboard, it certainly wouldn't cost as much as it did that first month with AOL.

When they first received full Internet access through the local ISP, the Hawns were worried about what their kids would be exposed to online. They had seen the media stories about X-rated materials and cyberstalkers preying on children and decided they better investigate themselves before letting the kids go online.

"I have found that if you want information on a particular subject, you have to go looking for it," she says. "Therefore, you are not likely to come across any pornography without actually doing a search." Pat and David made sure they understood the Internet themselves. They then taught the kids. "We sat down with the kids and set some ground rules such as no computer until homework and chores are done. We also discussed safety issues such as not giving out our address or phone number."

It's hard to find an area of the family's

life that has not been affected by the Internet. "I have a sister in Baltimore, Maryland," says Pat. "We have never been very close, but ever since I got her e-mail address I write her at least once a week."

She says the Net is also a great way to cut family expenses. "My Saturday mornings are spent filling out online forms for free samples (www.auraland.com/free) and newsletters. I have received erasers in the shape of sushi from Japan, free vitamins, free pet food, free samples of soap, free bottles of Gatorade and lots more stuff."

And it's helped Pat emotionally, during what she thought was a serious health crisis. "One time I had an abnormal mammogram. My first instinct was to check out the various breast cancer sites on the Net. There was so much information there it was mind boggling. One of the best sites is OncoLink (www.oncolink.upenn.edu). They have information about cancer prevention, symptoms, diagnoses and treatment. This is not only from a conventional viewpoint but also includes alternative medicine information."

In Pat's case, the scare was only that. Her problem turned out to be some routine cysts. But the way the Net gave her solid, reliable information made her even more devoted to spreading what she calls, the "good cybernews."

"The Internet has changed my life in many ways. All of the ways are good. It's changed the way we do business and communicate with each other. And I'm very excited about the way it will improve in the future."

How about you? How has the Internet impacted the life of your family? Send me your story. You can reach me by e-mail at mike@pcmike.com.

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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, hirings and personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence to: Business Professionals, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

hired as a new designer in the kitchen-bath division of the N.A. Mans Building Center in Canton.



Bodell-Sliwa

Bodell-Sliwa a Livonia resident, graduated from Adrian College with a B.F.A. in interior design. Her previous experience includes working with high-end interior designers and furniture sales.

Manager promoted

Jim Smith of Redford, of Bozell Worldwide in Detroit, has been promoted from print production manager to print production supervisor. Smith will now oversee the day-to-day operations of the development of advertising materials for Chrysler Corporation's Jeep national and international business, including markets in Europe and Africa/Middle East/South America (AMESA).

New designer hired

Amy Bodell-Sliwa has been

Rookie of the Year

Bill Perrin of Livonia was recently honored by Douwe Egberts Coffee Systems, USA as the "Rookie of the Year." Perrin, who is a territory sales manager, was cited for his "outstanding performances as a new employee." A division of Sara Lee Corp., Douwe Egberts is one of the world's leading coffee roasters.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Inspections provided on the move

AutoInspect of Livonia (Mobile Used Automobile Inspections) is a local company that specializes in inspecting used autos for its customers. After scheduling an appointment, an AutoInspect technician and truck will go to the location of the car or light truck and conduct a comprehensive, bumper-to-bumper inspection and a detailed, written report that lets the customer know the mechanical condition of all of the auto's systems.

Inspections can be conducted anytime during daylight hours, Monday through Saturday. However to schedule an appointment, call AutoInspect at (313) 458-4937 during their office hours of Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Murray's auto store opens in Livonia

Murray's Discount Auto Stores celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 28181 W. Eight Mile Road in Livonia. The grand opening was attended by management, local dignitaries, community leaders, manufacturer representatives and area auto club members.

Westland Web site company launched

Art Clique is a new professional Web site production company in Westland, with a design team consisting of artists, graphic designers, computer programmers, and a musical engineer/musician. Due to their unique team of designers who have many years experience in the audio and visual arts, Art Clique has the experience to develop unique, quality, interactive Web site (of any size) for individuals and businesses.

To discover how the Internet should perform, visit Art Clique, Web site production at www.art-clique.com or call (313) 427-9652.

Plan ahead before holiday shopping puts you in the red

Everyone plans for a hearty Ho! Ho! Ho! type of holiday season but few welcome that Oh, Oh, Oh! feeling after it's all over. This year, retail merchants are forecasting higher sales than last year.

As with any other major expense, planning ahead makes a big difference in the outcome

of any purchase, especially for the holidays. Saving in advance can be a tremendous help if you can set aside some money. Shopping early and catching special or true sales helps with many large-ticket items. • Making your shopping trips short.

■ Don't buy on impulse because you are

tired or stressed out.

■ Keeping checking that shopping list to help you monitor purchases and expenditures.

■ Keep your receipts and compare what you've spent against what you have budgeted.



After 20 years of loyal service, Lorie Walls is locked out of her job as a circulation clerk at Detroit Newspapers. Why? Because she's a member of a union — one of six unions whose sacrifices helped make the Detroit News and the Free Press profitable.

But once the papers started making money, they turned their backs on decent

people like Lorie. The papers caused and prolonged a labor dispute that's now more than two years old. The newspaper bosses are stonewalling a judge's order to get the workers back to their jobs right away.

Lorie and more than 1,500 other union workers have been told by the papers to retire or find new jobs.

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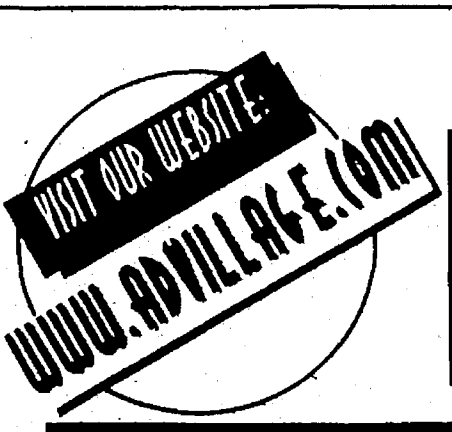
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PERSONAL SCENE

WANTED: SOMEONE SPECIAL

cure, petite, blonde/blue SWF, 27, down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. Seeking friendship, possible LTR, with the right man. #7995

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I don't think it would be the hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in shape, college-educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman - me! Please help me and my search - quick! #7997

HUSKY MAN WANTED

Attractive, honest, kind SWF, 24, 5'11", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, concerts, parks, and not the bar scene. Seeking tall, 5'8", husky built SWM, 24-34, honest, caring and romantic, for friendship, possible LTR. #7939

LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE

DBF, 5'4", 126lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks SD/DM/N with long hair, 5'7"-5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, kind for all adventures and more. Friends first. #7936

PICK ME

Lonely, attractive, petite SF, 25, seeks honest, reliable, sincere, hard-working, intelligent, one son, N/S, enjoys shopping, friendship, possible relationship. If you cheat, don't bother calling. #7660

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Down-to-earth divorced W/F, mid-50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, the movies and dining out. Seeking SDWM, 55-65, great sense of humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #7949

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Variable, open and honest DWF, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, N/S, to enjoy life with. #8003

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Attractive SW, 26, Auburn/blue, hopeless romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 26-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR. #7907

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 126lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys going, going, going. Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financially secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. #7892

BEEHIVE, THERE THAT

SWF, 41, 5'5", 120lbs, dark brown, hazel, sense of humor, never married, no children, enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining-out, going shopping, bonding. Seeking, honest, mid-to-late 40s, handsome, fun, LTR. #7933

SPECIAL WOMAN

Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, N/S, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. CAW dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE...

professional DWF, with a passion for love and life, enjoys jazz, the arts, dining, some sports, outdoors. Seeking financially secure, handsome tall, confident, NS, PM, 40-53. Race open. #7958

CASINO ROYALE

DWF, 39, full-figured, blonde, professional, smoker, enjoys Vegas, travel and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. #7999

SWEET, SENSITIVE...

intelligent, attractive, and honest DWF, 22, seeks tall, financially secure, attractive, non-smoking, God-fearing man. Race unimportant. #8000

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Widowed W/F, 59, 5'2", N/S, social, caring, blonde/blue, emotionally secure, seeks honest SWM, 51-65, with sense of humor. #7575

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES

SWF, 27, brown hair, seeks SWM, 27-35, who enjoys living fun and country music. Must be a professional. LTR. #7952

LIVING LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS

Evolving DWF, 36, no kids, simply average, choosing to celebrate living! Kind, honest, fun-loving, N/D, enjoys all walks of life, music, reading, traveling, the arts, nature. #5890

BEAUTIFUL

Successful doctor, 30s, 5'5", white, slim, elegant, charming, accomplished, well-traveled, honest, and sincere. Loves sports, golf, theater and cooking. Seeking educated, successful, mature gentleman, 32-45, for peer relationship, to start family. #7938

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Attractive, 1.65, 5'10", long brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, mother of 2 girls, home owner, enjoys movies, comedy, outdoors, animals, shopping. Seeking tall, sincere, attractive SWM, 30-50, physically fit, N/S, financially/emotionally secure. #7444

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWFF, 25, enjoys movies, racquetball, softball, quiet evenings at home, seeks attractively built SWM, 24-32, to share similar interests. N/S preferable. #7478

SINCERE

PRETTY, PROFESSIONAL

Petite, slim SWF, 36, blonde, enjoys working out, dining, theater, travel, some sports. Seeking sincere, honest, attractive SWM, 30-50, physically fit, N/S, financially/emotionally secure. #7358

WANTED: RENEGADE...

Tall SWM, 30-40, dark eyes, long dark hair, medium build. Reward this classy Scorpio, 35, 5'5", 120lbs, long dark blonde/blue-green eyes. Purest catch. Warning: playing for keeps. #7400...

FUN-LOVING

Attractive, intelligent DWF, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere SDWM, 40-50, HW proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. #7693

SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young-looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gent, 40-50, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. #7756

101 WAYS

SWF, Mom, Big Beautiful Woman, seeks NS man, 40-65, who is into the lot of everything. #7813

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE

Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7864

YOUR LUCKY DAY!

Classy, open, witty, vivacious, professional W/F, 52, 5'5", 150lbs, cat, package. Needs athletic, romantic, humorous, NS PM, 5'9", to let her cherish. #7708

YOU AND ME

Shapely, sharp, first class, modern SF, 5'12, blonde, natural blonde/green, seeks DWM, 45-50, nice thick, with same qualities, to share life's simple pleasures and... Truth is, I'm not a barbie. #7666

I'M NOT A BARBIE...

so you don't have to be Ken, DUF, 40ish, realizes we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, funny SWM, 39-49, N/S, drinker. Let's travel. #7667

ELAINE SEEKING JERRY

Do you like small packages, full of dynamite? Handle with care: only real men can diffuse me. DUF, 40ish, red-head, 70lbs is sexy, passionate, loving and honest. N/S, for friendship and possible LTR. #7324

NO GAMES

Attractive SWFF, young, 50, blonde/brown, NS, not into games. If you believe honest communication is essential, and you're romantic and secure with many varied interests, please call. #7408

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!

Attractive DWF, 50ish, 5'5", 125lbs, looking for Mr. Nice Guy, a 50ish professional SWM, with positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 70, feels young, seeks WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #7849

PRETTY, PETITE, BRUNETTE

DUF, 40ish, NS single, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring, honest SDWM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. #7902

FROM THE HEART

Affectionate, warm, sensitive SWF, 46, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining in/out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7754

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS

SF, 5'7", enjoys "Northern Exposure", travel, current events, entertaining, attractive, good cook. Seeking male, 40-50, with big ego, self-respecting and kind-hearted only apply. #7811

SECOND TIME AROUND

Spunky, attractive, divorced W/F, 58, 5'3", 125lbs, blonde, Priscilla-Alexis, calm, relaxed, confident, seeks SWM, 59, to share a beautiful dancing, movies, travel, good conversation and family get together. #7572

DYNAMIC, MEAN APPLE PIE, GOD, TENNIS, AND SINGING

Cultural, mean apple pie, PhD, tennis, and singing enthusiast. Theater and dance lover. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #7699

LADY IN WAITING

Forty five year old, DCEPF, hopeless romantic, 5'5", 145lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater and quiet evenings at home. Seeks SCM, 40-55, with similar interests, NS, prosperous, for friendship possibly more. #7700

LADY IN WAITING

DWF, seeks SDWM, 55-62, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family-oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7112

PERKY, BROWN-EYED GIRL

DWF, 38, 5'11", brown/brown, romantic, caring, fond, seeks SDWM, 35-43, for friendly, enjoyable weekends, a little hand-holding, affection, and good conversation. #7601

BALD OR BUZZED?

You 24-28, smart, hard-working, attractive, sensitive, funny, knows how to have a good time. I'm a 24, blonde, brown hair, blue eyes, smart, hard-working, likes to hang out and share quiet times too. #7320

HONESTY IS THE...

best policy. Seeking SWM, 40-52, honest, loving, travel, etc. in search of active professional, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, NS. #7381

UNCHAINED MELODY

SDM, attractive DWF, 50, N/S, seeks SDWM, 45-55, 5'8", HW proportionate, for CAW dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #7505

LOOKING FOR PETER PUMPKIN

DWF, 56, 5'2", 130lbs, looking for SWM, 57-61, N/S, social, drinker, 53-63, a happy gentleman, with a sense of humor, who enjoys music, dancing, movies, walking, traveling, and some quiet times. #7513

FULL FIGURE

If you're looking for a full-figured woman, please contact me. SCF, 5'6", red/brown, seeks fun-loving man, 45+. #7481

KIND-HEARTED

DWF, 40, humorous, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, art, late. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 34-45, N/S, who will be disappointed. #7333

AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn is here and soon the leaves will be falling. SWM, 30, to share autumn leaves, pumpkin patches, cider mills, and harvest festivals. #5891

WARM-HEARTED SWF, MID-50S, seeks

SWM, 50, over 50, for companion and to share the beauty of life. Tell me where you want to be. #7518

FIRST TIME AD

Attractive, intelligent, professional, 40s, 5'7", HW proportionate, N/S, seeks companionship, gentleman, 40-55, for dining out, travel, quiet evenings at home and all the good things life has to offer. #7522

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, likes movies, plays, concerts, traveling, boating, swimming. Looking for her knight in shining armor! Sincere, successful, educated gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #7944

SOLID SECURE GENTLEMAN

Independent, WF, 38, full-figured, working mother, own home with sense of humor, seeks male 30+, with a patient heart, who enjoys watching/participating in sports, quiet times, nights out, for friendship. #7568

DOWN-TO-EARTH

DWF, 44, 5'11", N/S, mother of two, employed, affectionate, romantic and caring, likes camping, movies, music, art, antiques, almost all sports. Seeking WM with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7570

LOOKING FOR UNUSUAL MAN

Seeking SDWM, 48-50, 5'8"-5'11", listen carefully please. I'm looking for a sense of humor in a down-to-earth, classy guy, knows how to dance, no kids under 18, nice-looking, open, accepting of others, financially stable. #5883

LOOKING FOR LOVE...

in all the wrong places. Do you like the petite, classy red-heads, moonlight bowling, country dancing, good music? Are you 50-60 and over 6'0"? If so, check this ad out. #7443

SINCERE REPLIES ONLY

Versatile, romantic SWFF, 43, 5'8", attractive, medium build, blonde/brown, N/S, sound heart, mind, seeks nice-looking, confident, sincere SWPM, 35-50, 5'11", N/S, knows how to love, be loved, for LTR. #7478

OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older mits, all winter activities. Seeking caring, fun, romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7653

I'D LIKE TO WATCH

Friends on Thursday! Single mom of three, 30, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out. Looking for a friend, 26-33. Relationship possible. #7604

ABOVE THE LAW

SWF, 52", brown/brown, seeks law enforcement officer. #7761

SEXY BUT WHOLESOME

Petite, Italian DWF, very young 47, N/S, N/D, great sense of humor, enjoys ethnic dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWM with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7938

CHILI COOK

Seeking missing spice for seasonal favorite, SWM, 34, 6'2", 190lbs, attractive, professional, and humorous. Seeking a dash of attractive spirit to complete mts, before simmering. #7955

SINCERE AND HONEST

SBPM, 36, 5'7", 145lbs, no dependents, seeks a attractive, special single female, 23-39, who has a great sense of humor, is well-educated, and professionally employed. #8006

CHARMING PROFESSIONAL

Attractive SWM, 40, 5'8", 130lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, like children, seeks attractive SWF, for LTR. #7946

YES, I'M LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 20, seeks a SWF, 30-45, for the time of your life! #7998

TIERED OF BEING LONELY

Looking for a lady for a full time relationship, 30-40, it's what's on the inside that counts to me. All calls answered. #7769

SEEKING SOULMATE

Handsome SWM, 38, 5'10", 175lbs, born in great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, hiking, dancing, comedy, being spontaneous. Seeking sweet, attractive, slender/trim, independent female with similar interests. #7758

ROMANTIC WARRIOR

College-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, attractive SWM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, dancing, romantic, jazz, martial arts, open-minded. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #7759

TALL GENTLEMAN

Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, 27-40, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #7766

HOCKEY FANS

DWM, 33, total hockey fan, 5'9", 170lbs, home-owner, skilled trades worker, loves dancing, music, dining in/out. Seeking SWF, 27-35, with similar interests, for friendship/companionship and trust. #7761

SURPRISE ME...

Funny, outgoing, unconventional SWM, 28, 5'10", 150lbs, light brown/brown, enjoys concerts, comedy clubs, art, movies, music, sports. Seeking fit, artistic, educated SWFF, 21-35, sense of humor, for friendship first. #7776

TIERED OF BAR SCENE?

Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", black/green, enjoys outdoors, music, animals, being rollerblading, people watching, parks, movies, making people laugh, seeks tender, SWF, 19-28, with similar interests, for romantic companionship and LTR. #7772

ROMANTIC QUALITY TIME

Sincere, attractive, SWM, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, blond hair, college educated, professional, seeks SWF, with slim to medium build and nice sincere personality for romantic companionship and LTR. #7952

WIZARD SEEKS WIZARDRESS

You, trim, bright, ambitious, humorous SWF, 26-36, blonde, professional, professional, secure, optimistic, romantic, open-minded male, 6', who enjoys indoor/outdoor activities and fun. Let's put a spell on each other. #7960

LIFE IS BEST WHEN SHARED

Brazilian, very attractive, financially stable, easygoing DPM, 36, 6', body-builder, home-owner, seeks slender, active, athletic SWFF, 36-45, with active interests, for possible LTR. Not into head games. #7755

ONE GOOD ONE LEFT

All the good ones aren't gone. SWM, 53, 5'11", stocky, big man, big heart, com- SWM, physically fit, 5'4", multi-career professional, multiple interests, seeks petite SWF, 32-45, for companionship and possible relationship. No games. #7934

PERSONALITY

Attractive, outgoing SWM, 6'2", 230lbs, career man, enjoys travel, cooking, golf, tennis, fishing, and more. Seeking SWF, for open, honest, sincere, monogamous relationship. #7905

PART TIME GROWN-UP

Italian, handsome, confident, youthful DWM, 46, 5'6", 150lbs, fit, N/S, seeks to share time with a lady who has a sense of humor, good tastes, interests, etc. You 30+, very pretty, slender, adventurous, and warm. East Side. #7760

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY

Unique, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks lovely woman, with sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, travel, older mits. Seeking special friend to share autumn activities and time together. #7963

A SUPERIOR CARING MALE

I want I promise to you. Attractive DWM, 48, 5'10", 160lbs, enjoys dancing, sports, and quiet evenings. You are attractive, 35-45, slender, N/S, professional with similar interests. #7940

WIZARD SEEKS SORCERESS

Bright, trim, ambitious SWF, 26-36, sought by handsome SWPM, 42, who is secure, optimistic, open-minded, romantic. #8002

LOOKING FOR A LADY

SWM, 35, average height/weight, N/S, sincere, fun, caring, enjoys most activities, looking for beautiful SWF, 30-45, medium/large, proportionate, N/S, kind, romantic, for relationship. #7845

SEEKING SLENDER BRUNETTE

Pretty, long-haired SWM/HAF who is well-appealing, well-adjusted, passionate SWM, 38, 160lbs, short brown/blue, loves to dance, eat, and have fun. Not hesitate to call. #7852

HONEST AND SINCERE

Kind SWM, 36, enjoys music, movies, laughter, and spectator sports. Seeking LTR. 27-38, for friendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straight-forwardness. #7854

HEY, IT'S ME

Tall, slender, decent-looking SWM, 33, 6'3", 190lbs, enjoys hockey, comedy clubs, concerts, movies and more. Seeking decent-looking LTR. 26-38, for friendship, possible LTR. All replies answered. #7762

LOOKING FOR FUN

Successful, fun SWM, 49, with good heart enjoys travel, weekend getaways, seeks personable female for same. #7841

NEW TO THE AREA

Outgoing, sensitive SWPM, 20, 6'1", 160lbs, part-time student, enjoys walking, movies, dining out, cuddling. Seeking a sensitive woman, 20-30, who shares similar interests. #7948

AUTO WORKER

Steady and dependable SWM, 45, 6'5", 250lbs, new home owner, N/S, N/D, enjoys current events, reading, etc. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, with similar interests to work together for a positive future. #7996

A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS?

Handsome, educated SWM, 30, 5'9", 155lbs, N/S, never married, money manager, enjoys romance, openness, simplicity, commitment. My princess is an elegant, articulate, ladylike SWF, 23-33, N/S, size 2-6. #7842

CALL MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 38, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids for companionship, monogamous relationship. #7851

COUNTRY CLUBBING

Young SWPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, western dances often, has handicap of 6 getting. Seeking attractive SWF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. #7992

WIN AT THE GAME OF LIFE

SWM, physically fit, 5'4", multi-career professional, multiple interests, seeks petite SWF, 32-45, for companionship and possible relationship. No games. #7934

UNLIMITED OFFER

Chance to meet the SWM, 33, 5'9", athletic-build. Are you game for some adventure this fall? Looking for a confident lady of the 90s, with old-fashioned values. #7859

SEEKING LIFE PARTNER

SM, 38, 5'5", medium build, enjoys going out, bowling, walks, park, late theater (Café Evita). Seeking trustworthy SF, similar size, nice on inside like me, for friendship, love. Age unimportant. All calls answered. #7900

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWM, 57, 165lbs, enjoys working out, sports, movies, outdoors, mountain biking, romantic evenings at home, cuddling by fireplace. Seeking pretty SWF, 27-32, athletic build, to share similar interests, possible LTR. #7904

ONE-ON-ONE FOREVER

Handsome DWM, 41, kind of shy, very loving, caring, affectionate, seeks woman, 30-45, 5'0", for fun, loving, laughing, cuddling, dining, late night. Relationship N/W. Detroit/Redford area. #7943</

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VERY FRIENDLY

Catholic SWF, 21, outgoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, seeks honest, sincere, romantic Catholic SM, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1572

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Catholic SWF, 50, reserved, practical, enjoys skating, walking, photography, dancing, music, theatre, looking for supportive SM. Ad# 3839

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS

Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

LONG-TERM?

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

TIRED OF GAMES?

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

MEANT TO BE?

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

A WARM WELCOME

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

LET'S TALK

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

TEDDY BEAR TYPE?

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

NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE...

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

HARDWORKING

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

GOD COMES FIRST

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

RELIGION IS THE KEY

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

GET TO KNOW ME

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

SUPER WOMAN

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

END MY SEARCH

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

HAVE TIME FOR ME?

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

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

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

PRINCE CHARMING?

DWF, 42, 5'8", medium build, short reddish-brown hair, enjoys dancing, movies, quiet evenings at home, seeks tall, romantic, caring S/DWM, 45-55, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1620

CLASSY

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

LOVING AND CARING

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

SWEET & CUTE

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

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

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

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS

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

CHILD OF GOD

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

WORTH THE CALL

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

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

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

ACHIEVER

SWCF, 26, 5'6", 125lbs., never-married, career-oriented, likes hockey, football, dancing, movies, seeks clean-cut, educated, confident SWCM, 24-30, without kids. Ad# 1564

PATIENT & LOVING

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

FUN-LOVING GAL

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

EXTRA NICE

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

FAITH & HOPE

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

ONE OF THE FINEST

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

FOCUS HERE

Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

SHE'S THE ONE

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

ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL

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

INSPIRED?

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

SOUND INTERESTING?

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

NEW CHAPTER

SWF, 70, blonde hair, enjoys long walks, quiet evenings at home, dancing, seeks caring SWM, 62+ for companionship. Ad# 6255

MARRIAGE-MINDED

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

LOOK MY WAY

Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", no children at home, from Oakwood County, hobbies are dancing, long walks, candlelit dinners, the beach, concerts, hoping to meet a DWCM, 41-49. Ad# 2034

SOUTHERN BELLE

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

LOVES THE LORD

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

VERSATILE

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

A BRIGHTER SIDE

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

LOVE ANGEL

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

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CALL!

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

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STRONG SHOULDER

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

SEEKS COMMITMENT

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

IN GENERAL...

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

SEEKS BEST FRIEND

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

TWO WAY STREET

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

WILL BE THERE

SWM, 49, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, non-drinker, respectful, honest, considerate, humorous, caring, lives in Livonia, looking for a SWF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2232

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU

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

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

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

ACTIVE

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

MARRIAGE MAYBE?

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

REALLY INTO HOCKEY!

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

WALK HAND IN HAND

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

BETTER YEARS

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

LONG-TERM

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

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

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

ATTENTIVE

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

OUTGOING

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

ANYTHING IN COMMON?

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

PLEASE CALL ME!

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

NOW & FOREVER

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

FEELING LONELY?

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

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

Catholic DWM, 40, 5'9", 220lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, residing in Garden City, seeks down-to-earth, honest, caring SWF, 33-46. Ad# 4712

JUST YOU AND ME

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

QUALITY FRIENDSHIP

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

ISN'T IT TIME?

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

NO TIME FOR GAMES

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

ROMANTIC AT HEART

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

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!

Catholic SWM, 31, 6'9", dark hair, blue eyes, professional, enjoys dining out, movies, the Casino, long walks, concerts, sports, seeks spontaneous, outgoing SF, 25-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 4593

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

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

SEARCHING IN ROMULUS

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

FINALLY...

Slim DWCM, 55, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, bowling, going for walks, seeking SWCF, 45-55. Ad# 1885

KIND & CORDIAL

Catholic DWM, 55, 5'6", 170lbs., N/S, active, fit, professional, outgoing, friendly, enjoys outdoors, attends Christian activities, seeking compatible, attractive S/DWF, 35-48, N/S. Ad# 1234

VERY SHY

DWJM, 36, heavyset, charming, participates in Bible study and youth ministry, enjoys reading, the arts, seeks free-spirited, financially secure, SWJF, 25-35. Ad# 6969

CELEBRATE LIFE

Non-denominational DWCM, 37, 6', caring, enjoys Bible study, Christian music, dining out, movies, long walks, seeks SWF, 27-36. Ad# 1224

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'7", 150lbs., N/S, non-drinker, never married, athletic, enjoys jogging, biking, camping, the movies, dining out, seeks affectionate, honest Catholic SWF, 42-52. Ad# 1247

THE TIME IS RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", athletic build, sincere, understanding, professional, enjoys golf, downhill skiing, looking for Catholic SWF, 30-45, who is romantic and athletic, to spend time with. Ad# 1967

ENERGETIC

Catholic SWM, 32, 5'9", friendly, enjoys sports, music, the outdoors, boating, movies, socializing, seeking SWF, 25-34, with similar interests. Ad# 3335

MAYBE WE SHOULD MEET!

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists reflect on club's history

Fifteen years ago, Joanne Blacker and Dallas McKennon were tired of traveling to share their experiences with artists in a distant club so they formed the Garden City Fine Arts Association. On Wednesday, Nov. 19, they will celebrate and remember the club's history by honoring six charter members and the past four presidents at a dinner in the Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

"We were looking for a gathering of like-minded people to get together and discuss painting," said McKennon, the club's first president. "After taking a survey, we asked artists at a craft show to sign up if they were interested in starting a club. We had so few to start with that everybody was doing every job. We were painting



As Time Goes By: Dallas McKennon (left) and Joanne Blacker founded the Garden City Fine Arts Association in September 1982. This photograph marked the occasion.

our brains out to have enough art because nobody wants to come to an art show where there's hardly any paintings."

Blacker kept the minutes during that first meeting in September of 1982 at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

"We started with the goal to introduce fine arts to the community and we've done that," said Blacker, who served as the club's second president. "Each meeting was exciting. In the early years, the Palette Pals met weekly to paint for exhibits held in

spring at the Garden City library and fall or holiday shows."

As with any fledgling organization, Norma McQueen expected only a few people to attend the first meeting of the Garden City Fine Arts Association but was pleasantly surprised with the turnout of artists searching for a meeting ground.

"We thought we would have a half a dozen people and walked into a roomful of people," said McQueen. "Over the years, we've continually added new members because people move away. The new members bring fresh ideas. We have members ranging in age from their 30s to 80s."

In good times and bad

Besides providing a meeting place over the years, members have helped each other survive illness and even the deaths of spouses. Blacker contributed the reason for the club's continued popularity with artists from as far away as Dearborn Heights and Inkster.

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MURAL GIVES STUDENTS CREATURE COMFORT



On the prowl: Redford art teacher Debra Graham (left) and Pearson Education Center principal Karen Moran were instrumental in producing this brightly colored mural, focusing on plains and rain forest animals, for students.

Monkeying around: The chimps in the mural below are symbolic of Debra Graham's daughters Lauren, 10 and Angela, 8.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

African animals parade down the hall of the Pearson Education Center in Redford Township. Debra Graham created the 20- by 10-foot animalscape to brighten the environment during the year she taught art at the center. A labor of love, the mural took from February to June to complete. Four months later the toucans, macaws, zebra, mother and baby giraffe, mir cats, and an alligator still turn heads.

"Everyone in the district knows about it," said Sandra North, director of hearing impaired programs in the Redford Union School district. "My deaf children absolutely loved it. The younger ones like all the animals. The older kids like how the eyes follow you."

Graham began the project by involving her ninth through 12th grade art students. With barely a budget, she went to work soliciting donations of house paint from parents. The center paid for the remaining miscellaneous supplies.

"I like to get in there and improve my environment," said Graham, who now teaches art at Pierce Middle School in the South Redford district. "It was great fun. The students helped block in the color. Some of the things we discussed were planning. They saw my preliminary sketches and my research. They leaned about building color and how to add shading and highlighting to add three dimensions and because it was all latex house paint, they learned to mix color."

The first animal added to the beige wall only served to fire enthusiasm for the mural. The large-scale gray elephant stands majestically amongst a mixture of plains and rain forest animals, all of which are bordered by a pattern of Kenta cloth.

"I was pulling resources together and then came up with a sketch," said Graham. "As the project went along, we kept on adding more and more. When you're in an enriched atmosphere it makes everyone produce more. I don't do these for a commission or because I'm being reimbursed. Detroit has so little public art. I believe in brightening the corner where you're at, make it a better place for being there. Cherish what's around you. A lot of people could have vandalized it but no one did. The kids have a sense of ownership."

Graham credits Pearson Education Center principal Karen Moran for making the project possible. Without Moran's support, Graham doubts she could have pro-

duced the brightly colored mural for students and staff.

"Have you ever seen anything so beautiful; how the eyes come out at you," said Moran. "I knew when we hired Debra that she would leave her mark of ability in the building."

From adults working on their diplomas to students enrolled in Head Start, alternative education, and the 40-year-old hearing impaired oral program for preschoolers, everyone loves the mural. In fact, Graham's students enjoyed the project so much they painted reproductions of masters works on the walls of their art classroom, afterward.

"It's garnered a great respect for art," said Moran. "It has promoted a ton of enthusiasm for doing something that will become a permanent part of the building. Since Debra finished it, the mural's brought a great deal of cheerfulness. It will never be duplicated, the energy, the commitment that went into it. It taught students the importance of seeing a project through to the finality."

The mural was not Graham's first public art project. She painted the math lab at Jefferson Elementary with imagery ranging from geometric forms to tropical fish. At Monnier Elementary in Detroit, Graham and students, as part of the Picture Lady program, created a mosaic while studying Byzantine art. In the future, Graham hopes to paint a mural at Jefferson Elementary after the completion of renovations sometime next year.

"I can't wait for her to do another one," said Graham's son Nicholas, a 13-year-old student at Pierce Middle School. "In the evenings, she was always on the computer looking up new animals. She always had new ideas to add. The monkeys and gorilla are symbolic of my sisters Lauren (10) and Angela (8), and I."

Gloria Craig and 17-month-old daughter Madelyn pass the mural mornings and afternoons on their way to the day care room.

"Although she calls it a rhino instead of a hippopotamus, she likes the birds and the kitty (cheetah) 'What's the kitty say?'"

Madelyn answered "meow."

And the Lion?

"Grrrrr."

"She knows all of the sounds, the animals make," said Craig. "And in the morning, it relaxes her before I drop her off for the day."



EXHIBITION

Museum display unmask myths about Vodou

Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou

What: Exhibit features more than 500 objects including sequined flags, votive alters, bound medicine packets, dolls, and contemporary paintings. Museum cautions some images may not be suitable for children age 13 and younger, or individuals sensitive to graphic images.

When: Through Dec. 28. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday.

Where: Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 children.

Related activities:

Lecture series to learn about the life, religion, politics, and culture of Haiti 3 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 6. The cost is \$5 per lecture.

■ Nov. 22 (Vodou and Politics, Patrick Belle-gard-Smith, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee)

■ Nov. 29 (Sacred Space, Luisah Teish, priestess)

■ Dec. 6 (Mercons and Vodou, Karen F. Davis, humanities chair, Marygrove College)

■ Family Workshops Saturdays Nov. 22 and Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20. Topics include, "The Drums of Haiti," "Dances of Haiti," "Shadow Box," "Spirit Bottles," and the "Game of Kal." Times and costs vary. Call museum for information.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

In many people's minds, the word Vodou conjures up a shadowy world of evil spirits and priestesses who stick pins in dolls to cast spells of illness or death. Nothing could be further from the truth.



Sacred art: In the Vodou religion, this Petwo/Kongo altar bears fewer Catholic images than Rada altars although it does include icons of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The exhibit "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou" was created by the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History to de-mystify Vodou by showing more than 500 objects and art used during rituals and in the practice of the religion. The exhibition, which continues through Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Museum of African American History, features sequined flags bearing images of saints, sacred bottles and painted calabashes to hold offerings, drums, spirit repositories, a Vodou temple, and votive altars reassembled after altars in Port au Prince.

"Vodou is more misunderstood in this country than in any other country in the world," said Rita Organ, curator of exhibitions at the Museum of African American History. "We fear what we don't understand. Hollywood has presented it in a negative way — such as curses used to get back at people. The use of curses to wish evil or death on someone is all myth."

Never before presented in the context of religion, exhibit objects refer to the worship of a supreme God and powerful spirits (lwa) who serve as intermediaries.

Vodou is rooted in African spiritual tradition, and was preserved by slaves on their passage to the Caribbean.

Vodou borrows from Roman Catholicism and Free Masonry. Spirits, often made in the images of saints such as Isidore and Patrick, link humans with the divine. Vodou practitioners summon spirits when they're in need of rain, wisdom, fertility, a good

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crop, or to protect ships.

There are hundreds of lwa — from the Rada (benign spirits from West Africa) to Petwo (fiery spirits from Central African and Kreyol traditions) to Gede who personify ancestral dead.

Devotion to Gede is carried out during the month of November, but especially the Days of the Dead (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2).

"It's actually controversial," said Organ. "A day doesn't go by that I don't get a call that it's blasphemy, superstition. Because it's been confined to Haiti for so long, the exhibit is an opportunity for us to educate. Just seeing the beauty of the objects. It's ancient African tradition, Catholicism and elements of Free Masonry and they made their own religion out of it."

Ninety percent of the calls that Organ receives are from people who have not viewed the exhibit.

"Many people don't want to respect it as (they would) any religion of the world," said Organ. "We had to do a lot of education around this exhibit even with our own staff. The museum invited in clergy from different congregations to pre-view the exhibit. The museum's taking a positive approach."

Rooted in Africa

The first comprehensive exhibit ever to explore the arts produced for the African-Caribbean religion of Vodou, "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou" is divided into sections.

The first section traces the history of persecution of Vodou followers.

Columbus discovered the island of Hispaniola in 1492 when it was inhabited by the Taino Indians. Within a generation, the Taino were nearly exterminated by Spanish colonizers who began importing



Sequined offering: This Vodou bottle functions as a spirit offering to Gede and attests to the influence of Masonic tradition where "G" signifies "Grand Master" (i.e. God).

slaves from West and Central Africa. Nearly 200 years later, the French acquired the western one-third of the island, and for the next century African slave labor made it the most prosperous colony in the world. Under the French, slaves were baptized into the Catholic Church in accordance with the colonial slave code.

According to oral tradition, Vodou began with the great slave insurrection of 1791 when the white was ripped out of the French tricolor flag. The first act of the revolution according to Haitian tradition was a Vodou ceremony held by runaway slaves in that year. By 1804, Haiti became the first nation after the United States to gain independence in the Americas. It

was the only slave revolt in the world ever to create a nation.

In the 20th century, Vodou survived and prospered despite U.S. Marine occupation, persecution by clergy from 1915 to 1934, and the despotic rule of Francois (Papa Doc) and Jean Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier from 1957 to 1986.

Items in the first few sections are representative of those likely to be placed on altars or sold as popular art. Still others are used during ceremonies. Many of the objects, collected during campaigns against Vodou from the 1940s to 1980s, were borrowed from museums, private collections and key Vodou temples in Haiti.

"Once they understand the history of Haiti and Vodou, there is no problem accepting Vodou as a religion," said Organ. "Many people find Vodou interesting because it's extended beyond the bounds of Haiti. There is a Haitian society or 'Espoir' in Detroit and Vodou is practiced in New York, Miami and New Orleans."

Guerin Montilus, a Wayne State University anthropology professor and native of Haiti, estimates there are 5,000 Haitians living in the metropolitan Detroit area. Montilus gave a lecture at the museum in mid-October about the transformation of Haitian and West African Vodou over the last five centuries. He has conducted extensive research in Benin and neighboring West African countries since 1969 and studied Vodou in Africa and Cuba. Montilus is currently writing a book on the religion.

"Vodou is wrongly understood in American society (where) it refers to sorcery, magic, witchcraft, human sacrifice, all kinds of negative connotations," said Montilus. "It is based on

hearsay, gossip. As a religion, it's as valuable as any other religion. There is an aesthetic especially in Vodou and other African religions of beauty and harmony."

Summoning Spirits

Objects used daily such as calabashes painted with the image or sacred sign of lwa (spirit) hold daily offerings. Ceremonial drums and rattles summon spirits through prayer. Dolls are used as healing tools. So, where did the notion of sticking Vodou dolls with pins to cast spells come from?

"I don't know where they find this," said Montilus. "It's not what I've observed. In Haiti, Vodou is a way of life. It touches the life of people. Everything is in everything. In Vodou, you find politics, education; it's a microcosm."

After the initial sections explain the rituals and belief of Vodou, the visitor walks into a recreated temple and altar chambers devoted to the three major rites of the religion. Julio Bateau, a loyal volunteer at the museum and a member of the board of directors of Espoir Haitian-American Organization, hopes to eliminate misconceptions about the religion and culture by opening the Espoir Center for Caribbean Arts and Culture on East Ferry in early December. The Center will disseminate information aimed at preserving and promoting the African history and culture of Caribbean life. The 12-year-old nonprofit organization co-sponsored the educational and cultural events for the exhibit.

"I think the exhibit is a wonderful medium to clarify whatever's mistaken about the Haitian culture or Vodou," said Bateau, a native of Haiti.



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Summoning Spirits: Ceremonial drums such as this one crafted of wood, paint, animal hide, and rope are used to call spirits.

Expressions from page D1

"We offer a camaraderie where we're all interested in each others' work and have gentle critiques of the work," said Blacker.

McQueen added another benefit separating the Garden City

Fine Arts Association from other clubs.

"What's different about this club is that as long as they're a member, they can show with the club. It has to be original art, no

copies. But if they have the courage to show, we try not to discourage them."

Future plans

Members will exhibit their work in a Holiday Art Show and

Sale Dec. 8-13 at The Art Gallery in Garden City. Thanks to businessman and current club president Bob Sheridan, members as well as other Michigan artists are able to show their work in the space Sheridan donates for the gallery.

"Bob's one of the businessmen in the community to help the club even before he was a member," said McQueen. "Since the gallery's recent move in Sheridan Square, we're able to offer more classes in an adjoining studio. We hope to offer advanced

ceramics after the first of the year. And future plans include offering a serious student a scholarship."

Since Sheridan took office two years ago, he changed the rules to accept members creating three dimensional art work. If you are an aspiring artist interested in showing your work, the Garden City Fine Arts Association could be for you. The 32-member club meets 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. Dues are \$15 a year.

For more information about the club or exhibiting in the holi-

day show, call (313) 261-0379 or 565-9676.

"We're trying to introduce a little culture into the community," said Sheridan, who is also a Livonia Arts Commissioner. "Fifteen percent of the work at the last exhibit was three dimensional, no fiber work as of yet but who knows what may be exhibited in the future. Art or beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call her at (313) 953-2145.

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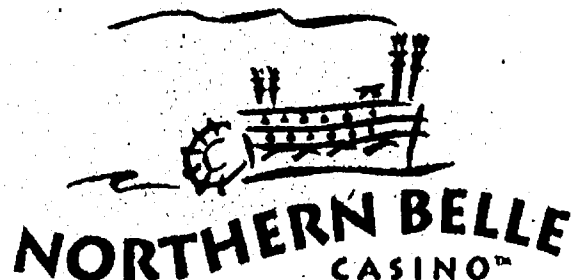
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Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ANTIQUES

MICHIGAN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. Features 65 antique dealers from 13 states exhibiting antiques from 17th-early 20th centuries. Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, Oakland University, Rochester; (313) 420-0353.

AUDITIONS /CALL FOR ENTRIES

CINDERELLA

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, boys and girls 8 years-old and up for "Cinderella," to be performed in mid February. Must prepare an up-tempo Rodgers & Hammerstein song. Call Nancy Gurwin, (248) 354-0545.

BEL CANTO CHORAL SOCIETY

Open to women who read music. Rehearsals on Monday evenings, Sept.-June. Auditions scheduled by appointment for 1997-98 season. (248) 642-321.

MUSIC COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded.

Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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

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

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

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

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

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS
Looking for six males for the January production of "A Chorus Line." Dancers, singers and actors are needed as soon as possible. Open auditions for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella," Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Auditions for boys and girls ages 8 and older will be held from 3-6 p.m. in room 310 at the JCC, while adult auditions will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the same room. Children and adults should prepare an up-tempo and a ballad from a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical such as "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "Sound of Music," or the song "Younger Than Springtime" from "South Pacific." The musical will open in Koshar Luncheon Theatre format for two performances on Sunday, Feb. 15. (248) 354-0545.

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

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

BENEFITS

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

CHOIR/CHORUS

CHOIR OF THE WORLD
Sunday, Nov. 16, Detroit Concert Choir at third annual benefit for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Midwest. Tickets: \$15-\$35. Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, corner of Jefferson and St. Antoine, Detroit. Call for concert time, (313) 963-4112.

SYNAOGOGUE MUSICAL WORK
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, "Shomer Yisroel - The Guardian of Israel," featuring the Adult Choir of Temple Beth Emeth and Zamar Choral of Metropolitan Detroit. Temple Kol Ami,



Enchanting: "Magical World of Children's Book Illustration," featuring Dennis Nolan, Lauren Mills and Kathryn Brown, through Dec. 3, Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PORTRAIT CLASSES

Classes taught by Lin Baum, 1-4 p.m. Nov. 21, 28, sponsored by the Garden City Fine Arts Association. 29948 Ford Road, Garden City; (313) 261-0379.

PCCA FALL CLASSES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts fall classes. Classes from 4 years old and up. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

CLASSICAL

B'HAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, featuring pops conductor Charles Greenwell. Temple Beth El. Tickets: \$20; (248) 645-8850.

HALTOM-DELEURY DUO

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, violin and cello concert featuring Victoria Haltom and Nadine Deleury in the Oakland Univ. Professional Artists Series. Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

HANDEL & SCHUBERT

7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Handel's Dixit Dominus & Schubert's Mass in G. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 800 S. Military, Dearborn. Tickets: \$9 adult, \$7 students/seniors.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

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

DANCE

ISRAELI DANCE TROUPE

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, the Truaton Dance Theater performs a benefit for the Karmatos Cancer Institute. State Theater, next to the Fox Theater on Woodward, Detroit; (800) 527-6266.

BODY LANGUAGE

9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Nov. 18-21, "On Stage: Dance Performances for Children." Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University Campus, Detroit; (313) 577-4273.

NUTCRACKER LUNCHEON

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, the annual Nutcracker Luncheon & Holiday Boutiques at the Northfield Hilton. 5500 Crooks Road at I-75, Troy. Tickets: \$40, donors: \$55, patrons: \$75, benefactors. (313) 962-1000, ext. 285.

WSU DANCE COMPANY

11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, "44th Annual Dance Concert for Young Folks." Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University, Detroit; (313) 577-4273.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5-6; 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Spectacular." Tickets: \$6-\$10. Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

PARK WEST GALLERY

Through Nov. 20 - "Chagall, The Bible and A Collection of Old and Modern Masters." 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

A.C.T. GALLERY

Through Nov. 22 - "Watching the Changes," works by cooperative members Brigitte Neal and Mark Esse. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 961-4336.

MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 559-9888.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR

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

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY

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

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

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

HABATAT GALLERIES

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

HILL GALLERY

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

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

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

REVOLUTION

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

POSNER GALLERY

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

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

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

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

BOOK BEAT

Through Dec. 10 - "Gods of the Spirit: Haitian Vodou Flags and Objects." 26010 Greenfield; (248) 968-1190.

ARTSPACE II

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

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

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

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

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

ROOM WITH A VIEW

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

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Nov. 29 - "The Incredible 'Eyecons' of Ron Pavsner." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-6257.

O.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Dec. 27 - "Tyrone Mitchell: Recent Works." 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

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

KNOLLWOOD GALLERY

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

ZEITGEIST GALLERY/PERFORMANCE VENUE

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

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings." 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes, Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper." 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

SWANN GALLERY

Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Garmann, David Mandiberg, Virinder Chaudhery. 1250 Library

CELEBRATED ARTISTS: ANNIE LEE & LAVARNE ROSS

will sign prints of their work on Nov. 21 & 22, Umoja Fine Arts, 16250 Northland Drive, Ste. 104, Southfield; (800) 469-8701.

EXHIBIT OPENINGS

SENIORS ART

Through March 16 - 3 p.m., "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannah House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. 313-833-1300.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Holiday Gifts show, featuring 28 artists, thru Dec. 26. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 991-8004.

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Annual holiday sale, Dec. 4-6, featuring 25 ceramic artists. 340 N. Main, G4, Plymouth; (313) 207-8807.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

CLARKSTON FINE ARTS GALLERY

Hand-crafted holiday gifts and trims, through Nov. 30. 7151 Main Street

Recent Works." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

MATRIX GALLERY

Nov. 21 - 6-8 p.m., "Near and Far: Recent Landscape Paintings by Lauren Kingsley," thru Dec. 21. 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 663-7775.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Nov. 21 - 6-8 p.m., "National Horse Show," an invitational featuring 45 artists, thru Jan. 31. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

UMOJA FINE ARTS

Nov. 21 & 22 - Prints signing reception by artists Annie Lee and Lavarne Ross. 16250 Northland Drive, Ste. 104, Southfield; (800) 469-8701.

C POP GALLERY

Nov. 22 - 7:30 p.m., "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr. 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

FESTIVALS

ARTS & CRAFTS

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 7th annual Winter Arts & Crafts Show, sponsored by the North Farmington High School Band & Orchestra Boosters. North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 553-6699.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS

HOLIDAY SALES SHOW

"Gifts of Art," Dec. 1-13, featuring ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, ornaments. Preview party, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES

"Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists, Nov. 21-Dec. 31. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

CRANBROOK FIBER DEPARTMENT

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, "Fiber Department Holiday Sale," featuring velvet and silk scarves, fashion accessories, bags, cards, pillows. Fiber Building Lower Level, 1221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3338.

PAINT CREEK ART CENTER

7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, "Holiday Gift

Clarkston; (248) 625-8439.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Annual holiday show, "Earthly Treasures," thru Dec. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY

Through Dec. 30, "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

LECTURES

STRAITS OF MACKINAC ARCHEOLOGY

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, "Treasures from Sawdust and Sand: Archaeology at the Straits of Mackinac," a lecture by Dr. Lynn Morand Evans, head of archeology, Mackinac Island State Park Commission, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3259.

UNCENSORED, UNCUT, LIVE AT BBAA

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, artist Robert Schefman talks about censorship and other issues. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

CALLING MERE MORTALS

Noon Thursday, Nov. 20, "Mortals, Empresses and Earth Goddesses," a lecture examining how the ancients celebrated Spring and rebirth. Brown Bag Lecture Series sponsored by Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film, Information Technology Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road; (248) 858-0415.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Artist Yuri Krochmaluk, guest speaker for Nov. 12 meeting. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Jan. 4 - "Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

DIA'S "SPLENDORS OF ANCIENT EGYPT"

Through Jan. 4 - Mummies, pyramids and mysteries of Egypt. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

READING

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Third Wednesday of each month, starting Nov. 19. Caribou Coffee, Walton & Livernois; (248) 544-4657.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Week of Nov. 17-23, "Children's Book Week." 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Corinne Stavish storytelling hour. 300 W. Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 3.

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BOOKS

Missouri takes center stage in this family conflict novel

South of Resurrection

By Jonis Agee
(Viking, \$24.95, 353 pp.)



VICTORIA DIAZ

Moline Bedwell has returned home to Resurrection, Missouri (pop. 1,523), after an absence of 23 years. Her husband is dead, her son is grown up and gone, the typical suburban life they led together in Minnesota is over. Her hard-drinking sister, Paris, is dead, too. For Moline, it seems only right and proper that she should come "home" in order to dispose of the only thing that remains of Paris - her ashes.

As Moline pulls into Resurrection and parks her red Toyota 4-Runner across from the courthouse square, she spots a familiar figure. It may have been 23 years since she last saw him, but she would know this down-at-the-heels hillbilly anywhere, anytime. Surprise, surprise it's her old boyfriend, Dayrell Bell.

Turns out, Dayrell is not just any old boyfriend, though. For one thing, he's done time in prison - for something that happened 23 years ago and involved Moline in some mysterious way. For another thing, he's got a brother who's meaner than a copperhead diamondback (in fact, he kills rattlers with his bare hands). For still another, Dayrell seems headed for some mighty big problems soon. To say he's irresponsible in all kinds of ways is putting it mildly.

Moline, however, finds him cute as pie (and she's pretty irresponsible herself), with "eyes

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Woodward Writers Workshop, 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16; gardening workshop with Janet Macunovich, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17; healthy eating with Beverly Price and Betsey Kurlito, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18; how to survive holidays without debt, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18; Jonis Agee signs her book "South of Resurrection," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19; Jacquelyn Mitchard signs "The Rest of Us: Dispatches from the Mother Ship," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20; Newberry winner Jean Craighead George signs "Julie's Wolf Pack," 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; Howard Paige discusses African American cooking, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; Belinda Womack signs "Angels Guide," 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the store 34300, Woodward, Birmingham.

BORDER'S (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD)

French club 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17; poet Patricia Hooper, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19; Thanksgiving story time, 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; all about Laura Ingalls Wilder 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248) 644-6484.

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Soprano Elizabeth Major and pianist Jean Schneider perform works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Beethoven, and Poulenc at noon Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18800 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception following the free performance.

Major, a Chicago native, earned a master's degree at Northwestern University. She sang principal roles in "Romeo and Juliette" and "Die Fledermaus" with the Lake George Opera Festival, and "Hansel and Gretel," "The Barber of Seville," and "Nabucco" with the Connecticut Opera. She also toured India with the Minnesota Opera in "Once Upon a Mattress."

As a concert soloist, Major appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and with the Hartford and Grant Park Symphony Orchestras. She is a member of the voice faculty at Albion College.

The concert is sponsored by Schoolcraft College Music Club and Music Department. Comprised of Schoolcraft music students, the Music Club presents this annual series of recitals by outstanding musicians from around the world to promote an interest in live music recitals. For more information, call (313) 462-4400.

MEET NEW YORK DESIGNER

Eastern Michigan University will present "Careers in Textile Print Design" with Leesa Hubbell, a New York textile designer, 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 in 207 Sherzer Hall on the campus in Ypsilanti.

The event is free and open to the public. Call the university's art department for more information (313) 487-1268.

Hubbell is experienced in both the apparel and home furnishings markets including print design, product development and merchandising. She will discuss types of careers in textile design, necessary training, and the salary designers can expect to receive. She will show slides from different phases of her 15-

year career as well as present some of her own print designs and manufactured fabrics. She will also share her experiences in overseeing production at a textile mill that supplied such well-known companies as the Gap, the Limited, Carole Little, Lands' End, Macy's, and Dan River.

Also of note:

Eastern Michigan University's Ford Gallery opens an invitational exhibition of 16 art alumni Wednesday, Nov. 19 in Ford Hall on campus. An opening reception takes place 3-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19. The metal, fiber and clay works continue on display to Friday, Dec. 19. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LOVE OF LACE

The Great Lakes Lace Group will hold their eighth "Love of Lace" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The public is invited to see handmade lace on exhibit and lace makers demonstrating their craft. Vendors will offer a complete line of lace making supplies including shuttles, bobbins, lace pillows and fine threads, books, beads, and antique lace for lace makers. For more information, call (313) 483-5693.

ARTIST TO SIGN RED WINGS PRINT

William Moss, the artist of Detroit, will sign his latest work 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23 at Creative Framing and Gallery, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main Street, Plymouth. Call (313) 453-2810.

The print features Joe Louis Arena with colorfully attired Red Wings fans walking into the building on June 7, 1997. The area is full of activity with the People Mover above, Detroit Mounted Police United observing traffic, and a Great Lakes freighter gliding down the river in the distance. After negotiations with the Red Wings, the Red Wings Team logo was added along with the 1997 Stanley Cup Championship Team roster. The print costs \$125.

Moss has made a commitment to the history and preservation of Detroit's heritage and Joe Louis is a part of that history.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Troupe Tamamullat performs dances of India, the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia 8 p.m. Sat. Nov. 22 at the U-Club

on the first floor of the Michigan Union, 530 South State Street, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 with ID for students/seniors, \$3 ages 6-12, and available at the door. For information, call (313) 327-2041/763-3202.

Among the musicians is Ara Topouzian who plays Armenian music for Kanun, a 72-string lap-top harp. Topouzian is a Bloomfield Hills resident and owner of American Recording Productions in Farmington Hills.

BODY LANGUAGE

Wayne State University's Dance Company performs "Body Language: Reading, Writing and Dancing," the 44th annual On Stage! Dance Performances for Children 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Community Arts Auditorium on the campus in Detroit.

Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 for children/students/seniors. For reservation information, call the Wayne State University Dance Department at (313) 577-4273.

Performances for school groups are scheduled 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Nov. 21. Teacher packets are provided in advance to prepare students for the dance event. Admission is \$2.

The dance selections for "Body Language" take inspiration for movement from literature and stories, poems, riddles, and songs. Using the language of the human body, the Wayne State University dancers together with host Freda Frump and guest artist-in-residence Ronney Marshall will perform an entertaining and informative program that is sure to spark the imagi-

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ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH SHOWS

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts exhibits in only two of its three venues in November because Livonia City Hall is decorated for the holidays.

Maritime artist Leo Kuschel makes waves with an offering of lighthouse paintings and pencil drawing through Dec. 1 in the Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

If you love lighthouses, don't miss Kuschel's East Channel and Au Sable Pt. lights on Lake Superior, Keweenaw Lower Entrance light, and Middle Island light on Lake Huron.

Canton resident Pam Flanigan shows how to brighten holiday decor with her creations through Nov. 25 in the showcases outside the library's fine arts gallery.

Flanigan recycles light bulbs into ornaments. Each bulb is handled more than 20 times for soldering, washing, priming, drying, painting, and sealing. Flanigan's used bulbs are supplied by Master Lighting in Canton where she also displays the finished ornaments.

AWARD WINNING ARTISTS

Jean Weber of Plymouth and Jo Griffing of Livonia recently won awards for their watercolors.

Griffing, a former Livonia Arts Commissioner took the prestigious Grumbacher Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement

ment for "Calla Lilies" in an exhibition judged by Madonna University art professor Doug Semian for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Griffing depicts the white lilies against a background of brilliant, colorful designs. Touches of designers' fluorescent colors complement the watercolors.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia meets 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of September, October, February, and April in the VAAL classroom in the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. For information on joining the club, call Marge Masek at (313) 464-6772.

Weber's first place winner was a portrait of her daughter-in-law titled "Ana" in the Palette and Brush Club's "Point of View" exhibit at the Southfield Center for the Arts.

The pattern bordering the

painting was taken from a rug owned by her daughter-in-law, Ana Dan of Beverly Hills. Juror Jud Coveyou stated, "the clarity of form and rendition of textures is superb; compositionally immaculate."

"I was particularly pleased to receive the award because the juror commented on the composition," said Weber. "If a work is compositionally weak it's not going to be a successful painting."

The Palette and Brush Club holds meetings at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. For information about the club, call Weber at (313) 455-7163.

"The club has a juried membership which keeps membership down to people who are serious," said Weber.



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Jennings Travel Service is Birmingham is offering a day to see "Renoir's Portraits: Impressions of an Age" in Chicago on Dec. 9. A Southwest Airlines flight will depart Detroit at 8:45 a.m. and arrive back in Detroit at 5:15 p.m. The day includes the Renoir exhibit at the Chicago Art Museum and lunch at Berghoff's. Cost is \$150. Call Muffie at (248)646-7800.

TALKING ALASKA

Mark and Fran Johnson discuss "See Alaska: The Last Frontier" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Troy Library, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy. The talk is free.

FUN VACATIONS

Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Payne Travel is holding a four-day January travel sale offering deep discounted rates from Detroit to Florida and Mexico. Passengers traveling in January can fly round trip to Orlando and St. Petersburg for just \$49.95 each way. Additional seats to Sarasota and Ft. Myers have also been priced at the low fare rate of \$67.45 each way. Also on sale are flights and packages to Mexico. Two people can fly round trip and stay seven nights at a beachfront hotel in Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco for as low as \$999.80.

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SONGWRITERS CONVERGE

Silver Lake Records and Real II Reel Productions is holding a "Songwriters in the Round Showcase" Nov. 18 at Sharkey's Loft in Burton, Mich. The showcase has been developed to promote Michigan songwriters and artists. The showcase is a networking arena. Songwriters in the Round is four talented writers sitting around sharing songs and inspiration. For information, call (810)742-6185.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you've always wanted to "Meet Me in St. Louis," now's a perfect time to travel there.

My husband, Mark Rembacki, and I visited St. Louis Oct. 6-13, enjoying weather warm enough for shorts. We took the train from Ann Arbor and then another train from Chicago to St. Louis.

We spent considerable time in Forest Park, visiting the zoo twice, along with the Science Center and the History Museum. The museum had a fascinating exhibit on the history of the 1904 World's Fair, held at the site. The exhibit was told through the eyes of fair participants from varied backgrounds.

The MetroLink trains, and connecting Shuttle Bug buses,

made getting around without a car easy. We stayed at the Holiday Inn Downtown/ Riverfront and found that location near the famous Arch ideal.

A trip to the top of the Arch is a must, as is a visit to the Museum of Westward Expansion at the base of the Arch. A movie tells the story of the construction of the Arch in the 1960s. Amazingly enough, not a single workman was killed during construction of the project, which was designed by Michigan-based architect Eero Saarinen.

We took a riverboat cruise along the Mississippi River, learning a great deal about the industry along the river. Many of the attractions — the zoo, History Museum and Science Center — were free, and others had minimal charges. We paid \$6 each to ride to the top of the Arch, and were allowed a leisurely stay.

Another must is the Old Courthouse near the Arch, the site where the Dred Scott slavery case was decided.

We visited nearby Busch Stadium, but weren't able to see the Cardinals play as the regular season had ended. We posed for pictures by the statue of Stan Musial, described by my husband as the St. Louis equivalent of Al Kaline in terms of being both a super ballplayer and a nice guy.

Just across the street from the stadium is the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. We didn't make it there on this trip, but plan to next time. We also didn't get to the Museum of Transportation, nor to Forest Park's Art Museum.

We took a side trip to Columbia, an easy drive in the rental car about 125 miles west along I-70. It's home to the University of Missouri-Columbia, along with Columbia College and Stephens College.

The only difficulty we encountered was with the trains. The southbound train to St. Louis was delayed by a broken-down freight train, necessitating a wait of several hours and an eventual ride by cab to down-

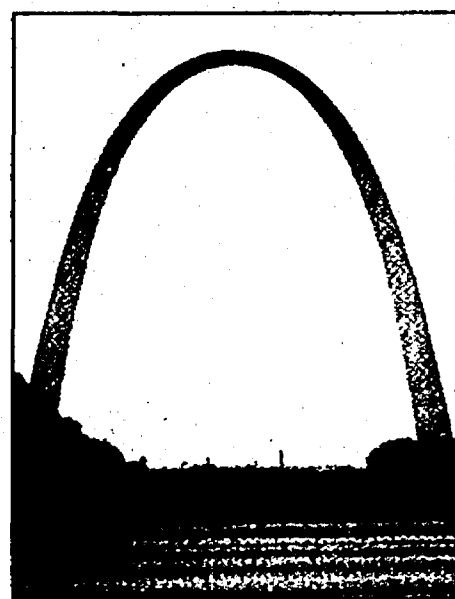


Baseball hero: Julie Brown stands beside a statue of St. Louis Cardinal baseball immortal Stan Musial at Busch Stadium.

town St. Louis from the side of the train tracks. The return train to Chicago was late out of San Antonio, Texas, causing us to miss our connection in Chicago. We took a later train back to

Ann Arbor.

All in all, St. Louis is a good travel value. It has plenty to offer for families, including museum exhibits designed to challenge young minds.



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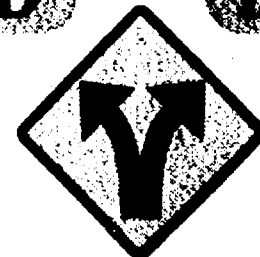
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Crosby named All-State

Livonia Stevenson senior Whitney Crosby was named first-team All-State in Division I girls tennis by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

Crosby finished her senior year with a 22-4 overall record, winning the No. 1 singles title in the Western Lakes Activities Association and finishing runner-up in the Division I regional. She reached the quarterfinals of the state tournament posting a 1-1 record.

WLAA No. 1 singles runner-up Carla Shade of Farmington Hills Harrison earned All-State honors in Division III.

Collegiate note

Michigan State University senior defender Aimee Cousino (Livonia Churchill) was the lone Spartan women's soccer player to garner conference postseason accolades, landing a second-team berth to the All-Big Ten Team.

Cousino was the anchor of an MSU backfield that steadily improved throughout the course of the year. Career-wise, Cousino played in a total of 74 matches, registering six points with one goal and four assists.

MSU finished 9-10-1 overall this season, losing 2-0 to Minnesota in the first round of the Big Ten tournament.

Motor City Bowl tickets

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring the Mid-American Conference football champion and a top-20 ranked Division I team, will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will receive \$10 in return for each ticket sold to help build a Hall of Fame building on the campus of the University of Michigan. Tickets are \$27 and \$22.

Please send a check made out to: MHSFCA and a self-addressed envelope to: Donald G. Lessner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, Mi. 48183.

Winter hitting camp

The baseball coaching staff at Madonna University will conduct a pair of indoor winter hitting camps next month.

Session I (ages 8-12) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 21 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; Session II (ages 13-18) will be from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22.

The camp features two full-length hitting tunnels and video taping. The cost for advance registration is \$80. Space is limited.

For more information, call Madonna assistant coach Sean Maloney at (313) 432-5727.

Join travel baseball

The Southeast Michigan Baseball Association is searching for managers and team sponsors for its 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under (including wooden bat) travel baseball teams.

For more information, call (313) 261-6752 or send name, address and phone number to: 8628 Hubbard, Westland, Mi. 48185-1536.

Tigers essay contest

The Detroit Tigers have teamed up with the Western Wayne County Branch NAACP to sponsor an essay contest entitled, "How To Effectively Go About Healing the Racial Division in the Country."

The contest is for students in the Western Wayne County school districts (grades 5-12).

Winners will receive a Tiger 6 pack, which includes four tickets to any six games (except opening day) and an autographed baseball. Prizes will be presented at a 1998 Tiger game in April or May.

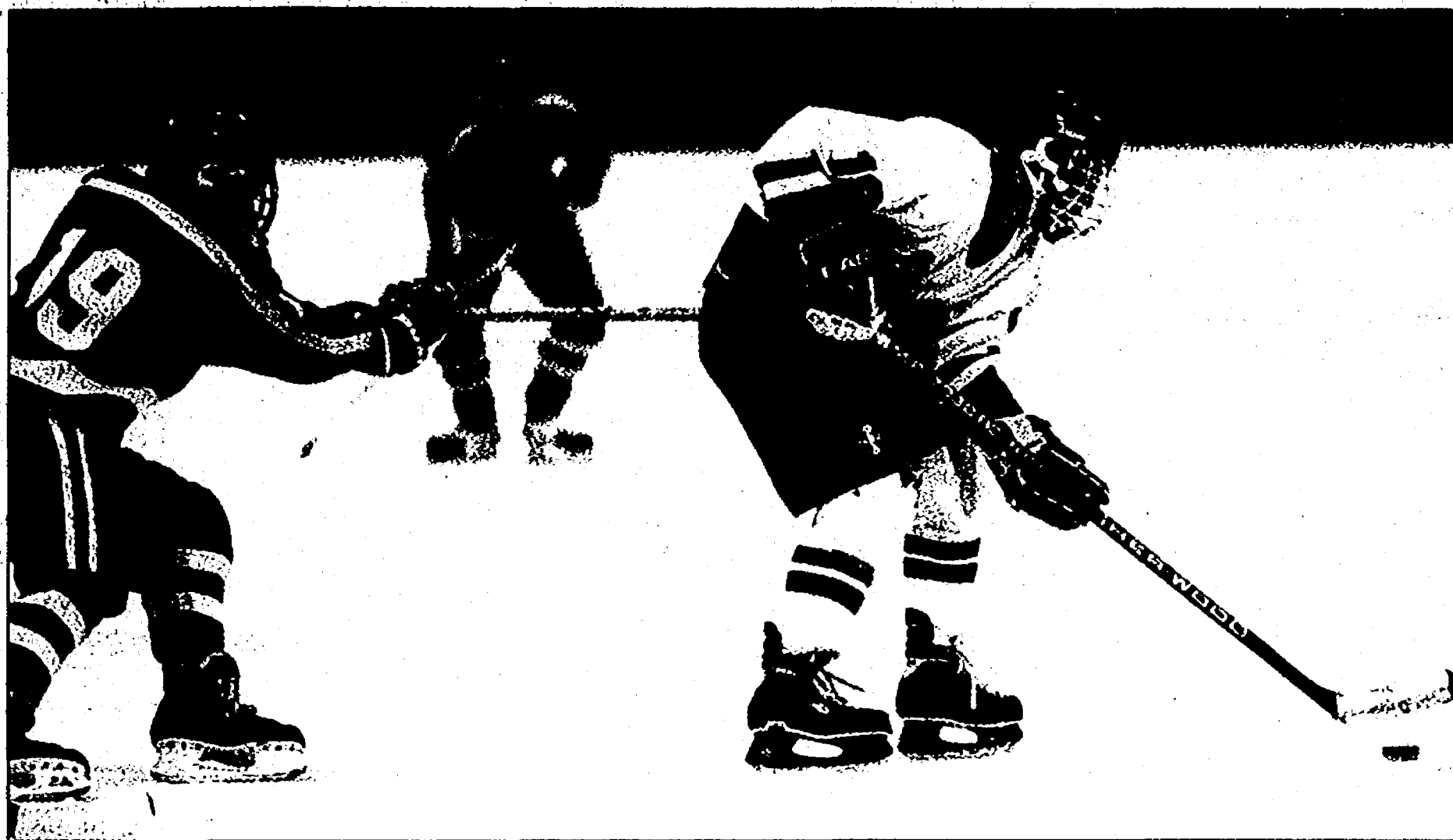
All participants will receive a certificate and an invitation to attend the awards game.

To enter, contestants must submit a completed entry form, letter of recommendation by school teacher or pastor, and a completed essay, type-written and double-spaced according to the following requirements:

• Grades 5-6 (125-150 words); grades 7-8 (200-250 words) grades 9-12 (300-375 words).

Completed essays should be mailed to: Mrs. Jessie Shelby, Contest Chairperson, P.O. Box 2-3, Inkster, Mi. 48141. All entries must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 26.

To obtain an entry form or for more details, students should see the English or Language Arts department head at their school.



Top returnees: Livonia Churchill returns Ed Rossetto (right), while Livonia Franklin boasts one of the state's top players in Greg Job (left). The puck drops on the high school hockey season this week. Livonia Stevenson is the defending Suburban League champion, while Redford Catholic Central returns to defend its state Class A championship after going 25-1-1 last season.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Drop the puck!

Suburban circuit undergoes realignment for '97-98

HOCKEY PREVIEW

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The high school hockey season will feature several new wrinkles this season.

For starters, the Suburban High School Hockey League will be split into two divisions because of expansion. Livonia schools Churchill, Stevenson and Franklin will compete in the South Division along with holdovers Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western and Redford Union. They will be joined by newcomers Dearborn and Northville.

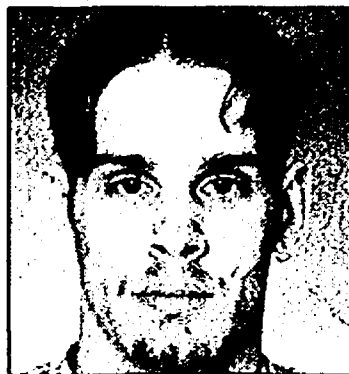
The North Division features holdovers Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Royal Oak and Southfield. Among the newcomers include Clarkston, Troy, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

With the addition of a district round, which will extend the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state tournament to three weeks instead of two, the prep season gets underway a week earlier.

Livonia Stevenson, 16-5-2 a year ago and defending Suburban League champion, opens its season Wednesday against Northville at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Spartans return one of the area's top snipers in junior right winger Darin Fawkes, who scored 20 goals and added 17 assists a year ago.

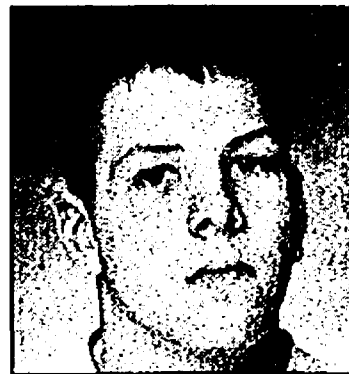
But coach Mike Harris must replace



Greg Job
Livonia Franklin



Darin Fawkes
Livonia Stevenson



Brandon Martola
Livonia Churchill

first-team All-Area pick Andy Domzalski, who had seven goals and 21 assists, along with first-team All-Area defenseman Mike Schmidt, and both goaltenders (Anthony Alfonsi and Doug Peacock).

Four newcomers at forward should help — Jeff Lang, Dan Cieslak, Willie Wilson and Mike Walsh.

"Walsh is a clone of Domzalski in every phase of the game," Harris said. "Lang is a leader on the ice and in the classroom. He displays a lot of character. He played on the Midget AA state champs from Plymouth."

"Cieslak is a big, powerful, strong right winger, and Wilson comes from the good Livonia Bantam AA program."

Harris believes the league has improved with its new alignment.

"It's going to be a battle," said Harris, who has guided the Spartans to two titles in three years. "It's wide open. We're the defending champs. We're Stevenson, so we expect to be in the race, but we expect it to go right

down to the wire.

"Churchill, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Clarkston are all strong. And I look at Franklin as up-and-coming."

Churchill, which slipped to 11-9-2 last year, should also contend with the return of first-team All-Area defenseman Brandon Martola.

Exchange students Antti Kervinen (Finland) and Felix Jentzmik (Germany) should give coach Jeff Hatley a boost along with newcomers Frank Fundero (not eligible until Jan.), Ryan Strzempek and Adam Krug.

"All the kids were disappointed how we finished last year," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "Everybody's priority now is to win."

"This is the first time we've had three lines that can score. They're all capable. There's no question we have a good team. But we know every game is tough and nothing will come easy."

Franklin, featuring the dean of Observerland coaches Terry Jobbitt, now in his 16th year, boasts one of the

state's premier players in three-year letter winner Greg Job.

The senior was the SHSHL's leading scorer last year despite missing the final two weeks of the season with a broken arm. The All-Stater finished with 21 goals and 16 assists as a junior, raising his career totals to 65 goals and 67 assists.

"Greg hasn't missed a step and he's our leader," Jobbitt said.

Job's younger brother Jeff, a sophomore left winger, should also give the Patriots reason to believe they should improve on last year's 7-14-1 overall mark.

Defending state Class A champion Redford Catholic Central (25-1-1) was gutted by graduation.

Michigan's Mr. Hockey, defenseman Scot Curtin, is gone along with first-team All-Observer picks Eric Bratcher, Dan McLellan and Mike Porter.

Second-team All-Area goaltender Rick Marnon, however, returns along with senior winger Ian Devlin.

The Shamrocks, who belted perennial state power Trenton, 7-0, in last year's championship final in Flint, will be relying on a host of newcomers.

"Until someone knocks us out, they'll all be shooting for us," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Ricky (Marnon) had a tremendous defense in front of him last year and he's going to be seeing a lot more rubber this year than last."

"He told me he's looking forward to it. He wants people to see he's really talented — and he is."

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Tough opponent

Mercer ousts Schoolcraft in NJCAA

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

No doubting this was a step in the right direction.

Okay, so Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team won't get the chance to play for the NJCAA national title today in Trenton, N.J. Instead, the Ocelots (now 17-6-1) will have to settle for a battle for third place in the consolation final, against Mount Ida (Mass.).

But the Ocelots still had a superb run to end the season, capping it with their first victory at nationals since Van Dimitriou has been coaching them (15 years).

That victory came in last Thursday's opening round, and it came against an old nemesis: College of DuPage (from Glen Ellyn, Ill.). SC got a goal 10 minutes into the match and made it stand up, winning 1-0.

"Our defense played a phenomenal game," said Dimitriou. "(DuPage) really did not get a serious shot on goal."

"In all my years of coaching, I've never had a team play defense like this one. They allowed one goal in their last five games."

That was before Friday's semifinal match against Mercer (N.J.) CC, the host team. SC took an early lead, but couldn't sustain it against an extremely talented group, losing 5-2.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

"It was like playing the U.S. Olympic team," said Dimitriou of Mercer. "It was that level of play."

Mercer, which improved to 17-1-1 with the win, advanced to play Yavapai (Ariz.) CC in today's final. Yavapai (20-0-1) defeated Mount Ida (18-1-1) 3-0 in Friday's other semifinal.

Garrett Maki (Canton) scored the only goal of the match against DuPage, beating the keeper from the left 18 yards out to the short side. He was assisted by David York. Eric O'Neil (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for the shutout.

For years, DuPage and SC were in the same NJCAA Inter-regional Tournament, with DuPage often serving as the host team. The winner advanced to nationals; DuPage often gained that honor, while SC only once got to that point.

This season, the two schools were put in different inter-regionals, with SC hosting its own — and winning it.

And then beating DuPage (17-2-1) in the opening round.

Mercer proved to be more of a challenge for SC. Darin Lewis put the host team ahead early, but the Ocelots bounced back to tie it on a goal by

Matthew Nyholm. Matt Keller assisted.

SC took a 2-1 lead midway through the first half when Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) scored, assisted by Paul Graves. But with five minutes left in the half, Mercer re-tied it.

"Part of the difficulty was, we tried to play the whole field on this team," said Dimitriou. "And they were too talented for that. When we took the lead we tried to play defensively and protect it."

"Always before we could spread things out on the other team, knowing we only had to mark two or three players. But (Mercer) had no weaknesses. They were all good. And it's hard to cover 11 guys."

Lewis scored his third goal of the match 15 minutes into the second half to put Mercer ahead to stay. Omari Murray's two goals made certain of the victory.

"Every kid they had was quick, every kid had complete mastery over the ball," said Dimitriou of Mercer.

Even though he allowed five goals in the game, the SC coach was impressed with O'Neil's play in goal, which included stopping a penalty kick. Indeed, he was pleased with the play of all his players.

"I take my hat off to these kids," Dimitriou said.

Springfield rolls to 8-2 victory over Crusaders

To think: Madonna University actually was ahead in its NAIA Great Lakes Regional soccer semifinal against Illinois-Springfield, played Friday at the University of Rio Grande (Rio Grande, OH).

The Fighting Crusaders put two goals on the board in the first 17 minutes of play. But then . . .

Well, the roof caved in. Springfield tied it with 11:46 left in the half, and less than six minutes later, took the lead for good en route to an 8-2 thrashing of Madonna.

The Crusaders finish their season at 15-5. Springfield (17-3) advanced to the regional final against host Rio Grande (18-5-1), which defeated Dominican University (Ill.) 2-1 in Friday's other semifinal.

Springfield's Beny Bujdel converted a pass from Craig Schmeer less than four minutes into Friday's match to put Madonna in a

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Males leads Ocelots' win

Garden City High product Pete Males continued his steady play at point guard Friday, leading Schoolcraft Community College to a 102-76 men's basketball win over Muskegon in the Macomb CC Hoops Classic.

Schoolcraft, off to a 3-0 start under first-year coach Carlos Briggs, broke open a tight game at halftime (42-38) with a 60-38 second-half run.

Males finished with six assists and six points, but more importantly he committed just one turnover.

"Pete gets us into our offense and we wouldn't be where we're at if it wasn't for him," Briggs said.

Kevin Melson, a 6-foot-6 swingman, led Schoolcraft and all scorers with a game-high 27 points. He also snared nine rebounds.

Shooting guard Derek McKelvey (Adrian) came off the bench to score 23 points, while Erika Okonko and Jamar Edkins added 15 and 10, respectively.

David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), who came off the bench to score six points and grab six rebounds, helped apply the second-half defensive pressure.

"We started slowly, but we picked up the defensive pressure and it opened things up for us," Briggs said. "We were able to get some easy baskets."

Schoolcraft shot 52 percent from the floor (40 of 75), including 35 percent from three-point range. The Ocelots rebounded Muskegon 44-31.

The Ocelots were 16 of 22 from the line and committed just 11 turnovers.

Matt Smith led Muskegon with 14 points.

Stevenson turns tables, 52-41

The serious stuff is over, now the girls high school basketball season gets down to the real serious stuff.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament begins Monday all over the state — and even if teams aren't ready, they're ready.

They have to be.

Livonia Stevenson is no exception. The Western Lakes Activities Association tournament out of the way, the Spartans are eyeing the district phase of the state tournament.

"We had three good games to get ready for the district," coach Wayne Henry of Stevenson said Thursday after his Spartans drubbed Livonia Churchill, 52-41.

"This was a big win for our kids. We lost to Churchill in a close game early in the year."

Stephanie Dulz came up big in the regular-season finale, which saw host Stevenson put an 11-9 record into the books. Churchill ended the exact opposite.

Dulz scored 11 points and had 12 rebounds for the Spartans. Sophomore Kate LaBlanc also scored 11 and added eight rebounds while Melissa Backus scored nine points. Point guard Carolyn Courtright had four points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Stevenson held a 22-17 halftime lead, added a point to the margin after three quarters and closed with an 18-13 fourth period. The Spartans sank 12-of-17 free throws.

Visiting Churchill got 12 points from Andrea Galindo and 11 from Kersten Conklin. The Chargers had 13 free throw attempts and made six.

In other games:

•**LADYWOOD 69, NOTRE DAME 46:** The Blazers overcame foul trouble as well as the Irish.

Harper Woods Notre Dame went to the line 31 times, making 23 free throws Thursday night, but it wasn't enough to offset Livonia

Ladywood's superior inside work.

The host Blazers, who were 9-for-16 from the line, were able to get the ball out on the fast break and use the tempo to their advantage.

Ladywood also patiently worked the ball on offense and was able to get it inside. Center Sarah Poglits scored 18 points and freshman guard Melissa Harakas added 11.

Ladywood ended the season 8-11 following the Detroit Catholic League crossover game.

Jackie Fritz paced Notre Dame with 11 points.

The Blazers jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the first quarter and blitzed the Irish, 26-9, in the second to essentially put the game away.

•**FRANKLIN 65, W.L. WESTERN 57:** Tera Morrill poured in 22 points to lead Livonia Franklin (8-11) past host Walled Lake Western (5-15) in a WLAA crossover on Thursday.

The Patriots outscored Western 23-17 in the decisive final quarter.

Seniors Julie Warner and Lori Jendrusik, along with freshman Kerstin Marshall each added eight points for the winners.

Franklin made 24 of 32 free throws, while Western was eight of 20.

Heather Gibson and Serina Estrada paced the Warriors with 19 and 13 points, respectively.

•**JOHN GLENN 48, FARMINGTON 33:** Start the tournament! Westland John Glenn is ready.

Host John Glenn won its second straight game Thursday night after winning just one of its first 18.

It defeated Farmington for the second time this season, sending the luckless Raiders down to their 20th loss in a winless year.

The Rockets expanded a two-point first quarter margin with a 12-2 second period and posted a 12-7 fourth period.

"We took control of the game in the second

quarter," Coach Joel Lloyd of John Glenn said. "Our legs were a little fresher and it turned into a full-court game."

Freshman guard Lacey Catarino led John Glenn with 12 points and sophomore forward Samantha Crews contributed eight.

Guard Beth Jager paced Farmington with 14 and freshman center Stephanie Marx added 10.

•**WAYNE 58, WYANDOTTE 46:** Junior forward Tonya Crawford scored 16 points and blocked six shots to pace the host Zebras.

Wayne Memorial jumped out to a 16-9 first-quarter lead and backed it with an 18-10 third quarter to get its second victory in a row and finish 5-14, 4-10 in the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division.

Junior forward Beth Molitor scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds while guard Natalie Garrison scored a dozen.

Wyandotte, 9-10, was led by Jessica Kryger's 14 points.

"We played aggressive basketball," Coach Matt Godfrey of the Zebras said. "That's been our key all year. When we do that, we give ourselves a chance."

Wayne was 10-for-22 from the line while Wyandotte made 13-of-20 free throws.

•**LUTH. WESTLAND 51, ANNAPOLIS 39:** The Warriors got some good play from their seniors to close out a 12-8 regular season.

Anna Schwewe scored 14 points, had 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots — all in half a game as Lutheran High School Westland rotated its players extensively.

Jenny Schulz scored 10 and Sharon Greer eight for the Warriors.

Visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7-13, got seven points from Jennifer Hanna. It made 10-of-18 free throws to 15-for-23 shooting at the line for Lutheran Westland.

Salem turns back Canton in WLAA final, E6.

DISTRICT DRAWS

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS

CLASS A at GARDEN CITY

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Garden City vs. (B) Belleville, 6 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (D) Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ypsilanti-Lincoln regional semifinal vs. Temperance-Bedford district champion.)

at NOVI

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Novi vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton, 5:30 p.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Plymouth Salem regional semifinal vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Redford vs. Redford Union, 6 p.m.; Southfield vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cody district champion.)

at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Bloomfield Hills Lahser vs. (B) Farmington Hills Harrison, 5 p.m.; (C) Farmington Hills Mercy vs. (D) West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Farmington vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; North Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Plymouth Salem regional semifinal vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

CLASS B at BEVERLY HILLS-COUNTRY DAY

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. (B) Redford Thurston, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Bloomfield Hills Kingswood vs. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 6 p.m.; Detroit Renaissance vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the St. Clair Shores Lakeview regional semifinal vs. Mount Clemens district champion.)

CLASS C at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Dearborn St. Alphonsus vs. (B) Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Bishop Borgess vs. (D) Livonia Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: Southfield Christian vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Royal Oak Shrine vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard district champion.)

at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Lutheran Westland vs. (B) Allen Park Cabrini, 6 p.m.; (C) Erie-Mason vs. (D) Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: (E) Ann Arbor Greenhills vs. (F) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Flat Rock vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Redford Bishop Borgess district champion.)

CLASS D at WHITMORE LAKE

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Whitmore Lake vs. (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Grass Lake, 6 p.m.; Canton Agape Christian vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Grass Lake regional semifinal vs. North Adams-Jerome district champion.)

at AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Redford St. Agatha vs. (B) Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 6 p.m.; (C) Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart vs. (D) Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Southfield Franklin Road Christian vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Harper Woods Bishop Galtier regional semifinal vs. Center Line St. Clement district champion.)

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Jeff Hatley, sixth season.

League affiliation: Suburban High School (South Division).

Season opener: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 vs. Dearborn at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Last year's overall record: 11-9-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Mark Felker (second-team All-Area), Sean Marshall (second-team All-Area), Kyle Dawley (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Brandon Martola, sr. defenseman (first-team All-Area); Matt Wysocki, sr. defenseman (second-team All-Area); Matt Grant, Sr. right winger; B.J. Tehan, sr. defenseman; Greg Sliwka, sr. goalie; Jason Hendrian, sr. right winger; Anton Sutovsky, sr. center; Ed Rossetto, sr. left winger; Dan Cook, jr. left winger; Chuck Leight, jr. right winger.

Promising newcomers: Antti Kervinen, sr. defenseman (exchange student from Finland); Sean Szostak, fr. defenseman; Fran Furdero, soph. right winger (eligible in Jan.); Tom Sherman, soph. left winger; Ryan Strzempek, sr. left winger; Jason Turri, soph. right winger; Felix Jentzmik, sr. center (exchange student from Germany); Adam Krug, fr. center; Dwaine Jones, jr. goalie.

Hatley's 1997-98 outlook: "For the seniors and parents, the first priority is for the team to win. Last year, playing time was a priority and we didn't have good team chemistry because of that."

"Both Kervinen and Jentzmik will bring a European influence — puck control and passing. Both see the ice well and complement everybody."

"All three lines can score. We also have five solid defensemen and two pretty good goaltenders."

"Sliwka played well in the summer. Both the coaches and players have confidence in him."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Terry Jobbitt, 16th season.

League affiliation: Suburban High School (South Division).

Season opener: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 vs. Dexter at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Last year's overall record: 7-14-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Eric Hillebrand (second-team All-Area), Dan

Boyle, Tom Taylor, Dan Hofelich.

Leading returnees: Greg Job, sr. center (first-team All-Area and All-State); Jeremiah White, jr. left winger; Tony Saia, jr. left winger; Chad Van Hulle, soph. defenseman; Adam Sexton, jr. defenseman; Erik Rakoczy, sr. defenseman; Phil Brady, sr. goalie; Justin Sawyer, Soph. center; Dwayne Peer, sr. defenseman; Scott Waara, soph. right winger.

Promising newcomers: Dave Tyler, sr. right winger; Jeff Job, soph. left winger; Nick Tilt, soph. defenseman; Trevor Skocen, soph. defenseman; Brandon McCullough, soph. center; Rob Williams, soph. goalie; Dan Huizar, soph. goalie.

Jobbitt's 1997-98 outlook: "I think our first two lines can play with just about anybody in the league."

"Our defense needs work, but they will improve. We have to have patience because they're young and inexperienced and make mistakes at the beginning. Of our five defensemen, three have just two years experience in high school all together. It's a new experience for them, especially when you're coming from a house league."

"Saia has made great steps forward and should be a real asset. Tyler and (Jeff) Job should add some jump to our offense. Job was a wrestler last year. He's a great athlete."

"All our kids want to learn and they work hard."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Mike Harris, fourth season.

League affiliation: Suburban High School (South Division).

Season opener: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 vs. Northville at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Last year's overall record: 16-5-2.

Titles won last year: Suburban Hockey League champions (12-0-2).

Notable losses to graduation: Andy Domzalski (first-team All-Area), Mike Schmidt (first-team All-Area), Anthony Alfonsi (second-team All-Area), Doug Peacock.

Leading returnees: Darin Fawkes, Sr. forward (first-team All-Area); Roy Rabe, jr. defenseman; Mike McCowan, jr. defenseman; Mike Radakovich, sr. forward; Joe Suchara, jr. defenseman; John May, jr. forward; Bill Marshall, sr. forward; Ryan Sinks, jr. forward; Dennis

Queener, jr. defenseman.

Promising newcomers: Dan Cieslak, jr. forward; Willie Wilson, jr. forward; Jeff Lang, sr. forward; Mike Walsh, jr. forward; Chris McComb, soph. goalie; Alex Piotrowski, soph. defenseman; Adam Heseltine, jr. defenseman; Tim Allen, jr. forward; Mike Zientarki, jr. forward; Steve Anderson, jr. forward; Matt McLeod, jr. goalie.

Harris' 1997-98 outlook: "Our goaltending is new. McComb came from Dan Lerg's Livonia Bantam A Knights team. He is fundamentally sound and well coached. He's young, but we feel he's adequate."

"Our defense has a lot of experience. Queener is in his third year, and with McCowan, Suchara and Rabe, they all have a year of high school experience under their belt. We have a bright future back there with five juniors and a sophomore."

"We're as deep as we've ever been up front. No matter what line we put out there, we have scoring potential."

"We have a lot of speed, depth and talented player. If we can take the enthusiasm we showed at the end of last year, with some determination, we should be a very good team."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Gordie St. John, fifth season.

League affiliation: Michigan Metro (West Division).

Season opener: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. Southgate at Redford Ice Arena.

Last year's overall record: 25-1-1.

Titles won last year: Class A state, regional and Michigan Metro (West Division) champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Eric Bratcher (first-team All-Area), Dan McLellan (first-team All-Area), Scot Curtin (first-team All-Area and Michigan's Mr. Hockey), Mike Porter (first-team All-Area), Nick Kalniecki (second-team All-Area), Brett Murphy, Matt Bleniek, Nick Lewarne, Tim Cibor, Mike Sharpe.

Leading returnees: Rick Marnon, sr. goalie (second-team All-Area), Ian Devlin, Sr. forward; Jason Tardif, Sr. center; Tony Keshishian, Sr. defenseman; Matt Van Heest, Jr. defenseman; Greg Berger, Sr. defenseman; Joe Beaudoin, Sr. forward; Jim Melton, Jr. forward; Pat O'Dea, Sr. forward; David Turner, Sr. forward; Keith Rowe, Jr.

defenseman.

Promising newcomers: J.P. Hunt, Sr. defenseman; Ben Dunne, So. goaltender.

St. John's 1997-98 outlook: "(Last year's seniors) made me look good, better than I am. We were ranked first in the nation (at the end of the season) and how many times does that happen? Thing was, we had some of the best defensemen in the state, and it wasn't just Curtin and (Mike) Porter. (Nick) Kalniecki was as good as anyone."

"Rickey (Marnon) had a tremendous defense in front of him last year and he's going to see a lot more rubber (pucks) this year than last. He told me he's looking forward to it, wants people to see he's really talented — and he is. Our defensemen haven't ever played the system. Some of them are young. It takes a while to pick it up."

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1-0 hole.

But the Crusaders quickly clambered out, with Andy Makins (Plymouth Salem) taking a pass from Seamus Rustin and scoring less than 30 seconds later.

Madonna went ahead 2-1 with just under 28 minutes left in the half when Rustin scored. But that was the end of the Crusaders' offensive highlights.

Dan Butler's unassisted goal with six minutes left capped a wide-open first half, giving Springfield a 3-2 lead at the break.

Play got rough in the second half. A total of six yellow cards were issued (five of them against Springfield), including three in the second half. Madonna's Jason Roy (Livonia Stevenson) was ejected with 18:21 left and his team trailing by two goals.

Scheer's penalty kick 2½ minutes into the second half pushed Springfield's lead to 4-2. Scheer added a second goal with less than three minutes left, part of a four-goal Springfield surge in the game's final 12 minutes.

Madonna was outshot in the match, 22-6.

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CC roster turnover significant

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central hockey coach Gordie St. John, who needs a Halloween mask to resemble a Hollywood movie star, credits his players and assistant coaches for making him look good last year behind the bench.

A richly-talented senior class, including Mr. Hockey Scot Curtin, led the Shamrocks to the Class A title last March, their second in St. John's four years as coach.

Curtin is now playing for Middlebury College in Vermont and Porter is playing junior A hockey out of state. Eric Bratcher is in a prep school out east.

"They made me look good, better than I am," St. John said. "We were ranked first in the nation (at the end of the season) and how many times does that happen? Thing was, we had some of the best defensemen in the state, and it wasn't just Curtin and (Mike) Porter. (Nick) Kalniecki was as good as anyone."

"And I've got a great staff with me. (Manager) Mike Giordano is unbelievable. (Assistant coach) Todd Johnson's as good a teacher as anyone I've known, an absolute natural, and his brother Mark is very good."

While St. John didn't think of

standing in line in Southfield the other day to try out as an extra for a local Hollywood movie shoot, he's probably short-changing himself as a coach.

He has coached hockey it seems longer than Gordie Howe has played and has the ability to tinker with his lineups, even an inexperienced one like this season's.

The Shamrocks are untested on defense, making all-state goaltender Rickey Marnon's presence more important than ever.

Marnon, a senior and three-year starter, is backed up by senior Tom Monnier and sophomore Ben Dunne.

Returnees Tony Keshishian and Matt Van Heest are the only defensemen with varsity experience.

"I'm going to give them all the ice time they can handle," St. John said. "Rickey had a tremendous defense in front of him last year and he's going to see a lot more rubber (pucks) this year than last. He told me he's looking forward to it, wants people to see he's really talented — and he is."

"Our defensemen haven't ever played the system. Some of them are young. It takes a while to pick it up."

St. John hopes to bolster the

defensive unit by moving senior Greg Berger there from left wing.

Berger is one of the co-captains along with senior left wing Ian Devlin and senior center Jason Tardif.

St. John needs to find a new power play unit.

"It won't be what it was last year because we had Curtin and Porter on top and Kalniecki and (Eric) Bratcher on it and haven't found anyone to replace them," St. John said.

Other key returnees include senior left wing Joe Beaudoin, senior right wing Jim Melton, junior right wing Pat O'Dea, senior left wing David Turner and junior defenseman Keith Rowe.

It looks like Turner, Tardif and O'Dea will occupy the first line, St. John said.

Senior J.P. Hunt, the brother of former CC standout Dan Hunt, is an important addition, St. John said.

St. John hopes the Shamrocks can challenge for the Metro Hockey League championship.

Being defending state champions gives other teams incentive to beat them.

"Until someone knocks us out, they'll all be shooting for us," St. John said.

Sailors provide fall aerial ballet

Each autumn I look forward to an aerial ballet of sailors in my backyard.

Best performers are the red maple leaves. As they sail through the air they look like experienced and novice sailors or ballet dancers.

I've watched oak and black cherry leaves, but they do not have the design for being an autumn dancer like the red maple.

One morning last week I had the time to sit and watch the red maple leaves leave their branch mooring and sail to the ground.

Some of would tack back and forth several times as they glided downward. There were short tacks and long tacks, zig-zags and slides.

The blade of the leaf would direct the gradually descending

leaf first to the east and then to the west, depending on the currents of air it encountered.

Some of the falling leaves were reluctant to reach their destination. First they would slide downward. Then just as quickly, they would gracefully slide upward, never retracing their path, always searching for a route that would keep them in the air.

Watching some of these reluctant leaves occupied many more moments than most of the other leaves I watched. Maybe they didn't want to "leaf" their lofty location and lower themselves to such a firm foundation.

In contrast to the reluctant leaf were those that just dropped. They did nothing but fall to the ground and land in the crowd.

Their arrival was anticipated but not outstanding. While moving through the air they did not position themselves to attract my attention or swing intentionally into my view. They just fell.

Maybe these leaves came from

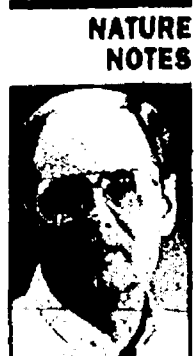
a new branch and thus were a novice in this seasonal ritual. Though each leaf grows new every year, those that fall with class may be those that grew from older, more seasoned branches.

Those that drop are the antithesis of those that pirouette. Leaves pirouetting can be the more delightful to watch. Their long petiole points down and their blade rotates around its axis.

Even though the path they follow may be gently sliding to the side, they maintain their perfect pointed position as they pirouette among the zig-zaggers, the tumblers, the sliders, the dropers and the reluctant.

It is remarkable to see such expertise in a performance that is only done once with no preceding practice.

Leaves definitely deserve our attention and respect for all the things they do, from photosynthesis, to shade, to food for animals, to a palette of color, to a ballet in the backyard.



TIM NOWICKI

It doesn't get any better: Michigan hunters enjoy

We're living in the "Good Ol' Days" right now.

With an estimated 1.8 million deer in Michigan before the start of the archery season (Oct. 1) hunters can expect another banner year. But be sure to enjoy the liberal bag limits available to us right now because they won't last forever. These are the Good Ol' Days we'll undoubtedly tell our grandchildren about.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

In an effort to significantly reduce the size of the Michigan whitetail population the Department of Natural Resources has handed out a record 456,000 antlerless deer permits this year, 50,000 more than last year. In some areas, particularly here in Zone III (southern Lower Peninsula), leftover antlerless permits were sold over-the-counter with a one-per-day limit.

The ultimate goal of the DNR is to reduce the fall herd to approximately 1.3 million animals by 1999. That's a reduction of a half-million animals, over 25-percent of the entire herd. So while the numbers are up statewide be sure to enjoy the action while it lasts. The liberal bag limits won't be here forever.

Following back-to-back severe winters in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) deer numbers are about 50-percent lower than they were two years ago. Winter losses have been estimated at 110,000 animals. The hardest hit areas are at the western end of the UP.

Zone II (northern Lower) hunters can expect to see approximately the same numbers of bucks and does as last year, although the DNR estimates that the Zone II herd is down approximately six-per-

cent from last year.

Zone III (southern Lower) hunters can expect a terrific season as deer numbers are at record levels down here. With much of the area consumed by private land the trick is to lock into an area you can hunt. Private land hunters will have the best luck, but public lands in Zone III also hold good numbers of deer. The secret to successfully hunting public lands down here is to get away from the crowds.

Stay in the woods

The firearms season begins one-half-hour before sunrise on Saturday. With the opener on a Saturday, rest assured the woods will be full of hunters all weekend. If you're serious about filling a tag, pack a lunch and stay in the woods all day on the opener, and even on Sunday if you can. You'll increase your chances of success.

Opening day is by far the best day of hunting during the entire season. Once the lead starts to fly most deer, particularly the bigger bucks, will become more nocturnal and will tend to lay low during the day. On opening day you can still get the jump on them.

On top of that, if you can sit still while everyone else is leaving and returning to the woods at midday the deer they're jumping and pushing around may just come your way.

Nothing but excuses

Perched precariously in a choke cherry tree - northeast of a couple hot intersecting deer trails - for the better part of the last month, I've had plenty of time to think. When the deer weren't around, I had time to ponder some of the bigger problems of the world such as homelessness, unrest in the Middle East, the recent historical plunge of the stock market and many other worldly problems.

More importantly, however,

I remembered some excuses I've heard from other people as to why they return home from the annual trip to deer camp without any venison for the freezer. If you find yourself facing this dilemma here are some tested excuses that are sure to get you off the hook.

•The DNR was conducting a study and wouldn't let anyone shoot a deer in our area.

•I left my compass back at camp and didn't know where I was so I didn't want to shoot a deer and drag it the wrong way.

•I lost my license and the local sport shop was out (don't let on about the new computerized license system.)

•I couldn't sleep the night before because I was home sick and I fell asleep in my blind. (Never, ever, under any circumstances admit that it was a poker game that kept you up all night.)

•I saw a deer walk through camp one afternoon, but I couldn't get out of bed fast enough to get off a shot.

•The buck was heading right for (insert hunting partner's name here) blind and I wanted him to finally get a deer. How was I supposed to know he left his blind at prime time to answer nature's call.

Well there you have it. Nothing to worry about if you forget to hunt and return home empty handed.

Better yet, get out and spend some serious time in the woods and make an honest effort to fill the freezer.

Be safe and good luck! And be sure to report your success at the number below.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER

Firearms season started Saturday, Nov. 15.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones, and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at: http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/homepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

Outdoor Calendar

Target League

An indoor target league started Nov. 11 at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OWL HUNT

Learn everything you want to know about owls and other nocturnal creatures during this program, which begins Nov. 13 at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Call (248) 738-2500 to register and for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, five-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

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PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours Nov. 16-Dec. 22 will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except during waterfowl season when the range will close one hour before sunset on Wednesdays and Sundays. Pointe Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

SPORTS SHORT

GEROU TIES FOR 1ST PLACE

The Gerou Softball Club won its final 60 games of the fall season to tie for first place in the Class D Division at the Canton Softball Center. Gerou played Diamond Back in a one-game playoff for first and lost, 25-10.

Gerou team members are Jim Barr, Chris Bruce, Tom Cottrell, Tom Gerou, Mike Gerou, Tom Keyes, Todd Goodwin, Lotus Jenkins, Rob Lohaus, Bill Otto, Chuck Makarov, Tom Sumner, Howard Boyer, Bill Murrell and Mike Vaught.

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RECREATION

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Most bowlers are not too concerned about the food that is available at their favorite bowling center, they know that the hot dogs, fries and soda pop will do just fine.

Some of the snack bars can even serve up a quick piece of pizza when requested.

Should the bowlers expect more?

Some places are better than others, offering a wide range of soups, salads and sandwiches for their customers, but this is about to change, and change for the better through the means of a program offered through McVety and Associates of Farmington Hills.

They have developed a program with HDS Services to improve standards and quality of food served in any bowling establishment.

They are offering a manual, which according to Jerry McVety provides hands-on step by step guidance that can help virtually all bowling centers large or small.

BCA Executive Director Scott Bennett endorses the plan and suggests, "all bowling centers that will be competitive in the year 2000 will be those who are continually researching how to provide better quality customer service."

Doesn't it make sense that good nutrition will result in higher scores on the lanes? Or which is better, to be well-fed or just fed up?

The generosity of bowlers is a well-known fact when it comes to raising money for various charities. Evergreen Children's Services have had their "Bowl-a-Thon to Strike Out Child Abuse" on Saturday at Cloverlanes and last week the "Tail-Waggers Bowl" took place at Woodland Lanes in Livonia and Milford Bowl in that growing community.

Apparently a lot of bowlers were concerned about cruelty to animals enough to bring in over \$50,000, most of which came out of Woodland Lanes.

Woodland Proprietor Al Winkel said "It was just an incredible turnout and show of support."

This is an annual event, and according to director Laura Zain, "It gets bigger and better every year."

The Les Stanford Chevrolet All-Stars were in action as usual last Tuesday night at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park and LaRue Distributing had a field day with a new high team series of 3,590 led by Dearbornite Mike Lee on a pair of 300 games with a 234 sandwiched between.

His 834 contributed toward the new high totals, with Quinton Greene of Dearborn adding a 722. Kevin Frederick of Clinton Township a 670; Will Woolnough of Wyandotte kicked in a 697 and Craig Bosco of St. Clair Shores added his 667.

Oddly enough, they did not win every game as Baranski Insurance, with Captain Dan Ottman of Troy, took the second game 1,225-1,190.

The Tuesday night All-Stars are probably the strongest league talent-wise in the nation.

Bowling Honor Roll

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic - Gary Czaja, 279-249/256/784; Dan Bollinger, 212-300-236/748; Julie Adomitis, 258-234-233/725; Frank Bollinger, 267-202-247/716; Doug Ellison, 268-230-204/702; John Adomitis, 267-256/699; Jon Tlund, 269-268/699.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Fri. Seniors - Art Kuznar, 232/685; Jack Dahlstrom, 247/667; Gene Pike, 245/74 o/a; 658/133 o/a; Ozzie Hovsepian, 235/629; Tom Sanford, 235/627.
Wed. Senior Mens Classic - John Yontz, 199-244-268/711; Chci Chicosky, 221-235-623; Bob Slayden, 237-224/649; Ernie Segura, 268-215/634; Al Harrison, 237-218/645; Hal Ladouceur, 223/607.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Greenfield Mixed - Debbie VanMeter, 212-200-228/640; Ed Dudek, 254-218/649; Chris Brugman, 225-235/655; Tom Gow, 258/626; Tony Varnas, 247/615.
Strikers - Edie John, 202/559; Anna Namin, 203/512; Linda Alkammo, 203; Linda Kizi, 200.
Sunday Goodtimers - Mike Lanning, 221; Sid Lafer, 205/76 pins o/a.
Monday Men - Mark Howes, 300/717; Bob Parker, 269/714; Mark Wright, 265/721; Julius Malsano, 280/775.
County Keglers - Rob Lemuel, 278/690; Tom Kitch, 248/617; Steve Dulka, 245; Dean Johnson, 244/632; Larry Kaplan, 239; Dave Kaliszewski, 239/641.
Tues Mixed Trio - Rodney Dixon, 254/674; Keith Kingston, 258/700; Kevin Joy Landacre, 225/599; Lynne Wegener, 223.
High School - Jeff Krzakzkowski, 290/714; Kevin Atto, 242; Brian Teddy, 590; Melissa Golob, 176.
Juniors - Tony Rea, 196; Scott Moscov, 196.
Tues. Junior House - Dave Kaczor, 300.
Twin Parish - Jim White, 300.
"Chatters" Lounge Tournament - Don Godbey, 287; Derek Verant, 279/691; Ed Mintz, 279/734; Julius Malsano, 269; Steve Fedelchak, 269.

Novi Bowl (Novi)

Westside Lutheran - Kevin Chambers, 254/686; Bill Mueller, 255/642; Lynn Lewis, 643; Ron Breuhan, 276/626; Randy Krohn, 620.

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

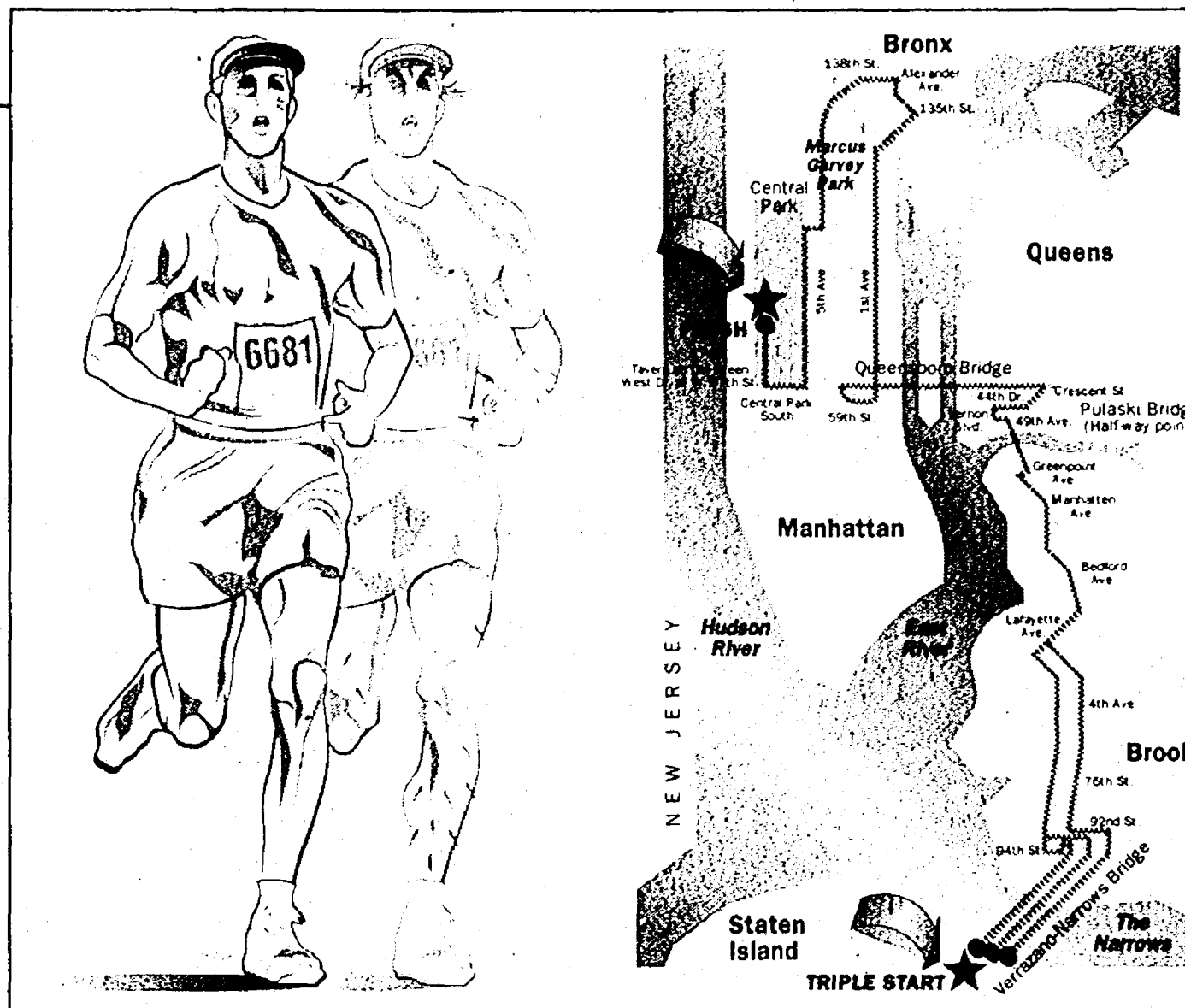
Fri. Nite Out - Jamal Hughes, 300/268/235/803; William Mayo, 300; Booker Holmes, 300; Larry Teague, 300.
Hartford Memorial Mixed - Maurice Stanley, 287/227/706.
W.O.B.A. - Michelle Stohler, 242.
Detroit Morgenthau Women - Florence Aaron, 195/515.
Plum Hollow Majors (Youth) - Portia Burke, 211/560; Ivis Shelton, 201/546.

Troy Lanes (Troy)

Sat. All Stars - Mark Bunting, 265; Dave Kiozk, 245; Jeff Damore, 236; Jeff Linka, 254.
Over The Hill Classic - Bob DuChene, 290/255/740; Jeff Moreo, 245/681; Bill Dowd, 235; Ed Thiel, 246.
Vickers - Dave Austin, 256; Jim Skiver, 253.
Dolls & Guys Mixed - Sue Reddin, 233.

Bowl One (Troy)

Bowl One Classic - Jeff Wenturine, 279; Dave Kurtz, 279; Steve Blahos, 278; Bill Eggett, 279; Dan Alchessie, 299; John Parafinowicz, 279.
B & B Invitational - Mark Mikalovich, 299; Mike Fontana, 287; Jeff Kauten, 719.
Bowl One Seniors (Youth) - Bryan King, 714; Chris Green, 722; Scott Duquette, 712; Jason Kudla, 700.
Grove Supply Senior Classic - Jerry Caldwell, 280/744; Leo Sliachta, 722; Andy Boyd, 279; Ken Bozek, 279; Art Pearson, 722.
Jacks & Jills - Bill Sroeks, 288.
Detroit Lumbermen - Dave Wozniak, 400; Diana Bros Team, 3412.
Sunday Night Funnies - Mary Gisslander, 685.
NASCAR League - Larry Quirk, 290/779.

New York City Marathon
26.2 miles

Entries: 30,463 (21,627 men, 8,836 women).
Finishers: 30,237.

Foreign countries represented: 95 (largest contingent 2,261 from France followed by Great Britain with 1,485).

Michigan entries: 99 men, 51 women.

Fastest time: John Kagwe (Kenya), 2 hours, 8 minutes, 12 seconds.

Fastest female: Franziska Roth-Moser (Switzerland), 2:28:43.

Breaking the 3-hour barrier: 662 men, 29 women (2 percent total).

Leading occupations entered: 1,592 administrators/managers; 1,400 attorneys; 1,275 teachers/educators; 1,162 physicians.

Top Michigan finisher: Doug Kurtis, Northville (formerly of Livonia Stevenson High), 2:28:35.

FIRST MARATHON

Brings out the Jekyll and Hyde in me

BY STAFF WRITER BRAD EMONS

I can't explain how I got the running bug.

Maybe I owe it to the Heart & Sole Running Club, which meets every Monday night at the Livonia YMCA. They certainly provide great camaraderie, plus they're a great group of people who give you lots of support.

Same goes for the Downriver Runners, who meet every Wednesday night behind the Allen Park Theater.

Running was only an obligatory thing to do when I played high school basketball and college tennis.

I'm not a great runner by any stretch, but I'm proud to say I've worked my way up in the top 20 percent for most big races. Prior to that, my claim to fame was breaking a six-minute mile to make the varsity basketball team at Franklin High School, but then again, it took me three tries.

I wasn't the running type anyhow — asthma attacks, a hay fever and allergy sufferer as a kid. Breathe fresh air? Give me some Kleenex.

But somewhere along in my athletic career, I got tired of paying for court time, finding suitable partners, and got tired of playing hoops against guys who knew little about the fundamentals and trash-talked at the same time.

Convenient sport

Running is cheap. You can make your own schedule.

I can't say how it all evolved, but somewhere along the line I got a crazy idea that my first marathon would be the Big Enchilada — New York City.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, a star athlete in his day at Garden City West High School who later went on to captain the Michigan football team under Bo Schembecher, did New York.

And he was an offensive guard (whereas I was a shooting guard with a knuckleball).

I was supposed to do New York in 1996, but six weeks prior to the first Sunday in November, I came up lame, suffering a deep muscle strain while doing an 18-miler, Labor Day 1996 at the Scotty Hanton in Port Huron.

To get to New York, you have to go through a lottery. They receive over 50,000 applications for 30,000 spots.

Luckily, my dream (or nightmare?) remained alive. I got to carry over my entry and was guaranteed a spot for 1997.

After a month of rehabilitation and a slow Turkey Trot, I got back on schedule for 1997, although I learned through my injury that 20 minutes of stretching would be required each day to get me through.

Although my hamstrings at times "remained tighter than guitar strings," this 6-foot-3, 180-pound bag of bones got to the point where I could see actually see the top of the Empire State Building.

There wasn't a day that didn't go by when I didn't think about Nov. 2, even during the dog days of June, July and August.

Training a grind

In the 22 weeks leading up to New York, I put in a total of 838 miles (roughly 38 per week), not to mention the obligatory road races and events leading up to NYC — West Bloomfield

Half-Marathon, Old Kent 25K, Dexter-Ann Arbor Half-Marathon, Plymouth YMCA 10K, Whitmore Lake 12K, Great Lakes Relays (10-man teams, 291 miles over three days up north), the Roadrunner Classic (a hot one), 10-mile Run Through Hell (not too bad), 10-mile Crim (nice day) and the 8K Rockwood Ramble.

I did a pair of 20-milers, an 18-miler, a 16-miler, a 15-miler, a 14-miler, and often made it a point to hit Cass Benton every so often along with trips to Kensington just to get in a few hills.

When I finally arrived three days early to the Big Apple, I was nearly overwhelmed.

Penn Station seemed like Michigan Stadium had just let out on a football Saturday. And let's face it, who wouldn't be unnerved after a ride in one of those Yellow cabs? (Those guys could start their own Winston Cup Series.)

I could see the headlines already in the New York Post: "Marathon runner plunges off the East River in Cab."

And although Manhattan can be a little unnerving with all the hub-bub, my hosts (Bob Stebbins and Tonya Howard), along with support from Downriver teammates Greg Everal and Eve Soltesz, kept me entertained and out of harms way. (Eve and Greg were doing their second marathon in as many weeks.)

True confession — it felt funny paying \$82 to see a Broadway musical when on a normal Friday night I could see the John Glenn-Wayne Memorial football game for free.

My regards to Broadway

But then again, the performance of Jekyll and Hyde was magnificent and proved to be a good diversion from my marathon anxieties.

"Should I or shouldn't I? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde would ask.

Should I take the bus to Staten Island or get a ride from Bob?

Race morning was foggy, although mild (temps near 60), but dreary and wet. The start of the New York City marathon is like no other. Thirty-thousand crammed into one place with three different chutes. My colored chute was green (how appropriate for a first-timer).

I can't tell you when the gun went off, or where the starting line was. All I know I was on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge with runners from all 50 states and 97 different countries.

I was moving, although at a snail's pace. And it was windy on the bridge and about 10 degrees cooler than at the staging area (which featured the world's largest urinal). It was so blustery that I thought my race number was going to get ripped off my shirt.

Under the massive suspension bridge, Europeans serenaded each other with chants of "Ole-Olay, Ole-Olay, Ole-Lay, O-Lay, O-Lay."

Sounded good, sounded positive, something you hear at a soccer match. And it was exhilarating.

I certainly got a kick out of crowds, who lined the streets through the entire five boroughs. New York is certainly a melting pot of ethnic groups.

Loads of spectators

The 26.2-mile course loops onto Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn. You receive words of encouragement in Bedford-Stuyvesant before hitting Queens, and onto the 59 Street Bridge into First Avenue in Manhattan where the spectators are lined three and four deep.

My Great Lakes Relay teammate and sub-3 hour marathoner Larry Wojcik warned me that New York was not a PR course.

"It's your first one, just enjoy it," he urged.

But for some reason, I had visions of doing something like 3:30, not unrealistic since I've run 1:09 for 10 miles and done a 42:00 10K.

But after a few miles I learned that the Big Enchilada featured gridlock like I had never seen. The crowd of runners never thinned out, not in Harlem (mile 18) and not in the Bronx.

I felt frustrated, like Barry Sanders trying to maneuver around an eight-man front. There was simply no room to pass.

When I hit the halfway mark at 2 hours, I decided 3:30 was a pipe dream, just relax and enjoy it, just as Larry suggested even though I was a bit demoralized.

But as the New York Times so aptly titled their special marathon pullout issue: "Brave Efforts on a Beastly Day," things turned ugly as we hit Harlem with about eight miles to go.

Thunder, lightning and a monsoon rain hit the course with brute force. Running through ankle deep puddles made a nice, easy run seem arduous.

Hitting the wall

As we hit 138th Street in the Bronx and headed down Fifth Avenue toward Central Park, the rain intensified.

Then, my moment of truth arrived. At 21 1/2 miles I hit the proverbial wall (or was it the Hoover Dam which sprung a huge leak?).

Somehow, those gospel singers (preceeded by some hard rockers) didn't seem as entertaining anymore.

The whole thing became one big blur. I decided to walk 50 yards to regain my faculties, but although my mind was willing, my legs weren't as able.

I started up again at a pub crawl pace, and to be honest, when I hit Central Park for the final stage I didn't feel any better.

As the rain continued to drench us, I saw the light at the end of the tunnel.

A huge TV screen awaited the runners as we made the turn for the final 385 yards.

I actually picked up a step or two, but my body had quite enough — 4 hours, 11 minutes, 47 seconds.

Post-race was no picnic, but I was lucky enough to bring a dry T-shirt, sandals and sweats. But that didn't dent my two most immediate pains — cramped toes and hamstrings tighter than guitar strings.

Unable to hail a cab to get back to 75th and York on Manhattan's Upper East Side, my two Downriver friends (Greg and Eve) escorted me all the way from 81st and Central Park West

to the Wellington Hotel on 57th and Seventh.

Along the way I bumped into a sports celebrity and fellow competitor, tennis star Mats Wilander. But somehow I wasn't thinking about serve and volley tactics just then.

We took in valuable some sight-seeing in what seemed to be a death march while chomping on some much-needed goodies on our way back to the Wellington.

Honoring a Beatle

"There's where John Lennon was shot," as Greg pointed out the Dakota to me.

"Get a gun and shoot me, too," I told Greg.

After taking a lukewarm shower at the Wellington, I felt better, but still extremely sore and very fatigued. I walked down Seventh nearly all the way to Third before hailing a cab.

My next destination was to meet my friend Bob at Lexington Station and take the subway down to Madison Square Garden for the Knicks-Pistons game.

After a 15-minute wait to catch the train, I struck up a conversation with a friendly New York lady who told me, "You look pretty good for having just run a marathon."

"Looks can be deceiving," I told her.

After climbing several flights of stairs to get to our seats, we settled in and watched Grant Hill dismantle the Knicks. The concession food at a game never tasted better.

After Sunday's race I made it back to Metro Airport in one piece (although I missed my initial flight, must have been brain dead).

To say the least, my legs felt sore for the next two days. I had a quite a bit of trouble walking down flights of stairs, but I was back on the job on Tuesday.

And to my surprise, I drove to Allen Park on Wednesday and ran 6 miles. Didn't feel peppy, but the soreness had pretty much left my body.

I took three more days off and was back at it again last Sunday. Since then I've put in five straight days of running.

Back to normality

It was nice to be back in tranquil Hines Park again, away from the maddening crowds of New York.

On Wednesday, I ran hard (nearly 7:10 pace for 6 miles) and felt like I could run another marathon. In fact, I hadn't felt this good in months.

"New York was like a long training run," my friend Dan Martinez said, "now you're ready."

I got weird idea I'd like to try it again.

My next target date is Sunday, Dec. 7, either in Memphis, Oklahoma City or Dallas. I have a weekend airfare waiting to be used. But I have to keep reminding myself that's Pearl Harbor Day.

The competitive fires are burning inside of me once again. I know I can do better, just get me out of that Fifth Avenue gridlock.

Of course, that's brings out the Jekyll and Hyde in me.

I'm kind of in a dilemma: "Should I or shouldn't I?"

Salem gets revenge on Canton to win title

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Score round two a TKO for Plymouth Salem's basketball squad. The Rocks used solid defense and a fundamentally sound offensive effort to punch out a 48-37 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton Friday in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship game.

It was a measure of revenge for the Blue and White. The Chiefs won the regular season league title by handing Salem a double-overtime defeat.

"We did a better job of passing, catching and finding the open player," Rocks coach Fred Thomann said. "Our team is maturing right now. We're a one-senior squad. It takes time for young kids to assert themselves."

It was that one senior, Amanda Abraham, who asserted herself, though.

With the Rocks down 7-6 after the first quarter, the 6-foot-1 all-conference player helped her team take a three-point halftime lead. Abraham, who finished with a game high 19 points, scored five in the frame.

"She did a nice job," Thomann said.

Canton coach Bob Blohm said Salem's size advantage caught up with his team.

"They just got inside of our defense," he commented, "and finished well. They played well and deserved to win."

Salem (17-3) can't relish the victory for long, however.

The two schools face each other for the third time this season

Wednesday at Novi High in the second round of the state district tournament. Rocks' junior Andrea Pruett said her team won't change its game plan much.

"We're going to stick to what we're doing," she said, "and let all of our talent and skills come through."

Friday's game started out as a typical Canton-Salem showdown: back and forth, scratching and clawing.

GIRLS HOOPS

Salem led 6-5 at the 1:45 mark as Christine Philips made a pair of free throws. Canton got the last basket of the quarter with a drive from Kristin Mayer.

Neither team was sharp offensively in the quarter.

"Both teams were working hard trying to figure each other out," said Thomann. "It was a matter of working through the

first eight minutes."

The Rocks opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run to go up by six at the 4:44 mark. Canton cut the lead to three, 17-14, by halftime.

Salem took control of the game early in the third quarter.

Canton's Elsie Thornell sank a pair of free throws to make it a 17-16 game at 5:59 of the period. The Rocks followed with a 9-0 run keyed by Abraham, who scored five of the points including

a three-pointer.

Salem led 30-23 at the end of the quarter. That lead grew to as many as 14 in the fourth.

The Chiefs tried to battle back as Kristin Lukasik scored five points. But Canton simply couldn't slow down the Rocks on defense.

Blohm said his team will need to play better defense Wednesday and make good on its offensive chances. The Chiefs (16-4) missed numerous shots near the

basket in Friday's contest.

"The good news is that we got them," said Blohm. "The bad news is that we didn't finish them. We have to make those shots to compete with Salem."

Besides Abraham's 19 points, Pruett had 10, Phillips nine and Tiffany Grubaugh nine added eight. Lukasik scored 11 for Canton and Melissa Marzolf added 10 points.

See district draws on E2.

EMU baseball signs GC star Cole to letter

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Eastern Michigan University baseball coach Roger Coryell came through with a scholarship for Garden City senior pitcher/shortstop Devin Cole.

Cole's father, Dennis, might have only one more request. How about starting his son on the mound in the second game of weekday double-headers?

It would fit perfectly into Dennis' schedule as a maintenance worker at St. Joseph's Hospital, which is directly across the street from EMU's Oestrike Stadium.

Dennis works 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, and the best he can do is watch his son's first game on tape delay.

"We've got a security system (camera) over there that can zero in on the field - you don't even have to leave to watch," he said. "I can read the scoreboard like a newspaper. It's right there."

Technology is nice, but the elder Cole is definitely leaning toward taking vacation time to watch his son pitch.

Cole, a pitcher and shortstop with a 2.8 grade point average, signed a national letter of intent with the Eagles on Friday, the first week high school seniors could sign with the college of their choice.

Coryell likens him to former Livonia Churchill right-hander Mark Rutherford, who enjoyed a fine rookie season as a pitcher for one of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Class A affiliates after being drafted out of EMU last spring.

Rutherford was a pitcher and designated hitter for EMU.

"He's a pitcher, but capable of playing another position," Coryell said. "I think he's a great athlete, can help us in a couple ways. He just turned 17 (Aug. 8), so he's really quite young for his grade. He's got a great arm, is a great competitor, wants to win and do whatever it takes. He seems to fit in well with everybody he plays with. He's been on quite a few teams that have done very well in the summer."

Cole was sold on EMU after being shown around campus by an assistant coach and All-American candidate Greg Ryan, a junior first baseman from Garden City and Dearborn Divine Child.

Ryan was Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and a second-team All-Mideast Region choice as a sophomore. He was first in the MAC and seventh in the nation with a batting average of .447 as well as an all-academic league selection.

Cole also visited Ohio State and considered Michigan State, Cincinnati and Purdue. None of their offers matched EMU's.

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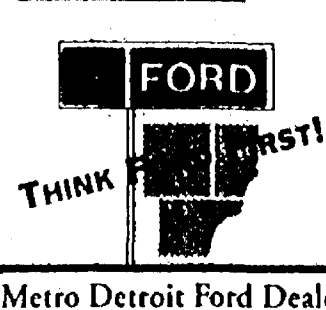
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