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THE WEEK AHEAD

All dolled up: A holiday doll show will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for ages 4-12.

Holiday one-acts: An evening of one-acts, including "The Long Christmas Dinner" and "The Sleep Thief," will be 4 p.m. today at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (and I-275) in Livonia. (734) 464-6302.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Court: The 18th Judicial District Court in Westland will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Library: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24.

City: Westland City offices are closed Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Ho-ho-ho: Our holiday paper will feature a letter from Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS

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City: Westland City offices are closed Thursday, Dec. 25.

Trash pickup: Trash pickup will be delayed one day with Thursday's pickup on Friday and Friday's pickup on Saturday.

Post office: The U.S. Postal Service office in Westland will be closed.

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Friends mourn popular teen-ager



John Robert Lee Anusavage's death at age 17 forced school officials to summon psychologists, social workers and counselors from across the district to help grieving students cope.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School students arrived for classes Thursday morning only to learn that John Robert Lee Anusavage, a popular 11th-grader and track team member, had died hours earlier in a tragic car accident. "We literally had hundreds of kids who were visibly upset and grieving,"

Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general education, said. "He was obviously a very cherished person." Anusavage's death at age 17 forced school officials to summon psychologists, social workers and counselors from across the district to help grieving students cope. "It's a real tragedy. He was certainly a very personable young man," Glenn principal Neil Thomas said. "Every-

body that met him liked him. Everybody here is going to miss him a lot." Anusavage played football in ninth and 10th grades and joined the track team in his junior year. "He was a good student," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "He was a very well-liked kid." Many of Anusavage's friends left school after learning that he had died when the 1989 Mercury Cougar he was driving slammed into a tree and broke into two pieces on Avondale west of Carlson at 12:44 a.m. Thursday. "Some chose to go home," Sherman said, noting that officials received permission from parents to let students

leave. For those who remained at school, crisis teams helped them cope with the startling death of their classmate and friend. Anusavage died when he lost control of his car on a curve on westbound Avondale near Carlson, Westland police officer Dan Karrick said. "Speed was a major contributing factor," he said. "There's no indication that alcohol was a factor." Karrick declined to say how fast Anusavage may have been driving when the accident occurred in a 25

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Holiday happiness



Gift giving: Santa and his elves, from the Wayne-Westland Credit Union, brought stories, gifts and fun to students at Jefferson Barnes Elementary last week. Kindergartners Michelle Kunze (left) and Melissa Robbins eagerly open gifts. Please see page A2.

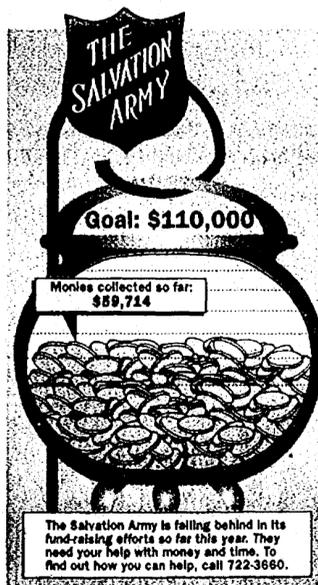
Salvation Army lags behind goal

The Salvation Army in Westland continues to lag not only behind its 1997 holiday goal, but also behind the amount raised at this time last year, Capt. Mark Welsh said.

As of Thursday, \$59,714 of the organization's \$110,000 goal had been raised, he said. The amount is less than the \$68,000 that had been raised this time last year.

The holiday fund-raiser helps the Salvation Army provide food baskets for needy families and toys for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

The organization also needs volunteers. To help call 722-3660.



No charges sought in fatal accident

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Westland police officials say they are recommending no charges be filed against the 16-year-old driver of a car involved in a Dec. 3 crash which claimed the life of a Westland teenager.

Westland police Sgt. Pete Brokas says his department is recommending to juvenile court authorities that the case against the Walled Lake high school student be closed.

"We don't feel the girl did anything negligent in the accident," said Brokas. "I think several factors contributed to the incident... including her inexperience as a driver, weather conditions, the fact it was dark, and the nature of

the road. "She made a mistake in oversteering, causing her to run off the road," said Brokas. "It apparently happened a couple of times as she tried to regain control of the vehicle. While she may have made several mistakes, we feel it was caused more by her inexperience as a driver than through negligence."

The Wixom teen was the driver of a 1996 Pontiac Sunfire which crashed into a ditch along Joy Road at Ingram, killing 14-year-old Alycia Madgwick, a Livonia Franklin High School pompon member.

Madgwick was the only one of five people in the car who was not wearing a seat belt. The other four teens involved in the crash walked away from the incident.

School officials plan push for bond proposal

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are planning an aggressive push to sell a \$108 million bond proposal that voters will decide Feb. 17.

Officials are preparing for 61 meetings scheduled through Feb. 14 with groups such as civic organizations, parents, school district staff and senior citizens, Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Even more meetings are likely to emerge as school officials push for the bond proposal, urged by a citizens' study committee that visited all school buildings, Baracy said Thursday morning during an interview.

The bond proposal includes \$83 million for school building repairs and renovations and \$25 million for classroom technology.

Officials attending community meetings plan to provide as many details as they can about how the

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\$108 million will be spent, Baracy said.

"We're trying to be as honest and factual as we possibly can," he said. "We're selling the bond issue for what it is - for the benefit of our children."

The money is needed for new boilers, carpet, media centers, ceiling tiles, roofs and many other crucial repairs, Baracy said.

"It's a shot in the arm that we need," he said. "We're a good district, but we need this."

A citizens' committee that studied district needs originally compiled a wish list exceeding \$200 million, but Baracy said the amount was pared to \$108 million in hopes of making it more palatable to voters.

The district's last bond issue occurred in 1986 but

was only for \$12 million - an amount that wasn't nearly enough even then to pay for building repairs and renovations, Baracy said.

"It was a far cry from what was needed," he said. But officials had then hesitated to seek larger bond issues because voters already paid nearly 50 mills in property taxes - a taxing level that was dramatically reduced under 1994's statewide Proposal A.

Baracy stressed Thursday that residential property owners now pay only 6 mills; the bond proposal would amount to a 4-mill, 22-year increase, raising to 10 mills the taxing level residents would face for schools.

Some residents have suggested that the bond proposal may not be needed because of the district's rosier financial picture, due to increases in state aid and a \$14 million settlement from the Durant special

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Westland's new fire chief named

Assistant fire Chief Mark Neal has been chosen by the Westland Civil Service Commission to succeed retiring fire chief Michael Reddy.

Neal, who is currently the assistant chief of the firefighting division, has been with the Westland Fire Department for nearly 21 years.

The commission chose between Neal and another assistant chief, Patrick Harder. Both had taken written tests and oral exams for the top post.

Reddy, 54, confirmed last week that he will retire Jan. 16 after a 21 1/2-year career with the Westland Fire Department. Reddy began his tenure as a firefighter, taking over the city's top firefighting post three years ago.

Bond

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education lawsuit. But Baracy said the \$14 million isn't a windfall but, rather, will be paid over 10 or more years. Moreover, he said, the state is simply returning money that shouldn't have been the local district's responsibility, anyway.

Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent of business, has estimated that the district will end its budget year next June 30 with a \$5.9 million balance.

But local officials have said the money wouldn't begin to pay for the building repairs and classroom technology needs facing the district.

Moreover, district spending still outpaces revenues, despite better-than-anticipated state aid, and the \$5.9 million could be easily depleted, officials said.

District officials face two major tasks by Feb. 17.

First, they must convince district voters that the \$108 million bond issue is needed.

Secondly, they have to succeed in drawing voters to the polls.



New coat: Second-grader Danielle Woodward loved her new coat. Bonnie Schramm, one of the coordinators of the event, said, "Somehow it always works out that the kids who need coats get them. It's the magic of the Christmas spirit."

Credit union sends elves to school

The Jefferson Barns Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland school district got a visit from some elves Wednesday.

The staff of Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union dressed up as elves and brought along Santa to read stories to the children and bring them gifts donated by the credit union's members.

For the third year, the credit union had mitten trees in its lobbies. The mittens represent each of the nearly 350 children from the school.

The credit union also takes money donations from businesses to do shopping for the children. Also, books, pencil



cases and activity books were donated by the Toys R Us company.

The credit union has offices in Westland and Wayne.

Elf magic: April Levenz, and the other elves, make their way through the school delivering gifts.



Santa's helper: One of the elves, Wendy Horton, hands out gifts to the children as Santa looks on.



Presenting presents: Elf Amy Sherman has her hands full.

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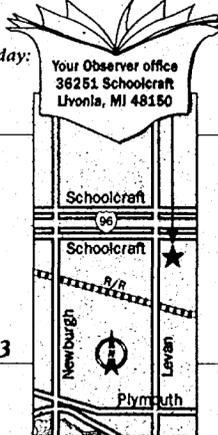
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Italian eatery to expand

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Angelo Bros. Restaurant, a popular Italian eatery in Westland, will expand to nearly double its size in 1998 as owners mark their 40th year in business.

"It's doing well," Angelo Tomei Jr. said of the family-owned restaurant on Ford Road between Wildwood and Venoy.

Angelo Bros. will begin expanding in spring amid family hopes of completing the project by late summer, Tomei said.

The restaurant is expected to remain open through nearly all of the expansion, except for a possible brief closing, he said.

His comments came Tuesday, one day after Westland City

'We're hoping to get started with the break of spring.'

Angelo Tomei Jr.
-of Angelo Bros. Restaurant

Council members approved an expansion of the Italian eatery that opened in 1958.

The restaurant will be expanded from its current 4,600 square feet to 8,700 square feet, Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy said Monday.

The Tomei family plans to add a banquet facility to accommodate requests for special events.

"Right now we have to turn away several parties weekly," Tomei said.

The larger restaurant also will feature a new lounge, a new kitchen and a larger waiting area to accommodate customers, he said.

The building, located at 33550 Ford, will be expanded on the north and west sides, following Monday's unanimous council vote in support of the proposal.

"We're hoping to get started with the break of spring," Tomei said Tuesday. "I would think the project will take about three months to complete, but I'm guessing. We will be open the entire time, except maybe for one or two weeks. Hopefully everything will go well."

The site plan calls for measures such as extending a wood fence and adding landscape to shield the restaurant from its residential neighbors.

Council members voted for the expansion in the wake of earlier supportive decisions from the Westland Planning Commission and the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals.

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
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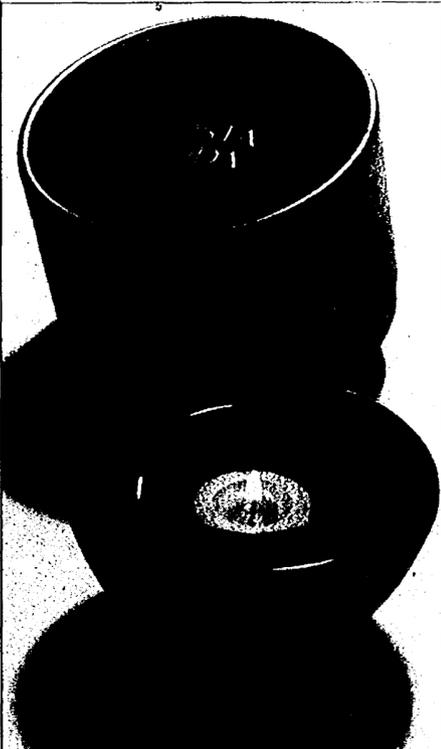
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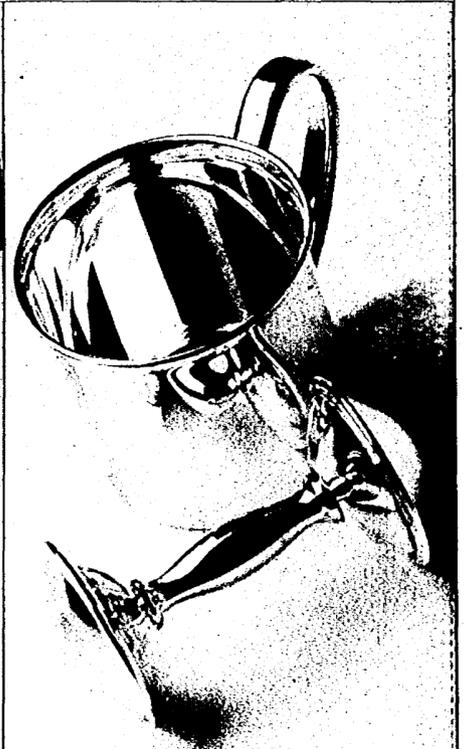
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Shopping trip: From left in front, second-graders Loren Coats, Rachel Wood, Lindsay Wilson and (right, behind) Leah Tobin and Rebecca Allen as they look for items at the Meijer store in Westland recently. They are helped by Loren's mother, Lora Coats. Below, fourth-grader Jackie Culp looks at coats with Mary Beth Seaman.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Students adopt families

Second- through fifth-grade students from Livonia's Cleveland Elementary School raised money in recent weeks to buy Christmas gifts for five adopted families being helped through the Salvation Army.

Eight Cleveland classroom teachers teamed up to coordinate the project, which included raising money, shopping

for gifts at Meijer in Westland and wrapping presents for the holidays.

"The kids each raised their own money" for the project, said teacher Katherine Rowe. Meijer also donated \$1,000 toward the effort, which went to buy bulk items, she added.

After purchasing the gifts, students returned to school to wrap them.

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mph zone. The teen-ager was not wearing a seat belt.

Anusavage's death marked the second time this month - and the third time this year - that a Westland youth died in a car crash. The two other students, both 14-year-old girls, attended Livonia Franklin High School.

Anusavage was alone when his car slammed sideways into a tree and broke into two pieces in a residential neighborhood, Karrick said. The impact occurred on the driver's side and threw the teen from the car, Karrick said.



John Anusavage

"The car literally broke in half, and he was ejected from the vehicle," Karrick said. "The car was in two big pieces."

An investigation revealed that Anusavage lost control on a curve, crossing into the east-bound lane and onto that curb before returning to the west-bound lane and skidding into the tree.

"He missed the curve," Karrick said.

The teen-ager was pronounced dead on arrival at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne.

Baracy said Anusavage worked as a pizza delivery driver.

However, Karrick said the teen apparently wasn't delivering pizza when the accident occurred.

Anusavage lived in the general neighborhood where the accident occurred, Karrick said.

Services were scheduled for Saturday at First Baptist Church of Wayne, with the Rev. Howard Burken officiating. Burial was to be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Janet Anusavage; two sisters, Stacy Anusavage

and Kori (Nathan) Burken; a stepmother, Sharon Phillips; and grandparents, Leo and Eileen Anusavage.

Anusavage became the third Westland teen to die this year in one-car accidents in Westland.

Passenger Alycia Madgwick, a freshman, died on the afternoon of Dec. 4, one day after she suffered injuries in the back seat of a car that plunged into a ditch on Joy Road at Ingram, west of Merriman.

And Nicole Mugurian, also a Franklin freshman, died March 10 when the driver of a car she was riding in lost control and slammed into a tree on Ann Arbor Trail near Hines Drive.

Mugurian's death resulted in driver Joseph John Gackiewicz, 17, of Westland, pleading guilty Dec. 1 to a vehicular manslaughter charge.

The defendant is scheduled for sentencing Feb. 6 on a charge that carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Officials close investigation of double fatal accident

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department officials have closed the books on a double-fatal accident which claimed the lives of two Westland men Dec. 9.

Sgt. Gary Haensler says that while he can't say exactly what happened, he believes the driver of the 1988 Escort station wagon fell asleep at the wheel and crossed the centerline, colliding head-on with a commercial truck.

"There were no pre-impact

skid marks, giving to speculation the driver fell asleep at the wheel," said Haensler.

Killed were David Lee Wiatr, 20, and Terry Lee North, 15, both of Westland. The pair were traveling eastbound on U.S. 12, just west of Saline, on their way home after a day-long deer hunting trip.

The car slid under the truck, with the truck coming to rest on the Escort.

"Even if the two men were wearing seat belts, it's unlikely they could have survived a crash of this severity," said Haensler.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING January 5, 1998

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, BE AMENDED BY REPEALING SECTIONS 133.20, 133.21 AND 133.22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS TO REGULATE FORTUNE-TELLING AND RELATED PRACTICES THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

- Section 1.** That sections 133.20, 133.21 and 133.22 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City are repealed so that new sections shall be added to read as follows:
- Section 2. Purposes and Findings**
- The practice of fortune-telling, as defined in this Chapter, has historically been subject to abuse by certain unscrupulous practitioners using the practice to commit fraud and larceny upon clients.
 - It is the purpose of this Chapter to regulate the practice of fortune-telling in such manner as to reduce the risk of fraud and larceny to clients while allowing fortune-tellers to provide their services to clients with only minimal restrictions.
 - The provisions of this Chapter requiring a permit, posting of fees, providing receipts and allowing client recordation of the consultation, will make it more difficult for an unscrupulous fortune teller to commit fraud or larceny, and yet, as informational regulations, will not affect the nature of the information conveyed by the fortune-teller nor the manner in which it is conveyed. These regulations require only minimal expense and effort on the part of the fortune-teller and will not, therefore, impose any undue burden on their practices.
 - Fortune-telling for entertainment purposes, as defined in this Chapter, does not create the same risk of fraud and larceny by an unscrupulous practitioner as would the practice with an individual client because it is done with a group at a public place for the purpose of entertaining and not to deal with the private concerns of an individual.
 - For these and other reasons, the provisions of this Chapter are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Community.
- Section 3. Permit Required.**
No person shall conduct, engage in, carry on, participate in, or practice fortune-telling or cause the same to be done for pay without having first obtained a permit therefor.
- Section 4. Definitions.**
- "Fortune-telling" shall mean and include telling fortunes, forecasting of future events or furnishing of any information not otherwise obtainable by the ordinary process of knowledge, by means of any occult or psychic power, faculty or force, including, but not limited to clairvoyance, clair audience cartomancy, phrenology, spirits, tea leaves or other such reading, mediumship, seership, prophecy, augury, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mind-reading, telepathy, or other craft, art, cards, talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, magnetized article or substance, crystal gazing, or magic, of any kind or nature.
 - "For Pay" shall mean for a fee, reward, donation, loan or loan or receipt of anything of value.
- Section 5. Permit Application.**
Every natural person who, for pay, conducts, engages in, carries on, or practices fortune-telling shall file a separate verified application for a permit with the City Clerk. The application shall contain:
- The name, home and business address, home and business telephone number of the applicant.
 - The record of conviction for violations of the law, excluding minor traffic violations.
 - The fingerprints of the applicant on a form provided by the Police Department.
 - The address, city and state, and the approximate dates where and when the applicant practiced a similar business, either alone or in conjunction with others.
 - A non-refundable application fee in an amount set by resolution of the City Council from time to time, posted in the City Clerk's Office.
- Section 6. Investigation.**
Upon the filing of the application, it shall be referred to the Police Department for the City of Garden City for investigation, report and recommendation. The investigation shall be conducted to verify the facts contained in the application and any supporting data. The investigation shall be completed and a report and recommendation made in writing to the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days after the filing of the application, unless the applicant requests or consents to an extension of the time period. If the report recommends denial of the permit to the applicant, the grounds for the recommended denial shall be set forth therein.
- Section 7. Hearing and Decision by City Clerk**
The City Clerk shall consider the application and the Police Department report and recommendation at a hearing held not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days following receipt of the Police Department report described in Section 6. Notice of the time and place of the hearing and a copy of the Police Department report shall be given to the applicant personally or by certified mail by the City Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. Any interested person shall be heard at the hearing. The City shall have the burden of proof to show the permit should be denied. The decision of the City Clerk to approve, deny or conditionally approve the permit shall be in writing, and if adverse to the applicant, shall contain findings of fact and a determination of the issues presented. Unless the applicant agrees in writing to an extension of time, the City Clerk shall make his or her decision approving, denying, or conditionally approving the permit within twenty-four (24) hours after

- completion of the hearing on the application of his or her action by personal service or certified mail.
- Section 8. Approval of Permit.**
The City Clerk shall approve or conditionally approve the permit if he or she makes all of the following findings:
- All the information contained in the application and supporting data is true.
 - The applicant has not, within one (1) year from the date of the application, been convicted of any violation of this Chapter or crimes involving prediction of future events by the occult arts, larceny, perjury, bribery, extortion, fraud, or similar crimes involving moral turpitude;
 - The applicant has paid the required business license fee.
- Section 9. Term of Permit.**
The term of the permit shall be for no more than the term of the business license. A renewal application shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the permit and shall be processed in the same manner as an new application.
- Section 10. Posting of fees.**
- Each person required to obtain a permit pursuant to Section 3 shall post on his or her business premises a sign containing the following information:
 - The true name of the fortune-telling practitioner;
 - Each service provided by the fortune-telling practitioner;
 - The fees charged for each service provided by the fortune-telling practitioner;
 - The statement, "By law, this business is prohibited from charging or soliciting any fee, payment or remuneration beyond these established rates."
 - The sign required by this section shall be prominently posted in the interior of the business premises at a point near the entry and shall be conspicuously visible to every person seeking services of the fortune-teller. The sign lettering shall be of uniform size with each letter at least one-half (1/2) inch in height.
 - If the fortune-telling service is provided at a location other than the fortune-teller's permanent place of business, the fortune-teller shall provide the information required by this section on 8-1/2 by 11 inch paper legibly printed or typewritten. The paper shall also include the name and permanent address of the person providing the fortune-telling services. A true, correct and complete copy of such paper shall be given to each client prior to providing any fortune-telling services.
 - No person shall charge any fee, payment, remuneration, or item of value for fortune-telling services in excess of the fees set forth on the sign or paper required by this section.
- Section 11. Receipts.**
Prior to the acceptance of any money or item of value from a client, other than the acceptance of a gratuitous tip given voluntarily by the client, the fortune-teller shall issue a written receipt to the client, clearly showing:
- Date;
 - Name of client
 - Amount of money received or specific description of item of value received; and
 - Purpose for which the money or item of value was received.
- Section 12. Client's Record of Consultation.**
No person engaging in fortune-telling services shall prohibit a client from making an audio recording or taking written notes of the information conveyed by the fortune-teller.
- Section 13. Customers Under Eighteen Years of Age.**
No person engaged in fortune-telling services shall render that service to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or unless the minor has the written consent shall be retained by the person engaged in fortune-telling for a period of one year.
- Section 14. Exception-Entertainment.**
The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any person engaged solely in the business of entertaining the public by demonstrations of fortune-telling at public places and in the presence of and within the hearing of all other persons in attendance, and at which no questions are answered as part of such entertainment except in a manner to permit all persons present at such public place to hear such answers.
- Section 15. Exception-Religious Practice.**
The provisions of this Chapter shall not be applicable to any person conducting or participating in any religious ceremony or service when such person holds a certificate or ordination as a minister, missionary, medium, healer, clairvoyant, or similar position (hereinafter collectively referred to as minister) from any bona fide church or religious association having a creed or set of religious principles that is recognized by all churches of like faith which provides for fortune-telling provided that:
- Except as provided in Subsection C hereof, the minister's fees, gratuities, emoluments, and profits shall be regularly accounted for and paid solely to or for the benefit of the bona fide church or religious association, as defined in this Section.
 - The minister holding a certificate of ordination from such bona fide church or religious association, as defined in this Section, shall file with the City Clerk a certified copy of the minister's certified or ordination and the minister's name, age, street, address, and telephone number in this city where the activity set forth in this Section is to be conducted.
 - Such bona fide church or religious association, as defined in this Section, may pay to its ministers a salary or compensation based upon a percentage basis, pursuant to an agreement between the church or religious association and the minister which is embodied in a resolution and transcribed in the minutes of such church or religious association.
- Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.
- This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.
- RONALD D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING January 5, 1998

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 1998, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ORDINANCE # _____

The City Council in accordance with the City Charter and the labor negotiations between it and the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA) establishes the following pay grades, job titles and rate ranges for said employees beginning July 1, 1997:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
SALARY ORDINANCE: GARDEN CITY SUPERVISORY AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION (GCSPPA)

Section I: Pay Grade	Job Title
A.	Building Inspector
B.	Youth Assistance Coordinator
I.	Personnel Assistant
	Executive Secretary
II.	Senior Adult Program Supervisor
III.	Personnel Director
IV.	Community Center Supervisor
	Assistant Community Development Director
V.	Automotive Operations Supervisor
	Buildings and Grounds Supervisor
	Building Official
	Deputy Treasurer
	Streets/Water/Sewer Supervisor
	Recreation Supervisor
VI.	Deputy DPS Director
VII.	None
VIII.	Director of Parks & Recreation
	Director of Community Development
IX.	City Clerk-Treasurer
	Director of Public Services
X.	None
XI.	Fire Chief
	Police Chief

The salaries for the pay grades shall be as follows:

PAY GRADE	RATE RANGE
A.	\$19,875 - \$26,295
B.	\$25,090 - \$33,194
I.	\$29,743 - \$39,350
II.	\$31,528 - \$41,712
III.	\$33,420 - \$44,215
IV.	\$35,425 - \$46,868
V.	\$37,551 - \$49,680
VI.	\$39,804 - \$52,780
VII.	\$42,192 - \$55,820
VIII.	\$44,724 - \$59,170
IX.	\$47,407 - \$62,719
X.	\$50,251 - \$66,482
XI.	\$53,266 - \$70,471

Section 2:
In addition to the above rate ranges established herein, fringe benefits agreed to at the bargaining table, and made part of the contract, are affirmed and established as if set out in full.

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

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treas

Madonna student commutes to class from Minnesota

Madonna University student Teri Shingledecker kept a bag containing a blow dryer and hair spray at a residence hall on campus.

But she doesn't live there. Shingledecker commuted to campus once a week.

But not by car. Instead the reservation agent for Northwest Airlines flew from St. Paul to Detroit on Sundays each week during the fall semester, then returned home every Tuesday after attending classes at Madonna.

She flew here for one purpose — to take classes with hopes of obtaining her four-year degree in Sign Language Studies. Madonna University remains the only four-year independent university to offer a bachelor of arts in sign language studies in the United States.

"Initially, I thought I would move to Livonia, but this arrangement has been working out good so far," said Shingledecker. "I first became interested in sign language when I started working at a restaurant.

There seem to be a lot of deaf people who came in there.

"Eventually, I began taking some sign language courses at a technical school in St. Paul."

Shingledecker put her name on a waiting list to get into a two-year program in St. Paul but concluded that she did not want to wait to start her degree.

"I decided to look at other schools that offered sign language programs. Important factors for me were the size of the school, if it offered a four-year degree and if Northwest was a hub," Shingledecker said.

"In some of the materials Madonna University sent, there was a publication (Madonna Now) and it had an article about a Northwest flight attendant who went through the sign language studies program at Madonna and that kind of triggered something in me."

As a reservation agent for Northwest, she can travel unlimited times on the airline and the only thing she is required to pay are the taxes.

"Without working at North-



A long commute: Ken Rust, chair of the Sign Language Studies program at Madonna University, talks with student Teri Shingledecker. Shingledecker commuted from Hastings, Minn., to Madonna during the fall.

west I couldn't afford to fly every week. Northwest is definitely a family-oriented company."

Each Monday of the 16-week semester of the fall term, Shingledecker flew out on the 6 a.m. flight from St. Paul to Detroit. She arrived in Detroit at 8 :30

a.m. and attended classes from 1 to 10 p.m. That night, she stayed in the residence hall on campus.

On Tuesday, she went to one class from 9 a.m. to noon and returned to the airport to fly back home to St. Paul.

"Carol Rzemkowski, the resi-

dence hall director, has been real good about my situation. She lets me keep a big bag of stuff at the residence hall such as a blow dryer and hair spray. The residence hall has computer rooms already set up for students who don't live on campus during the semester."

Shingledecker's situation is unique, but it is not unusual for students to come from different states to study sign language at Madonna University.

Students attend from Texas, Massachusetts and Virginia, said Ken Rust, chair of the sign language studies program.

Madonna University has been offering courses and programs of study in American Sign Language, deaf culture, deafness and interpreting since 1975.

Shingledecker works about 30 hours a week and took 13 credit hours this past fall.

Shingledecker learned something new every day in Rust's class which she found ironic. Because she had some sign language classes before coming to Madonna University, she was

hoping to test out of SLS 100. "Ken said I could not, I was a little upset at the time and didn't understand why. Reflecting back, I now understand. Before I took that class I had a lot of misperceptions."

"I get upset at the public misconceptions of deaf people, that sign language is no different than signing the English language and that deaf people should be able to understand and not need interpreters."

Shingledecker will not be commuting during the winter term but will return to Madonna for the spring term and at the end of that term, she is planning on re-evaluating the commuting and determining if she will put in for a transfer at Northwest.

Her short-term goal is to stay with Northwest and serve as an interpreter for deaf people who are flying. Her long-term goal is to work in education. But for now her plan is to continue to commute and pursue her degree.

"My only regret I have is I wish I would have done this a whole lot sooner," she said.

Area choral groups perform at Metro Airport

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport will be filled with more than just the usual sounds of the holiday hustle and bustle this week.

A variety of choral groups and musicians from local high schools, churches and community organizations will be spreading their holiday cheer at Detroit Metro through Dec. 24.

A choral group from Livonia Churchill High School and a band from the Wayne-Westland branch of the Salvation Army will be among groups from Dearborn, Detroit, Lincoln Park and Taylor caroling for the enjoyment of passengers and airport visitors.

This 6th Annual Holiday Music Program will treat airport visitors with performances by the Eastern Michigan University Gospel Choir, the Seaway

Chorale, the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, the County Connection, and the Detroit-based "4 Love" organization.

Groups performing in the Smith Terminal can be heard by the Christmas tree between Concourses A and B. The Davey Terminal groups can be heard at the Northwest Airlines' baggage claim entrance near Concourse E. Passengers arriving and departing at the international terminal will be entertained from the departure level on the third floor.

Special appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus will be made as they stroll through the decorated terminals delighting children with candy canes and coloring books.

Churchill will perform Christmas Eve from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Smith Terminal.

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OBITUARIES

BERNIECE FRADETTE

Berniece Fradette will be memorialized on a plaque at the Friendship Center in Westland. Mrs. Fradette, 89, died Dec. 3 in Ann Arbor. She had lived in Westland since 1943.

At the Friendship Center, which offers programs for senior citizens of Westland, Mrs. Fradette was the sewing class instructor and Alteration Lady for the community. She made the Valentine king and queen of hearts robes.

She was named senior of the month representing all of Westland's senior citizens at the Mayor's Town Hall meeting. She was also senior of the year and her picture was placed in the Friendship Center Hall of Fame.

She was the president of the Happy Hour Club for many years. She was on the senior Commission on Aging, appointed by the Westland mayor.

Mrs. Fradette was born in 1908 in Minneapolis, Minn. She was married in 1924. She had four children, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She worked at Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford in the kitchen lunch program, making doughnuts, rolls, and pizza. She worked at the Red Cross Blood Bank as a volunteer. She made costumes for the Park Pageant, for the Fourth of July and other celebrations.

She also provided a taxi service for many senior citizens.

The plaque in her memory will read: "In memory of our alteration lady and friend, Berniece



Mrs. Fradette

worth; Nancy Guacatta; Joyce Johnson; Helen Mull; Doris Silcox; Barbara Marc.

ARNOLD DALE JONES

Mr. Jones, 72, of Westland died Dec. 13 following a long illness.

Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, Mr. Jones was educated in the Detroit schools. During the period of World War II, he served as a member of the Office of Civilian Defense as a messenger.

He became employed by Cadillac Motors building Army tanks. He retired in 1987.

Mr. Jones served as an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 519 and then as assistant explorer leader of post 519 working with his two sons in the scouting program. He was recognized for his efforts by being awarded the Boy Scout Tonquish District Award of Merit.

He was a member of and served as an usher of the Boulevard Congregational Church of Detroit and later became a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westland.

Survivors include his wife,

Fradette. Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiacek, director; David R. Wiacek, court administrator; Alice Mantey; Mike Sigworth; Nancy Guacatta; Joyce Johnson; Helen Mull; Doris Silcox; Barbara Marc.

Betty; sons, David of South Lyon and Daniel of Northville; brother, James.

Services were at St. Matthew Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ralph Fischer officiating. Private interment took place at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew Building Fund, 5885 Venoy, Westland.

Arrangements were made by the Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

PHYLLIS CHRISTINE PAYNE

Mrs. Payne, 42, of Westland died Dec. 10 at home.

Mrs. Payne was a homemaker. Survivors include her sons, David and Samuel; daughter, Tiffany; mother, Rachael; sisters, Claudia Collins, Diane Szmuto, Glenda Mason and Charlotte Haynes; brothers, Troit Blanks, Earl Blanks and Kenneth Blanks.

Services were Dec. 15 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Brother Thomas Milligan officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

ALFREDA H. SAGAN

Mrs. Sagan, 76, of Westland died Dec. 17 in Oakwood Hospital, Annapolis Center.

Born in Franklin, New Jersey, Mrs. Sagan was a music teacher.

Survivors include her daughter, Roberta Olsen; mother, Edith Sikorski; one grandchild. Arrangements were made by

the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

ELAINE MARTHA WELCH

Mrs. Welch, 66, of Wayne died Dec. 13 in Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center, Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Welch was a nurse. Survivors include her son, Robert; brother, Carl Peters; two grandchildren.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

FIELDING W. RISNER

Mr. Risner, 87, of Wayne died Dec. 10 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center.

Mr. Risner was a retired machine operator. Survivors include his wife, Mae; son, Duane Miracle; daughter, Lynn Compton; two sisters; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were at West Wayne Freewill Baptist Church with Brother Joe Jones officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

TERRY LEE NORTH II

Terry Lee, 15, of Westland died Dec. 9 in an auto accident.

Terry was a student. Survivors include his parents, Terry and Debra; brother, Christopher McCarthy; sisters, Stephanie and Jessica; grandparents, William and Shirley

Ringo and Mary Eulas.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Charles Bishop officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

DAVID LEE WIATR

Mr. Wiatr, 20, of Westland died Dec. 9 in an auto accident.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie; daughter, Emily Nicole; parents, David and Sue; brother, Brian; grandparents, Irene Behling and Wilhemina Wiatr.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Lawrence E. Witto officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

JEANINE MARIE ROE

Mrs. Roe, 33, of Westland died Dec. 10.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Roe was a homemaker.

Survivors include her fiancé, Jack Edward Keledjian of Westland; son, Jacob Roe; parents, Suzanne and Emil Thibeault; brothers, Michael and Steven; sister, Lynda.

Services were at the Santeju Chapel of John N. Santeju & Son, Inc., Funeral Directors, Garden City. The Rev. John Lehner of St. Kevin Catholic Church officiated. Cremation rites followed.

MARY MARGUERITE

(SHETTLEROE) MICHALAK

Mrs. Michalak, 86, of Westland died Dec. 9 at the Westland Convalescent Center, Westland.

She was born in the mining town of Pittsburg, Ill. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University and taught school in Hillsboro, Ill., for 10 years. She was a practical nurse in the Towner Residence in Ypsilanti for six years and substituted in the Mt. Morris School District. She taught school in the Wayne Westland Schools at Cady School for 20 years. She did graduate work at Eastern Michigan University and graduated in 1960, working on her master's degree. She won Teacher of the Year Award as well as perfect attendance awards.

Mrs. Michalak retired from teaching in 1974 and tutored and did volunteer work in the Wayne Westland Schools for several years. She received the "Senior of the Year" award in 1993 from the Friendship Center.

Survivors include her sister, Nina Sowle; brothers, Charles, Kenneth and Drexel Hudspeth.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Homes, Inc. in Westland with the Rev. Robert Millar and the Rev. Chris Richards from the First Congregational Church of Wayne officiating. Burial was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. um; Mae Bray; Lottie Pruszyński; Chris & Roxanne Keller; Darlene A. Ryor; Barbara J. Sullivan; Family & friends."

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 5, 1998

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 1998, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY INVOLVING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION (a) 70.27 through 70.43:

Section (70.27) The maximum axle load shall not exceed the number of pounds designated in the following provisions which prescribe the distance between axles:

(a) When the axle spacing is 9 feet or more between axles, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds for vehicles equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

(b) When the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between 2 axles but more than 3 1/2 feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 13,000 pounds for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

(c) When axles are spaced less than 3 1/2 feet apart, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per axle.

(d) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) shall be known as the normal loading maximum.

Section (70.28) When normal loading is in effect, the state transportation department and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may designate certain highways, or sections of those highways, where bridges and road surfaces are adequate for heavier loading, which designation may be revised as needed, on which the maximum tandem axle assembly loading shall not exceed 16,000 pounds for any axle of the assembly, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly.

Section (70.29) Except as provided in subsection (8), on a legal combination of vehicles, only 1 tandem axle assembly shall be permitted on the designated highways at the gross permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly, and if no other tandem axle assembly in the combination of vehicles exceeds a gross weight of 13,000 pounds per axle. When the maximum gross weight of a combination of vehicles with load does not exceed 73,280 pounds, 2 tandem axle assemblies shall be permitted on the designated highway at a gross permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly.

Section (70.30) The normal size of tires shall be the rated size as published by the manufacturers, and the maximum wheel load permissible for any wheel shall not exceed 700 pounds per inch of width of tire.

Section (70.31) During the months of March, April, and May in each year, the maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements, or pavements with a concrete base, shall be reduced by 25% from the maximum axle load as specified in this chapter, and the maximum axle loads allowable on all other types of road during these months shall be reduced by 35% from the maximum axle loads as specified. The maximum wheel load shall not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire width on concrete and concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of tire width on all other roads during the period the seasonal road restrictions are in effect.

Section (70.32) The City of Garden City may suspend the restrictions imposed by this section when and where, in its discretion, conditions of the highways or the public health, safety, and welfare so warrant, and may impose the restricted loading requirements of this section on designated highways at any other time that the conditions of the highway may require.

Section (70.33) For the purpose of enforcement of this act, the gross vehicle weight of a single vehicle and load or a combination of vehicles and loads, shall be determined by weighing individual axles or groups of axles, and the total weight on all the axles shall be the gross vehicle weight. In addition, the gross axle weight shall be determined by weighing individual axles or by weighing a group of axles and dividing the gross weight of the group of axles by the number of axles in the group. Pursuant to subsection (8), the overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more axles shall be determined by weighing individual axles or several axles, and the total weight of all the axles in the group shall be the overall gross weight of the group.

Section (70.34) The loading maximum in this subsection shall apply to interstate highways, and the City of Garden City may designate a highway, or a section of a highway, for the operation of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of not more than 80,000 pounds which are subject to the following load maximums:

(a) Twenty thousand pounds on any 1 axle, including all enforcement tolerances.

(b) A tandem axle weight of 34,000 pounds including all enforcement tolerances.

(c) An overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles equaling:

$$W = 500 (LN + 36) / (N - 1)$$

Where W = overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L = distance in feet between the extreme of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and N = number of axles in the group under consideration; except that 2 consecutive sets of tandem axle may carry a gross load of 34,000 pounds each if the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart. The gross vehicle weight shall not exceed 80,000 pounds including all enforcement tolerances. Except for 5 axle truck tractor, semitrailer combinations having 2 consecutive sets of tandem

axles, vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds or in excess of the vehicle gross weight determined by application of the formula in this subsection shall be subject to the maximum axle loads of subsections (1), (2), and (3). As used in this subsection, "tandem axle weight" means the total weight transmitted to the road by 2 or more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than 40 inches, but not more than 96 inches, apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.

Section (70.35) A police officer or a duly authorized agent of the City of Garden City having reason to believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful may require the driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the vehicle by either portable or stationary scales approved and sealed by the department of agriculture as a legal weighing device, and may require that the vehicle be driven to the nearest weighing station of the state transportation department for the purpose of allowing an officer or agent of the City of Garden City to determine whether the conveyance is loaded in conformity with this chapter.

Section (70.36) When the officer or agent, upon weighing a vehicle and load, determines that the weight is unlawful, the officer or agent may require other driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable place and remain standing until that portion of the load is shifted or removed as necessary to reduce the gross axle load weight of the vehicle to the limit permitted under this chapter. All material unloaded as provided under this subsection shall be cared for by the owner or operator of a vehicle at the risk of the owner or operator. A judge or magistrate imposing a civil fine and costs under this section which are not paid in full immediately or for which a bond is not immediately posted in double the amount of the civil fine and costs shall order the driver or owner to move the vehicle at the driver's own risk to a place of safekeeping within the jurisdiction of the judge or magistrate, inform the judge or magistrate in writing of the place of safekeeping, and keep the vehicle until the fine and costs are paid or sufficient bond is furnished or until the judge or magistrate is satisfied that the fine and costs will be paid. The officer or agent who has determined, after weighing a vehicle and load, that the weight is unlawful, may require the driver to proceed to a judge or magistrate within the City. If the judge or magistrate is satisfied that the probable civil fine and costs will be paid by the owner or lessee, the judge or magistrate may allow the driver to proceed, after the load is made legal. If the judge or magistrate is not satisfied that the owner or lessee, after a notice and a right to be heard on the merits is given, will pay the amount of the probable civil fine and costs, the judge or magistrate may order the vehicle to be impounded until trial on the merits is completed under conditions set forth in this section for the impounding of vehicles after the civil fine and costs have been imposed. Removal of the vehicle, and forwarding, care, or preservation of the load shall be under the control of and at the risk of the owner or driver. Vehicles impounded shall be subject to a lien, subject to a prior valid bona fide lien of prior record, in the amount of the civil fine and costs and if the civil fine and costs are not paid within 90 days after the seizure, the judge or magistrate shall certify the unpaid judgment to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, who shall proceed to enforce the lien by foreclosure sale in accordance with procedure authorized in the case of chattel mortgage foreclosures. When the duly authorized agent of the City of Garden City is performing duties under this chapter, the agent shall have all the powers conferred upon peace officers by the general laws of this state.

Section (70.37) An owner of a vehicle or a lessee of the vehicle of an owner-operator, or other person, who causes or allows a vehicle to be loaded and driven or moved on a highway, when the weight of that vehicle violates section 1 is responsible for a civil infraction and shall pay a civil fine in an amount equal to 3 cents per pound for each pound of excess load over 1,000 pounds when the excess is 2,000 pounds or less; 6 cents per pound of excess load when the excess is over 2,000 pounds but not over 3,000 pounds; 9 cents per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 3,000 pounds but not over 4,000 pounds; 12 cents per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 4,000 pounds but not over 5,000 pounds; 15 cents per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 5,000 pounds but not over 10,000 pounds; and 20 cents per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 10,000 pounds. However, the court shall have discretionary power as to the amount of civil fine within the schedule provided by this subsection and may impose the civil fine provided in section (16) for a civil infraction where, at the time of the violation, either the motor vehicle, motor vehicle and semitrailer, or trailer did not exceed the total weight which would be lawful for each unit by a proper distribution of the load upon the various axles supporting each unit.

Section (70.38) A driver or owner of a vehicle, truck or truck tractor, truck or truck tractor with other vehicles in combination, or special mobile equipment who knowingly fails to stop at or who knowingly bypasses any scales or weighing station is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section (70.39) An agent or authorized representative of the City of Garden City shall not stop a truck or vehicle in movement upon a road or highway within the City for any purpose, unless the agent or authorized representative is driving a fully marked vehicle, clearly showing and denoting the branch of government represented.

Section (70.40) A driver or owner of a vehicle who knowingly fails to stop when requested or ordered to do so by a police officer, or a duly authorized agent of the City of Garden City authorized to require the driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the vehicle and load by means of a portable scale, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section (70.41) If a person is determined to be responsible or responsible with explanation for a civil infraction under this ordinance while driving a commercial vehicle, he or she may be ordered to pay costs as provided in section (17) and a civil fine of not more than \$250.00.

Section (70.42) If a civil fine is ordered to be paid the judge, or district court magistrate shall summarily tax and determine costs of the action, which shall not be limited to the costs taxable in ordinary civil actions, and may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put in connection with the civil infraction, up to the entry of judgment. Except as otherwise provided by law, costs shall be payable to the general fund of the plaintiff.

Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish December 21, 1997

Sing & Snore Ernie
raffle to aid foundation

To help the Westland Community Foundation, several Fantastic Sam's hair salons are selling \$1 raffle tickets for a Sing & Snore Ernie. The drawing will be held at noon Wednesday, Christmas Eve, at Fantastic Sams, 141 N. Wayne Road at

Cherry Hill, in Westland.

Other Fantastic Sam's selling tickets are located at 8014 Wayne Road and 2729 S. Wayne Road, both in Westland; 29236 Ford Road, Garden City; 37577 Five Mile Road, Livonia; and 537 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 1997

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and City Engineer Weeks of Wade-Trim and Project Engineer McCormack of Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: 12-97-480 RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 1, 1997, as corrected. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: 12-97-481 RESOLVED: To approve the list of Accounts Payable. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: 12-97-482a RESOLVED: To reappoint Jane Ingrody to the Board of Canvassers with term to expire December 31, 2001. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe: 12-97-482b RESOLVED: To reappoint Joanne S. Dodge to the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees with term to expire November 11, 2001. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: 12-97-483 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations with six bargaining units. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, and Wiacek. Motion failed due to lack of five (5) votes.

Moved to Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 12-97-484 RESOLVED: To cancel Purchase Order #13598 to Linton Food Service due to failure to perform and that the City issue a new P.O. in the amount of \$2,200 to the next lowest bidder, Scotty's Foods, as recommended by the City manager. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: 12-97-485 RESOLVED: To authorize Wade-Trim to commence the design phase of the Pardo Street & Water System improvement Project with the cost not to exceed \$46,000 without further Council Authorization. AYES: Unanimous

To suspend the rules to permit discussion without a motion on the floor. After discussions the Council resumed normal rules of order and the following motion was offered.

Moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: 12-97-486 RESOLVED: To authorize the DDA to commence the Downtown Streetscape and Water System Improvement Project.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 12-97-487 RESOLVED: To table motion #12-97-486 until the December 22, 1997 workshop. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, and Wiacek. NAYS: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Motion failed.

12-97-486 AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: 12-97-488 RESOLVED: To approve a blanket P.O. in the amount of \$3,500 for Oil & Lubricants; 30W Motor Oil, Grease/Chassis Lube, Gear Lube and Automatic Transmission Fluid, to Cadillac Oil Co., the lowest responsible bidder, as recommended by the City manager. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: 12-97-489 RESOLVED: To approve a blanket P.O. in the amount of \$3,500 for Oil & Lubricants (bulk), 10W30 Motor Oil, 15W40 Motor Oil, Hydraulic Oil (bulk), Automatic Transmission Fluid (Dextron III), Anti-Freeze and Windshield Washer Solvent, to Eastern Oil Co., the lowest responsible bidder, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: 12-97-490 RESOLVED: To approve Partial Pay Estimate #17 on the Midtown East Paving and Drainage Project to Sunset Excavating, in the amount of \$29,928.34, for work items including timber walls, concrete and sod work, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. Motion passed.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 12-97-491 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss negotiations with six (6) bargaining units. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 12-97-491 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss negotiations with six (6) bargaining units. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: 12-97-492 RESOLVED: To ratify the tentative agreement with the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA) dated November 12, 1997. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
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Remember your pet with a gift this holiday season

By TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Christmas is going to the dogs ... and cats ...

Area pet supply stores say gifts for dogs and cats are high on the priority list for many families.

"Our business will jump 70-80 percent during the holidays," said John Agge, assistant store director for PetsMart at Six Mile and Haggerty. "I think a stocking for pets is almost standard anymore. It's very similar to marketing for children's gifts."

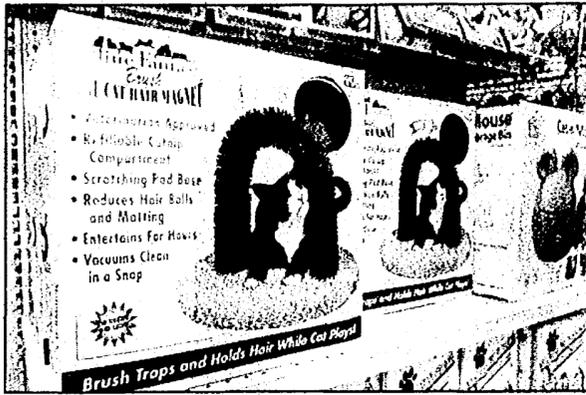
The situation is similar at Superpets in Westland.

"It gets absolutely crazy during the holidays," said Sasha Swanger, customer service manager. "It's amazing to see how much money people spend on their pets during this time of year."

Pet store operators say most of the gifts go to dogs and cats, with some others given to birds in the form of cages and treats.

"Business is great this time of year," added Gene Greed, director of sales and advertising for Pet Supplies Plus from his world headquarters office in Livonia, where he oversees stores in Livonia, Canton, Redford and Farmington Hills. "There are a lot of last-minute gifts for pets, just like for adults and kids, and people buy extra treats and toys for the holidays."

Many of the stores have entire aisles with holiday gifts, includ-



Looking good: Feline Fantasy Brush aims to spruce up your cats while they play.

ing candy-cane-striped rawhide bones, stockings full of pet goodies, Santa squeaky toys, and for cats, toys with catnip.

"Many people think about their pets first," said Greed. "They're attached to their pets because they are part of the family."

Also catalogs

Not only are local pet businesses thriving because of the holiday season, so are mail order catalog companies which cater to pet owners and their dogs.

"Pets have become more a part of the household," said Linda Krehmeyer, marketing media manager for Doctors Foster and

Smith, a dog-oriented mail order gift and supply company. "Many dogs used to live outside, but now most have become part of the family. They're treating them more like people."

The company, based in Rhinelander, Wis., has a holiday gift section for pets in its brochure, and Krehmeyer says dog owners tend to buy what the owners like.

"Many people tend to buy flavored treats and toys they would like," said Krehmeyer. "If we show a picture of bacon with the bacon-flavored treats, and the owner likes bacon, many times they'll assume the dog will like it, too."



Gone to the dogs: This holiday Santa Claus toy that squeaks is available at Pet Supplies Plus in Livonia.

"Over the past two or three years, especially with our holiday insert, sales at this time of year boom," said Krehmeyer. "Many people buy out of love, and don't even consider price a factor."

During the holidays, the scale seems to tip in favor of the dogs.

"Cat buyers usually spend less on their companions," said Krehmeyer. "Cats are more independent and generally have little interaction, as compared to a dog. Did you ever see a cat beg for treats?"

Karen Berger, owner of Pet Pourri in Farmington Hills, says the holidays bring out the best in pet owners.

"I'm amazed at what pet owners will buy during Christmas, and how much money they'll spend on stockings and treats,"

said Berger. "Many owners will buy the little Santa hats and beard costumes, reindeer antlers or angel halos for their dogs to wear during the season."

Smile for the camera

At least two pet store chains have plans for Santa Claus to take pictures with your pet.

PetsMart is taking pictures of pets with Santa Claus at the Northville store, with the proceeds going to the PetsMart Foundation which funds various charities.

Pet Supplies Plus is teaming up with the Michigan Animal Adoption Network at several of its locations, taking photos for a \$5 donation.

"We generally have a huge line when Santa comes in for pictures," said Cindy Schnoor, manager of the Pet Supplies Plus in

Canton. "People will do anything for their animals, and kids especially enjoy the experience."

Schnoor pointed out that while most of the several hundred animals are dogs and cats, Santa does get to see guinea pigs, ferrets and many other creatures.

Dogs will get a brown bag of treats donated from Oink Oink, manufacturer of over a hundred different kinds of dog treats, founded by Miles Handy of Redford Township.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, dogs who get their picture taken will get a 6-ounce turkey roll, a bag of porky puff, a dessert treat, and a cow's hoof to clean their teeth.

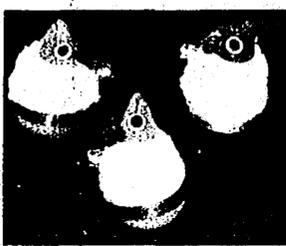
Julie Girard, marketing coordinator for Oink Oink, says the seven-year-old business is growing, but the Christmas season is even busier.

"Business is booming, and we've certainly picked up this time of year," said Girard. "People like to pamper their pets and make them a part of the holiday season."

Oink Oink makes holiday stockings and a Hickory Farms-like box with various treats, which are big sellers this time of year.

The bottom line ... pets, especially dogs, are big business during the holidays.

"Industry-wide, the holiday season brings in millions of extra dollars for the retail pet industry," said Greed. "It's also the most fun time of year for us, as we see happy pets and pet owners."



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Gift Ideas: Stockings for your dog (left) and catnip toys for your feline friends are available at Pet Supplies Plus stores.

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FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



RICK HALBERG

Simmering soup warms and soothes

What is it about soup that we have always loved? Is it the slow process of creating soup that gives it its magic? The warmth with which a pot of simmering soup fills a home? I think it's these things and a whole lot more. Soup is the food we want when we are not feeling well, it is the food we reach for after coming in from the cold, what we make when we want to use up veggies that aren't quite fresh anymore. It is the quintessential "one pot meal."

Chicken soup

In my home, chicken soup has always had a magical medicinal quality. You may have heard the term "Jewish Penicillin." There have actually been scientific (I think) studies on the healing qualities of chicken soup. Although I'm not sure what the results were, it has always worked for us.

Soup is something that even the least proficient cook can have some success with. My wife, Karen, who is not particularly well known for her cooking, does best with food when she puts it all into one pot and adds some liquid. It can be as simple as that, or as complex as clarifying a difficult consommé. Soup can be made from just a couple of simple ingredients for a carrot soup or a long list of things to make a wonderful Minestrone.

Soup can be found in all cuisines, in all parts of the world. They can be clear, pureed, chunky, vegetarian, cheesy, with beans, pasta, rice, thick, thin, healthy, or loaded with fat. Wow, and they can all be great.

Soup can be a light appetizer or a hearty one pot meal. You can prepare soups ahead and freeze them, or put them up in jars. You can make really elegant soups finished at the last minute for a truly fine dinner. They can be the most economical of meals or made with a bevy of fancy, expensive ingredients put together to impress your guests.

We are serving a particularly elegant and seasonal soup now at my restaurant Emily's, it is a silky puree of butternut squash that we serve with a rich yet light porcini mushroom and juniper infused flan with a few drops of cranberry coulis for added zing and color.

Now soup is finding new fame as shops on the East and West coasts open to specialize in just soups. The sitcom "Seinfeld" is widely given credit for this food phenomenon because of a mention of a zany soup shop owner in one of its episodes.

"Newsweek" magazine is calling soup "hotter than coffee." I think we have been waiting for a place to sit with friends, or alone and enjoy something warm and more fulfilling than coffee. I think it takes us back to our childhood when we were fed warm, soft food by a loving parent. Soup is more than food, it's nurturing and can be either healthy or give the illusion of health. They say bread is the staff of life, I think that bread was invented just to "sop" up soup.

Resolutions

Some early New Year's Resolutions, I will -

Continue to support as many small, independent businesses as possible, for if I don't all too soon all we will have left will be mega-bookstores, super-sized restaurants and drug stores that sell everything except what I'd expect.

Try to instill the spirit of Slow Food to as many people as I can. Aren't we in too much of a hurry anyway?

Search out as many local food sources as I can for my restaurant, and encourage these people to use self-sustaining means of agriculture. After all we have only one Mother Earth.

Attempt to give some real quality time to one or two causes that really need the help.

May you and yours have a safe and happy new year!

See recipe inside

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Get Fit for the New Millennium

PIPER-HEIDSIECK'S RED HOT LOOK HAS HOLIDAY APPEAL

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Supporting a stunning new red label, Champagne Piper-Heidsieck makes a dramatic holiday presentation. Pouring this champagne through the holidays will get your attention not only for the unique, contemporary look of the bottle, but for the quality of the wine.

If you've purchased champagne as a holiday gift before, then searched around for an attractive bag, you'll appreciate that with a bottle of Piper-Heidsieck you get the bag free! Offered in red, green and grey, it comes with an elegant gold cord. It's insulated, to keep a chilled bottle cold for up to three hours.

For more than two centuries, connoisseurs have regarded Piper-Heidsieck as one of the great champagnes. Its presence in our market has been downplayed, but if its quality, red hot packaging and great pricing you're looking for, then Piper-Heidsieck fills the bill. Over the years, Piper-Heidsieck has maintained respect for centuries-old champagne traditions while tuning into the times with a sense of fashion and style.

Both the Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32 and Extra Dry \$32 sport the red hot look. Because of the exuberance of both, they can be billed as extrovert champagnes. Fresh and fruity upfront, the Brut finishes with crispness, elegance, toasty notes and the hallmark of a great champagne, creaminess. If you prefer more fruit characters from start to finish, then choose the Extra Dry.

Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$32 has an undeniably attractive salmon-pink color that is most compelling with food. If you're serving turkey for a holiday dinner, make a cornbread stuffing and include dried cranberries as an ingredient. The match with the Rosé champagne will get rave reviews.

Piper's California sparkling wine program Piper-Sonoma has two wines, lower in price, yet very flavorful values. A Brut and a Blanc de Noir



are both \$18.

We didn't get stuck on the Heidsieck name, but in trying to give you different options this holiday, we rediscovered both Piper Heidsieck and Champagne Charles Heidsieck. It, too, is an established champagne house, dating to the 1850s. There's a marked youthfulness in "Cham-

Holiday treat: Champagne Piper-Heidsieck decked out for the holidays in new red hot packaging.

CHAMPAGNE PICKS

In addition to the champagnes and sparkling wines singled out in the wine column, we also highly recommend:

- French champagnes
Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut \$36; 1989 Bollinger Grande Année \$70; 1988 Bollinger Rosé \$84
Champagne Louis Roederer: Brut Premier \$43
- Sparkling wines from California
S. Anderson: Napa Valley Brut \$25 and Blanc de Noirs \$23
Iron Horse: 1994 Wedding Cuvée \$28.50; 1992 Brut \$26.50; 1992 Brut Rosé \$28.50; 1992 Vrais Amis \$28.50
J Wine Company: 1993 J Sparkling Wine \$25
Roederer Estate: Anderson Valley Brut \$18

pagne Charlie." And this is unusual, since the Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve \$43 typically includes a high percentage of reserve wines in the blend. This distinction also makes it a more expensive bubbly.

Compared to other champagne houses, Charles Heidsieck is small and concentrates on quality. Uncompromisingly, it holds back stocks equivalent to no less than four years' sales. This ensures a high degree of dissolved carbon dioxide in the wine, evidenced by the small bubbles that ever-so-delicately rise in the glass and break with great finesse in your mouth.

To show champagne off, serve it well-chilled in tall, slender glasses that are either flute or tulip shaped.

Several premium spirits have impressed us lately. Their enjoyment during the holiday season will only enhance a festive atmosphere.

■ Johnnie Walker Gold Label \$67.50, produced in limited quantities, is a skillful blend of 15 renowned whiskies, such as Clynelish, Royal Lochnagar, Cardhu and Talisker, each matured no less than 18 years. Rich yet refined with a smooth as silk finish, it is a truly inspired blend.

■ The Glenrothes \$57, is one of the finest Speyside single malt Scotch whiskies we have tasted. The Glenrothes, 1982 vintage, was selected by the distillers of the world-famous Cutty-Sark Scots whisky to be offered in a strictly limited quantity. It is a whisky connoisseurs single malt with elegant roasted grain aromas and delicate peat notes that only improve when sipped by a warming fire!

■ If you enjoy cigars, Hine Cigar Reserve Cognac \$99 creates a unique taste partnership with a fine hand-rolled cigar. Aged an average of 15-20 years, the various cognacs in the Cigar Reserve blend come from the finest Cognac districts. Rich woody, hazelnut and spicy elements of the full-bodied cognac pair favorably with tobacco leaf.

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

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KEELY WYGONIK

Food is easy for Chef Zachary Smith, and he wants to make it easier for you.

"I've been cooking all my life," said Smith who has created six gourmet spice blends - Mediterranean Magic, Soft Herbs, Blackening Spice, Chelsea Spice, Ziggy's Gumbo and Shana Spice, which he says will turn "ordinary foods into extraordinary, and boring into brilliant with just a shake."

"These spice blends are like the difference between a Cadillac and a Neon," he said. "Spices can help people change unhealthy habits. It's a lighter way of cooking."

Smith is an artist who uses spices to color his food presentations, and his goal is to help you do the same. Each spice blend reminds him of special people in his life.

Chelsea Spice, a blend of paprika, garlic, onion, chili pepper, fennel, white and black pepper is named after his daughter. "She's the most precious thing in my world," said Smith. "She would come into the kitchen while I was blending spices and wanted to help."

Chelsea Spice is a "colorful spice, decorative as well as flavorful and makes pale dishes more attractive."

The Shana Spice is like little girls - "sugar and spice and everything nice." This dessert spice blend was named in honor of Chelsea's friend, Shana, who is the daughter of Robin, "a guy I've known since high school," said Smith. Chelsea and Shana designed the

colorful label with help from Smith.

"Ziggy" is Smith's nickname, and his spice is a blend of 28 different peppers, spices and herbs that's best used in gumbo's jambalayas, sauces and soups.

Soft Herbs - a blend of chives, dill, parsley, tarragon, chervil and cilantro enhances the flavor of many dishes including chicken, fish, sauces, and omelets.

Try Mediterranean Magic - oregano, basil, rosemary, thyme, marjoram, anise and parsley with vegetables, soups, steaks and classic Marinara sauce.

Blackening Spice - Cayenne Pepper, white and black pepper, kosher salt, thyme, rosemary, marjoram, chili powder, paprika and sage, was the blend that started Chef Zachary's Gourmet Blended Spice Line.

One day they ran out of blackening spice at One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms where he was the executive chef, so Smith went home did some research, and made up his own version. Blackening Spice was a key ingredient in an appetizer he created "Blackened Trio" - shrimp, chicken and beef seasoned with blackening spice, sauteed in butter and served with a salad of melon, rice and fresh mint. It was a best-seller, and before long, customers and friends were asking him to mix up some blackening spice for them to use at home.

In 1995, after hearing over and over that he should bottle his spices to make a few pennies, Smith decided to go into the gourmet spice business.

"I grew up using seasoning spices and things like Lawrey's," said Smith. The idea of making a product



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Spicy: Chef Zachary Smith is helping people put a little more spice in their lives with his flavorful blends.

Please see SPICE, B2

Chef Zachary shares recipes

Spice from page B1

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from Chef Zachary Smith.

VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
- 1 medium Spanish onion, large dice
- 8 cloves garlic sliced thin
- 1 healthy tablespoon Mediterranean Magic (spice blend) or Italian seasonings
- 1 small zucchini large dice

- 1 small yellow squash large dice
- 1 medium eggplant large dice
- 2 ounces tomato paste
- 2 ripe tomatoes peeled and seeded large dice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces grated Mozzarella cheese
- 4 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 ounces plain bread crumbs

Cut all vegetables the same size. Saute onions, mushrooms, garlic

in olive oil, add herbs, squash, eggplant. Add tomatoes and tomato paste, toss well.

Put in casserole dish, top with blended cheeses and bread crumbs. Bake at 425°F until golden brown. Serve with garlic bread and/or noodles.

LEMON SOLE

- 2 portions of sole or any white fish
- 1 tablespoon butter or mar-

- garine
- 1 tablespoon white wine or water
- Juice of half a lemon
- Soft Herbs (spice blend) or your own blend of favorite herbs such as parsley and dill

Sprinkle fish with soft herbs. Place in pan. Add water or wine, squeeze lemon juice over fish. Chip butter or margarine over fish. Bake in oven at 425°F until done. Pour juices over fish.

Hearty soup warms, comforts on chilly days

See related For the Love of Food column on Taste front.

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.

RIBOLLITA

- 2 1/2 cups diced savory cabbage
- 2 cups diced red onion
- 3/4 cup diced carrot
- 1 1/2 cups diced green beans
- 2 large stalks celery with leaves, diced
- 2 1/2 cups cleaned, shredded spinach
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 cups shredded basil leaves

- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 ounces olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped canned tomatoes
- 1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3/4 cup cooked Cannellini beans
- 3/4 cup diced, cooked potatoes
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil in a suitable soup pot, and sweat the onions, garlic, carrots, celery and cabbage

until softened. Add the tomatoes, chicken stock and diced potatoes, bring to a boil and cook at simmer until potatoes are tender.

Add the tomato paste, basil green beans, spinach and parsley. Pass the cooked potatoes and cooked Cannellini beans through a medium plate of a food mill into the soup and stir until blended.

Cook until green beans are tender, add the grated cheese, season with salt and fresh cracked pepper. Serve with grilled bread and drizzling of extra virgin olive oil.

people could use at home was exciting. My career helped open a lot of doors. I can talk and do what I say I can do. Merchant of Vino gave me a shot, and let me demonstrate my product in their stores."

For the past 20 years Smith has served as executive chef at many outstanding restaurants including Benbow Inn in northern California, Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, and the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

His ultimate goal is to help people change the way they eat. "We're behind times," he said. "We need quicker cooking techniques with a healthier focus."

He'd like his gourmet spice blends to become a household name, and make a cooking video to share his knowledge with others. "I would also like to open a restaurant," said Smith. "I'm waiting for the right opportunity."

In the meantime, he's busy

knocking on doors, trying to convince merchants to carry his gourmet spices. He just added Kroger to the long list of specialty stores, and grocery stores including Shopping Center Markets and Farmer Jack, that carry his gourmet spices.

"You can't give up," he said. "Like when I was trying to become an international chef. I studied 10 years to become a chef and didn't call myself a chef until they called me a chef."

When things weren't going his way, Smith said he realized there was something he needed to learn to open the door. "I've adopted the philosophy that you can always improve," he said.

If you can't find Chef Zachary Smith's spices, which range from \$4.50 to \$4.99 at your market, call (313) 730-4287. Each spice has a colorful label, the flavorful contents are sure to bring out the culinary artist in you.

Add a citrusy twist to meals

(NAPS) - Consider sweetening your holiday table by adding a little twist to your meals.

"Orange" you interested in experimenting with new recipes for your family and guests? Try wrapping candied citrus orange peels around cinnamon sticks and use them as stirrers in cups of hot tea or mugs of warm, spiced cider.

The thicker skins on navel oranges which make them easy to peel also make them ideal for candying. Navels are at their peak of flavor in the winter months, and while they are the favorite eating orange, the experts at Sunkist suggest using the grated peel to flavor or garnish.

Candied Citrus Peel Spirals make a great gift wrapped in any decorative container. The spirals also can be tied onto the tree with festive ribbon. For a tangy treat, dip them into melted chocolate.

CANDIED CITRUS PEEL SPIRALS

- 3 to 4 oranges or lemons
- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- Plastic straws, cut in half
- Sugar

Using a 1-hole (1/4 inch) metal

citrus peel stripper, remove citrus peel in long continuous strips, starting at stem end and peeling around fruit in close concentric circles (peel may break occasionally). Save the peeled fruit for other uses.

Add strips of peel to 3 cups boiling water in medium saucepan and gently boil for 10 minutes. Drain and gently pat dry. In same saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water and corn syrup; bring to boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add drained peel strips and gently simmer for 15 minutes. Drain strips and reserve syrup.

Cool peel enough to handle and cut into 8- to 12-inch-long pieces. To form spirals, wrap each piece of peel around a straw snugly, but not tightly. Place on wire rack over wax paper-lined cookie sheet; let dry 1 to 2 hours. Roll each spiral in sugar; replace on wire rack and let dry 8 hours or overnight (candied peel should be firm but not hard). Gently remove straws.

Store in plastic bags. For longer storage, freeze in airtight containers.

Reserved syrup is very flavorful and can be served cold over fresh fruit or warm over pancakes and waffles.

Recipe from Sunkist: www.sunkist.com

A delicious twist on the traditional

(NAPS) - One of the most delicious ways to celebrate the season with family and friends can involve creating interesting twists on the traditional.

One excellent example which you and your guests may enjoy is a deliciously different Christmas

Bread Pudding made with one of the premium cognacs.

CHRISTMAS BREAD PUDDING

- Stale bread: about 3/4 of a loaf of French bread
- 1 pint milk
- 3 whole eggs

- 6 or 7 teaspoons of sugar
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup cognac
- 2 teaspoons butter

Boil the milk and sugar. Then add the cognac. Crack the eggs into a salad bowl and beat well. Pour the milk over them, little by little at first to avoid cooking the eggs, beating vigorously all the while. Alternate cut pieces of bread and raisins in a well-greased, deep baking dish.

Pour in the egg, milk and sugar mixture. Wait a minute, until the bread has absorbed all the liquid. Then crush with a fork and pack loosely. Dab with butter on top and bake in a 400-degree oven for about 40 minutes.

Serve the pudding warm.

Recipe by Remy Martin

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Streamline your menu, focus on dessert

Entertaining is a traditional part of the holidays. As such, it should bring joy and not stress to this special time of year. If you plan to play host to friends and family this holiday season, you'll be glad to know there are ways to have an elegant party without a lot of effort.

Start with a menu that's easy to prepare. Today's low-stress entertaining relies on a mix of homemade and store-bought food. When you need a spectacular centerpiece to a meal, pick up some Cornish hens, which have been roasted and are ready to stuff with wild rice stuffing, you might also choose to buy something that seems lavish, but need only go into the oven to prepare, such as a rack of lamb or turkey breast.

Most shops selling prepared foods also feature delicious side dishes, such as roasted potatoes and vegetable medleys. Heat them in the microwave and add a personal touch by serving them garnished with fresh, chopped herbs.

Another way to give a party maximum impact without a lot of effort is to serve a substantial hors d'oeuvres as the dinner's first course. An assortment of smoked fish canapés is a classic way to begin a meal. Roll paper-thin strips of smoked salmon into rosettes, placing a caper in the center of each piece. Arrange them on a plate covered with plastic wrap, and refrigerate up to 24 hours.

Before serving, set the salmon

on rounds of toast. A bit of smoked trout can be mixed with low-fat sour cream and minced chives and served inside cherry tomatoes to make a delicious, eye-catching meal opener. For convenience's sake, the trout mixture can be made in the morning and kept in the refrigerator with the pre-scooped tomatoes.

Streamlining the menu lets you focus on dessert. Venetian Chocolate Fantasy is a show-piece dessert guests will long remember. It is a triple-chocolate extravaganza served in a pool of dark, chocolate sauce. Although making this dessert takes a significant amount of time, you can start two days before your dinner party and do it in stages.

CHOCOLATE VENETIAN FANTASY

- Cake**
- 1 cup bleached, all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - Pinch salt
 - 5 eggs, separated
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons hot water
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Filling**
- 1 envelope (2 teaspoons) unflavored gelatin
 - 1/4 cup dark rum or 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
 - 1/3 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup evaporated skim milk
- 1/4 cup strong coffee
- 1 cup fromage fraise or fat-free cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Confectioners' sugar, for garnish

Heat the oven to 350°F. Line a 11 by 16-inch pan with wax paper coated with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, sift together the cake ingredients - flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with the sugar until thick, about 5 minutes. Add the water and vanilla. Beat the mixture until it thickens and the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes.

Beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Fold the whites into the yolk mixture. Turn the batter into the pan and spread in an even layer. Bake until the cake feels springy when pressed in the center, about 20 minutes. Let it stand for 10 minutes.

Turn the cake onto a dishtowel and lift off the paper.

For the filling: In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over the rum and let sit 10 minutes. In a heavy-bottomed, medium saucepan, combine the cocoa, sugar, egg yolks, coffee, and evaporated milk. Add the softened gelatin mixture. Cook over medium heat until the mixture is thick enough to coat the spoon, stirring frequently, not let-



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Rich dessert: Venetian Chocolate Fantasy is a triple-chocolate dessert guests will long remember.

ting it boil. Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the mixture to a medium mixing bowl. Let cool 10 minutes. Mix in the fromage fraise and vanilla. Chill until the filling begins to thicken.

To assemble the cake, cut a 9-inch square from the cake. Line the bottom of a 9-inch square baking pan with this portion, placing

the shiny side up. Set the remaining cake aside. Pour the filling over the cake in the pan. Top with the remaining cake, with the smooth side down, and piercing it as necessary. Cover the cake and refrigerate until the filling is set, about 1 hour, or up to 8 hours. To serve, unmold the cake and dust with powdered sugar.

To serve, pour a little chocolate syrup such as Hershey's, on plate, put cake in center, garnish with fresh sliced strawberry if desired.

Each of the 9 servings contains 374 calories and 5 grams of fat

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research

Wrap it up for the holiday with easy appetizers, sweet endings

AP - Wraps are miniature hors d'oeuvres and desserts wrapped in puff pastry, and they're easy to prepare and serve for the holidays.

"Wraps are an easy way to combine different flavors in a way that not only tastes great but looks terrific, too," says Diane Phillips, author of "It's A Wrap!" (A Griffin Trade Paperback Original, \$14.95).

Using prepackaged, ready-to-use frozen puff pastry, home cooks can select their favorite ingredients, wrap them all up and bake.

"You can prepare ahead, cover, refrigerate and then bake wraps when you're ready to serve," Phillips says. "That way, you can spend time with guests and not in the kitchen."

Mini Wraparound Appetizers can be made with your favorite fillings. Phillips suggests filling puff pastry with prepared pesto. Or, if you prefer spicier Mexican flavors, try pairing cream cheese with slices of jalapeno pepper. For dessert, fill puff pastry with chocolate, jams, fruit or miniature semisweet chocolate chips.

MINI WRAPAROUNDS

- Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes
- 1 package frozen puff pastry (2 sheets), thawed
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - Assorted fillings (see below)

Thaw pastry sheets at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Mix egg and water. Set aside.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured

surface. Roll each sheet into 12-inch square and cut into sixteen 3-inch squares. Place filling in center of square.

Brush edges of square with egg mixture. Fold two opposite corners to center over filling and pinch to seal. Place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 32 appetizers or mini desserts.

Use one or any of the following fillings:

Appetizer Fillings: 1 teaspoon chopped ham or pepperoni; 1 teaspoon cream cheese (plain or flavored) and a jalapeno pepper or green olive slice or chopped ham; 1 teaspoon prepared pesto or chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes and 1 teaspoon cream cheese; a small, marinated mushroom or 1-inch piece marinated artichoke heart; 2 teaspoons prepared deli seafood salad.

Mini Dessert Fillings: 1 teaspoon peanut butter, chocolate

chips, chopped dried fruit, chopped nuts, miniature chocolate peanut butter cup or caramel.

To prepare ahead: Make and assemble mini wraps on baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bake as instructed and serve warm.

CHOCOLATE CRESCENT WRAPS

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 1/2 package frozen puff pastry (1 sheet), thawed
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 6-ounce package semisweet miniature chocolate chips

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix egg and water. Set aside.

On lightly floured surface, roll pastry to a 16-inch square. Cut into eight 8-inch by 4-inch rectangles, then cut diagonally into 16 triangles.

Arrange 2 teaspoons chocolate chips in a line down the center of each triangle. Starting with the wide end, roll each one up and place seam side down on an ungreased baking sheet. Bend edges in. Brush with egg wash. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 16 servings.

Tip: For best results, bake crescent wraps on a nonstick baking sheet.

To prepare ahead: Make and assemble crescent wraps on baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bake as instructed and serve warm.

Recipes from: Pepperidge Farm

Blueberry oatmeal breakfast cake

AP - Blueberry Oatmeal Breakfast Cake is made with frozen blueberries and quick-cooking oats.

BLUEBERRY OATMEAL BREAKFAST CAKE

- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 cup frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Grease an 8-inch round baking pan; set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In a 1-cup measure, stir milk, oil

and egg. Pour at once into flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Fold in firmly frozen blueberries; spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake until cake is golden and pulls away from sides of pan, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on a rack, 5 to 10 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

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Winter skin needs TLC

Don't hate me because I winter in Florida. Last December and January, I was in Michigan so I am well aware of how cold it can get. But who knows, with a bit of luck and a touch of El Nino, perhaps this will be a mild winter for you.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Nevertheless, it will come as a surprise to no one that winter conditions have adverse effects on your skin, hair, etc. So it is always timely to remind you of the extra or alternate care you should be taking to get through the season with minimal damage.

The skin is the most obvious victim of the extremities of

winter. Skin dehydrates more quickly in the cold dry winter air. Not only that, but it has to adapt to central heating in homes and offices, causing natural moisture in the skin to evaporate.

Cold air holds less moisture, and if the skin stays cold, it can be damaged by cracking and flaking. Make your moisturizer your best friend. Don't leave home without it, in fact don't ever be without it. You need a barrier between your skin and the elements.

Car legs

The drier the skin becomes, the less elasticity, and that can lead to unwanted lines and wrinkles. Don't forget that while you are in the car you have dry hot air blowing on you. You may want to put moisturizer on your legs as well since most of the air is blown from floor level.

Another trick is to put oils in your bath rather than bubbles, because they can coat the skin and give protection. Bubble bath, on the other hand, is basically a detergent and so dries the skin more. You can obviously reverse this in the summertime.

The heating systems in most areas are so good that we tend to forget how cold it is outside, and consequently don't prepare properly. Or we say "I'm just going to the car/mail box/mall — whatever. I don't be in the cold for long." If left unprotected too long, capillaries constrict, and eventually can lead to tissue damage, itching, and sore red patches. Those of you with eczema tend to suffer more in the winter. Watch out for chilblains, too.

The nose, knows

Let's face it, your nose is in the forefront, if you'll pardon the expression. You're always warned to take care of your extremities, well the nose is the extremity of the face. Often red and sore, it has to deal with the elements as well as being a disposal unit for the side effects of a cold. The cold dry air prompts the nose to react by using its glands to produce warmth and moisture and hence the irritating winter drip.

Next on our list are the lips. They have their own specific problems. Since they do not have any sebum (the skin's protective oil), they are vulnerable. Also when constantly wiping your nose, the lips can become involved. So you need at the very least some Vaseline. For those who refuse to wear lipstick, then carry a Chapstick — buy them by the dozen. Those using lipstick can combine lip gloss to give you extra protection.

Don't forget that your hair is also prone to winter damage. The oils that keep your hair lubricated are reduced, oils that when missing cause the hair to become dull and lifeless. Your best defense is a good conditioner.

Maintenance is constant, but you are really going to appreciate the difference to your skin that a little time and planning will accomplish. For those of you who participate in winter sports, particularly skiing, remember that the wind can cause more damage than cold or the sun. For those of you who head south for some well earned tropical heat, do not neglect (in your rush to thaw out) the usual precautions of summer.

My best for a wonderful holiday season. See you in 1998! Now if you'll excuse me I'm off to the beach.

I am truly sorry that I will not be doing personal makeovers at The Townsend in Birmingham until February. I extend a personal thank you to Townsend general manager Greg Allowe, for his invaluable assistance in making the year a sellout.

And yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. I have just scheduled my February dates at the hotel for personal makeovers. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6588.

Retailers offer last-minute perks



As the clock runs down on the holiday shopping season, some malls and department stores are adding free gift wrapping and valet parking to their list of customer services.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

With just three-and-a-half shopping days left until Christmas and Hanukkah, last minute gift gatherers will find these perks a blessing.

Laurel Park Place, Livonia: Spend \$200 or more and your receipts earn you a free, hand-blown jewel-toned ornament. See the Information Center for details.

Wonderland Mall, Livonia: A comfortably furnished shoppers lounge awaits near the Information Desk, complete with television and gift wrapping by the Girl Scouts for a donation.

Somerset Collection, Troy: VIP Suite on first level of the south side, with a coat

check, free gift wrapping, and hot drinks from Gloria Jeans.

Northland Center, Southfield: Trolleys run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Dec. 23, offering a free, boxed lunch with shuttle service for nearby office workers. To book, call (248) 443-5311.

Westland Center: Free valet parking through Dec. 24. Each \$150 spent results in a blanket donated to The Salvation Army in the shopper's name at Customer Service Desk. Free gift wrap with purchases over \$100 on Monday, Dec. 22. Free photo with Santa for purchases over \$100, on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 6-9 p.m.

Tel-Twelve, Southfield: Gift wrapping by Southfield Music Boosters for a

donation.
Meadowbrook Village Mall, Rochester Hills: Rainbow Connection volunteers wrap gifts near Mrs. Field's Cookies for a donation, noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oakland Mall, Troy: Coat check in Sears wing. Holiday Helpers directing, suggesting and carrying packages.

Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn: Five, free gift wrapping stations with couches and samples of coffee and chocolates provided (four-package limit per visit.) Free valet parking weekdays after 6 p.m.

Twelve Oaks, Novi: Free valet parking when you show an American Express receipt.

Lakeside, Sterling Heights: Free coat and package check. Free hot chocolate and shopping bags at the gift wrap center. Up to three packages wrapped free when you show your American Express receipt.

Livonia Mall: Charities staff a gift

wrapping station near Crowley's for donations.

Nordstrom: Coat and package check at Concierge Desk. Will make dinner, theater and taxi reservations for shoppers. Valet parking.

Hudson's: Gifts to go come pre-wrapped or ready-to-serve from The Marketplace and Cosmetics. Holiday Service Centers at all stores provide wrapping for \$2, gift certificates, coat check. Package pick-up available.

Jacobson's: Complimentary gift wrapping all departments, all stores. Free silver picture frame with purchases of \$100 or more. Sunday hours extended from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Packages will be carried to cars. Valet parking free at Birmingham store with any purchase.

Saks Fifth Avenue: Free gift wrapping. Free valet parking with purchase. Free Santa photos, noon to 6 p.m. A donation to Make A Wish Foundation yields a photo button.

Unique shops earn respect of town teens

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

Because everything old is new again, Birmingham's Shops at The Top are doing well, moving merchandise popular during the '60s and '70s.

It's the teens grabbing up the bead curtains, lava lamps, sticks of incense and hemp chokers that are scattered through-

out the six stores that make up the second floor of the building at S. Woodward. Up the narrow staircase from the street, comes a steady stream of young people in search of the counterculture paraphernalia they find "so cool."

Dayna Flory, 15, and Kate Brennan, 15, both of Royal Oak explained the attraction on a recent shopping trip.

"We're going to the Hip Hut because they have cute accessories and the murals along the walls are so cool," Flory said. Added Brennan "These shops have the neatest stuff."

The Hip Hut is co-owned by 30-something Ron Magaw and Mary Beth Johnson of Novi. Magaw said the shop is a six-figure gold mine, and more main-

stream than the other five shops — Shakin' St., Purple Haze, Alphabet St., 13th Hour and The Silver Hut, another shop he owns.

"Our big challenge is keeping this a safe, clean, happy place to shop for all the good kids," said Magaw with a wide grin. "That's why we painted the murals, removed all graffiti, maintain a trash patrol, and filled a troublesome gathering space from the floor to the ceiling with tropical plants."

Cmdr. Don Stut of the Birmingham police department said "We've not had any recent problems with the Shops at the Top," although they used to get complaints about kids congregating and loitering around the premises. Stut said order is maintained by laws regulating the kinds of merchandise that can be sold legally.

Along with tobacco accessories, shoppers browse amid racks of vintage clothes, rock posters, picture frames, candles and stickers.

While Magaw insists he sells "seven times the national average per square foot," and plans to open a second Hip Hut in Ft. Myers, Fla., 13th Hour owners Caroline and Kelli, announced plans to close their shop for a Going Out of Business Sale, Jan. 2-4.

"We came from Ferndale and found the Birmingham experience is just so different," Caroline said.

Shakin' St. co-owners Brian Munce and Carolyn Masnori of Birmingham sell subway-size rock posters, sterling silver jewelry and are venturing into pre-owned CD's and vinyls.

"There aren't many places that sell vintage items in other small towns around Detroit," Munce explained. "So Shops at the Top serve as an oasis of sorts, pulling customers from Lake Orion, Grosse Pointe, Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor. It really amazes me."

Editor's note: Also included under The Shops at the Top banner, is the Paul Tyschkowski Watch and Clock Repair.



PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Setting the mood: Hip Hut owner Maribeth Johnson poses with local artist Marc Christy who painted the murals around the Shops at the Top in Birmingham.

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

Doll Show

Dealers, artists, collectors and hobbyists show and sell their wares from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teddy bears, miniatures and doll houses too. Adults \$4, kids \$1.

Plymouth Cultural Center. 525 Farmer. (313) 455-2110.

Last days of silent auction

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

Seven Mile/Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

Holiday exhibit open

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

Summit Place Mall.

Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford.

(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event

Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Earmuffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free. Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional. A copy of the book "The Giving Season," available for \$19 at Rit.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Camera with \$2 from each sale to Toys For Tots.

The Somerset Collection.

Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.

(248) 816-5484.

Village Santa

The local skating rink features children at play and forest animals with Santa Photos under a snow-covered pavilion through Dec. 24.

Meadowbrook Village Mall.

Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills.

(248) 375-9451.

Dept. 56 Village

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

Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy.

(248) 585-6000.

Carousel Santa

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

Wonderland Mall. Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia.

(313) 522-4100.

Santa photos

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

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

Polar Bear Christmas

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

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.

(313) 425-5001.

Crystal Forest Set

Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.

(248) 348-9411.

Snowflake Express

Santa Claus photos plus an exhibit highlighting the December holiday traditions around the world.

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.

(248) 353-4111.

Charlie Brown Christmas

See the Peanuts Gang in various holiday settings with an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse featuring a 36-foot tree through the roof. Santa photos.

Lakeside. Hall Road. Sterling Heights.

(810) 247-4131.

Northstar Journey

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

Northland Center.

Nine Mile/Greenfield. Southfield.

(248) 569-6272.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve and Hanukkah

Shopping centers close at 5 p.m. today for the holidays.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas!

All shopping centers closed for the holiday.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

Returns and exchanges

Shopping centers return to normal business hours.

Accessories make all the difference



Steppin' out: Lord West, a leading formalwear manufacturer, demonstrates how one tuxedo and a simple change of "parts," permits a man to create a variety of striking fashion images. (Left) A banded collar shirt with button cover worn with a Domino vest in silk. (Center) A wing collar shirt with a satin Euro tie and Red Roses silk vest. (Right) a wing collar shirt worn with a black silk bow tie and Tuscany Gold silk vest.

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.

Hudson's cultural fund on its way to the goal

With seven weeks left in the campaign, Hudson's Team 500 drive to raise \$1.5 million for the Detroit Cultural Center, is closing in on its goal.

Hudson's director of Community Relations, Susan Kelly, conceived and executed the program. Hudson's donated \$500,000 on June 1, 1997 to kick-off the drive, and promised to match each \$1 donated by Hudson's shoppers to a \$500,000 goal, to produce a million, additionally. As of Dec. 16, shoppers have given \$388,000 to benefit: Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Historical Museum, Public Library, Science Center, Symphony Orchestra, Museum of African American History, International Institute, the Art Institute and Heritage House. The campaign ends on January 31, 1998.

Shoppers who want to participate should look for the kiosks with maps and envelopes near the escalators at each store. They can drop in dollars, or make donations on their charge cards.

Rochester has a secret

Crumb Studio, established

in 1977, sells museum-quality porcelain art pottery by Michael and Michelle Crumb of Detroit who now reside in Rochester Hills.

The gallery is at 1415 Tienken in Rochester Hills, (248) 650-8904. Michael called the studio "Rochester's best-kept secret." He has been a studio potter for 20 years, studying at Pewabic Pottery. Michelle studied at the American School of Paris in St. Cloud, France.

"Our work is fired to cone 13 which makes it harder than all other fired ceramics and great for kitchen use," they explained. "It is microwavable, lead-free, dishwasher and food storage safe."

Holiday 'carts' do a brisk business

Holiday carts and kiosks have grown from less than a \$20 million business in 1986 to a nearly \$2.6 billion industry today, according to industry analysts. Because it costs less to lease a cart in the mall than a store front, retailers use them to test new concepts. Mall officials like "temporary tenants" because they extend merchandise selections for shoppers.

CD benefits cerebral palsy

A Little Holiday Spark Ignites Detroit, recorded by area stars including Marshall Crenshaw, Mitch Ryder, Carvan Winans, Smokey Robinson and the DSO, is being sold by Harmony House stores to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

It was produced by Dan Yessian with AC Delco. For more details call Yessian Music

at (248) 553-4044.

Retailer marks 20th year
Thom Leffler Great Designs for the Body and Home is celebrating his 20th year as a designer/custom tailor in downtown Birmingham. He recently held an Open House at the shop, 227 South Old Woodward, and announced plans for a year of customer-oriented events.

"Business has been wonderful," he said. "And the reason is because we've been able to grow and change the business with the times."

In addition to selling custom clothes of fine, imported fabrics, Leffler deals in antiques and decor design. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 642-0548.

Downtowns offer shoppers year 'round gift certificates

Both the Plymouth and Birmingham Chambers of Commerce are selling gift certificates for the holidays which will be treated like cash at the town's stores.

Plymouth boosters will also want to buy sweatshirts promoting the town \$30-\$34 through the Chamber of Commerce at (313) 453-1540. The number to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is (248) 644-1700.

Home cooked meals to go

The Surel family of Wolverine Lake opened Colorado Carryout in downtown Walled Lake. The western-themed restaurant is at 1152 East West Maple in the Maple Plaza. Specialties include roast chicken, meatloaf, ribs, soups, chili and sandwich-

es. The eatery opens daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (248) 624-3439.

Wrap dresses return

Neiman Marcus introduces several exclusive wrap dresses from designer Diane Von Furstenberg. A sensation in the 1970's, graphic print dresses became the uniform-of-choice for working women as well as socialites.

Their immense popularity led to a 1976 Newsweek cover story on the sale of more than five million dresses. The 90's versions are a bit shorter and cut closer to the body and fashioned from seasonless silk jersey.

They're \$190, in sizes 2-14, in the Galleria Collection, NM the Somerset Collection, Troy.

Find the missing pieces

Hostesses will appreciate a new edition of the Discontinued Tableware Replacement Services Directory (8th edition).

To receive a copy, send \$5 (includes postage) to JV Directory, P.O. Box 5297, Ocala, FLA., 34478.

Where can I find?

(248) 901-2555

- What we found:**
- Pleated rainbonnets at Marlo Beauty Supply, 13 Mile/Hoover, Warren or T.J. Maxx, Hoover/11 Mile.
 - The Norelco filter can be found by contacting Norelco P.O. Box 3135 Wallingford Ct. 06492 or Schaefer/Time World in Redford (313) 534-0736 or McNichols Electric Service (313) 342-6070. They are Norelco dealers.
 - Sega Genesis Shining Force One at Funcoland in Westland, (313) 728-5740.
 - Clairol haircolor light ash blonde at Levin Beauty Supply on Coolidge, Oak Park (248) 851-7323.
 - Rust Spot Remover for cars or anything metal, use rubbing compound found at any Murray's Auto or Meijer auto department.
 - Bugle Boy elastic waist, Velcro closures with zippers, elastic ankles, no small, medium, or large just sizes like 4 or 6 and up at Bugle Boy Birch Run outlet mall.
 - For Mary, you can contact Apple on the Internet and download what is needed, or find out where to get an instruction manual.
 - Bell and Howell #850 slide projector at Rence Camera Service and General Repair, Little Mack, St. Clair Shores (810) 772-8344.
 - The TV tuner adapter for Game Gear at Funcoland in Taylor on Eureka.
 - We found readers who have Coty Lilly of the Valley cologne, Toni permanent hair curlers, Talking Cookie Monster and Oscar, 6-cup Corningware teapot, plastic popcorn bowl with red stripe, Emmett Kelly doll.
 - Good Food Company, Ford/Lilly, Canton, has food for diabetics.
 - For china replacement dishes: call China Matching 800-564-8257 or Replacements 800-428-0570.
 - Tetra D can be found at Crescent Continental Co. (313) 867-8257.
 - Tim Allen signature hammer, Restoration Hardware, Somerset Collection North in Troy.
 - John Wayne memorabilia at Franklin Mint, Somerset North in Troy.

We're still looking for:

- Men's denim overall 36-length for Kathy, Garden City.
- Under the counter toaster and Clean shower for Joanne.
- Intrigue perfume by Mary Kay cosmetics for Carol.
- Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion for nail, cuticles, and gray-gone detergent.
- Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair and a Shirley Temple doll with a gingham dress, white pinafore, straw hat and purse.
- Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane."
- A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington Hills.
- Word-of-mouth spaghetti sauce for Rose.
- An old Arthur Godfrey Christmas album for Sue.
- Jil Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.
- The publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.
- The games Hotel and Flinch for Barb.
- An Apple IIC monitor for Richard.
- Revlon's Xia-Xiang and Diane Von Furstenberg's Tatiana for four women in Canton.
- A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie singing Little Drummer Boy for Steve.
- The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in white for Fay.
- The Sesame Street Vetex cartridge in green for Kim. She has the yellow and blue.
- Spoolie rubber curlers and a loose leaf that opens on the top not sides for Lafern.
- Ruth needs a distributor who sells the cleaner "Swipe."
- Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a Drowey Doll with pull string.
- The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.
- The old board game Call My Bluff, for Joe of Livonia.

A good thing



Yummy designs: Martha Stewart's copper cookie cutters were used to create these colorful cookies. Available exclusively at Nordstrom, in the Somerset Collection North, Troy. Enclosed with each cutter, is a recipe and decor ideas.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the Public Library of Westland. Join the group by signing up at the Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them.

Upcoming books for discussion include:

Jan. 10 - Caleb Carr, "The Alienist"

Feb. 17 - John Dunning, "Booked To Die"

March 17, Laurie King, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice"

April 21, Michael Connelly, "The Poet"

May 19, Margaret Atwood, "Alias Grace."

TRAINING

Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls on Saturdays in December. Each Saturday at 2 p.m. will feature a seasonal craft for children that is sure to light up your house with holiday cheer. In the Children's Activity Room. No registration required. Dec. 27, New Year calendar.

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to make a collective craft project to keep in the Children's Services area of the library. The program will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

FREAKY FRIDAY

Friday, Jan. 2, wackiness will take over the Children's Services Area. If you can find 10 things in the department that seem freaky on that day, you'll get a prize. The event goes on all day Jan. 2 in the Children's Services Area.

CREATION STATION

Get crafty at the Creation Station on the first Saturday of January and February. Designed for ages 4-10 years. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

READ TO YOUR CHILD

Feb. 14 is "Read to Your Child Day." Come to the Children's Services Area and read with your child for 10 minutes. For sharing the gift of reading with your child you will both receive a small prize. The event goes on all day in the Children's Services Area.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet monthly 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (313) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Community Meeting Room. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Only Friends members may vote in this election.

CHAMBER EVENTS

BOWLING OUTING

The Westland Chamber will be hosting the Winterfest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of Westland Winterfest '98. (313) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise.

Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL

Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottmeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 669-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't

required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE

Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB

The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each

Aiding veterans



Van: Vince Berna (left) and Vernon Hawn.

Veterans' group gives away van

Veteran's Haven Inc., a Westland-based non-profit organization that assists war veterans, has given away its 31st vehicle to help veterans work, go to school or meet medical needs.

The latest vehicle, a van, goes to Vietnam veteran Vernon Hawn, who served with the 101st Airborne, 327th Infantry, in the northern part of South Vietnam. He suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Veteran's Haven president Vince Berna said in announcing the Dec. 12 vehicle giveaway.

Veteran's Haven gave away its first car in 1995 and has now given away 31 vehicles. The vehicles are given to honorably discharged veterans involved in battles in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Berna started Veteran's Haven after he was injured in an auto accident and disabled from his trade as a 24-year millwright. The organization helps veterans from all over the metro Detroit area.

In a press release, Berna said he hopes that

veterans will be remembered this holiday season because they have fought to protect the "freedom that allows us all to live, work, play and strive for the American Dream."

Veterans or anyone knowing a veteran in need may phone Veteran's Haven at (734) 728-0527.

The group is still looking for a building to call home. Anyone interested in donating space is encouraged to call the above number or write Veteran's Haven, P.O. Box 85747-7115, Westland, Mich., 48185.

month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, non-members \$7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify

the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS

A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information,

call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of

Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carlon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, (313) 326-1466.

SUPPORT

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. each Thursday and Sunday at Garden City Hospital (use entrance on north side of building). Men and women are welcome. A 21st anniversary meeting is planned for March 11 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Hugh Hayes will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Woody, (313) 729-0520.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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Winning at retail

Small shop owners say it's about service

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In the world of retail, it used to be David vs. Goliath during the holiday season.

David, the small retailer, trying to keep from getting squashed by Goliath, the malls, during the holiday crusade for your cash or credit.

However, as more and more independent business owners have learned to battle, it appears there's no longer a war for your holiday dollar. In fact, many retailers say they're getting a fair share of business because they've learned how to compete ... and survive.

"We've been here for 10 years and have developed a unique niche," said Larry Sallen, owner of Clothes Encounters in downtown Farmington. "We provide a good selection of unique merchandise at affordable and realistic prices ... and by doing that we have developed a reputation of having merchandise the customers won't find in a mall. Otherwise, it would be too hard to compete."

Key to success

And, besides being unique, repeat customers are a big part of success.

"We have a dedicated and repeat customer," Sallen said. "Any owner-based business, if it wants to be successful, has to work with the customer ... who is No. 1."

Unique merchandise and customer service is a must for the small retailer, according to Kathleen Richard, director of the Merchandising Management Program at Madonna University in Livonia.

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Larry Sallen

-owner of Clothes Encounters

"Smaller retailers in a downtown or strip mall are not getting the natural draw, so they need some product or service that's unique," said Richard. "Niche marketing has helped smaller businesses survive. They need to make it a pleasant shopping experience, with services like gift wrapping, to compete with the mega malls ... which are destination places with a bigger draw of customers."

Carl Thomas, owner of Sports Image in downtown Farmington, agrees.

"Downtown is holding its own because people don't want to fight the crowds, and they enjoy convenient parking so they don't have to walk a mile," said Thomas. "Another advantage is good customer service. We have a loyal customer base that knows it can get quality merchandise and service."

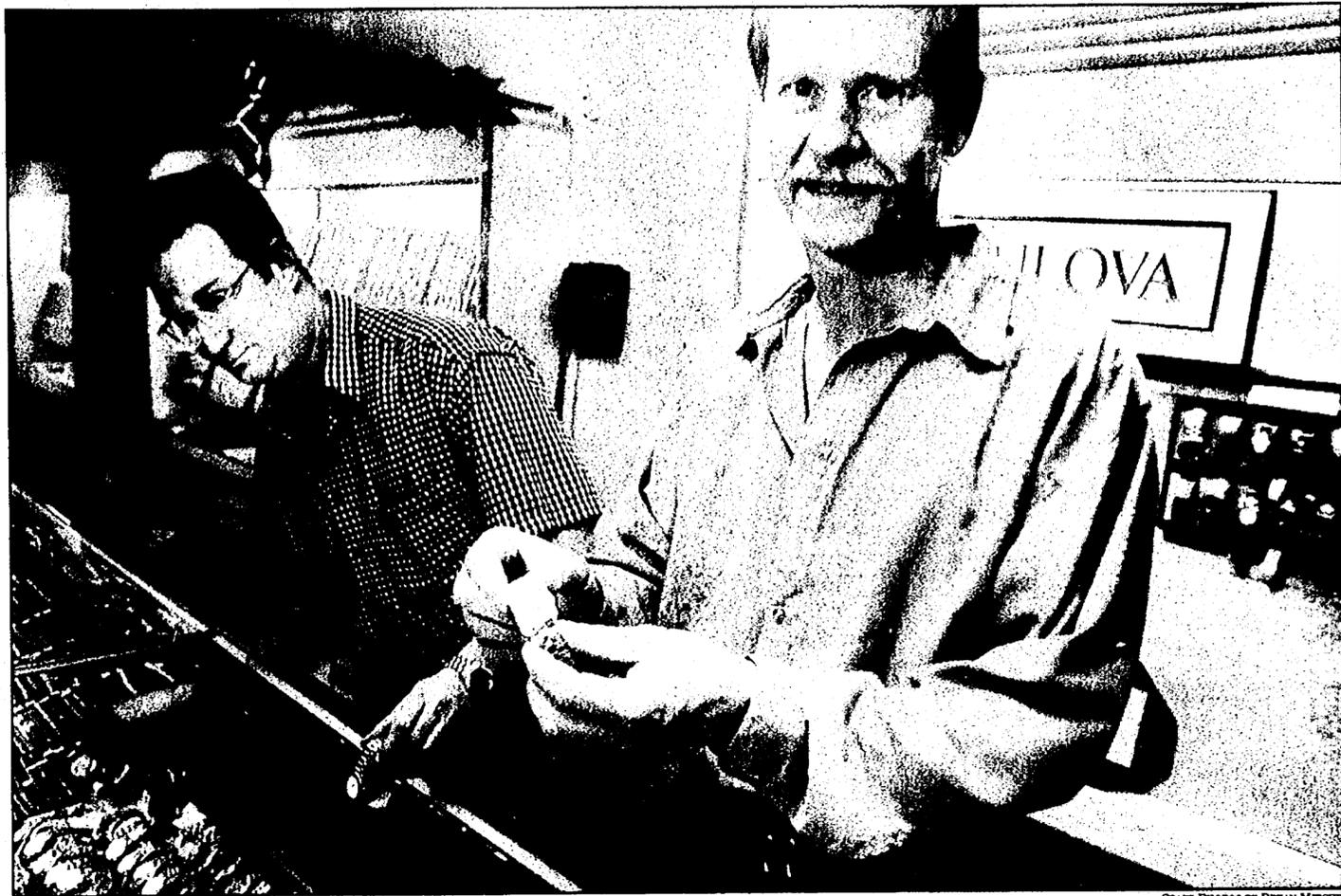
Downtown atmosphere

"Especially in a downtown area, I don't think you can survive without being different," added Sallen. "Downtown Farmington is hopefully developing the ambience where people can come and find unusual things and personalized service."

Madonna's Richard agrees, and points to places like downtown Plymouth and Northville as locales which are thriving because of unique products and services.

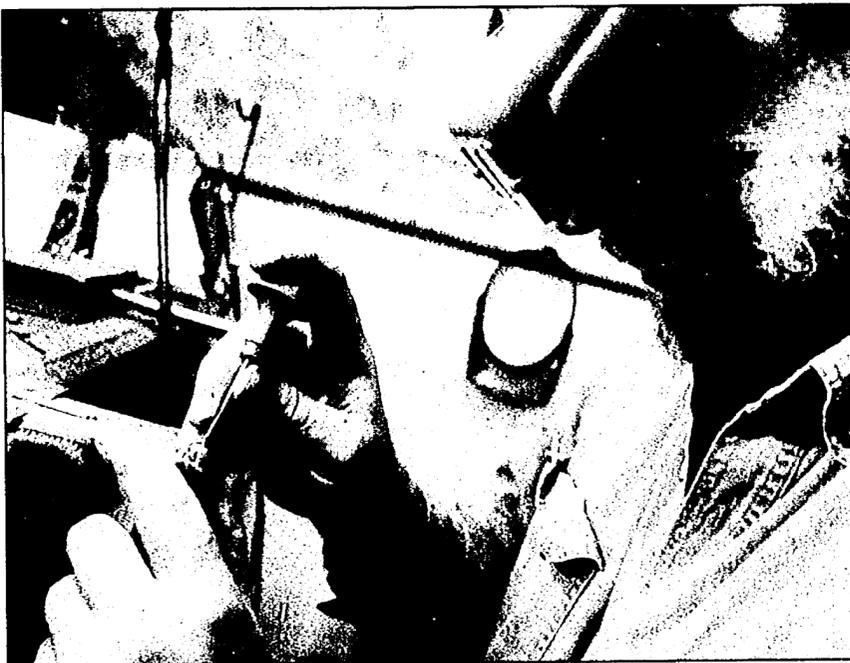
Vern Mitchell, who owns Animation Station in downtown Plymouth, knows the best of both worlds.

"We have a store in Livonia Mall which does well and has good foot traffic," said Mitchell, whose store sells animation art and cartoon collectibles. "However, we're as happy as can be



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Watch out: Brad Smith (right) and Jay Benjamin in their Westland jewelry store, Discount Jewelers.



Up close: Jeff Adams works on a diamond ring in the Discount Jewelry Center at the Woodcrest Plaza in Westland.

■ **'We depend more on repeat customers instead of huge crowds. Being in a strip mall doesn't hurt us because we have our clientele.'**

Brad Smith

-co-owner of Discount Jewelry Center at the Woodcrest Plaza in Westland

in downtown Plymouth because we get good foot traffic on weekdays, as well as weekends. And, Plymouth has good events which keep people coming back."

"We certainly don't feel we're losing too much traffic to the malls," said Mitchell. "While Livonia Mall does better with the volume of people, Plymouth has events in January and February which help produce better business than the malls in those traditionally slower months."

In downtown Garden City, Orin Mazzoni of Orin Jewelers believes there's an advantage in being downtown.

"We can help our customer in a more relaxed and professional manner," said Mazzoni. "We have a small town atmosphere and knowledgeable salespeople to serve them. In a mall, it's a hustle and bustle atmosphere, the prices are no better, and the service is terrible.

"It's no secret we've grown because of our customers," Mazzoni added. "We try to make them feel important, whether they're spending \$50 or \$5,000."

Strip malls

Independent business owners in strip malls are using the same criteria for success as their downtown counterparts.

"We depend more on repeat customers instead of huge crowds," said Brad Smith, co-owner of Discount Jewelry Center at the Woodcrest Plaza in Westland. "Being in a strip mall doesn't hurt us because we have our clientele. There are some people who don't mind paying extra money for things. So, they shop at the mall where the rents are higher and businesses have to pay for two shifts of employees. We pay a lot less rent, can sell for less, and we (the owners) are always here for professional

service."

Doug Anderson, owner of A.W. Anderson Inc. in Livonia, feels being in a strip mall has not hurt his business, which is selling and repairing vacuum cleaners and sewing machines.

"I feel I get my fair share, if not more business, because the malls don't handle my product," said Anderson. "Singer (sewing machines) used to be in the malls, but they left because people didn't like lugging their machines in and out of the malls."

A Redford Township retailer knows from firsthand experience there is more business to be solicited in a mall, but there are also negatives.

"We opened an outlet in Wonderland Mall last year and were extremely busy in December," said Ann Kennedy, owner of Annie M's Handcrafted Gifts on Five Mile near Beech Daly. "There is not much retail in downtown Redford, so we only get local traffic as compared to the mall, which draws from all over. But with our type of business, we get our share of customers."

However, more dollars in a mall still isn't enticing Kennedy to return to the mall this holiday season.

"The mall is open seven days

■ **'Our business is driven by the sports seasons, so business is more staggered throughout the year. I think the end-of-the-year business is a bonus. You can't bank on a certain part of the year as live or die.'**

Carl Thomas

-owner of Sports Image in downtown Farmington

with long hours," lamented Kennedy. "My own shop I can open for six days and set my own hours."

Season for success

Richard points out that November and December are the keys to success for many businesses, whether they be product or service based.

"Typically, the holiday selling season is the deciding factor to making profit goals," said Richard. "Generally, retailers make between 25-30 percent of their profits during this period. It can determine if a establishment is doing well, hanging on, or out of business."

Many small retailers acknowledge they make most of their money during the holidays, but say they've learned to do business the rest of the year to make certain they don't go into the holiday season on a wing and a prayer.

"I don't hold my breath during the Christmas season," said Sallen at his downtown Farmington clothes store. "You obviously do more business, but I never look at it as a win-lose situation. I do much of my business throughout the year and watch my inventory closely. I think it's a make or break season for major retailers, who have to buy in such large quantities months ahead of time, trying to predict selling trends."

Across the street at Sports Image, Thomas pretty much agrees.

"October, November and December account for about 30 percent of our business, but you can't depend on it to make or break your year," said Thomas. "Our business is driven by the sports seasons, so business is more staggered throughout the year. I think the end-of-the-year business is a bonus. You can't bank on a certain part of the year as live or die."

Unique merchandise

In downtown Plymouth, Mitchell says Animation Station is a destination stop and he doesn't worry during the

holidays.

"People are looking for things they can't find in a mall, and that's where we come in," said Mitchell. "Our store sells things more suited for gifts, so during the Christmas season we are very busy. We probably do 60-70-percent of our business during the holidays, if you consider layaways. But, we're not totally dependent on that figure."

While standing behind the counter at his Discount Jewelry Center, Smith said a slow Christmas season wouldn't break his business, but force him to play catch-up.

"It wouldn't break us if we'd come up short, but we'd be behind a couple of months when it comes to the bottom line," noted Smith.

Kennedy says her handcrafted gift shop in Redford "does a pretty steady business all year long, so while the holidays do bring in nearly 30 percent of our sales, it would not make or break us if we didn't reach that goal."

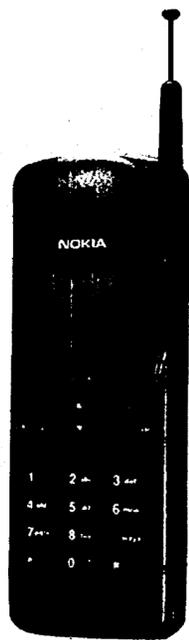
Pausing for a moment to think about it, Anderson believes Christmas sales are big, but not enough for him to worry about.

"I wouldn't say the holiday season is make or break for us," Anderson said. "I have sewing machine and vacuum repairs that keep me going, but holiday sales certainly do help tremendously ... I would say about 30 percent."

Mazzoni agreed the holiday season brings in about 30 percent of the year's business, but said "it's not quite as important as it used to be. We're geared up to do business all year long. We've positioned ourselves so the holiday season doesn't affect us as much as it used to. It's more like a shot in the arm."

Richard said many independent retailers are better positioned this holiday season as "sales, overall, for 1997 have been good because the economy is in good shape. The biggest retail hardship is finding help."

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Fibromyalgia - WPON

Fibromyalgia specialist Dr. Martin Tamler speaks on the challenge of living with and understanding fibromyalgia Jan. 9 on WPON radio, 1460 AM from 10-11 a.m. and again at 6 p.m.

Red Cross blood drive

The holidays are a very busy time - they are also a dangerous time for the holiday blood supply. Show your holiday spirit, donate blood with Garden City Hospital, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garden City Hospital is located at 5245 Inkster Road in Garden City. To make an appointment to donate, call (313) 458-4267.

Giving blood is safe and easy - the entire donation process takes about one hour, the actual blood donation lasts for 6-10 minutes. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health.

Tai Chi at Botsford

Are you feeling a little frazzled? Maybe it's time to think about beginning the new year off right with a little stress management. Botsford Center for Health Improvement (TRACC) is offering an introductory of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese martial art which is often referred to as 'meditation in motion.' The class meets for eight consecutive Wednesdays from Jan. 7-Feb. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70. Space is limited, preregistration is required. For more information call (248) 473-5600.

Rite Aid openings

Two new Rite Aid drugstores are expected to open in Livonia in 1998. The chain will also expand a third Livonia Rite Aid store adding to the already 10 stores in existence. "Livonia is a very viable and growing market, and we plan to continue our presence there," said Paul Toombs, Rite Aid market manager.

The two new Rite Aid stores will be located at the intersections of Eight Mile and Merriman roads, and at Six Mile and Newburg roads. The latter is a relocation of an existing Rite Aid store located in the Newburg Plaza. In addition, Rite Aid will expand and remodel its drugstore at 33480 Seven Mile Road at Farmington. When complete, the store will boast an additional 3,012 square feet as well as an expanded merchandise mix.

St. Mary blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the West Addition conference rooms A & B. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are down after the holidays. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to give a special "post-holiday gift" by donating blood.

St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan. To schedule a time to donate, call Cheryl Delaney at St. Mary Hospital (313) 655-2980.

Psoriasis research

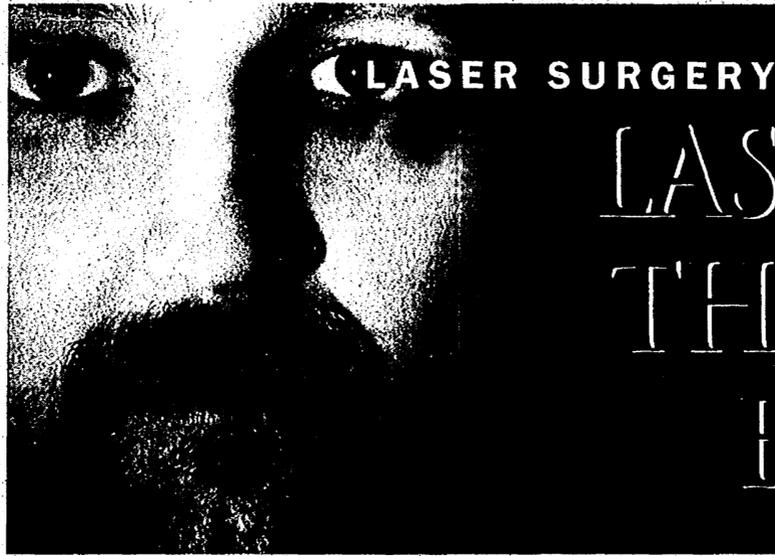
Henry Ford Hospital is seeking patients with scalp psoriasis to participate in a research study. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and have at least ten percent of their scalp affected by psoriasis.

The study will require nine visits over 24 weeks. Subjects will be reimbursed for their time. The study's medications, skin exams and parking are provided free-of-charge. For more information, call Henry Ford Hospital Department of Dermatology at (313) 656-9769 or (313) 656-8847.

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LASIK patient Dr. Jeff Van Hook

At times, life is nothing more than one big nuisance surrounded by little annoyances. At the best of times, little annoyances linger near the surface to disturb the moment's delight. So why not get rid of a nuisance permanently, given the chance?

For almost 40 years now, I've carried my nuisance on the ridge of my nose, because like millions of Americans, my nearsighted vision and astigmatism requires glasses. And my 40-year pain-on-the-ridge has gotten worse since entering the bifocal generation and having to learn the precise angle to tilt my head to focus in on my book, television, computer monitor or Caller ID panel.

Glasses are the pits! I wear them for two, and only two, reasons - to see better, and because I am too much of a chicken to slide contact lenses under my eyelids. So I wake up in the middle of the night and have to go fishing for my glasses on the floor to find out what time it is.

When I go cross country skiing, my glasses fog up. And when the baseball game gets boring on TV and I tilt back in my recliner, I have to slide my glasses down my nose to refocus on the screen.

Anyone who wears glasses suffers from the same nuisances and could probably add his or her own list of annoyances that matches or exceeds mine.

Other patients

Other patients I talked with described the results of LASIK surgery as a "miracle" and I would use the same adjective. The persons I talked with included attorney Marty Brennan, Debbie Hurst and Kathy Yiannou of the Windsor Police Department, Dr. Jeff Van Hook, a Westland dentist, John Harkins, a pilot and outdoorsman from Macomb County, and Cathy Thompson, who works for NBD at the Warren-Cowan bank in Westland.

Van Hook, a Canton Township resident and eyeglass wearer for 23 years, said he suffered from a severe astigmatism that was corrected within a day of the surgery. Van Hook, 35, wore contacts in high school and as an undergraduate, but relied mostly on glasses because of the nature of his occupation.

"I had to wear glasses anyways when I worked because of all the dust and contacts would not have been possible," said Van Hook.

He went on to say his decision to have the surgery was furthered after his sister-in-law had the procedure done by the same doctor three years earlier. "I always thought it would be neat to go without glasses but I didn't want to risk losing my sight considering my profession."

Following his Aug. 8 surgery, Van Hook said he could see without his glasses within 30 minutes and was fully recovered with minimal use of anesthetic drops by the next day.

Van Hook says he will continue to wear reading glasses, something he was told ahead of time, and will undergo an enhancement procedure within the next few months to complete the correction of his astigmatism.

"I would do it again," said Van Hook, "and I'm not worried about having the additional enhancement because I know what to expect and I was told about it upfront. I have no complaints."

LASER SURGERY REJUVENATES VISION LASIK BREAKS THE GLASSES BARRIER

BY EMORY DANIELS
SPECIAL WRITER

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Take action

So one day I woke up and decided there are enough annoyances in life to tolerate that glasses should not be one of them. So one morning I drove from my home in Westland over the Ambassador Bridge into Canada to visit The Windsor Laser Eye Institute. My mission was to learn about a laser refractive surgery technique unavailable in the U.S. that eliminates the need to wear glasses for farsighted and nearsighted persons alike.

I returned to Windsor on a Tuesday to have my eyes checked to determine the prescription of the glasses I was wearing and to examine the physical condition of my eyes.

I "passed" and was declared a candidate for LASIK surgery. The procedure was fully explained, including a rundown on all possible side effects, what would happen during surgery, and how I might feel that day, the next day, and for the days after. Then I had a topographical map of my eyes made, with full colors showing the high and low spots of my cornea. This topographical information, and the figures from the dilated exam, would help the surgeon know how to set the laser equipment so as to exactly reshape my cornea as needed. The information was passed on to my surgeon, Dr. Fouad Tayfour, who assured me there would be no problems.

What takes place is really quite simple when performed by someone as knowledgeable and skilled as Tayfour. The technique might be simple but the results are more than remarkable.

Outpatient procedure

That Saturday morning, upon arrival, some numbing drops were put in my eyes. After a short wait, I was ushered into the surgery to experience firsthand what I now consider to be a medical miracle. Everything that happened was exactly as had been described during the consultation visit.

First, the eyelids are clamped open. Then a metal piece with a circular opening is placed over the cornea. At this point, my vision blacked out for a brief moment. Then a cutting tool called a keratome passes over the cornea, making a micro-thin cut of the surface layer of the cornea. The keratome, which functions just like a carpenter's plane, leaves uncut a small section of the cornea at the end to act as a hinge.

On the surgery table, I then watch as Tayfour takes a small tweezer-like instrument to fold back the freshly-cut layer. The excimer laser, preset for my right eye, is then aimed and turned on. I see a pattern of dark red dots with a green dot in the center. I become preoccupied with the red dots and green dot, which seems to fade and reappear.

The laser is done before I know what's happened. I then watch as Tayfour picks up the corner of the still freshly cut flap and places it back over the cornea. He irrigates underneath the flap and I can see the water pass over my eye. Then with a small spatula-type tool, Tayfour carefully applies pressure around the flap so it returns to its original position. Just like that, it's over.

The procedure is repeated on my left eye without incident. In about 10 minutes, both eyes are corrected for farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. A nurse leads me to a nearby room, although I could easily have walked away unassisted.

ed. She explains the post-operative care procedures and hands me a brochure.

In a short time, Tayfour invites me into an examination room, looks over both eyes, puts in some eye drops, puts a patch over my right eye, offers instructions, and asks me to return the next day.

On my right eye, the flap was cut without a hinge to expose all of the cornea because this was the eye with astigmatism and more of the surface had to be reshaped. So the patch was an added insurance to keep the "unhinged" flap in place. I was handed a "fanny-pack" with a pair of sunglasses.

When I left the institute my vision was near normal out of the left eye. I had no idea, of course, about the right eye.

Immediately after surgery, and for the weeks ahead, it is critical that I not rub my eyes. Rubbing my eyes might cause the cornea surface layer to shift which would complicate recovery and require

Please see LASIK, C2



Dr. Fouad Tayfour

In less than a decade, Dr. Fouad Tayfour has become one of the world's leaders in refractive surgery and a pioneer in the LASIK surgical procedures to correct farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. Tayfour, 43, is medical director of The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in Windsor, as well as serving as ophthalmologist in-chief of the Windsor Regional

Hospital. He founded The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in 1991 and since then has performed more than 10,000 refractive procedures for more than 5,000 patients.

Tayfour completed his medical training in ophthalmology at University of Toronto in 1987 and studied excimer laser surgery with Dr. Theo Seiler of Berlin, Germany, a pioneer in the field.

Tayfour is one of the first refractive surgeons to adopt LASIK in 1993 as the primary treatment for nearsightedness. More recently, Tayfour began offering treatment for farsightedness using the Nidek laser, also using the LASIK technique.

His knowledge, expertise and command of technology allow him to offer procedures in Canada which are not yet widely available in the United States.

With four years experience using LASIK, Tayfour is visited regularly by eye surgeons throughout the world to learn his technique. Tayfour also has attained the largest solo cataract practice in Canada in less than nine years, during which time he has performed more than 20,000 cataract surgeries.

If you would like more information or a free video regarding LASIK from the Windsor Laser Eye Institute, call 1-800-663-4733.

Sober is smarter this holiday season

There's another reason not to drink and drive this holiday season. Yes, you certainly already know that driving after drinking alcohol dramatically increases your risk for accidents. In fact, driving while under the influence of alcohol is still this nation's leading cause of auto fatalities.

Our reason for not drinking and driving is a little more long term, but certainly one you want to add to your list of reasons to practice moderation during holiday celebrations. It has to do with cutting cancer risk.

Well, OK - maybe the driving part has nothing to do with cancer risk, but there's no question that drinking alcohol does. Alcohol increases the risk for liver cancer and cancers of the head and neck, and probably increases the risk for breast and colon cancer. The new guidelines from the American Institute for Cancer Research say that if you drink at all, you should limit alcohol consumption to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

Beyond practicing moderation in your own consumption of holiday drinks, you may also want to do

your guests a favor if you're hosting a party this holiday season. Consider these suggestions:

■ Offer a wide choice of non-alcoholic beverages, including fruit punches, juices, bottled water, soft drinks and flavored seltzer.

■ Always serve food when serving liquor.

■ Don't feel that the perfect host or hostess must always be "freshening up" guests' drinks.

■ Never serve "one for the road." Never allow a guest who is intoxicated to drive.

Your holiday guests may be more likely to skip the alcohol if they're offered a creative and appealing non-alcoholic drink, aside from the typical soda or seltzer. Try serving these easy-to-make, non-alcoholic drinks at your next holiday party:

SPARKLING MOCK RED WINE

Choose stemmed wine glasses or tall slender glasses. Pour each glass half-full of very cold diet lemon-lime carbonated beverage or similar beverage. Fill the glass with very cold cranapple juice. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

SMART CHAMPAGNE

Choose stemmed champagne glasses. Pour each glass half full with very cold diet ginger ale. Fill the glass with very cold apple cider. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

HOLIDAY PUNCH

Combine unsweetened apple, pineapple, and cranberry juices, orange slices, and seltzer or ginger ale; to serve hot - omit the seltzer or ginger ale and add a dash of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

By keeping your alcohol intake to a minimum this holiday season and all year round, you and your loved ones can toast to good health this year with a better chance at having it.

For a free brochure send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. TT, P.O. Box 97167 Washington DC 20090-7167.

Health-conscious at holidays

Many of us think of the holidays as a time when, as far as our diets are concerned, all is forgiven; our sins of the palate are overlooked. But if we take a little time to plan our holiday foods wisely, we can end up with great-tasting, nutritious meals that leave us with nothing to feel sorry or guilty about.

The American Institute for Cancer Research recently published a new study emphasizing the need for plenty of vegetables, fruits and grains in our diets, along with physical activity and weight control, for cancer prevention overall good health. While many of us already serve vegetables at our holiday meals, we often prepare them with much more calories and fat than is needed.

Drowning vegetables in heavy cream sauces or serving potatoes dripping with butter adds unnecessary, unhealthy fat to our holiday table - calories and fat that can be easily skipped without being missed.

Try these calorie cutting suggestions:

HEALTH TIPS

Creamy corn casserole - each of the four servings has only two grams of fat. Melt two teaspoons of margarine in a nine-inch glass pie plate and blend in 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour. Stir in 8 ounces of evaporated skim milk, two cups of cooked corn and salt/pepper to taste. Bake at 350 degrees until creamy and thick - stirring occasionally about 25 to 30 minutes. Serve immediately.

Instead of preparing deep-fried appetizers for this year's holiday guests, try serving fresh colorful vegetables, like sliced red and green bell peppers, with a low-fat dip made with non-fat yogurt and light sour cream.

As an alternative to baked potatoes, to which we're usually tempted to add high-fat toppings like butter, sour cream and cheese, try serving wild rice with raisins and mushrooms. Boil one cup of water with two cups of chicken broth in a covered saucepan. Then add one cup of wild rice, 1/2 cup seedless raisins and four ounces of canned mush-

rooms. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until tender, about one hour.

It's easy to incorporate more healthful foods in your holiday meal while preparing the stuffing for your turkey. Try adding raisins or diced apples for something different, and season with onion, garlic, chives or scallions. Sweet potatoes also taste great with raisins, dates or chopped apricots mixed in.

When it comes to dessert, give family and friends the option of a rich dessert or a platter of fresh, seasonal sliced fruits like oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and pears. You may be surprised at how many people opt for the healthier, lighter meal finale.

By incorporating these simple changes into your cooking, not only will your holiday foods taste delicious, they'll be packed with nutritious ingredients that you can feel good about serving to the whole family.

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a return visit to the surgery table. The sunglasses were to be worn both to protect the eye from sensitivity to the sun and to keep me from rubbing my eyes. Also, persons who wear glasses are not used to having the eye exposed to the wind. Until I adjusted to this change, the wind blowing directly on my eyes would cause dryness. So the sunglasses also act as a "wind-breaker."

Minimal side effects

I was supposed to go directly to bed when getting home and sleep off the side effects. I experienced in a wakened state some of the "side effects" other patients sleep off. I did feel a little grittiness in both eyes, like I had been on the beach and had sand blown in my eyes.

The next day, my wife drove me back to Windsor for the post-op check (I would have driven except for the patch on my right eye). Taffour removed the patch, examined both eyes, pronounced them perfectly healthy, and then had me read an eye chart. I was one line away from having 20-20 vision restored, so I left with 80 percent normal vision - without glasses!

I drove home that Sunday, able to see as well as I could

three days before with glasses.

Healing would take place over the next 30 days or so. I could not read and the words on my computer monitor were blurred. So I went to Arbor Drugs on Monday and picked up a pair of reading glasses (1.5 magnification) for \$14 to get me through the healing process.

On Monday, I also went to the Secretary of State's office to get my driver's license renewed and to ask that my license state that I didn't need glasses to drive. I passed that vision test with flying colors.

Some readers are interested in a full account of side effects and complications. I'm sorry, but this is all there is. Tears for 30 minutes, a feeling of sand in my eyes for an hour, and a couple weeks of wearing reading glasses until my close-up vision is restored.

There was no pain at any time, during surgery or afterwards. No headaches, no swelling, no scars, no burning sensation.

What's left for me at this point is to wait for complete healing to take place. The worst scenario is that my near vision may not return without the aid of glasses in which case I will keep a pair of reading glasses at my side. I'm told that is very unlikely,

that complete healing will restore close-up vision without glasses. That happened to everyone I talked with and surely will happen to me also.

Success story

On a recent Sunday, I leaned back in my recliner while watching the Lions on TV and watched Scott Mitchell throw interceptions without having to slide my glasses down my nose.

I fell asleep in the chair before the third quarter ended and upon awakening looked across the room at the VCR and read the time.

I drive without glasses, walk in and out of the house without my glasses fogging, and enjoy several other conveniences that more than half the population in the U.S. does not.

Yes, laser eye surgery is great. LASIK is not for everybody, of course - it's for those who wear glasses or contacts but don't really want to.

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MON, DEC. 22

PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Canton at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

TUE, DEC. 23

SNOWPILE FOR DMC
For some 200 child-age patients at the Detroit Medical Center, this year's holiday season will be spent in the hospital. In an effort to bring cheer to hospitalized kids, Children's Hospital is hosting SNOWPILE! With the help of volunteer elves, personal shopping assistants and expert gift wrappers, parents can shop for their child, choose age-appropriate gifts, and have them wrapped all for free. If you want to help this donation-funded program, bring unwrapped toys and gifts to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit. Some suggestions are: baby rattles, baby mirrors, pop-up toys, university apparel/accessories, tapes, CD players, headphones, and books. The collection date is Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 2-8 p.m. For more information call, (313) 745-0064.

MON, JAN. 5

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

JAN. 5 & 15

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

3242.

TUE, JAN. 6

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

JAN. 6 & 8

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

JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27

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

WED, JAN. 7

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

CHILD & INFANT CPR

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

JAN. 2 - FEB. 11

PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-postnatal Exercise class that meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. Class dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the Pavilion Confer-

ence Room A from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is \$35 per person. The class includes warm-ups, stretching, low-impact aerobics, cool-down and relaxation techniques. Registration is required by calling MWC at (313) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

THUR, JAN. 8

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

JAN. 8 & 15

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

JAN. 8, 12-16, 20

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

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Christmas, Santa sites abound in cyberspace



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK If you've ever stood in one of those long lines at the shopping malls waiting for your kid to visit Santa, you'll be delighted to know that the Internet is full of opportunities for your little ones to visit with the jolly old elf.

Granted, nothing takes the place of a personal visit and a seat in that comfortable red lap. But boot up your PC, put a youngster on your own lap and start surfing. The Internet offers some great opportunities for you and your kids to spend quality time together this holiday season.

My AltaVista search revealed 229,111 mentions of Santa Claus in Cyberspace. Sorting through them all is a daunting task and, if you let the kids surf unsupervised, they'll run into some inappropriate material. So, to give you some fun places to visit online with your good little boys and girls, I've put together some of my favorites.

Expect some delays. All the Christmas sites are getting plenty of visits. The Santa.Net site, for example, (<http://www.santa.net>) claims it receives about 250,000 visitors a day. But if you persist, you'll eventually get through to all of these sites. And, by clicking on the various Christmas and Santa links you'll find suggested on many sites, you'll find even more places to visit.

There's a delightful Web site from Finland that calls itself the Santa Claus Home Page (<http://www.mofile.fi/santa/>) that bills itself as the oldest Christmas site on the Internet. It offers a fun-to-read "Interview with Santa Claus" and sections on the various traditions of the season and variations on all the different Santa stories from Kris Kringle to St. Nick.

Another Finnish site is well worth checking out, too. It's called "Radio Santa Claus" (<http://www.nettiradio.fi/test/santa/eng.html>) and it offers a Christmas calendar. Click on a date and up pops a short, perfect-to-read-aloud story from Santa.

The Santa Claus Home Page also lets your child send Santa an e-mail letter, delivered by "Rudolph, the Virtual Flying Red Nosed Reindeer" and, the site tells us, we can expect a personal answer back by return e-mail from Santa himself.

Another quick and easy place to send an e-mail to Santa with a guaranteed reply is the "Dear Santa Claus" page (<http://www.choicemail.com/holidays/letter.html>). While part of an online shopping mall, the letter page can be accessed directly and the form is straightforward enough that youngsters can fill it out themselves with adult supervision.

Wanna hear from Santa himself? Besides an e-mail service, the "Santa Claus Online" site (<http://www.santa-clausonline.com/>) offers a RealAudio

reading to the classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The audio is scratchy in parts but kids will get a kick out of it anyway.

You can hear Santa wish kids a Merry Christmas with a distinctively Australian accent on the "Christmas Down Under" site (<http://www.gil.com.au/ozkidz/Christmas/>). There's also a collection of Christmas music audio files.

The "Christmas Around the World" site (<http://www.christmas.com/christmas.html>) offers a clickable tour of dozens of nations and regions of the world where you can learn about the way Christmas is celebrated in different cultures.

Sometime before Christmas Eve, you should visit the "Tracking Santa" Web site (<http://www.eaze.net/~citius/dlist.htm>) and download their free little program that keeps track of Santa's whereabouts on the big night. The program only take a few minutes to download over the Net. It's shareware. They'll ask you to send them a check for \$6.99 but you're not forced to pay to use the software.

Open the program up and you can visually "track" Santa's progress. It features a world tracking view, satellite view, customizable messages from Santa, Christmas music, Santa sounds, and lots more. Send them the money. It's worth it.

On a similar note, the Weather Channel has put on a North Pole weather

(http://www.weather.com/north_pole/) and a page that predicts the probabilities of places that will have a white Christmas.

For lots of fun Christmas audio clips (I used a bunch of them on my PC Talk radio show the other day) visit "Christmas Playhouse" (<http://www.xtranex.com/scott/xmas.htm>).

For Christmas ideas, recipes, an online message from Santa and some simple ornaments kids can make and parents will treasure forever, try the "Greetings from the North Pole" site (<http://www.netm.com/eh/christma/santa.htm>).

Here's a few more of the Net's more interesting and fun Santa sites:

- "Merry Christmas from Santa Claus" (<http://www.merry-christmas.com/>)
- "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" (<http://users.aol.com/chamhtml/AndSanta.htm>)
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- "Mr. Claus.Com" (<http://mrclaus.com/>)
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- "Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus" (<http://www.barricksinsurance.com/virginia.html>)

For the skeptics and cynics out there, or for indulging in some "what if" calculations, adults may want to check out the "Is there a Santa Claus?" site (<http://www.lookup.com/Homepages/72935/santa.html>) to learn just

how fast it would take Santa to do his Christmas Eve work. The answer? He'd have to make 822.6 visits per second. Don't share this with the kids, though. It's a bit too snarky for youngsters. The "Is there a Santa Claus?" site is not for kids, or the young at heart.

But just in case you may need to counter the cynicism at least two sites have cropped up refuting the implications that Santa may somehow be a myth. Log on the "There IS a Santa Claus!" site (<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/members/russell.farr/aboff/santa.html>) and the "Rebuttal Of Analysis" site at (<http://www.tiac.net/users/barrywel/december/santarebuttal.htm>).

I hope you visit and enjoy all these sites.

But, what I really hope you'll do with all your loved ones Christmas Eve is, after surfing cyberspace, turn off the PC, open your family Bible and turn to the Gospel of Luke and read your kids the real Christmas story. You'll find in Chapter two.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Low vision solutions
Low Vision Solutions of Livonia is a new company that sells equipment such as video magnifiers and daily living aids for persons with extremely low vision. Other products include hand-held magnifiers, large print software, talking calculators and watches and a showroom with approximately 10 different models of the video magnifiers.

New equipment ranges in price from \$1,800 to \$3,500 and used from \$500 to \$1,500 - and magnifies words and pictures up to 70 times their normal size to restore a persons ability to read, write and see photographs again.

Low Vision Solutions is located at 27520 W. Seven Mile Road, one block west of Inkster Road. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and evenings and Saturdays by appointment. For more information call (313) 387-1100 or 1-800-685-8802.

Talking Book World
Talking Book World, the largest retail chain of audio book stores, recently opened Talking Book World of Livonia located at 20245 Middlebelt Road. Hours

are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 12 - 6 p.m. Audiobooks rent between 26 cents to a dollar a day and boasts the largest selection of audio books. Featuring audio books from all major publishers, and offering unlimited access to its preferred customers. For information call (248) 477-1188.

Metro mortgage division
Rick Shaffner, president of Metro Mortgage Corporation, announced the opening of its new division, Home Loan Specialists Inc. HLS Inc. will operate as a d/b/a of Metro Mortgage. Craig Olmsted of Farmington Hills is the president of HLS.

Olmsted joins HLS with 12 years of mortgage banking experience most recently with Mutual Finances Services Inc. as vice

president. HLS is located at 17000 S. Laurel Park Dr., Suite 202, Livonia. For more information call (313) 953-5626.

Boeing awards contract
J.S. Alberici Construction Co. Inc. an international construction firm with an office in Livonia - in a joint venture with The Austin Company of Cleveland, has been selected by The Boeing Company to design a focused factory for rocket manufacturing in Decatur, Alabama. The first contract to be released to the Austin Alberici Joint Venture is for completion of final design.

Absopure earns award
Absopure Water Company of Plymouth is sparkling with excitement at the news that its

CAP10 brand of flavored effervescent mineral water has received the prestigious AQUA Award from the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA). Dan Yessian Music of Farmington Hills was involved in the development of the CAP10 jingle for Absopure Water Company as music producer.

New construction
Ilmore Engineering, the race-engine building arm of Mercedes-Benz is building a new 26,000 square foot technology center in the Plymouth Oaks Business Park by Campbell/Maniz Inc. a Southfield based firm that designs, engineers and constructs industrial and commercial buildings.

The facility will centralize its American engineering and business management activities.

Construction completion is expected in the spring of 1998.

Sears dental opening
Family Dental Center recently opened a new location in the Sears department store of Westland Mall. Office manager Tamara Carmany said she is not surprised appointment books have been filling up since the store opened. "This Sears location was built because the community requested it," said Carmany. "The public demanded it and we are filling that need."

The Family Dental Center office at Westland Shopping Center is located at 35000 W. Warren Road. Patients can call (734) 466-9665 for appointments.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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

New manager
Michael Glaser has joined the N.A. Mans team in Canton as General Manager for the Kitchen and Bath Division.

An Ypsilanti resident, Glaser is a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) and comes to N.A. Mans have been a manufacturer representative for Wood-Mode Cabinets for the past nine years.

Cooke promoted
Canton resident Robin Kay Cooke of Youth Living Centers has been promoted from finance director to business development officer. Cooke will now coordinate program expansion, build and strengthen community relationships, and identify and evaluate new business ventures.

New quality director
FCI Automotive appointed Charles Thompson as quality director for the company's North American division - Framatome Connectors Interlock Inc. of Livonia. His new position will require him to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating quality programs consistent with customer requirements as well as preventing or eliminating defects in all new and existing products.

25th anniversary
Timothy J. Jahn a long-time Livonia resident, will be celebrating 25 years with General Cinema Theatres in February. Tim started his career as an usher at the Livonia Mall Cinema, and is now the General Manager of the Canton Cinema 6. In addition to his responsibilities as GM, Tim also holds the position of Marketing Coordinator for General Cinema Theatres in Michigan.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
January 5, 1998**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 5, 1998, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY
INVOLVING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL
VEHICLES.**

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 70.08 AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 70.11 THROUGH 70.26.

Section 70.08 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the definitions contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 390.5 shall apply to this chapter, except that the definitions of employer and exempt intracity zone shall not apply to this chapter, and except for the following definitions as modified:

(A) "Bus" means any motor vehicle designed for carrying sixteen or more passengers, including the driver. Bus does not include a school bus, a bus defined and certified under the Motor Bus Transportation Act, Act No. 432 of the Public Acts of 1982, being Sections 474.101 to 474.141 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a bus operated by a public transit agency operating under any of the entities set forth in Section sa (b) of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended.

(B) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any self-propelled or towed vehicle designed or used on public highways to transport passengers or property, except for a bus exempted in subsection A of this section, if the vehicle is one or more of the following:

(1) Has either a gross vehicle weight rating or an actual gross weight or gross combination weight rating or an actual gross combination weight of ten thousand one or more pounds;

(2) Is designed for carrying sixteen or more passengers, including the driver;

(3) Is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 100 to 180.

(C) "Emergency response" shall include:

(1) The providing for and/or utilizing of public services including police, fire, and public services at the scene or as a result of a motor vehicle crash where one (or more) of the drivers was operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or controlled substance(s) or while impaired; or

(2) The effecting of a traffic stop and the physical, custodial arrest by a police officer when the arrested person was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or controlled substance(s) or while impaired.

(D) "Expense of Emergency Response" shall include:

(1) The direct and indirect costs associated with an emergency response as described in subsection (A) (1) and/or (A) (2), supra, and shall include the costs connected with the provision and administration of a breathalyzer examination and/or blood test and any videotaping of the driver, if applicable, such costs to be set by City Council Resolution; and

(2) Should the Court order, as a part of the criminal sanctions imposed, any period of incarceration, the costs assessed to the city for the housing, care, feeding, security and all other requirements necessitated by the incarceration.

(E) "Gross combination weight" or "GCW" means the combined weight of a combination of vehicles and any load on those vehicles.

(F) "Gross Weight," "gross vehicle weight," or "GVW" means the combined weight of a motor vehicle and any load on that vehicle.

(G) "Motor carrier" means a carrier of passengers or property in a commercial motor vehicle. Motor carrier includes a motor carrier's agents, officers, and representatives, as well as employees responsible for hiring, supervising, training, assigning, or dispatching of drivers and employees concerned with the installation, inspection, and maintenance of motor vehicle equipment and accessories.

Section 70.11 Qualifications of bus, truck, truck tractor operators, etc. A person shall not drive, and an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or their lessees or receivers appointed by any court shall not employ, engage, hire, or contract for hire any person to operate, drive, or maintain, any bus, truck, truck tractor, or trailer, or certain other motor vehicles unless the person meets the qualifications as set forth in this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, and the Department of State Police under the authority of such act.

Section 70.12 Safety standards for drivers or operators and for equipment and devices. An individual, partnership, association, corporation, or their lessees or receivers appointed by any court shall not operate any truck, truck tractor, or trailer or permit any person to drive any bus, truck, or truck tractor, or certain other motor vehicles which does not meet driver or operator safety standards, safety standards for equipment and devices on buses, truck, truck tractors, or trailers, or certain other motor vehicles and the loading and unloading thereof as set forth in this chapter and the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended and rules promulgated by the Department of State Police.

Section 70.13 Drivers - Qualifications.

(A) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle unless he or she is qualified to drive a motor vehicle. A motor carrier shall not require or permit a person to drive a motor vehicle unless that person is qualified to drive a motor vehicle.

(B) Except as provided in this chapter of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, as person is qualified to drive a motor vehicle if he or she:

(1) Meets one or more of the following:

(a) Is at least eighteen years old when transporting intrastate property or passengers, except as provided in subparagraphs b and c,

(b) Is at least sixteen years of age when acting as a farm vehicle driver as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 390.5,

(c) Is at least twenty-one years old when transporting hazardous materials in a quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded pursuant to the provisions of 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 100 to 180 in a cargo tank as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 100 to 180 in a cargo tank as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 171.8 with a gross vehicle weight of more than forty thousand pounds;

(2) Can read and speak the American-English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records;

(3) Can, by reason of experience or training, or both, safely operate the type of motor vehicle he or she drives;

(4) Can, by reason of experience or training, or both, determine whether the cargo being transported, including baggage in a passenger-carrying motor vehicle, has been properly located, distributed, and secured in or on the motor vehicle he or she drives;

(5) Is familiar with methods and procedures for securing cargo in or on the motor vehicle he or she drives;

(6) Is physically qualified to drive a motor vehicle in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.41 to 391.49;

(7) Has an appropriate valid license issued only from one state or jurisdiction;

(8) Has prepared and furnished the motor carrier that employs him or her with a list of violations or the certificate as required by 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.27;

(9) Is not disqualified to drive a motor vehicle under 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.15;

(10) Has successfully completed a driver's road test and has been issued a certificate of driver's road test in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.31, or has presented an operator's license or a certificate of road test which the motor carrier that employs him or her has accepted as equivalent to a road test in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.33;

(11) Has taken a written examination and has been issued a certificate of written examination in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.35, or has presented a certificate of written examination which the motor carrier that employs him or her has accepted as equivalent to a written examination in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.37;

(12) Has completed and furnished the motor carrier that employs him

or her with an application for employment in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.21.

Section 70.14 Drivers - Medical examiner's certificate. A person shall not drive motor vehicle unless he or she is physically qualified to do so and, except as provided by this chapter or the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, has on his or her person the original, or a photographic copy, of a medical examiner's certificate that he or she is physically qualified to drive a motor vehicle.

Section 70.15 Drivers employed on or before June 10, 1984 - Applicability of chapter - Waivers - Medical qualifications.

(A) The provisions of this chapter and 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.21 relating to applications for employment, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.23 relating to investigations and inquiries, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.31 relating to road tests, and 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.35 relating to written examinations do not apply to a driver who has been a regularly employed driver of an intrastate motor carrier of property for a continuous period which began on or before June 10, 1984, as long as he or she continues to be a regularly employed driver of that motor carrier. Such a driver is qualified to drive a motor vehicle if he or she fulfills the requirements of Section 70.13 (B) (1) to (10).

(B) The provisions of this act pertaining to an intrastate driver's medical qualifications do not apply to any driver who:

(1) Has been a regularly employed driver of the motor carrier for a continuous period which began on or before June 10, 1984;

(2) Has continued to be a regularly employed driver of that motor carrier;

(3) With the exception of subsection 70.13 (B) (6), is otherwise qualified to drive a motor vehicle under Section 10.65.040;

(4) Has made application to the motor carrier safety appeal board claiming grand fathering rights;

(5) Has received a waiver of medical qualification from the motor carrier division of the Department of State Police. The "medical waiver-grandfather rights" card, motor carrier division form number MC-22, shall be carried at all times on the person of the driver while he or she is operating a motor vehicle. The original "medical waiver grandfather rights," motor carrier division form number MC-25, will be retained in the driver's qualification file in accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended.

Section 70.16 Bus drivers - Applicability of chapter - Waivers - Medical qualifications.

(A) The provisions of 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.21 relating to applications for employment, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.23 relating to investigations and inquiries, 40 Code of Federal Regulations 391.31 relating to road tests, and 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.35 relating to written examinations do not apply to a driver who has been a regularly employed driver of an intrastate motor carrier of passengers for a continuous period since March 3, 1991, as long as he or she continued to be a regularly employed driver of that motor carrier. Such a driver is qualified to drive a bus if he or she fulfills the requirements of Section 70.13 (B) (1) to (10) relating to qualifications of drivers.

(B) The provisions of this chapter pertaining to an intrastate driver's medical qualifications do not apply to a bus driver who:

(1) Has been a regularly employed driver of the motor carrier for a continuous period since March 3, 1991;

(2) Has continued to be a regularly employed driver of that motor carrier;

(3) Is otherwise qualified to drive a bus under Section 70.13, except for the requirement of Section 70.13 (B) (6);

(4) Has made application to the motor carrier division of the Department of State Police claiming grand fathering rights;

(5) Has received a waiver of medical qualification from the motor carrier division of the Department of State Police. The "medical waiver-grandfather rights" card, motor carrier division form number MC-22, shall be carried at all times on the person of the driver while he or she is operating a motor vehicle under the applicability of these rules. The original medical waiver grandfather rights, motor carrier division form MC-25, will be retained in the driver qualification file in accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended.

Section 70.17 Drivers of vehicles displaying farm registration plates - Applicability of chapter and federal regulations. The provisions of 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.21 relating to application for employment, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.23 relating to investigations and inquiries, 49 Code of Federal Regulations relating to road tests, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.35 relating to written examinations, 49 Code of Federal Regulations 391.41 to 391.45 to the extent that they require a driver to be medically qualified or examined and to have a medical examiner's certificate on his or her person do not apply to a driver of a vehicle eligible for an displaying a farm registration plate.

Section 70.18 Mechanics - Applicability of chapter. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a mechanic who services motor carrier equipment during the intrastate operation of this equipment when:

(A) The vehicle or combinations are not being used to transport passengers or property or any for hire or compensated transportation including paid haulage when the units are empty.

(B) The mechanic is not otherwise being used as a regularly employed driver.

Section 70.19 Utility, telephone, and cable television employees - Applicability of chapter. This chapter and 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 391 do not apply to utility, telephone, and cable television company service employees if those employees:

(A) Are not otherwise being used as a regularly employed driver.

(B) Are not used to operate a bus or a motor vehicle, except a motor home, having a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds, a motor vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds, or a motor vehicle carrying hazardous material and on which is required to be posted a placard as defined and required under 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 100 to 180. This does not include a vehicle used exclusively to transport personal possessions or family members for nonbusiness purposes.

Section 70.20 Motor vehicles, truck tractors, and semitrailers - Bumpers and underride guards, requirements - Asphalt hauling vehicles exempt.

(A) A motor vehicle, except truck tractors, pole trailers, vehicles engaged in driveaway-towaway operations, and truck tractors and semitrailer combinations described in subsection B of this section that were manufactured after December 31, 1952, that is so constructed that the body or the chassis assembly if without a body has a clearance at the rear end of more than thirty inches from the ground when empty, shall be provided with bumpers or devices serving similar purposes which shall be so constructed and located that:

(1) The clearance between the effective bottom of the bumpers or devices and the ground shall not exceed thirty inches with the vehicle empty;

(2) The maximum distance between the closest points between bumpers or devices, if more than one is used, shall not exceed twenty-four inches;

(3) The maximum transverse distance from the widest part of the motor vehicle at the rear to bumper or device shall not exceed eighteen inches;

(4) The bumpers or devices are located not more than twenty-four inches forward of the extreme rear of the vehicle;

(5) The bumpers or devices are substantially constructed and firmly attached. Motor vehicles constructed and maintained so that the body chassis or other parts of the vehicle afford the rear end protection contemplated shall be considered to be in compliance with this section.

(B) A truck tractor and semitrailer combination with a semitrailer length longer than fifty feet whose frame or body extends more than thirty-six inches beyond the rear of its rear axle and is more than thirty inches above the roadway shall not be operated on the highways of this city unless equipped with an underride guard on the extreme rear of the frame or body. The underride guard shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Provide a continuous horizontal beam having a maximum ground clearance of twenty-two inches, as measured with vehicle empty and on level ground;

(2) Extend to within four inches of the lateral extremities of the trailer on both left and right sides.

(C) An asphalt hauling vehicle that is required to be equipped with an underride guard under this section shall be exempt from that requirement of this section if the underride guard prevents the vehicle from being attached to an asphalt paving machine. As used in this section, "asphalt hauling vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer specifically designed for attachment to asphalt paving machines and which is used for hauling asphalt paving materials.

Section 70.21 Applicability of federal regulations to commercial motor vehicles - Exceptions. The rule in 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 395 apply to all drivers of commercial motor vehicles as defined in Section 70.08 except:

(1) Farm vehicle drivers as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 390.5.

(2) Mechanics as defined in Section 70.18.

(3) Utility, telephone, and cable television company service employees as defined in Section 10.19.

(4) Any driver of a public utility service vehicle when being used in cases of emergency.

Section 70.22 Drivers - Hour limitations on driving - Applicability.

(A) A motor carrier shall not permit or require a driver of a commercial motor vehicle, regardless of the number of motor carriers using the driver's services, to drive for any period after having been on duty sixty hours in any seven consecutive days if the employing motor carrier does not operate every day in the week, or having been on duty seventy hours in any period of eight consecutive days if the employing motor carrier operates motor vehicles every day of the week.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following drivers if their total driving time does not exceed forty hours in any period of seven consecutive days:

(1) Any driver-salesperson;

(2) Any driver delivering home heating fuel from the month.

(3) Any driver involved with the pickup or delivery of crude oil products during the time when weight limitations are imposed due to seasonal climatic changes;

(4) Any driver of a vehicle engaged in seasonal construction related activities within a one hundred-air mile radius of the normal work reporting location;

(5) Any driver of a motor vehicle which is being used in the delivery of beverages to retail businesses.

Section 70.23 Duty activities - Records, false reports, corrections - Applicability to beverage delivery drivers. (A) Failure to complete the record of duty activities required by 49 Code of Federal Regulations 395.8 or 49 Code of Federal Regulations 395.15, failure to preserve a record of such duty activities, or making of false reports in connection with such duty activities shall make the driver or the carrier, or both, liable to prosecution.

(B) A carrier, agent, or driver who makes a correction of the hours of service records after submission shall certify as to the accuracy of the record on the corrected record and state the reason for the correction. This certification shall be a legible signature of the carrier official making the correction in addition to the driver certification required in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 395.18(d)(3).

(C) The twelve consecutive hours on duty requirement contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 395.8(L)(1)(ii) shall not apply to intrastate drivers of motor vehicles regularly delivering beverages to retail businesses who return to the work reporting location, and are released from work within fifteen consecutive hours of being on duty.

Section 70.24 Transporting property or passengers - Applicability of chapter to individuals and vehicles - Employer regulations - compliance - Exceptions. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this chapter is applicable to all employers, employees, and commercial motor vehicles that transport property or passengers.

(B) The rules of 49 Code of Federal Regulations 387, entitled minimum levels of financial responsibility for motor carriers, are applicable to motor carriers as provided in 49 Code of Federal Regulations 387.3 or 49 Code of Federal Regulations 387.27.

(C) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit an employer from requiring and enforcing more stringent requirements relating to safety of operation and employee safety and health.

(D) Every motor carrier shall be knowledgeable of and comply with this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, and the rules promulgated pursuant to such act that are applicable to that motor carrier's operations. Every driver and employee shall be instructed regarding, and shall comply with, all applicable provisions of this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, and the rules promulgated pursuant to such act. This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the use of additional equipment and accessories if such additional equipment or accessories are in proper working condition, are not inconsistent with or prohibited by this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, or the rules promulgated pursuant to such act, and do not decrease the safety of operation of the vehicles on which they are used. All motor vehicle equipment and accessories required by this chapter and state and federal law or regulation shall be maintained in compliance with all applicable performance and design criteria set forth in this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, and the rules promulgated pursuant to such act.

(E) Unless otherwise specifically provided, this chapter and the rules promulgated under the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, do not apply to:

(1) The occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;

(2) The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons;

(3) The operation of an authorized emergency vehicle by a firefighter who has met the driver training standards of the Michigan firefighter's training council;

(4) A semitrailer or truck used exclusively for storage purposes.

Section 70.25 Adoption of federal regulations - Hazardous materials - Safety regulations - Construction and application. The city adopts the following provisions of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations as of February 28, 1990, on file with the office of the Michigan Secretary of State except where modified by this chapter or the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide for the safe transportation of persons and property with the intent of following the policies and procedures of the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration as they relate to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the North American standard uniform out-of-service criteria and inspection procedures;

(1) Hazardous materials regulations, being 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 100 through 180.

(2) Motor carrier safety regulations, being 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 387, parts 390 through 393, parts 395 through 397, and 399 including appendices C, D, E and G, except for the following:

(a) Where the terms "United States Department of Transportation," "Federal Highway Administration," "Federal Highway Administrator," "Director," or "Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety" appear, they shall be construed to refer to the Michigan Department of State Police;

(b) Where "interstate" appears, it shall mean intrastate or interstate, or both, as applicable.

(3) Where "special agent of the Federal Highway Administration" or "administration personnel" appears, either shall be construed to mean a peace officer.

Section 70.26 Violations - Penalties - Motor vehicles, stopping and inspecting, notice to appear - Driver audit - Application. (A) Except as otherwise provided in the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, any driver or operator who violates this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, or a rule promulgated under such act, or any owner or user of any bus, truck, truck tractor, or trailer, or certain other motor vehicles or any officer or agent for any individual, partnership, corporation, or association or their lessees or receivers appointed by any court which is the owner or user of any vehicle, who requires or permits the driver or operator to operate or drive any bus, truck, truck tractor, or trailer, or certain other motor vehicles in violation of this chapter, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, or a rule promulgated under such act, is guilty of a misdemeanor for each violation.

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(C) In addition to any penalty imposed under this chapter or the Motor Carrier Safety Act, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, a third or subsequent violation within one year of the rules promulgated pursuant to such act with respect to hours of service and recording those hours in a daily log may result in an audit of the driver of the vehicle by the motor carrier division of the Michigan Department of State Police.

(D) This chapter does not apply to a unit of government or its employees, officers, or representatives or to a motor vehicle, truck, truck tractor, or trailer owned or operated thereby, except as provided in Section 601a of the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being Section 257.601a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk - Treasurer

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Christmas wish list gives 'paws' for thought

Asking Santa for something can be dangerous. You just might get what you want. I know because two years ago I asked for an Irish Wolfhound puppy and my woes began.

Last year at this time, I was saying "Santa, that puppy's a bundle of trouble." But another year has passed and Shamrock and I have become the best of friends.

That brought me to wondering what local artists and arts supporters were asking Santa for this year. Of course, grownups know the heart of Santa exists in each of us.

Lee Alanskas and the other Livonia Arts Commissioners' request for Santa is a tall one.

"We wish we could have our own city cultural center that would be a venue for all the visual and performing arts, one that would benefit not just the arts community but the citizens of the community as well," said Alanskas.

Unfortunately, the Livonia Arts Commission's wish is nothing more than that right now. Hopefully, one of the members will take up the reins and lead the project to fruition. It would be nice if the nonprofit organization's annual arts and crafts show and a fine arts exhibit at Greenmead Historical Village as well as artist-of-the-month shows at Livonia City Hall and the Civic Center Library were all located in one place.

It took the Plymouth Community Arts Council 25 years to finally achieve their goal. Now, board member Frank Kuszak has a new wish for Santa as the arts council prepares to dedicate the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth.

"I wish that everybody would stop by the new facility and see what the Plymouth Community Arts Council contributes to the community and while they're at it to buy two tickets for our Mardi Gras dinner or an ad in the program," said Kuszak.

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 21 arts council patrons will enjoy a New Orleans style dinner, music by the New Reformation Dixieland Band, and an auction of items including art and a jersey signed by Detroit Red Wings player Sergei Federov all at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Tickets are \$50 and available by calling (313) 416-4ART.

While Kuszak is also wishing for more artists and businesses to donate merchandise for the auction, Westland artist Sandra Weed is asking Santa for crayons. A watercolor instructor at Schoolcraft College and the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Weed and her students will exhibit paintings at Livonia City Hall Jan. 19-30.

"I'm asking for crayons because I feel like being a kid again," said Weed. "Even the smell of crayons means art work to me. I'm going to elevate the lowly crayon to fine art."

Weed will probably pass on the skills she learns to her students which is a lot better than the gift of ice skates and a broken ankle, she received for her ninth Christmas.

The greatest gift of all

If Santa thought of everyone but you this Christmas, Weed suggests giving yourself a gift by enrolling in art classes at any one of the several locations around town. It's a lot safer than asking for an Irish Wolfhound puppy.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins classes in drawing, painting, music, and theater on Jan. 12 and a string program for youth ages eight to 12 on Jan. 14. For more information or to register, call (313) 416-4ART.

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a slide taking workshop for artists 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29 at the center, call (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

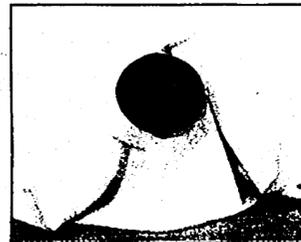
Deborah Kawasky of Plymouth explores the role of women in art from

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Comfort or threat: (Above) Chris Burden created this installation of police uniforms meant to fit officers eight feet tall. Some people find it scary, some find it comforting. It's all in your perspective. (Below) This untitled work by Anish Kapoor plays with simple shapes and bright colors. Part of an installation by Kapoor in the DIA's "Changing Spaces" exhibit, it's fun to guess what it is. Some visitors think it looks like an eyeball.

Installations reveal fabric as part of life



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

"Changing Spaces" just might change your perception of fabric art. Using fabric, fiber or processes like weaving and painting, six leading artists of the late 20th century confront viewers with installations that evoke emotion and provoke thought in an exhibition continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Organized by The Fabric Workshop and Museum, a non-profit arts organization in Philadelphia and developed by Mary Jane Jacob (a former DIA staff member) in collaboration with the artists, "Changing Spaces" deals with such weighty and timely issues as race relations, and the power of police. The imagery ranges in intensity from a whimsical room-size black cat that rises in the air to an overwhelming installation of oversize police uniforms, one of which was lent by Gilbert and Lila Silverman of Bloomfield Hills.

"Changing Spaces" will be presented in two consecutive exhibits. Part I includes works by American artists Chris Burden, Beverly Semmes, Renee Green, Carrie Mae Weems, Jim Hodges, and Anish Kapoor who was born in India and now lives in London.

"This is not your traditional fiber show," said Mary Ann Wilkinson, DIA curator of 20th century art. "The idea was to invite artists who don't usually work in fabric - the result is Changing Spaces."

Kids as well as adults will love Beverly Semmes' big black cat. At first look, the feline appears at rest in a nest of black velour. In slow motion, the cat rises from the floor to the ceiling and back down again.

Titled "RISEANDFALL," the cat miniaturizes the viewer. This element is nothing new for

Semme who in the past crafted a large scale coat with the intent of making viewers feel small.

"Beverly's interested in what happens when familiar things are in large scale," said Wilkinson. "People immediately get the idea that it's a cat as soon as it begins to move."

Comfort or threat? Chris Burden leaves the interpretation to the viewer in "L.A.P.D. Uniforms" as he confronts viewers with a room full of large scale police uniforms, authentic down to the disarmed 92F Beretta handguns. Created in response to the 1992 Los Angeles riots sparked by the acquittal of Los Angeles Police Department officers accused of beating Rodney King, the exhibit alludes to the violence of the incident and the power of the police to protect us from violence or to inflict it.

Burden gained fame 25 years ago for performance pieces during which he had himself shot, crucified on the back of a car and nearly electrocuted.

"Chris is always interested in social problems," said Wilkinson. "The uniforms are exact except they're meant to fit a police officer eight feet tall. It's interesting. Some people find it scary to walk into the room; some find it comforting. Chris wants us to think about whether they're a threat or a comfort."

Whether the viewer realizes it or not, fabric warms the body as well as the soul and touches nearly all parts of our lives. Unlike the traditional museum, The Fabric Workshop and Museum is dedicated to producing works of art because of the belief that fabric is a viable art material. As a result of its collaboration with artists, The Fabric Workshop and Museum now boasts a collection of more than 4,000 art works.

"Most people don't stop and think about what fabric means to our lives," said Wilkinson. "Fabric is kind of an invisible part of our lives. It sort of insinuates itself into our life. Our clothes are

made of fabric, the seats in our car, even in works of painting there is canvas, a fabric."

Marion Boulton Stroud's founding of The Fabric Workshop and Museum in 1977 allowed artists to experiment with the material beyond its use as canvas. Until that time, fabric was commonly associated with craft or industry, but in most instances, not the fine arts. Thanks in part to The Fabric Workshop artists, who true to form are usually ahead of their time, now search for ways to incorporate fabric into their works.

"In the last 10 to 20 years, artists are not so confined as to what you can use for art like found objects," said Wilkinson. "Artists are more accepting of the mediums and using it in different ways. People should see this show. We don't have the opportunity to do a lot of contemporary exhibits. Every one of the projects is different. It's fun to look at. It makes you think. It makes you laugh."

Renee Green, one of whose first exhibits dealt with the Kent State shootings and the Vietnam War, used upholstered fabric and wallpaper to depict slavery with a spin.

"Contemporary Toilet additionally has scenes of upper middle class or aristocratic life," said Wilkinson. "The darker scene is where she includes life of 18th century African American culture, except Green reverses the roles. A black man hangs a soldier; another black person is teaching whites."

"She makes the African Americans heroes or somehow rising above the condition of slavery. It looks like a period room so visitors get a sense of what life was like in those days. Some are difficult images but in each case it's the black person who is the hero or in the position of authority."

A wine case full of top-of-the-line spirits also includes Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill and

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UPDATE

Classical music listeners await word on who'll pick up baton

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-December, nearly a month after the change of format at WQRS-FM (105.1), former program director Dave Wagner is back at the station where he was summarily dismissed along with other on-air talent.

But on this day, Wagner is not scheduled for the studio. He's picking up his mail along with other memories of his 20-year career at the Southfield-based radio station.

For many classical music listeners outraged at the decision by station owners, Greater Media of New Jersey, to play head-banging rock music instead of Rachmaninoff, the radio veteran Wagner is a *cause celeb*. "I've become the poster boy for classical music," said

Wagner, who is busy searching for a new job and playing the organ at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe.

The listenership at the former classical music station, said Wagner, may not be plentiful by Arbitron standards, but they are loyal.

And looking for answers. In recent weeks, rumors have swirled about which station would fill the void left by WQRS.

Speculation has included a change in format at local commercial stations WWBR-FM, WGPR-FM and WCHB-FM. With the classical music format perceived as a failing format, however, any commercial station would be hard pressed to gamble on a change to Bach

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STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Different key: WQRS-FM (105.1) has gone from a classical music format to "the edge" of rock. Former listeners continue to search for a new home.

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Thunderbird wines. Again, the work provokes viewers to ponder differences in histories and perspectives.

"It illustrates we're closer to each other than we think," said Wilkinson.

Carrie Mae Weems' installation, "The Apple of Adam's Eye" debuted in 1983 at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Photography, text and a fiber screen, the installation's focal point, has very strong feminist overtones with wry comments on the place of women.

"She wasn't going to let Eve take all the responsibility," said Wilkinson.

Anish Kapoor intermingles felt with fiberglass inserts in his installation that appears as so many body parts. One of the pieces make you think of an eyeball. Another work, "Body to Body," well, use your imagination. According to Wilkinson though "it's very erotic."

The final installation, "You" is a wall of flowers by Jim Hodges. It's interesting because of the fact Hodges used flowers. In American culture, flowers take on a variety of roles from celebration, to commemorate a birthday, or to show respect for a person in death.

Changing Spaces

What: An exhibition of Artists Projects from the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia.

When: Part I continues through Sunday, Jan. 4; Part II runs Friday, Jan. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 22.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Call (313) 833-7900.

Cost: Free with (suggested) museum admission of \$4 adults, \$1 students/children, Founders Society members free.

Related activities:

■ Artist Lorna Simpson, an African American artist who blends provocative text with photographs challenging conventional notions of gender and race, discusses her work in the Lecture Hall 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

■ Mary Ann Wilkinson, DIA curator of 20th century art, hosts a tour of "Changing Spaces" 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.

■ Australian artist Narelle Jubelin uses geographic place, memory and history to inform her work, discusses her installation 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Lecture Hall. Co-sponsored by Cranbrook Academy of Art and the Friends of Modern Art.

"This is the work everybody responds to, it's so gorgeous," said Wilkinson. "Jim uses manufactured silk flowers that he separates. Hodges thinks of it as an abstract painting. This waterfall of flowers is lush. He thinks of it as a form of architecture. The kids love it."

The exhibit is a fun way to introduce kids to art even though it has its' moments of heaviness.

"The kids don't need an introduction to art. They don't know it's art. They have such an open mind." Later in the interview Wilkinson added, "but it's a good way to introduce them to art because there is so much to talk about with all of these projects."

Part II of "Changing Spaces" opens Friday, Jan. 16, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 22. It features work by international artists.

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and Beethoven.

As the format change at WQRS proved, radio isn't solely about music. At the time of the change, WQRS had one of the lowest ratings in the market but was reportedly operating modestly in the black.

"I don't know if the (classical) format isn't profitable, or just not as profitable as they'd like it to be," said Wagner.

Classical music at WDTR-FM?

Perhaps the most realistic place on the airwaves for a re-emergence of classical music is WDTR-FM (90.9), owned by the Detroit Board of Education.

The station's recent decision to broaden its appeal and the hankering for a new classical music station has sent rumblings through the local radio market.

In recent weeks, the grapevine has been abuzz with WDTR's imminent sale, estimated at a market value of \$20 million, and an unconfirmed report that the station will air regularly a classical music bloc in early January.

"We haven't made up our minds about classical music, and we are not for sale," said Dr. Arthur Carter, deputy superintendent for governmental and community affairs for the board of education.

Carter noted that revenue from a possible sale of the station would only cover expenses for about four days in the school system.

In markets throughout the United States, however, public radio stations are being purchased by communications conglomerates moving aggressively in the deregulated industry mandated by the Telecommunications Act, passed in June of 1995.

WDTR is not only in the nation's fifth largest radio market but has the wide-range frequency (from London, Ontario, to Fowlerville to Sylvania, Ohio) that many buyers find alluring.

But the board of education, said Carter, isn't budging.

In fact, WDTR commissioned a study to find ways to broaden the appeal of their educational programming mission. The inde-

COMMENTARY

Remembering WQRS

In order to become more self-sufficient, public radio stations have taken the cue from commercial stations.

After all, listeners attract both advertisers and donations. "Public radio has become more market-driven," said Dave Wagner. "Everyone in radio realizes that you have to have listeners."

And when it comes to classical music, that's the rub.

Radio is an open-air democracy where ratings, not critically significant works of music, determine the agenda.

Unless there are huge public subsidies, it's unlikely that a format can be sustained that can't be justified by the marketplace.

To their credit, the on-air talent at WQRS found ways to break through the stuffy, didactic ramblings about the great composers to make listening to classical music an informative, compelling experience.

Unfortunately, their on-air work may be a waning art. But their many listeners have not forgotten.

- By Frank Provenzano

Where are they now?

- Current activities of former WQRS-FM on-air talent:
- Charles Greenwell - a pops conductor with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra
- Paul Russell - pursuing a career in photography
- Dave Wagner - playing organ at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe, and performing with Alexander Zonjic
- Dick Wallace - professional voice talent and public relations consultant

pendent consultant's report calls for expanding broadcast hours from 12 to 24, improving the station's outdated transmitter, offering a wider range of education programs and building alliances with other local public broadcasting stations.

Recently, the station hired a new program director, Cliff Russell, a former WWJ reporter and press secretary for Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. The move is seen as a step toward further legitimizing the new direction at the least listened to station in the market.

"We are reinventing ourselves," said Carter. "Classical music certainly would fit under our scope of educational issues. If we can fit a community educational need, form a partnership, focus on education, then we are definitely interested."

Currently, only CBC-FM (89.9) offers a full-time classical music format in the metro region. University of Michigan's WUOM-FM (91.7) and Wayne State's WDET-

FM (101.9) play classical music as part of their programming. But in recent years, both university operated stations have cut back on the amount of classical music programming.

While talks about classical programming continue with many interested individuals, Carter is looking for broader support and deep pockets. Ideally, he said, corporations or foundations would need to pick up the additional costs of a classical music program at the station already burdened by a \$500,000 annual budget and few revenue sources.

"With our new format, we see ourselves as narrow-casting, rather than broadcasting," said Carter. "Eventually, we'd like to be the C-Span of public education issues."

Where classical music fits within WDTR's educational broadcasting mission, emphasized Carter, could be determined "very, very quickly" if a sponsor or donor emerges.

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prehistoric to modern times in a class entitled "The Herstory of Art: Women and the Visual Arts" beginning Jan. 3 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.

Weed, who equates herself to a music teacher instilling basics before students are able to play a piece, will teach classes in acrylic and oil painting beginning Jan. 7 at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. VAAL offers a variety of classes and workshops including a new drawing class for young adults with Alice Nichols. For a catalog, call Marge Masek at (313) 464-

6772. Weed teaches a fabric jewelry and fabric collage painting class 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Quilt Works in Plymouth. Call (313) 207-8708.

Classes (taught by Weed) in beginning and advanced watercolor begin the week of Feb. 2 at Schoolcraft College, call (313) 462-4448. Weed teaches these same classes beginning Jan. 12 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, call (248) 424-9041.

Weed will also teach a workshop in Sumi brush painting at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills (248) 471-7561 and at Millers Art Center, Fern-

dale, (248) 414-7070. "Just like a music teacher who teaches scales and timing, if students learn drawing skills and techniques first, they reach a level of competency more quickly and then they can apply them," said Weed.

That sounds easier than training an Irish Wolfhound puppy. Thank you, Sandra.

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.

Familiar authors on this year's best seller's list

By FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Along with the certainty of death and taxes, add the proverbial claim about the passing of the novel.

Whether it's Tom Wolfe decrying the lack of social relevance, or ardent Internet surfers asserting that being online make books passe, the novel is as entrenched in book stores as

celebrity tell-alls, self-improvement and how-to selections.

Despite claims of its imminent demise, the novel is not only alive, it's thriving. And interestingly, several well-known, critically acclaimed authors seem to be doing quite well.

In the past year, some of these authors have drawn critical attention:

American Pastoral by Philip Roth - A surrealistic investigation by the author's alter ego, Nathan Zuckerman. The allegory of how and who influences the soul of a person, and how much can a person reveal before he loses his own soul.

Critics have characterized Roth's latest works as among his best. Readers might find the prose beautiful, but the story somewhat convoluted.

A suggestion: patience will pay off. Mason & Dixon by Thomas

Pynchon - One of the finest stories from the reclusive novelist of such other post-modern classics as "Crying of Lot 49" (1966), and "Gravity's Rainbow" (1973).

Commonly obtuse, but uncommonly funny, "Mason & Dixon" is a comedic tale of astronomer Charles Mason and the surveyor Jeremiah Dixon, and the somewhat arbitrary drawing of the infamous Mason-Dixon Line, separating north from south.

Toward the End of Time by John Updike - Few other writers display the blend of poetry and prose as Updike. After his past several amorphous novels, Updike again proves that he's not only a great stylist, but up to the task of tackling philosophical questions.

In his recent novel, Updike translates the journal of a 66-year-old who feels freed from time. His entries reveal his psychological wanderings about personal fears and a world disintegrating into the antithesis of Thoreau's vision.

Underworld by Don DeLillo - An encyclopedic trip through the last half of the 20th century. Since the end of the Cold War, few other writers have grasped the dimensions of the moral void left in the ruins of the assured mutual destruction theory.

Symbolically, the protagonist is an entrepreneur of garbage, looking to piece together the world of distortions and sound bites.

The massive novel may take

months to disseminate. But to date, it stands as DeLillo's literary opus.

Briar Rose by Robert Coover - One of the inventors of the post-modern novel translates the fairy tale, "Sleeping Beauty," into an intricately irreverent variation with some adult-only themes.

The Complete Stories by Bernard Malamud - Author of such classics as "The Natural" and "The Fixer," in a compelling collection that reflects the Jewish-American experience, from tales set in the urban world, to survivors coming to grips with guilt and meaning, to glimpses into the lonely underside of the American melting pot.

Timequake by Kurt Vonnegut - More time travel with Vonnegut's second self, Kilgore Trout.

In typical Vonnegut fashion, the book is set on a precarious perch: On February 13, 2001, according to Trout, the universe will tire momentarily of expanding forever.

Probably Vonnegut's best work

since "Jailbird" (1979).

Other books of note: **Six Early Stories** by Thomas Mann - Early writings from the German novelist and author of such 20th-century classics as "Death in Venice" and "The Magic Mountain."

Flying Home and Other Stories by Ralph Ellison - Arguably one of the least productive and one of the most important American writers.

Ellison, author of "Invisible Man" (1953), struggled throughout his life to match the depth and spiritual resonance of his ground-breaking novel about alienation and the problems of identity.

These short stories represent many of the same themes in which he articulated in the "Invisible Man."

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Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080.

MUSIC COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

DOCUMENTA USA

Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1988 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.

PARK PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 & 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, open audition for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." All roles open for casting. Prepare 16 bars of a song to demonstrate vocal range. An accompanist will be provided. Scheduled performances March 21-23, 28-30 and April 3-4, 1998. North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit; (313) 459-2332.

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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.

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER AUDITIONS

Regional auditions 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. University of Michigan, Room #2043. Brevard Music Center is a summer music festival in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The program runs June 24-Aug. 9, 1998 for advanced instrumentalists ages 14-35, and for opera students who have completed at least one year of college study. Auditions will serve both admission and scholarship purposes. To schedule an audition, and for more information, call Lynn



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Johnson, (704) 884-2975.

BENEFITS

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the annual Christmas Wigilia celebration, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve meal. Proceeds benefit the fine arts fund, Polish Century Club, 5181 E. Outer Drive, Detroit; (313) 455-6207.

MS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

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.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BBAA WINTER CLASSES

Registration for Jan. 5-March 28 classes, new offerings include Women and Visual Arts, Color Theory and Application, Experimental Basketry with Paper, Introduction to Printmaking, Steel Sculpture Workshop, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 5 - 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults," Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Altering Spaces: Installation Art," Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, "From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

PCCA WINTER CLASSES

Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 12, including garden vessel workshop, painting landscapes, figurative painting, 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

CHORALE

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
"Making Spirits Bright," a holiday

musical pick-me-up directed by Jim Whitten with guest artists the Tinderbox Children's Choir (under the direction of Ray Schmidt), 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia. Free. (734) 525-1447

RENAISSANCE VOICES

Holiday concert features "Festival of Lessons and Carols" service which is performed annually at King's College in Cambridge, England, as well as "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military (at Cherry Hill Road), Dearborn. \$8. \$5 for students and seniors. (313) 317-6566

HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Wonders of His Love. Highland Park Baptist Church Chancel Choir and guest concert pianist Michael Faircloth, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield. Tickets complimentary, but recommended, call (248) 357-5464.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, the Polish Choral in a concert of Polish Christmas songs. St Barbara, 13534 Colson, Dearborn; (313) 863-6209.



New Year's Eve Gala: Featuring music of Strauss, Bernstein and Webber in a concert of popular waltzes and Broadway musical favorites, plus the artistry of professional ballroom dancers, including Glenn Clark and Cindy Gerald of Southfield, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. The Keith Saxton Sextet will perform for dancing onstage after the concert. Party hats, noise-makers provided. Tickets: \$25-\$55, (Box Seats, \$85) 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 833-3700.

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DEIN PERRY'S TAP DOGS

Friday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$26 and \$36), 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), 7 p.m. Sundays (\$32.50 and \$22.50), 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 (\$26 and \$36). All ages. (313) 872-1000

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Through Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

LECTURES

CHANGING SPACES

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, a video presentation on the current exhibit, "Changing Spaces," in the Detroit Institute of Arts modern gallery, DIA, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ART MUSEUM

Through Dec. 14 - Sapphoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents of Culture, the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and Art Museum; through Jan. 4 - "Glances and Gazes of the Social Fantastic: Early 20th-Century French Photography; through Jan. 4 - "Fifteen Visions: Books by Contemporary Regional Artists, 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Dec. 12 - "1997 Winter Degree Show," featuring Mary Preston, metalsmithing, and Mark Kolodziejczak, architecture; through Jan. 4 - "Photography and Site," an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers; "Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through Jan. 4 - "Seasons Lab," a featured attraction at the Experiment Gallery, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3324.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Jan. 4 - "Changing Spaces, Part I," "Splendors of Ancient Egypt;" through Jan. 16-Feb. 22 - "Changing Spaces, Part II." Suggested admission: \$4 adults; \$1 students/children; Founders Society members free; (313) 833-7900. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Through Feb. 1 - "The Mars Show," a planetary presentation of the red planet narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0478.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION CHASE THE BLUES NIGHT

9:30-11:30 p.m., Dec. 31, featuring Little Sonny and the Detroit Rhythm Band, First Baptist Church, next to Jacobson's, downtown Birmingham, between Willits and Bates streets. Admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children; (248) 644-0550.

JAZZ REVISITED

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, "Jazz Revisited," featuring James Dapogny's Jazz Band in a celebration of swinging jazz. Hosted by Michigan Radio's Hazen Schumacher. Other featured performers include vocalist Banu Gibson and Franz Jackson. Tickets: \$25; (248) 645-6666. Sponsored by WUOM, WVGR.

WFUM, Power Center, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. For information, (313) 764-9210.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, "Frog and Toad," a theatrical performance by the Wild Swan Theatre, 300 W. Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 3.

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CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28, "Betwixt the Holidays: Storytelling with LaRon Williams." Admission: \$4 adults; \$2, students, children and seniors. 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, "Light and Laughter." Corinne Stavish tells popular seasonal Jewish stories, including Isaac Bashevis Singer's "The First Schlemiel." Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteers to contribute a minimum of three-and-a-half hours to assist and greet visitors in the galleries. Organizations and groups of 10 welcome. Exhibit runs through Jan. 4. Schedulers will design times to meet your schedule; (313) 833-0247.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS

TOUCH OF LIGHT

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

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Dec. 26 - Holiday Gifts show, featuring 28 artists. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY

Through Dec. 28 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale," 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544-1203.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

Through Dec. 29 - Holiday exhibit, featuring Manel Anoro, John Asaro, Sohol Hohn and Rick Laney. 390 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 540-8505.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES

Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items," including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 64-SHONA.

PARK WEST

Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knief. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show, "Earthly Treasures," 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ANIMAL ODYSSEY

If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind present for your favorite animal lover, stop by the Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery, 971 North Mill in Plymouth.

Porcelain tiles by Diane Dunn of Livonia; wildlife photographs by Axel Fisser and stained glass by Jenna, Plymouth; whimsical animal sculptures, Trina Riordan; duck sculptures, Bob Perish; painted rocks by Cathy Petix; handmade ceramic cat dolls such as "Purr Noel," and a cat angel doll, make for special gifts.

Other items, though not by artists, are still unique-stuffed dogs and cats which sing Christmas carols, fox and zebra shaped backpacks for kids, a variety of jewelry in the shape of animals from pigs to frogs, animal figurines, purses shaped like flamingos and cows, and tee-shirts that change colors when you go out in the sun.

Animal Odyssey, which carries several products benefiting ani-

mal organizations, also promotes local animal groups by making donations and holding special promotions.

For more information, call (313)453-5764.

ART AFTER ARTIFACTS

Inspired by history and anthropology, local Center for Creative Studies students Lora Watson of Westland; LaQuineso Hopkins, Bloomfield Hills; Michelle Fournier, Rochester; Laura Cohen, Franklin, and LaShirl Alexander, Southfield created art on display at Gallerie Blu in Birmingham. The exhibit continues through Jan. 8.

The class, Art and Artifact with professor Susan Aaron-Taylor, fiber design section chair of the crafts department, required students to select and study a prehistoric or historic object then create an art piece or series of works in any medium inspired by that object. Before registering for the class, each student was interviewed by Aaron-Taylor. They had to show they were interested in archeological research and anthropological objects as well as having established their own personal artistic direction.

The students were given access to the non-exhibited collections of Cranbrook Institute of

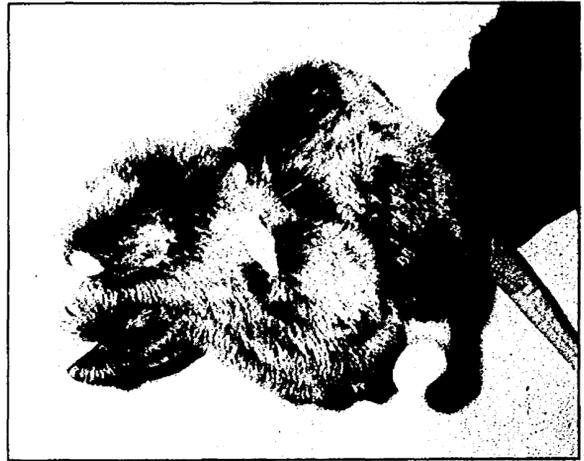
Science, a science and natural history museum in Bloomfield Hills. Wearing white gloves, they sifted through old post cards, shrunken skulls, and Egyptian amulets.

Watson, a junior at CCS, created an interactive chair inspired by hand-carved, hand held wooden dance puppets called Ehuya crafted by the Kuyu tribe from the Congo in Africa.

"I was attracted to these puppets because they require someone's imagination and movement to give them life and a voice," said Watson. "When danced, they are a vehicle for the imagination. But without participation from a puppeteer, they are inanimate."

"I am encouraging people to interact with the chair; many of the parts of the chair are movable," she said. "Much like the puppets, the chair is lifeless until someone 'dances with the chair' and gives it life."

Hopkins was inspired by the traditional Japanese garment, the kimono, particularly a white wedding kimono. Drawing on the Japanese art of kite making and similar marital themes of the kimono between Eastern and Western civilizations, Hopkins created a wedding dress in the form of a kite, using the lace and chiffon of an old wedding dress.



Furry friends: For one-of-a-kind animal gifts, the Animal Odyssey Gallery in Plymouth stocks a variety of items including this rat puppet.

NOCTURNAL PLANET

Glenn Barr, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Franklin High School, is exhibiting his latest paintings, prints and drawings in a show titled "Nocturnal Planet" through Dec. 31 at C Pop Gallery, 515 South Lafayette, Suite D, in Royal Oak.

Barr, a graduate of Center for Creative Studies, is known for his comic/animation work (Ren & Stimpy, Bjork MTV video) as well as for his paintings. He has also designed graphic and comic book covers, CD covers including "Soul Assassins" and "Saturday Morning: Cartoons Greatest Hits," and the covers of monthlies such as Orbit and Hour. For the 1994-95 season of the Fox TV network series "Home Improvement," Barr assisted with the animated intro. Barr also developed the set design for the soon to be major motion picture "Stardust," which was partially filmed



Glory Days: Glen Barr, a graduate Livonia Franklin High School and Center for Creative Studies, painted this acrylic titled "Hines Drive."

in Hamtramck.

A profile on Barr was featured in the national art magazine Juxtapoz earlier this year.

For more information, call (248) 398-9999.

HUDSON'S GIFT TO THE ARTS

In June, Hudson's announced its Team 500 campaign intended to raise \$1.5 million to aid Detroit's arts and cultural institutions.

To kick off the campaign, Hudson's made an initial gift of \$500,000. At the same time, Hudson's announced it would set out to raise an additional \$500,000 from the public, and would match each dollar raised toward the goal of \$1.5 million.

With seven weeks to go in the

campaign, the public effort has raised \$388,000. Combined with the initial outlay, the total campaign has netted to date \$1,227,600.

The cultural institutions participating in Hudson's Team 500 include Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Public Library, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Museum of African American History and Your Heritage House.

Private contributions can be made through these cultural institutions or on your Hudson's

charge card. Donors will receive a 1997 tax benefit

DSO - ON THE WEB

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra home page is now on the World Wide Web. The address is: www.detroitssymphony.com

The site was developed and hosted by EDS' Interactive Architects business.

The new site will feature the latest DSO concert information, broadcast schedules and ticket information. DSO and Orchestra Hall history and information on DSO educational programs.

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THEATER

On stage it's all 'bah humbug,' but not off for Scrooge

Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, presents "A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets range from \$23 to \$33.50 depending on performance day, call (248) 377-3300.

BY ANDREA BURMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean and nasty Grinch. Despite his unpopularity, everybody loves Booth Colman who portrays the old miser in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

This season marks the 600th time this veteran stage, Broadway, movie and TV actor will portray Scrooge at Michigan's largest regional theater.

"Mr. Colman is as appealing on-stage as he is off," said Mike Vigilant, Meadow Brook Theatre's public relations manager. "If he wasn't, the audience wouldn't demand that he come back every year."

After playing crotchety old Scrooge every year except one since 1982, Colman has become synonymous with the part for area theatergoers. But, like Scrooge, this is more to the 74-year-old Los Angeles resident than meets the eye.

He's acted in 50 motion pictures ranging from MGM's "Julius Caesar" to a John Wayne western. There have also been featured roles in several hundred episodes of TV series such as "Bewitched" and "I Dream of Jeannie." Most recently he did an episode for "Star Trek Voyager."

Colman has also made a slew of TV commercials and has dabbled in the soap operas. For many months he was a professor on "General Hospital" and a doctor on "The Young and The Restless."

Colman looks like a grandfatherly type, save the distinguished air about him. He wears a jacket and tie, his gray hair is neatly combined, and he sits with his legs crossed. His hands are folded neatly in his lap, except when he uses them to talk animatedly. He is alert, relaxed, peaceful.

"If I'm in a play that I don't like much, I would rather in a picture, or even on junk TV," said Colman. "And vice versa. But usually when you're an actor you have to take what comes to you, unless you're a great professional."

Terry Carpenter, Meadow Brook Theatre's stage manager for nine years, said Colman usu-



Christmas classic: Booth Colman (left) and Paul Hopper in Meadow Brook Theatre's 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

ally plays a doctor, a lawyer, or a scientist.

"He always plays an educated man," said Carpenter. "He's never played the truck driver."

Colman began his acting career when he was 9 years old with, ironically, Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." He read the part of Copperfield for a radio show in Oregon where he was born and grew up.

Colman studied acting at the University of Washington and Japanese for a year at the University of Michigan. It wasn't until after serving in the army during World War II that he moved to New York City to act on Broadway.

He made his Broadway stage debut in Irwin Shaw's war drama, "The Assassin." During his stay in New York from 1943-1951, Colman acted on Broadway with the likes of Sir Noel Coward, Fredric March and Basil Rathbone.

Yet despite all the charming, and talented actors of his day, Colman's most admired actor is not one of his contemporaries. It is silent film star Lon Chaney, Sr.

"He was an American original," said Colman, his eyes sparkling behind gold-rimmed spectacles. "And a great artist."

Colman often reminisces about roles he has played and the people he has worked with. Vigilant describes Colman as a "walking treasury of entertainment information," and said he's a great

storyteller. "Mr. Colman is extremely congenial," he said. "People just wait for him to start telling stories. But he is also interested in what other people are doing. His relationships are not one-sided. It's give and take."

Most of Colman's long-term friendships have come from people he's worked with in the theater, either on tour or on stage. "But you really can't make long-term friendships working on a movie," he said. "Pictures are things of the moment."

It was through one of his friends, Terry Kilburn, that Colman landed his first job at Meadow Brook Theatre in 1971.

Colman acted with Kilburn in "The Andersonville Trial" in Los Angeles in 1961. Ten years later, Kilburn was Meadow Brook Theatre's Artistic Director, and he sent for Colman to play Captain Wirz in the Meadow Brook production of the same play.

During one of the show's performances there was a man with a gun in the audience. Someone sitting next to him noticed the fun and the man was escorted out of the theater before he could do any harm.

"As it turned out, he was a Civil War buff, a Union supporter, who was not particularly fond of Captain Wirz," said Colman laughing, the smile lines around his eyes deepening. Save that episode, no other attempt has ever been made on his life.

Carpenter said it's evident

Colman is from the "old school" of acting.

"he shows up for work every day in a jacket and a tie, even for rehearsals," said Carpenter. "He's always done that. Booth has an old black and white picture of him on the set of 'Casablanca' with the film's stars, and there is Booth, in his jacket and tie, standing off to one side."

Colman likes the way things were in the past, but he adapts to the present.

"I enjoy what I'm doing today, instead of reliving the past," said Colman. "There is no profit in that. You have to deal with what's happening now. You can't live in the air. That's dreamland," he clarified.

There is one thing Colman has not adapted to however, driving in Michigan.

"He drives in LA all the time, but he simply refuses to drive in Auburn Hills," said Carpenter. "If he wants to go somewhere when he's here, he relies on the kindness of strangers."

When Colman is in town for "Christmas Carol" he usually stays on Oakland University's campus, along with the other out-of-town actors. He usually fills in his free time reading in the campus library or listening to public radio. Colman enjoys reading biographies of theatrical subjects and mystery stories.

Though an avid stage actor, Colman does not go out to see many plays, he does, however,

watch a lot of movies, especially in January, February and March. he is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture of the Arts and Sciences and votes for the Academy Awards.

Colman may judge a lot of movies, but he does not consider himself judgmental of the actors he works with.

"I'm fair," said Colman. "I approach people slowly and try not to make snap judgments." He does admit, however, that he is impatient.

"He is impatient, but he gets more upset with himself than with other people," said Carpenter. "For instance, if he forgets a line or something, he'll get made at himself for messing up."

Vigilant said that the kids on the set of "A Christmas Carol" love Colman.

"After they've grown up, they still remember and talk about their experiences with Mr. Colman," he said.

Colman has spent the last 16 Thanksgivings and Christmases with Meadow Brook Theatre crew and actors. Many of them always spend Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day together.

"People become a family after a certain length of time," said Colman. "We feel we're a family."

Carpenter likens Colman's presence in the "family" to that of Ebenezer Scrooge's "awakening" at the end of "A Christmas Carol."

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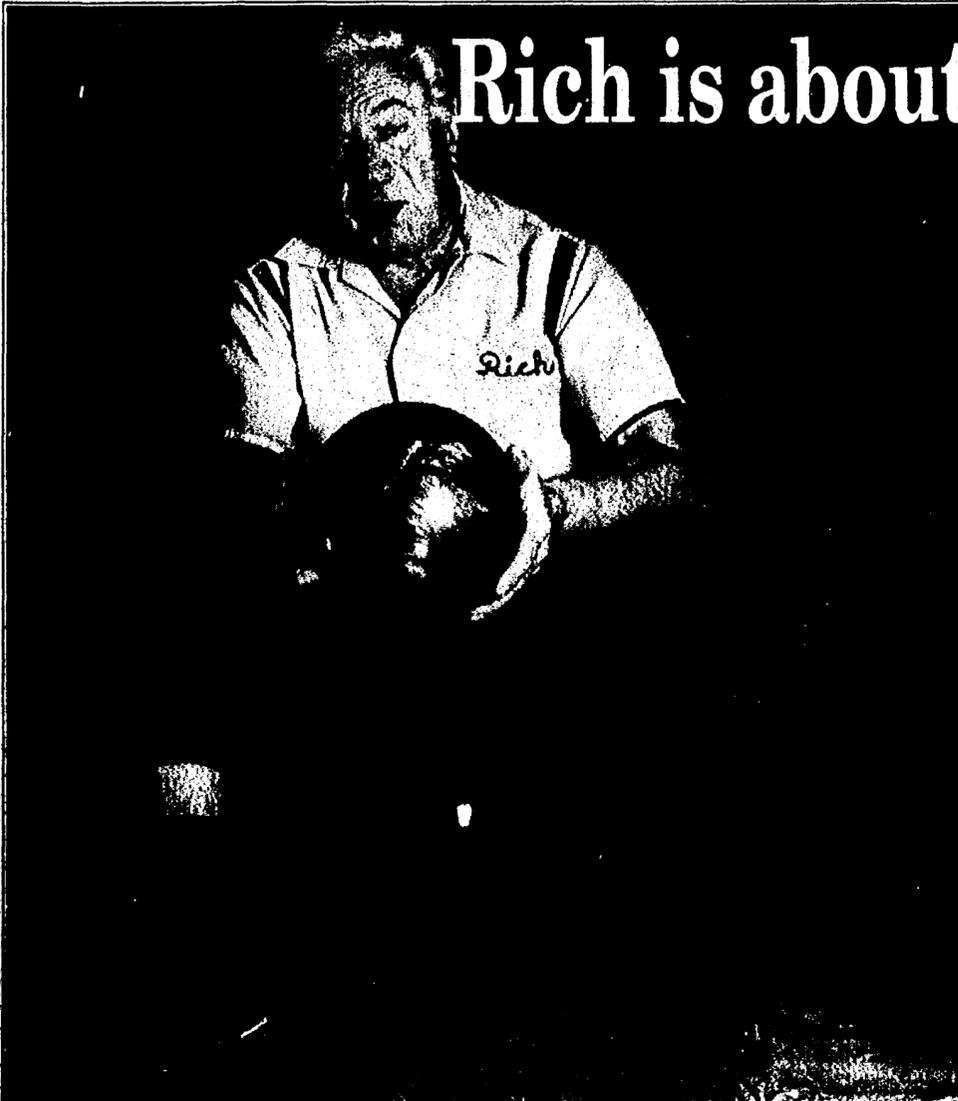
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TRAVEL

Saddle up dudes for winter at the Double JJ ranch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Winter on a working ranch is a quiet time — a time to mend fences, paint buildings and catch up on paperwork.

But at the Double JJ Resort Ranch, the activity level picks up as guests arrive to cross country ski, tube down a hill, drive a team of huskies, ride horses across snowy landscapes, hold corporate brainstorming sessions in wooded settings and then come in from the cold to warm by a fire or kick up their heels for a country line dance.

The Double JJ Resort in Rothbury, Mich., near Muskegon, is an all-year, 1,200-acre facility that combines the typical golf and water sports resort with a western style dude ranch. Since 1988, Bob and Joan Lipsitz of Bloomfield Hills have owned the resort, dividing their time between the city and country and continuously adding to the amenities and activities at the Double JJ.

"We were doing a lot of traveling, looking at different sites and getting tired of politics," said Joan Lipsitz. "We'd always worked for large agencies and

decided to forgo that and do this. It was new, looked challenging. We're used to the 24-hour mode not the 9 to 5 mode."

Both Lipsitzes had experience in outdoor activities. Bob, 45, had been executive director of Tamarack camps from 1982 to 1987 and Joan, 40, had worked as a counselor and administrator at the camps.

Bob had also formed a non-profit educational association, with Joan as director, that promoted learning through field experience. This led to formation of "Corporate Challenge," a management training company that provides outdoor experiences for corporate clientele.

The Double JJ was founded in 1937 as the Jack and Jill Ranch by George Storm as an adults-only, all-inclusive vacation resort, originally geared to singles. The Lipsitzes are the ranch's fourth owners.

"When we bought it, it was a typical ranch. Some rooms have bunkbeds, no phones, no TVs," said Joan.

In 1993, the couple opened the Thoroughbred Golf Club, north of the original ranch. The club has an 18-hole golf course

designed by Arthur Hills and once rated by Golf Digest as "best in the state." The Thoroughbred has a modern loft hotel, the Homestead Condominiums (with up to three bedrooms) and a corporate conference center.

In July, the resort will add a new and unusual feature — the Back Forty Resort, which Joan Lipsitz calls a double exclusive resort. The couple have received a state community block grant to help in the \$3 million project.

The Double JJ Ranch has been an adults-only facility. The new Back Forty will recreate a kids-only ranch for the children of ranch guests. The special ranch will feature camp sleeping units designed as conestoga wagons, teepees, tree houses and bunk houses.

"There will be lots of activities for children — horseback riding, target sports, a swimming hole, not just a swimming pool but ropes, swings, more a Tom Sawyer kind of thing and evening entertainment," Lipsitz said.

Mom and Dad will be nearby at the regular Ranch resort doing their own thing, but still able to check in on the kids.

But families can also stay together in a family-exclusive section of the Back Forty which will have family cabins.

"It's really a destination resort, everything is there," Lipsitz said.

Everything includes horseback riding (the ranch has 90 horses); canoes, rowboats and paddleboats on two private lakes; golf; miniature golf; archery; tennis; volleyball; horseshoes; biking; country-style entertainment every evening; a mechanical bull; hayrides and sleighrides; and, in winter, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, tubing and more.

In February, the Double JJ Resort in cooperation with the White Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsors a two-week SnowFest highlighted by dog



Hard riding: Horses are an important part of the experience at the Double JJ.

sled and cross country ski races. The Double JJ Siberian Round-Up sled races includes four, six and eight-dog sprints using Siberians only. The ranch has Siberian and Alaskan huskies.

The ranch gives visitors lessons in dog sledding.

"We have been so well received, no one has been truly uncomfortable," Lipsitz said about the dog sledding. "We're careful how we take care of the animals. We encourage guests to meet the dogs, meet the horses, and they're really comfortable with it. We get them to the point where they mush their own teams."

For horseback riders, the resort offers beginner, intermediate and advanced rides.

"Everyone rides at their own comfort level, of course some adults try to ride beyond their level but we restrain them because we are so safety con-

scious," Lipsitz said. The ranch atmosphere is emphasized in the summer with a weekly Friday rodeo.

The Lipsitzes divide the time between Bloomfield Hills and the Double JJ. The couple's sons, Brian, 14, and Michael, 12, attend Bloomfield Hills schools.

"One is into horses. The oldest, Brian, he loves every bit of it. And Michael is the golfer," Lipsitz said. "There are great schools here. They like the city and they like the ranch. This is the best of both worlds. They're good kids."

The couple commute three or four times a week. Joan Lipsitz continues her corporate challenge activities, which is another major part of the resort's program.

"We can offer corporate groups exactly what they're looking for. As a ranch, it was too uncomfortable for corporate getaways, but now we can give them what they

want in the surroundings they want," she said.

The couple have more plans for the resort in the coming years, including more hotel rooms and condos, another 18-hole golf course and a "wee links" par-3 course for their young Back Forty guests.

The ranch facility is open May through November. The Loft Hotel and Homestead at Thoroughbred are open year round. The resort offers daily, weekend, mini-vacation and weeklong packages. The packages are centered around horseback riding, golf or a combination of the two. All-inclusive packages include dining in the Ranch Chuck Wagon and discounts for meals at the Sundance Saloon and Steakhouse at Thoroughbred.

For more information on the Double JJ, call 1-(800)DOUBLE JJ.



Home on the range: The ranch house at the Double JJ takes visitors back to the Old West.

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DRUNKS BARRED

Tough new measures to curb drunkenness by air travelers has been introduced by British Airways to support the safety and security of its passengers and staff.

The airline is empowering its ground and air employees stop passengers who appear drunk from boarding the aircraft and to stop serving in-flight alcohol to anyone who appears to be on the verge of drunkenness. In addition, the carrier is also sanctioning cabin crews to remove duty free drinks from inebriated travelers.

The British Airways "alcohol policy" follows two recent court cases in Britain where jail sentences of up to two years were passed following assaults on airline cabin crews by drunken passengers.

SNOWMOBILE POKER RUN

The fourth annual St. Ignace Poker Run is scheduled for Jan. 10, Feb. 14 and March 14.

What's a poker run? Snowmobilers register and start in St. Ignace with the option of following routes traveling north, east or west. Stops are made at participating restaurants and businesses along the routes to collect playing cards, the objective being to collect the "best poker hand." When the ride is over and everyone has settled back in St. Ignace for an evening meal, the best hands will be awarded prizes including motel lodging, restaurant gift certificates and clothing.

Registration is free at the State Street Bar & Grill in downtown St. Ignace from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on the poker run, call the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce/Tourist Association at 1-800-338-6660 or 906-643-8717.

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HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

An estimated 1.2 million Michiganians — 13 percent of the state's population — have travel plans for the upcoming holiday

period, AAA Michigan reports. Many of these travel plans include warm weather destinations. Nationwide, a record 44.5 million people are expected to travel 100 miles or more during the Christmas-New Year's period. This represents a 5 percent increase over last year's levels. Eighteen percent of those under the age of 50 said they were likely to travel, while only 8 percent of those 50 years old or older said they had travel plans. Orlando was the top destination.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Youth soccer champs

The Livonia Meteors, an under-10 boys soccer team, took the divisional title at Beechwood's Total Soccer with a 4-1 win over the Dearborn Flatfooters on Dec. 13.

Members of the Meteors, who finished 6-2, include: Alex Bokas, Jason Clements, Ben Dzeraniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Ray Gonzales, Chris Hoepnes, Luke Knochel, Steve Minielli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Biskelonis, Plymouth; Peter Barilovich, Dearborn.

The Meteors are coached by Steve Barnas and Chris Nolan. The team managers are Mimi and Dave Barilovich.

Elks hoop shoot champs

Among the six champions crowned at the 26th annual Elks Hoop Shoot contest, sponsored by Livonia Parks & Recreation and Lodge No. 2246 on Dec. 13 at Livonia Churchill High School included:

Boys 12-13 — Mike Allie, 19 of 25; Girls 12-13 — Lindsay Cecil, 15 of 25; Boys 10-11 — James Marcicki, 19 of 25; Girls 10-11 — Lauren Trosell, 10 of 25; Boys 8-9 — Eddie Duggan, 18 of 25; Girls 8-9 — Ashley Carlomusto, seven of 25.

The six champions advance to the Southeast District finals Jan. 10 at Churchill to compete against eight other winners from the Metro area.

AAU girls hoop tryouts

Girls AAU basketball tryouts for the Livonia Lasers' 11-and-under and 10-and-under teams will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 and noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Girls playing in the Livonia Junior Athletic League are encouraged to participate, allowing them a chance to play on an all-girls team when the LAJL season ends.

For more information, call Stevenson varsity girls basketball coach Wayne Henry at (313) 523-9400.

LJAL re-elects Wright

Dennis Wright was re-elected president of the Livonia Junior Athletic League at the LJAL's annual meeting Dec. 3.

Rounding out the slate of elected officers include Tim Kavanaugh (Vice-President), Dave Falzon (Treasurer) and Belinda Kelton-Bosley (Secretary).

Retiring from the LJAL Board of Directors, after many years of service, include George Culp and Don Doer.

Culp had served on the board since 1992 and held positions of Vice-President and Blue Jay Unit Director. He also coached baseball, basketball and football.

Doer had been on the LJAL Board since 1983, holding various positions including Treasurer, Basketball Commissioner, Football Commissioner, Vice-President and Blue Jay Unit Director. He also coached baseball, basketball and football.

The LJAL also elected six directors to each unit to the Board of Directors: Blue Jays — Bill Cox, Craig Dominiak, John Kiselewski, Larry Meier, Tom Traub and Tom Wolford; Eagles — Don Babcock, Miles Davis, Tim Kavanaugh, Jim Samulski, Ed Wallace and Greg Wiza;

Falcons — Larry Casey, Dave Falzon, Tim Hollandsworth, Bill Rabe, Jim Ross and Bob St. Clair;

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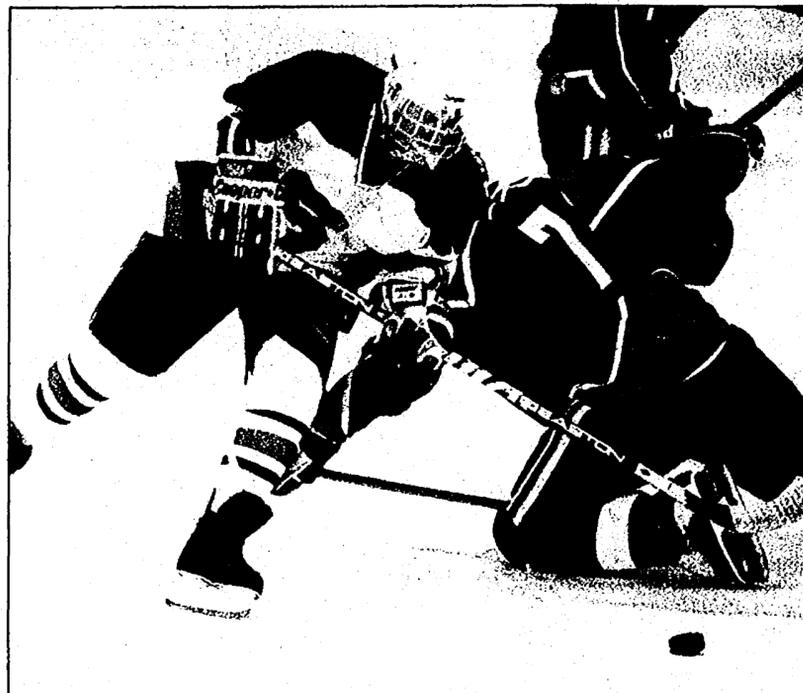
Youth hockey runner-up

The Livonia Squirt B Canadiens reached the finals of the Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Tournament by winning four of five games, including a shutout.

Members of the Canadiens include: Nick Hill (goalie), Brian King, Brent DeMarco, Whitney Greco, Matt Burk, Ryland Phelps, Jamie Smith, Chris Attard, Chris Bridge, Mike Cullinan, Tim Wilson, Scott Stevens, Seth Diegel, Steve Rakoczy, Matt Staples and Justin Stadler.

The coaching staff includes Bob Stadler, Bob Hill, Mike Miller, Kevin Furlong and Key Rybka.

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Slipping through: Livonia Stevenson's John May pokes the puck loose by Livonia Franklin defender Adam Sexton during Friday night's Suburban High School Hockey League encounter at Edgar Arena. Stevenson skated to an 8-3 triumph over the Patriots to remain unbeaten in the league.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Zebra coach: Floyd Carter returns for his second stint at Wayne Memorial.

2nd stint

Carter returns to alma mater Wayne to coach football squad

Spartans freeze Patriots Lang scores 4 in 8-3 Stevenson win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson coach Mike Harris wanted his team to be undefeated in the South Division of the Suburban High School Hockey League going into its Wednesday, Jan. 7 game with Livonia Churchill.

Mission more than accomplished. The Spartans, getting four goals from Jeff Lang, flew into the holiday break with a 8-3 victory over Livonia Franklin in a game played Friday at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson is now 7-3-1 overall and 6-0 in the SPSHL, while Churchill is 4-1-1 and 4-0.

"This game meant a lot and we just stepped up," Harris said. "We know Churchill is a big, quick forechecking team, so what we've got to work on is position play in our own end. Right now we're scrambling around a little bit."

The 19-day break should give the Spartans and Churchill, for that matter, enough time to work out any kinks.

Lang, who came to the Spartans from last year's Plymouth AA Midget state champion team, appeared to be in mid-season form with four goals and one assist.

"He's a senior who will be an Academic All-Stater, a leader in the classroom and on the ice, just a quality kid," Harris said. "He's a kid with a lot going for him. He's much in the same mold as some of the guys who have played for us in the past like a Mike Schmidt, a Kit Mastroberto and a Brian Caika."

The Spartans came out red-hot, outshooting Franklin 15-3 in the opening period to take a 3-1 lead.

Willie Wilson opened the scoring with a steal, an unassisted goal at 4:53. Steve Anderson made it 2-0 at 7:29 from Mike Radakovich and Lang. But Franklin's Trevor Skocen answered from Jeff Job and Erik Rakoczy at 11:21 to cut the margin to 2-1.

Lang then scored the first of his four goals from Darin Fawkes and Ryan Sinks at 12:15 to close out the period.

In the middle period, Stevenson outshot the Patriots 12-8 and added three more goals — Lang (from Fawkes and Sinks), Bill Marshall (from Radakovich), and Lang on a

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rebound (off a hard drive off the stick of Sinks).

Franklin's lone goal during the period came from senior All-Stater Greg Job at 2:50 to cut the deficit to 4-2.

In the third period, Fawkes and Lang teamed up for goals, while Jeremiah White (from Job) countered for Franklin.

All told, Franklin was outshot 33-20. "It's always a challenge playing a crosstown rival," Harris said. "Franklin will do well. They have only four seniors and they will be a force to be reckoned with, you can never take them for granted."

"They really worked hard tonight. We just had a good offensive night."

The loss dropped the Patriots to 4-3-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the South Division of the SPSHL.

Franklin had only seven forwards available and 14 skaters total.

"I'm not disappointed in our play, we gave 150 percent even when we were slowed down," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We had some breakdowns with our defensemen and our forwards in the slot, especially in the first period."

Several times, the Patriots were unable to clear the puck out in front of goaltender Philip Brady, who was under siege for much of the first two periods. (Chris McComb was in goal for Stevenson.)

"We have to tighten up our defense and play a better system," Jobbitt said. "We had one player suspended from school and had only two lines. We couldn't play a third line, and with just seven forwards — that was killing us."

Jobbitt, meanwhile, won't have another opportunity to play the Spartans until Feb. 6.

"That's a very good Stevenson hockey team and their coach had them doing a lot of good things," Jobbitt said. "We just hope to improve the next time we play them and give them a better game."

Churchill snaps out of slump

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill found a little ray of sunshine to end the 1997 portion of the boys basketball season.

Churchill recorded its first victory of the season Thursday, 61-47, over winless Livonia Stevenson.

Both schools will take a short break and won't play again until Jan. 6, 1998. Churchill (1-3) resumes at Garden City while Stevenson (0-3) travels to Redford Union.

"The kids are probably tired of me," Spartans' coach Tim Newman said. "We'll be off a week and start practicing again Dec. 26."

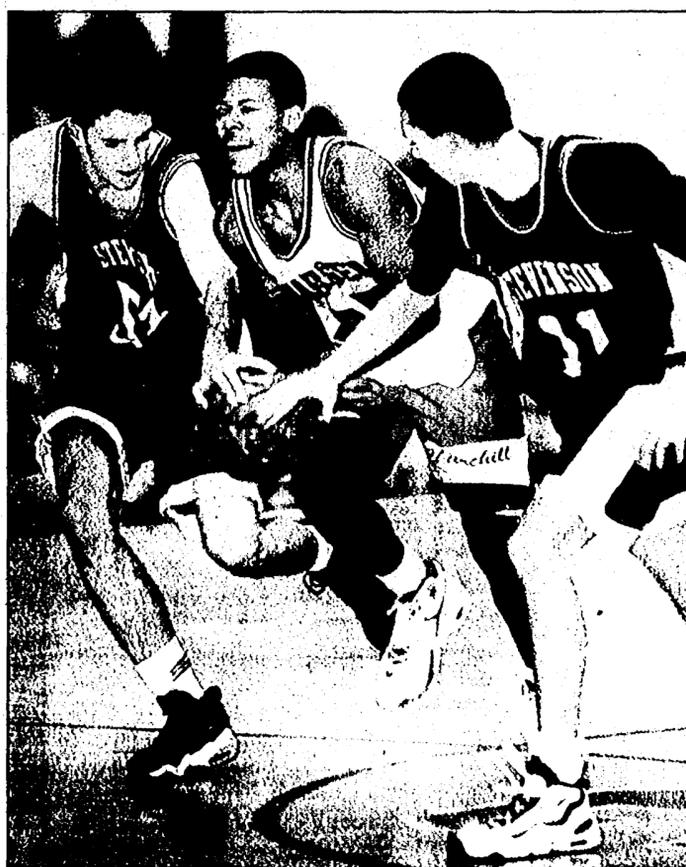
Churchill forced a ton of turnovers off its pressure defense (12 in the first quarter alone) and showed good ball movement on offense.

"Offensively," Coach Rick Austin said, "we got some good penetration."

"We tell our kids the penetration makes for easy baskets. We have young guards and they're just learning the game right now."

"This was a good game to win before the break."

Justin Jakes led the Chargers with



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Pressure cooker: Justin Jakes (center) of Livonia Churchill is pursued by Stevenson's Bryan Schleich (left) and Marty Kennedy.

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Shamrocks slide by Eaglets in OT, 74-66

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Not to speak in cliché, but if Friday's prep boys basketball clash between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Redford-Detroit Catholic Central is any indication, fans of the Catholic League are in for another exciting season.

Backed by the strong inside play of 6-foot-9 senior center Chris Young and the backcourt tandem of junior Nick Moore and senior Don Slankster, visiting Catholic Central overcame a 48-44 deficit after three quarters and held on for a thrilling 74-66 overtime decision over the Eaglets.

Young powered his way to 19 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots while Moore scored a game-high 20 points to go along with seven assists and four rebounds, and Slankster registered 15 points and snagged 10 rebounds for Catholic Central.

The trio combined for all of the Shamrocks' 18 points in the fourth quarter and 11 of 12 in the extra session, where Catholic Central closed the game with 12-4 run. CC held St. Mary's to just 1-of-10 shooting and two free throws in overtime.

"We really started to play well in the fourth quarter and in the overtime. We had some guys that stepped up," said CC coach Rick Corratti. "A lot of these guys were on the (state championship) football team and I think they really believed in themselves. They really wanted to come here and beat these guys."

It was the University of Michigan-bound Young that seemed to be the go-to guy all evening for the Shamrocks, despite being double- and triple-teamed. Young recorded eight points in CC's 18-14 fourth quarter comeback, including a thunderous two-handed slam with 6:06 left in regulation and a pair of free

throws with 10.1 seconds left, that put the Shamrocks up 62-59.

"I like to be the go-to guy. I like to be able to help my teammates out when the game is close," said Young. "I think my teammates have a lot of confidence in me and I have a lot of confidence in them. We came together in overtime after they made that great shot at the end."

St. Mary's sent the game into overtime on an off-balanced, pro-range three-pointer by Maurice Seawright with one second left in regulation. The 6-3 sophomore guard had a fine all-around game, finishing with 19 points, seven steals, six assists, five rebounds and three blocks, but was held in check in overtime.

Moore scored on a free-throw and a runner-in-the-lane, and Slankster hit a pair of jumpers for a 69-63 CC lead in overtime before Seawright fouled out with 2:03 remaining.

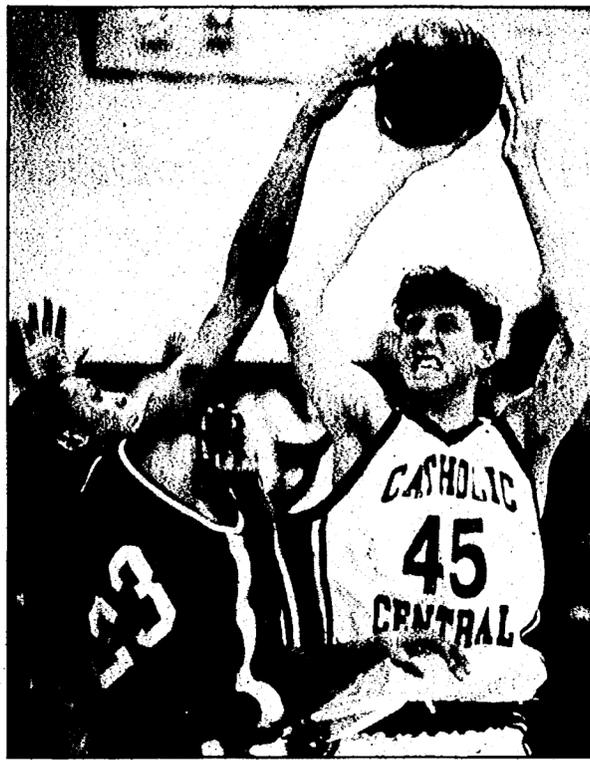
"St. Mary's is a very athletic team, maybe even more so than last year," said Corratti, whose team improved to 2-0. "They are going to be a good team. It was nice for us to get out of here with a win against a very athletic team. We have a tough stretch coming up and this was a good character builder for us."

The Eaglets, meanwhile, are a young team still searching for an identity — and its first win. Still, St. Mary's coach Dennis Butcher is pleased with his team's overall performance so far this season despite an 0-3 start.

"I think it's a little discouraging, but we have been playing very hard," he said. "We have been in all three of our ball games. All three of our games were games that we could have won. That's all a coach can ask for."

The Eaglets seemed to be out of sync in overtime.

"We had some open looks at the (three-pointer) in overtime,



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Leather work: Redford Catholic Central's Chris Young (right) had this shot blocked, but finished the night with 19 points and 20 rebounds as the Shamrocks won in overtime.

but they didn't fall," added Butcher. "Then when CC got that seven-point lead, I think we panicked a little and our shot selection wasn't as good. But I saw some things that I liked. I think I saw some guys growing up and maturing out there tonight. We were just a little unlucky down the stretch."

Catholic Central led 14-12 after the first quarter and built a 25-14 advantage midway through the second quarter before St. Mary's senior guard Matt McDaniel (nine points) kept the game close by connecting on three straight triples for the Eaglets, who trailed 29-25 at intermission. The third quarter saw five ties or lead changes

before St. Mary's built a 48-42 lead with 3:33 left in the stanza. Catholic Central outscored the Eaglets 32-18 the rest of the way to pull out the win.

Senior guard Joe Jonna added 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Shamrocks, while junior forward Dave Lusky added four points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jermaine Gonzales supplied 17 points, six assists and five rebounds for the Eaglets, who shot only 7-for-23 from beyond the arc.

Catholic Central is idle until Friday when the Shamrocks play Detroit St. Martin dePorres. St. Mary's will travel Monday to Detroit U-D Jesuit.

Chargers victory from page E1

16 points, Lamar Smith had 12 and both Corey Cook and Erik Uhlinger scored 10. Cook had a triple-double by adding 11 assists and 12 rebounds.

Mike Voutsinas paced the Spartans with 12 points and Dave Stando had 10.

Churchill outscored Stevenson, 7-3, in the final 1:31 of the first quarter to take an 18-14 lead and expanded it to 33-23 at halftime.

The Spartans got a lift in the third period, trailing 46-29, when they abandoned their zone in favor of pressure defense and brought in five fresh players to do it — Paul Bowers, Stando, Marty Kennedy, Matt Freeborn and Bryan Schleif. Kennedy and Schleif were starters.

"We had to," Newman said. "It was at that

point of the game where we had to do something."

Churchill shot 42 percent (26-for-62) to Stevenson's 33 percent (15-for-46). Neither team was overwhelming at the line, the Chargers making 14-of-23 and the Spartans half their 30 attempts.

Stevenson had problems against the full-court pressure Churchill put on.

"We've got good kids," Newman said. "But some are forced to play out of position. They're doing the best they can."

"I'll say this about our kids — they didn't quit."

"You have to give their kids credit. They work hard. They trap hard. They play well together."

"Stevenson worked hard," Austin said. "They did a nice job of blocking on the boards. And they have a nice screening and cutting game."

One of the few things Austin would like his team to work on is to break a habit the Chargers were successful with against the Spartans — using their hands on defense. Churchill got a lot of turnovers with tip-steals and slapped balls.

"We're not playing 'help' defense," Austin said. "We're still playing with our hands instead of our feet."

Austin started a freshman, 6-foot-4 Michael Copeland, at center. Copeland only scored two points but he held his own defensively and moved well.

lead into halftime, but coach Carlos Briggs said his team didn't play well. That changed in the second half as the Ocelots quickly mounted a 25-point advantage.

Derek McKelvey played a strong game and scored 35 points to lead Schoolcraft. Kevin Melson added 25 points and Emeka Okonkwo had 12.

•Madonna 78, Tiffin 81 (women): Madonna University's women's team ended a two-game losing streak, playing a strong first half then holding off Tiffin University to take a 17-point home victory Friday.

Angie Negri scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the opening stanza as Madonna took a 45-24 lead by halftime. Tiffin never got closer than 15 points to the Lady Crusaders in the second half.

Besides Negri's 18, Dawn Pelc and Katie Cushman each scored 13 points. Negri also had three assists and seven steals, while Pelc had five rebounds, three assists and two steals, and Cushman added six assists and three steals.

Madonna (now 7-4) played solid defense, making 19 steals in the game and forcing 29 turnovers (the Crusaders had 19). The Dragons were limited to 24-of-60 floor shooting (40 percent); Madonna made 34-of-72 (47.2 percent). Laura Goins and Tonya Swick each scored 12 points to pace Tiffin (2-8).

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Clarenceville wins, but loses star center

Livonia Clarenceville started life without one of its top players Wednesday on a winning note with a 63-42 boys basketball victory at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Trojans learned that starting senior center and top scorer Justin Villanueva will be out six weeks after suffering a broken thumb in Tuesday's loss to Hamtramck.

Junior guard Albert Deljosevic picked up the slack, leading the winners with a career-high 32 points, including nine in the decisive fourth quarter when Clarenceville outscored the Chargers, 21-5.

Deljosevic hit seven of nine free throws down the stretch.

"He's a good player and can really shoot it," Clarenceville coach Rick Larson said.

Freshman forward Scott Wion, making his first varsity start, added 12.

"It's going to be challenge for our team, but it will make us stronger," said Rick Larson, whose team is 2-1 overall.

Richard Lee led Crestwood (1-2) with 17 points, while Matt Behren added 10.

"It was pretty much back-and-forth for three quarters, but we extended our defense and started putting pressure on them that led to a few easy baskets," said Larson, whose Trojans led 42-37 after three quarters.

•YPSILANTI 65, WAYNE 61: A 10-2 run to end the first half Friday propelled the host Braves past Wayne Memorial in a Mega Conference-Red Division opener.

Both teams are 2-1 overall.

Senior guard Derrick Bird led the winners with 21 points, while Andrae Brooks contributed 15.

Senior guard Brian Williams led Wayne with a game-high 24. Senior forward Karl Calloway added seven.

Wayne outscored Ypsi 29-23 in the second half, but couldn't overcome a 32-22 halftime deficit.

Ypsi made 17 of 32 free throws, while Wayne was 14 of 21.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 65, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 60: Senior center Brad Woehke scored 19 points and junior forward Ryan Ollinger chipped in with 15 Friday, leading Lutheran High Westland (2-2, 1-1) to the Metro Conference victory at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (3-1, 1-1).

Woehke and Ollinger also combined for 20 rebounds (12 and eight).

Junior forward Tom Habitz and senior guard Scott Randall tallied 13 and 11, respectively.

Randall's four free throws down the stretch sealed the victory.

The Warriors overcame deficits of 31-25 (halftime) and 50-40 (late in the third quarter) by outscoring the Crusaders 21-8 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Lutheran Westland was 13 of 14 from the free throw line in the second half.

Jason Ehlfeldt led Northwest with 17.

•ST. ALPHONSUS 85, HURON VALLEY 68: Jeremy Zahn's game-high 27 points were not enough Friday as Dearborn St. Alphonsus (2-1 overall) earned the victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-3) in a non-leaguer Friday at Marshall Junior High.

Tom Husby and Jason Bytner each added 14 points for the Hawks, who were outscored 27-15 in the final quarter.

M. Anasco and P. Cavanaugh led St. Alphonsus with 20 and 17, respectively.

"We played flat, maybe it was because of final exam week," Huron Valley coach Bill Ohlsson. "We didn't come out running, the mental part we were lacking."

Carter from page E1

are no shortcuts for hard work.' And like he said, 'You have to come early and stay late.' I believe in that."

After the first of the year, Carter said he plans to meet individually with each returning player to set athletic and academic goals.

"I have a strong feeling about young people," Carter said. "I believe you have to demand and confront, and it has to be done daily, from the least talented to the most talented. I'm going to touch them all as far as that goes."

"I think discipline is the key. The kids want it and believe in it. I'll get after that real hard."

Already Carter is thinking about what he plans to implement for next season.

"It starts with good, sound fundamental defense," he said. "We'll fly around, but stay as close to basic fundamentals. They'll respect us for our sportsmanship and our tenacity on defense."

"Offensively, we run a lot of misdirection. I used the Wing-T at Crestwood with a three-back type offense. We'll run some play-action passing and that may be a little different than what they've done."

But one thing is for certain, Carter plans on beefing up a perennial Wayne weak area — the kicking game.

"When I was at Crestwood we stressed the kicking game and we want that to be a strong suit," said Carter, who coached Michigan State's Bill Stoyanovich.

Carter has coached several outstanding players including

Parade All-America running back Rick Rogers, who played at Michigan; and Pat Sheridan, who played 11 years in the Major Leagues.

Several of his former players have gone on to coach including former Ypsilanti St. John's player Bob Sutton, now the head coach at Army; Battle Creek Central's Al Slamer and Grosse Ile's Kevin Wiltson.

Carter is a 1961 Wayne High grad.

After graduating from high school, Carter worked 3 1/2 years at a Fisher Body plant while attending college classes.

As a 20-year-old walk-on, Carter lettered three years (1965-67) as a defensive back at Eastern Michigan where he played under Jerry Raymond for two seasons and one for Dan Boisture.

"I worked in Willow Run where they made the Corvairs and Novas," Carter recalled. "I took a leave of absence from my job because I always wanted to play. I was out of it for three years. I weighed about 145 pounds in high school. I added a few when I got to college."

And it was obvious he missed football after high school.

"I believe if you have a burning desire to play the game, then there's always a place for you to play," said Carter, who began his coaching career in 1968. "We've got some great kids there. Football is in my blood. I love it. It's a sport that brings out great things in kids."

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McKelvey's 35 leads Ocelots to 113-80 victory

Like the tide, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team just keeps rolling along.

The Ocelots (9-2) took an easy 113-80 home win over St. Clair (Ont.) CCC Wednesday. It was the Ocelots first Eastern Conference contest of the season.

Schoolcraft took a 10-point

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Churchill enters holidays with 4-1 win vs. Northville

Livonia Churchill will take a 4-1-1 hockey record into the holiday break after a 4-1 victory over Northville in the second game of a high school double-header Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers played disciplined hockey, taking only three penalties. They outshot the Mustangs, 43-20.

Churchill is now 4-0 in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

Churchill led 1-0 after one period on Dan Cook's goal from Anton Sutovsky and Matt Grant at 9:01.

Northville's Kevin Boone tied it at 3:58 of the second, but Churchill's Brandon Martoia then scored what proved to be the game-winner just a minute later from Felix Jentzmik.

The Chargers' Antti Kervinen added a power-play goal from Martoia and Grant at 7:48 of the second.

Churchill added an insurance goal at 2:45 of the third — Adam Krug from Cook and Martoia.

Greg Sliwka and Dwaine Jones split time in goal for the Chargers.

FRANKLIN 2, W.L. CENTRAL 2: In the first game of a twinbill Wednesday, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central skated to a draw.

Central scored a pair of second-period power-play goals to jump out to a 2-0 before the Patriots answered with a pair of man-advantage goals from senior Greg Job.

Dave Tyler and Jeff Job assisted on the first at 11:01 of the second. Tony Saia and Jeremiah White drew assists on the second at 9:47 of the third.

Franklin outshot Central, now 1-6-2 overall, 35-15.

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Phil Brady was in the nets for Franklin. "The team skated hard in the first period and a half, but we had major breakdowns in our systems," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "And we need more work on penalty killing."

"The team came together and played even harder the second half of the game and did much better with our systems. I'm proud of the way they came back and save this game."

STEVENSON 3, WYANDOTTE 3: Bill Marshall's goal from Mike Radakovich and Steve Anderson at 3:02 of the third period gave Livonia Stevenson (6-3-1 overall) the tie in a non-leaguer Wednesday against the host Roosevelt Bears at Yack Arena.

"It was a great game, up and down play," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We showed a lot of character coming back. It was a great effort by that line of Marshall, Radakovich and Anderson."

Jeff Lang opened the scoring at 0:43 of the first period from Ryan Sinks, but Wyandotte's John Kalisz tied it at 4:02.

John May then scored for Stevenson at 7:37 of the second from Sinks and Lang, but the Bears evened the score less than three minutes later on Chris Allman's goal.

Wyandotte took the lead at 11:24 of the second on Jeff Tossic's goal.

Stevenson outshot the Bears, 30-22.

Matt McLeod was in goal for Stevenson.

Body fat measurement system works for preps

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

WRESTLING

The tragic death of University of Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese last week has forced everyone involved in the sport to take a closer look at how things are done.

But at the high school level, it serves more as a vindication of what is termed the Alpha weigh-in process.

Reese died Dec. 9 from heart and kidney failure, brought on by dehydration after two hours of excessive exercise in an overheated room as he tried to cut weight for a dual meet the next day.

"It's a tragic setback for the school and for us personally," said Canton assistant wrestling coach John Demick, a U-M graduate who knew Reese.

According to reports, Reese was trying to cut 17 pounds. "He

was trying to cut weight too fast," said Demick. "The time frame was utterly ridiculous."

The implementation of the Alpha process should make a repeat of this tragedy impossible at the high school level, Demick said.

The Alpha process is a test of a wrestler's body fat, which helps determine which weight classes he can compete in. The wrestler must be hydrated; tests will reveal if he is not.

"In high school, wrestling has stricter weigh-in regulations, so this really couldn't happen," said Demick, who wrestled at U-M.

The Alpha process has been criticized by high school coaches, but according to Demick, "I think it's well worth the pain

adjusting to it. I've heard a lot of coaches complaining about it, and it is a lot of paperwork."

"But nonetheless, it is to help make it fair and make it safe."

Demick added that Reese's death should bring about revisions, both at the collegiate level and in the thinking of prep wrestlers.

"It's created a sort of pause point for high school wrestlers," he noted, "that a big-time college wrestler could push himself so far."

"I believe the NCAA is going to come around and do something about it. I know U-M is going to."

Demick added that at Canton, cutting weight is not promoted. "We want to build a team that builds muscle and doesn't depend on weight-cutting," he said.

Salem pins Catholic Central

It was a pin-fest. And Plymouth Salem's wrestling team did most of the pinning in a double-dual meet Friday at Redford Catholic Central. The Rocks won both their meets, clubbing Clio 72-9 and battering CC 60-24.

The two wins improved Salem to 4-0 in dual meets, with a schedule pause until Jan. 3 (for the varsity), when they host their own 20-team invitational.

"We're off pretty good, I think," said Rocks' coach Ron Krueger. "We've got to go to work now because it's only going to get tougher."

In the win over Clio, Salem won 12 of 14 matches — 10 of them on pins and two more on voids.

It wasn't much different in the win over CC. The Rocks won 10 matches — nine on pins, one on an injury default. CC won four matches, all on pins.

Salem winners against Clio

were: at 103-pounds, Rob Ash pinned Nate Smith (1:08); at 112, John Mervyn pinned Rich Cross (4:37); at 119, Dan Morgan pinned Jerry Watworth (4:48); at 125, Josh Henderson pinned Eric Gunner (1:30); at 140, Dan Hamblin pinned Jason Tomlinson (2:41); at 152, James Greene pinned Luke Kroeger (2:39); at 160, Anwar Crutchfield pinned Brad Henderson (1:00); at 171, Mike Popeney pinned Gaven Schriener in :26; at 189, Teono Wilson pinned Josh Cuzenza in :38; and at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin pinned Dan Harburn (0:14).

Greg Smith (at 135) and Eric Greene (at 145) both won on voids.

The victory over CC was equally dominating for Salem. At 103, Ash pinned Chris O'Hara (1:58); at 112, Mervyn pinned Chris Peterson (2:25); at 119, Morgan pinned Ed Lendrum (1:28); at 125, Henderson won on

an injury default over Matt Goward; at 130, Greg Petrovich pinned Jeff Wheeler (2:55); at 145, Dan Hamblin pinned Ryan Zajdel (2:36); at 152, James Greene pinned Sean Bell (2:32); at 160, Crutchfield pinned Jeff Pasco (1:59); at 189, Wilson pinned Andy Cohnin (2:55); and at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin pinned Tom Lutka (4:28).

The Shamrocks got pin victories from Ron Sarata at 135, over Smith (4:37); from Mitch Hancock at 140, over Eric Greene (1:07); from Rob Wentworth at 171, over Mike Popeney (1:30); and from Casey Rogowski at 215, over Kevin Von Holton (1:59).

The Rocks also host the Salem 'B' Tournament this Saturday. Both the 'B' and varsity tournaments begin at 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

LIVONIA STEVENSON 130
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200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin, Kevin VanTiem, Jacob Varty), 1:46.59; 200 freestyle: Keith Falk (LS), 1:46.44; 200 individual medley: Joe Bublitz (LS), 2:08.32; 50 freestyle: Domin (LS), 22.99; diving: Chittum (M), 217.30 points; 100 butterfly: Sgriccia (LS), 55.31 (state qualifying time); 100 freestyle: Domin (LS), 50.77; 500 freestyle: Falk (LS), 4:48.79 (state qualifying time); 200 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Varty, Justin Ketterer, Mike Malik, Falk), 1:39.09; 100 backstroke: Bublitz (LS), 57.8; 100 breaststroke: VanTiem (LS), 1:08.93; 400 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Domin, Malik, Ketterer and Falk), 3:34.37.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LIVONIAN IN LONG DRIVE FINALS
Livonian Rob Peters won \$1,000 in the North American Long Drive Contest held recently in Mesquite, Nev.

Over 5,300 golfers tried out for 48 spots in the finals (to be aired at 1 p.m. Thursday on ESPN).

Peters, sponsored by Harrison Shafts and Riquee Golf of Livonia, won his third-round bracket with a 395-yard drive. He finished third in the quarterfinals with a 400-yard drive.

In the semifinals, Peters took 16th with a 355-yard drive.

For the second year in a row, Jason Zuback of Drayton Valley, Alberta (Canada) won the \$50,000 first prize with a winning drive of 412 yards, 2 feet, 3 inches.

ROCKERS DRAFT SCICLUNA

Redford's Tino Scicluna was selected first overall by the Detroit Rockers in the National Professional Soccer League Draft held Wednesday.

Scicluna, whose older brother Dominic (Redford Catholic Central) played three years for the Rockers, played collegiately at Butler (Ind.) University.

He was also a member of four-time state Class B-C-D champion Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

"I've heard a lot of good things about Tino," Rockers player/coach Pato Margetic said. "Now we'll see what he can do for us when he gets into training camp and practices with the team."

In addition to Scicluna, the Rockers also selected Indiana University senior captains Chris Klein and Caleb Porter, who led the Hoosiers to the NCAA Final Four before losing 1-0 in triple overtime to eventual champion UCLA; Paul Zgalish (South Carolina-Spartanburg; and Mike Hills (Rockhurst, Mo.).

3-ON 3 HOOP TOURNAY

The Michigan 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament District II qualifier will be Saturday, Jan. 10 at St. Raphael Grade School in Garden City.

There will be four boys and girls age divisions for grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 and is open to youths in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.

The cost is \$80 per four-play-

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JLA TO HOST MAT FINALS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has announced changes in the format and venue of its Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals. The changes are effective in 1999.

The new format will feature a three-day event which will be held at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. This will allow all four classes to compete in one facility.

Previously, the finals were conducted in a two-day format at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek and University Arena in Kalamazoo.

The new format will begin on a Thursday and will showcase the championship match in each weight class in each division (instead of the matches happening simultaneously).

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<p>BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 22 King at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 26 (River Rouge Tournament) Redford CC vs. DePorres, 6 p.m. River Rouge vs. Ecorse, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 27 Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m. Wayne at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Grosse Ile Tournament) Salem vs. A.P. Cabrini, 6 p.m. Riv. Richard vs. Grosse Ile, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 29 Grosse Ile Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 27 Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 6 & 8 p.m.</p> <p>(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic) Owens Tech vs. Durham (Ont.), 5 p.m. S'craft vs. George Brown, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 28 Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 3 & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 1 & 3 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 27 (Schoolcraft Holiday Classic) Lakeland CC vs. Windsor, 1 p.m. S'craft vs. George Brown, 3 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 28 S'craft Holiday Classic, 1 & 5 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY Saturday, Dec. 27 RU at U.D. Jesuit Tourney, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 28 U.D. Jesuit Tourney, TBA</p> <p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Saturday, Dec. 27 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 2 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Dec. 22 Ply. Christian at Greater Life, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 27 Ypsi Lincoln Tourney, TBA UM Dearborn Tourney, TBA TBA — time to be announced</p>
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Canton lacks superstar talent

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

If you're looking for a superstar to lead Plymouth Canton in its pursuit of a state championship in gymnastics, don't bother. There isn't one.

That doesn't mean the Chiefs won't make a run. Few of their competitors will make the mistake of counting Canton out of the race before it begins — not after last season.

For those with faded memories, the Chiefs were not expected to do much after Katey Gilles, a senior in '96 who had won a state individual championship in the all-around two years earlier, decided to quit the sport.

And they weren't. Canton finished seventh out of eight teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals and won just two dual meets.

Then at the regionals, the Chiefs blossomed; they tied Westland John Glenn for third and advanced to the state finals.

It was a testament to both Canton's style and coach John Cunningham's coaching. More of the same can be expected this season, minus one important factor: The Chiefs won't be overlooked.

And with good reason. On Thursday, they competed against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Plymouth Salem and Ann Arbor Huron. Canton won all three duals, scoring 132.65 — not far off its state-qualifying score of last year (133.075).

"I'm very pleased with where we are right now," said Cunningham, his team now 4-1 in duals — doubling the number of wins it had all of last season. "It was a decent score, yeah. Technically we didn't have that great a meet.

GYMNASTICS

"(Uneven parallel) Bars and (balance) beam weren't that good. The scores we got don't reflect how good we really are.

"On vault, we maxed out on our score. We haven't done our best stuff on vault yet. That's about as good a score as we could get.

"And I was very pleased with our floor (exercise). It was good, clean and well-prepared. I liked the routines and I liked the performances."

All in all, it means Canton ahead of where Cunningham expected them to be at this point in the season.

Only one key member of last season's team was lost: Beth Muylaert. Leading the returnees are seniors Nicole Vaagenes, Natalie Wood and Holly Graham; juniors Marcie Emerick and Michelle Farnsworth; and sophomore Liz Fitzgerald.

Emerick tied for third in the all-around at last year's state regionals, while Fitzgerald took fifth. Most of the others contributed as well, with Vaagenes finishing eighth in bars at the state meet.

What it means is Canton, with a total of 31 athletes on the team, is in position for a strong run to the state tournament.

But first things first, and first there's the WLAA season to contend with. That won't be easy; the conference is certainly the toughest in the state in gymnastics, with at least six of the eight teams contenders to reach the state meet.

The Chiefs are one of those teams, and not just because Cunningham has so many impres-

sive returnees. It helps to have newcomers like Amy Driscoll and Kristen Shilk, both freshmen.

"They're really prepped to come onto my team and contribute," the Canton coach said. "They have tremendous attitudes.

"It gives me a typical Canton team. Other than Katey Gilles, we have always been a very consistent team — no superstars, but very good performers."

Will that be good enough to take the Chiefs to the next level? "The first part of the year we'll find out," said Cunningham. "We start with a meatgrinder type of schedule."

Canton's already competed against Freeland and Pioneer, both talented enough to compete at the state meet. Hartland (Jan. 7) and four-time state champion Holland (Jan. 17) are coming up quickly.

"Because we have Hartland and Northville (Novi) in our league, we have a tough road to hoe," said Cunningham. "Right now, I'd say we're No. 3 or 4, behind Brighton (in the league). But we'll see what happens."

His team's current level of ability isn't the only thing that impresses Cunningham. "This early in the season, it's surprising to see how well they get along together," he said. "It's Dec. 18 and we don't normally see this in our team until Feb. 18, when we're really confident in what we're doing."

If the Chiefs can match last year's finish and put together another big finish — well, everyone else better watch out.

New coach for Salem girls team

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

If only they allowed player-coaches in high school gymnastics, like they do in pro sports.

Melissa Hopson, the new coach at Plymouth Salem, is bound to hear such suggestions for the rest of this season — and maybe next season, too. After all, she's just 20-years-old.

Heck, some of the present Rocks competed with her when she was an all-state all-rounder for the Rocks (three years ago).

But anyone underestimating her coaching abilities, believing Hopson hasn't the experience or maturity to handle the position, is making a mistake.

For one, Hopson has extensive coaching experience at the club level. And she's served as an assistant coach at Salem under Pam Yockey for the past two seasons.

"I like it," Hopson, a junior at Eastern Michigan who's pursuing her Bachelor's degree in secondary education, said of her new position. "It's different. Yeah, I can do that (demonstrate a skill personally).

"But just taking what I learned with the team for four years and teaching it to others — that's what I enjoy."

Hopson learned a lot during her time as a varsity member of the Rocks. Consistently a top-10 finisher at state meet in the all-around, she was instrumental in Salem's state championship run in 1993. As a senior, she tied for fifth individually in the all-around; the Rocks finished third as a team that season.

Indeed, Salem was a top-five finisher in all four of Hopson's years on the team.

Can she guide the present Rocks to such a level? Perhaps

— but probably not this year. The team graduated its three top scorers from last year: Kristin Kosik, Kristin Los and Brooke Kilby. All three finished in the top 30 in the all-around at last year's Western Lakes Activities Association finals; Kosik took second.

So Hopson must rebuild. It's isn't a task she's shrinking from.

"We've got a good team," she said after Salem finished third out of four teams in a quad meet the Rocks hosted last Thursday. Plymouth Canton was first (132.65) and Ann Arbor Pioneer took second (123.35); Salem scored 118.90.

"I'm impressed with that score," said Hopson. "I just wanted the girls to see what they could do. Now we've got 2½ weeks to add some new skills and clean up our current skills, things like that."

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

FISHING CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. The next meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

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.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor

activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Saturdays and Sundays and noon to dusk on Wednesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

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.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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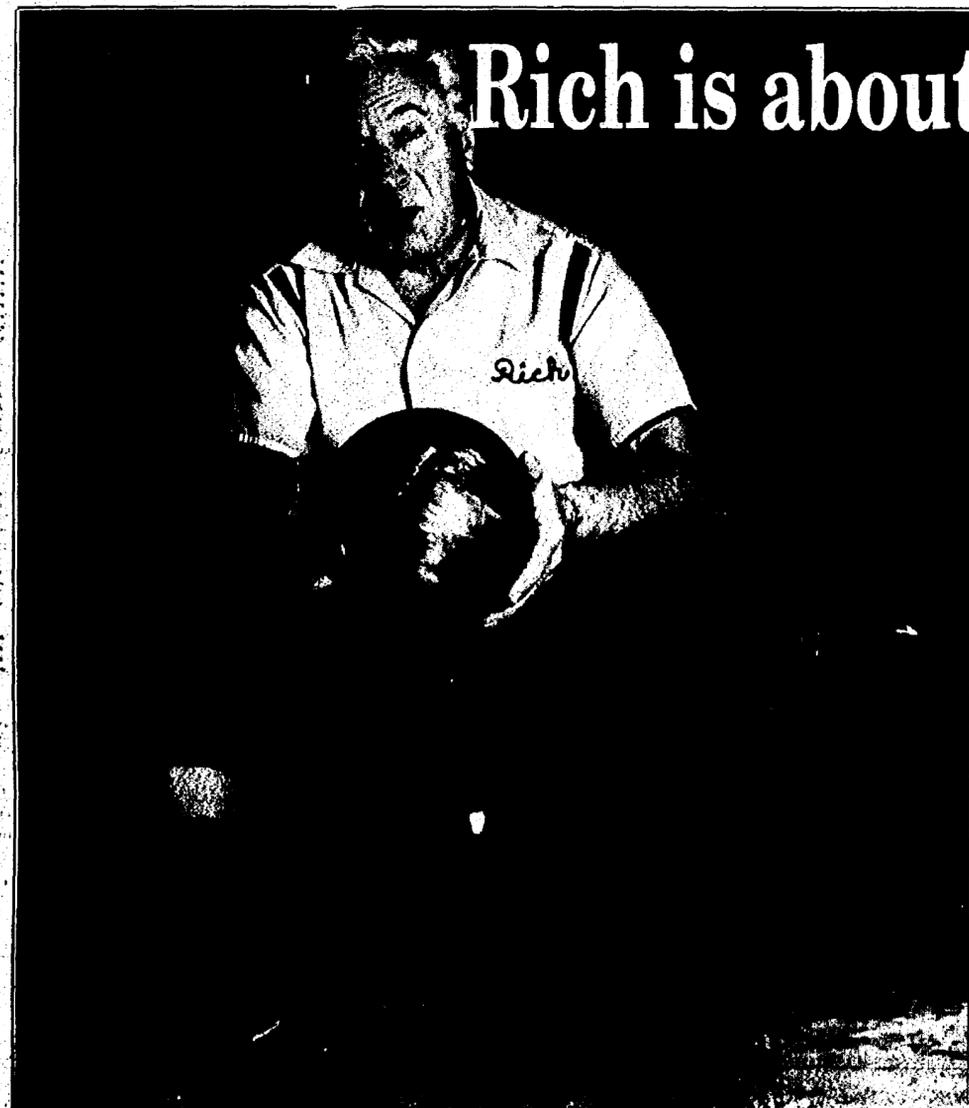
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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.



Rich is about to join the 3-2-1-SOLD! club.

Rich was up in the attic the other day and saw his old bowling gear. He'd like to sell it along with his wife's Vaughn Monroe record collection and a couple of other things, but doesn't want to spend a lot on an ad. Who does?

Our 3-2-1—SOLD! offer is just what you need when you have things to sell for under \$200.

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RECREATION

TEN PIN ALLEY



Dear Santa: What would I like for Christmas?

How about a new state of the art high tech bowling ball? One that will work well under all lane conditions, that will carry the corner pins and stay out of "Splitsville."

AL HARRISON

Maybe such a product does not exist, but these ball manufacturers are trying, and with all of the new stuff out now, they are getting to the point where high scores are the biggest story of this year in bowling.

In 1996, the American Bowling Congress gave out over 33,000 perfect rings. The rate has increased this year, by a wide margin. So which came first? Are the bowlers getting better or is it the equipment? The answer is -- a little bit of both.

The final figures are in for the 1996-97 season for ABC memberships.

ABC had 2,135,126 male bowlers in 86,955 leagues.

Detroit (GDBA) led the nation with 72,319, followed by Chicago's 31,651, Washington DC, third, 27,935; Eastern Long Island, fourth, 23,907.

Others, in order were Denver, Minneapolis, New York City, Cleveland, St. Louis and Rochester, N.Y.

The Ladies numbers were in about the same ratio with DWBA leading the nation with 51,471 followed by Chicago (21,843) and Washington DC (19,874).

Detroit YABA also led the nation with 12,105 members. This reaffirms the Detroit area's status as "Bowling Capitol of the World."

The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held their eighth annual Tournament of Champions Dec. 13-14 at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Dan Ottman of Troy nearly added more laurels to his dream season of 1997, but settled for second place and a check for \$1,100, while lefty Doug Evans of Lincoln Park came through with a fine 258 game and the \$2,200 first prize.

Others bowlers in the TV finals included Mark Corbiser, Gaylor; Bob Jawor, Westland; Nick Wissinger, Sterling Heights.

Redford's Jon Reed finished seventh; Dave Mahaz of Novi, 10th; John Bennett, Auburn Hills, 11th; Lee Snow, Farmington Hills, 13th; Dick Beattie, Dearborn Heights 14th; Fred McClain, Allen Park, 15th; Larry Franz, Redford, 17th; Terry Marucci, Lincoln Park 18th -- all worth \$175.

I wonder how it would work if Snow had made the finals, since he is also the play-by-play announcer for the TV production.

The ladies of the All-Star Bowlerettes have done it again.

This time it was Peggy Smitley with a 300 game last Dec. 15 at Cloverlanes.

I was there watching the action when the crowd started buzzing, got in view just in time to see her with the 12th ball.

The shot came in a little high and left the 4-pin, then another pin came out of nowhere and toppled the four from behind, for another perfect score from this league, joining Aleta Sill, Rose Edwards and Gwen Finley, all of whom had 300 games in the league so far this season.

I was there to see every one of them.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Super Bowl Lanes (Canton): Super Tuesday -- Mark Robey, 300/741; Ed Mintz, 300/757; Al Hansen, 219/738; Don Potts, 258/734; Gary Seladren, 237/701; Joe Potts, 258/733; Ed Traver, 278/704; Dan Brindy, 263/696; Bob Hannenberg, 278/682; Tom Olverson, 278/682; Roger Cowell, 268/653; Randy Drugatz, 255/670; Walt Zwacki, 245/673
- Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic (WWYTC) -- Steve Engstrom, 257/223/649; Mortensen, 255; Moncrieff, 254; Bill Collins, 248/644; Jason Thomas, 222/613
- Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Linus Classic -- Tony Humphrey, 276/244/255/715; Mike Baldwin, 246/223/247/716; Jim Kowalski, 247/209/258/714; Rick Borges, 234/256/212/702; Rob Fleck, 226/238/225/689
- Suburban Prop Travel (Men) -- Bob Chuba, 247; Paul Butler, 243/680; Lou Ivarick, 241/642; Don Vouk, 232/632; Bob Hannenberg, 226
- Suburban Prop Travel (Ladies) -- Viv Waldrop, 211/578; Barb Hernandez, 198/548; Dorothy Straver, 155
- Cloverlanes (Livonia): WWYTC -- Joe Fuchs, 245/216/218/679; Todd Schaeff, 204/203/279/685; B. Fuchs, 246/193/235/674; C.J. Blevins, 247/211/651; Bryan Yates, 235/248/651
- All-Star Bowlerettes -- Peggy Smitley, 300
- St. Aidan's Men -- Joe Naukoske, 267/208/672; Dave Golen, 265/634; Bob Reiter, 245/635; Tony Kaluzy, 214/203/223/640; John Drewiak, 223
- Ford Motor Men -- Steve Bester, 269/709; Ernie Humphrey, 254/669; Dave Diomed, 259/703; Dal Collins, 255/657; Ron Homberg, 257/661
- Pistons/Petrolcos -- Chuck Badger, 299/684
- Tel-Com Men -- Rick Fontaine, 299
- Sunday Night Mixed -- Darryl Scott, 269/257/714; Quadri Stone, 258; Eugene Silverthorn, 233; Greg Smith, 257/759; Nelson, 222; J.R.W., 223
- Merit Bowl (Livonia): Tuesday Delphi -- Hal Weiss, 210
- Thursday St. Gen's Men -- Louis Fredrick, 298
- Sunday Lot Weekenders Men's Trio -- Bob Campbell, Jr., 290
- Dan Lord K.C. -- Charlie Reed, 290/235/225/750; Gordon Gregoroff, 247/203/685; Steve Fajdenko, 253/196/221/670; Chris Turoso, 212/245/212/669; Rick Oster, 224/243/656
- Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Wonderland Classic -- Tim Panek, 278/789; Mike Hitchcock, 277/757; Ed Grace, Jr., 751; Dick Bond, 278/751; Rich Mason, 300/746
- Night Owls -- Shane Wyatt, 640; Mark Linsler, 627; Jerry Modirsky, 614
- Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Jack and Jill -- Bob Moe, 702; Gary Fry, 654
- Ford Parts -- Joe O'Connell, 688; Steve Creamer, 674
- Men's Trio -- Rick Capala, 277/706; Sean Severson, 264/686; Mike Grogan, 289/751; Mark Howes, 726; Monty Wannocott, 678
- Guy 50's -- Paul Brewer, 246; Bob Radtke, 234
- West Chicago -- John King, 710 split converted
- Swinging Seniors -- Paul Brewer, 215/249
- Bikers -- Len Singer, 279/694; Mark Wenzel, 251/676; Dick Thompson, 691
- Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Powertrains -- Perry Yager, 256/206/254/716
- Waterford Men -- Chuck Morris, 249/278/274/752; Tom Buchanan, 244/257/245/746; Andy Rey, 203/289/255/747
- Mayflower Lanes (Redford): WWYTC -- Mike Pasienecny, 227/217/236/680; B. Fuchs, 206/227/245/678; Kim Trumbull, 202/245/220/657; Jason Thomas, 197/234/223/654; Tony Vitale, 279
- Friday Seniors -- Ben Lanetta, 258/664; Jay Woehike, 225/649; Mel Albrite, 245/643; Gene Pike, 237/640; Jim Pribe, 228/635
- Wednesday Senior Classic -- Owen McGill, 235/618; Alvar Freden, 233/232/643; Paul Temple, 214/234/210/658; Tony Ballarta, 279/696; Jim Hux, 241/585; Larry Stock, 235/572
- Good Neighbors -- Stella Sarnacki, 204; Kathy Risch, 102
- Westland Bowl: Monday Morning Men -- Ward Green, 300
- Sunday Youth/Adult -- Tina Barber, 289
- Ladies Classic -- Zoe Anne Marsano, 300/694; Cyndi Black, 288/654; Carol Ferguson, 253/695
- Coca Cola Majors -- Tom Hsiao, 255/636; Steve Jones, 231; Scott Barnek, 216/610; Amber Tringo, 190; Melissa Jabronka, 169
- Business and Industrial -- Robert Krakow, 292
- Bowl One Lanes (Troy): Gavi Supply Senior Classic -- Jack Isaacs (age 68), 256/258/287/801; John Pulke (age 68), 300 (first ever perfect game); Pete Minaudo, 279; Joe Pescuzzi, 723; Gus Ponder, 276; Scotty Laughland, 280/747; Don Mitchell, 725
- 925 Classic -- Gerry Tenger, 298; Dale Jablonski, 300
- Business and Industrial -- Robert Krakow, 292
- Tuesday Night Men -- Bob Nolan, 300; Mike O'Hanlon, 299
- Bowl One Classic -- Jim Kachuk, 300; Randy Malincha, 300; Jim Perry, 300; Tom Byrd, 298/822
- Bowl One Seniors (Youth) -- Autumn Eberhard (age 16), 300
- Survivors Mixed -- Matt Nolan, 300
- Bowl One Jewels -- Sherman Krantz, 279/756; Joe Switzer, 300/703
- Goldstars -- Brandon Carroff, 266 (153 average)
- PBA Headquarters Region Tournament 1 -- Mike Konunien, \$4,000 2 -- John Matza, \$2,000 3 -- Steve Iakov, \$1,400 4 -- Kevin Teber, \$1,100

FORD IRONMEN TRAIN FOR CANADIAN TRIATHLON MEN WITH A MISSION



Fast competitors: Members of the Ford Athletic Swim & Triathlon Club (from left) Andy Berry, Scott Bodjack, Ken Gutowski, Ramon Lara, Jim Petroff, Andy Tumpowsky and Tom McAllen.

BY CAROLINE PRICE SPECIAL WRITER

It's 4:30 in the morning, a time when almost anyone who doesn't have to be up is still slumbering away.

For Andy Berry of Farmington Hills, it's time to hit the streets to run a dozen or so miles or slog through lap upon lap in a pool. And hey, that's just the morning workout -- there could be another hour or two spent on a bike before the day is done.

Berry is a man with a mission. Come Aug. 30, he and 26 other members of the Ford Athletic Swim & Triathlon club have a date with the Ironman Canada Triathlon Championship in Penticon, British Columbia.

There the morning will begin at 7 a.m. with a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and then, just to make things interesting, a marathon (that's 26.2 miles).

Like the famous Ironman contest held each year in Hawaii, the Canadian race attracts its share of professional athletes.

But the vast majority of the expected 1,600-plus entrants from around the world have much in common with Berry and the Ford Triathlon Club's (called F.A.S.T. for short) other Ironman hopefuls -- they juggle families and demanding jobs and mortgages in order to put in the training they need to make it to the finish line of one of the most grueling races in the world.

The F.A.S.T. entrants range in age from early 20s to late 50s. The majority are men, but there's a handful of Ironwomen signed up as well.

For many, this is the first Ironman, but there are a few veterans of previous races who have decided to take another shot. Of course, no one from the F.A.S.T. club expects to win the thing, although there's always the possibility some might earn an age group award and seize a coveted spot at the next Hawaii Ironman contest.

Goal is to finish Most, like first-time entrant Berry, hope only to finish.

"If I get to the starting line, they'd have to wheel me off in a stretcher before I don't finish," he says.

Challenging as the race to the finish line may be, the real work for the Ironman hopefuls will be in just making it to the starting line.

For example, Ramon Lara, 37, of Canton Township, has twice been thwarted in his plans to do an Ironman.

Lara's last competitive race was in 1991, when he won the Splash 'n Dash in Youngstown, Ohio for the second year in a row. For years, he had hoped to do an Ironman event, but something always prevented him.

In the late 1980's for example, Lara says he was training for the Hawaii Ironman. He had made plans to bike with some friends, but felt tired and was just about to call and cancel when his buddy showed up at the door.

"So, I went out with a bunch of bikers, but I was dehydrated. We ended up going fast up a hill, and a guy said 'Hey Ramon, can you pull us up the hill (a reference to a biker taking the lead and allowing others to follow very close behind)?"

While coming down the hill, Lara blacked out and ended up in hitting the ground in a tangle of bikes.

Close calls "I cracked my head open and it kept me out of the race that year," said Lara, who now reports that he wears a helmet now.

More recently, Lara had hoped to do the Canadian Ironman, but had to back out two weeks before the event when he developed plantar fasciitis, a painful inflammation of the sole of the foot. He's keeping close tabs on the state of his feet as he trains this time around in hopes that his injury won't resurface.

But even as they try not to fall into the trap of overtraining and injuring themselves, there's no getting around the fact that getting up to speed for an Ironman is a major commitment.

Ken Gutowski of Farmington Hills, one of the founders of F.A.S.T., has completed three Ironman-level triathlons and believes he's done as many as 75 other triathlons of various distances over the past decade or so.

Gutowski, 39, is one of the most competitive in the F.A.S.T. group and has done the Canadian Ironman before as well as the prestigious Hawaii Ironman for which entrants must qualify by performing competitively in some other triathlon.

Setting goals

"My advice to those who haven't done one is to write down your goals and adhere to them, month by month and week by week," Gutowski says.

He notes that the heavy-duty training needs to start by January, with what you put into it having a direct correlation with what you hope to achieve.

For example, once he managed to obtain a spot at the Hawaii Ironman.

Gutowski says he set a goal to go there and "have fun and finish."

Even to achieve Gutowski's vision of having fun and finishing

Ironman entrants

- Andy Berry, Ken Gutowski, Tom McAllen, Farmington Hills; Scott Bodjack, Westland; Ramon Lara, Canton; Ken Ritter, Plymouth; Jim Petroff, Andy Tumpowsky, Livonia; Jim Austin, Darrin Bartlett, Kevin Bartlett, Drew Berger, Leslie Blackburn, Tom Demerly, Enders Dickinson, Dearborn.
- Also participating are Gloria Christin, Paul Piorowski, Belleville; Marcia Bennett, Dexter; Geoff and Michele Fletcher, London, England; William Hicks, Diamondale; Mike Malloy, Birmingham; Matt Myers, Wayne; Dave Riemenschneider, Koin, Germany; Tony Schreiner, Detroit; Tim Sosnowski, Novi; and Paul Wright, Taylor

the race, there's a rigorous schedule to follow.

Gutowski, an engineer supervisor at Ford (not surprisingly, many F.A.S.T. members are Ford employees, although the club is open to all), normally works out twice a day.

"You need to work you way up to brick, typically a bike ride followed by a run." He tells of getting ready for his last Ironman by imulating the event a bit.

"I biked 100 miles and then ran 20. I do take breaks but I'm always moving," he said.

While Gutowski believes he may be a tad behind schedule in his training plans, he's not too concerned.

"I just have to keep some discipline in each event," he said. "I'm more relaxed and not as nervous. I know what to expect and how to train, so I'll be able to finish. I train enough that I could run an Ironman distance race any day of the year. It may not be pretty, but I would finish."

Training schedule

The training that takes place day in and day out seems to

strengthen more than the triathletes' physical stamina. Many of the Ironman candidates from F.A.S.T. report that their work doesn't suffer because they learn to make the most of their time.

As Gutowski notes, "In order to do a triathlon, you have to be a good time manager, you have to learn to be more efficient at everything you do. Having those traits carry over into work, so many of the triathletes here at Ford have been promoted because they carry over those traits."

There must be something to that focus on time management. In addition to training, family responsibilities and work, Gutowski serves as webmaster for the F.A.S.T. internet website (www.flash.net/~kgutowsk/1000.htm).

The training can be used to strengthen family ties as well, if handled properly.

Lara says when he decided to go for the Ironman, he first obtained his family's commitment to the goal as well. His kids even come with him to the Summit in Canton during some of his workouts, where they swim while he trains. Nonetheless, it's not always easy.

"It's hard to do all that training with a family," he said. "I have to overcome a major obstacle, thinking I'm out here training when I could be spending quality time with my family."

Club support

While it takes enormous amounts of personal motivation and willpower to endure the training, none of the F.A.S.T. triathletes are having to go it alone. The club has about 180 like-minded members of various abilities, so there's always someone to train with and offer support.

In the winter months, for example, triathletes in training tend to back off bike riding a bit (aside from some indoor spinning) and concentrate more on the swimming portion of the program.

To facilitate swimming skills, F.A.S.T. sponsors a Saturday morning pool workout at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, where members spend an hour or two building up endurance and perfecting their flip turns as they do their laps.

The triathletes with the strongest swimming abilities and backgrounds are always willing to help those who are more comfortable in the other events improve in the water.

The pool workouts tend to attract the biggest overall group of F.A.S.T. members, but almost everyone has a small band of training partners to work out with on a weekly or even daily basis.

Lara, a designer at Ford, also is among the original founders of F.A.S.T.

The club was started back in 1983 when a handful of Ford employees started swimming together. The triathlon angle started five years later as members began developing an enthusiasm for the multi-discipline races.

FAST recruit

Tom McAllen, a Michigan State Police officer who lives in Farmington Hills, first learned about F.A.S.T. four years ago. He got fired up after seeing a triathlon on TV, then learned the club worked out on Saturday mornings.

"I went over and worked out with them," he recalls.

Since then, he has one previous Canada Ironman under his belt, plus he's done 60 or so smaller triathlons.

Last year, McAllen almost quali-

fied for the Hawaii Ironman at a triathlon in Tennessee, where he came in second in his age group, and he won the Michigan Grand Prix series in his age category.

Even as he gained triathlon awards, McAllen, 50, has lost something as well -- around 30 pounds.

"Once you start running, the weight does fall off," he says, expressing no regret at losing what he calls "the golfer's build."

Like many of the Ironman hopefuls, McAllen usually does two workouts a day, six days a week.

"No doubt about it," McAllen said. "The group motivates you. During the workout for the Ironman, during July and August, I take Wednesdays off, do 100 miles on the bike and then come back and run 18 to 22 miles. If you had to do that by yourself, it's tough."

Support network

A natural offshoot of the training is that workout partners become friends as well, and social events often wind up comprising other members of the club. They understand what it takes to get ready for an Ironman-caliber race.

"You can't go out drinking Saturday night and then go run 10 or 15 miles," McAllen says.

F.A.S.T. members often carpool or make other group travel arrangements to attend race events around the state and the country.

Only a handful of the events F.A.S.T. members participate in are Ironman length. Some triathlons are called sprints and feature swims of about a quarter mile, followed by a bike ride in the eight to 15 mile range and ending with a run of three to four miles. Most of the local races are what is known as international distance, which is a 1.5k swim (about a mile), a 40k bike (about 25 miles) and a 10k (6.2 miles) run.

There's almost always a familiar face to be found, even if family members can't attend a race, to cheer on a particularly good performance or help take the sting out if an event goes bad.

Some bad days

And, as almost every athlete knows, there's going to be some bad days in with the victories. As McAllen recalls, he had hoped to do well enough at a triathlon in Chicago to qualify for the Hawaii Ironman contest, but instead found himself "running out of fuel" during the bike leg of the contest.

"I blew it," he says.

But rather than give up, he used the experience to help him make sure he drinks enough carbohydrate-laced liquids while on the bike, and he hasn't had the problem again.

And much as the Ironman poses an exciting challenge for the entrants from F.A.S.T., there's always another race. In fact, there's lots of them. Completing a marathon can be the event of a lifetime for some runners, but many of the Ironman wannabees do marathons as training runs.

Leslie Blackburn, 26, is president of F.A.S.T. and relatively new to triathlons. She was a competitive swimmer in high school, but says she gained weight while in college and joined F.A.S.T. to help drop a few pounds.

She ended up taking up running and biking, did a half-Ironman in September and ran the Columbus marathon in November. Also a Ford employee, she's set her sights on the Canada Ironman as well.

As for losing a little weight: "I ended up losing 50 pounds!"

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Classy, upbeat, witty, vivacious, professional WF, 52, 5'6", 150lbs, quiet package. Needs athletic, romantic, humorous, NS, PM, 5'9", to let her cherish. #7706

PICK ME
Lonely, attractive, petite SF, 25, seeks honest, reliable, sincere, hard-working, intelligent SM, for companionship, friendship, possible relationship if you cheat, don't bother calling. #7560

YOU AND ME
Shapely, sharp, first class, modern SF, 5'12, 120lbs, natural blonde/green, seeking DWM, 45-50, nice thick hair, with same qualities. To share life's simple pleasures and... Truth is foremost. #7668

I'M NOT BARRIE
so you don't have to be Ken. Dk, 40th, 25-37, who would look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, funny SWM, 39-49, NS, drinker. Let's play! #7687

BLONDE/ BLUE IRISH CATHOLIC
Extremely attractive, successful, fun DWM, 46, 5'5", 115lbs, is athletic, financially independent, secure, honest, positive. Seeking executive, 45-58, with similar traits. Bloomfield area. #8549

PROTECTIVE GENTLEMAN ONLY
DWM, 29, 5'7", Auburn hair, mother of two, college grads. Seeking tall, large SWM, 35-55, to find out what life is really about. Kids are great! #8563

LADY WITH CLASS
Briarcliff SF, 40th, enjoys jazz, weekend getaways, dining, concerts, movies, theater, and just being a woman. Seeking spontaneous SM, 45-55, 6', must have good sense of humor. Race open. #8477

WOULD YOU BE MY ANGEL?
SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, NS, enjoys SF, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, intelligent SM, DWM, 38-53, NS, #8479

HAWAIIAN HEART
Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous DWM, 36, 5'2", brown, Hawaiian, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, billiard, dancing, sunshine. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SM. #8518

LET IT SNOW
Attractive, fun SWF, 35, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium-build, seeks friendship, romance, and someone to share a writer and slang, snowball fights, and hot chocolate by the fire. #8313

LOG CABIN DREAMING
SUV owner wanted! SF, 40, no dependents, 39-50, enjoys nature, outdoors, up north, log cabins, dogs, blue jeans spontaneous, college educated, has lovely country style and old fashioned values. Serious about setting down. #8300

LET'S LIVE
Attractive, SWF, 51, 28, fit, outgoing, enjoys traveling, sports, music, 40, 20, 20, who would look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, funny SWM, 39-49, NS, drinker. Let's play! #7687

PRETTY
Sophisticated, smart, secure, "sweetheart" seeks best friend for life; good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic, 50+, "nice guy". Let's enjoy adventure, romance, travel and life's finer things. #8317

NOT DESPERATE
DWM, 45, 5'3", 130lbs, NS, no kids, seeks the same in me. Many interests. I'm caring, giving, spontaneous, hopelessly romantic, down-to-earth, honest, fun-loving, and a good sense of humor. #8312

COULD I CONNECT...
with tall, HW proportionate, secure, athletic, nice-looking guy with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWF, 40th, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #8209

MUST HAVE A NICE SMILE
Outspoken, fun-loving, 27, 5'5", fit, figured, NS, ND, enjoys sports, classical music, movies, sports, bowling. Seeking tall, well-groomed SM, 28-35, NS, HW, for friendship, possible relationship. No kids please. #8222

WHO KNOWS?
Versatile, independent, friendly oriented DWM, 41, 5'6", 120lbs, NS, 39-45 who's similar. #8223

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, fun-loving, 35, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium build, educated, seeks gentleman, 39-54, 46-62, who's honest, NS, who likes the arts, outdoors, and a good sense of humor. #8224

PRETTY BLONDE LADY
Refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60th, 5'5", good figured, NS, many interests, seeks a gentleman, 40-50, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for lasting relationship. #8117

UNCHAINED MELODY
SM, attractive DWM, 38, 5'5", NS, seeks SWM, 45-55, 5'5", HW proportionate, for CAW dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West side area. #8121

HAVE HERPES?
SWF, 38, smart, attractive, fun-loving, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, travel and music. Seeking a gentleman, mature, marriage-minded, NS man with herpes, to build a relationship. #8130

IN YOUR DREAMS
You're in mine, if you're a tall, medium-large built SWM, honest, affectionate, NS and financially secure. DWM, 37, 5'8", 120lbs, NS, 39-45, who's similar. NS, various interests, with one child. #8118

MISSING SOMETHING?
Me too, someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2", brown, fun, lives in north west side, seeks honest SM, to care about, who cares back, who enjoys movies, family, traveling. #7699

WHERE'S MY KAHUNA?
Cute, nice DWM, 35, 5'7", 120lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, NS, enjoys jogging, biking, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, friendly, secure, NS, to enjoy life with. #7882

FUN-LOVING
Attractive, intelligent DWM, 40, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere SWM, 40-50, HW proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. #7735

DYNAMIC
Beautiful PH.D.
Cultured, modern apple pie, Conf. tennis, and skiing with a twist. Seeking male counterpart. #4-77 #8789

LADY IN WAITING
Foxy 40th, 5'6", 115lbs, NS, hopeless romantic, SF, 45, 5'2", brown, traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SCW, 40-50, with similar interests. NS, for friendship possible LTR. #7700

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Passionate, honest, upbeat, humorous DWM, 43, 5'8", 160lbs, long brown hair, drinker, who's into red wings, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking gentleman, 40-50, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Down-to-earth divorced WF, mid 50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, the movies and dining out. Seeking SWM, 56-65, great sense of humor with similar interests for friendship first, possible LTR. #7349

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE...
Professional DWM, with a passion for love and life, enjoys jazz, the arts, fine dining, some sports outdoors. Seeking financially secure, handsome, tall, confident, NS, 40-53. Race open. #7959

KIND-HEARTED
DWM, 40, autumn/green, 5'11, 120lbs, NS, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, and music. Seeking tall, fit, SWM, 38-43, NS, ND/Drugs. #7961

A LITTLE SHY
SWF, 38, 5'7", red/blue, quiet, loving, caring, like bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. #7962

LUCKY YOU!
If treated the same, you get a tall, loving, caring, passionate, blonde/blue, 41, no one leaves a love holiday, devoted, 4-wheeling, sledding. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. #7964

MEET FOR COFFEE
Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/friendship of a mature, successful, professional, normal, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

LIVE WITH YOU
Petite SWF, NS, outgoing senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 66-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family. #7991

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

CASINO ROYALE
SWF, 30, fit, outgoing, social, smoker, enjoys bingo, Vegas, travel and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality open. #7999

SWEET...
Intelligent, attractive full-figured woman, 22, who's into a good sense of humor, non-smoking, God-fearing man. Race unimportant. #8000

MISSING SOMETHING SPECIAL
Versatile, open and very honest DWM, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, NS, to enjoy life with. #8005

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH
Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, HA, depends on who you're talking to, outgoing, giggling, seeks SWM, NS, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7968

LOOKING FOR A LOT OF GAMES
Attractive DWM, young 49, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, travel, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8028

SEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN
Are you who? Young 54, varied interests, seeks a lady like me, for special relationship. Loves a warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8029

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED IF...
you're looking for a petite, girly, sensitive, very attractive, confident, outgoing SWF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rollerblades on her feet. Seeking intelligent man, 45-60. Physical fitness important. #8030

SPECIAL LADY
Sensuous, attractive DWM, 5'5", 135lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall WM, 45+, to share his love, adventures, and romance, in rewarding LTR. Serious only reply. #8033

BOULMATE
WHERE ARE YOU?
SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling, travel, walking, funny movies. #8034

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, outgoing, fun-loving SWM, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #8040

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Attractive SWF, 25, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #8044

NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST
Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks partner, for weekend trips, North, Low, Up, if you know difference between these words, please call me. #8046

FUN-LOVING
Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciate kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, active, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8050

HAVE ELAN
Eccentric, attractive, very classy, slender SF, 57, brunet/hazel, NS, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating most music, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active, flexible, fun gentleman, 50+. #8066

ABOVE THE LAW
SWF, 57, 5'2", 120lbs, seeks law enforcement officer. #7861

OUR TURN NOW
why not DWM, late 40s, seeks degreed, NS, for life's finer moments, let's journey through life together, enjoys dinners, plays, stimulating conversation, travel and antiques. Now that the kids are raised, it's our turn to enjoy life. #8090

FAST, CHEERFUL, OUT OF CONTROL
that's not me. Humorous, honest, intelligent DWM, mid-40s, NS, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I play are monopoly and pinball. #8091

FRINCESS NEEDS PRINCE
Playful, fun SWF, 27, 5'2, medium build, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, camping, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8051

LOOKING FOR THE SAME!
Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, NS, DWM, with red hair, only have one natural high and that's it. I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. #7953

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DON'T LOOK BACK
Handsome, sensitive, spiritual, romantic, fun DWM, 45, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys bikes, blades, dinner, movies, dancing, candlelight, cozy times. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 35-42, 5'5-5'8", slim, knows where happiness starts. #8520

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Handsome, DWM, 30s, NS, ND, businessman, body builder, runner, sales attractive, intelligent, open-minded, athletic SF, HW proportionate, for possible relationship. #8504

BROADEN MY HORIZON
SWM, NS, 200bs, sometimes a church-goer, gym member, seeks SF, for fun times, and sharing life's twists and turns. #8505

ANYTHING ONCE, TWICE...
It's outdoors. Athletic SWM, 32, 5'8", 175lbs, lanky bear physique, brown/light grey/blue, enjoys spending time with family, outdoors, and sharing life's adventures. Seeking a woman, 25-35, slim, for open, honest relationship. Kids ok. #8506

BRAINS & BRAUN
Very masculine, 40, 5'10", 205lbs, trim, financially secure, spirited sense of humor, well-educated, PH.D., enjoys weight lifting. Seeking intelligent, kind, good-looking woman, 25-35, for companionship, to share inner feelings. #8560

CONSERVATIVE PLUS
Intelligent, non-smoking, Catholic DWM, 42, fit, no dependents, NS, good sense of humor, likes outdoor activities, and stimulating conversation. Seeking SWF, with similar interests. #8561

THE LONESOME ONE
Attractive, outgoing, faithful, adventurous DWM, 38, 5'10", 160lbs, seeks attractive SF, 25-40, for a relationship. #8562

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Unique, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, DWM, 40, 5'10", 175lbs, brown hair, sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, travel, elder mist. Seeking special time to share adult activities and relationship. #8563

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"
Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, beach, NS, Appreciate classy style, fra sdes, music, and small towns. LTR. No games. #8456

RELATE...
THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SWM, 44, 5'9", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, soulmate, 33-43, who enjoys eating, beach, and relaxing. I'm a family man, fair, dancing, coffee hours, ethnic dining. #8457

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, outgoing, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, seeking a woman, 25-45, who's into a good sense of humor, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. #8462

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Intelligent, philosophical SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys nature, quiet meditation, long walks. Seeking very secure, romantic woman, for companionship, possibly more. #8463

SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth, SWM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SWF, 25-45, who's into a good sense of humor, love, concerts, special times together. #8464

JERRY SEEKING ELAINE
Open-minded SWM, young 53, 5'10", brown/blue, enjoys activities that most people don't. Seeking a woman, 24-35, who's into a good sense of humor, monogamous SF. Hope to hear from you soon. #8467

SOMEONE SPECIAL?
Handsome, romantic, athletic, big-hearted, seeks slender, active WF, beautiful, intelligent, outgoing, and fun. I'm a special in her life. Age unimportant. #8468

MISSING INGREDIENT
Romantic, honest, intelligent, outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys sports, music, and romantic times. Seeking sincere, honest SWF, 21-32, for possible LTR. #8473

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Self-reliant, honest, romantic SWM, 28, college graduate, financially independent, enjoys sports, music, and outdoor activities, hunts and fishes now and again. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who is interested in developing a possible LTR. #8480

CUTE CONSERVATIVE MALE
SPM, 37, physician, seeks intelligent, attractive SWF, for special relationship. #8480

CALL MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 38, 5'9", brown/hazel, outgoing, parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWM, with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship. #8482

THE ULTIMATE MAN
Extremely attractive, romantic, honest, passionate, SF, 24, 6'1, great kisser, seeks slender, attractive, active SWF, 24-30, who's into a good sense of humor, and a good sense of humor. #8483

YOUNG WIDOWER
Professional, honest, intelligent, good-natured, caring, humorous, outgoing SWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs, no dependents, homeowner, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, outdoors. Seeking SWF, NS, fit, similar interests, for friendship, open to commitment. Livonia. #8299

ITALIAN STALLION
SWM, 44, 6', attractive, muscular, very active, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit female, 45 or under, for possible relationship. #8291

CREATIVE MUSICIAN
Good-looking SWM, 24, dark/green, unique, romantic, open, communicative, athletic, classical, jazz, enjoys playing guitar/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, sweet SWF, 18-32, who also loves jazz. #8302

TODAY GOOD BYE
Man of honor and understanding, seeking a dating woman, I do not know who you are, but I've seen you in my dreams, but as been misty. #8303

HONEST AND SINCERE
Considered attractive SM, 61, 192bs, 92bs, smoker, social drinker, manager, enjoys sports, dining out, movies, being out with friends. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, love sports, golf, theatre and cooking. Seeking educated, successful, mature gentleman, 32-45, for peer relationship, to start family. #8470

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
SWM, 40, 5'11", 160bs, former Elvis impersonator, loves dancing, walking, sports, and romance, seeks good woman, 30-45, for serious relationship. #8544

MY FIRST AD
DWM, 40, ND, NS, likes working out, rollerblading, taking walks, movies, quiet evenings around the house with my dogs, seeks female, 35+, height weight unimportant, but, must be intelligent, fun-loving, and similar interests. #8546

SENSITIVE CARING GENTLE
DWM, 49, 5'5", 180bs, I'm serious about a LTR, are you? Works, bicycling, reading, music, are a few of my interests. If you 40-50, and don't play mind games, give me a call. #8547

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 28, 5'11", 175bs, down-to-earth, very outgoing, professionally employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #8548

ONE-OF-A-KIND
SBM, 34, 5'10", slim, dark, handsome, financially secure, attentive, caring, fun-loving, passionate, family-oriented, sincere, romantic. Seeking attractive, independent, energetic, honest, secure, NS SF, HW proportionate, for LTR. Race open. #8225

STOP YOUR SEARCHING
Good-looking, athletic, outgoing SWM, 24, 5'11", 165bs, college student, enjoys skiing, having fun. Seeking petite, attractive SF, 21-26, nice build, who wants to have fun. I am your best choice! #8539

LIFE, LOVE, LITERATURE
Free-spirited DWM, 57, enjoys literature, theater, music, fine dining, foreign travel, extensive, running, tennis, golf, and more. Seeking attractive SF, 40s plus, to enjoy life. #8554

NS SF, HW PROPORTIONATE
WM, 40s, NS, ND/Drugs, seeks SAF, 8555

ADVENTUROUS, AFFECTIONATE
DWM, 57, 5'8", 220bs, brown/brown, outgoing, fun-loving, honest, family activities, craft shows, etc. Seeking sensitive, affectionate, good communicator SWF, 35-50, for LTR, leading to marriage. #8558

PALACE AWAITING PRINCESS
Honest, shapely, special DWM, 43, 5'7", 160bs, middle home-owner, financially secure, various interests. Seeking sincere, communicative SWF, 30-40, HW proportionate, who likes variety, nature, travel, romance, for possible LTR/marriage. #8043

ARE YOU FOR ME?
Handsome SWM, 64', 225bs, NS, emotionally/physically fit. Seeking meaningful relationship with a SF, under 40, who is slim and attractive, with similar values and attitudes. If this sounds appealing to you, please call me. #8306

COUNTRY TO TUX
Professional, attractive SWM, 49, 6', 175bs, brown/blue, fit, reader, sports enthusiast. Seeking very attractive, slim SWF, 30-45, for love, laughter, fun, LTR, willing to enjoy life to its fullest. #8309

AFFECTIONATE
SWM, 45, 5'9", medium-build, seeks SWF, 40-49, NS, who's affectionate, caring, and down-to-earth for movies, dining out, concerts, and dancing. #8310

SINGLE IN WESTLAND
Independent, affectionate, attractive SWM, 27, blonde/blue, 6'5", 230lbs, well-built, drinks occasionally, NS, ND/Drugs, enjoys cooking, music, camping, movies and kids, seeks independent SWF, 20-30, for friendship/companionship and trust. No mind games. #8311

WEST POINT MANOR
SM, 47, 170bs, brown hair, smoker, responsible, good-looking, spontaneous, romantic, supports two young adults. Seeking SF, for friendship and possible relationship. #8312

NOT FOUND IN STORES
Limited offer, white divorced male, early 50s, varied interests, seeks kind-hearted, blonde/blue, who's into a good sense of humor, still enjoys the smell of flowers, for LTR. Will answer all. #8313

OLD-FASHIONED, QUALITY, ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP
You too! SWM, 39, 6'1", 190bs, articulate, sincere, communicative. You're slim, intelligent, romantic, value friends and family services, art, dancing, coffee hours, ethnic dining. #8359

SEEKING MS. RIGHT
Tall, honest, caring SWM, 6', brown/hazel, seeks WF to get to know, go out and have fun together. For friendship, possible relationship. #8360

PRINCE SEEKS PRINCESS
SWM, 30, 6'1", 175bs, dark skin, honest, faithful, with great sense of humor, enjoys movies, nice dinners, camping, concerts, dancing, more. You SWF, 24-37, for great friendship, possible LTR. Smoker ok, social drinker. #8318

LADY WANTED!
DWM, 51, enjoys romance and spending quality time together. Seeking passionate SWF, 40-50, with similar interests, for LTR. #8319

S.O.S.
Please save this somewhat shy, professional, slim SWM, 29, from being alone, enjoys racquetball, music, computers, and reading. Seeking a woman, SWF, NS, for friendship leading to LTR. #8139

TIRED OF BAR SCENE?
Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, romantic, outgoing, fun-loving, 34, 5'10", 160bs, enjoys outdoors, music, animals, being rollerblading, people watching, parks, movies, making people laugh, seeks slender, SWF, 19-28, with similar interests, and characteristics. #8141

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY
Honest, open-minded, intelligent SWM, 27, 5'10", 155bs, long brown hair, very hardworking, outgoing, caring, outgoing student. Seeking lady, 20-31, who's honest, looking for friendship, sharing good times, possibly more. #8204

ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWM, 35, NS, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover, HW proportionate, for friendship, relationship, marriage. #8138

HEART OF GOLD
SWM, 34, 5'10", 170bs, enjoys movies, dining out, music, and enjoys P.H.C., Brass music, outdoor sports, possible LTR. #8205

TENDER
Good-looking SWM, 43, 5'9", 158, sincere, sporty, romantic, passionate, adventurous, seeking lady, 25-30, for friendship, possible LTR. #8206

TALL GENTLEMAN
Intelligent SWM, 50, 5'10", 170bs, enjoys movies, dining out, music, and enjoys P.H.C., Brass music, outdoor sports, possible LTR. #8207

COULD IT BE YOU?
Good-looking SWM, 44, 5'11", 190bs, tall head of grey hair, brown eyes, enjoys P.H.C., Brass music, outdoor sports, possible LTR. #8208

HEART OF GOLD
Very attractive, blue-eyed, tall, fit, age 40, SWM, 32, great sense of humor, some in years, 195bs, Seeking sweet and hot, very pretty SWF, 5'5", 22-32, under 130lbs. #8209

HEART OF GOLD
Good-looking, mature SWM, 24, 5'11", romantic, communicative, enjoys outdoors, music, sports, biking, running. Seeking slender, family-oriented, faithful, attractive SWF, 20-30, for friendship, first and possible intimate happiness. #8045

ONE IN A MILLION
Handsome, outgoing, 175bs, tall, in great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, biking, dancing, comedy, being spontaneous. Seeking sincere, attractive, slender, independent female with similar interests. #8048

AS TIME GOES BY
Honest, loyal, hopeless romantic SWM, 53, 5'11", NS, social drinker, communications manager, sense of humor, enjoys simple things in life, nature, vacations, love. Seeking SWF, #8068

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Handsome, hardworking, honest SWM, 34, 6', 180bs, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 20-35, for friendship, and relationship. #8092

NO ASSEMBLY REQUIRED
Outgoing, fun, well put together SWM, 22, blonde/blue, 6', 165bs, enjoys rollerblading, travel, dining, dining out and much more. Seeking lady, 25-30, for friendship, interests, sense of humor, for fun and frolic. #8053

THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP
Would consist of honesty, friendship, trust, communication, romance, passion, adventure, fun. Handsome, articulate, confident, athletic SWM, 24, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, being outdoors, seeks sincere, pretty, slender SWF, 18-34, #8228

HANDSOME MID-AGE GENT
Contemporary, mature, rational, compassionate, caring, but lonely SBM, my virtues are many, my needs are few, if you can believe that. Seeking same and loving female, 40-55. Race unimportant. #8114

GYM-QUEER
Serious body builder/fitness buff seeks female counterpart for activities inside and outside of the gym. SWM, 38, 5'8", 150lb, blonde/blue looking for friendship and possible romance. #7843



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It was a special time of year.

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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

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

VERSATILE
SW mom, 24, 5'9", enjoys dancing, reading, movies, photography, seeking a SWM, 24-32, with high morals. Ad# 2327

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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

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Educated SWF, 45, 5'7", 125lbs., platinum blonde, green eyes, lives in Oak Park, enjoys cooking, antiques, movies, art, seeking a SJWM, 50+ Ad# 2020

LOOK MY WAY
Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", no children at home, from Oakland County, hobbies are dancing, long walks, candlelit dinners, the beach, concerts, hoping to meet a DWCM, 41-49 Ad# 2234

MARRIAGE-MINDED
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NEW CHAPTER
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ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL
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SHE'S THE ONE
Friendly DWCF, 47, 5'6", long blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys singing, seeks SM, 35+, for friendship first. Ad# 2285

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

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

FAITH & HOPE
DWCW, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SWEET & CUTE
Outgoing, never-married SBFC, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SCM, 25-33 Ad# 8044

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 SBWM, 27-39, with good morals. Ad# 1936

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

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

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...
DWCW, 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

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

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

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# 4608

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

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

WELL EDUCATED
Professional SWCM, 62, 6'188lbs., seeks an intelligent SCF, 50-62, outgoing, slender, fit, adventurous, for possible relationship. Ad# 3344

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Catholic DWM, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, open-minded, likes sports, movies, walking, seeks warm-hearted, caring, monogamous Catholic SWF, 40-53, without kids at home Ad# 2740

BELIEVE IN US
Baptist DWM, 57, 5'8", N/S, sensitive, caring, likes family events, concerts, walking, flea markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

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SWCM, 29, 6'1", medium build, student, interests include sports, the outdoors, reading, people watching, and many more, seeks SCF, under 29. Ad# 3374

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SWM, 25, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes poetry, writing songs and good conversation, seeking compatible SWF, under 36. Ad# 7458

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Kind-hearted, well-rounded DWCM, 46, in search of attractive, caring and mature SWCF, 20-46, for companionship. Ad# 7404

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Patient, understanding DWCM, 34, 6', participates in youth ministry, lives in Rochester Hills, seeking an attractive SWCF, under 49, who believes in God, family and honesty. Ad# 2677

HEART TO HEART
SBWM, 34, 5'5", perceptive, energetic, enjoys Bible study and more, from the Detroit area, seeks kind-hearted SWCF, 26-35. Ad# 1573

SOLID RELATIONSHIP
Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, lives in Plymouth, professional, enjoys walking, the theater, seeks educated, sensitive, romantic, fit SWCF, 34-45, who is down-to-earth. Ad# 7450

DECENT MAN
Protestant DW dad, 35, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, easygoing, from Garden City, participates in Bible study, enjoys bike riding, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 30-45, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1944

YOUNG-WIDOWER
Catholic SWM, 42, 6', professional, faithful, communicative, sincere, likes weekend trips, seeking slender, attractive, relationship-minded SWCF, 32-45 Ad# 6683

EASY ON THE EYES!
Catholic DWM, 50, 6'2", 175lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, bowling, antique browsing, fishing, the outdoors, fireplaces, seeks Catholic SWF, under 50 Ad# 9106

HEART OF GOLD
Church-oriented, good looking DWCM, 44, 6'2", 214 lbs in the Waterford area, hobbies include parachuting and the opera, seeks compatible childless SWCF, 29+ Ad# 1111

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Catholic SBM, 42, 6'2", independent, lives in Western Wayne, enjoys concerts, movies, walks, quiet dinners, seeks understanding, affectionate SWCF, 28-45, who is generous with her time. Ad# 9876

FOR THE FUTURE
Outgoing SWM, 50, 5'10", 175lbs., professional, lives in West Bloomfield, enjoys dining out, dancing, special times, seeking SWF, 35-55, Ad# 9999

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
SBM, 26, 5'6", hardworking, outgoing, enjoys church, baseball, shooting pool, movies, quiet evenings, traveling, seeks SF, 18-24, to share same interest. Ad# 9082

LEAVE A NUMBER!
Catholic SWM, 40, easygoing, open-minded, lives in Redford, employed, enjoys outdoor sports, seeks slender Protestant SWF, under 43, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2225

NEVER ENDING ROMANCE
SWM, 28, 5'11", shy, enjoys watching sports, playing saxophone, skiing, the theatre, acting, the outdoors, seeks sensitive, caring, SWF, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 8885

ONE OF THE FINEST
DWM, 51, 5'11", professional, outgoing, social drinker, enjoys dining out, symphony, opera, seeks SWF, 46-65, to share same interests. Ad# 7098

WARM & OPEN
Loyal Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, lives in Detroit, likes sports, seeks slender Catholic SWF, 28-37, without children, for loving, long-term relationship. Ad# 2037

A HAND TO HOLD
DWCM, 45, 5'9", lives in Brighton, likes most music, long drives, the beach, picnics, dancing, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 35-49, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 1469

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TRUE BELIEVER
Pentecostal SWM, 29, 5'10", 190lbs., never-married, compassionate, enjoys church activities, movies, bowling, theme parks, race cars, seeks compatible SWCF, 23-27. Ad# 1975

MAYBE WE SHOULD MEET!
Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", from Western Wayne county, enjoys museums, movies, the theater, skiing, snowmobiling, seeks warm, sincere, fun-loving SWF, 28-44, Ad# 1599

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAPTURE THE MOMENT
Cheerful SWJM, 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

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!
Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARRIAGE MAYBE?
Catholic SWM, 49, 5'7", 150lbs., 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

Farmington starts off well

SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

So far, so good. Farmington's combined gymnastics squad got off to a solid start Wednesday night with a 128-45-125.70 road victory over Grosse Pointe North.

According to co-coach Jeff Dwyer, the team has been sharp since the start of practice last month. He gave credit to the gymnasts' hard work in the off-season.

"A lot of the girls dedicated themselves over the summer," Dwyer commented. "I see a lot more potential with this team. If they're hungry, I think they'll do well."

Well is exactly how the combined team performed Wednesday.

Farmington posted good scores in three of four events to finish with 128 points. Dwyer, who shares coaching responsibilities with Alicia Herpick, thinks the squad will eventually tally in the 130s.

"I like this group of girls," he added. "I think we'll go far."

Marie Law and Kelly Barenie led the way in the vaulting competition Wednesday. The senior duo tied for second overall with an 8.45.

Lauren Ouellette was next for Farmington with a 7.95. Jamie Militell scored a 7.85.

On the uneven bars, Law was second overall with a 7.9. Brook Rubin placed third at 7.7. Ouellette had a 7.75 and Anna Clark a 7.45.

Rubin led a sweep of the balance beam by scoring 8.55. Law was second at 8.2. Militell third at 8.0 and Ouellette finished with a score of 7.4.

In the floor exercise, Rubin scored an 8.4, Barenie an 8.2. Law 8.15 and Liz Stoler had a 7.95. Farmington was scheduled to open the season last week in a meet with Ann Arbor, but it was snowed out.

The combined team is now off

VOLLEYBALL

until after the holidays. Farmington hosts Salem Jan. 7 to open its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule.

Dwyer said the league will be tough again this season.

"It was the hardest league in the state last year," he added. "It'll be the hardest league in the state this year, too."

Farmington finished third in the WLAA last year behind Hartland and Northville. Dwyer said those two will likely battle again for the conference championship.

"I don't think we'll be able to challenge them," he said. "We're a really good team, but they're both probably in the top five of the state."

The combined team, which boasts gymnasts from Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison and North Farmington high schools, will be comprised of 16 athletes this winter.

There were no graduations from the team. But two gymnasts, Sarah Nolan and Deenna Vacca, decided not to return.

"It hurts losing them," Dwyer said. "But when you factor in that everyone has improved, I think we'll have a strong team."

Farmington will count on senior captains Law and Barenie. Both are good bets to make the state finals this year.

Dwyer is also high on Rubin, a junior.

"She'll score in the nines on floor and beam," he said.

Law, Barenie and Rubin will score lots of points for Farmington this season.

"Those three have worked out every day since last year," said Dwyer. "They've put in a lot of time."

Stoler, a North Farmington junior, is another top gymnast.

"If she lives up to her potential," said Dwyer, "she'll help us

in all areas."

Clark, a junior, Militell, a sophomore, and Ouellette, a freshman, should figure in Farmington's scoring this season.

Other combined team members are: Erin Zajaros (junior), Courtney Wild (sophomore), Rachel Sopar (sophomore), Megan Rigsby (freshman), Alexis Johnson (freshman), Jenny Galbraith (freshman), Sarah Douglass (freshman), Caroline Dean (sophomore) and Alyson Adams (freshman).

Milford mauls Raiders

BASKETBALL

North Farmington will enter the holiday break on a down note after losing for the first time this season, 65-46 Thursday at Milford.

The Raiders (2-1) fell behind early 11-5 and trailed the entire way, as Milford eventually made it a blow-out in the fourth quarter, outscoring North 21-10.

"We didn't adjust well defensively to what they were doing,"

North coach Brian Swinehart said. "We played hard, but didn't play very smart. Milford, on the other hand, were patient with the ball and played very well."

"Milford is a senior dominated team and are well-coached so you have to give them credit."

They did a good job breaking us down. I thought we could've played better and I thought I as a coach could've done a better job making adjustments."

Sophomore center Emir Medunjanin came off the bench to lead North with 10 points. Senior guard Al Pennala added nine points.

Milford, which improved to 4-0, received 10 points from Nick Hertz.

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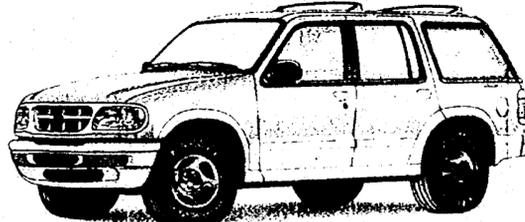
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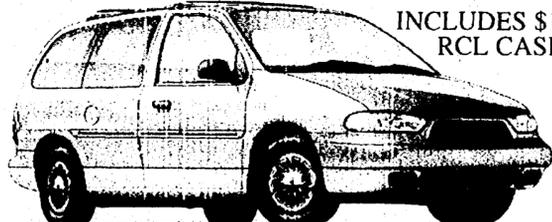
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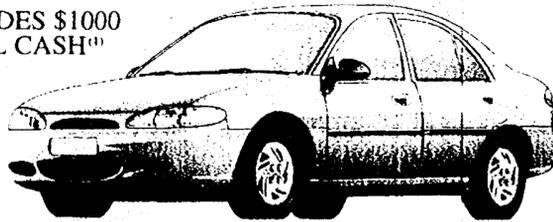
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Christmas traditions



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Tracing roots, meanings of celebrations

The holiday season has arrived as has the quest for the perfect Christmas present. It seems at times that the meaning and the traditions of the season get lost in the hustle and bustle.

Churches around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in many different ways. While people practice those traditions, many may not know their origins.

The staff of Historic Trinity Church in Detroit, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, has compiled a list of relating to those traditions and their origins, starting with Christmas itself.

The word Christmas is derived from an early English phrase, *Christes mæsse*, which means Mass of Christ. Observed on Dec. 25 in western churches to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, it also is a public holiday in Christian countries, usually marked by the exchanged of gift — tokens of the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

For most Christians, the Christmas season begins on the Sunday nearest to Nov. 30, not when retailers begin displaying their holiday merchandise. The date is the feast of St. Andrew, one of the 12 Apostles of Christ.

The nearest Sunday is the first day of Advent, a four-week period during which Christians prepare for Christmas. The word advent means a coming and refers to the coming of Jesus

on Christmas Day.

Many Christians have an Advent wreath in their homes during the holiday season. Most wreaths are made of evergreen or holly branches and sit on table or hang on the door. The Advent wreath has five candles — three are blue (or purple), one is pink and one is white.

The first four candles are placed in the wreath and one candle is lit each Sunday in Advent. The first candle is the prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle, symbolic of the Christ Child's cradle.

The third (pink) candle is the shepherd's candle which typifies the act of sharing Christ. Pink symbolizes the Advent Rose, a time to pause in this penitential season to rejoice in the Lord.

The fourth candle is the angel's candle, the candle of love and the final coming. And the fifth — white — candle is placed in the center of the wreath as the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.

In many countries, people use special Advent calendars to keep track of the 24 days before Christmas. Advent calendars have colorful Christmas scenes and the dates are printed on flaps. One flap is lifted daily to uncover a holiday picture or a Biblical verse.

Nativity scenes

During the Christmas season, many churches display a creche, or Nativity scene, showing the figures of Mary

and Joseph praying over the infant Jesus in the stable, the Magi or Wise Men, angels, shepherds and various animals.

Historic Trinity's collection is one of the area's largest. The display, open to the public, features several hundred creches, including French Presepios, Spanish Nacimientos, German Krippes, Irish Mangers and British Cribs, and church members bring in their own to add to the decorations.

O Christmas tree

The Christmas tree that has such a prominent place in the celebration was first used as a home decoration by Dr. Martin Luther, according to the Historic Trinity staff.

While on a walk one Christmas Eve, Luther noticed an evergreen tree shining in the moonlight. He returned home with the tree, decorated it with candles and told his children that the tree should remind them of the brightness of Christmas and the messages of the Savior's birth.

By the beginning of the 19th century, all of Germany had adopted the use of the green "Christmas" tree. They added stars, sweetmeats, tiny toys and gilded nuts together with the candles on the tree.

The custom soon spread throughout Europe and then to the United States by German settlers in Pennsylvania. Today, decorations include tinsel, bright ornaments and candy canes. A

star is mounted on top of many trees to represent the star that led the Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

The traditional colors of Christmas are red and green. Red represents the blood Jesus shed at His Crucifixion, while green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Like the evergreens, the Christmas wreath symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. In ancient Rome, people used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory and celebration.

Among evergreens used in making Christmas wreaths and other decorations is holly. Early Christians decorated their homes and churches with this tree, calling it the holy tree. The name holly may have come from that.

The pointed leaves supposedly resembled the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified and the red berries the blood He shed.

Christmas carols

The word carol comes from a Greek dance called a choralein which was accompanied by flute music. The dance later spread throughout Europe and became especially popular with the French who replaced the flute with singing.

People originally performed carols on several occasions during the year.

But by the 1600s, carols involved singing only, and Christmas had become the main holiday for these joyful songs.

As for Christmas cards, the first such card was created in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an English illustrator. It resembled a postcard and showed a large family enjoying a Christmas celebration. The message on the card read, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." About 1,000 cards were sold.

By 1860, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards had spread throughout Great Britain. The first Christmas cards manufactured in America were made in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German-born printer.

And if, during this Christmas season, you're looking for a good story to read, try the "Story of Christmas." It can be found in the gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament of the Bible.

According to Luke, an angel appeared to shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem and told them of Jesus' birth. Matthew tells of the Wise Men following a bright star that led them to Jesus.

Historic Trinity Church is at 1345 Gratiot Ave., between I-375 and Russell near Detroit's Eastern Market. For more information about the creche display, call the church at (313) 567-3100.

Church services observe 'the reason for the season'

Christmas candy has been a part of the holiday celebration for many years, but did you know that the candy cane was created to represent the real meaning of Christmas?

According to the story, a candy maker who wanted to tell children about the birth of Jesus in a way they would remember. He created a candy cane that was white, representing the virgin birth of Jesus and His sinlessness.

The candy maker shaped it into the letter J so that people would be reminded it is by the name of Jesus that people are saved from sin. Whether the letter J, or the shepherd's staff, it would show that Jesus is the shepherd, the Savior and the Lord.

To remember the tremendous price that Jesus paid for the sins of the world, the candy maker included red to represent the blood Jesus shed. Three small stripes were added to show His scourging and a large red strip for the blood he shed on the cross because of the nails and the spear.

As the legend goes, the candy maker made the candy cane, crafted with love, to help the children remember the wonderful gift of God's love at Christmas.

And it's candy canes that is what will be given to Sunday School children at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, after their Christmas program, "Here I Am! Send Me!" at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 21.

Christ Our Savior also will have its family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell choirs will perform.

At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshipers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ, handbell and instrumental music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m. at the Livonia campus. It will feature uplifting music with the choir and

instrumentalist.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

■ New Life Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve worship at 7 and 11 p.m. with a candlelight service of Communion. Special music will be provided by harpist D.L. Turner and keyboardist Ronnie J.

New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville Township. For more information, call pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181.

■ There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Family worship will be at 7 p.m. and will include choir anthems, a children's sermon and a Communion service.

The Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 11 p.m. will include choir anthems, a Communion service and candlelight ceremony, involving all worshipers. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

■ St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight Communion worship service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. A nursery will be provided, and the church is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

■ St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will have a family worship service with Holy Communion at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. Presented will be a cantata, "Angels of Christmas," with choir and narration. The music will be by John Purifoy, with the narration by the Rev. William Privette.

Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion will be at 10 a.m. at the church, 19542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of I-96. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2600.

■ Memorial Church of Christ's Christmas Eve service will feature a dramatic monologue, "Bartholomew's Tale," written and performed by Les Hardin. The service will be at 7 p.m. and will

include congregational singing and Communion. Memorial is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

■ Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve festival worship service at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Church of Today will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 and 7 p.m. The church meets at Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook south of Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

■ The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will have services with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 591-0211.

■ St. James Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

■ Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Filled with carol singing, special music and candlelight, the observance is designed for meditation and reflection and offers a moment to affirm Christian values in a not-so-Christian world. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve festival worship at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The service will include carols, the Christmas story, Communion and candlelight. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Heavily attended by family and friends of church members and community resi-

dents, participants are encouraged to arrive early. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have three services on Christmas Eve. The family service will be at 5 p.m., followed by a candlelight caroling service at 9 p.m. and a candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. The church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have its family celebration, featuring the Cherub and Children's Choirs, at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

The 8:30 p.m. service of Holy Communion and candle lighting will feature the Youth Choir and Bell Choir. Rev. Melanie Lee Carey's sermon will be "Don't Miss the Sign Because You're Looking for a Billboard."

The 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service will also include candle lighting and Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir will perform and the Rev. Thomas Badley will speak about "A Special Glow."

Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve family carol candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Special music will be provided by the Salem Choir and instrumentalists.

The festival service of the Nativity of the Lord will be held at 10 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-5550.

■ Faith United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve service will be at 8 p.m. and will include carols, lessons and candlelighting. The church is at 6020 Denton Road, at Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (734) 483-2276.

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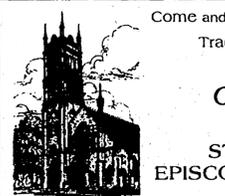
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10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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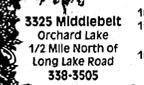
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Festival Communion Service at 10:00 a.m.

SALEM NATIONAL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Located between Farmington & Merriman Roads)
32430 Ann Arbor Trail Westland, Michigan

Children's Christmas Service December 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Family Carol & Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

The Festival Service of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25 at 10:00a.m.

Watch Night Service December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

14750 KINLOCH
Redford, Michigan (313) 532-8655

Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (313) 261-5422

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.

**CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!**

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 North Adams Rd.
Bloomfield Hills

Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children
7:30 p.m. Family
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
December 31st

7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
All-Nite Party for Youth Following
(3rd thru teens)
January 6th 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
The Festival of Lights



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

9083 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150
734-591-0211
The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar
Services December 24th
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist • 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Services December 25th
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
A Barrier Free Facility For The Handicapped

Agapé Family Worship Center

45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357
Regular Services: Sunday-9:30 am & Wednesday-7:00 pm
Holiday Services: Wednesday, December 24th - 7:00 pm
Communion and Special Music
Wednesday, December 31st - 7:00 pm
Praise and Worship Service
Fellowship Following Service

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 LONE PINE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302
248-646-5886
IN W. CONGREGATION LONE PINE AND THURGOOD

Christmas Eve Worship 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship • 10:00 a.m.
We Wish You A Blessed, Christ-Centered Christmas
NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP - 5:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

35300 West 8 Mile Road
Farmington Hills

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

Christmas Eve Services
5:30 p.m. Family Service of Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Southfield

23425 Lahser Road
one block north of 9 mile

Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Early Candlelight
10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight

248-357-1848
Barrier Free

Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.)

8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
(734)427-2290 (btwn Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Tr)

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus
Christ with communion and candlelight!
Nursery available

Dec. 24th, 7:00pm & 11:00pm Christmas
Eve Communion and Candlelight Services

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Come Worship at our New Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 6:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Family Learning Hour 9:45 a.m.

Bradley Gee, Senior Pastor
Deborah Fergus, Assoc. Pastor

29200 W. 12 Mile Rd.
East of Hagerly
248/553-7170

In a religion that was born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying.



New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

7 and 11 p.m. - Candlelight service with Holy Communion,
special music by harpist D.L. Turner and
keyboard player Ronnie Ibegns 15 minutes
before accompanies each service

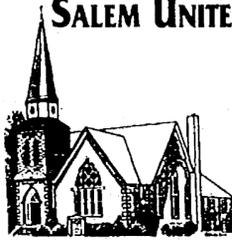
New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence
Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile Roads, in
Northville Township. Follow the New Life Signs to the chapel located
in the center of the complex. Pastor Ken Roberts: 734/459-8181.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Christmas Eve - December 24, 1997
 Dr. James N. McGuire, Preaching
 Candlelight Service with Brass Ensemble
 Four Identical Services
 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.
 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan - 313/422-1150



University Presbyterian Church
 1385 S. Adams Rd.
 Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400

Christmas Eve Services
 7 p.m. Family Service
 Music by Children's Choirs
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
 Music by Youth and Chancel Choirs



SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 33424 Oakland Avenue
 Downtown Farmington
 (248) 474-6880

CHRISTMAS EVE
 Wednesday - 8 p.m.
 Holy Communion



ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (USA)
 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
 between Merriman & Farmington
 Livonia, Michigan • 313-422-0494

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1997
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
 We welcome you to a full program church
 The Rev. Richard J. Peters - Senior Minister
 The Rev. Ruth L. Billington - Associate Minister
 Visit Our Web Site at www.geocities.com/~rosedale

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth, MI • 313/459-9550

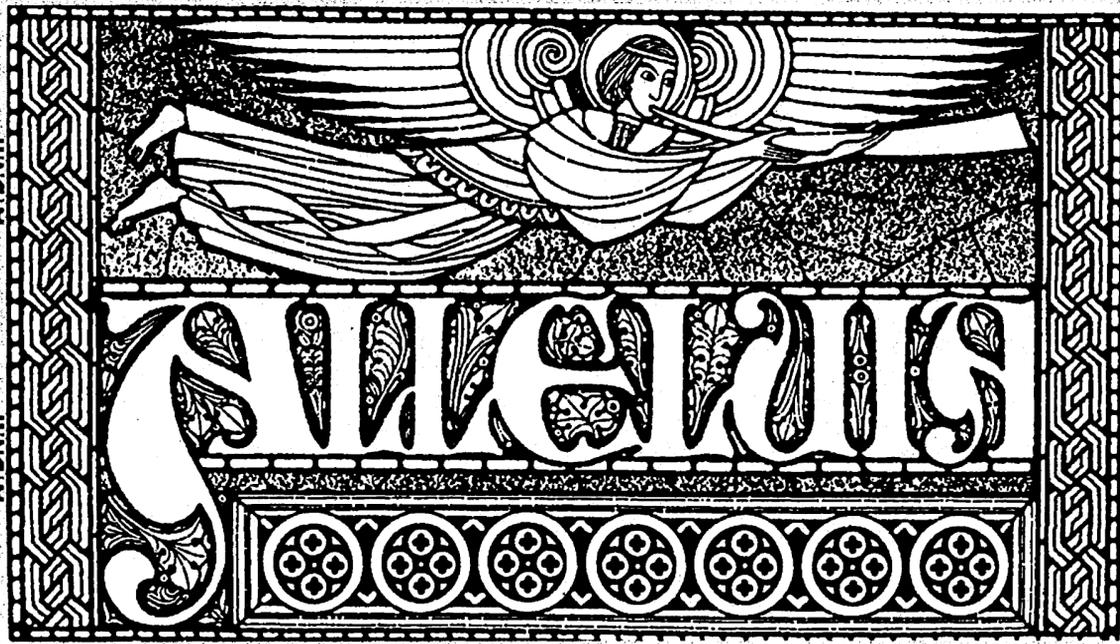
Christmas Eve Services
 * 5:00p.m. Family candlelight Service
 * 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Candlelight service
 * 11:00 p.m. Midnight Candlelight Service
 'The Four Voices of Christmas'
 Dr. William C. Moore, Preaching
 *Nursery for Infant through Pre-Kindergarten



NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 9435 Henry Ruff at W. Chicago
 Livonia, MI 48150 - 421-5406
 Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 10:00 p.m.

Welcome & Merry Christmas to All!



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 5835 Sheldon Road • Canton
 313-459-0013

Special Christmas Evening Services
 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Family Services
 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm Communion



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH
 Church and Main Street
 453-6464

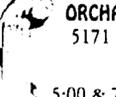
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
(Special music precedes each service)
 3:00 pm God's Gang Puppets and Handbells
 5:00 pm Journey to Bethlehem with Living Nativity
 8:00 & 11:00 pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Services
 December 28 - 10:00 am Worship

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (USA)
 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia 734/422-1470
(one block west of Inkster Road)

Christmas Eve Worship Times
 5:00 PM Family Service
 9:00 PM Carols and Candlelight
 11:00 PM Traditional Communion & Candlelight
 Wheelchair Accessible
www.sppc.org

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Service
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 11:00 a.m.
 Children's Program
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Service
 Wednesday, Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m.
Covenant Alliance Church
 15858 E. 13 Mile Rd.
 (1 block west of Greenfield)
 (248) 644-9009



ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake 248-682-0730

Join us for Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Children's Pageant (Child Care Provided)
 9:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Regular Sunday Worship at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
 Child Care, Full Children and Youth Programs
"Caring for Christ"

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 280 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy
 248-871310

December 23
 Penance Service 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve, December 24
 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, December 25
 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 New Year's Eve 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
 1038 Harding, Rochester Hills
 248-656-0120

Sunday Services, Sunday School and Nursery 11:00 am

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Candle Lighting Service/ Concert
 Sunday, December 21 5:00 pm
Burning Bowl/White Stone Service
 Sunday, December 28 11:00 am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 pm Family Service (Nursery Provided)
 8:00 pm Holy Communion Service
 10:30 pm Special Music
 11:00 pm Candlelight Service
 Corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Rds.
 248-474-6170



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 48755 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-451-0444

Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th - 4:30 & 10:00 p.m.
 CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:00 a.m.
 NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st - 4:30 p.m.
 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Jan. 1st - 10:30 a.m.



ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 6869 Franklin (South of Maple) • 626-0840

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve: 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
 Caroling at 9:15 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:00 and 12:00 Noon
Everyone Welcome

ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI
 (just south of Six Mile Road) (313) 484-8844

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 1997 7:30 p.m.
 Nursery Provided Wheelchair Accessible



St. Michael Catholic Church
 25225 Code Rd. (corner of Ten Mile West of Lahser)
 Southfield, MI 48034
 248-356-8787

Christmas Masses
 December 24:
 5 p.m. & Midnight
 December 25:
 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Church of St. Alexander
 27835 Shilawassee • Farmington Hills • 248-474-5748

Christmas Eve
 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Children's Liturgies
 10 p.m. Mid-Night Mass
 Christmas Day - 10 a.m.
 New Years Eve • Midnight Mass - 12:00 Midnight
 New Years Day - 10 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1669 W. Maple Road
 (between Southfield and Cranbrook)
 Ronald P. Byars, Ph.D., Pastor



CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. - Family Service - Children's Musical
 The Christmas Story through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts
 8:00 p.m. - Sermon and Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. - Service with "Gloria" by John Rutter
 Chancel choir accompanied by First Brass

644-2040
 Saturdays 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.



St. John Neumann Parish
 44800 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-455-5910

Communal Reconciliation
 Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 P.M.

Individual Reconciliation
 Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Liturgy of Christmas
 Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 P.M.
 Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family
 Saturday, Dec. 27 at 4:30, 6:30 P.M.
 Sunday, Dec. 28 at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

"Come celebrate with us the gift of God's Love"




We Welcome You to Celebrate With Us

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
 23815 Power Rd. at Shilawassee
 (S of 10 Mile bet Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
 Farmington, MI 48336

Rev. David F. West
 Rev. Arthur W. Torres
 Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Shukry
 Rev. Douglas J. Biggott
 Rev. Louis F. O'Dea

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 24	Thursday, December 25
3:30 p.m. Children's Pageant	8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass with Children	9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass
4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass	11:18 a.m. Christmas Mass
11:00 p.m. Pre-Mass Program	1:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
12:00 Midnight Mass	

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD SCHEDULE
 (Fridays of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31	Thursday, January 1
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	7:30 a.m. Mass
	11:18 a.m. Mass