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THE WEEK AHEAD

Glass act: *D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel is featuring stained glass art by award-winning artist Joe Slezak of Plymouth in the Artist Gallery, 8691 N. Lilley and Joy, Canton. Call (734) 453-3710 for information. This spring, Slezak will have a book published on original stained glass patterns.*

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Open auditions: *The Plymouth Community Chorus will have open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon. Rehearsals for annual spring concert begin Jan. 13. (734) 455-4080.*

WEDNESDAY

WinterFest: *A meeting to discuss ideas for Westland's WinterFest will be at 7 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.*

THURSDAY

Hilberry show: *"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" by Eduardo de Filippo will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 through Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Hilberry on the Wayne State University campus. \$10-17 (313) 577-2972.*

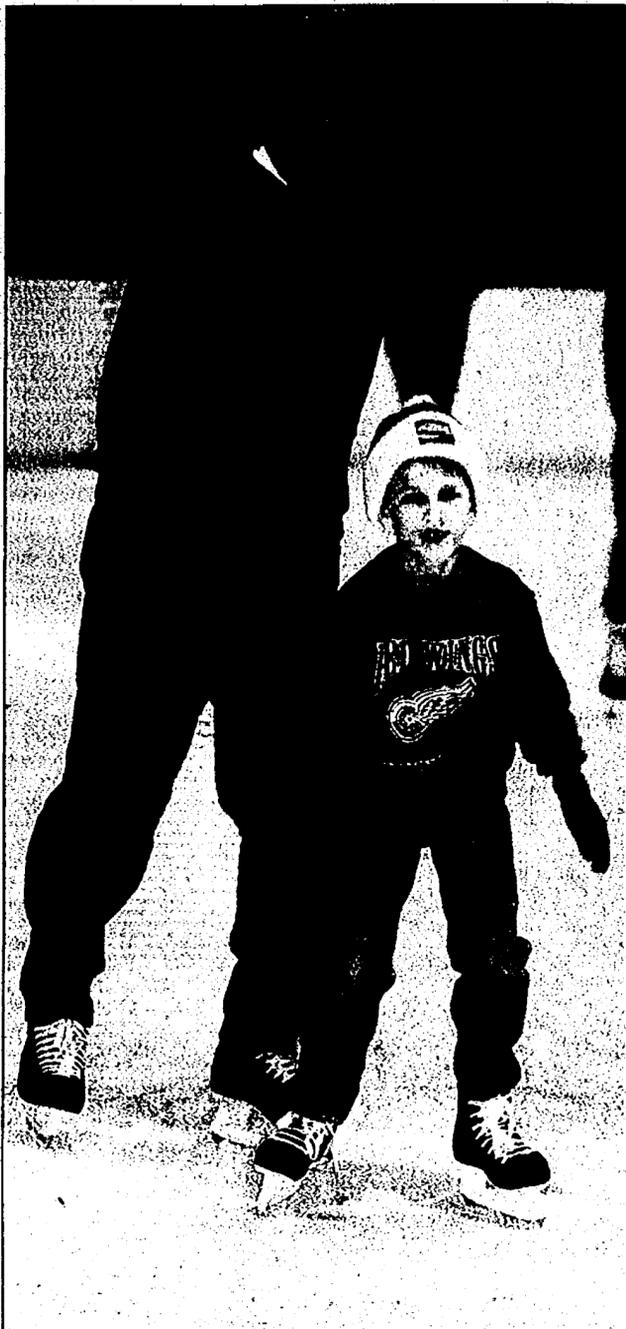
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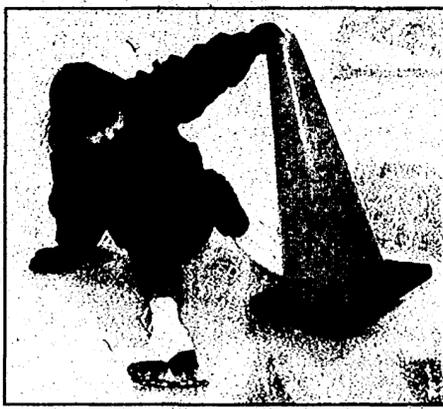
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Smooth skating



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD



On Ice: Above, T.J. Jablonski, 7, takes his first spin on skates with his dad, Steve Conley. At left, Dawn Fournier tries to right herself after taking a tumble. For more, please see page A3.

Thomas spends \$111,530 in '97 re-election bid

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas spent \$111,530 in his bid for re-election in 1997 as compared to \$8,917 spent by challenger Kenneth Mehl, new campaign expense reports show.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas shelled out \$111,530 in election year 1997 compared to just \$8,917 spent by challenger Kenneth Mehl, new campaign expense reports show.

That means Thomas plunked down \$12.50 for every \$1 spent by Mehl, turning a big-spending campaign into a third-term victory.

Thomas has spent \$277,484 in the last four years, according to expense reports filed at the City-County Building in Detroit. That fueled heavy criticism from Mehl, who said money has become too important in local elections.

Moreover, former Councilman Mehl charged during a telephone interview that Thomas accepts too much money from contractors, developers and employee unions who stand to gain financially by snuggling up to the mayor.

"They are contributing to this guy's war chest in return for something they're going to get back," he said.

Thomas retorted during a separate interview, "It's the same people he collected money from when he was a council member."

Mehl also accused Thomas of improperly spending campaign money by entertaining friends and political supporters and by using fund-raising money for vacations timed around conventions in places like Hawaii.

"The money is not being spent on the campaign," Mehl said. "I think it's going for entertainment, and there are some questionable expenditures."

Thomas responded, "That's his opinion. I don't think we spend money on anything that's not proper."

Is it excessive?

Mehl called it excessive that Thomas

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Mayor fires city's personnel director

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas has fired his eight-year personnel director as he continues a staff realignment for his new four-year term.

Thomas notified Personnel Director Kent Herbert by letter that his last day on the job will be Jan. 16.

"We had some differences of opinion," Thomas told the Observer.

"The mayor is the captain of the ship, and he decides which way to steer it," he added.

Thomas declined to elaborate on his reasons for firing Herbert, but the departing personnel director hinted at deep philosophical differences.

"We had sharply differing views on how to conduct (employee) contract negotiations and the way directors have been treated," Herbert said.

"I hope the next person is able to influence him more positively than I have for the benefit of the taxpayers," Herbert said of Thomas. "I believe that government is here for the benefit of the taxpayers and not for the benefit of elected officials."

Thomas hired Herbert as his personnel director eight years ago. The firing

comes as Thomas enters his third, unprecedented four-year term as mayor.

Herbert, 48, was originally hired by the city in 1972, serving as staff accountant, Westland's first budget director, grants director and top finance official during a 10-year stint. He then served on the Westland City Council in 1982-89 prior to his appointment as personnel director.

Herbert, who is still seeking a new position, will be replaced by longtime Assistant City Attorney Keith Madden, who will become personnel director Jan. 19.

In another high-level realignment, Thomas has chosen Tim McCurley, former city budget director, to replace now-departed Finance Director Michael Gorman.

McCurley's appointment became effective Thursday, one day after Gorman officially left his 12-year job to pursue other interests. Gorman's departure, announced in December, was publicly described as amicable.

McCurley returns after leaving his Westland budget director's post in October 1994. He worked in the private

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Safety at intersection questioned

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School ninth-grader Christina Raymond still wears a knee brace and undergoes physical therapy, nearly two months after a car hit her in the Marquette-Carlson intersection.

She and three friends were crossing busy Marquette after school when she accidentally stepped into the path of a male motorist driving west.

"I hit his hood, then I hit his windshield," Raymond said. "I broke his (radio) antenna and a head light, and then I fell to the ground."

"I didn't see the car," she said.

Raymond suffered a chipped bone in her right knee, forcing her to wear a leg brace, then a leg cast, then another leg brace and, finally, just a knee brace. She also had leg injuries including torn ligaments and tendons and ruptured veins.

Her doctor still hasn't ruled out surgery.

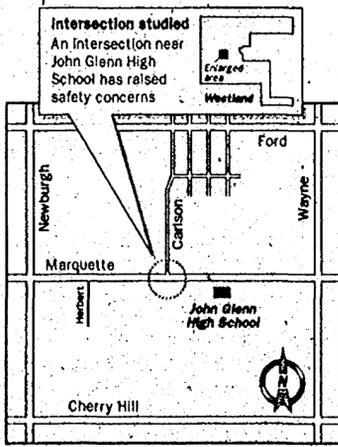
Raymond and her mother, Tina Schweim, are among a growing number of students and parents who believe the three-way Marquette-Carlson intersection is unsafe and needs a traffic light or - at least - stop signs in all directions.

"The traffic is terrible in the morning and after school," Tina Schweim said in a letter to the Observer. "Cars don't stop to let the kids cross ... They have to dodge cars all the time."

Parent Linda Long has waged a campaign for more than a year to convince officials from the city of Westland, Wayne County and the Wayne-Westland School District to improve the intersection. She said her 11th-grade daughter has talked of near-accidents while walking across Marquette.

"That concerns me greatly," Long

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TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Road to riches

It looks like 1998 will be a beautiful new year for Maria Derna. The Westland homemaker won \$10,000 Dec. 27 on the Michigan Lottery's weekly TV game show, "Road to Riches."

Derna, 49, said her how-to-spend list included paying off bills, sharing with her family and "treating myself to a younger look." The former machine shop supervisor said sewing and spending time with her grandchildren are among her favorite pastimes.

On "Road to Riches" where all roads lead to prize money, contestants select travel symbols from the "Boulevard of Bucks," "Leisure Lane," "Easy Street" and "Road to Riches" game boards. The contestant winning the closest amount to \$1,000 without going

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over in the first four rounds advances to the final round - the home of the big vault. The player then chooses the correct key to open the vault. If successful on the first try, the player wins \$50,000. Subsequent tries bring prizes of \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000. The weekly show stems from the Michigan Lottery's instant games. Players can enter a drawing to be a contestant on the "Road to Riches" show by sending in three non-winning tickets

Back from Bosnia

Army Spec. Christopher P. Chirpka has returned to Fort Drum, Watertown, N.Y., after a seven-month deployment to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Guard. The returning soldiers are the last element of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum to leave Bosnia.

While deployed to Bosnia, the soldiers' mission was to defend a vital bridge over the Sava River. The ongoing mission to defend the bridge will be assigned to replacement troops.

Chirpka, a signal support system specialist, is the son of Kenneth C. Chirpka of Redford and brother of Susan Patterson of Westland.

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would spend \$111,530 in 1997, alone, for a job that has a current base salary of \$77,084.

The dispute over campaign finances indicates that a long-standing feud between these two political enemies shows no sign of abating. Their conflict continues in the wake of a 1997 mayoral election won handily by Thomas, who garnered 7,028 votes to Mehl's 4,111.

Meanwhile in the Westland City Council race, four incumbents who defeated two opponents also have filed campaign expense reports.

Council president Sandra Cicirelli spent less than any other incumbent at \$11,861, yet she emerged as the top vote-getter for her third consecutive four-year term. She credited her most-votes-per-dollar spent victory to her legislative record and a well-polished campaign.

Two campaign committees that supported Councilman Charles "Tray" Griffin made him the top council spender at \$17,035, although he finished last among the four winners to receive a two-year term.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc

ranked second in votes and second in spending; he spent \$14,515 to win a four-year term.

Similarly, Councilwoman Sharon Scott ranked third in votes and third in spending; she shelled out \$12,323 for a four-year term.

"Most of my money goes to the U.S. postmaster," Scott said.

She said she uses campaign money for political literature and signs, although she believes that her name recognition also boosted her to victory.

"I just think it's too bad for the money we spend that we don't get out more people to vote," Scott said.

Only 20 percent of Westland's registered voters cast ballots Nov. 4.

Deadline missed

Unsuccessful council challenger Dennis LeMaitre missed the post-election filing deadline for campaign expense reports and faced fines of \$25 a day, with a cap of \$500. Challenger Dorothy Smith didn't have to file documents because she spent less than \$1,000.

Mehl, meanwhile, questioned

why Thomas has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in office.

"In a city the size of Westland, it doesn't make any sense that you have to do that," he said.

But Thomas said much of his spending isn't directly related to elections.

"I'm taking a wild stab at it, but I'd say we spent about \$40,000 to \$50,000 on this (1997) election," he said.

Thomas said he spends money each year to send birthday letters to city residents, to buy tickets for various charitable fundraisers, to donate money for student trips, to pay for functions such as mayoral balls, and to attend events such as the 1997 Freedom Fund Dinner sponsored by the western Wayne County NAACP chapter.

Thomas said he also treats his staff to parties and dinners, often to discuss city business.

The mayor's expense reports also show that he spent money on such items as pagers for staff members, car phones, picnics for constituents and a scholarship program for John Glenn High School's marching band.

Mehl noted that Thomas was

single out in some newspaper reports for collecting more than the allowable \$500 cap from individual supporters in 1997. Mehl charged that Thomas violated campaign rules that took effect last March and that other violations are possible.

Thomas said election law changes occurred after he and his supporters already had planned to charge \$540 for a golfing event that fueled some of the problems.

Thomas has said he will refund money that his campaign shouldn't have received. Although he said Tuesday that he didn't know the specific amount that must be refunded under state law, he estimated the tab at \$4,000 to \$5,000.

"That's what we're guessing," he said.

Paying the tab shouldn't be a problem: The mayor's expense reports show he had a post-election surplus of \$46,791.

Next, the Observer names contributors who boosted campaign coffers of local candidates and how new laws will change fundraising efforts.

Council study session to look at pensions

A long-awaited Westland City Council study session dealing with controversial council pensions has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held in council chambers on the second floor of Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

Council members Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc have been pushing for a session to discuss council pensions, which they say should be eliminated.

Pensions to be received by current council members range from several hundred dollars to

more than \$40,000, although the positions are only part-time.

Any move to eliminate council pensions would affect only future council members, not those who are now serving or who have previously served.

Anderson and LeBlanc oppose the current pension system, in part, because it allows council

members to earn full-time pension credit for their part-time positions, if they ever held a full-time city job.

The issue has gained widespread attention, but council members publicly will be discussing it at length for the first time during the Jan. 12 study session.

District court to hear cases up to \$25,000

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

18TH DISTRICT

A former \$10,000 ceiling on civil cases filed in Westland 18th District Court has been raised to \$25,000.

"People can now sue up to \$25,000 in the local court," court administrator David Wiacek said.

The change became effective for cases filed Friday and thereafter.

Despite the significant increase in jurisdiction, however, court officials don't expect a huge upswing in cases, Wiacek said.

Local courts don't predict they will see more personal injury lawsuits, which usually seek large settlements, he said.

Those suits will continue to be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court, which will be in charge of civil cases over \$25,000.

However, local judges could begin seeing more civil cases stemming from issues such as contractual disputes, Wiacek said.

A lawsuit against a contractor accused of failing to perform \$15,000 in home repairs would now be heard in district court, rather than circuit court.

"We may get some more of

those kinds of cases," Wiacek said.

Westland District Judges C. Charles Bokos and Gail McKnight handled 1,243 civil cases in 1996, Wiacek said. Totals for 1997 hadn't been tabulated.

"I'd say we'll get about 100 more cases a year with the new changes," Wiacek said. "We'll probably have 1,300 to 1,400 civil cases."

Anyone filing cases in local district courts also will face a new fee structure that accompanies the increased jurisdiction, Wiacek said.

Civil cases over \$10,000 will require a \$100 filing fee and, in some cases, a \$20 motion fee, Wiacek said.

Civil suits under \$10,000 will require filing fees up to \$100, he said, although specific fees will depend on the amount of damages sought in lawsuits.

Local court officials didn't impose the new fees on their own. Rather, fee changes have been mandated by the state to coincide with the increase in civil jurisdiction to \$25,000, Wiacek said.

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Westland city officials have considered the possible need for a traffic light to accommodate sometimes-heavy traffic due to schools and senior citizen high-rise buildings on Marquette, including a new residential complex near Wayne Road, said Sgt. Peter Brokas of the Westland Police Department.

A possible traffic light has been under study for a year, but it faces hurdles.

"Would it be nice? Yes. Will it be needed in the future? Yes," Brokas said.

Will it happen soon? Nobody knows.

One hurdle stems from a John Glenn High School parking lot entrance, east of Carlson and Marquette, that would have to be moved.

"Otherwise, it's virtually impossible to make it a safe intersection by signaling it," Brokas said.

Linda Long said she has heard speculation that aligning the entrance with Carlson could double or even triple the \$35,000 to \$40,000 price tag that Brokas placed on a traffic light.

Westland officials would likely want the school district to help pay the cost, Brokas said, but school officials haven't committed to the project.

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sector and became Milan finance director before being lured back by Thomas.

The mayor's decision to appoint Madden and McCurley won't require Westland City Council approval, although his salary recommendations will.

Thomas may hire Madden and

City police officials also have indicated they will try to seek a grant to help pay the tab, Long said.

Brokas said the Marquette-Carlson intersection technically isn't considered unsafe, although it could become more hazardous and warrant a traffic light as the number of motorists increases.

"There are very few accidents directly related to the intersection," he said. "It's not an unsafe intersection."

Westland police recorded eight accidents at or near the intersection in all of 1997. Of those, Brokas said no more than four occurred directly in the intersection.

Most accidents amount to fender-benders, he said.

In considering a possible traffic light, city leaders "have taken the bull by the horn" to address a traffic problem that could become worse, Brokas said.

For now, however, no specific plan has received a nod of approval, much less a timetable for completing it.

Long remains hopeful, and she indicated that she has fought too long to give up her battle now.

"It's been a very frustrating and long road," she said.

McCurley and pay them 85 percent of the maximum salary for their jobs without council approval, but he told the Observer he wants to bring them in at 95 percent.

That would mean a \$66,864 salary for McCurley (less than Gorman's \$67,010) and a \$60,178 salary for Madden (more than Herbert's \$58,400), according to City Hall figures.

McCurley and Madden will join yet another new administration official, fire Chief Mark Neal, in a 1998 realignment.

Neal was recently named to succeed fire Chief Michael Reddy following tests administered by the Westland Civil Service Commission. Reddy plans to retire Jan. 16 to pursue business interests, such as a new Westland-based brewery and grill, and he has indicated he will seek election to the Westland City Council in 1999.

Reddy's departure ended a 21-year career with the Westland Fire Department.

Thomas, meanwhile, has announced that Robert Tolliver will continue as construction and maintenance superintendent — a position he has held since Bruce Guertin retired, several months ago. Tolliver has been a city employee since September 1971.

James Zoumbaris, a longtime engineering department employee, will replace Tolliver as water and sewer superintendent, Thomas said. Zoumbaris has been a city employee since January 1970.

Thomas said no other administrative changes are expected in the near future.

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Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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In the spin: Amanda Moran, 12, and her friend Ashley Mijal, 12, do a high-speed spin together.

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Slow going: In their first time on their new skates, Tammy Fournier, 5, and Dawn Fournier, 6, use traffic cones to help them stay upright as they maneuver around the rink.



Fun for all: At right, Eric Franz, 7, does some high-speed skating just like those Red Wings do down at the Joe. Above, Allison Franz, 4 1/2 doesn't skate quite as fast as her brother, Eric, but we've all got to start somewhere.

Arena offers skaters of all ages icy fun

The Westland Sports Arena is a busy place, opening at 6 a.m. and remaining open until midnight during the week, and until 3 a.m. on the weekends. Manager Tammy Hombirg says most of the time is set aside for figure and ice skating lessons, as well as for hockey.

However, there is some time left for open skating. Monday through Friday, open skating is from noon until 1:45 p.m. The cost is \$2.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children 17 and under. On Saturday and Sunday, open skating is 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., with the cost a dollar more per person.

For those who don't know how to skate, Hombirg says there are ice skating lessons offered at the rink. The seven-week ice skating lessons cost \$31.50, and are held on Mondays and Saturdays. Skate rental is \$2.



Father and sons: Frank Lane skates with two of his sons, Austin, 3, and Chad, 5. Not shown but part of the outing is Frank Jr., age 7.

OBITUARIES

MARTHA B. AGEE

Martha B. Agee died Dec. 25 in Westland. Born Nov. 22, 1925, in New Kensington, Pa., she was a retired nuclear medicine technician.

She began her career as an X-ray technician at Sinai Hospital and later became an isotope technician and then a nuclear medicine technologist.

She worked at Harper Hospital and then retired at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She lived in Detroit and Bloomfield before moving to Northville.

She is survived by a sister, Rose Jean Swisher of Canton, a brother, Richard Agee of Colorado, and a niece, Janet Sockolosky of Plymouth.

She was a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

A memorial is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Northville, with the Rev. Kent Clise and the Rev. James Russell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute or First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

AHMAD "EDDIE" MOHAMMED

Funeral services for Ahmad "Eddie" Mohammed of Westland were Dec. 31 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. William Mercer, a retired Methodist minister, officiated.

Mr. Mohammed was born April 16, 1934, in Detroit. He died Dec. 27 in Garden City.

He was a supervisor for an automotive company.

Survivors include: his wife, Dolores J.; daughter, Dawn Wilson; brother and sister, Allie and Marian Mamlouk; grandchildren, Austin and Robert.

DONALD OTTO BIRD

Donald Otto Bird of Redford died Dec. 5 in Garden City. Born in Detroit, Mr. Bird was in sales for Kraft Foods.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; children, Donna Hedges of Texas, James Craig of North Carolina and Sally Harris of Westland; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Dec. 9 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

DOROTHY MAY KORNE

Dorothy May Korne of Wayne died Dec. 24 in Wayne. Born June 3, 1924, in Detroit, she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Christopher, of Westland and sister, Barbara Eidelhoch.

Services were Monday, Dec. 29, at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. David Abbott of First Presbyterian Church of Wayne officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

Memorial tributes may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Wayne, 32744 Annapolis, Wayne.

LEON F. DEBIEN

Funeral services for Leon F. Debien of Westland were Dec. 31 at St. Damian Catholic Church with arrangements by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Born Jan. 6, 1927, in Crosswell, Mich., Mr. Debien was a broker for the stock market.

Survivors include: wife, Geraldine; sons, John and Leon; daughters, Ann Marie McMillan, Michelle Brunsch, Marilyn Woodruff and Patricia O'Brien; brother, Leo; sister, Theresa Brown; and 11 grandchildren.

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The following Westland students from Westland have been awarded a scholarship based on merit and/or financial need:

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Students who qualify for a Presidential or a General Walsh College scholarship, which is based solely on merit, must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 or better. Other scholarships are also based on merit or a combination of merit and need.

Marissa Hope Maybouer of Westland is a degree candidate for fall 1997 at Michigan State University. Maybouer is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in advertising.

Ronald Schomer of Westland has been named to the dean's

list for fall term at Northwood University. Schomer, a freshman, is the son of Ronald Schomer of Westland. Northwood is a private college specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education with campuses in Michigan, Florida, and Texas.

Albion College freshman **Lori M. Leszczynski** has been accepted in to the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management. She is the daughter of Alan and Nancy Leszczynski of Livonia and a graduate of Churchill High School.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker program through a process based on academic achievement and leadership abilities. Gerstacker students must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and fulfill at least two internships in a range of business settings. Albion College is a private liberal arts college in Albion.

Air Force Airman Joseph E. Goozee has graduated from basic military training at Lack-

land Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Goozee studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Goozee is the son of Dennis A. Goozee of Livonia and Deborah A. Avevilla of Detroit. Goozee is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

Matthew A. Cox, son of Kirby and Lynn Cox, has been accepted at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale. Cox plans to major in political science. At Churchill High School he is a member of the debate and forensics teams.

Two Westland residents were among the more than 400 students who received degrees from Michigan Technological University at fall commencement in November.

Matthew J. Kelly of Westland received an associate in applied science in electrical engineering technology.

Andrew Michael Szorny

graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Erikson Karmol of Westland, a law student, has been named a member of the Law Review at the University of Toledo's College of Law. The Law Review, first published in 1969, is devoted to the scholarly discussion of current legal problems. It contains articles by legal scholars and professionals, comments by students on new developments in law, and short discussions by students on noteworthy cases. It is published four times a year.

Eastern Michigan University hosted commencement exercises Dec. 14 in EMU's Bowen Field House. Westland residents receiving bachelor's degrees are: **Edward Joseph Abate**, **Sally Adel Amer**, **Paul David Apsley Jr.**, **Roger E. Ash Jr.**, **Benjamin McKay Ayotte**, **Daryl Robert Biallas**, **Marsha S. Bianconi**, **Carrie Lee Blaisdell**, **Amy Michelle Bray**, **Gregory Bradford Chipps**, **Christopher Douglas Cook**, **Eric Sean Crawford**, **Lori Ann Duff**, **Melanie Marie Formosa**, **Jeffrey William Gawu-**

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Several Schoolcraft College students from Westland have won Faculty Academic Scholarships for the winter 1998 semester. The award may be used for tuition, all fees, books and supplies at Schoolcraft. The Westland winners are: **Charlene Ann Guinn** in biology; **Michelle M. Kapchus** in corrections and **Mary Oliverson** in occupational therapy assistant.

Sixty-one students received a total of \$22,650 in Faculty Academic Scholarships, with individual awards ranging between \$250 and \$500. In addition to the general requirements of 12 credit hours completed at Schoolcraft by fall 1996 and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, award winners met criteria

established by the faculty in each discipline.

Alicia Dehelean of Westland attended the Interlochen Arts Camp in northern lower Michigan this past summer as a 1997 recipient of the Weatherwax Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Susan Dehelean of Westland.

She was a High School Girl Camper who majored in theater during her eight-week stay at Interlochen Arts Camp.

"The benefit of going to Interlochen is that you have many different teachers and learn so much," Alicia said in a press release.

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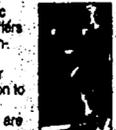
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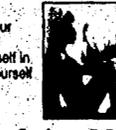
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Westland police seek tip on missing money

Westland police are looking for someone who may be suffering a guilty conscience after finding \$3,693.

An employee of a Sunoco station at Ford and Newburgh

reported losing the money as she was going to deposit it at a local bank on the afternoon of Dec. 26.

The money was wrapped in a deposit slip, police Sgt. Harry Misener said, based on state-

ments made to police. He urged anyone who found the money to return it. Misener can be reached at 721-6311 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Metroparks

'98 to be record year for capital improvement projects, recreation plan

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Huron-Clinton Metroparks will invest a record \$13.6 in capital improvements in 1998, mainly because three major projects were delayed politically in 1997.

This will be "the first year of the authority's five-year recreation plan," said controller David L. Wahl as he submitted a \$48.6 million budget that the board approved.

The 13 Metroparks serving Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Macomb and St. Clair counties draw nine million visitors last year, despite bad August weather that hurt pool revenues and continued Lake St. Clair pollution problems at Metro Beach.

Property owners - taxed 0.2236 mills or \$16.77 a year on a house with a market value of \$153,000 and taxable value of \$75,000 - provide \$22.1 million or a little less than half the total budget.

Major breakdowns: 45 percent for park operations, 28 percent for park capital improvements, and 10.5 percent for equipment, engineering, and administrative office.

With one major exception, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's budget is aimed at developing recreational capital rather than land acquisition. It will add one full-time employee - to 188 - over last year.

HCMA carried over a whopping \$9.6 million it couldn't spend last year. "During 1997,

delays were encountered in getting major construction projects off the ground," said Wahl. Among them:

■ "The temporary injunction against the Family Aquatic Center at Indian Springs prevented \$7.2 million of construction projects from being let." Located in Springfield and White Lake townships northwest of Pontiac, Indian Springs will see the \$9.9 million aquatic center become a reality this year.

■ "Political uncertainties with Harrison Township officials created a delay in awarding construction contracts for the \$1 million Metro Beach West Boat Launch." That highly publicized battle was over HCMA's plan to place a boat launch on the shores of Lake St. Clair. The present boat launch is upstream. The state will put up a \$750,000 recreational grant.

■ "Delays were encountered in obtaining appropriate permits from Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the \$500,000 Lake Erie Shoreline Trail." With its wave pool, Lake Erie has leaped into third place, just behind Metro Beach, as a revenue-producer for HCMA.

■ HCMA also carried over \$200,000 for upgrading Malby Road leading to Huron Meadows, in Green Oak Township of Livingston County. The newest Metropark, Huron Meadows has jumped into the middle of the revenue pack with its 18-hole

golf course. The major new acquisition will be Northbrook Golf Course near Wolcott Mill Metropark in the middle of Macomb County. An application for a state grant fell through, so HCMA will use its own funds.

Here are capital improvements planned for nearby popular Metroparks:

Kensington, in Milford and Green Oak townships - \$318,000 for upgrading a comfort station near the east boat launch, pesticide storage building, lighting at the farm center and general equipment. The most popular Metropark, Kensington, starting its 50th year, provides nearly 20 percent of HCMA's operating revenue.

Stony Creek, northeast of Rochester in Oakland and Macomb counties - \$256,000 for a fishing pier walk, picnic shelter, boat piers, and general equipment.

Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron and Delhi on the Huron River northwest of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County - Hudson Mills will see road and tennis court repairs, a pesticide storage building and general equipment; Dexter and Delhi have planning money.

Lower Huron and Willow, straddling I-275 in southern Wayne County - completion of a 3.2 mile hike-bike trail started last year. Willow will see \$262,000 in landscaping, picnic shelter and equipment improvements. Lower Huron will see

repairs on the pool deck and waterside flume, along with a gypsy moth suppression program.

Oakwoods, downstream from Lower Huron and Willow - \$10,000 for a new canoe launch. The Huron meanders through wetlands in this largely natural area.

Entry fees are unchanged. For vehicles they will be \$15 for a season pass, \$8 for a senior citizen annual, \$3 for a one-day pass on weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays but free on Wednesdays. For boat launching, fees are \$18 for a season pass, \$9 for a senior citizen season pass, \$4 for weekends and holidays, \$3 for weekdays but free on Wednesdays.

The eight-member board has seen only one change in the last year: Maxine Perry of Southfield vacated her Liquor Control Commission job to take a gubernatorial appointment. The other gubernatorial appointee is Macomb County board chair John C. Hertel.

Representing county boards are banker James Clarkson of Oakland, businessman William E. Kreger of Wayne, professor Robert Marans of Washtenaw, James Young of Livingston and Thomas Welsh, a Macomb County official.

HCMA was formed in 1939. The next year, voters approved a 0.25-mill property tax, which has been pared down to 0.2236 by the Headlee tax limitation amendment.

2 file for commission seat, deadline Tuesday

A South Redford school board member has filed to run for the Wayne County Commission.

Kathleen Husk, a Republican from Redford Township, paid a \$100 filing fee on Dec. 22 at the county's elections division office to declare her candidacy. Husk joins Edward Plawecki Sr., a Democrat from Dearborn Heights, who filed his candidacy in early December.

Plawecki, a former UAW activist and local official, was appointed by county commissioners on Nov. 20 to fill the commission seat vacated by the resignation of Michelle Plawecki until elections can be held this winter. Edward Plawecki Sr., 75, is the grandfather of Michelle

Plawecki. Husk, 42, resides on Woodbine in Redford Township. Husk has served on the South Redford school board for 2 1/2 years.

If elected, Husk hopes to research ways to ease the financial burden of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Redford Township must pay for retention basin construction to help control combined sewer overflows that empty raw sewage into the Rouge. The first basin cost \$20 million, and Redford may need to build two more.

"This is just a terrible financial burden on the communities," Husk said.

On current county issues, Husk supports the commission's

approval of an increased budget for the auditor general and believes commissioners do not need county-financed lease cars.

On her tenure on the school board, Husk said, "I thought I represented parents, students and teachers, and brought the community into the school board meetings. I think I've listened to their concerns, and it has helped inform the school board, which has resulted in better schools."

Husk also has been a water safety instructor for 14 years.

Deadline is Tuesday

Registered voters who reside in the Ninth District can run for the commission seat, but they must file nominating petitions or

pay the \$100 filing fee by 4 p.m. Tuesday. Candidates who file nominating petitions must turn in a minimum of 183 signatures if running as a Democrat, or 289 if running as a Republican.

Candidates also have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the race if they change their minds about running, but the \$100 filing fee is not refundable, county officials said.

The district contains Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and part of Livonia, east of Middlebelt.

A primary election will be held in those communities on Feb. 10 and a general election on March 10.

Historian to speak at WSU's King celebration

Wilson J. Moses, history professor at Pennsylvania State University, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon Jan. 19 at Wayne State University in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Moses is the author of four books and his fifth, *Afrotopia: Roots of African-American Popular History*, will be published in June 1998. He has edited three books, written 33 chapters in scholarly books and numerous journal articles.

Prior to joining the faculty at Penn State Moses served as professor of Afro-American Studies and American Civilization at

Brown University and also was professor of English and history and director of Afro-American studies at Boston University. He was Fulbright guest professor at the University of Vienna.

The luncheon begins at noon and will be held in WSU's Community Arts Gallery. Tickets

cost \$25. His speech will be televised free at 1 p.m. in the Community Arts Auditorium.

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Teen-agers from all over the world dream of coming to America to spend a year as an exchange student with an American family and attending an American high school.

Students take English tests, undergo personal interviews, save their money, prepare an appli-

cation, gather references and then hope for an American family to open its home and heart, said Lynne Levenbach.

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"At the same time, your family will learn and grow as you exchange ideas and compare lifestyles," added Gideon Levenbach.

For more information, call the Levenbachs at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-6851.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

Pain management

The House has passed 103-0 bills to create a pain management education program for patients and doctors. The bills will be taken up by the Senate in January.

"Persons living with chronic pain will benefit from this legislation because it gives them access to complete information about treatment options," said Rep. Joseph Palamara, D-Wyandotte, chair of the House Health Policy Committee.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, was sponsor of the bill to set up a 17-member commission to make recommendations to health care providers on pain management. Law sees pain management as an alternative to the assisted suicides by Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Other bills will require insurers, health maintenance organizations and the "Blues" to disclose information to policyholders about how benefits apply for the treatment of intractable pain.

The Michigan Health Purchas-

er Coalition at first opposed the bills but switched to support after they were amended because they "avoid language in prior versions that involved legislative direction of how health care should be provided in ways not generally accepted by the medical professions."

All area lawmakers supported the package.

Advisory boards

Engler has appointed:

- **Kathryn Bacon, Garden City**, to a new term representing consumers on the Developmental Disabilities Council, which receives federal funding to help developmentally disabled. The appointment runs to Sept. 17, 1999. Bacon was formerly employed by CPP Security for Northwest Airlines and is active in the Spina Bifida Association.
- **Thomas F. Gahan, Canton**, to a new term on the Controlled Substances Advisory Commission. He is vice president of pharmacy purchasing for Arbor Drugs.

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Read label in fine print to know quality

What makes a \$50 merlot that much better than a \$10 merlot? The grape is the same, so how can you judge quality? According to Agustín Huneeus, president of Napa Valley's Franciscan Estate Selections, you can best judge wine quality by "the place where the grapes were grown."

For the past few years, California wineries have operated with short supplies of grapes and wine. This was caused by low crop yields and replanting due to phylloxera, the vine louse that attacks a grapevine at its roots. In the same period, consumer demand for wine has grown, due in part, to reports about health benefits associated with wine consumption.

With the large 1997 harvest in California and new vineyards bearing

fruit, projections indicate the supply of wine will double by year 2000.

What worries Huneeus is that a large part of the increase will come from California's hot, high-yielding Central Valley. He's also concerned about the number of wines labeled chardonnay and merlot from places such as Australia, Chile, Argentina, France and even Bulgaria. This surge of imported wines increased 35 percent in 1997 due to California's short supply, growing market demand and a worldwide wine glut. How can premium producers combat this double edged sword? By emphasizing where the wine was grown.

Place is everything. "Since ancient times, wine's hierarchy and pricing has been related to its place of origin," Huneeus explained. "What sets apart a \$10 cabernet sauvignon from a \$50 wine, both from a quality standpoint and in the



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consumer's mind? Simply, it's the place where the grapes were grown. By putting emphasis on varietal (grape name) rather than appellation (place), the California wine industry has left the door open to the dragons. The use of varietal as a point of distinction, without due importance given to appellation, can be used by any winery anywhere in the world.

Using chardonnay as an example Huneeus explains that California developed a special style that producers around the world copied and then used to enter the lucrative American market. He warns that it is now happening with merlot.

Please see **WINE, B2**

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DINNER WILL BE HEAVEN IF YOU PLAN AHEAD

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK



Good cooks are good planners. "Take time once a week and sit down with your cookbooks," said Mollie Katzen best known as the author of "Moosewood Cookbook." "Pick out three or

four things. Make a list, and get the groceries." The time to think about food is not on your way home from work, but when you're not busy. "People make time to jog, but not cook," said Katzen who helped mainstream vegetarian cuisine in 1977 with her "Moosewood Cookbook," which was revised in 1992. "Plan to cook, and write down what you like in a book. You can make sauces and soup one week ahead, cut up vegetables the night before."

Katzen's goal is to make good food accessible to people, not complicated, joyful and good, so they'll want to do it again."

Her newest book, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven: Over 200 recipes for uncommon soups, tasty bites, side-by-side dishes, and too many desserts," (Hyperion, \$27.50) is a companion text to "Mollie Katzen's Cooking Show 200: Vegetable Heaven," which airs on public television nationwide. The series features 26 menus created from recipes found in her newest book. Locally, WTVS Channel 56 is considering it for their lineup, but has not scheduled it yet. The series started in October; check your cable listing for out-of-town public TV stations which might offer Katzen's show, and stay tuned for an update from WTVS.

"It's really a cooking class," she said in an interview during a recent visit to metro Detroit.



TERENCE MCCARTHY

Author: Mollie Katzen shows readers that vegetables can really taste heavenly in her newest cookbook, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven."

"I can't stand it when there's dead time. I talk about the origins of onions, and give people a lot of information about why I do what I do. I hope to teach people how to cook the way everyone is telling them to eat, to fit food into their lifestyle, that's beautiful and delicious."

Besides being a cook and writer, Katzen is a pianist and artist. She studied at the Eastman School of Music, Cornell University, and San Francisco Art Institute where she earned a fine arts degree with honors in painting.

This book, like others that preceded it, "The Enchanted Broccoli Forest," (1982), "Still Life with Menu" (1988), and "Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes: A Cookbook for Preschoolers and Up" (1994) is beautifully illustrated with 55 of her vibrant paintings of vegetables, herbs and fruits and appetizing still-life paintings with culinary themes. Cooking tips and suggestions for hard-to-find ingredient substitutions accompany each recipe.

"I find that most of my readers don't identify

themselves as strict vegetarians," said Katzen. "Forget the labels. Most people just want to eat good food, some with meat, some without. I have tried to keep time, cost, and labor to a minimum without compromising the quality and novelty of the results. I know that many of us are seeking simple pleasures, attempting to live well within our means and the constraints of our daily lives."

Married, and the mother of a son and daughter, Katzen knows it's difficult to please everyone. "Pizza is a really good way to make dinner for a family where everyone wants something different," she said. "Everyone can customize the toppings."

Katzen suggests keeping a supply of pizza dough in the freezer, and a few topping ingredients such as canned artichoke hearts, grated Parmesan or pecorino cheese, and ripe tomato slices on hand. "Take the container out of the freezer before you go to work, and it will be ready to roll, so to speak, when you get home."

Please see **HEAVEN, B2**

Diet rich in fiber, fruits, veggies won't tip the scale

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

There is no time like the present to consider getting off that 1,200 calorie, low-fat diet, eat sensibly, lose weight, and still enjoy what you're eating. Consider the following types of foods you should never eat when planning your New Year's Resolutions:

- A diet too low in fat - The problem with very low-fat diets is they stimulate sugar cravings. Many of my clients were overdoing on refined carbohydrates such as white rolls, white rice, noodles, snack crackers, fat-free cookies, and candy, particularly jelly beans and licorice. This led them to an overconsumption of calories; and therefore, weight gain.
- Your body has a built-in sensor that knows what kinds of nutrients you are eating. When you feed your body natural, wholesome foods, its needs are satisfied. When you feed your body candy, processed foods, and fat-free junk, it doesn't sense any nutrients coming in. It then urges you to continue eating. Eating a high refined carbohydrate

diet stimulates your body to produce insulin which in turn activates your fat storage mechanism. Eating a moderate amount of fat can alter this mechanism causing you to use more calories for energy. Also, consuming whole grains in place of the refined variety creates a feeling of fullness and satiety which helps you to consume less calories. In addition, with very low-fat diets, you may not be eating enough fat to absorb fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D and E.

- Fat-free cookies - If you take a look at the ingredients on most brands of fat-free cookies, they are loaded with sugar, filled with preservatives and chemicals, and contain small amounts of hydrogenated fats, which are detrimental to you. Most of all, they lack fiber so you have no sense of fullness when you're eating them. You may rationalize that you can eat two, fat-free 50 calorie cookies in place of a 100 calorie apple, but you will end up eating more cookies in the long run, which adds up to extra calories.

Nutrition Secret: If you want a treat, look for whole grain, fruit juice sweetened, high fiber snacks made by Health Valley or Auburn Farms. They are tasty and filling. Your best bet is to

grab fruit (fresh or dried) or raw vegetables as an in between meal snack. It's almost impossible for fruit and vegetable calories to turn into fat. If everyone ate the recommend five or more servings of fruits and vegetables, the overall cancer incidence rates could decline by 20 percent.

- Traditional pasta dishes - Many people think they are eating healthy when they are actually harming themselves by eating traditional pasta dishes made with white flour noodles. In the refining process, 23 different nutrients, including fiber, are stripped away with only four added back (this is called enriched). In addition, the lack of fiber in white pasta makes it hard to tell when you're full, so you just keep eating until you have consumed too many calories. Just one cup of cooked pasta contains about 200 calories, and those can add up fast.

Nutrition Secret: Try a nutritious and tasty pasta dish made with buckwheat pasta. The whole grain pasta will fill you up quickly.

- Big bagels and other breads - Many bagels weight six ounces and contain approximately 480 calories, and that's with nothing on them! There is very little nutritional value in most



bagels as they are made with white flour. They contain no fat, which is why people are flocking to bagel stores.

Nutrition Secret: Look for 100 percent whole grain bagels, and small bagels, which are whole grain as well.

- Chicken and fish - Eating chicken and fish instead of meat isn't as good for you as you think. Many people switch to these when trying to lower their cholesterol only to find little or no change in their blood values and weight. Another problem is that all animal protein, including chicken and fish, causes calcium loss, which increases your risk of osteoporosis.

Please see **DNT, B2**

Sample a taste of 'Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven'

See related story on Taste front.

Here are some recipes from Mollie Katzen's newest book, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven: Over 200 recipes for uncommon soups, tasty bits, side-by-side dishes, and too many desserts." (Hyperion, New York)

PIZZETTAS

- 1 cup wrist-temperature water
- 1 package (2 teaspoons) active dry yeast
- A pinch of sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (plus extra for the bowl)
- 3 cups unbleached white flour (1/4 cup may be whole

- wheat or rye)
- Extra flour for kneading
- Cornmeal for the baking tray
- Toppings of your choice

Place the water in a medium-large bowl. Sprinkle in the yeast and sugar, and stir to dissolve. Let it stand 5 minutes, or until the mixture begins to bubble.

Stir in 1 cup of flour, the salt, and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Beat for several minutes with a wooden spoon.

Add the remaining flour 1/2 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. The dough will be soft, but should not be sticky.

Turn out onto a floured surface, and knead for several minutes. Place in an oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and let the dough

rise until doubled in bulk. This will take about 1 hour.

Punch down the dough, and return to the floured surface. (This is the point at which you can freeze the dough for future use.) Divide it into six equal parts, knead each piece for a few minutes, then let the balls of dough rest for about 10 minutes. (This allows the gluten to relax, so the dough will stretch easily into shape.)

Preheat the oven to 500°F. Patiently stretch each ball of dough into a 6-inch circle. Sprinkle two thin, noninsulated baking trays with cornmeal, and place two circles on each. Sparingly top each pizzetta with whatever your heart desires.

Bake one tray at a time in the

lower half of the oven for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the edges are crispy and brown. (If you're not sure whether or not it's baked through, you can take one pizzetta out of the oven and cut it in half. If it is still a little doughy on the inside, return it to the baking pan and bake a few minutes longer.) Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature.

Yield: Six 6-inch pizzettas.

Some topping suggestions
 Canned artichoke hearts, drained, and sliced
 Olives (any kind), pitted and sliced
 Ripe tomato slices
 Crumbled feta cheese
 Arrange everything on the pizzetta; bake and serve

AFTER-WORK BULGUR SPECIAL

- 1 cup coarse bulgur
 - 1 3/4 cups boiling water
 - 2 tablespoons fresh minced dill (or 1 teaspoon dried dill)
 - 3 scallions, finely minced
 - 1/2 cup lightly toasted pine nuts
 - A small handful of currants
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt (or more to taste)
 - Black pepper to taste
 - A drizzle of extra virgin olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (or to taste)
 - 2 or 3 medium-sized red or yellow bell peppers, optional
- Before You Go to Work:** Place the bulgur in a large bowl. (Make

sure it's large enough for the bulgur to expand, which it will greatly do). Pour in boiling water, cover tightly with foil, and go to work.

When You Get Home: Remove the foil; fluff the bulgur with a fork. Add the remaining ingredients; mix and serve. It's good at room temperature, but you can also reheat it, covered, in a 350°F oven for about 30 minutes - or in a microwave.

Optional preparation: Halve and hollow out 2 or 3 medium red or yellow bell peppers and fill with the bulgur mix. Cover and place in the microwave (high power) for 2 minutes. *Vljalal Dinner.*

Yield: About 6 servings (easily doubled - just make sure you use a large enough bowl)

Wine from page B1

Producers in Sonoma County have attempted to increase awareness of place by creating eleven separate appellations within the county, from Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys in the north to Carneros in the south. But to many consumers this has only added complexity to a topic they prefer to keep simple. We understand your confusion about Sonoma County, the city of Sonoma in that County and the wine appellation known as Sonoma Valley, also in Sonoma County!

The erosion of geographical distinctions has been exacerbated by the producers themselves in a practice whereby the winery changes the place name on its labels from one vintage to another. Caught short of product in a growing market, California wineries sometimes purchase grapes from other, less desirable growing regions, use them in their wine and change the appellation on the label. Some California wineries have included foreign juice in their blends. Others have converted complete-

ly to making wine from juice or grapes purchased outside of the United States, and still others have created new labels under which they market wines grown and produced overseas. "The message to the consumer seems to be that it really doesn't matter where the grapes are from," lamented Huneus.

Huneus' bottom line: "By focusing on appellation, we (premium California wine producers) will differentiate quality levels. We must hold on to our 'somewhereness' and make it the pre-

Message to the consumer: If the price of the wine appears to be too good to be true, it probably is.

dominating factor in marketing our wines."

Message to the consumer: If the price of the wine appears to be too good to be true, it probably is. Learn to read front and back labels, and especially the fine print. It will tell you much about a wine's origin and there-

fore about its quality. It is up to you to learn about the best appellations, the best producers and the taste characteristics of their wines.

Wine Seminar: From 7:30-9:30p.m. on consecutive Mondays, Jan. 19 through Feb. 9, at

Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, we will offer "What's Old is New Again," a comparison of old and new world wines. Merlot, fumé blanc, Rhone styles and Sangiovese are among wines to be tasted and compared. \$120 per person. Call (248) 644-3443 for registration or more details.

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.

Heaven from page B1

Whether you're the picture of good health, or a work in progress, Katzen's book will help you fill in the details with appetizers and salads, "Uncommon Everyday Soups," "A Dozen Tasty Bites," and dishes made with beans, grains and vegetables.

Her "Tidy Little Main Dishes," such as Pizzettas, are great dinner solutions for busy days, and "Pastas for Real Life" are "great one-dish meals for a person who lives alone, but also perfect for a

family of diverse tastes and needs."

There's "Never a Bland Moment," when you dress up vegetables pasta, casseroles and other dishes with "Condiments and Sauces."

And while we all know it is possible to have "Too Many Desserts," Katzen's recipes are a sweet ending for "Vegetable Heaven."

Diet from page B1

Nutrition Secret: Eating only chicken and fish makes you lose out on other powerful cholesterol lowering and weight loss foods such as tofu and other soybean products, beans and lentils. Switching to a plant-centered diet will help lessen your risk of

heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and other diseases. As a bonus, studies have shown that people who change to a vegetarian diet become about 10 percent leaner.

If you follow these tips your natural mechanism for deter-

mining hunger and fullness will return, and you will lose and maintain your weight once and for all. Happy New Year.

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practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," (Tall Tree Publishing Company). Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Black-bean and veggie wraps ready in 20 minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 No time to cook? With or with-

out salsa, Black Bean & Veggie Wraps are ready to serve in about 20 minutes.

The secret to the speed of this recipe can be found in the ingredients: frozen vegetables, canned beans and taco seasoning mix.

BLACK BEAN & VEGGIE WRAPS
 Preparation time: 15 minutes
 Cooking time: 4 minutes

- 3 cups frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, green beans, pearl onions and red peppers)
- 15-ounce can black or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix or 2 teaspoons chili

- powder plus 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup regular, light or non-fat sour cream
- Six 8-inch flavored or plain flour tortillas, warmed
- 3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

In 12-inch nonstick skillet place frozen vegetables and 1 tablespoon water.

Cover, cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crispy tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low.

Stir in beans and taco seasoning; continue cooking until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in sour cream.

To serve, spoon 1/2 cup of the bean mixture onto warm tortilla; sprinkle with about 2 tablespoons cheese. Fold opposite sides of tortilla in over filling (sides with slightly overlap).

Starting at bottom, tightly roll up tortilla.

Place seam side down on plate or wrap in plastic food wrap or parchment paper. Serve with salsa and additional sour cream, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Cook's Notes: For Beefy Black Bean Wraps, add sliced deli Italian roast beef to bean mixture. To warm tortillas, wrap each tortilla in damp paper towels and cook on high (100 percent) power in a microwave oven for 10 to 15 seconds.

Nutrition facts, per serving, using regular sour cream: 290 calories, 13 grams protein, 34 grams carbohydrates, 12 grams fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 390 mg sodium.

Nutrition facts per serving, using light sour cream: 270 calories, 13 grams protein, 36 grams carbohydrates, 9 grams fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium.

Nutrition facts per serving, using nonfat, sour cream: 270 calories, 13 grams protein, 37 grams carbohydrates, 6 grams fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium.

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Bracelet SWF, 40ish, enjoys jazz, weekend getaways, dining, concerts, movies, theater, and quiet evenings at home. 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 sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, family-oriented SF, DW, 38-53, NS. #8479

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Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous DW, 38, 5'5", dark brown, Hawaiian, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, board games, dining, sunbathing. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SWM. #8517

LET IT SHOW

Attractive, fun SWF, 35, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium-build, seeks friendship, romance, and someone to share the winter and summer adventures, and hot chocolate by the fire. #8313

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SUV owner wanted \$10+, NS, no dependents, 29-50, enjoys nature, outdoor sports, fishing, hiking, dogs, blue jeans, spontaneous, college-educated, has low-key style and old-fashioned values. Serious about setting down. #8300

LET'S LIVE

Attractive, SWF, 5'10", 29, fit, outgoing, enjoys traveling, sports, music, dining out and laughing. Seeking SWM, 30-42, tall, fit, employed, and very responsible, but not married to his job, and a good sense of humor. #8312

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MUST HAVE A NICE SMILE

Outspoken, fun SWF, 27, 5'5", tall, fit, NS, 110, enjoys opera, classical music, movies, sports, browsing. Seeking tall, well-groomed SM, 28-35, NS, ND, for friendship, possible relationship. No kids please. #8222

WHO KNOWS?

Varsite, independent, family-oriented DW, 41, hoping to meet someone 33-48 who's similar. #8223

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, warm, romantic DW, 55, 5'0", blonde/blue, medium build, educated, seeks gentleman, 5'3"-6'1", 48-62, who's honest, NS, who likes the arts, outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #8224

FROM THE HEART

Affectionate, warm, sensitive SWF, 45, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining in/out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7754

SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gentleman who's 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident and selectively marriage-minded. #7756

GEMINI GIRL

DF, 43, 5'8", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outgoing type of guy, who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. #7761

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS

SF, 57, enjoys "Northern Exposure", travel, current events, entertaining, attractive, good cook. Seeking male, 60, with big ego. Self-respecting and kind-hearted only apply. #7812

101 WAYS

SWF, Mom, 61, Beautiful Woman, seeks NS man, 40-55, who is into a little bit of everything. #7813

GO NO FURTHER

DWF, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman, NS, professional, 40s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet evenings at home, possible LTR. #7814

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #7819

NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU?

Humorous SWPF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going up North, looking for a relationship. Seeking humorous, sensitive, Catholic SWPM, 29-38, 5'10", physically fit, NS, for friendship first. Plymouth/Novi area. #7780

A GOOD WOMAN

Intelligent, attractive DWPF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7846

SOMEONE SPECIAL

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

OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/blue, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older guys, at winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7853

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE

Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7884

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED

SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde/hazel, home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, animal lover, with passion for life, for romantic, monogamous LTR, possible marriage. #7824

PRETTY, PETITE, BRUNETTE

DJF, 40ish, NS, single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking caring, honest SWM, 40-49, NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #7902

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn blue, hopeless romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 28-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7907

SPECIAL WOMAN

Affectionate DW, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, looking quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, NS, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. C&W dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE

DFB, 5'4", 126lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks SD Indian M with long hair, 5'7"-5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7936

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I don't think it would be this hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired in shape, college-educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman. I please help me end my search - quick! #7937

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Petite, Italian DW, very young, 47, NS, ND, great sense of humor, enjoys ethical dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DW, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7938

HUSKY MAN WANTED

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

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Down-to-earth divorced WF, 50s, pete, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, the movies and dining out. Seeking SDWM, 56-65, great sense of humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #7949

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE

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

KIND-HEARTED

DWF, 40, abundant green, 5'5", 120lbs, NS, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, and enjoys art. Seeking tall, HWPM, 36-43, NS, NS/Drugs. #7961

A LITTLE SHY

SWF, 38, 5'7", red/blue, honest loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. #7962

CAN YOU GIVE 110%?

If treated the same, you get a lot, loving, caring, passionate, blonde/blue, 41, no one believes it, love hockey, looking for a willing, seeking Mr. Wonderful. #7964, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. #7964

LUCKY YOU

Petite SWF, NS, outgoing senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 50-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7951

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

Young 52 year old, 25, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/friendship of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

HAPPINESS IS A...

cura, 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

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

SWEET, SENSITIVE...

Intelligent, attractive full-figured woman, 22, seeks tall, financially secure, attractive and honest, who likes to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #8000

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Varsite, open and very honest DW, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, NS, to enjoy life with. #8003

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degreed, into biking, reading, antique shopping, enjoys SWM, NS, 35-45, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7968

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES

Attractive DW, 49, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8083

SEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN

Are you DW, young, 54, varied interests. Seeking older soulmate, social drinker only, who'll treat a lady like a lady, for special relationship. Loves warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8023

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED...

you're looking for a petite, creative, sensitive, very attractive, multi-degreed SF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rollerblades on her feet. Seeking intelligent man, 45-50, financially secure, important. #7821

SPECIAL LADY

Sensual, attractive DW, 55, 135lbs, DW, 40s, NS, looking for tall WM, 45+, to share fun, romance and adventure in rewarding LTR. Serious only reply. #8033

SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU?

SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto racing, spectator sports, gambling trips, waking, funny movies. #8034

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN

Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent free SWM, 30-40, for casual dating, possible LTR. #8040

54 AND PRETTY

Two lives can be joined together in friendship. Pretty SWF, short blonde/blue, sometimes shy, but always honest, enjoys fine dining, and casinos. #8042

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Attractive DW, 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 ski partner for weekend trips North, Lower Up. If you know difference between "freestyle/skiing" and "classic" can ski 20K (plus both styles), call me. #8046

FUN-LOVING, PRETTY, CULTURED

Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciate kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8050

FAST, CHEAP, OUT OF CONTROL

that's not me! Humorous, honest, intelligent DW, mid-40s, NS, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I'll play are monopoly and pinball. #8091

PRINCESS 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

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IN YOUR DREAMS

You're in mine if you're a tall, medium-build, SWM, honest, affectionate, NS and financially secure. DW, 37, 5'9", light-brown/blue, attractive, full-figured, NS, various interests, with one caveat. #8176

SMILING DIFFERENT!

SWF, 24, 5'4", dark skinned, curvaceous, feminine, seeks financially secure WM, 30+, for fun and friendship. #8485

BLONDE/BLUE IRISH CATHOLIC

Extremely attractive, successful, fun DW, 45, 5'5", 115lbs, a little, fun, dryly emotionally secure, honest, positive. Seeking executive, 45-56, with similar traits. Bloomfield area. #8549

PROTECTIVE GENTLEMAN ONLY

DWF, 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. #8553

FIRST TIME AD

DWF, 50s, seeks confident, tall SWM, financially secure, 50s, who enjoys travel, dining in/out, movies, sports, for friendship first. #8475

SWEET BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Pretty, intelligent SWF, 22, 5'7", college student, seeks sweet, honest, funny, intelligent, attractive SWM, 22-30, who enjoys music, travel, hockey, travel, romance, for friendship first, maybe more. #8478

ATTRACTIVE MAN WANTED

SF, seeks handsome SM, 6', slim build, who enjoys going out, and having fun, for LTR. #8519

GREAT COMBINATION

Classy, vivacious, energetic SWPF, 23, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, theater, travel, conversation, Patrons, and the Red Wings. Seeking SWPM, 30+, to share same interests. #8307

I HAVE EYES

Eccentric, attractive, classy, slender, dark hair and eyes, considered good looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sports, golf, dancing, boating, motor sports, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active, flexible, fun gentleman, 50+, #8086

FUSSY BUT FUN

Petite SWPF, 45, enjoys reading, movies, sports, concerts, and lake living, seeks "normal" PM, 43-52, average height/weight. #8273

LOOKING FOR THE SAME!

Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, NS, DW, with red hair, I only have one natural hair and that's life! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. #7953

OUR TURN NOW

Why not DW, late 40s, seeks degreed, NS, for life's finer moments, let's journey through life together, enjoys dinners, plays, stimulating conversation, travel, and artiques. Now that the kids are raised, it's our turn to enjoy life. #8090

SENSITIVE CARING GENTLE

DWM, 49, 5'5", 180lbs, I'm serious about a LTR, are you? Walks, bicycling, golf, reading, music are a few of my interests. If you're 40-50, and don't play mind games, give me a call. #8547

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lb, brown/blue, 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, alternative, caring, fun-loving, passionate, family-oriented, sincere, romantic. Seeking attractive, independent, energetic, honest, secure, NS SF, HW proportionate, for LTR. Race open. #8225

DON'T LOOK BACK

Handsome, fit, sensitive, spiritual, romantic, fun DW, 45, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys bikes, blues, dinner, movies, dancing, candlelight, cozy smes. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 35-42, 5'-5.5", slim, knows where happiness starts. #8520

HONEST AND SINCERE

Considered attractive SM, 5'11", 192lbs, smoker, social drinker, manager, enjoys sports, dining in/out, movies, being out with friends. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere SF, who enjoys having fun. No games. #8521

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Handsome DW, 40, NS, ND, businessman, body builder, runner, seeks attractive, intelligent, open-minded, athletic SF, HW proportionate, for possible relationship. #8604

BROADEN MY HORIZON

SWM, 35, 6', 200lbs, sometimes a church-goer, gym member, seeks SF, for fun times, and sharing life's twists and turns. #8605

ANYTHING ONCE, TWICE...

It's outdoors! Athletic SWM, 32, 5'8", 175lb, teddy bear physique, brown/blue, grey/blue, enjoys spending time with family/friends. Seeking petite SWF, 25-40, slim, for open, honest relationship. Kids ok. #8606

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"

Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5'10", 165lb, blonde/hazel, NS, financially secure, classically, walks, free smes, music, and small towns. LTR. No games. #8456

RELATE: THEN A DATE!

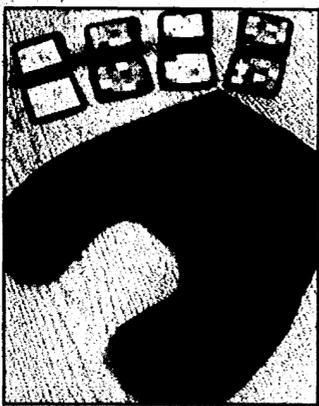
Slim, sensual, Taurol, sporty SWM, 44, 5'9", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, soulmate, 33-43, who enjoys boating, beach, walks, volleyball, soccer, art, travel, coffee shops, ethnic dining. #8457

SEEKING COMPANION

DWM, 40, 150lb, HW proportionate, homeowner, enjoys outdoor life, soccer, movies, and traveling. seeks attractive, loving, considerate, sharing woman, 30-45, kids welcome. #8459

WHY BE ALONE?

Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affection



Relax: These products from Carol Lewis Skin Care, 386 East Maple, Birmingham, may help perk you up when you're stuck in bed. They include a heart-shaped warm bag that helps relieve neck and shoulder pain, mosaic powder compacts to add some color to the face. (248) 642-1570.

Chase away the flu blues

Sometimes, the best cure for whatever ails you - especially if you have a cold or the flu - is bed rest. Here are some blankets, beverages, soups and books to help you get through a day spent under the covers.

If you're in the market for a new blanket, you might want to check out those made by Dakota with Malden Mills' Polarfleece fabric.

These blankets are very soft and come in a variety of colors. But what sets them apart is their thermal efficiency. In other words, they're lightweight and yet have a very high insulating value. According to tests conducted by U.S. Testing Inc., Polarfleece (which is 100 percent polyester) has a higher thermal efficiency than cashmere, acrylic, washable wool and thermal cotton.

Polarfleece bedding is available at Hudson's. Throws are regularly priced at about \$60 on up, and bed blankets start at about \$130 (for a twin), but they may be on sale. They were about half price the week after Christmas.

A hot cup of coffee or cocoa is nice to have when you're under the weather. Why not try a Marshall Field's Frango coffee or cocoa sampler? The coffee sampler includes caramel, pecan praline, mint chocolate and cappuccino flavored coffee, each in a 2-ounce bag. The cocoa sampler includes mint-chocolate, caramel, raspberry chocolate, and cappuccino chocolate flavored cocoa, each in a 2.5-ounce bag, \$12 at Hudson's.

Soup is also good to have when your sick. For something different, you could try a gourmet soup mix, like the Frontier Soups carried by Jacobson's, or Canterbury Cuisine soup mixes, which I found at the Merchant of Vino, Birmingham. Frontier Soup's Connecticut Cottage Chicken Noodle soup makes six cups of soup, is ready in about 30 minutes and costs about \$6. Canterbury Cuisine's Chicken 'N Noodle Soup costs about \$4.50, serves 10.

Speaking of soup, what about a little "Chicken Soup for the Soul" (a New York Times #1 best seller) or any of the other books in the widely popular Chicken Soup series. Published by Health Communications Inc., the books are written by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and in some cases additional authors. The books are in paperback and cost about \$13 each.

Each of the books features 101 short, inspirational stories to, as the authors put it, "Open the hearts and rekindle the spirit." Some of the stories are from celebrities.

If you prefer a good mystery, Mary Millington, a bookseller with Little Professor Book Store in Plymouth, recommends any of the "Alex Cross" mysteries by James Patterson (the latest is "Cat and Mouse.") published by Warner, or "The Last Family" by John Ramsey Miller, by Bantam.

For a humorous book, I recommend "Letters from a Nut," by Ted L. Nancy, with a forward by Jerry Seinfeld and published by Avon Books. It's a compilation of hilarious letters - filled with absurd comments and questions - that Nancy sent as a consumer to various corporations. The responses he got back are so polite and serious that they're funny. I roared.

Mall walkers register for supportive clubs



It's time to walk off all those holiday cookies as mall walking clubs hold registrations for programs offering incentives and perks to shoppers who want to keep fit.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

Walking programs at the area's larger shopping centers allow you a free fitness workout in a climate-controlled environment and the chance to earn prizes for your efforts.

And since the neighborhood medical center usually co-sponsors the walking club, you get free monthly health tests and information seminars as an added bonus.

At Twelve Oaks in Novi, the mall even arranges for low-impact aerobic classes for its walkers each Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor court. The class is instructed by staff from the University of Michigan's Health Education Department and is well-attended by regulars who have incorporated the morning program into their weekly routine.

As walkers keep track of their "miles," many malls reward them for milestones reached with fanny packs, T-shirts and water bottles.

The malls with organized walking clubs urge interested shoppers to register for membership now, through the management office or Information Desk. An identification badge is usually issued to members along with a newsletter and outline of the program. You may be requested to sign a waiver.

Fairlane: Southfield Fwy/Michigan Ave. Dearborn. Doors open to walkers at 8 a.m. near movies entrance. Walkers club co-sponsored by Oakwood Hospital. (313) 593-3546.

Lakeside: M-59 & Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Four main entrances open to walkers at 8 a.m. Sundays 10 a.m. The Inside Track walking club is co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Healthier Image. Sign up at the agency's "store," lower level Sears Court. (810) 247-4131.

Laurel Park Place: Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. Doors open to walkers at 8 a.m. Max & Erma's Entrance off Six Mile, The Walking Club includes blood pressure screenings by Botsford Hospital staff, 4th Monday of each month near Jacobson's. (313) 462-1100.

Livonia Mall: Seven Mile/Middlebelt. Doors open to walkers at 7:30 a.m. through Entrance G. Walkers Club is co-sponsored by Botsford General

Hospital. Blood pressure screenings 8-10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. (248) 476-1160.

Meadowbrook Village Mall: Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. Main entrance opens to walkers at 7 a.m. No formal walking club. (248) 375-9451.

Oakland Mall: 14 Mile/John R. Troy. Doors open to walkers at 8:30 a.m. through glass canopy off 14 Mile or entrance near movies. Sign up for Club Tread at the lower level Information Booth. (248) 585-6000.

Northland Center: Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. Doors open to walkers at 8:30 a.m. through Entrance C near T.J. Maxx. Pacers is the well-attended formal walking club. (248) 557-0460.

Somerset Collection: Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. Blue Cross co-sponsors Walk About Club, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily with incentives and communitives for members. Through main mall entrances. (248) 643-6360.

Summit Place: Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. Doors open to walkers at 7 a.m. near Picnic food court. All other doors open at 8 a.m. No formal walking club. (248) 682-0123.

Tel-Twelve Mall: Telegraph/12 Mile, Southfield. Opens for walkers at 8 a.m. through entrance nearest Kmart. No formal walking program. (248) 353-4111.

Twelve Oaks: 12 Mile/Novi Roads. Novi. Opens to walkers at 8 a.m. Fitness Over 50, a low-impact aerobics program, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in Lord & Taylor Court area. (248) 348-9438.

Westland Center: Wayne/Warren Roads. Doors open to walkers at 7 a.m. use Olga's Entrance. Westland Walkers program meets second Wednesday of each month with health programs. (313) 425-5001.

Wonderland Mall: Plymouth/Middlebelt in Livonia. All doors open to walkers at 7:30 a.m. Sunday 10 a.m. Wonder Walkers Club offers free blood pressure screenings by St. Mary's staff 8-10 a.m. near Information Desk, second Monday of each month. (313) 522-4100.

Promoting AirTouch



Scoring a goal: Christine Buckley, 14, of Birmingham, is elated to get an autograph from Detroit Red Wings center Kris Draper, while right wing Darren McCarty takes a phone break at Air Touch Cellular's Easy Store, 128 South Old Woodward in Birmingham, recently. About 150 hockey fans lined up to get the players' signatures on everything from pucks to hats, to the shirts off their backs.

TIPS BEFORE YOU START A WALKING PROGRAM

- Consult your physician before starting any walking program
- Choose the proper walking attire. Shoes should have thick, flexible soles that cushion and absorb shock.
- Choose a partner to walk with to make walking more enjoyable and help you stick with your program.

- Courtesy of Laurel Park Place, Livonia and Botsford General Hospital

HOW TO FIND YOUR TARGET HEART RATE ZONE

- To condition your heart and lungs, you must bring your heart rate to a certain point called the Target Heart Rate. This is measured by taking your pulse.
- To calculate your target heart rate zone, subtract your age from 220. This is your maximum heart rate. (Example 220-50=170)
- Now multiply your maximum heart rate by 60% to 75% to find your target heart rate zone. (Example 170 x .60=102 & 170 x .75 = 127.50) The target heart rate zone in this example is from 102 to 127.5.
- To measure your pulse, place the tips of two fingers on your neck (carotid arteries) located to the left and right of your Adams Apple. Count your pulse for 10 seconds and multiply by six. (Example 18 beats x 6=180).
- Measure your pulse five minutes into your walk and again just before you finish.
- While walking, stay within your Target Heart Rate Zone.

Downtowns enjoy strong year-end sales

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

The Main Street shopping districts urged area residents to "Come Home for the Holidays," and year-end sales figures show - they did! Most downtown retailers saw gains up to 20-percent over last year.

On New Year's Eve, gift shop owner Larry Bird looked over the empty shelves at Gabriela's in downtown Plymouth and enjoyed a deep sigh of satisfac-

tion. "Wow," said the proprietor of his 15-year-old business. "My inventory is at an all-time low. Sales were up 18-percent over 1996 this November-December. My candle sales alone were up 80 percent. Point-of-sale tracking showed about one-third of our customers came from Plymouth. I guess when you take care of your customers, they take care of you."

Down the street at card and gift shop sideways,

manager Sharon Peu said holiday sales "were very solid and up from last year."

"Anything to do with snowmen flew off the shelves," she said. "And the more elaborate gold and silver decor items, plus products from our gourmet shop, fared very well."

On the other side of town, Richard Astrein of Astrein Jewelers in downtown Birmingham, also let out a sigh of relief when he reviewed holiday sales figures.

"Last year we took a hit from Somerset North opening, but this year we got it all back," he said. "Our sales were up 20-percent. The big sellers were diamond pendants and diamond earrings at price points that were healthy - in the \$500 to \$2,500 range."

Down the street, Elizabeth Harp of Harp's Lingerie, was also toasting a 20-percent sales increase.

"What a wonderful holiday shopping season this year," she exclaimed. "We sold our share of bras, body slimmers and peignoir sets. Business was very good."

In downtown Rochester, Sherrie Tattre of Bellissima, a unique home decor store, said holiday sales were excellent. "We have very little merchandise left, especially candles, candle holders and picture frames."

"I can't say sales were up over last year," she said. "They were about the same, but shoppers seemed to be in a very 'up' mood, enjoying the experience of shopping in our store, appreciating our impressive packaging, and all the personal service. I think that's why they come downtown instead of the mall."

Monty Mitzelfeld of Mitzelfeld's Department store in Rochester, said year-end sales were better than last year's with men's sweaters and leather jackets, and women's sleep wear and lingerie leading the best-selling categories.

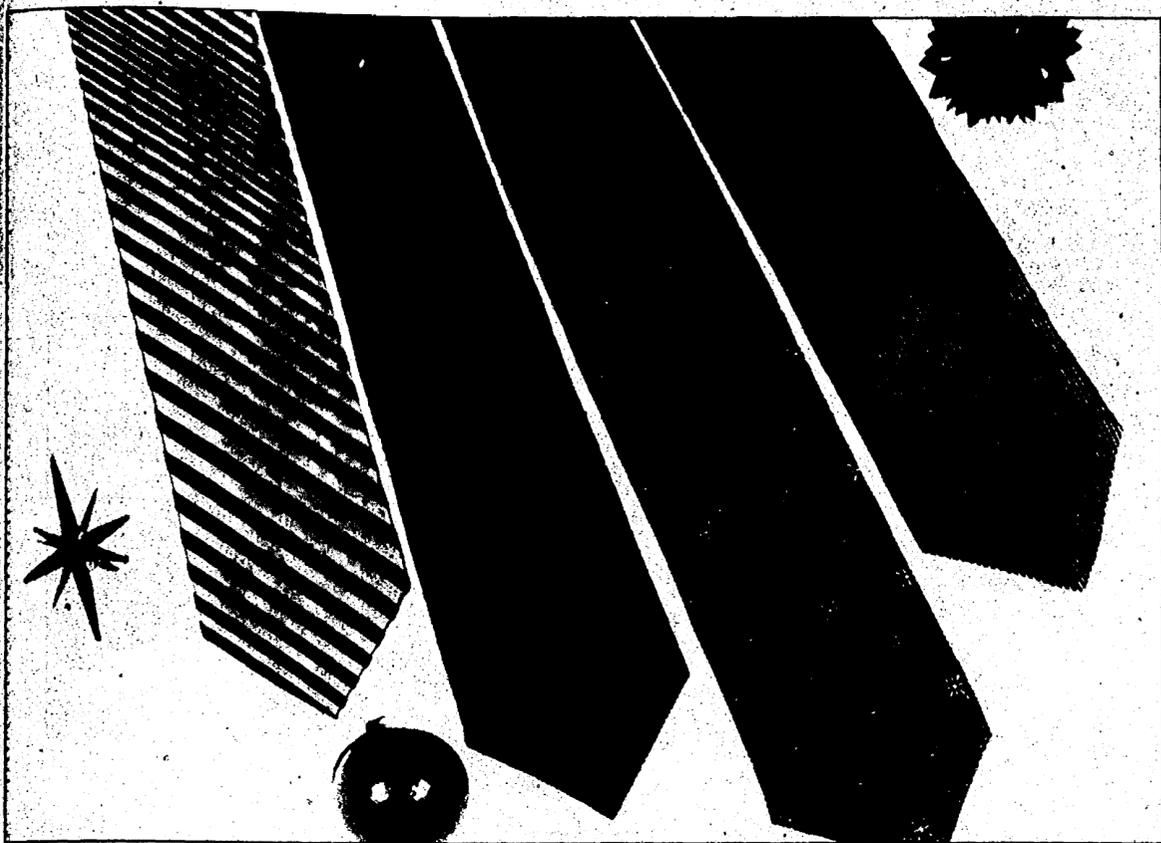
Randy Norman of Eli's Menswear in Troy said he was disappointed in this year's holiday sales, "which were down from last year, but still good."

"We sold a lot of casual clothing like sweaters, shirts and slacks, but suits were dead. I guess guys are just not dressing up like before."



Perfect fit: Carrie Lipsitz of West Bloomfield gets help picking out shoes from store owner Jayme Leib at Imelda's Closet in downtown Birmingham during the city's Mid-night Madness sale in mid-December.

PHOTO BY TOM BUONICCONTI



The one on: Shown from left, a classic woven silk stripe in silver and black; an all over pattern printed on silk in shades of rust, blue and ecru; a printed silk star and check motif in putty, brown and gold; a richly textured woven silk grid design in silver, gray and blue.

There are some tricks to buying the right tie

Men are from Mars and women are from Venus even when it comes to neckties.

Some 20 million ties will be purchased as gifts this holiday season, according to the Neckwear Association of America. Most will be purchased by women and given to men. Some will be worn infrequently.

The reason, according to the Neckwear Association of America, is that men and women view ties differently.

"A man sees a tie as an extension of his personality. A tie has a lot of ego involvement. He wants a tie that says something about himself," Gerald Andersen, executive director observes. "Panel studies indicate that women opt for a tie that is bolder... that takes a man out of himself and expands his boundaries. But, this is dangerous territory for most guys," he continues.

This season's tremendous diversity of tie patterns and colors — ranging from elegant and conservative to bold and colorful — allows for greater expression than ever. "The old give-it-and-he-will-wear-it-days are over," Andersen says. "A tie gift that is not an expression of his taste, interests or personality is headed straight for the bottom of the sock drawer."

With a little care and forethought, a tie is

a great gift. Ties are fun to shop for, one size fits all, and the right tie is the most personal and satisfying gift a man can receive.

The NAA offers a few tips that can assure gift giving success:

- Buy a tie that fits his taste, not necessarily yours. Stay away from that great looking tie if it looks like nothing you have ever seen him wear before. If you want to expand his boundaries, do it gradually. For example, if he favors stripes try the new horizontal woven stripes in bright colorations.

- Check out his wardrobe. Start with his tie rack, of course, and determine if there is a color and pattern theme that runs through his collection. If so, something in the same feeling will surely be welcomed. Is an old favorite looking a little worn? A close match will surely become a new favorite. Take a look at what's at the bottom of the rack or has a little accumulation of dust. Avoid repeating these mistakes.

- His shirt drawer, can also give you important clues. Button down collars are best accessorized with traditional designs or more casual neckwear such as conversationals. Fashionable spread collars go better with dressier looks, such as the beautiful wovens popular today, and designer ties.

Has he been adding the new deep tone dress shirts to his collection? If so, today's bright toned neckwear in shades of gold, red, purple and lime coordinate perfectly with the new shirt colors. If he is wearing denim shirts on Casual Friday, try a tie in a retro look or conversational in cotton or wool.

- Check his clothing wardrobe. Does he mainly wear suits? If so, today's elegant wovens in horizontal or vertical stripes, geometrics, or textured solids in iridescent shades are a good bet. If he is wearing mainly sport coats and blazers, more relaxed looks like conversational charity ties and updated traditionals would be a good choice.

- Check his labels. If he has a favorite brand or designer name, this is a safe choice.

- Consider his interests. A tie that reflects a hobby or interest is always a safe bet. Today, there is a wider selection of such ties available than ever with golf and cigar motifs leading the way this holiday season. However, everything from architecture to zebras is illustrated on neckwear today.

- A final note: the fashion color pallet this holiday season tends toward bright tones like reds and French blue and somewhat unusual colors like lime, purple, gold, copper and rust.

Where can I find?

(248) 901-2555

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

What we found:

- Correction! Tetra D can be found at the Crescent Continental Co. (313) 867-6675.
- Mille Bourne, the French card game, was spotted in Toronto's Eaton Center and at the Noodle Kidoodle, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.
- Old albums and records can be found through Collectors Choice, 1-800-923-1122, or the Music Search, 1-900-737-6647.
- Galore cologne by Germaine Monteil can only be purchased in Europe these days.
- A wonderful reader sent in a photo of all the Santabears along her stairs and we passed it along to the searcher, Maggie.

We're still looking for:

- A selection of 36-inch, short-rise, wool dress slacks, plus an old-fashioned sock darning tool (a stump?) You stretch a sock over it and sew it by Myron Stein of Southfield.
- Someone who can crochet a cover (from a model) for a Tabasco bottle, like a sombrero and serape with bottle cover for Clare Reading of Bloomfield Hills.
- A Batman and Robin bath mat or a small rug for a little boy's bathroom for Corey Katz of Northville.
- The game Hotel, and Kismet dice.
- A silver Christmas tree and revolving color wheel, plus the Don't Go With Strangers book for Sally.
- A Mrs. Beasley doll for Shannon of Garden City.
- Janet would like dresses by Chez. Once they were carried at SYS on Southfield but they are no longer in business.
- A microwave turntable that comes apart or cleaning for Shirley.
- Edwin jeans for girls and Big Ben jeans for boys for Karen.
- Bottom Better diaper rash cream for Cheryl of Westland.
- Kathy needs all solid color borders including black. She saw them on display but can't remember where.
- The book and record from the late '60s Shy Truckee. It's about an elephant.
- John wants a race track game from the '60s called Tric Trax.
- The address for E.J. Danish modern chair cushions.
- Debbie is looking for a Mary Mag power doll house from the mid '60s on magnetic stilts in its entirety.
- Fuzzy Wuzzy soaps.
- Denim bib overalls for men, 36 length, for Kathy in Garden City.
- Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion for nails, cuticles, Grey-Gone detergent.
- Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair.
- 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.
- Jill Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.
- The publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.
- The old board game, Call My Bluff, for Joe, Livonia.

True buddies



Naptime giggles: Pillow buddies at Jacobson's come in adorable kid-size characters, \$25 each, choose from snowmen, frogs, turtles, dogs, cats and skunks!

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.

New Jeweler In town
Richard Grinstein is selling designs at 162 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The master goldsmith studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and has been an international design winner executing his pieces in high karat gold and gemstones. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 647-4414.

Hudson's announces personnel changes
Debbie Harms of Minneapolis is Hudson's new regional visual manager and Michelle Shulman of Ann Arbor is the company's new public relations manager. Harms has been with the Dayton Hudson Co. since 1988, serving as display manager in several locations across the country. Shulman comes from a six-year stint with Campbell & Co. in Dearborn where she handled accounts with Ford Motor Co.

Plymouth Chamber elects 1998 officers
The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has elected its 1998 officers: President Bob Seestadt of NBD Bank; President-Elect Bill Pratt of General Business Services; Vice presidents: Carl Schultz of Sealant Equipment

and Engineering, Michele Ruppel of DiverselyLever and David Siegrist of Horizons Planning. Tony Welsh of AAA Michigan is ex-officio member. Newly elected to the board are Annette Horn of Native West, Wes Smith of E&E Manufacturing and Gary Bonnell of Skyway Precision.

Princess Di beanie bears will help local charities
Livonia Mall is holding a silent auction for a special edition Princess Diana Beanie Baby Bear (donated by Animation Station) to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The mall will accept bids through Jan. 25 via the mall management office, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia, 48152. For more information call (248) 476-1160. (Bidding started at \$200.)
—M.T. Hunter of Birmingham and Northville also donated a shipment of the treasured bears to local charities to auction off. Owner Martha Twomey said the bears are selling for \$750 on the Internet.

Mall honors tree decorators
Winners of Livonia Mall's annual tree decorating contest include Alyssa MacDonald, 5; Michael Rose, 5; Danny Loughran, 3; Austin Wal, 6; Mary Rose Schmitz, 6; Joe Darga, 7; Lynne Schulz, 9; Michael Keskinen, 11; and Adam Blaszkiewicz, 9.

Shop closes after 30 years
Ralph and Jeanne Graham, owners of the Orthogonality store at 205 N. Woodward in Birmingham, announced plans to close on Jan. 29 after a

month-long inventory clearance which is under way.

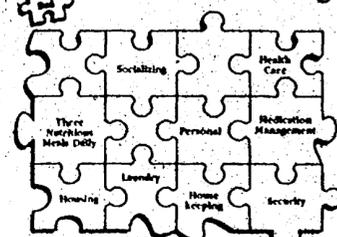
The couple plans to retire, and expressed regrets at leaving behind the many loyal customers who have shopped at Orthogonality since it opened in the early '70s selling contemporary gifts, housewares and home furnishings.

"Much of what Orthogonality offers today is available in the area," he said. "We hope our sale will be beneficial to our many customers and friends and they will stop in and say good-bye."

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Carrots are a valuable source of a wide variety of substances in foods called carotenoids with exotic names like cryptoxanthin and zeaxanthin. Carotenoids provide a wealth of health benefits, including protection from the damages of free radicals that have been linked to cancer. As antioxidants, they can help fight cancers of the bladder, larynx, esophagus, stomach, colon/rectum and prostate.

For carrots with the best nutrition, look for bright, even orange color and smooth skin. Avoid limp carrots. Select medium-sized, tapered carrots, which are sweeter and more flavorful than small ones, and more tender than larger, more mature carrots. Clip off any greens before storing, since they can sap moisture. Storing carrots in a perforated plastic bag in your crisper drawer will help them stay crunchy for several weeks.

Carrots are delicious served raw in salads or as crudites for dips, but winter is the perfect time to use them in warming, vegetable soups. Add chopped onion, celery, garlic, green beans and carrots to de-fatted chicken stock and simmer until the vegetables are tender. Season the mixture with salt, pepper, nutmeg, parsley and dill. Mix in spinach, peas and mushrooms and cook a few minutes more. For a richer-tasting thicker texture, puree all or part of the soup and heat through before serving.

Carrots can bring color and flavor to every part of a meal. When an eye-catching starter is needed, make a colorful carrot puree filling for zucchini boats, made by cutting cooked zucchini in half length-wise and removing the seed-filled centers to form a boat-shaped shell. As a savory side dish for baked fish or grilled chicken, pair sliced carrots with turnip cubes, sliced celery, chopped garlic and onion. Simmer the vegetables, covered, in chicken stock until they are tender. Uncover the pan and cook until the liquid is reduced to a glaze before serving.

Chinese stir-fries would be lackluster without the colorful crunch of carrots. Combined with chopped onion, broccoli florets, mushrooms and black beans, seasoned with a soy garlic-ginger cooking sauce, and served over steamed brown rice, they make a satisfying and nutritious meatless entree. Ginger-Roasted Carrots is a full-flavored dish that complements the lighter flavor of poultry and fish.

1 medium onion, quartered
1 medium tomato, quartered
1/4 pound mushrooms
2 large carrots, cut into thick diagonal slices

Preheat the oven to 425°F. In a large bowl, stir together maple syrup, sesame oil, ginger and red pepper sauce. Toss the vegetables with the ginger mixture, coating them evenly. Arrange the vegetables in a baking dish coated with non-stick cooking spray, pouring any remaining marinade over them.

Bake 30-35 minutes, until all the vegetables are browned and tender. You may wish to sear them briefly under the broiler to intensify their color. Serve immediately.

Each of the 4 servings contains 73 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Full-flavored dish: Pair Savory Ginger-Roasted Carrots with poultry or fish.

GINGER-ROASTED CARROTS

2 teaspoons maple syrup
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
Dash of hot pepper sauce
1/2 pound eggplant, cut into slices or chunks

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SPINACH DIP

1 package frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained well
1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
1 cup non-dairy sour cream
1 cup low-fat non-dairy mayonnaise
1 package Lipton vegetable soup mix
1 round rye bread loaf

Combine ingredients and mix well. Chill for at least 2 hours. Cut out the center of a round rye bread loaf. Take the center piece of bread and cut it into cubes.

Fill the hollowed out bread bowl with the dip. Use the cubed pieces of bread as the garnish and serve together. Serves 56 (1 tablespoon, each)

Per serving: 86 calories; 3g fat; 0g protein; 14g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 33mg sodium; 0g fiber.

BUCKWHEAT AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

8 ounces buckwheat pasta
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 cups cooked black beans or 1 (14 ounce) can black beans, drained
1 large red pepper, cut into chunks
6 to 12 black olives pitted and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon drained and minced capers
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Cook and drain pasta according to package directions. Plunge into cold water to stop cooking.

To make dressing: In a small bowl combine balsamic vinegar, oil, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Whisk well.

In a large bowl mix pasta, black beans, red pepper, black olives and capers. Pour dressing over pasta

and vegetables, and toss well. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serves 4.
Per serving: 416 calories; 12g fat; 14g protein; 63g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 495mg sodium; 8g fiber.

CANDY CARROTS

1 pound small baby carrots, cut in half
1/3 cup unsweetened apple juice concentrate, thawed
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon.

Combine carrots and apple juice in a large saucepan and stir well. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook over moderate heat for 15 to 20 minutes, until carrots are tender-crisp. Add cinnamon and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Serves 6.
Per serving: 39 calories; 0g fat; 1g protein; 9g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 26mg sodium 3g fiber.

STUFFED MANICOTTI

Sauce
4 cups no salt added tomato sauce
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons basil
2 teaspoons oregano
Filling
1 (10.5 ounce) package firm tofu, drained
1/2 cup grated soy mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup green onion, chopped
2 teaspoons basil, crushed
1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
4 manicotti shells or 12 jumbo shell macaroni (4 ounces dry weight)

Combine the first 4 ingredients; set aside. In a small bowl, crumble tofu with a fork. Add mozzarella cheese, onion, remaining basil and oregano and parsley. Mix thoroughly. Gently stuff mixture into partially cooked manicotti shells (shell should be firm).

Spray a small casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place half of the tomato-herb sauce in the dish. Spread evenly. Place stuffed shells on sauce. Pour remaining sauce over the shells. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F. Serves 4.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Traders Pow Wow to form gallery

"We're still here" is a favorite saying at the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center. In fact, that's the premise behind the Dec. 16 opening of the business led by the Woodland Indians Trading Company — to let the public know that North American Indians are alive and making art.

Thanks to a group of traders (Karen Rossi, an Ojibwa living in Redford; Joyce Tinkham, an Ann Arbor artist, Nisga'a Indian and owner of Trillium Treasures in Dixboro; Andrea White (Ojibwa) and husband Truman (Oneida) owners of Turtle Island Living Art; Ruth Maracle (Mohawk), Ga-Weh-Ni'You Gallery, and Cherokee photographer S. Kay Young, art works by tribes ranging from Apache to Seneca and Potawatomi are for sale in the gallery.

Woodland Indians Trading Company board president Geo Fuhst (Ojibwa), one of the guiding forces behind

North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center

What: A gallery and gift shop featuring paintings, jewelry, pottery, and a variety of crafts created primarily by Woodland Indians.

Where: 17321 Telegraph, north of Six Mile, Suite 207.

Hours: Presently by appointment only. Call (313) 535-7602 or reach them at their Web site: <http://www.Indian-world.org>

the first metropolitan Detroit outlet for North American Indian art, crafts and trade goods along with board vice president Adrienne Brant James (Mohawk), invites the public to visit the gallery.

"There's a big interest already in Native American art work," said Fuhst, a Redford Union Schools board member. "We have a good mix of traditional and contemporary.

If they come in, they may learn some new information. We're not just all feathers and horses. We're still around and we're here."

Located on Telegraph, north of Six Mile Road, the gallery offers authentic beaded works, drums (from hand-held to Pow Wow size), paintings, soapstone carvings, medicine wheels, kachina dolls, music, books, dream-catchers, pipestone pipes, ceramics and photography.

If you're looking for information on genealogy or a book on Indian Cooking, or "The Birds of Algonquin Legend," you're sure to find it here. If not, the staff will track it down for you.

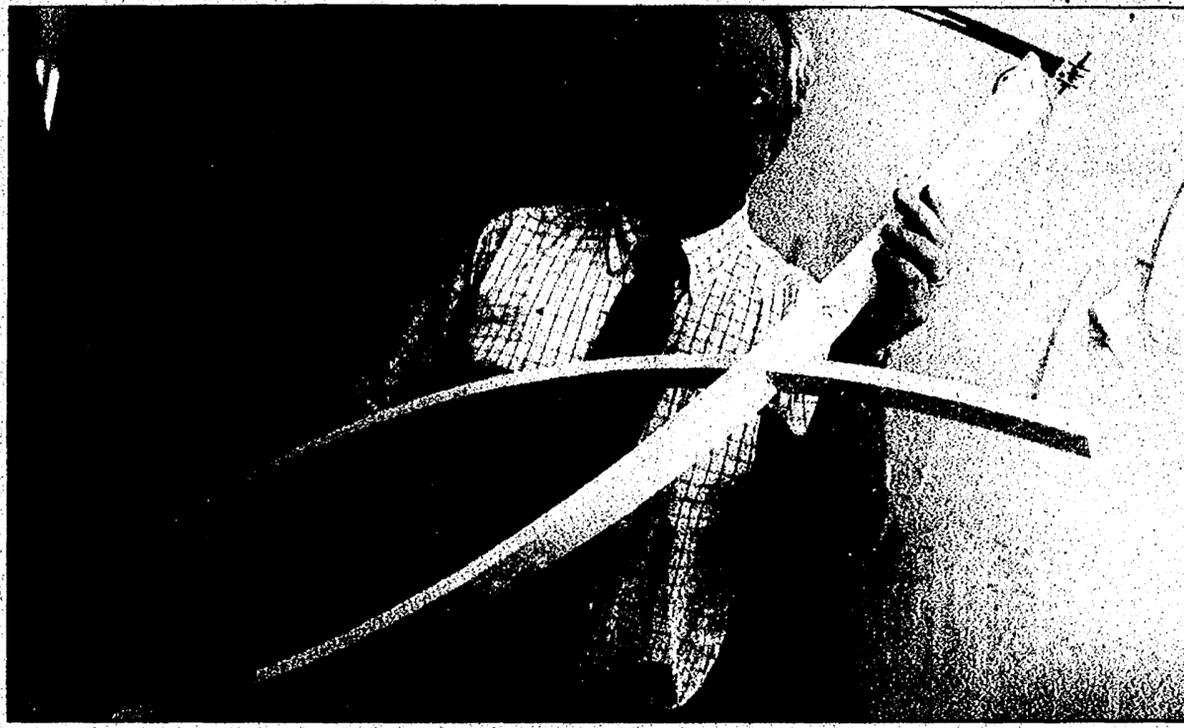
Opportunities for artists

"I think, the thing about Indian art is it's so culturally based; it comes out of our history," said James. "We opened the art gallery to try to provide opportunities for our people to make their work available. I want to

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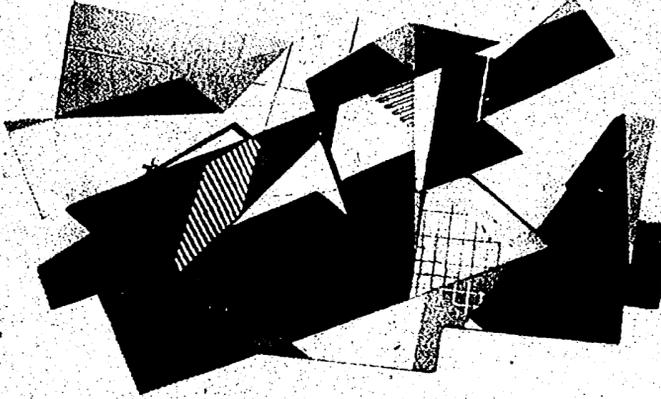
Native art: The North American Indian Art Gallery spotlights a variety of items including images by Cherokee photographer S. Kay Young, an instructor at the Turtle Island Learning Circle in Redford.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Colorful vision: Harold Linton of Farmington Hills, an internationally renowned colorist, seeks to increase awareness of how the application of color can enhance perception.

Artist colors our world with many hues



Engaging: Linton's fine art paintings, such as "Out in the Light," are distinguished by highly animated color schemes.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

The natural light in Harold Linton's Farmington Hills studio streams through the skylights and into a monochromatic work space.

There's no semblance of a trendy avocado hue or warm harvest gold. Just a few soft blue and violet splashes from a series of abstract watercolor paintings tacked to a white wall.

For a painter and color theorist whose advice on color schemes is sought internationally by architects and designers, Linton's studio is conspicuously without much pigmentation.

Similar to his decisively Piet Mondrian-like abstract paintings, Linton's neatly organized studio reflects a disciplined approach to illuminating a somewhat obscure field of study — color design.

Blessed with equal parts fine artist and methodical academician, Linton has both an aesthetic sensibility and practical explanation about those stimuli that make the optic nerve throb with pleasure.

"My goal is to define (the application of color) as a profession," said Linton, chair of the Department of Art and Design at Lawrence Tech University in Southfield. "I'm trying to build awareness of color and how it relates to perception and optical art."

For the last 15 years, Linton has written and published extensively — arguably, more than anyone — about the effect of color relationships on retail, design and architecture.

As proven by da Vinci, Rembrandt, Velazquez, Van Dyck and later by the Impressionists, capturing the subtleties of light illuminates and enhances the essence of a subject.

Linton puts it more directly: "Color is the subtext of life."

As the wheel turns

After his presentation at the first international conference on color education three years ago, Linton was invited to establish the first master's degree program for colorists in Europe at the University of Art and Design in Helsinki. Last year, Linton spent on sabbatical in Finland to initi-

ate the program.

Besides teaching at Lawrence Tech, he's currently finishing his eighth book, "Color in Architecture: Design Methods for Buildings, Interiors and Urban Space," to be published next year by McGraw Hill.

Linton's other books include color forecasting for the design industry, a survey of color design in marketing and the use of color in three-dimensional design.

From computer-generated color schemes, to new palettes being created by the European fashion industry, Linton justifies and forecasts the colors used by marketers, interior designers, architects, graphic designers and product designers.

Hardly coincidental, the increased fascination over the last 40 years with color design emerged along with abstract painting, advertising and niche marketing.

"We're more sophisticated," said Linton. "To get our attention, more complicated hues and nuances of color have been created. You see it in automobile systems from year to year."

The breakthrough research on

the subject can be found in Josef Albers' 1960 classic, "Interaction of Color."

Albers is credited as laying a visual framework for color design, according to Linton. Investigating how light affects the perception of seeing, Albers examined the effects triggered by optical elements.

Until Albers, the field of color theory was largely shaped by da Vinci's proclamation there were only six simple colors, and Sir Isaac Newton's notion of seven hues corresponding with the tones in the harmonic scale.

To some, color theorizing may seem superficial, but the proper color design can lead to significant breakthroughs.

For instance, by changing the color scheme in industrial environments in post World War II factories, one of the first color gurus, Faber Birren, helped to reduce accident rates while increasing productivity.

Nancy Kwallek, chair of the division of interior design at the University of Texas, has contributed to changes in office-inter-

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MUSIC

Israel Philharmonic is heart of nation's culture

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

For violist Yuri Gandelman it was an easy decision to leave his native Russia and emigrate to Israel in 1990.

"When I emigrated I was a principal with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. But Israel is the country of my family. I think I have to live here," he said. "And the orchestra is so wonderful."

The "orchestra" is the Israel Philharmonic, which brings its January tour of the United States to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium Jan. 10 under the direction of Zubin Mehta. It is part of the University Musical Society series.

Gandelman is one of a long line of Russian emigres

to take positions in the IPO.

"This is one of the biggest parts of the orchestra, something like 30 percent," said Gandelman by phone from his home in Tel Aviv. "Some people came in the '70s, some in the '80s and some in the '90s, really three generations. There are a lot of good musicians who have achieved important positions, first chair positions."

The IPO began as the Palestine Orchestra in 1936, 12 years before Israel became a nation.

Arturo Toscanini led the first concert of an orchestra composed of first chair musicians from Germany and Eastern Europe, who had lost their positions due to Nazism.



Dedicated maestro: Zubin Mehta has led the Israel Philharmonic through some of the most turbulent history of recent times.

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JACOB AVTRAM

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rior settings after studying the psychological effects of worker performance on environmental color. Kwallek also helped design interior color schemes for the space shuttle.

Most obviously, said Linton, the subliminal impact of color design can be realized when considering the impact of product packaging on consumer buying habits, said Linton.

When used strategically with a design, cool blue, passionate red, mellow yellow, warm green and

vibrant orange can induce a range of emotions from calmness to a hyperactive desire to buy.

Basically, the evolution of color design is derived from the creative use of colors on the color wheel, which is made up of variations of red, yellow and blue.

Working with primary colors, triads and complements on the color wheel register, a range of combination can be achieved.

While the use of color may seem scientific and learned, Linton's work as a painter proves

that color design still appears to be more art than science.

Color of the times

Linton doesn't distinguish his work consulting clients on the use of color from his work as a fine artist.

Last November, Linton's playfully organic shaped canvas was placed in the Muskegon County Airport. The Yale-educated painter was awarded the commission after winning a

statewide competition.

Next month, he'll be a guest speaker at the international conference, "Color and Design: 21st Century Technology and Creativity," sponsored by the University of Art and Design in Helsinki.

The conference features lectures on a range of topics affecting color, including virtual reality, electronic imaging, digitalization, reproduction and special

effects in film.

"Color is a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Linton. "Color design has to do with people seeing things in greater detail than in previous years."

The search for new palettes isn't anything new. Through sophisticated diagnostic tools, archeologists are realizing that past cultures also sought a broader spectrum of colors.

The Parthenon built in 400 B.C., for instance, was believed to have been created in stark

white. Today, the temple built in honor of Athena is considered to have had an original polychromatic design, said Linton.

Ironically, Linton's research seems to recall the days when color design went beyond pleasing aesthetic sensibilities and served a functional purpose.

Like his ancestral colorists, for Linton, inspiration rides on a streaming beam of light coming from above.

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Over the years, the orchestra has been a vital part of the nation's life, continuing to play during wars and terrorist attacks, traveling to all cities within the small Middle Eastern country, and taking its music around the world.

"I think the orchestra plays a very important part in the cultural life of Israel," Gandelsman said. "Our concert hall is for 3,000 people. We play the same concert five or six times in Tel

Aviv and every concert is sold out. I don't think there is an orchestra in any other country, including the United States, where an orchestra can play the same program five or six times and sell out."

Mehta, born in Bombay, and a member of the Parsi community, has been the orchestra's musical director since 1968, and was named director for life in 1981 because of his dedication to Israel and the orchestra. During

the 1967 Israel-Arab war Mehta left a tour of the Metropolitan Opera to join up with the IPO, and during the Yom Kippur War of 1973 he held special concerts for soldiers in the field. He also led performances during Scud missile attacks during the Persian Gulf War.

"It's difficult to talk about him," Gandelsman said of Mehta. "He's one of the great conductors of our time. We enjoy working with him very much.

When he's here we are always working. We do concerts, record. Nobody knows how he has the power for everything."

And what about a Parsi's dedication to the Jewish nation? "It's very funny," Gandelsman said with a hearty laugh; "he has an Indian heritage, but he's more Jewish than anyone else."

Mehta also served long tenures as musical director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.

Gandelsman had established a solid career as a member of the esteemed Moscow Chamber Orchestra and as a soloist in Russia.

"My whole family is musical. My daughter has a position in orchestra, she plays violin. My son is studying music in Philadelphia and has played with the orchestra. My wife is a pianist," he said.

The Gandelsman family has given concerts throughout Europe, England and Japan. He said they have performed fundraising concerts for the orchestra and for hospitals around the world.

The current IPO tour, marking Israel's 50th anniversary, begins Jan. 6 in San Francisco and ends Jan. 24 in Philadelphia. The concert in Ann Arbor will feature performances of Beethoven's

Symphony No. 3 (the "Eroica"), Richard Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," and a new work by Israeli composer Tzvi Avni, "Communion." In New York, the conducting baton will be passed to Kurt Mazur, musical director of the New York Philharmonic, for a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

"We are always working with other conductors," Gandelsman said. "It's always challenging; different music all the time. We have a circle of conductors who we know, they come every two or three years. But we also welcome new names. We're always interested in doing music with others."

Playing with others is a hallmark of the IPO which is testified to by the special concert marking the orchestra's 60th anniversary in 1996 in Tel Aviv. The concert, released as a two-

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

What: Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica"); Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel." Avni's "Communion."

Where: Hill Auditorium, on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10

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Israel Philharmonic Orchestra



Zubin Mehta

conductor

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strings quivered with energy, the brasses surged gloriously, the orchestra created a spacious sound that enveloped the listener in a colorful, resonant landscape." (New York Newsday) Under the leadership of the venerable Zubin Mehta, the Israel Philharmonic celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel.

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see Indians gain the benefit. The idea is to make ourselves self sufficient, to benefit from our own work instead of others benefiting. It's a continuous struggle for us. We want the world to know we're still here and what our art stands for."

James pointed to a print by Indian artist Arnold Jacobs showing a steel worker walking high atop a skyscraper. An eagle placed directly behind the hardhat makes him look as if he has wings.

"It's terribly important to the Iroquois for people to know skyscrapers and bridges like the Penobscot Building, and Ambassador and Mackinac bridges were built by Indians," explained James, whose own interest in art sprang from her mother, a Mohawk painter.

Since Fuhst and James were instrumental in founding the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a native-based public school academy in Redford, a percentage of profits from the gallery benefits the school and other Native organizations such as Indian World, a nonprofit dedicated to serving the metro Detroit Indian community.

"There aren't many stores if people want to buy Indian products," said James. "We want people to know Woodland Indians art is every bit as beautiful as art by southwest Indians although the gallery does carry some southwest art."

Woodland Indians Trading Company began selling herbal products, teas, liniments and salves about a year ago. The gallery blossomed from there.

Temporary location

The location, however, is temporary as the partners are attempting to buy a location in Redford. They hope to move some time in March. The expanded space will allow the gallery to host demonstrations by artists as well as seminars on healing and wellness.

Traders Andrea and Truman White represent artists living all over Turtle Island, the Indian name for North America. They look for hand made silver jewelry, beaded purses, turtle bags, feather wrist bands and hair ties, black ash Woodland Indians baskets, and sweet grass barrettes at art shows and on the Pow Wow circuit.

"For Woodland Indians, the winters are very cold but in the southern areas, there's a lot of long sweet grass," said Andrea White, a Belleville resident and staff member at the Turtle Island Learning Circle. "Sweet grass is one of our four sacred plants and is used as a medicine."

After 10 years of exhibiting Indian art on the Pow Wow circuit, White is a wealth of information about the black ash bas-

kets and quill-covered boxes made from birch bark, porcupine quills and other natural materials.

"Not many people know basket makers have to ask the tree's permission before making a basket from it," said White. "One of the things I appreciate about these is that they're used; they're durable, practical. Things you use every day should be attractive. The baskets just last and last. I still have some baskets my grandmother made in the 1960s."

Local artists shown in the gallery include Joseph Smith of Southfield. The 24-year old started making his own dance regalia almost 10 years ago after learning from master native artists. Smith's chokers are made of faceted glass and natural bone, dyed with tea.

S. Kay Young, a graduate of Center for Creative Studies, began taking photography seriously 20 years ago. She worked in the photography department at the Detroit Institute of Arts for 10 years and has been published in numerous magazines. She teaches photography at the Turtle Island Living Circle. The DIA recently purchased a (digitally-imaged) Giclee print on watercolor paper by Young who favors Native Americans and nature as subjects.

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



PHOTO BY S. KAY YOUNG

Intricate art: The skills needed to make hand beaded accessories are usually learned in Indian communities.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 21700 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia; (248) 349-8175 or (313) 462-4435.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN
Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact V'SAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Highway, 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.

PARK PLAYERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and 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.

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

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

BLUES

ROBERT JONES
2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 as part of the opening ceremonies for the exhibit, "Dust-Shaped Hearts: Photographs of African-American Men" by Don Camp. University of Michigan Museum of Art Museum, Museum of Art Apse., 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

CHORALE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, the Polonaise Chorale in a concert of Polish Christmas songs. St. Barbara, 13534 Colson, Dearborn; (313) 863-6209.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
"Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera in one act by Gian-Carlo Menotti, the story of shepherd boy and the mysterious Magi. 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, St. Joan of Arc, 21620 Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores; (313) 882-0118.

A CAPELLA
4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, internationally renown Canada's Star-Scape Singers. Each singer has a three octave range. Material ranges from traditional classics to unique arrangements of con-



Virtuosity: Internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma will be accompanied by pianist Kathryn Stott in a recital featuring Brahms' Sonata No. 2 and Stravinsky's Suite Italienne, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$55 to \$15 (box seats \$75), call (313) 833-3700.

temporary classics. Tickets: \$12 & \$20. Shrine Chapel, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0521.

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.

PCCA WINTER CLASSES
Plymouth Community Arts Council open registration for art, music and theater classes for all ages. Classes start week of Jan. 12-April 1. Offerings include pottery, photography, batik, printmaking, beginning strings and more; (734) 416-4278.

PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS
Jingle BEL, Inc. of Rochester Hills offers members of Rochester and neighboring communities a program to expand skills to build self-confidence through participation in the arts. Winter classes: 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13-April 1, "Live Wires," the basics of vocal, drama and choreographic techniques; 4:15-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1, "Broadway Brigade," instruction in music and theater; 3:15-4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1, "Short Circuit," a children's class covering basics of drama, singing and movement with emphasis on developing listening skills; (248) 375-9027.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Winter classes: 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Landscape in Pastel," \$120/10 weeks; 7:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, "Ceramics," \$50/8 weeks; 7:9 p.m. Wednesday, "Painting & Drawing," \$75/6 weeks; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, "Experimental Watercolor Workshop," \$40/1 meeting; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, "Introduction to Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, "Advanced Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, "Chain Making Workshop," \$35/1 meeting; 7:8-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, "Basic Bead Stringing," \$10/1 meeting; 7:9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Vintage Beaded Knitted Bags," \$15/1 meeting. Southfield Centre for the Arts: 24350 Southfield Road.

HUMANITIES SERIES
Registration: Jan. 5 for Jan. 29-March 19 class, 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Winter classes begin Jan. 13, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 5 - 10 a.m. to 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 at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. 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.

WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN
January and February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Petosky. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 - "Operatic Favorites," featuring music of Mozart, Korngold, Respighi, Strauss, Heuberger, Lehar; 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8-10 - Conductor Neeme Jarvi, featuring pianist Terrence Wilson in a program of Mahler, Liszt and Dvorak; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 - Yo-Yo Ma in recital; 8:30 p.m. Saturday & 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17-18 - Conductor Christian Lindberg, in a program of Kabalevsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sandstrom and Sibelius. \$17-\$60. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700/(313) 962-3610.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE ON ICE
7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, and 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet performs the elaborately costumed production. Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp.; (810) 286-2141.

LECTURE

HISTORY OF THE BLUES
7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, jazz historian and musician E. Howard Nelson presents a lecture on "The History of the Blues," presented in conjunction with Meadow Brook Theatre's production, "Thunder Knocking on the Door: A Bluesical Tale of Rhythm and the Blues." 500 Olde Town, Rochester; (248) 370-3321.

OIA EDUCATION PROGRAMS
2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, "Video: The Many Faces of Fontainebleau," featuring the political intrigue and private lives of French royalty, Lecture Hall; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, "Gallery Tour: Italian Gothic Paintings," featuring speaker George Keyes, Elizabeth & Allan Sheldon, curator of European Paintings, Gallery W242; 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, "Lecture: Lorna Simpson," an artist who challenges

racial and gender-specific stereotypes. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue; (313) 833-7899.

ART OF CHINA
Six-week survey of Chinese Art begins 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12. Professor Michael Farrell will trace the development of Chinese art from Neolithic origins through the 19th century with attention to the sculpture, scroll painting and decorative arts. Fee: \$80 six week course; \$15 per lecture. Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9022.

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES
Noon, Thursday, Jan. 15, featuring Bob Gaylor, curator of rare books at Oakland University, to discuss book collecting and appraise books. Information Technology Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road; (248) 858-0415.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Balthazar Korab, renowned architectural photographer in conjunction with an exhibit of his work, "Traces." Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road; (248) 644-0866.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF PONTIAC
1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, monthly meeting. Following meeting entertainment by soprano Dorothy Berry and flutist Dorothy Pelton. Guests and new members invited. Nominal guest fee. Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford; (248) 673-6568.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May, Wednesday, Jan. 14, Chris Unwin. Admission free. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 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.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
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 planetarium presentation of the red planet narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0478.

MUSEUMS (OPENINGS)

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Jan. 24 - "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point," an exhibit of Monet's work around 1880 in the small village on the Seine. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thurs., noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Jan. 31 - "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms of Classical Art from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston," a collection of 81 objects of marble, bronze, terra cotta, limestone, ceramics from ancient Greece and Imperial Rome, from 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D. Through March 15. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint; (810) 234-1695.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY
Noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, "Books at lunch," a reading series meeting the first Wednesday of the month. Works to be discussed include "Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time" by Dava Sobol and Kate Atkinson's "Behind the Scenes at the Museum." No registration required. 300 West Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

OPEN MIC AT CARIBOU
Third Wednesday of each month. Caribou Coffee, Walton & Livernois; (248) 544-657.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Jan. 9 - 5 p.m., "A Retrospective: Zuhair Shaouani." Past photographs and enhanced imagery inspired by the art of Mesopotamia. Shaouani, a native of Iraq, immigrated to the US in 1977 and has exhibited throughout Europe. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

A.C.T. Gallery
Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "Ashes to Ashes," featuring Jeanne Bieri, Anne Fracassa, Preston Prout and Jack Summers. Through Feb. 13. A.C.T. is an artists' cooperative. Hours: noon-5 p.m. Friday-Sat. 29 E. Grand River, across from north side of the Hudson's building on Woodward Avenue; (313) 371-6522.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "New Works from Susanne and John Stephenson," two nationally recognized ceramists. Their latest works explore manifestations of nature through their abstracted, tactile sculpture. Through Feb. 8, 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 12.

C POP GALLERY
Jan. 10 - 7:30 p.m., "SANDPAPER/SALLY," retro-futurist Tom Thewes. Through Feb. 6, 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Jan. 11 - 2 p.m., "The Birth of Israel," color photographs taken half a century ago of Israelis struggling to survive while creating a Jewish state. Through Jan. 29, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Focus on Islam," works of Islamic art, Middle-Eastern crafts and traditional calligraphy. Through Feb. 21, The University of Michigan Dearborn, Third Floor of the Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

BBAA
Jan. 16 - "Traces," architectural photography of Balthazar Korab, through Feb. 13, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

JACOB/COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Jan. 16 - "Laughter Ten years After," an international touring exhibit of contemporary art by women artists. Through Feb. 21, Community Arts Auditorium, 5400 Gulien Mall, Wayne State University; (313) 577-2423.

NETWORK GALLERY
Jan. 16 - 6 p.m., "Money Nuts," an exhibit of new works by six former students of Cranbrook Academy of Art. Site specific and multi-media work by Katrin Asbury, Matt Garland, Michael Goodson, Kelley Roberts, Joe Ruster and Ahmed Salvador. Through Feb. 14, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

CARY GALLERY
Jan. 17 - 6 p.m., "Transition," the watercolors of Donna Vogelheim. Through Feb. 14, Main Street, Rochester.

SUSANNE HILBERRY
Jan. 17 - 4 p.m., "Pottery by Warren MacKenzie," one of the foremost functional potters. Through Feb. 28, 555 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 842-8250.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

GALLERIE BLUE
Through Jan. 4 - "Art and Artifact," a student exhibit under the direction of fiber artist/sculptor Susan Aaron-Taylor. 568 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings," 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

NETWORK GALLERY
Through Jan. 10 - "New Work" by Susan Goethel Campbell, and "Enclosures," an exhibit of picture frames, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes, Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Jan. 10 - "Sculpture" by Susan Martin, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Jan. 15 - New Works by painter Nancy Wolfe, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Jan. 15 - New glass work by Pavel Hlava, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (810) 333-2060.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Jan. 16 - Group exhibit of new works by Marianne Hall, Annie VanGelderer, George Snyder and Paul Jacobson, 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

REVOLUTION
Through Jan. 17 - Sculpture by James Shroobree, including wall mounted and free-standing sculpture; and "On Paper II," prints and drawings of Frank Auerbach, Dara Walker and Sue Williams, 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY
Through Jan. 17 - "Six Views: New work by Susan Beiner, John Gargano, Adelaide Paul, Betsy Rosenmiller, Bonnie Seeman, Deborah Sigel," 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 25 - Stephen Magisc: Urban Landscape Paintings. Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 - "National Horse Show," an invitation featuring 45 artists. Thru Jan. 31, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY
Through Jan. 31 - Dianne Zyskowski's antique and collectible glass collection, dating from 1825 to 1910. Main Level, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 - Group show of Center for Creative Studies students and gallery artists. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

SENIORS ART
Through March 16 - "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannah House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1300.



Sands of time: International fine art photographer Michael Kenna series of photographs, "Montique's Kindergarten," on exhibit through Jan. 31 at the Halsted Gallery, 660 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 644-8284.

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Victoria Diaz
"The sun was just creeping over the horizon, glowing gold through the forested hills to the east like a distant fire. The woods were damp and dappled with shadows. A perfect day for skull-duggery."

Though it's a bit flawed, "A Dance in Deep Water" is a tale worth spending some time with. One of the reasons is this Montrose writer's knowledge of the Wolverine State and its brand of people. Another is his seductive gift for storytelling, his ability to draw a reader into his story, apparent in such passages as the above.

Though labeled "A Mitch Mitchell Mystery" on its front cover, don't open up this book expecting the traditional whodunit, in which a murder occurs early on and a clever somebody tracks down the killer in ensuing pages.

Anticipate, instead, something of who-am-I-and-where-did-I-come-from tale. Some deadly crimes do figure in, but so late in the game that they seem slightly secondary, making the focus of this book a little wishy-washy from start to finish and blunting its ultimate impact.

Michelle "Mitch" Mitchell - single mother, diver, owner of an unpretentious bar on Lake Huron's shore - finds herself in deep water and deep trouble again in this, the third novel in the Mitchell series. (Others were

BOOKS

'A Dance in Deep Water' shows insight into state

A Dance in Deep Water
By Doug Allyn
(St. Martin's Press, \$22.95)



VICTORIA DIAZ

than one, as crack diver Mitch explores long-deserted mine shafts in the UP, vividly illustrating an extremely harrowing way of conducting genealogical research. (Her resiliency in diving tight spots gets to be downright cartoonish after awhile.)

Above ground, she and her cohorts find themselves entangled with a couple of extremely down-and-dirty, chain-wielding bikers and a militia group who call themselves The Third Coast.

Significant others in the adventure include Red, the big-boned, big-hearted lesbian bar-keep who can always be counted on when things get rough for Mitch. Not exactly a beauty ("If Jack Palance had a tough sister, she'd probably look a lot like Red") and certainly "not everyone's cup of tea," she's nevertheless one of the liveliest and most memorable characters in the Mitchell series.

Series regular, Sheriff Charlie Bauer ("a linebacker in his college days at Michigan State"), adds to the action, but the teddy bearish lawman isn't exactly the most riveting character in the world. Though it may be true, as Mitch believes, that "nice guys are... a rarity," that doesn't necessarily add to their interest as characters in fiction, of course.

Allyn's depiction of a militia group, though not complimentary, does provide some food for thought on how ordinary (extraordinary) citizens find such organizations attractive, and come to make them an integral part of their lives.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia freelance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

Book spotlights regional beers

The Great Lakes Beer Guide (Eastern Region)

By James MacKinnon
(The Boston Mill Press, \$14.50)

By HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

For those who love beer, here's another guide.

James MacKinnon must have been delirious with joy with the recent news that moderate alcohol consumption is healthy for you. (In fact very healthy, as recent research suggests that moderate drinkers are 20 percent less likely to have a heart attack.)

MacKinnon is quick to argue the health benefits of beer in his book and now he has science to back him up.

The Canadian author loves beer - real beer, beer rich in malts and hops, beer with character. He has equal disdain for the watery, pale yellow, overly bubbly stuff turned out by major breweries (including the national brews Molson and Labatt).

It is MacKinnon's strong views that give his guide book the satisfying body of a fine ale.

MacKinnon offers some interesting perspective on beer and beer culture. He provides essays on the history of beer, the special

qualities of beer, the types of beer from pilsner to stout and the finer points of being a beer connoisseur (including a lexicon of words you can use to describe the taste of your beer other than "Yeah, it's pretty good"). Indeed, MacKinnon suggests that it's as easy to be a beer snob as it is to be a wine snob.

After soundly criticizing the major breweries for everything from the poor flavor of their brews to their marketing and distribution practices, MacKinnon launches into the heart of the book - a trip through five states and two provinces (New York, Michigan, Vermont, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Quebec) to sample the brews of several micro-breweries and brew pubs. He provides a five-star rating system, from "A classic, hinting at heaven" to 1/2 star for "Awful. Thoroughly noxious; should not be called beer."

Michigan beers featured include the Traffic Jam's Motor City Brewing Works with a 4-1/2 star rating for the Nut Brown Ale and Duster's Microbrewery which gets four stars for its Imperial Oatmeal stout. Other Michigan brewers listed are the August Brewing Co., Big Buck Brewing, Boyne River Brewing,

King Brewing and Traverse City Brewing. Surprisingly, Bell's Brewing out of Kalamazoo and some of the recent brew pubs in Ann Arbor are not listed.

MacKinnon stretches the Great Lakes to include Vermont and Quebec so he can include some beers he truly loves including several brews from Unibroue Incorporated in Quebec which has two five-star beers. MacKinnon describes each beer, and his description of the Blanche de Chambly is especially poetic. He also explains the ingredients of the beers, alcohol content and style.

Some of MacKinnon's views on beer might offend some people. Though he makes a case for promoting responsibility rather than prohibition and argues that beer is a common, legal, family-centered drink for the young everywhere but in North America, he doesn't address the growing problem of excess drinking by teenagers. He is much too flippant about a very real problem. But then, prohibitionists don't address the problem very realistically or helpfully either.

If you're thinking of taking a trip and want to sample some local brews, this is a good place to get the basics and compare your palate with MacKinnon's

Do these words sound familiar?

Things My Parents Said ... For My Own Good

By Jeffrey Parsons
(Erin Layne Books, \$8.95)

Writer Jeffrey Parsons has compiled an amusing compendium of parental bon mots that prove beyond questions that nothing new has been said in generations - centuries - ages.

This tiny book features illustrations by Ken Taylor of a freckle-faced, brush-cut haired young boy as he reacts to the latest admonition from on high. As a parent you'll hear the echo of your own voice in these phrases. As a child or former child you'll hear your parents' voices. Isn't it scary to realize how alike those voices become over time?

Some examples: "Don't press your luck, mister" (with visions of luck getting ironed); "You

THINGS MY PARENTS SAID



...FOR MY OWN GOOD!

know during the Depression we were lucky to have food on the table"; "Well, you've done it this time, haven't you?"; "Be careful, you're skating on very thin ice!"; "You were raised better than that!"; "Because they're good for you, that's why!" (while the young man ponders a plate of

broccoli and beets); "Believe me, it's for your own good."

The book contains 160 sayings, pared down from an original list of 400 considerations. And you've probably heard or used everyone of them at one time or another.

Though the author dates these phrases to a simpler time (the '60s), they continue to have currency with parents. Though some parents might harken back to the '60s with a phrase like, "In my day, young people stood for something." The idea is still the same.

The book, published in Bloomfield Hills, is an amusing reminder of how we use language and how we pass language, phrases and a common set of core values from one generation to the next, almost subconsciously.

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) 691-7279.

ART COURSES FOCUS ON FAR EAST

Learn about the art and architecture in the art course "Asian Art: India, China, Japan" beginning 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Sessions studying paintings, sculptures and garden designs continue through Apr. 23. Cost is \$285.

Students will try their hand in the studio course, "Oriental Brushwork" starting 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. For a fee of \$190, students learn the ease and mystery of Chinese and Japanese ink brush painting. For more information, call (734) 432-5731.

STAINED GLASS IN SPOTLIGHT

D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel is featuring stained glass art by Joe Slezak in the Artist Gallery, 8691 North Lilley and Joy, Canton. Call (734) 453-3710.

A retired Wayne County firefighter and a Plymouth resident, Slezak studied his craft at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Linden Art Glass, Plymouth. An award winning artist, he took first place at the Livonia Arts Commission's arts and crafts show at Greenmead Historical Village several years ago. This spring, Slezak will have a book published on original stained glass patterns.

D & M's Artist Gallery also features the work of Hugh Buley of Ann Arbor, Sharon Dillenbeck, Canton; Carol McCreedy, Westland, and Sig Skundberg.

DANCES OF EARTHSKYWATER

The Eastern Michigan University Dance department will present a program titled "Dances of EarthSkyWater" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 in the Quirk Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 students/seniors/children under age 12 and available by calling (734) 487-1221.

Choreography includes "After the Fall" by Adam Clark, artistic director of Jazz Dance Theatre and an instructor at Miss Harriett School of Dance in Livonia.

The work explores similarities between nature and civilization. Clark uses rain to represent its cleansing, life-restoring effects on men and women.

In addition to other dances choreographed by Angelo Lemmo, resident choreographer of the Canton Ballet in Ohio, and Joann McNamara, EMU dance professor, the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group, who sing in traditional Great Lakes style, will perform.

FROM BACH TO BARBER

Madonna University will host a music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks, chair and associate professor in the university's music department, on the piano. The two will perform a program recently given at Carroll College in Helena, Montana and features works from Bach to Barber.

Wiltzie, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, is a two-time regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions. Wiltzie, a recent winner of the National Opera Association Vocal Competition and the Friedrich Schorr Memorial Performance Prize, is a voice instructor at Macomb Community College.

Popoff-Parks joined the faculty at Madonna University in 1978. She received a bachelor of music degree from Marygrove College and a master of arts degree with a double major in piano performance-accompanying and theory-literature from Eastern Michigan University.

For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

ARTIST'S WAY CAFE

Are you interested in fun, conversation, networking and connection to your inner artist? The Ann Arbor Art Center's Artist's Way Cafe is just the gathering place for you. Sessions take place 7-9 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month from Jan. 21 to April 15 at the Jewelry Studio, 220 Felch Street, Ann Arbor.

Based on Julia Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way" and its philosophy and practices, this

drop-in gathering for creative people touches upon visualization, playing with color, goal setting, and creative U-turns. No registration necessary.

The cost is \$7 per session. Call the Art Center for more information, (313) 665-0409.

Also of note: Enhance a walkway or mark a special spot with one-of-a-kind garden vessels made in the Art Center's six-week ceramic workshop 1-4 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 22.

Hand build planters of various sizes, shapes and textures to suit your garden. Slab and coil construction, integrating color and texture stressed. Lab fee includes 15 hours of free out-of-class studio time, 25 pounds of stoneware clay, and all firing and glazing.

The cost is \$72 members (\$81 nonmembers); \$20 lab fee. To register, call (313) 994-8004.

VOCAL COMPETITION

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) and the Italian American Cultural Society is looking for Michigan high school students to compete in its' fourth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition." Ten finalists will be selected.

Deadline for submitting tapes is Feb. 15.

The aim of the competition is to encourage and develop young amateur vocal talent and to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language.

Each of the 10 finalists receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. The American Italian Professional Business Women's Club is sponsoring one of the top prizes.

Last year's winners were Ryan Kelly of Traverse City High School, first prize; Ruth Crismley, Bethany Christian High School, Troy, second prize, and Allison Baty, Traverse City High School, third prize.

For additional information, call Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan president John Zaretti at (313) 455-8895.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Eastern Michigan University's art department is offering Michi-

gan artists the chance to win cash prizes and display their works Feb. 3-20 at the Michigan Drawing Biennial '98 Art Competition and Exhibition.

Ellen Sharp, curator of graphic arts at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will juror the contest. First prize and purchase award is \$1,000, second prize \$500, and third prize \$300.

Deadline for turning in entries at Ford Hall's Ford Gallery is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 9-10. Call (734) 487-1268.

Winners and all accepted entries will be exhibited at EMU's Ford Gallery Feb. 3-20.

All drawing media, including mixed media, are eligible but artists must be at least 18 years of age and currently live and work in Michigan. Entries should be original drawings completed within the last two years. Work previously exhibited at Eastern Michigan University will not be accepted.

To enter the contest, obtain an entry and jury results card from Eastern Michigan University's art department in 114 Ford Hall. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 entitles each artist to submit up to three works.

SINGERS WANTED

The Whistlestop Players needs singers, actors and dancers for their spring musical, "When Character Counts," an original work focusing on the six pillars of character embraced by the nationwide initiative Character Counts Coalition.

Auditions take place 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Jan. 11-13 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 747 North Sheldon at Junction.

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

Also of note:

The arts council begins classes for all ages in theater, music and art the week of Jan. 12. For a complete listing, call the arts council.

OPENING RECEPTION

Eastern Michigan University's "The Powerful Object: Fetish Works" sculpture exhibit, opens with a reception 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Ford Gallery. The show continues to Jan. 30.

David Greenwood, David Page and Richard Washington, who's exhibited at Madonna University are the featured artists.



Music recital: Linette Popoff-Parks, chair of the music department at Madonna University, will accompany mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie on piano.



From Bach to Barber: Mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie, will perform Sunday, Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall at Madonna University.

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Take vacation without leaving home on luxury ship

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Dennis Wolf, president of Hall & Hunter Realtors of Bloomfield Hills, is well acquainted with the first law of real estate.

"When you think about real estate, you think location, location, location," Wolf said. "You can't think of anything better than a condo that becomes part of the most charming and historical cities in the world."

Imagine if your home traveled and you went along for the ride. The "location" would be anywhere in the world where things were happening - Mardi Gras in Rio, Olympics in Sydney, the running of the bulls in Spain, America's Cup in Auckland.

That's the concept behind the World of ResidenSea, a cruise ship with all the comforts of home, at least the home of any upstanding multi-millionaire. This is not your typical closet-sized cruise cabin. These are luxury condominiums ranging from about 1,100 square feet up to 2,152 square feet (and more if you combine units).

Hall & Hunter is acting as metro Detroit marketing agent for Christie's Great Estates, a division of the famous Christie's Auction House.

"The idea was born by ship architects Peter Yran and Bjorn Strobraaten and shipbuilder Knut Kloster in Norway," Wolf said.

The proposed ship, which recently got the go-ahead to begin construction, will be about

1,000 feet long with 250 private residences and 180 guest suites (also bigger than the typical cruise cabin at 215 to 484 square feet).

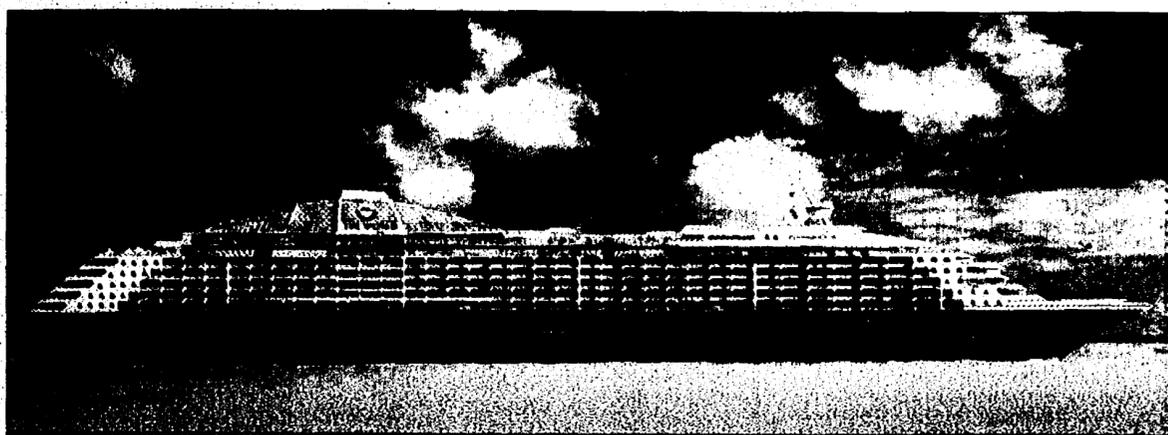
"Each unit will be fully furnished and the owner would be able to bring in his own designer and decorator at this stage," Wolf said. "The furniture, a sound system, all kitchen equipment, televisions in each bedroom, a balcony overlooking the sea are all provided. The smallest units start at \$1.2 million and they're already sold out."

The largest, three-bedroom units go for as high as \$5.3 million. The builders have already received more than \$100 million in commitments and sales.

To qualify for ownership you must show a net worth of \$5 million. It costs \$5,000 just to fill out a reservation form. And all deals are cash.

"It's meant to be a second home to take the place of those other second, third and fourth homes the wealthy have," Wolf said. "The makeup of the residents will be 40 percent American, 40 percent European and 20 percent from other parts of the world."

Technically, the units are not condominiums, in which a buyer purchases the space within the walls of a property, but, according to Wolf, you purchase the right to use the space. In addition to the purchase price you pay a maintenance fee similar to that at a condominium development. The fees will range from



Home afloat: The World at ResidenSea is a more than a cruise ship, it's really a floating city with luxury apartments.

\$61,500 to \$241,300 annually. The fee covers ship operating expenses (including salaries for the 450 staff members), daily maid service, port charges, dry docking and maintenance. On the plus side, there are no real estate taxes, property insurance (the ship is insured), club dues or utility payments.

Of course, you could live aboard all year long if that's your choice or you could rent out your unit for part of the year, or allow the ship's concierge to rent it for you. Then when the ship is going somewhere you want to go,

you can meet up with it and take up residence again.

The ResidenSea offers the usual amenities found on a luxury cruise ship including swimming pools, a health club, seven restaurants, a gallery of lounges and bars, a casino, a 300-seat theater/cinema, a nine hole putting course and a golf simulator, a library, an art museum with exhibits from around the world and a business center so that executives can keep in touch with their businesses while on the high sea.

"The offices will have the latest technology," Wolf said. "And guest suites will be available for rental as offices."

The ship also provides such practical services as a beauty salon and a hospital.

The lounges and theater will feature operas and live cabaret style entertainment. Also historians, naturalists (such as Jean Michel Cousteau) and other specialists will provide seminars before each port stop.

The itinerary for the first three years has been set by the builders; after that the owners will decide together where the ship will go.

"The ship will be circumnavigating the world once a year, hitting the high spots such as the Olympics in 2000 and Carnival in Rio, all the major events of the world," Wolf said.

The builders expect to have the ship completed by early or mid 2000, though they had hoped to complete it by the end of 1999.

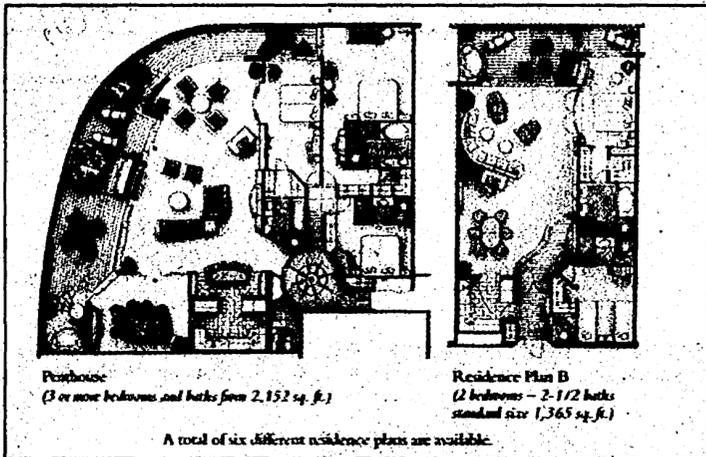
Planned stops the first year, in

addition to Sydney, include the Cannes Film Festival in France, Sri Lanka, the Great Barrier Reef, Easter Island and the Caribbean in December. Unlike a typical cruise ship which pulls into a port for an 8-10 hour stay, the ResidenSea will stay a minimum of two days and up to three weeks for major events such as the Olympics.

Wolf said he has sent out mailings to 250 people believed to have the finances to afford a residence. He said he has received several inquiries, including from two corporations with an interest in purchasing for corporate use.

Anyone wanting more information can contact Wolf at Hall & Hunter, 1(800)390-RELO or (248)647-8100.

Comfort at sea: Here are two of the ship's residence floor plans. The 2,152-square-foot, three-bedroom penthouse is at left; a 1,365-square-foot, two-bedroom unit at right.



A total of six different residence plans are available.

GREAT ESCAPES

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CROSS COUNTRY SKI GUIDE

The "Cross Country Ski the Lakeshore Guide" for Holland and Grand Haven is now available. The guide provides information on cross country skiing in the Ottawa County, Grand Haven and Holland area. The brochure features a descriptive guide to 12 cross country ski areas, an Ottawa County map showing ski areas, a trail map and information on Pigeon Creek Park, an accommodations guide, a snow condition hot line and information on ski equipment rentals. To receive a copy, call (800)806-1299 or e-mail at info@holland.org or write to Ottawa County Tourism Council, 76 E. Eighth St., Holland, MI 49423.

HAWAIIAN GARDEN LECTURE

Matthaei Botanical Gardens's Art of Living with Nature luncheon and lecture series continues with the second offering on at noon Thursday, Jan. 15. Dr. David Michener will present "The Other Michener's Hawaii: Private Gardens of Island Paradise." The luncheon will feature genuine Hawaiian fare prepared by Chef Jeff Hannah. Seating is limited and early registration is required.

Tickets for the lecture and luncheon are \$30 per person, \$25 for Members of the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens. To register, call (313)998-7061.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens is at 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.

VEGAS TALK

Travel writer Mary Quinley will speak on "Las Vegas: What's Beyond the Casino Walls," 10

a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia. For information, call the library at (313)421-6600.

WINTER ELVIS FESTIVAL

Huntsville, Ontario, is holding its first Canadian Winter Elvis Festival, Jan. 8-11.

The festival will feature Elvis impersonators, a traveling Elvis museum, and an "Elvis on Snow" parade.

Canadian Pacific's Deerpark Resort will be transformed into the Heartbreak Hotel during the festival and will be the center of activity. The indoor pavilion will be headquarters for the Elvis Fan Club, house the museums and memorabilia displays and will hold the "Night of Champions" show and dance on Jan. 9 featuring guest impersonators. The hotel is offering a special overnight package starting at \$218 Canadian.

For more information on the Winter Elvis Festival package, call 1-705-789-8411.

ITALY TOUR

Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth is sponsoring a tour of Italy which will include a viewing of the Shroud of Turin and a Papal audience in Rome, May 24 to June 4. David Guerin will host.

The tour will include stops in Milan, Turin, Venice, Florence, Bologna, Pisa and Rome.

The tour is priced at \$2,995 per person and include roundtrip airfare from Detroit, land transportation on motorcoach, transfers, accommodations in 4-star hotels, continental breakfast each day, a lunch and seven dinners, city tours, insurance, entrance fees and hotel and airport taxes.

For more information, call (313)456-5810.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Youth soccer champs

The under-12 Michigan Hawks, a girls premier league soccer team, recently captured the under-13 division in first annual 11 versus 11 Holiday Classic Challenge at the new Total Soccer facility in Wixom.

They defeated the San Marino Blast in a shootout to earn the title.

Members of the Hawks include: Elizabeth Albulou, Nicole Cauzillo, Kathryn Cumming, Erin Doan, Melissa Dobbyn, Jordan Falcusan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Lindsay Hill, Jill Kehler, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann, Jamie Poole, Mariasa Sarkesian and Jennifer Szymanski.

The Hawks are coached by John Buchanan, Tiffanie Graves and Sofia Nunn.

The under-13 Michigan Hawks, coached by Dave Tyler and Eric Klein, went undefeated in the Holiday Challenge Classic recently in Fraser.

Members of the Hawks, who defeated the Farmington Flash 3-2 in the finals, include: Katie Ales, Laura Baker, Erin Coan, Bethany Dobbyn, Nicole Galas, Katlin Gill, Jesse Jandsek, Jesse Klein, Shannon McIntyre, Laurie Opasik, Katlin Spencer, Andrea Tyler, Emily Valade, Lindsay Walker, Dobbyn and Guenther, the latter two from the under-12 Hawks.

The Farmington Fury and Farmington Flash were winners Dec. 28-29 in the Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament at the SoccerZone of Novi.

The Fury (4-1-0) avenged an earlier 2-1 loss in the tournament by beating the Northville Sting (3-2-0) in the final of under-11 boys bracket.

In the under-12 girls final, the Flash (5-0-0) earned a 2-1 shootout victory over the Redford Blue Stars (2-2-1).

The other tournament winners were the Canton Cougars (5-0-0), who defeated the Novi Jaguars (2-2-1), under-10 boys, 9-3; LYSC Wings (4-0-0), who defeated the Livonia Meteors in the under-16 boys, 3-1; the Croatia team of Windsor (5-0-0), which defeated Olsen's Force of Novi (3-2-0) in men's Division I, 5-4; and Thomason Carpentry (3-1-1), which defeated Hufferd's Twenties (4-1-0), men's Division II.

Soccer referee training

Training for new soccer officials will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 14 and 21 at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland, located just North of Ford between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

Referees must attend all four sessions including a certification test given on Feb. 21.

The cost for all four sessions is \$43. Classes are open for those 12 and older. Class sizes are limited.

For more information, call (313) 459-4875.

Recreational leagues

Youth Living Centers, a private non-profit agency dedicated to providing services to children and families in crisis in Westland, Garden City, Canton and Inkster, is accepting registration for the following leagues:

• NHL/Nike Runnin' Red Wings Floor Hockey (boys and girls ages 9-16) to start the week of Jan. 12;

• Winter Basketball (boys and girls in grades 4-6 and 7-11) to start the week of Jan. 12;

• Spring soccer (boys and girls ages 5-8, 7-8 and 9-12) to start the week of March 30.

For more information, call Jose Mangune at (734) 728-3400, Ext. 67.

Women's sports seminar

Registration is on for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 10th annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 8-9 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

"Yesterday Meets Tomorrow" is the theme for the conference, which will provide a focus for administrators, student-athletes, coaches and officials.

Four-time Olympic track gold medalist Evelyn Ashford will be the keynote speaker at the 6 p.m. Sunday banquet. The conference also will feature the new Michigan WNBA coach and players; Dr. Marty Litherland, academic coordinator at Grand Valley State University, Traverse City; and Joan Cronan, Athletic Director at the University of Tennessee (Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast).

For more information, call (517) 332-5046.

Carr's ties at Glenn remain strong

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Todd DeLuca sat in his house Thursday and watched the Rose Bowl like any true Maitre and Blue Michigan fan.

But the assistant varsity football coach from Westland John Glenn probably got a bigger kick out of Michigan's 21-16 victory over Washington State than most.

The same held true for Glenn varsity coach Chuck Gordon.

Both were closely associated with Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr during his three-year stint from 1973-75 as a high school coach with the Rockets.

Today, Carr is the toast of the college football world, leading the Wolverines to a perfect 12-0 season and its first national championship



Lloyd Carr
Michigan coach

since 1947.

DeLuca was Carr's starting senior quarterback, running an option attack at Glenn in '75 when the Rockets finished 8-1, losing only to eventual state Class A champion Livonia Franklin.

Gordon, who demonstrates many of same mannerisms, coached the defensive backs and wide receivers under Carr for three seasons.

And after Carr left to become an assistant at Eastern Michigan, Gordon stepped in 1976 and has guided Glenn to a 160-49 record in 20 seasons, including nine playoff berths.

"After the game, when Lloyd was up on the podium with (Brian) Griese and Charles Woodson to receive the trophy, I got a little teary-eyed for him," DeLuca said. "I'm proud of Lloyd and all his accomplishments because he's always been a part of us and has shared in what we were doing."

Both DeLuca and Gordon visited Carr in Ann Arbor on Dec. 14 during Michigan's final practice at home

before heading to California.

"He still cares about John Glenn football," said Gordon. "We remain close to this day and we still talk regularly. I just wished him good luck and told him a lot of people were pulling for him and the team to do well."

The Glenn-Michigan connection remains strong in addition to Carr.

Three Gordon players attended Rose Bowls including tight end Jack Walker (1986), all-Big Ten running back Tony Boles (1988-89) and current back-up free safety and special teams performer Brent Washington.

Carr was hired at Glenn in the spring of 1973 after serving as an assistant at Belleville.

The Rockets finished 2-6 Carr's first season, 5-3 in 1974 and 8-1 in '75.

The coaching staff at the time included current Southgate Anderson varsity coach Gerry Lutri, who also had collegiate stints as an assistant at EMU, Boston College, Saginaw Valley and Kent State; Dewey Cole, now an assistant at Wayne Memorial;

and Jim Wilson.

Gordon had never met Carr until he was interviewed for the varsity assistant's job.

"I had been teaching at Blissfield and then I got at job at Stevenson Junior High (in Westland)," Gordon recalled. "I was promised an interview and I talked with Lloyd and he hired me on his staff."

The early days proved to be a valuable experience for all concerned.

"We were all young coaches and the one thing we had in common is that we were all eager to learn," Gordon said. "We were all enthusiastic to be coaching and being around kids."

"He (Carr) trusted his coaches, but at the same time he expected you and everyone else to do a good job. He'd give you a job to do and expected you to do it, and do it right, but he would work with you and help you do it."

DeLuca and star running back Fred Shoemaker were brought up as sophomores on the varsity and spent all three years with Carr.

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PSL champ Denby edges Wayne

Zebras drop 3rd, 66-64

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Losing streaks are rare for the Wayne Memorial boys basketball team, but the Zebras find themselves mired in a three-game slide after defending Detroit Public School League champion Denby pulled out a 66-64 win Tuesday at the Superintendents Tip-Off Classic held at Cobo Arena.

The loss dropped Wayne to 2-3 overall, while Denby evened its record at 3-3.

After beating Plymouth Canton and Westland John Glenn to open the season, Wayne has dropped close games to Ypsilanti (55-51), Birmingham Brother Rice (57-56 on a last-second shot) and Denby.

"All three games are parallel in the sense that we'd get behind early, make a gallant comeback with a chance to win and then come up short," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "The kids were excited to play and didn't lose because lack of effort. They wanted to do well."

Wayne trailed 31-26 at halftime and by as many as nine in the third quarter before charging back in the final quarter. The Zebras made a 21-14 run as 6-foot-7 center Quentin Turner, who controlled the boards with 14, scored 15 of his 17 points during the surge.

And the Zebras appeared to be sitting pretty with just 50 seconds left when Jamar Davis converted a layup to make it 64-61 after Turner's hoop with 2:15 had given his team its first lead since midway through the second quarter, 62-61.

But Wayne turned the ball over two of its last three possessions and Denby answered with a off-balance three-pointer with 39 seconds left by Steve Monroe, who led the Tars 20 points, and the game-winner by Rashad Lee with only eight seconds remaining.

"That was our 'Call Five' or Kentucky play," Denby coach Reuben Washington said of the game-tying three-pointer. "We wanted to shoot the 'three' and be ready for the long rebound."

Shomari Dunn's three-point attempt to win it for Wayne missed as time expired.

"We've had spots of encouraging play

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this season, but we're looking for a consistent quarter-by-quarter performance by our top eight guys and that hasn't happened yet," said Henry, who guided the Zebras to two Class A semifinal games and three regional titles in last three years. "We missed five of our first 15 shots from three-foot and in."

"But they (Denby) are quick and they're constantly jumping out at you, so sometimes tend to rush your shot a bit."

Wayne, led by senior guard Brian Williams' team-high 20 points, made 28 of 62 shots from the field (45.1 percent).

Denby actually had lesser field goals (25 for 52), but made eight triples to Wayne's one. Monroe, a 6-foot junior, had five of the Tars' eight.

"We knew a little bit about them going in and that they have different heroes each game," Henry said. "We knew the type of offense and defense they play, and that they like to crash the boards."

Lee added 13 points for the Tars, who recently returned from the Benton Harbor holiday tournament with a split, losing to the host Tigers in the opener before beating Wayne's Mega-Red Conference rival Belleville in the consolation game.

"The Benton Harbor tourney was a big help to us," Denby coach Reuben Washington said. "Wayne will be good and a game like this only makes us both better."

"Even if we're up or down, we play hard. This group is beginning to grow on me and we're getting there."

"Wayne just caught us (in the fourth quarter) when we without our other ball-handler. We got caught out of rotation and he (Turner) became alive when 'Big Nate' (6-6, 235-pound center Nathaniel Wilson) came out with his fourth foul."

Wayne's schedule doesn't get any easier.

The Zebras return to action Friday at home to play the state's preseason No. 1 for all classes, River Rouge.



Hitting the deck: Wayne's Shane Nowak (bottom, right) goes to the floor with a Denby player as teammate Quentin Turner trails.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAMESFIELD

Better days ahead for MSU walk-on

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's not a wise idea to hang around Johnnie Walker too much while attending college.

But Michigan State University sophomore tight end Brad Rainko might argue that he has benefited from knowing another Johnnie Walker - his MSU teammate and not the liquor that goes by the same name.

Rainko, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound junior from Farmington Hills and Detroit Catholic Central, Walker and Julner Bernadel are one-time walk-ons who earned scholarships this season.

Walker is formally known as

Jonathon Walker, a fullback from Muskegon, but teammates call him Johnnie.

Rainko's so enthused about the next campaign, he's heading back to East Lansing on Monday to get a head start on the Spartans' weight lifting program.

"I feel more confident, without a doubt," said Rainko, who caught six passes, including two for touchdowns in his sophomore season, which ended with a 51-23 loss to Washington in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day in Hawaii. "I no longer have a 'walk-on' tag. I can put that behind me and play ball."

Rainko was 6-3 and 210 pounds,

small by Big Ten standards, graduating from CC in the spring of 1995.

After a fine senior season, in which he made first-team All-Observer, Rainko turned down scholarship offers to Hillsdale College and Northwood University. Carrying a 3.4 grade point average, he also could have played football at one of the Ivy League schools.

But he always wanted to attend MSU.

His sister, Dana, already was a student there and he had other friends who also were MSU students.

"I just wanted to go where I felt

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Spartan tight end: CC's Brad Rainko saw plenty of action in the Hula Bowl.

Sauk finds way to bowl game

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in Livonia, Matt Sauk lived next door to Greg Haeger, a former star pitcher for the Redford Catholic Central and University of Michigan baseball teams.

Haeger taught Sauk some of the finer points of throwing, but perhaps more importantly, put the fear of God in him.

Haeger played football, basketball and baseball at CC and later pitched in the Detroit Tigers organization. He is now the baseball coach at Madonna University.

But few knew of his passion for hockey better than Sauk.

Haeger looked like Steve Yzerman shooting plastic pucks at the pint-sized Sauk years ago in their neighborhood near Stevenson High School.

Think Sauk appreciates that now, just finishing a standout career as a quarterback Utah State where he had to set up in the pocket and elude 300 pound defensive linemen?

A piece of cake compared to some of Haeger's blasts.

"Greg always knew something about something in all the sports," recalled Sauk, over the phone from his parents home in Mission Viejo, Calif. "He'd always play with me. We'd throw the football, he taught me how to throw a curve ball. He'd take slap shots at me in hockey."

Haeger must have been aiming at the five hole, because Sauk's right arm is not only still intact but as strong as any quarterback's in the land.

That's including Tennessee's Peyton Manning and Washington State's Ryan Leaf.

Sauk's pro prospects are considerably lower because he stands only 6-foot-1 and 215 pounds and his mobility is questioned.

But watch him throw a football nearly 80 yards and with accuracy.

"People look at me and don't see the quarterback in me," Sauk said. "They think I'm a linebacker."

About his speed, Sauk says "It's all right. It gets me around."

Enough to finish 18th in the NCAA in total offense as a senior after finishing 14th in

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1996 despite making only seven starts.

A junior college transfer from Orange Coast Junior College near Los Angeles, Sauk was a second-team All Big West choice and finished his career fifth on the USU career passing list with 5,385 yards.

He had three 300-plus yard games as a senior, completing 190 of 378 passes for 2,896 yards with 16 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Sauk ended on a disappointing note, completing 12 of 30 passes with three interceptions in a 35-19 loss to Cincinnati in the Humanitarian Bowl last Monday in Boise, Idaho.

The game was on ESPN 2, which allowed some of his friends and relatives he left behind in Michigan to watch. An old friend from Livonia, Joe Danyluk, watched in person.

Sauk probably considering reimbursing him for his flight.

"The first half I didn't do that well, and that's what lost the game," Sauk said. "When you go three and out, five times in a row, give them good field position at our 40, you're not going to win."

The bigger disappointment was knowing Cincinnati wasn't the best team Utah State played, according to Sauk. The Aggies beat Western Athletic Conference member Utah 21-14 and were competitive in losses to major bowl teams New Mexico (26-22) and Colorado State (35-24).

The Aggies also lost in a shootout at Brigham Young, 42-35.

"Cincinnati wasn't even close to the best," Sauk said. "You're glad you got there but it's a game you want to forget."

This also was the last game at Utah State for coach John L. Smith, who recently accepted the head coach's job at the University of Louisville.

"He put everything he could into it," Sauk said. "He loves us. It was a great game plan. We just didn't go out and execute it."

Sauk hopes his strong arm lands him a free agent tryout in the National Football League or

Canadian Football League.

"I'm just an unknown waiting to get a chance," Sauk said. "If anything happens it will be just another dream come true. I want to prove I can play in that league (NFL). I look on TV and think I'm better than some of the backups now."

The fun and sun of California was the easiest adjustment to make for Sauk when he moved there seven years ago.

"I left a lot of close friends and my cousin (Tony Calo)," Sauk said. "I was close with my aunt and uncle too (Mary and Roger Calo) and that made it real tough. I had to concentrate on making new friends but the sadness went away pretty quick."

Sauk's playing career began in the fourth grade at St. Michael in Livonia, where he played for Jerry Rioux of Redford Township. St. Michael have won several Catholic Youth Organization championships over the years, including a couple with Sauk at quarterback.

One of Sauk's favorite receivers there was Jeff Lance, who went on to earn all-state honors at Redford Thurston. Sauk attended Marshall Elementary through sixth grade before moving to St. Michael in seventh and eighth.

Rioux's one of the reasons Sauk wants to be a coach someday.

"Coach Rioux was a real nice guy," Sauk said. "He taught me to be a winner. I never lost from the fifth grade to the eighth grade."

"They have great coaches over there. They yell at you if you make a mistake but are always there to back you up. That's pretty important for a little kid, to get the teaching and also be loved. He loves the kids. I know that for a fact."

Sauk attended Detroit Catholic Central as a freshman before the family moved to California upon a job opportunity for his father, Mike Sauk.

Sauk was always tiny for his age and didn't hit a growth spurt until about his junior year at Woodbridge High School in Irvine Calif., where he sprouted from 5-6 to about the size he is now.

Sauk was surprised to hear CC

passed a lot this year. He played on the CC freshman team in 1990, mostly as a cornerback and backup quarterback.

"That is amazing," Sauk said. "When I was there, it was usually 'Wham' left and 'Wham' right."

Sauk started his senior year at Woodbridge High School but a 2.4 grade point average and no four-year scholarship offers placed him in Orange Coast Junior College, where he made for a tough combination with Washington State standout receiver Chris Jackson.

Most of the brains in the family went to Sauk's older sister Bridget Cummings, a Madonna University graduate who still lives in Livonia with her husband and seven month old son Jake.

"School was always kind of tough for me," Sauk said. "I know if I really try I could get good grades. I never put 110 percent into it like I do for football. I'm still working on it."

Sauk grew up as a fan of the University of Michigan and his ties with Jackson gave him mixed emotions watching Thursday's Rose Bowl on TV.

U-M finished an undefeated season with a 21-16 win over Washington State.

"I wanted him to catch it and do something with it but wanted the U-M defense to stop him before he scored," Sauk said. "I've still got to root for him since I threw the ball to him."

Sauk has been back to Livonia a couple times in the last seven years but a fear of flying hinders more frequent returns. That put him in a peculiar position, since most of Utah State's road trips required flights.

Instead of flying, he usually drives 11 hours home from the Utah State campus when on break from classes.

His parents, including mother, Debby, accumulated an awful lot of frequent flier miles watching him fly.

"People always ask me how I can be afraid of flying but can stand 300 pound linemen coming at me," Sauk said. "I said 'I can control that. I can't control the plane.' I just sweat and think about the game or something."

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comfortable," said Rainko, majoring in pre-medicine and business. "That's where I wanted to go in the first place and I figured why not give football a shot? If I'm going to do it I might as well do it big time."

"A lot of the work ethic, the disciplined way I approach the game is a lot of what I got at CC."

Rainko's patience and hard work paid off as he earned significant playing time this year, sharing the second-team tight end duties with sophomore Kyle Rance behind starter Josh Keur.

Rance and Rainko shared the starting job for the Aloha Bowl after Keur, a senior from Muskegon, injured an Achilles Heel the week of the game during a simple drill in practice.

Rance caught two passes against Washington and the only pass intended for Rainko turned into an interception, one of two returned for touchdowns against the Spartans.

The Spartans, who started the season with five straight wins, finished 7-5 in Nick Saban's third year as coach.

"Josh is a great guy, always willing to give us help when we needed it," Rainko said. "It was the first time I've ever seen him like that, because he's a big, tough guy."

"I felt real bad for Josh, knew that me and Kyle had to step up as a preview of next year - a game earlier than we thought it would be."

Rainko's first days as a freshman were tough.

And that was only when the freshmen were at camp. Imagine how it was when the upperclassmen arrived?

"I couldn't read defenses, got yelled at all the time," he recalled. "You get used to what happens for when the real bullets start flying."

"It was a trying time. In high school, you just ran the route you're supposed to but in college you have to see what the defense is doing and adjust to that."

The scholarship players weren't hard on Rainko his freshman year, he said.

Rainko practiced with the team daily, dressed for all the home games and made the trip to the Independence Bowl, where the Spartans lost to Louisiana State, 45-26.

"If they see you working hard, think you can play, it's usually not a problem (gaining respect from the scholarship players)," Rainko said. "But it was tough getting my brains beat in every day."

"I wasn't used to the speed of the game, strength of everybody playing."

Rainko made more strides as a sophomore, making the traveling roster for regular-season games at Nebraska and Penn State, and playing sparingly in home games.

Rainko's first career catch came this year in a blowout win against Western Michigan. He scored the first touchdown against Memphis State and the last against Minnesota, both blowout wins.

His grandmother, Sophia Rainko, was in attendance for each touchdown. Maybe she should have gone to the Aloha Bowl as well.

Rainko's family, including parents Dan and Linda, attended all his games, including the one in Hawaii.

Brad had some free time but not nearly as much as most tourists in Hawaii.

"It's beautiful down there," he said. "We got a couple hours free time a day, snorkeled and tried to surf, all those Hawaiian type things."

"If it rained it rained for five minutes. There are rainbows all the time."

Rainko is glad to hear Saban has taken his name out of consideration to be the next coach for the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL.

"I think he's a great coach, brings a lot of discipline and has a lot of assistants who know how to teach football, know the game," Rainko said.

The Spartans bring in Blue Chip prospects every year, but that's fine with Rainko.

"It helps prepare you a little bit more, you run and lift for a purpose, not just to be cozy," he said.

Rainko spent New Year's Day watching Michigan beat Washington 21-16 in the Rose Bowl. The Wolverines beat the Spartans this year and gained his respect but not a fan.

"I usually cheer for the team that's playing Michigan," he said. "It all goes to hard work, I guess."

"They got some breaks, but they're a very good team."

After all those years of paying tuition for school, Rainko was asked if his parents got him anything special for Christmas.

Well, the Christmas tree was surrounded by more presents, but he's still driving a 1985 Oldsmobile to and from East Lansing.

"I tried to con them into buying me a new car but it didn't work," Brad said, laughing.

Glenn connection from page E1

"What I learned watching him coach for three years was that he was always prepared, always organized and he knew what he wanted," DeLuca said. "He treated everybody the same, from the best player on down. Nobody was more important than the team."

Carr also seemed to be an

omnipresent figure as a high school coach.

"He seemed like he was always around, regardless of where you were," DeLuca said. "He was larger than life. That's the way he coached."

"He always knew what you were doing. And no matter what

he was doing, he always had time for you."

Ironically, Carr has only been a head coach in two places — Glenn and Michigan. He has been portrayed as a father figure to his players.

And he doesn't shy away from handing out discipline when the

opportunity presents itself.

"If you're not doing your job, he'd let you have it, but if you doing your job, he'd let you know, too," DeLuca said. "We would have done anything he asked of us. We would have knocked down a wall for him."

"He's just a class guy."

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Holy Cross nails Abraham

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

One of the best athletes in Plymouth Salem history is moving on.

Two-sport star Amanda Abraham will attend Holy Cross University in the fall and play basketball. The 6-foot 2-inch senior will give up volleyball after the current high school season to concentrate on hoops.

"It would be really hard to play two sports," Abraham said. "But I'm going to miss volleyball a lot."

According to Salem volleyball coach Brian Gilles, she's talented enough to do just about anything she wants.

"I think Amanda could've played Division I in either sport," he commented. "She's a very smart volleyball player."

Abraham received a full ride scholarship to attend Holy Cross. The "Crusaders" compete against schools such as Boston College and Colgate in the Patriot Conference.

"I'm excited to go on to the next level," said Amanda.

She chose Holy Cross, which is located just outside of Boston, because of its strong academic record, among other reasons. She said she also liked the campus and the basketball team's head coach.

"They have a very competitive program," Abraham said.

Several other schools showed interest. Central Michigan, Ohio University and Bowling Green were among Abraham's suitors.

Besides her athletic abilities, Abraham is also gifted in the classroom. She carries a grade

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point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Abraham is considering a major in accounting. "I'm kind of undecided," she said.

Before she turns all of her energies on college, she still has a Salem volleyball season to focus on. Amanda believes it will be a good one, too.

"I think we'll have a lot of success," she said. "I think this is one of the best teams in Salem history."

The Rocks are off to a 3-2 start, which doesn't sound great. But the two losses came against state powerhouses in Pinconning and Temperance Bedford.

"We played really solid against Bedford," Gilles said. "I wasn't disappointed with that match. If you can play with Bedford you can play with anybody."

The Rocks were due for another big test this weekend at the Portage Northern Invitational. Top teams like Bedford, Comstock and host Northern make it one of the top tournaments in the state.

"Everywhere you look there's a good team in that tournament," Gilles said. "All the good teams will be there. Our goal is to win it."

Salem opens its Western Lakes Activities Association season Jan. 14 against Livonia Franklin. The Rocks had won three straight league titles before falling to Walled Lake Central a year ago.

In order for the Blue and

White to regain that crown and compete with the state's elite, Gilles said Abraham must lead the way.

"Amanda has played very well so far," he added. "She's getting better and better. We expect a great year from her."

As does Abraham.

An All-WLAA selection as a junior, she's very aware of her strengths and weaknesses on the volleyball court. She knows how to use her size, too, but recognizes smashing the ball over the net isn't always necessary.

"I think my accuracy is better than my strength," Abraham said of her hitting. "But it doesn't matter how hard you hit it if somebody's there to block it."

She's hoping Salem's chances for a great season won't be blocked.

While losing to Walled Lake last year was tough to take, Abraham said it may have been beneficial for her team in the long run.

"Sometimes it's good to lose," she commented. "You can learn a lot from it and it puts things in perspective."

Central, Livonia Churchill and Canton will be Salem's main obstacles to reclaiming the WLAA title.

"I think we'll have a good chance of winning the conference," Abraham said.

The Rocks have even greater ambition than a league title, though.

"We expect to make to state (finals)," Amanda explained. "This is our best chance. We have a very complete team. We're very strong at all positions."

Lady Crusaders falter, 100-77

A late first half rally pushed Saginaw Valley State University to halftime lead and the Cardinals went on to beat Madonna University 100-77 Dec. 30 in Livonia.

The Crusaders (8-5) fell behind by as many as eight points in the early going of Tuesday's contest. Led by Chris Dietrich, Madonna rallied to take a 38-33 advantage with 6:30 to go before halftime.

But Saginaw Valley came roaring back in the final minutes to outscore the Crusaders 21-5 and take an 11-point lead into the locker room. Madon-

na never got closer than eight to The Cardinals (11-1) in the second half.

Dietrich led four Madonna scorers in double figures. She finished with 17 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Dawn Pelc scored 13 points while Lori Enfield added 12 and six rebounds. Mary Murray finished with 10 points and Angie Negri contributed six rebounds and five steals.

Saginaw Valley was led by Angie Peterson's 28 points.

Rocks win Grosse Ile tourney

The Michigan Wolverines weren't the only team in blue to win a championship this week.

Plymouth Salem captured the Grosse Ile Tournament title Monday by crushing the host Red Devils 75-51. Coach Bob Brodie was happy with the win and a chance for his team to play over the long Christmas break.

"Anything you can play a game its a bonus," he commented. "It keeps morale up and the players sharp."

Salem improved to 3-2 with a pair of wins in the tournament.

The Rocks dominated from the opening tip in Monday's championship. Salem led 20-13 by the end of the first period and took an 18-point advantage into halftime.

Grosse Ile simply couldn't handle the Rocks' up-tempo, pressure-defense style.

"We were able to rotate players early," said Brodie. "We didn't use a lot of our (starting) lineup."

Andy Power led the Rocks with 19 points while Aaron Rypkowski, a junior forward, added 11.

Salem downed Allen Park Cabrini 66-40 in the

tournament opener on Dec. 27.

The Rocks led by seven after one quarter and went ahead 28-12 at the half. Brodie said his team was in control the entire way.

"We went out and took care of business," he added.

Despite the early lead, Salem wasn't particularly sharp in the opening minutes.

"Both teams were sloppy early," Brodie said. "But as the game progressed, we got better and better."

Nine players scored for Salem. Jeff McKian led the way with 15 points and Power added 13.

The Rocks return to action Tuesday at Milan then kick off the Western Lakes Activities Association season Friday with a home game against Livonia Franklin. Both games are at 7:30 p.m.

TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 67, CANTON 40: Playing in the finals of the Traverse City Tournament, the Chiefs fell to host Central.

Jake LeMieux, a junior center, scored 18 points while Justin Howell and Derek Dillon each had 10 points for Traverse City (2-2).

Joe Cortellini led Canton (1-4) with 13 points.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

The U-19 LYSC United Girls soccer team will receive first-place trophies from the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League after a successful fall season.

The LYSC team allowed just four goals all year while playing in a competitive 10-team division. Team members include: Christine Broda; Nicole DeDominicus; Lindsey Erickson; Kristen Esparza; Meg Gorsline; Shannon Konarski; Liz Krawczyk; Jenine Lawson; Claire Lockhart; Cheryl Luther; Tracy McIntyre; Tracy Moore; Abby Muesenberg; Olivia Nelums; Lisa Reissenweber; Colleen Scanlon; Luba-Steca; and Pam West.

The squad is coached by Mike Esparza. Malcolm Pledge is the main team trainer, Larry Moore is the goalkeeper trainer and Bill Erickson is team manager.

The team will be looking for new players since it contains 10 graduating seniors. Any player interested in playing and would like to be notified regarding next season's tryouts, call (313) 464-9114. Interested players must have a birth date between Aug. 1, 1979 and July 31, 1983.

The Vardar III U-10 girls soccer team captured the gold medal at the first annual Troy Sports Center Indoor Soccer Christmas Tournament.

Playing five games in one day, Vardar III posted a 4-0-1 record. The silver medal went to Team United.

Vardar III team members included: Rachel Angelo; Alex Barnett; Carly Keyes; Sarah Scheidt (Bloomfield Hills); Elyse Horback; Kelly Nash; Dominique Pardun; Caitlin Rayburn (Troy); Trina Kochanski; Ally Moore; Erika Muller; coach George Janovich and manager Tony Venditelli.

The U-10 team also stepped up to the U-11 Division at the tournament with hopes of capturing a second goal-medal in as many days. Troy Flash, however, foiled that bid by downing a determined Vardar III squad 5-0 in the final.

The Vardar III team that competed in the U-11 event consisted of Angelo, Jacqueline Back, Barnett, Lauren Derow, Allison Drutchas, Kochanski, Laura Kragh, Moore, Muller, Nash, Pardun, Rayburn, Shaona Schumaker and Marisa Venditelli.

RACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year, more than 1,000 runners and walkers participate in the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run. These races, however, wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers.

Volunteers are being recruited for this year's half-marathon, 5K

run/walk and Kids Fun Run, which will be held on Sunday, April 19, beginning at West Bloomfield High School.

To volunteer, call Judy Share-Vine, recreation superintendent for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMPS

A series of softball camps for girls between the ages of 10 and 15 will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturday mornings in January and February at Mercy High School.

The camp dates are Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, Feb. 14 and 21. Camp instruction will cover hitting, fielding, throwing and baserunning. The cost is \$2 per session.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 6
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Luth. East at Luth. Wald, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Milford, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Westside at Canton Agape, 6:15 p.m.
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth. Wald, 7 p.m.
Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Westem at Farmington, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
DeLaSalle at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. 5-field Christian at Lawrence Tech, 7:45 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 5
Oakland at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Schoolcraft at Delta, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at St. Clair, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Cornerstone, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Tri-State at Madonna, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 5
Oakland at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Schoolcraft at Delta, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Churchill vs. Stevenson
Franklin vs. Dearborn at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Franklin vs. Redford Union at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Westem at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Redford Union vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Churchill at Birmingham, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.P. Cabrini

AT Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Ply. Whalers at Erie, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Ply. Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11
Ply. Whalers at Barrie, 2 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 5
Benedictine at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6
Huron Valley vs. Mich. School-Deaf at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.
Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Stevenson at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Bishop Foley, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Wald at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Salem Festival Invitational, 8 a.m.
Bay City Central Tourney, 8 a.m.
Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m.
Ply. Christian Tourney, 1 p.m.
Franklin Road Invitational, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.

RUNNING RESULTS

28th annual BELLE ISLE NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY RUN/WALK RACE RESULTS (Sponsored by Detroit Edison)

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Men's 4-mile run: 1. Clint Verran (Ypsilanti), 19 minutes, 57 seconds; 2. Mark Scioles (Ypsilanti), 20:52; 3. Patrick Bennedit (Ann Arbor), 21:06; 4. Steve Crane (Taylor), 21:40; 5. Jeff Rizer (Warren), 21:47; 6. Dan Quinn (Grosse Pointe), 21:53; 7. Andrew Peterson (Grosse Pointe), 21:56; 8. Joel Klooster (Chatham, Ont.), 22:01; 9. Jeremy Strasz (Eastpointe), 22:15; 10. Jeff Thuss (Chatham, Ont.), 22:19.

Women's 4-mile run: 1. Ann Boyd (Northville), 23:23; 2. Jenni Eschbacher (St. Clair Shores), 23:49; 3. Nancy Collier (Arch Cape, Ore.), 24:08; 4. Nancy Grayson (Northville), 24:26; 5. Rachel Arens (Chatham, Ont.), 25:02; 6. Rachel Smith (Monroe), 25:43; 7. Amy Masternak (Livonia), 26:42; 8. Megan Fitzgerald (Sterling Heights), 26:48; 9. Lynn Moore (Warren), 26:50; 10. April Flynn (Windsor, Ont.), 26:55.

Men's 4-mile racewalk: 1. Gary Morgan (Clarkston), 33:09; 2. Ion Froman (Dearborn), 45:19; 3. Ross Baranco (Howell), 46:19; 4.

Alex Bensky (Detroit), 47:28; 5. Robert Davis (Royal Oak), 47:50; 6. Vance Genzinger (Bloomfield Hills), 48:14; 7. Matt Murzyn (Troy), 48:59; 8. Bill Hall (Plymouth), 49:07; 9. Bob Thomas (Northville), 49:17; 10. Ronald Kzesniak (Taylor), 50:13.

Women's 4-mile racewalk: 1. Lerendeen Smith (Detroit), 48:53; 2. Marikae Brehm (Redford), 48:32; 3. Maria Martinuzzi (Redford), 48:32; 4. Susan Lohi (Detroit), 50:46; 5. Lurline Sears (Warren), 50:48.

Men's 4-mile fitness walk: 1. Mark Miller (Grosse Pointe Woods), 57:18.

Women's 4-mile fitness walk: 1. Gloria Zsoldos (Rodney, Ont.), 49:24.

Men's 4-mile inline skate: 1. Brian Neagle (Plymouth), 17:21; 2. Walter Johnson (Highland Park), 18:09; 3. Chris Lewandowski (Grosse Pointe Park), 18:11; 4. George Federszyn (Detroit), 18:12; 5. Reid Ashton (Detroit), 18:35; 6. Tom Whinham (Southfield), 19:39; 7. Mark Pastir (Troy), 20:58; 8. Wally Lubzik (Detroit), 20:58; 9. Michael Kenney (Grosse Pointe Park), 21:22.

Women's 4-mile inline skate: 1. Mariska Ambroz (St. Clair Shores), 24:00; 2. Carrie Howe (Grosse Pointe Farms), 25:11; 3. Lisa Camp (Temperance), 26:11; 4. Natalie Potthoff (Grosse Pointe Woods), 5. Megan Scott

(Lake Orion), 29:35; 6. Mary Clair Keeney (Grosse Pointe Park), 34:39.

Men's Open 1-mile: 1. Chris Letimer (Redford); 2. Eric Thuermer (Port Huron); 3. Ryan Thuss (Chatham, Ont.); 4. James Gaerin; 5. Jimmy Irer (Ann Arbor); 6. Chris Broge (Dearborn Heights); 7. Mark Squires (Novi); 8. Dan Dewey; 9. John Zook (Highland Park); 10. James Scholl (Saline).

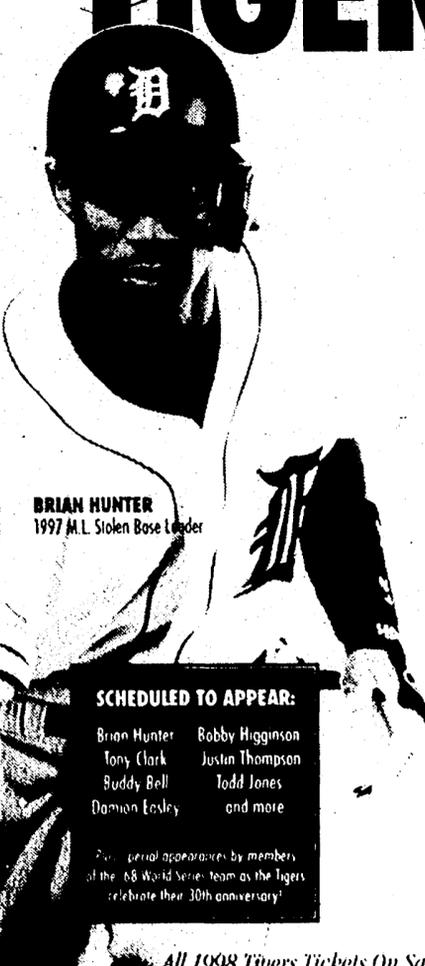
Women's Open 1-mile: 1. Natalia Celuch (Sterling Heights); 2. Joanna Fleming (Sterling Heights); 3. Michelle Teschler (Cascio); 4. Bridget Scallen (Grosse Pointe Park); 5. Evann O'Donnell (Grosse Pointe Park); 6. Lauren Costello (Bloomfield Township); 7. Jennifer Rai (Livonia); 8. Mogan Fielder (Troy); 9. Elizabeth Hurn (Livonia); 10. Kristin Kramej (Sterling Heights).

Boys 12-and-under 1-mile: 1. Peter Wendzinski (Grosse Pointe); 2. Logan Shelton (Ypsilanti); 3. Kevin Pollock (Sterling Heights); 4. David Cardenas (Canton); 5. Damon Greer (Rochester Hills); 6. Sean O'Donnell-Dandini (Grosse Pointe Park); 7. Alex Denonville (Windsor, Ont.).

Girls 12-and-under 1-mile: 1. Theresa Logar (Rochester Hills); 2. Denetra Mack (Detroit); 3. Krystyn Bennett (Woodhaven); 4. Kaitlyn Meernik (Redford).

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Squirrels nutty over calories

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Our tastes are based on our background and age to a certain extent.

If you watch animals feeding you will notice they have preferences too. Sometimes those choices are more subtle than you think. Consider squirrels.

We all know they like to eat nuts. Acorns and hickory nuts are commonly eaten, along with beech nuts. But if given a choice, squirrels prefer hickory nuts over acorns.

Hickory nuts have twice as many calories as an acorn. Ani-

mals need to eat the best food they can get in order to maintain their health and adjust to environmental changes.

It takes more calories to survive in winter than it does in summer. Though it may take a few more bites to open the shell of a hickory nut, the extra work is more than compensated for by the extra calories.

Not only do squirrels know which nut has the more calories, squirrels know which tree produces nuts that have more calories than other trees of the same species.

How do they know that? That has yet to be answered, but they have been observed consistently going to a particular hickory tree before other trees.

When nuts from that tree were analyzed they had more calories than surrounding hickory trees.

Chickadees selecting sunflower seeds from feeders are making decisions about which

seed to eat. They frequently grab one and discard it and select another.

I've always suspected that they were evaluating the size of the seed inside, or the presence of a seed inside, or the weight of the seed. One article I read recently indicated that they are evaluating the weight of the seed compared to others.

Evidently when there is an abundance of food animals tend to be picky about what they eat. Squirrels at the Independence Oaks Nature Center take kernels from the cob corn and eat only the embryo.

Discarded kernels show a precise extraction of the embryo with no tooth marks anywhere else.

Those discarded parts do not go to waste, deer and other animals eat them, but the squirrels already got the "fillet minion" of the corn seed.

Maybe we are such picky eaters because we have too much to choose from.



TIM NOWICKI

Wright stuff: All-Star rolls 300

Julie has just joined a very exclusive club. It was a little over a week ago that Julie Wright of Farmington Hills rolled her first 300 game in the All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

She becomes the fifth member of the league to roll a perfect game this season in their Monday night competition.

The other 300s in this league were rolled by Gwen Finley on Oct. 27, Rose Edwards on Dec. 1, Aleta Sill on Dec. 1, and Peggy Smitley on Dec. 15. It was also the first 300 game for all except Aleta, who has a lot of them.

It is always a big thrill to go all the way, especially since Julie's Dad, Ed Wright, was among the spectators and was able to holler out "You did it!" and give her a great big hug.

Her series was a whopping 767 with her first two games of 222

and 234. Teammate Pam Jones said "Julie's smile was the biggest I have ever seen."

The team, Hall of Fame Grill/ProAm Bowl/Stables Bar, was pretty well inspired by Julie that night as they had a team game of 1204 and series of 3363 in winning all three games in an unforgettable night.

Julie Wright started at age 5 under her dad's coaching and went into the Sunday Youth Classic when she was 12.

Ed Wright happens to be the director of that league, and Julie honed her skills very well. A 1990 graduate of Farmington Harrison High, she takes her bowling very seriously and will no doubt use this perfect game as one big building block for a long and illustrious bowling career.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its semi-annual meeting on Jan. 11 at Sunnybrook Lanes located at 7191 Seventeen Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

Every sanctioned league should have representation. Nominations for directors and

officers will be held, and the past years financial report will be reviewed.

Each league should send one delegate. The delegate is usually a league officer, however, any member may be selected if no officer is available.

This is the time for every league to have a voice in the GDBA and to see first hand how the portion of the sanction fees are used. Refreshments will be served and there will be a gift for each delegate in attendance.

If you are a bargain hunter and looking for bowling equipment, many pro shops are having specials at this time.

I received two such mailings from David's Right Line Pro Shop and The Right Approach. Both offer some very good deals on balls and other items including shoes.

The Right Approach is located in Merri Bowl Lanes and David's Right Line is at Cloverlanes, both in Livonia. Many other good proshops around town are having sales, too; so now is the time to buy all those neat things.

TEN-PIN ALLEY



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DATES/DEADLINES

GOOSE

The special late Canada goose season runs through Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Birmingham Continuing Education will offer a 10-week fly tying class beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 5. Call (248) 203-3800 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.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

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) 478-5027 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 (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

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.

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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Ten Oakland County Parks will be recycling Christmas trees through Jan. 11. Trees may be dropped off 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

FULL MOON CROSS COUNTRY SKI

Experience an evening of cross country skiing under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Lyme disease support

Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. The first meeting will be Jan. 20, 1998. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 326-3502.

Yoga class offered

The Unity of Livonia, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Eivonia, hosts Yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout the months of January and February. The class is available on an offering (donation) basis and is taught by Linda Haught. For more information, call The Unity of Livonia, (313) 421-1760.

Smoke Stoppers

In combination with the patch or by itself, this program can help win the battle against smoking. Group and individual session available at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor and Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call (313) 712-4141.

Nutriway series

A 10-week weight and cholesterol management series available at Canton Summit on the Park in Canton. Includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more. For information, call (313) 712-5110.

Child immunizations

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Urgent Care in Plymouth will be offering a number of immunization clinics through March to help keep their children's immunizations up to date. No pre-registration is required and clinic hours have been set to help parents bring their children at times most convenient for families. There is a \$5 fee, which covers all immunizations. Clinics are offered: Jan. 6, from 4-7 p.m.; Feb. 10, from 4-7 p.m. and March 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Urgent Care is located in the Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (313) 414-1000.

Lean Italian cooking

Love Italian food but are wary about all those calories? Here's the session for you. At 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN) will host this popular class for a \$6 registration fee. Call soon, class fills up quick. HDN is located at 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Breathers support

For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information call, (313) 712-5367.

Stop smoking, 7 days

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THE BREATH OF LIFE

Neonatal Resuscitation Program helps cut Ukraine infant death toll

By Kimberley A. Mortson
Staff Writer

"Babies are babies no matter where they are," said Christine Newman, neonatal nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist of Henry Ford Hospital.

Newman helped establish the Neonatal Resuscitation Program for Ukraine as a nurse consultant through a partnership with the American International Health Alliance and Henry Ford Hospital since 1993.

The NRTC's focus was to train health care workers in assessment, prevention, and newborn resuscitation protocols and a model Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and regional neonate transport system.

In the last four years, she and physician Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, head of the neonatology division at Henry Ford, have traveled to Lviv, a city in western Ukraine, to improve overall neonatal care as well as providing education, training and equipment through a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development and AIHA at Lviv Oblast Clinical Hospital.

According to Newman, Henry Ford has a large number of Ukrainian physicians on staff. Michigan's largest population of Ukrainian-Americans live in Warren (north of Detroit), so it seemed only natural to choose a regional hospital counterpart of Henry Ford like Lviv.

Earlier this year, their diligent international efforts came to fruition when a resuscitation training center opened where more than 400 pediatricians, obstetricians, nurses and midwives have been certified in neonatal resuscitation.

Mortality decline

Statistics indicate a 40 percent decline in mortality - consistent with the four-year partnership. Newman said the experience has been both personally and professionally rewarding.

"When Dr. Ezhuthachan and I first went to Lviv, our initial visit was more of a fact finding mission,"



On tour: Christine Newman, R.N., a neonatal clinical nurse specialist at Henry Ford Hospital (left); and Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, M.D., head of the neonatology division at Henry Ford Hospital (second from left), visit with the first lady Hillary Clinton during her tour of the Lviv Regional Clinical Hospital.

said Newman. "We knew they had a high infant mortality rate so it was our goal to improve the overall care of babies and the education of the medical staff and parents."

What the Western doctor and nurse team found was a medical community practicing methodologies and techniques dating back to the 1940s. Advancements and technologies were few and far between at the Lviv Oblast Clinical Hospital where improvements could be made in both training, equipment, prenatal care, medical laws and education.

"The only role nurses played in the care of babies was to feed them and keep them warm," said Newman.

It was obvious to the Livonia nurse that the success of the project would not be achieved without expanding the nurses' role. Nurses in Lviv were not included on rounds with physicians or collaborating bedside with patients and were therefore less knowledgeable about follow-up treatments and patient status.

Newman and her colleague found problems outside the hospital that enlarged their focus to "improve care in the whole region." For instance, there was a public health law that prohibited the transportation of newborns until they were seven days old.

Newman said in western Ukraine many babies are born in rural "maternity houses" or hospitals where technology is less than sufficient and its often necessary for the baby to be transferred to a regional hospital similar to Lviv.

The high mortality rate could be attributed to the week-long wait infants had to endure before they could receive more advanced medical attention. Many of them died en route to the hospital because of cold, stress and a lack of oxygen. A high number of developmental disabilities were also occurring as a result of oxygen deprivation in the first minutes of life.

Positive changes

In the last three years, public health regulations have been revamped and at risk babies can be transported on the day they are born, within an 80-mile radius, to Lviv Oblast.

As a result of the international partnership, a \$27,000 ambulance was donated in November on behalf of Ford Motor Co., Ford's national importer Winner of Ukraine, and Henry Ford Health System. The ambulance features an infant transporter isotope donated by The Ukrainian Village (a not-for-profit housing corporation based in Warren).

Before the donation of the transporter, Newman said critical care babies often arrived by car, days late because of a limited gas supply or reliable transportation, suffering from exposure and other affects of the long, harsh trip in the arms of a doc-

tor or parent.

Another improvement is the statistical reporting of all babies that die in the Lviv region. Previously, newborns that weighed less than 1000 grams or 2.50 pounds were not considered live births and were therefore not included in medical statistics.

"Today, every baby regardless of size is counted and has an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death," said Newman. "So we could only conclude the infant mortality rate was even higher considering the statistical exclusion of that population of babies."

The American team also knew the mortality rate could not be reduced if parents continued to lack the education to properly care for their babies.

Helping hands

While supplies and equipment were not part of the initial plan, Newman and Ezhuthachan knew they could continue to teach the nurses and physicians, but without the proper supplies, their new techniques and treatments would be of no use. As a result, in the last four years Henry Ford has collected and gathered equipment and supplies for the western hospital.

"We could teach them its necessary to keep a baby warm to reduce cold stress and all the benefits of that, but if they don't have a blanket or an incubator - what's the point?"

The most recent trip Ezhuthachan and Newman made to Lviv provided them with the opportunity to introduce first lady Hillary Clinton, to the progress and success of the international partnership. They accompanied her on a tour of the NRTC and NICU units of Lviv Oblast, skill demonstrations, a brief description of education courses and data on the results of the training.

Building on every trip, Newman and Ezhuthachan return every six months. Newman said they have been able to make great strides with the Lviv Oblast Clinical staff and the community at-large. They set up an Internet e-mail program to facilitate questions from physicians and nurses who needed help with new equipment, training or medical situations.

Funding for the joint endeavor through the USAID ends in September 1998. In the meantime, Henry Ford has been involved in training staff from Kiev, Odessa, Dnidsk and Kharkiv where similar neonatal resuscitation centers are being implemented.

"We established an initial work plan and haven't deviated. In fact we have been able to successfully expand the neonatal resuscitation training and overall health care of newborns and their mothers," said Newman, "and hope to mirror that program in other areas of the Russian Federation."

Christine Newman: A profile

Christine Newman, neonatal nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist of Henry Ford Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care, Development Assessment Clinic, is a Livonia resident.

The mother of two children, Newman has been in the medical field since 1981 and was named one of the Top Nurses of Michigan by Metropolitan Women's Magazine during their Fourth Annual Salute to Nursing program.

Praised by her peers for her work with families and newborns, Newman has developed two informational manuals for families coping with an ill, hospitalized baby and the other about preparing to take their baby home. The literature has been translated into Arabic and Spanish and distributed through the Department of Pediatrics.

Presently she serves as an adjunct faculty member for the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and a clinical preceptor at Wayne State University's School of Nursing. Newman also acts as a pediatric consultant for Metro Home Care in Dearborn and as a regional faculty member of the Academy of Pediatrics - American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation.

As a result of her international efforts with the establishment of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program for Ukraine at the Lviv Oblast Clinical Hospital, she has jointly facilitated presentations in the United States and in several western countries on topics such as: "A Partnership to Improve Quality of Health Care in Western Ukraine," "Transformation of the Role of the Bedside Nurse," "Transport of High Risk Infants," and a teleconference on the "Physical Assessment of the Newborn," from Detroit to Moscow, Russia.



Christine Newman, R.N.

Smoke detectors save lives, property

Last year in Michigan, more than 200 people died as a result of fire. Almost 50 percent of those occurred in residences where there were no smoke detectors in use. Statistics indicate that occupants of a house with a smoke detector are twice as likely to survive a fire as those without one.

"Smoke detectors provide an early warning which can allow residents to escape before the house is fully engulfed in flames," Leanne Snay, executive director of the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC), said. "Most fire victims die

from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, rather than flames."

Aside from saving lives, smoke detectors also reduce fire injuries and help hold down property losses. Many insurance companies offer property insurance discounts for installation of smoke detectors. Check with your insurance agent to see what is available.

It is vital, however, that the devices be properly installed and maintained. According to Snay, smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to ensure that they are working properly. Under most circumstances it is

recommended that batteries be changed annually.

Alarms should be installed on each level of the dwelling. The most important locations are near bedrooms and stairs, in hallways and in the living room. The units should be affixed to the ceiling at least four inches from the point where the ceiling meets the wall.

The State Fire Marshal Office of Michigan recommends the use of smoke detectors, rather than heat detectors. The latter respond to a certain temperature, however, smoke alarms detect the visible as well as the

invisible products of combustion.

"Normally, there is detectable smoke before there is detectable heat," said Snay. "Therefore, smoke detector units almost always provide a faster warning."

The insurance industry spokesperson also suggest planning and practicing use of alternate escape routes in case of fire. Also, family members should agree upon a safe place to meet once they are outside the burning structure.

For more information about smoke detectors and the best place in your home or apartment the device can offer the most benefits contact your local fire department.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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, (734) 458-3242.

JAN. 5 & 15

CHILD BIRTH 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, (734) 458-3242.

TUE, JAN. 6

SURVIVING CANCER
A program for young adults ages 20-40 facing cancer treatment and recovery will meet 6-7:30 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Lathrup Village office, 18831 W. 12 Mile, west of Southfield Road. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call (810) 294-4432 or Karen Ruwoldt, (248) 543-6330.

FREE SPINAL SCREENINGS
A complimentary spinal analysis will be given using the Paraspinal EMG. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine - from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 35600 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 458-7100 to register.

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 (734) 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 (734) 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 (734) 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, (734) 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, (734) 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 Conference 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 (734) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

THUR, JAN. 8

LIVING CANCER 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, (734) 458-3311 for information.

JAN. 8 & 10

WEEKEND CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
A weekend course for expectant parents with busy schedules. The course offers information on the third trimester of pregnancy, labor and delivery, coach's role, breathing and relaxation techniques, newborn care and postpartum care in a weekend format. First session meets at 6 p.m.; second at 8 a.m. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330 to register.

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 (734) 655-1100 or toll free 800 655-1615.

JAN. 8, 12-16, 20

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Skateathon to benefit terminally ill kids

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Elysia Pefley Foundation will hold its second annual Skateathon at Joe Louis Arena to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the McCarty Cancer Foundation, Friday, Jan. 23, from 2-8 p.m. You have one more opportunity to preregister, Jan. 10 at three local hockey arenas in the area who will be accepting pledge forms and donations.

Approximately 1,800 skaters will have the opportunity to take the ice with the Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings along with other notable sports and media celebrities.

The Elysia Pefley Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting seriously ill children and their families, was established in honor of Elysia Pefley, a young girl fighting cancer who lost her battle two years ago.

Elysia was a huge Red Wings fan and a special friend to Wings team Captain Steve Yzerman. As a private tribute, the Wings shut the scoreboard lights off the night Elysia died.

"We believe the momentum of the Stanley

AREA FUND-RAISER

Cup win will be in our favor," said Bob Dubey, executive director of the Elysia Pefley Foundation. In addition to the celebrity skate, participants will receive an Elysia Pefley Skateathon T-shirt along with food and refreshments. Any person raising \$50 or more in donations will have the opportunity to skate at the "Joe." On the concourse throughout the day of the event, individuals and families will have free access to a huge sports memorabilia auction, referee dunk tank, hourly 50/50 raffle, face painting, clowns, games, cake walk, special Darren McCarty lithograph sale and more, said Dubey.

"You do not have to skate in order to enjoy the festivities on the concourse," said Dubey.

To participate in the Skateathon, collect donations and submit them Jan. 10 at the last preregistration event as ice-time preference will be given to those who turn in pledge sheets on a first come, first served basis. Once registered, you can still collect donations and turn them in on the day of the

event.

If you were unable to make it to the preregistration locations, you may mail your pledge sheets and pledge donations to: The Elysia Pefley Foundation, 32900 Five Mile Road, Suite 9, Livonia, Mich. 48154. Please include your telephone number so that a volunteer may contact you to explain which skate times remain open and register you for an available skate time.

The top six individuals who raise the most in donations, as well as the top money raising team, will be given special prizes. Also, an autographed item provided by Yzerman will be given to anyone who raises donations of \$300 or more.

Make checks payable to: The Elysia Pefley Foundation (Tax I.D. 38-3329919). If you have any questions, please call (888) 583-9914 or (734) 522-7199, Auto Pro Services, Bob Dubey, executive director.

To ensure a preferred ice time pledges can be turned in Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these locations: Devonaire Arena in Livonia; Fraser Arena in Fraser; and Compuware in Plymouth Township.

High-tech phones become personal

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You can now forget your pager, your laptop, your cell phone, scheduling calendar, even your little black book. All those gadgets and functions can now be shrunk down and put into a palm-sized personal communication device, a lot like we see in Star Trek reruns.

Think I'm having a high tech hallucination? If so, you clearly haven't heard of PCS.

You will. The television ad campaigns are about to be unleashed, the billboards are being erected and the hype is happening. Right here in the Motor City.

PCS, for Personal Communications System, is here big time. What is it? For starters it's the replacement for cellular telephones. Within three or four years tops, I predict the standard analog type cell phones most of us carry around will be replaced by PCS phones.

In fact, I did just that this week, signing up for a new PCS-based phone and handing my trusty old analog Motorola handheld cellular over to my wife, Mrs. PC Mike.

Much more than analog

But PCS is really much more than a new-fangled phone. It uses digital wireless technology that employs new communication efficiencies to squeeze more data onto the radio signal. That means that besides making telephone calls on your PCS phone, you can receive pages, get e-mail and text-messages, even have such extra services as caller ID to let you know who is calling you.

They come with built in address books and will soon even be able to show you your daily appointments.

In addition to all that, PCS phones are much clearer. They sound terrific. There's little drop-out, or static noise interference.

PCS phones are digital. That means your voice is encoded or broken down into a series of numbers which are then translated back into audio signals on the receiving end. Thus, PCS conversations are secure and private, not nearly as susceptible to eavesdropping or cloning as the analog cell phones we're used to that can be clearly monitored by radio scanners.

There's one other big improvement with PCS. You get much longer battery life. The Qualcomm PCS telephone I'm using, for example, gets about five hours of talk time and up to 70 hours of stand-by time. Telephone companies across the country are jumping on the PCS bandwagon. In the Detroit market, for example, AT&T, Ameritech and Sprint are all investing mightily. I've tried out all three systems over the past week and have been impressed.

I really like the idea of getting my e-mail over my phone. Most advanced in that regard is AT&T. You can directly send e-mail to an AT&T PCS customer by using the phone number as the address in a regular e-mail program or by accessing the messaging area of the AT&T Web site (www.attws.com).

Ameritech calls its PCS system "ClearPath" and has a similar option through its Web site (<http://clearpath.acswireless.com>) and Sprint (www.sprintpcs.com).

All the bells, whistles

How about price? That's another plus. Because digital systems are new, all three companies are doing all they can to lure charter subscribers with great rates. Sprint has an \$89.95 a month price that gives 800 minutes of airtime with no long distance charges. Their normal rate is 20-cents a minute when calling in the PCS service area. Ameritech offers free PCS phones with a two year contract and rates as low as 22-cents a minute, depending on how much airtime you use every month. AT&T has a flat \$69.95 monthly fee for 750 minutes of airtime. Those prices are for using the

carrier's digital PCS system.

And you shouldn't let those prices or free phones be the major determining factor in deciding on a system.

First, you better check out the PCS coverage area. Make sure you're in range of a digital cell at work, home and other locations where you're most apt to be making wireless calls.

A normal analog cell phone tower has about a 12-mile range. PCS digital antennas cover smaller areas, typically from six to eight miles. So for saturation coverage, more PCS digital antennas are needed. And each carrier has to have its own antenna on its own tower.

That's cause for lots of controversy throughout the suburbs as communities begin to complain about landscapes cluttered with towers from all the competing wireless carriers.

All three companies are scrambling to get digital antenna towers installed and running throughout Southeastern Michigan. Some companies are even trying such innovative approaches as putting the digital antennas atop light poles and power line towers. In my tests over the past week, I found scattered holes in all three systems throughout the metro area.

Usually, these were small little pockets. You drive out of them almost before you realize you had lost digital service. All three carriers say they know exactly where these dead zones are and are working to fill them in by summer.

Generally, though, reliable digital coverage now extends from just south of Detroit to Ann Arbor on the west; Pontiac on the north and Mt. Clemens on the east. By the end of 1998, solid coverage is promised to extend to Lansing, up towards Saginaw and over to Port Huron.

When you are outside of a PCS tower's coverage, the phone looks for an analog cellular signal and switches to that mode. But that can be a major cost consideration. Sprint and AT&T have considerably smaller cellular systems in place in Southeastern Michigan than

Ameritech's. Thus, they've had to negotiate roaming rates with other providers to link up with their analog, or traditional service. Those roaming rates can add up. If digital service isn't available and the PCS phone switches over to analog cellular, you could get stung with as much as a 69-cent-a-minute charge.

Established systems

Because Ameritech already has some 270 cellular towers up and running around metro Detroit, it was pretty easy for them to add the digital antennas on their existing towers, thus giving them a quick edge over the other two services. Ameritech also charges the same for analog and its "ClearPath" PCS, at prices as low as 22-cents-a-minute, depending on what package you select.

I ended up signing-on with Ameritech's ClearPath. I tried AT&T for two days and decided it wasn't for me. I found AT&T's coverage in the Detroit area to be most spotty of the three. To be fair, AT&T has only been up with PCS here for a month. But I don't want to wait for them to put new towers online.

Traveling from one end of the metro area to another, with identical Qualcomm PCS phones in hand --- one on Ameritech's ClearPath system, the other on Sprint's PCS system --- I found Ameritech consistently had the strongest signal in the most places.

But, again, AT&T and Sprint are adding new sites fast. And their introductory prices are very appealing.

So, make your choice based on your own travel patterns and situations. However you choose, it's hard to go wrong with PCS.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV News Channel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866).

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.

Manager returns

Dan Schultz of Plymouth recently rejoined the staff of Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia after a 17 year absence. He will head the Business/Finance Department - previously selling cars during 1977-81.

Born and raised in Livonia, Schultz has over 22 years of experience in the automotive industry as well as being licensed in life/health insurance, series 6 securities licensed and registered with NASD.

He currently resides in Plymouth with his wife Elisa and daughter Jessica.

Consultant named

William "Greg" Jones of Canton has recently joined Munro & Associates Inc., as an associate consultant. Jones brings to Munro & Associates more than 17 years of design experience and management expertise covering a wide variety of industries including automotive, telecommunications, computers and housewares.

He will help manufacturing companies achieve and sustain long-term success through implementation of Design for Assembly (DFA) and Design for Manufacturability (DFM)

strategies and provide special expertise in concept selections, pre engineering design development, plastics processing and materials selection.

Manager promoted

Keith Lang of Tennyson Chevrolet - Livonia, was promoted from business manager to general sales manager. Lang has been a part of the Tennyson team for the past 10 years. Beginning his career in sales, he was quickly promoted to business manager after only two years.

A Canton resident, he and his wife are raising three children.

New sales rep

Marla Bigelow has joined Labconco Corporation as North Central Sales Representative based in Plymouth. She is responsible for managing the sales and marketing activities in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. She reports to the National Sales Manager.

Prior to joining Labconco, Bigelow was a technical sales representative for Canton Analytical Laboratory.

Miller attends school

James Miller, of Padgett Business Services of Livonia, completed a five-day school in Atlanta as preparation for this tax season. This annual educational seminar provided participants from across the United States with up-to-date tax laws and issues relevant to their clients.

"There have been significant changes in tax laws that can impact both individuals and small business owners," said Miller. "With this recent training, I feel better equipped to help my clients with their business and tax planning needs."

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

WED, JAN. 7

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International will host a regular meeting of the Laurel Park Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road & Newburgh. For more information call BNI regional offices at (734) 397-9939.

JAN. 7 & 14

ENTREPRENEURIAL WORKSHOPS
Have you had dreams of opening your own business? Being your own boss? Making more money? Then turn your dreams of entrepreneurship into a reality at "Starting Your Small Business," a free workshop being held on consecutive Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. at Detroit College of Business (DCB). Reserve your spot by calling Sherrisa Kelsay at (313) 581-4400 ext. 379. Space

is limited.

THUR, JAN. 8

EDI INTEGRATING
Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will host a seminar at Schoolcraft College in Livonia from 8 a.m. to noon for \$105. This course will focus on the basics of integrating EDI with your automotive customers, as well as realizing the benefits of implementing EDI with your suppliers. Topics will include AIAG's MAP project, OEM supply chain requirements and EDI implementation guidelines. To register call 800-292-4484 ext. 4165.

FRI, JAN. 9

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International will host a regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information call BNI regional offices at (734) 397-9939.