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THE WEEK AHEAD

Toys for Tots: The Marine Corps Reserve and Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, will host a Toys for Tots party from noon to 8 p.m. today at the Lower Town Grill, W. Liberty and Starkweather. There will be live entertainment, 50/50 raffles and good food. Admission is a donation of any new, unwrapped toy or \$5 per person.

Hockeytown: The Plymouth Whalers host the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey Association game 6:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road near M-14. For ticket information, call 453-8400.

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton planning commission has its regular meeting 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Family affair: The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. Regular meetings are the first and third Monday of each month and the play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Barb at 207-5224 for information on the club and Sue, 459-9324, for information on the play group.

THURSDAY

Morning update: Canton business and government leaders informally address members of the community at the monthly T "Third Thursday Update," 7:30 a.m. at Old Country Buffet in the Harvard Square shopping center, Sheldon at Ford. The public is welcome and there is a free breakfast buffet.

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Village going commercial

■ A portion of the historic district at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads will get limited commercial zoning. Planners hope to create a look and feel similar to downtown Plymouth or Northville for the neighborhood.



BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The southeast and southwest corners of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads are being master planned for commercial development.

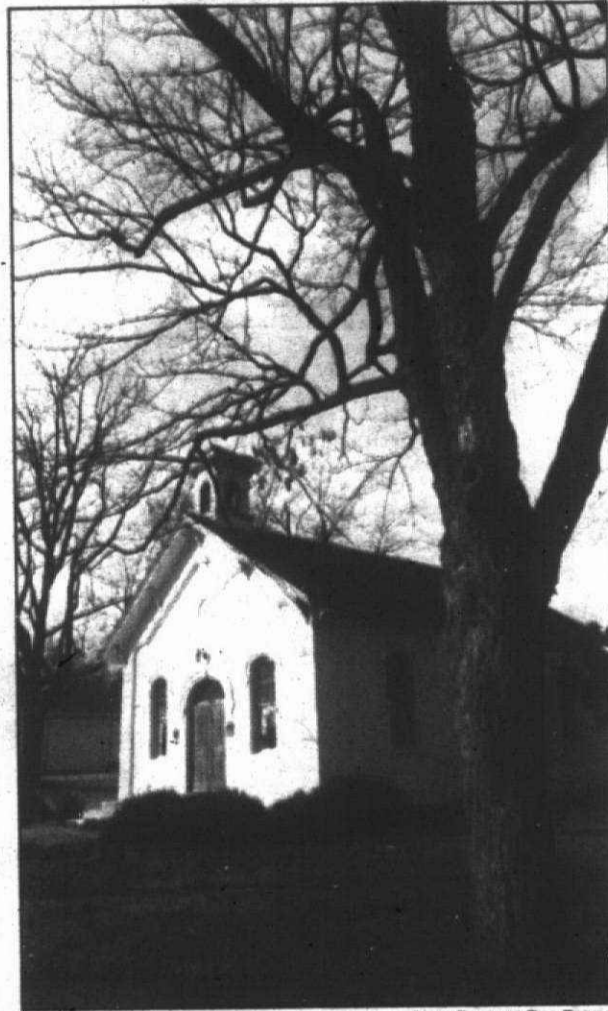
The corner is the heart of Canton's historic Cherry Hill Village.

The old Ford factory, now De-Sta-Co Cylinders Inc., is located on the southwest corner. The vacant Canton Inn, built in 1860, is located on the other.

Both areas are currently zoned rural residential on Canton's future land use map. The new master plan zoning classification would allow for the most restrictive of commercial development.

"The Historic Commission supports (the changes) because the original Cherry Hill plan was the Cherry Hill house, school and general store. It was a commercial corner," said Clerk Terry Bennett.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Change: The restored Cherry Hill School could eventually be the centerpiece of an historic village that includes retail and entertainment buildings in keeping with Canton's agricultural past.

DDA bonds OK'd by board

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Board of Trustees unanimously gave its approval to a plan that would allow the township to go out for \$5 million in bonds for road improvements along the Ford Road corridor.

The bonds would be paid back over 20 years by taxes captured by the Downtown Development Authority. The township board is expected to go out for bid on the first \$2.5 million in bonds in January.

One group of residents at Wednesday's public hearing gave the plan a favorable response since it would eliminate traffic problems in their neighborhood. Another homeowners' group sent a written statement asking that the Canton Center Road be added to the DDA's improvement list.

The first project slated in the bond proposal is the widening of the Lilley Road intersection. Construction could begin by spring. Similar plans are earmarked for Sheldon and Ford Road in 2000 with a second \$2.5 million bond.

The 10-point plan would include Maben Road improvements either by adding a traffic signal or by creating a new road west of Kennedy Plaza at Ford and Canton Center.

Arnoldt Williams Music, a DDA member, is located at Maben and Canton Center. Left-hand turns in and out of the business have created congestion — and accidents.

"It's impossible to get out of there with all that traffic," said Samuel Kallioinen, who has lived on Maben Road for the past 30 years.

Please see DDA, A4

New historic survey funds sought

The Canton Historic Commission is applying for a grant to follow up on the agricultural survey of 25 properties completed last year.

Twelve additional properties would be surveyed in the project focusing on the historical context of agriculture

in Canton from 1805 to 1945. The 12 properties have yet to be selected by the historic commission, said Clerk Terry Bennett, also a member of the commission.

A survey completed in 1996 listed 25 agricultural properties. It was con-

ducted by Kosky and Glynn Associates of Farmington Hills. Ten of those homes were chosen as possible homesteads for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Light fests brighten holidays

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

"We have more than 35 displays," added Lewand. "This year we have two new wetlands-themed exhibits, in conjunction with the newly opened Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township. Look for the giant heron and animated frogs leaping from lily pad to lily pad."

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

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

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

More lights to see

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

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

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

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

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

PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

3 expelled after PCEP beating

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Charles Little said he hopes the process by which three students were expelled for beating a fellow student proves reassuring to the community.

"It should be reassuring to everyone that we have a process that gives everyone involved due consideration," said Little on Wednesday in the wake of the school board's decision Tuesday night to expel the three, all ninth-graders.

"I'm pleased to say the record is very clear that, after students are involved in incidences like this one and after they have had their hearing, they have been dealt with fairly and quickly," he added.

Little said that "If I get five calls on something, I would consider it significant, and right away I got a lot of inquiries about this."

The three students were expelled for what the board described in its decisions as "a violent attack against another student in connection with a school-sponsored sports event."

'We have talked long and hard about what the community can do to begin offering programs and services to people who are involved in violent, aggressive behavior.'

Superintendent Charles Little

Two of those expelled attended Plymouth Salem High School, the third Plymouth Canton. Police are considering charging the three as juveniles.

The victim, also a ninth-grader, suffered a punctured eardrum, but has returned to school. He was reportedly beaten, kicked and spit upon by the other three during a football game Oct. 30.

The school administration held pre-expulsion committee meetings for each of the three attackers on Nov. 6 and 7. Present were at least one parent and "appropriate" school district staff.

At each meeting, "data appropriate to the student's situation was presented and discussed," the school board resolutions said.

In each case, the committee

recommended expulsion.

The school board and parents were provided with copies of written materials from the hearings. Then, the school board met in closed session with each student and a parent Tuesday night and unanimously approved each expulsion resolution.

The expulsions signify "permanent removal from all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, programs and services," said Ken Jacobs, assistant high school principal in charge of both major discipline and police liaison.

"Plymouth-Canton does not tolerate those kinds of things," he said, "and, luckily, we do not have many incidents like this."

"We do take these matters very seriously. We don't like to see people injured and do not tol-

erate it in the schools, and our superintendent and board of education have been very supportive of that," Jacobs said. He said concerted efforts are being made to see what help might be made available to such offenders.

"We have talked long and hard about what the community can do to begin offering programs and services to people who are involved in violent, aggressive behavior," he said.

Little said the board's action brings to seven the number of expulsions thus far this year. "They've been for fighting or for sale or use or distribution of illegal substances."

He said the average number of expulsions is "somewhere between 10 and 15 to 17" and that they are usually substance-related or for fighting.

"When you bring together 4,700 young people on a daily basis who have relationships all over the community" and put them into the schools - which are "the one area that bridges the whole community, that's why there are incidences like this," he said.



Accident scene: Canton firefighters used the Jaws of Life to rescue the driver of this car Wednesday.

Woman hurt in crash

A 20-year-old Troy woman was listed in fair condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Friday, two days after a mangled car wreck on Beck Road and Cherry Hill.

"She was pinned inside the car. They thought she was worse off than what she was," said Canton police officer Lew Stevens.

Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to extract the woman from the car. She was semi-conscious and taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, said Sgt. Dennis Draplin of the Canton fire department.

The Troy woman, driving a

1990 Toyota Camry, failed to yield at the intersection as she headed northbound on Beck and was struck by a 1987 Ford pickup truck driven by a 32-year-old Flint man.

"I was right behind her at the stop sign," said witness Chris Denning. "She was traveling north on Beck Road, and I was going to turn right, when she pulled out in front of (the pickup truck). The truck was going about 35 or 40 mph (below the speed limit). He tried to stop, you know, the front end dipped."

Special writer Adam S. Wade contributed to this story.

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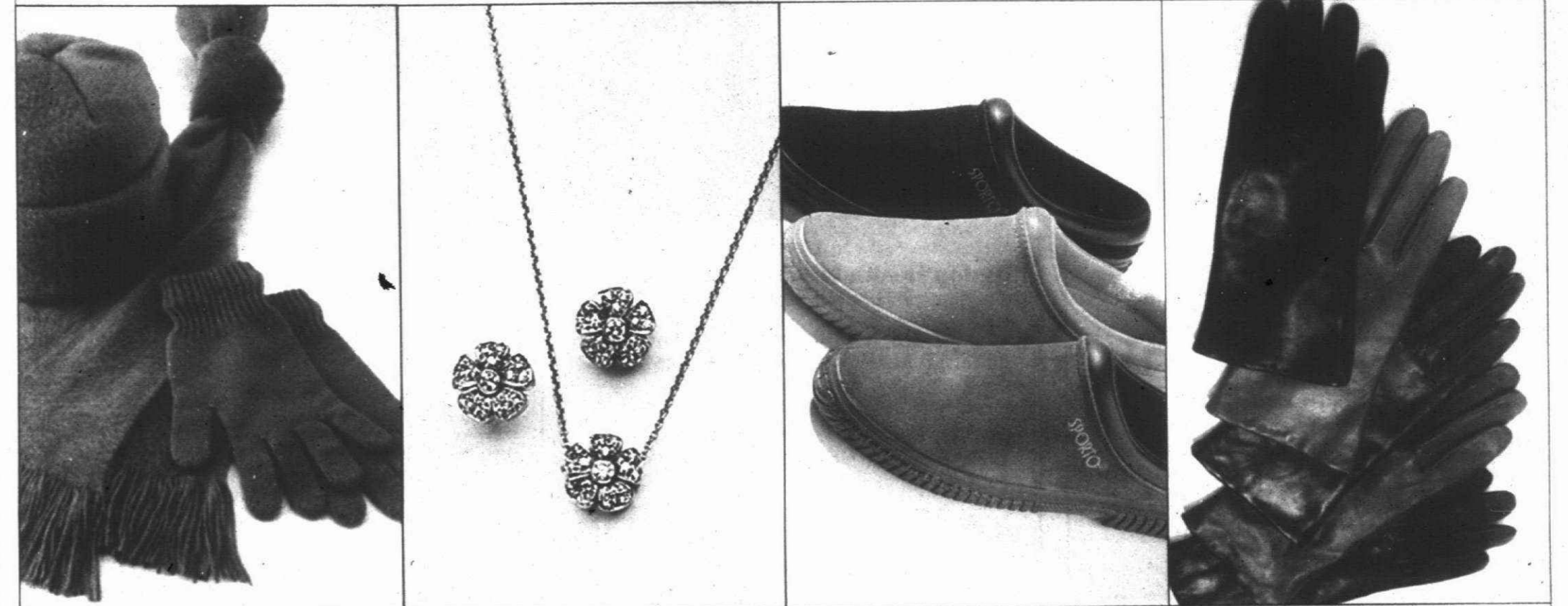
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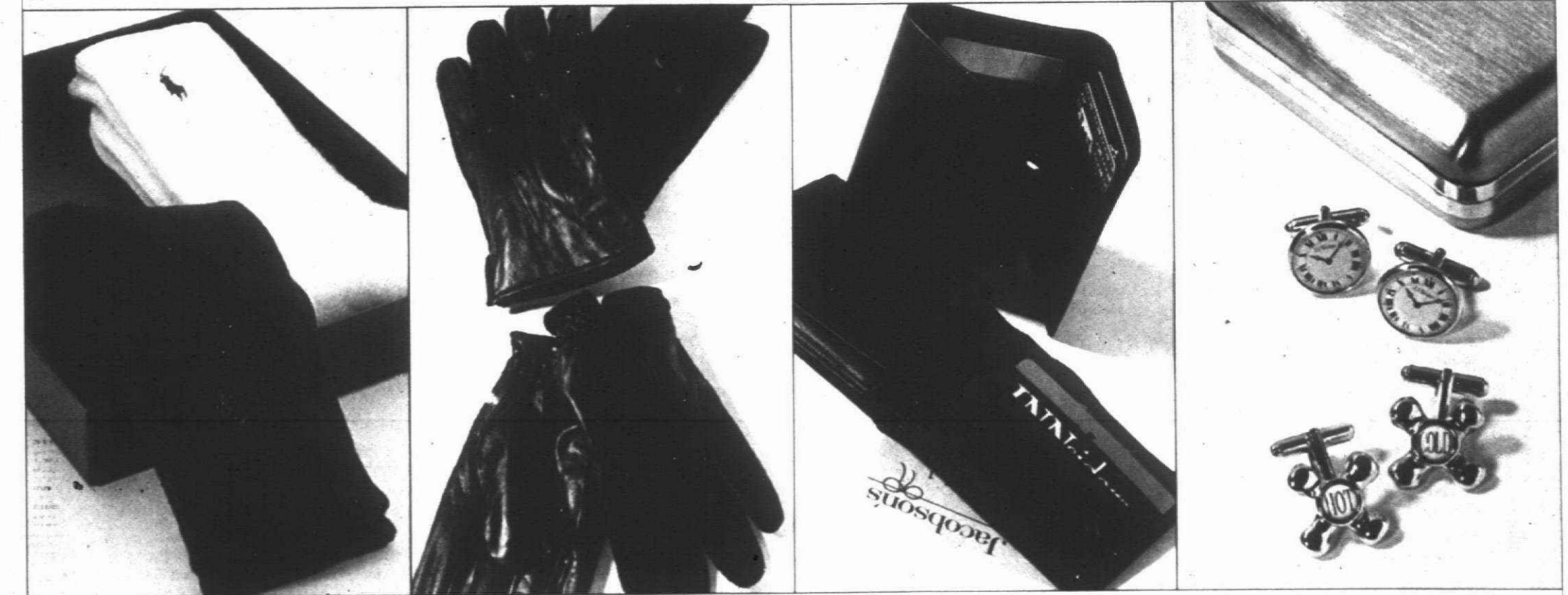


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The property owners don't have plans to sell, she said. Neither could be reached for comment.

The factory is owned by Tom Hennell, who currently has plans to restore the creamery south of the factory for a sales office.

The creamery, built in the late 1800s, was operated until the 1940s when Henry Ford bought and moved it. The building was used as a dormitory for disabled World War II veterans who worked at the neighboring factory.

The inn was built by Abner Hitchcock in 1860. He built the inn on a hunch that the major route between Detroit and Chicago would be Cherry Hill. Unfortunately for him, the route turned out to be Michigan Avenue.

The inn is currently owned by Vernon Stefanski and has been vacant for a number of years.

Bennett said a study group of elected officials and planning commissioners was prompted to recommend the changes when a developer announced plans to build a 120-acre subdivision east of the area between Denton Road and Beck on the north side of

Cherry Hill.

Canton Land Development showed conceptual site plans to the planning commission about a month ago that included 140 homes and a new half-mile extension road that connected Denton Road to the north with Saltz.

A rezoning was approved by the township board in August that would allow for the single-family homes in the rural agricultural area. The property was rezoned for one and two homes per acre.

Original plans called for traditional-style row housing with detached garages on the westernmost portion of the 120 acres.

The lots would be smaller to create a Plymouth or Northville look.

Bennett said she isn't concerned that an unwanted commercial development will anchor itself on the Cherry Hill and Ridge intersection if the master plan changes are approved.

"No. 1, (the properties) will all be in private hands and No. 2, all exterior renovations have to go through the Canton Historic Commission for design standards in and around there," she said.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the commercial zoning would allow for O-1 or C-1 uses, which is the most limited commercial development.

"There are no plans that I know of. It's a small area and we're not changing the zoning, we're amending the master plan."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Survey from page A1

The grant application would include funds for nominating the 10 homes to the national register.

On Wednesday, Canton officials agreed to allocate \$6,000 to the project. The Michigan Bureau of History would pay \$9,000 of the total \$15,000 costs if the grant is awarded.

The project would have to be completed by June 1999.

An original survey conducted in the late 1980s named 225-250 properties as having historical value. Bennett estimated only half are still in existence.

"A lot of those are gone now, but of the number of home-stead sites remaining we're trying to get them documented for the historical perspective before they're gone," she said.

DDA from page A1

Some motorists use Maben for a cut-through to Beck Road to avoid the busy intersection, he said.

The Northwest Homeowners Association also sent a letter asking why Canton Center wasn't included on the list.

"Additional projects will be looked at later on, we'll have to amend the plan again. The traffic at Meijer along Canton Center and Ford Road is another area we will be addressing later," said Ralph Shufeldt, DDA chairman.

In December, the township board expanded the original boundaries of the DDA set in 1984, which was an 80-acre area from Sheldon to Morton Taylor. The DDA now encompasses an 853-acre area.

The DDA boundaries extend from the Westland limit to west of Canton Center along Ford Road. It includes several new businesses, such as the Super Kmart, AutoNation, Max and Erma's, AAA, and Centre Village shopping center.

"One of the dilemmas for the township board when we extended the boundaries is that the money captured can't be used for other things like police, fire, plumbing inspectors," said Supervisor Tom Yack.

"But Ford Road is really our downtown, although it doesn't look like a downtown. It's an in and out for the community and we believe it's worthy of capturing these dollars."

Captured taxes on assessment increases and new business in the DDA district are expected to amount to \$591,860 in 1998. A 10-year projection of the captured revenues from 1997 until 2006 adds up to \$6.8 million for the DDA fund.

Lights from page A1

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

plugged on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free.

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

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

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

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

Domino's Farms

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

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

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

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

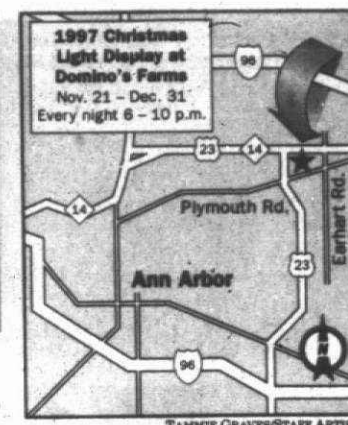
"Last year we had 42,000 cars drive through, with 80,000 people visiting the indoor display. This year we think we'll get 50,000 cars and 100,000 people."

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

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

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

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



1997 Christmas Light Display at Domino's Farms Nov. 21 - Dec. 31 Every night 6 - 10 p.m.

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

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

For more information, call the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce at (517) 546-3920.

merce at (517) 546-3920.

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

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

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

tions of 15 countries around the world.

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

Land of opportunity

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Alliance will help

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

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

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

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

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Officials hope airport expansion creates more development

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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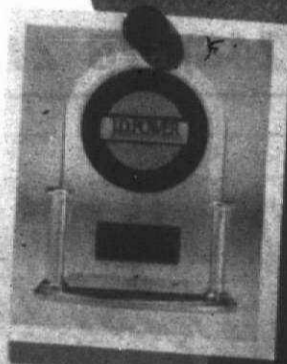
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FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



RICK HALBERG

Memories linger with seasonal aromas

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

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

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

Hanukkah

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

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

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

Manhattan memories

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

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

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

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

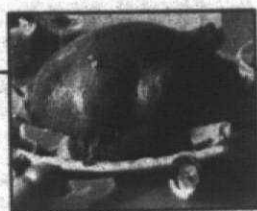
I have been invited to prepare a dinner at the James Beard House next year and am looking forward to it. Once I have the date I'll be sure to let you know. I'm going to attempt to put together a group travel package for those who might like to attend the dinner and be my hometown rooting section.

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LOOKING AHEAD

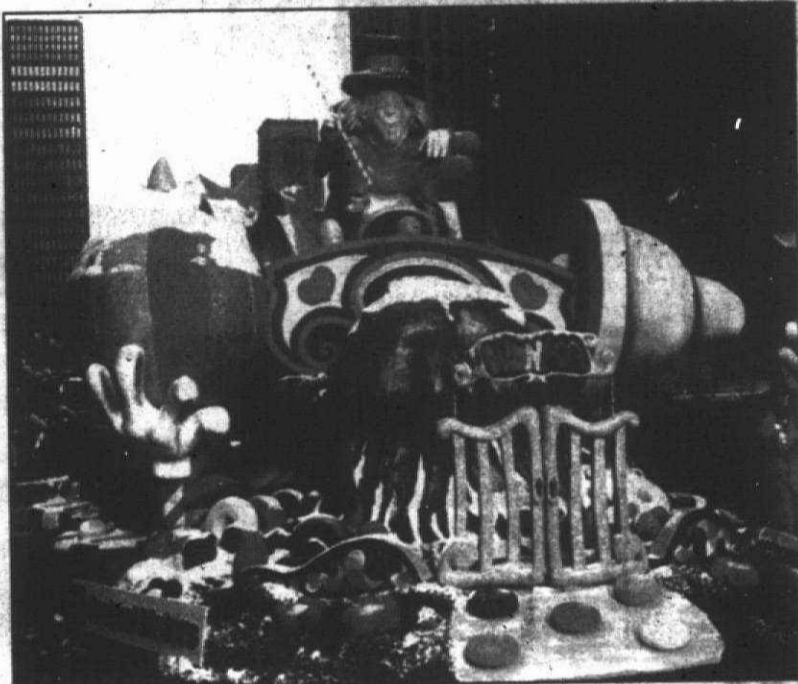
What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Readers share recipes
- Holiday tea



Parade leads our Thanksgiving traditions

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



BLAKE DICHER

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

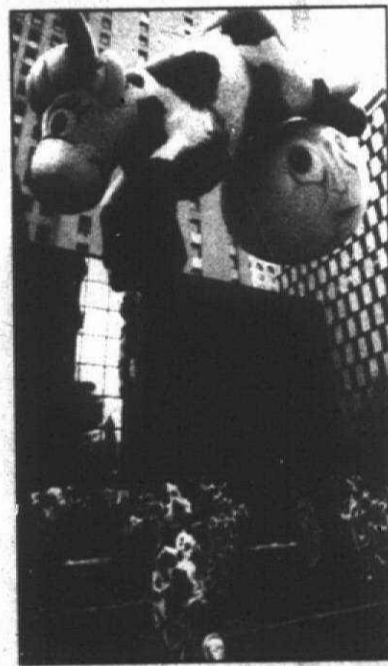
Vintage parade photos, comments from recipe contributors, cook's tips, and sayings to share are part of this culinary treasure.

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Thanksgiving Tidbits

- After the colonists' first bountiful harvest, Pilgrim Governor William Bradford declared a day of Thanksgiving. Indian Chief Massasoit attended along with 90 braves.
- The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days.
- Indian braves presented the Pilgrims with a gift of five deer for the first Thanksgiving dinner.
- Venison, roasted or stewed partridges, ducks, geese and turkeys, common game along the Cape Cod shore, were probably served at the first Thanksgiving dinner. Cranberries were boiled to make a sauce for the meat - perhaps sweetened with a little wild honey.
- Pumpkins and corn were abundant in the New World, but since there was no flour or molasses, there was no Thanksgiving pumpkin pie - just plain, boiled pumpkin.
- Desserts for the first Thanksgiving dinner consisted of wild fruits and nuts.
- The "spirits" served at the first Thanksgiving was a very sweet, strong wine made from wild grapes.

Information from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village archives.



JOSEPH CRACIOLA

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

Go Portside for your Thanksgiving feast

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RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

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

Thanksgiving relives our history. If you take our suggestion and serve port, or more properly Porto, here's a bit of history to relate. Port was first created, almost by accident, in the 17th century. British traders, cut off from France by wars, took fancy to the red wines of the Douro Valley, near Oporto in Northern Portugal. To preserve the wine for their long journey back to England, they added brandy to it. The combina-



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

tion created an extraordinary flavor. No one we know relates port tales and explanations of the many port wine styles like Adrian Bridge, director of the port house Taylor Fladgate &

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Food from page B1

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

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

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

or email me at pigrick@aol.com

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

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

Portside from page B1

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

"Even in non-vintage years, we try to make a wine of the vintage," Adrian Bridge said. "Vintage character ports are soft, velvety and a good value. They are much better than a young ruby or tawny port. Pay \$2 to \$3 more and get something better."

Taylor Fladgate First Estate \$17 is a vintage character port filling the bill with its lively rich, black-fruity flavors and mellow oak-tanned finish.

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

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

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

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

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Herald, dial (313) 953-3047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Wine Picks for Thanksgiving

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

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

Thanksgiving from page B1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Potatoes with vanilla cream are really 'sweet'

Scrape vanilla seeds into the cream. Slowly simmer with cover off to reduce to 1 1/2 cups.

Boil and mash sweet potatoes. Add cream, soft unsalted butter to taste, salt and pepper.

2 cups heavy cream
1 vanilla bean, split
4 pounds (about 8) sweet potatoes
Soft unsalted butter, to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

Parade supporters share favorite culinary 'Traditions'

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "Traditions: Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook."

CRANBERRY QUICK BREAD
2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
2/3 cup orange juice
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts
1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
Grated zest of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray. Combine flour, sugar and baking powder in a large bowl. Add the juice, eggs and vanilla and mix just to combine. Fold in nuts, cranberries and zest. Bake for 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes and remove from the pan. Wrap well in plastic wrap until ready to eat. Makes 1 loaf.

Recipe from Linda Hayman, parade trustee.

CORN PUDDING CASSEROLE
1 can (16 ounces) creamed corn
1 can (16 ounces) whole kernel corn (drained)
1 cup sour cream
1 package (8 ounces) corn muffin mix (not prepared)
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 1 1/2 quart casserole. Place all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Pour into the prepared casserole and bake for 60-60 minutes or until lightly browned and firm to the touch. Serves 6-8.

Recipe from Linda Kughn.

TIM ALLEN'S SPINACH CASSEROLE
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter

1 medium onion, chopped
1 (24-ounce) carton cottage cheese
6 large eggs
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained
6 tablespoons flour
1/2 pound Colby or other yellow cheese, cubed

Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add onion and saute until soft, about 3 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In a medium bowl beat together cottage cheese and eggs until well combined. Add the sauteed onions and remaining ingredients, stir and pour into a 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered for one hour. Top should be brown. May be reheated. Serves 6-8.

APPLE CIDER GLAZED ROAST TURKEY
One turkey, an size you prefer, cleaned

3 tablespoons, plus 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted
2 cups apple cider
kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
1 whole onion, peeled, but not cut
1/4 cup soy sauce
Juice of 1 lemon
Grated zest of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine cider, soy sauce, lemon juice and zest in a medium bowl. Whisk to combine. This is the basting liquid.

Place turkey on a rack (if you have one) or in the roasting pan. Brush the turkey with the melted butter and sprinkle it with salt and pepper. Place the whole onion in the turkey cavity. Tie together the drumsticks in front of the cavity with cotton string or a plastic tie.

Roast uncovered for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F. Baste the

broth (optional)
1/3 cup extra fine flour (like Wondra)

Four drippings off roasting pan. Strain the drippings. Skim or remove the fat from the drippings. Reserve 1/4 cup of the fat.

Place the drippings in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat.

Add the wine and continue cooking the drippings until they reduce slightly. Stir in the reserved fat. Whisk in the flour, a little at a time, until incorporated and the gravy is thickened. Season to taste.

If you need more gravy or the gravy becomes too thick, add chicken broth to thin or stretch the amount. Pour into heated sauce boat or pitcher to serve.

Recipe from Annabel Cohen, chef, cooking instructor, writer.

Dishes have 'history' of popularity Two sweet pies for holiday table

Here are some recipes from the chefs at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The village and museum will be decorated for the holidays beginning Nov. 28. For more information, call (313) 271-1620.

Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum Pastry Chef Tom Prenickzyk shared these tips:

- Rub butter and a mixture of fresh herbs such as thyme and sage under the skin of the turkey breast. "The flavor bakes right into the meat," he said.
- Don't toss the turkey carcass. Make soup by putting the carcass in a pot of cold water with vegetables such as celery and onion. Simmer it for an hour or so. Strain and skim off the fat. Cook longer to reduce. Add fresh carrots and other vegetables, and leftover turkey. Season to taste.

center comes out clean.

NEW WORLD MASHED TURNIPS
2 1/2 pounds turnips, peeled & diced
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon sugar
Chopped parsley

Place turnips in a 4 quart saucepan with 1-inch water. Bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and steam 15 minutes or until tender.

Drain.
Mash turnips.
Add butter or margarine, salt, sugar, and pepper until well mixed. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Cook chocolate and butter in large, microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) for 1 to 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

Stir in sugar, corn syrup, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Stir in pecans. Pour into pie shell. Bake 50 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Serve with whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

SWEET CHOCOLATE PIE
4-ounce package sweet baking chocolate
1/3 cup milk
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons sugar
12-ounce tub frozen whipped topping, thawed

Melt chocolate and 2 tablespoons of the milk in large, microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) for 1 1/2 minutes or until chocolate is almost melted, stirring halfway through heating time. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

Beat in cream cheese, sugar and remaining milk with wire whisk until blended. Refrigerate about 10 minutes to cool. Gently stir in 3 1/2 cups of the whipped topping until smooth. Spoon into crust. Freeze 4 hours. Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes before cutting pie. Serve with remaining whipped topping. Store pie in freezer. Makes 8 servings.

Recipes from: Kraft Foods.

SAUERKRAUT DRESSING
1/2 cup butter
4 tablespoons flour
5 cups sauerkraut
2 large apples, chopped fine
1/2 cup vinegar
6 whole cloves

Mix ingredients in given order. Pour into prepared pie shell. Bake in preheated oven at 425°F. for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F and continue baking for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in

PIONEER PUMPKIN PIE
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 (16 ounce) solid pack pumpkin
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 2/3 cup (1 can) evaporated milk

Mix ingredients in given order. Pour into prepared pie shell. Bake in preheated oven at 425°F. for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F and continue baking for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in

CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE
4-ounce package sweet baking chocolate or 4 squares semisweet baking chocolate, broken into pieces
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup light or dark corn syrup
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups pecan halves or chopped walnuts
9-inch unbaked deep-dish pie shell
Frozen whipped topping, thawed (optional)
Heat oven to 350 degrees F.

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Individuals who have used Fen-Phen/Redux but do not yet have a diagnosis of disease may submit a letter with their name, address and telephone number to Charfoos & Christensen, P.C., 5510 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202 as continuous medical monitoring expenses have been requested in a separate medical monitoring class action lawsuit filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court on October 7, 1997.

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

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

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

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Facial fallacies are unmasked

We received a number of letters from readers asking for information about skin care - facials in particular. So, I decided to interview an expert I have known for years who has her own salon in Birmingham, Mary Glanz. Like so many other aestheticians, she's from Hungary. She learned the craft at the feet of her parents who were also in the same field.

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

JB: What are the procedures that are being offered at the moment that women should be aware of a waste of time and money?
Mary: The two biggest rip-offs that are fashionable at the moment are cellulite removal and banded body wraps. I feel they are fraudulent, and they don't work.

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

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

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

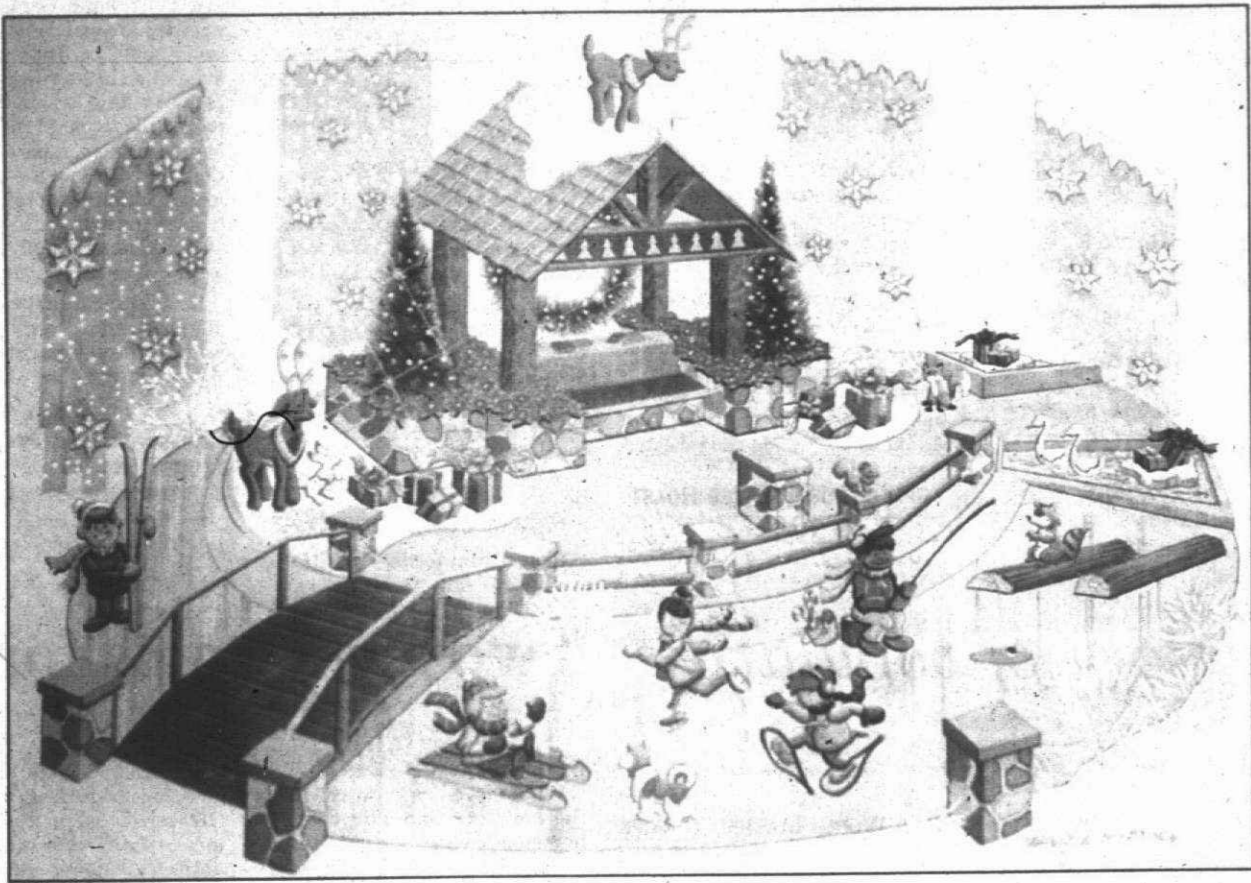
JB: How old should you be to go for your first facial?
Mary: Ideally 12 or 13, or when you hit puberty.

JB: How much should you expect to pay for a good facial?
Mary: Most facials start at \$65 and go up from there, depending on what is included. Make sure to discuss this beforehand.

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

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

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



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

Santa sightings Malls decked out for the holidays

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

They are designed and built by a handful of display companies across the U.S. and Canada, and magically appear overnight at your neighborhood mall, assembled by "elves" and "fairies," as one jovial manager insisted. This year, shoppers and their children will delight to winter wonderland exhibits in center courts that include giant Polar Bears - Westland Center, Reindeer - Livonia Mall, A Crystal Forest - Twelve Oaks, A Dept. 56 Christmas Village - Oakland Mall, A Renaissance Holiday - Somerset Collection, Snow Scenes - Northland Center, and A Charlie Brown Christmas - Lakeside Center.

Native-costumed "children" celebrate Holidays Around the World - Tel-Twelve Mall, Teddy Bears - Wonderland Mall, Flights of Fancy - Fairlane Town Center, Santa's Magical Toyary Garden - Laurel Park Place, Mother Goose - Summit Place. The Hudson's store at Summit Place hosts the retailer's stunning 8th annual holiday exhibit portraying Charles Dickens holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* in 23 animated theatrical vignettes, up now through Dec. 31 - and complimentary! Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills debuts a frozen of the century skating pond scene this year, featuring a turn of creek with "animated children skiing, skating and ice fishing near the creek's wooden bridge, observed by animated woodland creatures," according to manager Jim Westcott. Santa will be waiting for children who want pictures in the center of the winter village in a snow-covered pavilion.

Lakeside in Sterling Heights also premieres a new exhibit this season with Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Pig Pen, Peppermint Patty and Schroeder featured in a variety of holiday settings throughout the center. The highlight of the exhibit is an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse, complete with 36-foot tree exploding through the roof! Laurel Park Place is the third center with a new holiday décor package, animated elves prepare Santa's hot air balloon, with garden animals shaped from topiary. There is an interac-

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 16
Holiday exhibit open
Through Dec. 31, stroll through Victorian England recreated in 23 animated vignettes portraying the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. The 8th annual holiday exhibit is presented by Hudson's during regular store hours. Group tours are available to classes, clubs. There is no charge for admission. Critics are calling this offering "the best so far!"
Summit Place Mall
Elizabethtown/Telegraph, Waterford
(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event
Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-muffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free. Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments for Santa optional.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy
(248) 876-5484.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20
Santa arrival
Troy Athens Marching Band welcomes Santa Claus for a rousing parade through the shopping center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Santa E-mail station on upper level, near JC Penney's.
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy
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Parade leads benefit

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

"This year our Christmas has a purpose," said Livonia Mall marketer Jim Gray.

"We're hosting a special holiday promotion themed with selfless giving and the joys that come of true friendship. Our *Annabelle's Wish Christmas* brings a message of music and magic to benefit The Make-A-Wish Foundation." On Sunday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. the Fox Network airs an hour-long animated holiday film, *Annabelle's Wish*, which many agree will become an instant classic. Proceeds from the sale of the film, CD sound-track, and plush toys, will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation which serves children with life-threatening illnesses.

Livonia Mall is one of 145 select shopping centers in the country to support the holiday fund-raiser, using as a springboard, its 15th annual Christmas parade, Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at Six Mile and Middlebelt, titled *Wishes Can Come True*. "This parade is our biggest and best ever," Gray pronounced. "We've got 2,000 kids walking in it, hundreds of clowns, dozens of bands, police, fire, the Pistons Mascot and cheerleaders, and 18 floats - our own features *Annabelle* and a *Make A Wish Child*."

Annabelle is a big-eyed calf who gives up her fondest dream to save Billy, the little farm boy she loves. The movie, from Ralph Edwards films, stars the voices of Randy Travis, Dolly Parton, Jerry Van Dyke, Rue McClanahan, Jim Varney, and Cloris Leachman. The film company is donating \$1 million to kick off the fund drive, and Livonia Mall will donate \$2 million. Dec. 6 with raffish refreshments, dreidel demonstrations, Santa photos, food sampling, crafts for kids, ice carvings and a *Light Up A Life Sweater Drive*.

Rochester kicks off the season with the annual *Lagniappe*, Monday, Dec. 1 from 6 p.m. featuring carriage rides, gifts for shoppers and carolers. Birmingham welcomes the season with the annual *Christmas Tree Lighting* 7 p.m. in Shain Park. The Salvation Army Band performs, the Village Players lead carols. On Dec. 12 the annual *Midnight Shopping Spree* begins at 6 p.m., with marching bands, carriage rides and Santa photos.

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

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

Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph
(248) 682-0123.
Bananas in Pajamas
Santa Claus arrives by horse and carriage outside entrance 6. John Glenn High School marching band brings him into the mall to JC Penney Court. Enjoy a special musical performance starring Australian phenomons *Bananas in Pajamas*, follows at 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Santa photos through Dec. 24.
Westland Center, Wayne/Warren
(313) 425-5001.

Lamp Chop greets Santa
Shari Lewis' Lamp Chop makes a solo appearance to welcome Santa Claus at noon. Lamp Chop stars in a musical production at 2 and 4 p.m. in the Sears Court. Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen.
Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi
(248) 348-9411.
Band brings Santa
Southfield Lathrup's High School Band plays to the arrival of Santa Claus at 11 a.m. Face painting activities for children 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield
(248) 353-4111.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23
Leader Dog benefit
Jacobson's hosts 5th annual fund-raiser 6 p.m. silent/live auction of 150 items from Rochester-based shops and service stores, fashion show (8 p.m.) hors d'oeuvres and wine from area restaurants. Dessert afterward. Tickets are \$30, \$75 and patron \$100. Call Leader Dogs office (248) 651-9011.
Great Oaks Mall
Walton/Livonia/Rochester Hills
(248) 651-6000.

Where can I find?

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

What we found:

- CORRECTION! Stephanie Kopinski, owner of I Do, Two, 345 N. Main in Plymouth, said the shop does NOT buy old bridesmaid dresses. However, the shop will take bridal gowns, slips and veils, up to a year-old on consignment. Call (313) 455-4800.
- A Tim Allen signature hammer for Bruce of Canton.
- Several readers called offering their 1995 Oreo cookie tins for Chris of Garden City.
- Many readers had recipes for pumpkin bar cookies to share.
- A pushbutton radio is at Service Merchandise stores.
- Shirley Mullen said she spotted Shirley Temple paper dolls in the Miles Kimball catalog for \$3.95. To order 1-920-231-4886.
- The 1984 Precious Moments collectible was spotted in *The Limited* catalog from Holland, MI for \$23. To order, call 1-800-355-5363.
- A reader said she has a CD of Billboards' Greatest Christmas recordings from 1935-1954 that contains Gene Autry singing Rudolph. She said she would be happy to make a copy of the tune, or it may be in the music stores again for the holidays.
- Many readers called offering their electric Super Shooters.
- Theresa of Canton said silk sheets are in the *Domestications* catalog \$129.99 to order, 1-800-746-2555.
- A caller wanted to make a copy of the book *The Shiniest Star*.
- Lily of the Valley was seen at Victoria's Secret stores, as well as under the name Muguet by Coty, sometimes at Kohl's for the holidays.
- Reader, Bill Perry, said the folks looking for collectible items should check out the spring Collectibles Show at the Dearborn Civic Center. Until then, he suggests calling Eve Baker in Fort Wayne, IN who knows a lot about Enesco, Dept. 56, Hallmark etc. items, 1-219-637-5708.
- A Keepsake Jewellers is open at the Fairlane Town Center.

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

Still looking for:

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

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

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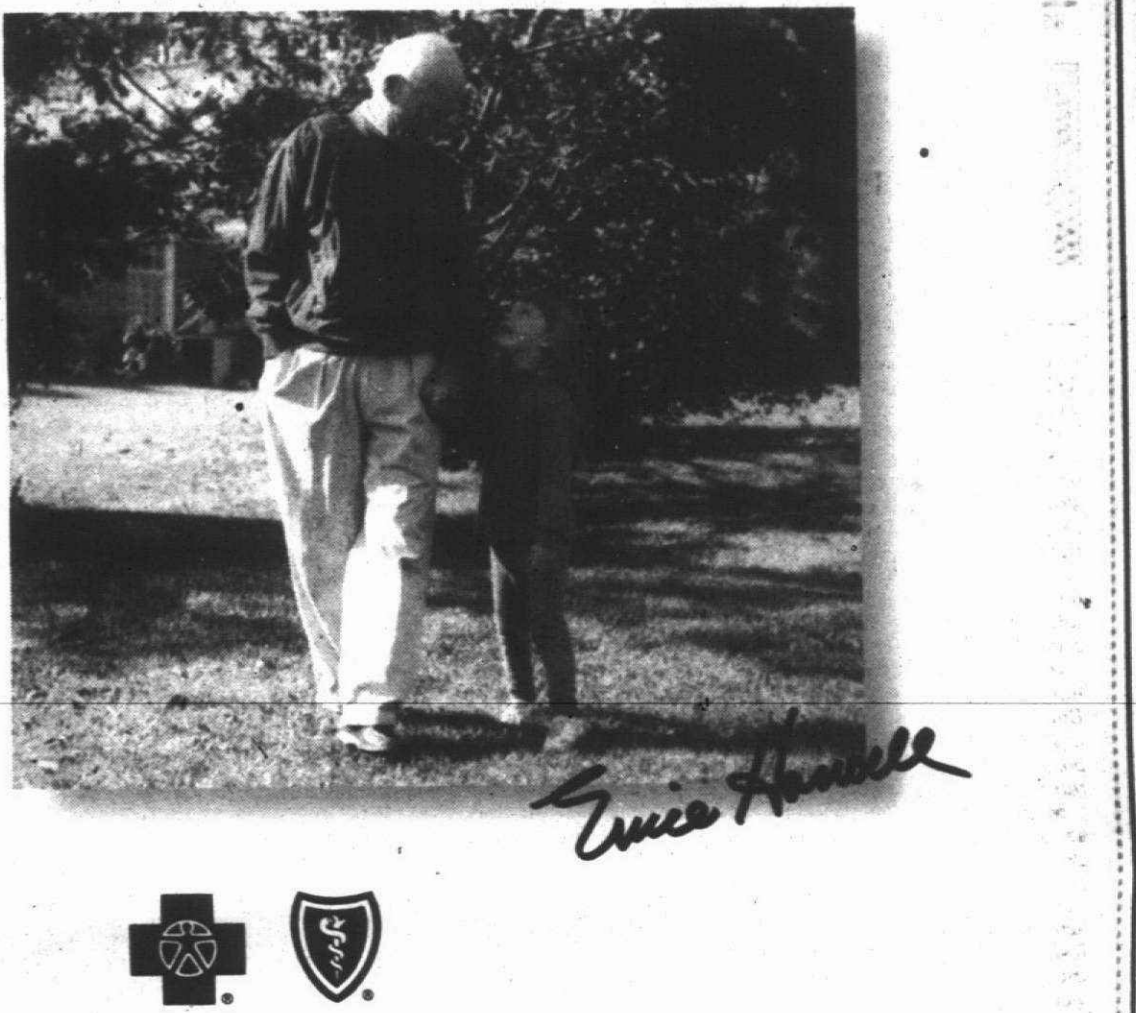
Kroger hosts Food Drive
The demand for food for the needy is up 23-percent this year heading into the holidays, according to Gleaners Food Bank. To help, all 82 Michigan Kroger stores will offer prepackaged bags of Kroger-brand food in \$5 and \$10 increments for purchase. Shoppers simply pick the bag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

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

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

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

Duell has just overseen the recent remodel of the store, which sells fine fashions for men and women. The store boosted its lighting by 30-percent, installed new racks and removed walls for greater visibility through the store. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 644-7520.



Ernie Harwell

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

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

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OAKLAND COUNTY

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M-CARE Web site

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

MPMA election

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

Skiing conditioning

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

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

Safety tips can help hunters stay healthy

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

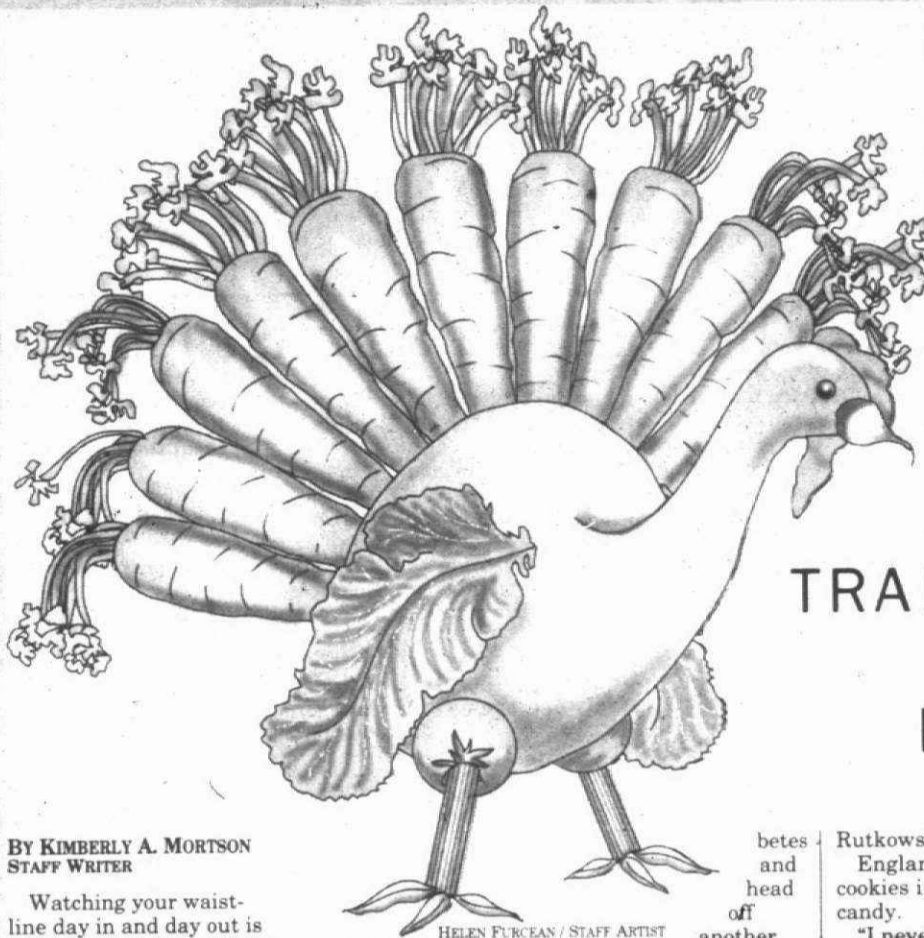
Make an attempt to hunt with a partner. If you face an emergency sit-

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HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

betes and head off another heart attack.

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

Wary of sugar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aches more serious?

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

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

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

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

HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING

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Plan of action

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

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

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

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

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

"If mom gets her Christmas cookie recipe out and bakes only for the month of December - it's not necessary to eat her cookies and Oreos when you can eat those anytime," said Rutkowski. Reckless consumption of fatty, sugary, high cholesterol foods can lead to more serious problems besides obesity, including high blood pressure, heart attack, clogged arteries and digestive problems. "The choice is yours," said Rutkowski. "Going to a friend's house - find out what's on the menu. Ask if you can bring something low-fat or prepare a dish you can eat that others may find just as appetizing but with less calories."

See recipes on C2

Controlling acne helps physically, mentally

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also, more than 40 percent of adolescents have acne severe enough to require some treatment by a physician. Usually it goes away when patients are in their early twenties. However, for some people, the acne can last a couple of more decades. Keep in mind that pimples are unavoidable, but you can lessen the results of flare-ups and scars or pot marks caused by

the deeper cysts.

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

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

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

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

Acne is even more traumatic to people who never

Please see ACNE, C3

Fund-raiser benefits Batten disease victims

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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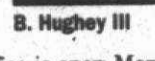
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New chiropractic owner

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

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

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



B. Hughey III

HEALTH NEWSMAKERS

New director appointed

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



Newton

ing HAP's PICOS efforts and her work in information systems," said Emily Sauter, HAP's associate vice president of health and medical affairs. "Her experience will be a definite asset as she takes on the responsibilities of her new position."

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

New DMC associate chair

The Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University

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

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

Precautions can help guard against food contamination

A touch of the flu?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

make sure to wash them frequently. Better yet, use paper towels when possible. Hands spread bacteria, too. Not only between foods, but also to doorknobs, refrigerator handles, and kitchen counters. Always wash with soap and water then dry your hands with a clean towel or paper towel, before and after handling food.

To order a free copy, call (719) 948-4000 and ask for Item 625D. Or send your name and address to: Consumer Information Center, Dept. 625D, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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

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

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

Holiday recipes offer healthy alternatives to old favorites

LITE 'N' EASY CRUSTLESS PUMPKIN PIE

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

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

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

CRANBERRY-NUT BREAD

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

Spray one 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan or two 7.5-by-3.5-by-2-inch loaf pans with non-stick coating; set pan aside. In a large mixing bowl stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In another mixing bowl stir together the egg white, milk, cooking oil, and orange peel. Add to the flour mixture, stirring just till combined. Stir in the cranberries and walnuts. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven from 1 to 1 1/4 hours for the 9-by-5-by-

SPLENDID SPINACH DIP

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

In a medium bowl, combine yogurt, spinach, onion, mayonnaise, and vegetable soup mix; mix well. Serve immediately or cover and chill up to three hours. Serve with fresh vegetable dippers.
Yield: 3 cups
Nutrients per serving: (2 Tbsp.) calories, 10; fat, 0g; cholesterol, trace; and sodium, 32 mg.

CRANBERRY FRUIT DIP

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

In a medium bowl, stir together all ingredients. Serve with fruit. Can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.
Yield: 1 cup
Nutrients per serving (2 Tbsp. dip): calories, 37; cholesterol, 0mg; fat, 0mg; and sodium, 11mg.

HEALTH News

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, NOV. 17

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

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

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

TUE, NOV. 18

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

3011 or Michele 591-7071.
DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS
Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics age 18 years and older. "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes. Held at St. Mary Hospital from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Nov. 18-Dec. 16, in the West Addition Conference Room. The fee is \$75 and includes all materials. A support person at no extra cost can participate. Preregistration is required, call, (313) 655-2922.

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

800-428-3441 ext. 115. Meet in the lobby of GranCare, 38935 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.
INFANT/CHILD CPR
Learn to perform CPR on infants and children. Certificates given upon completion of the course. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) Contact 1-800-543-WELL. From 6-10 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne.

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

WED, NOV. 19

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

exercise program designed for the special needs of the pregnant and postpartum woman which starts during pregnancy and continues until you baby is 6 months old. Presented by the Perinatal Education Program of Garden City Hospital and the Wayne-Westland YMCA. Physician's approval required. Meets from 6-7 p.m. Call 458-4330 for registration.

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

NOV. 18 & 20

MONS FITNESS ON THE GO
An alternating land and water

Acne from page C1

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

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

Safety from page C1

uation a second person would have a greater chance of getting help than the one experiencing the crisis.
Carry a first-aid kit with you in your vest or pack that could take care of minor cuts or scrapes. Nothing elaborate, just a few items that could get you by until you reach a hospital or medical center. Gauze, a prepackaged alcohol swab,

band-aid and something that could be used as a tourniquet in the event you need to stop the bleeding from a limb.
Stay hydrated. Carry a water bottle or thermos with warm fluids or juice.
If you do shoot a deer and find yourself deep in the woods, far away from your vehicle remember that a dressed deer has an average weight of 150 pounds. That's a

lot of dead weight to be dragging through heavy brush, snow and over rough terrain whether you're in good health or not.
Surprisingly, some of the heart attacks suffered by hunters are the result of the adrenaline "rush" and excitement they experience after the kill. Pace yourself. Don't try and drag the animal the entire way without stopping. Here's another

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

Households use Internet to improve life

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

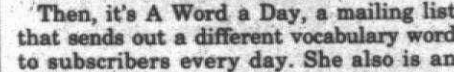
And it's helped Pat emotionally, during what she thought was a serious health crisis. "One time I had an abnormal mammogram. My first instinct was to check out the various breast cancer sites on the Net. There was so much information there it was mind boggling. One of the best sites is OncoLink (www.oncolink.upenn.edu).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

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

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

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

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he wrote a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.



PC TALK

Plan ahead before holiday shopping puts you in the red

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

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

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

• Don't buy on impulse because you are

tired or stressed out.

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

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

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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

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



Bodell-Sliwa

Manager promoted

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

New designer hired

Amy Bodell-Sliwa has been

Rookie of the Year

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

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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

Inspections provided on the move

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

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

Murray's auto store opens in Livonia

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

Westland Web site company launched

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

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

OBITUARIES

LEONARD S. BELLANGER
Funeral services for Leonard Bellanger, 55, of Plymouth were held in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Bellanger, who died Nov. 6 in Livonia, was born in White Earth, Minn. He was an auto-truck mechanic at Plymouth Iron and Metal for 33 years. He came to the Plymouth community more than 40 years ago. He was a member of the Garden City Moose Club. Mr. Bellanger loved fishing and playing pool.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; brothers, Earl of Plymouth, Peter of Detroit, Kenneth of Westland; sisters, Gladys Sroupe of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Doris Campbell of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Gloria Terrien of Westland, Florence Parks of Owenton, Ky.; many nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren.

EVELYN K. EDGAR

Funeral services for Evelyn Edgar, 83, of Marshall Mich. were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Margaret Peterson. Memorials may be made to Friends of Miller Woods, Battle Creek; or Marion Burch Adult Day Care of Battle Creek.

Mrs. Edgar, who died Nov. 10 in Marshall, was born in Akron, Mich. She was a former resident of Plymouth. She graduated valedictorian of Caro High

School and received her bachelor of science in English and chemistry from Western Michigan University. She taught in Tuscola County Schools, substitute teacher in Royal Oak and Plymouth. She was very active in the Girl Scouts. She was a troop leader in Royal Oak, Mich.; Northfield, Ill.; and Plymouth, Mich.

She was active in the Detroit Audubon Society; Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden, Mich.; the Plymouth Historical Society; the Detroit Camera Club and the Hartland Rock Club. Mrs. Edgar lived in Plymouth 1952 to 1992, when she moved to Marshall.

Survivors include her daughters, Betsy Briere of Battle Creek and Judy McIvor of London, England; and four grandchildren.

HELEN BAKOS COFFIN

Mrs. Coffin, 82, of Canton died Nov. 10.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Coffin was a secretary in the education field.

Survivors include her son, Robert; brother, Joseph Bakos; sister, Irene Vasiloff; three grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Nov. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth with the Rev. Stan Tokarski officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park.

Arrangements were made by the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton.

DELANI (DOL) JOSEPH PETTI

Mr. Petti, 79, of Canton died Nov. 9.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Petti was a general foreman.

Survivors include his daughter, JoAnn Morin; son, Robert; sister, Ventrina Harris; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mass was celebrated at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. George Chamley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by the John N. Santeu & Son Inc. Funeral Home, Garden City.

EMANUEL M. CHAVIS
Mr. Chavis, 86, of Fountain Hills, Ariz. died Nov. 9.

Born in Greensboro, N.C. Mr. Chavis was a retired self-employed mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel; sons, David and Philemon; daughters, Debbie Philmore and Gloria Mroz of Livonia; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 13 at the Messenger Fountain Hills Mortuary. Burial was in Paradise Memorial Gardens, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Memorial scheduled

Remembering: Frances Bowlby will host a coffee for family and friends in memory of her late husband, J. Craig Bowlby, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Bradbury Condominium Clubhouse on Newport Drive, north off Joy Road, east of Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township. Mr. Bowlby was a lifelong Plymouth resident. He died Aug. 12 in Little Rock, Ark.



J. Craig Bowlby of Plymouth

Sumitomo Electric hosts grand opening in Plymouth Township

A Grand Opening reception at Sumitomo Electric Automotive, Inc. in Plymouth Township Nov. 14 introduced invited guests to the company's impressive new North American Headquarters for Technical Research and Development, International Sales and Marketing.

Sumitomo Electric Automotive provides first-line research, development and marketing services to the 10 Sumitomo Automotive products manufacturing companies located in North America. It is the only Sumitomo Electric research and development facility of its kind in the United States.

The 40,000-square-foot facility contains 16,000 square feet of office space, and 24,000 square feet of product prototype manufacturing and testing area. The building was designed and constructed by R.A. DeMattia.

Guests were welcomed by Yasuo Kita, managing director of Sumitomo Electric Industries in Osaka, Japan, and Shinobu Niga, president of Sumitomo Electric Automotive, Inc.

The Michigan Jobs Commission, International and National Business Division, was instrumental in helping Sumitomo Electric select the Michigan site for its U.S. headquarters.

The company looked throughout the United States when it considered setting up a North American headquarters. It settled on Michigan and Plymouth Township because the area provided immediate access to major auto industry companies.

"Plymouth Township offered us the opportunity to be close to our automotive clients," Shinobu Niga said. "State and Township officials were very cooperative when we talked

with them about bringing our North American headquarters here. We are extremely pleased with our location and the services the state and township have provided."

Sumitomo's North American headquarters was established to keep up with the increasing on-site production needs of the local automotive industry. The Sumitomo Electric Automotive Group designs and develops automotive products such as electrical distribution systems, rubber components, automobile tires, wiring harnesses, anti-lock brake systems (ABS), calipers and brake pads, navigation systems, and powder metallurgical parts.

The new facility will also provide research and development services for new products and marketing support services. Currently there are 24 employees working at the Plymouth Township facility.

STOCK MARKET GETTING HARD TO BEAR?



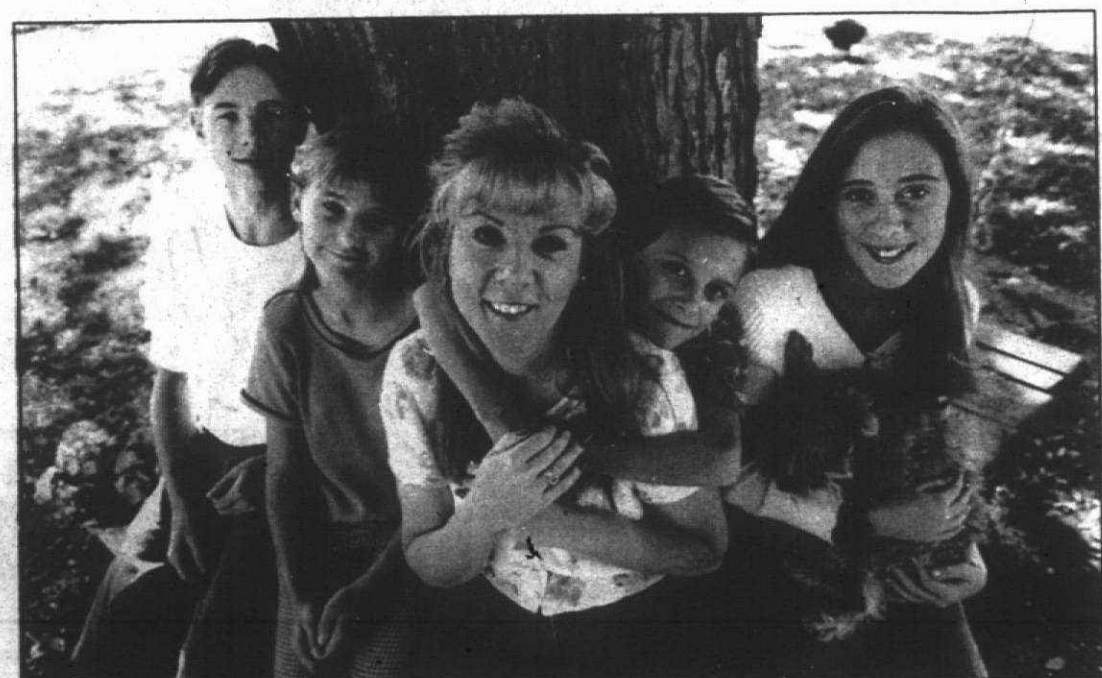
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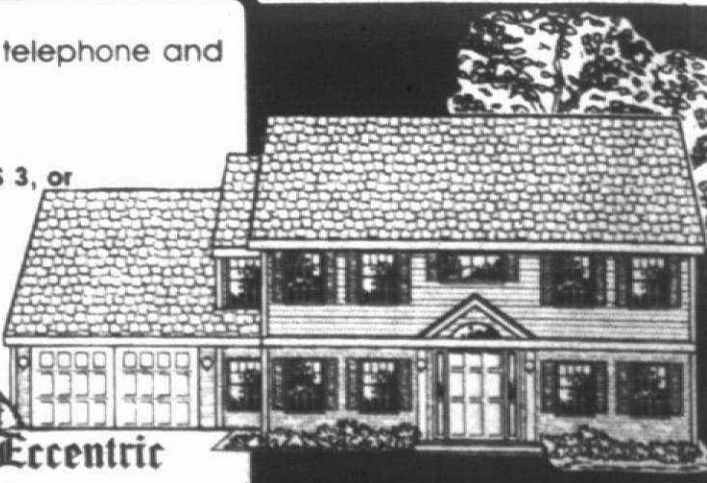
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Visit Max the Moose at Canton's Summit

It won't be the first time children will be humored during the debut of Canton's Youth Variety Series, but it will be the first time they will be a-moose-ed.

Marc Thomas and his puppet buddy, Max the Moose, will be featured entertainers at this month's youth theater, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Summit on the Park. Tickets are \$6 at the door and \$5 in advance at the Summit.

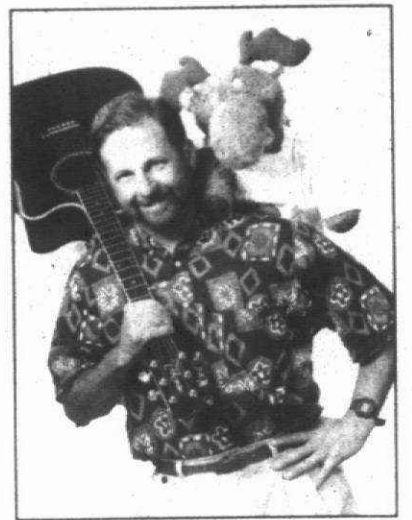
The music, song and dance are sponsored by Canton Project Arts and the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees. It's the second of a six-segment series for children ages 3-12.

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose may be familiar to Canton children who were entertained by him during this year's Liberty Fest and he also has frequented events in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

They'll be Moose mischief, song and humor at Sunday's performance.

Other entertainers scheduled in the Sunday afternoon series include:

■ Jan. 10, Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fek Puppets will perform a



Marc Thomas and Max the Moose

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists reflect on club's history

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

In good times and bad

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

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MURAL GIVES STUDENTS CREATURE COMFORT



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

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

duced the brightly colored mural for students and staff.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Although she calls it a rhino instead of a hippopotamus, she likes the birds and the kitty (cheetah)

"What's the kitty say?"

Madelyn answered "meow."

And the Lion?"

"Grrrrr."

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



EXHIBITION

Museum display un.masks myths about Vodou

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

The exhibit "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou" was created by the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History to de-mystify Vodou by showing more than 500 objects and art used during rituals and in the practice of the religion. The exhibition, which continues through Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Muse-

um of African American History, features sequined flags bearing images of saints, sacred bottles and painted calabashes to hold offerings, drums, spirit repositories, a Vodou temple, and votive altars reassembled after altars in Port au Prince.

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

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

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

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

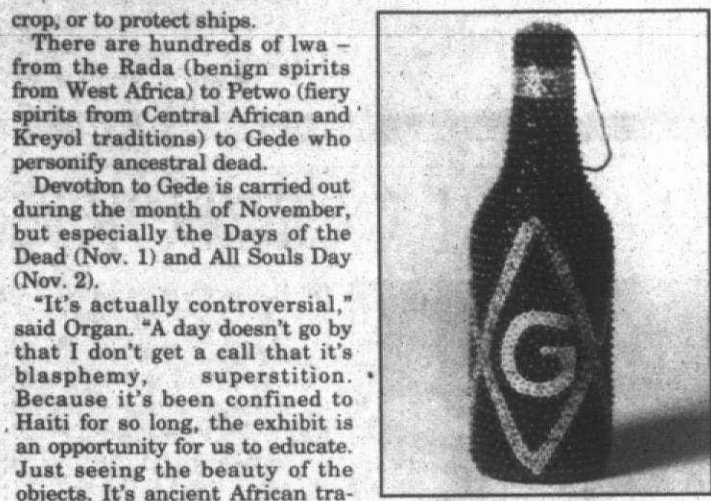


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Sacred art: In the Vodou religion, this Petwo/Kongo altar bears fewer Catholic images than Rada altars although it does include icons of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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

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

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

was the only slave revolt in the world ever to create a nation. In the 20th century, Vodou survived and prospered despite U.S. Marine occupation, persecution by clergy from 1915 to 1934, and the despotic rule of Francois (Papa Doc) and Jean Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier from 1957 to 1986. Items in the first few sections are representative of those likely to be placed on altars or sold as popular art. Still others are used during ceremonies. Many of the objects, collected during campaigns against Vodou from the 1940s to 1980s, were borrowed from museums, private collections and key Vodou temples in Haiti.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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"We offer a camaraderie where we're all interested in each other's work and have gentle critiques of the work," said Blacker. McQueen added another benefit separating the Garden City

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

copies. But if they have the courage to show, we try not to discourage them." Future plans: Members will exhibit their work in a Holiday Art Show and

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AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ENTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Through Dec. 31 - Juried exhibit by Michigan photographers. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit: (313) 831-1250.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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G.R. N'AMDI GALLERY
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JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
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Jennings Travel Service is Birmingham is offering a day to see "Renoir's Portraits: Impressions of an Age" in Chicago on Dec. 9. A Southwest Airlines flight will depart Detroit at 8:45 a.m. and arrive back in Detroit at 5:15 p.m. The day includes the Renoir exhibit at the Chicago Art Museum and lunch at Berghoff's. Cost is \$150. Call Muffie at (248)646-7800.

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Mark and Fran Johnson discuss "See Alaska: The Last Frontier" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Troy Library, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy. The talk is free.

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Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Payne Travel is holding a four-day January travel sale offering deep discounted rates from Detroit to Florida and Mexico. Passengers traveling in January can fly round trip to Orlando and St. Petersburg for just \$49.95 each way. Additional seats to Sarasota and Ft. Myers have also been priced at the low fare rate of \$67.45 each way. Also on sale are flights and packages to Mexico. Two people can fly round trip and stay seven nights at a beachfront hotel in Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco for as low as \$999.80.

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British Airways is offering students special rates on travel to London this fall and winter with three-night land packages priced from \$489 and six-night packages from \$599. "London Student Break" includes round-trip airfare to London economy class, three nights hotel accommodations including continental breakfast at a choice of four centrally located London hotels, a Planet Hollywood voucher and three-day London Central Zone Travelcard. The "London Student Break" is valid for departures between Nov. 1 and Dec. 12, 1997, and Jan. 1 to March 31, 1998. To sign up call a travel agent. For more information, call 1-800-359-8722.

SONGWRITERS CONVERGE
Silver Lake Records and Real II Reel Productions is holding a "Songwriters in the Round Showcase" Nov. 18 at Sharkey's Loft in Burton, Mich. The showcase has been developed to promote Michigan songwriters and artists. The showcase is a networking arena. Songwriters in the Round is four talented writers sitting around sharing songs and inspiration. For information, call (810)742-6185.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you've always wanted to "Meet Me in St. Louis," now's a perfect time to travel there.

My husband, Mark Rembacki, and I visited St. Louis Oct. 6-13, enjoying weather warm enough for shorts. We took the train from Ann Arbor and then another train from Chicago to St. Louis.

We spent considerable time in Forest Park, visiting the zoo twice, along with the Science Center and the History Museum. The museum had a fascinating exhibit on the history of the 1904 World's Fair, held at the site. The exhibit was told through the eyes of fair participants from varied backgrounds.

The MetroLink trains, and connecting Shuttle Bug buses,

made getting around without a car easy. We stayed at the Holiday Inn Downtown/ Riverfront and found that location near the famous Arch ideal.

A trip to the top of the Arch is a must, as is a visit to the Museum of Westward Expansion at the base of the Arch. A movie tells the story of the construction of the Arch in the 1960s. Amazingly enough, not a single workman was killed during construction of the project, which was designed by Michigan-based architect Eero Saarinen.

We took a riverboat cruise along the Mississippi River, learning a great deal about the industry along the river. Many of the attractions - the zoo, History Museum and Science Center - were free, and others had minimal charges. We paid \$6 each to ride to the top of the Arch, and were allowed a leisurely stay.

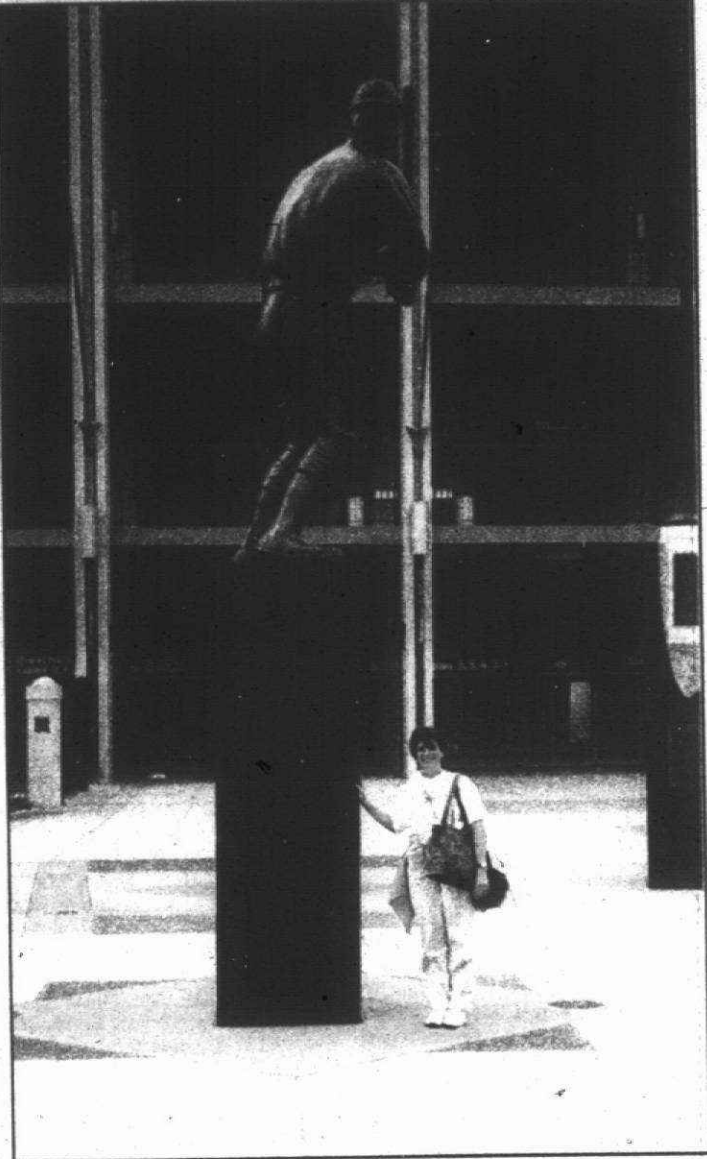
Another must is the Old Courthouse near the Arch, the site where the Dred Scott slavery case was decided.

We visited nearby Busch Stadium, but weren't able to see the Cardinals play as the regular season had ended. We posed for pictures by the statue of Stan Musial, described by my husband as the St. Louis equivalent of Al Kaline in terms of being both a super ballplayer and a nice guy.

Just across the street from the stadium is the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. We didn't make it there on this trip, but plan to next time. We also didn't get to the Museum of Transportation, nor to Forest Park's Art Museum.

We took a side trip to Columbia, an easy drive in the rental car about 125 miles west along I-70. It's home to the University of Missouri-Columbia, along with Columbia College and Stephens College.

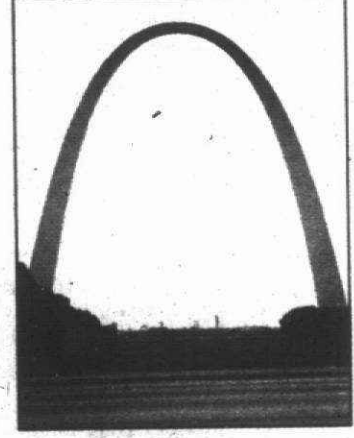
The only difficulty we encountered was with the trains. The southbound train to St. Louis was delayed by a broken-down freight train, necessitating a wait of several hours and an eventual ride by cab to down-



Baseball hero: Julie Brown stands beside a statue of St. Louis Cardinal baseball immortal Stan Musial at Busch Stadium.

town St. Louis from the side of the train tracks. The return train to Chicago was late out of San Antonio, Texas, causing us to miss our connection in Chicago. We took a later train back to

Ann Arbor. All in all, St. Louis is a good travel value. It has plenty to offer for families, including museum exhibits designed to challenge young minds.



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Kogut is All-MIAA

Dan Kogut, a junior at Albion College from Canton (Redford Catholic Central HS), earned first team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors in soccer.

A midfielder, this is Kogut's second-straight year as a member of the all-MIAA team. He totaled 10 points to lead Albion and finish tied for 10th in the conference, collecting two goals and six assists. His assist total tied him for second in the MIAA.

The Britons were 3-7-2 in the league, 5-10-2 overall.

McKian hot

Siena Heights College opened its 1997-98 basketball season with a 99-64 triumph over St. Mary's College Nov. 8.

Four Saints reached double-figures in scoring, including junior forward Dan McKian (Plymouth Salem), who totaled 14 points on 7-for-10 shooting and 12 rebounds.

The Saints are ranked eighth in the NAIA in pre-season polls.

Ostach shines

Ryan Ostach, a junior and a Plymouth Canton graduate, was one of the bright spots in a long football season for Michigan Tech.

Ostach finished 10th in receptions in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference with 28 catches for 494 yards and three touchdowns.

Tech finished 2-8 for the season, placing 10th in the 11-team league.

Broncos bow out

Western Michigan University's men's soccer team was a first-round casualty in the Mid-American Conference Tournament, losing 2-1 to Kentucky Nov. 6 in Oxford, OH.

Among the newcomers who earned starting roles for the Broncos were Scott Loewe and Chris Curry, both midfielders from Plymouth Salem. Curry finished with one goal and two assists (four points), while Loewe totaled one goal and one assist (three points). Curry started 12 games for WMU; Loewe started 16.

The Broncos finished with a 5-8-4 overall record, 1-5-1 in the MAC.

Other strong showing for WMU were turned in by Redford Catholic Central graduates Tony Moucoulis, a midfielder (three goals, two assists, eight points, 14 starts) and Dan Mulvihill, a forward (two goals, two assists, six points, two starts).

Gerou ties for 1st

The Gerou Softball Club won its final 60 games of the fall season to tie for first place in the Class D Division at the Canton Softball Center. Gerou played Diamond Back in a one-game playoff for first and lost, 25-10.

Gerou team members are Jim Barr, Chris Bruce, Tom Cottrell, Ann Gerou, Mike Gerou, Tom Keyes, Todd Goodwin, Lotus Jenkins, Rob Lohaus, Bill Otto, Chuck Makarov, Tom Sumner, Howard Boyer, Bill Murrell and Mike Vaught.

Wildcats roar

The Plymouth 1 Wildcats, an under-nine boys soccer team, finished 8-0 in the Western Suburban Soccer League's Blud Division last fall, recording three shutout victories and outscoring their opponents 40-5.

Team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carbins, Adam Fleischmann, Ryan Kennicott, Matt Kulczycki, Alex Lumley, Danny McLaughlin, Nicky Niessen, Blaine Paden, Chris Samoray, Mike Schneider, Ross Schwarz and Brian Walsh. The team is coached by Paul Lumley and Rich Kulczycki.

Hawks fly

The Michigan Hawks '82 won the under-16 girls Little Caesars Division I fall title by outscoring their opponents, 45-8. Division opponents included the Troy Krunch, Ann Arbor Arsenal, Brighton Eclipse, Canton Flames and Birmingham Blazers.

Members of the Hawks, coached by Tim Ernst, include: Amy Allen, Kristi Arrington, Nicole D'Hondt, Jennifer Fejes, Laura Grode, Alyson Kehler, Kelly Kraft, Tiffany Laskowski, Michele Lowe, Abi Morrell, Anne Morrell, Katie Poole, Brianna Roy, Andi Sied, Suzi Towne and Lauren Zacharski.

Rocks reap revenge, 48-37

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Score round two a TKO for Plymouth Salem's basketball squad.

The Rocks used solid defense and a fundamentally sound offensive effort to punch out a 48-37 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton Friday in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship game.

It was a measure of revenge for the Blue and White. The Chiefs won the regular season league title by handing Salem a double-overtime defeat.

"We did a better job of passing, catching and finding the open player," Rocks coach Fred Thomann said. "Our team is maturing right now. We're a one-senior squad. It takes time for young kids to assert themselves."

It was that one senior, Amanda Abraham, who asserted herself, though.

With the Rocks down 7-6 after the first quarter, the 6-foot-1 all-conference player helped her team take a three-point halftime lead. Abraham, who finished with a game high 19 points, scored five in the frame.

"She did a nice job," Thomann said.

Canton coach Bob Blohm said Salem's size advantage caught up with his team.

"They just got inside of our defense," he commented, "and finished well. They played well and deserved to win."

Salem (17-3) can't relish the victory for long, however.

The two schools face each other for the third time this season Wednesday at Novi High in the second round of the state district tournament. Rocks' junior Andrea Pruett said her team won't change its game plan much.

"We're going to stick to what we're doing," she said, "and let all of our talent and skills come through."

Friday's game started out as a typical Canton-Salem showdown: back and forth, scratching and clawing.

Salem led 6-5 at the 1:45 mark as Christine Philips made a pair of free throws. Canton got the last basket of the quarter with a drive from Kristin Mayer.

Neither team was sharp offensively in the quarter.

"Both teams were working hard trying to figure each other out," said Thomann. "It was a matter of working through the first eight minutes."

The Rocks opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run to go up by six at the 4:44 mark. Canton cut the lead to three, 17-14, by halftime.

Salem took control of the game early in the third quarter.

Canton's Elsie Thornell sank a pair of free throws to make it a 17-16 game at 5:59 of the period. The Rocks followed with a 9-0 run keyed by Abraham, who scored five of the points including a three-pointer.

Salem led 30-23 at the end of the quarter. That lead grew to as many as 14 in the fourth.

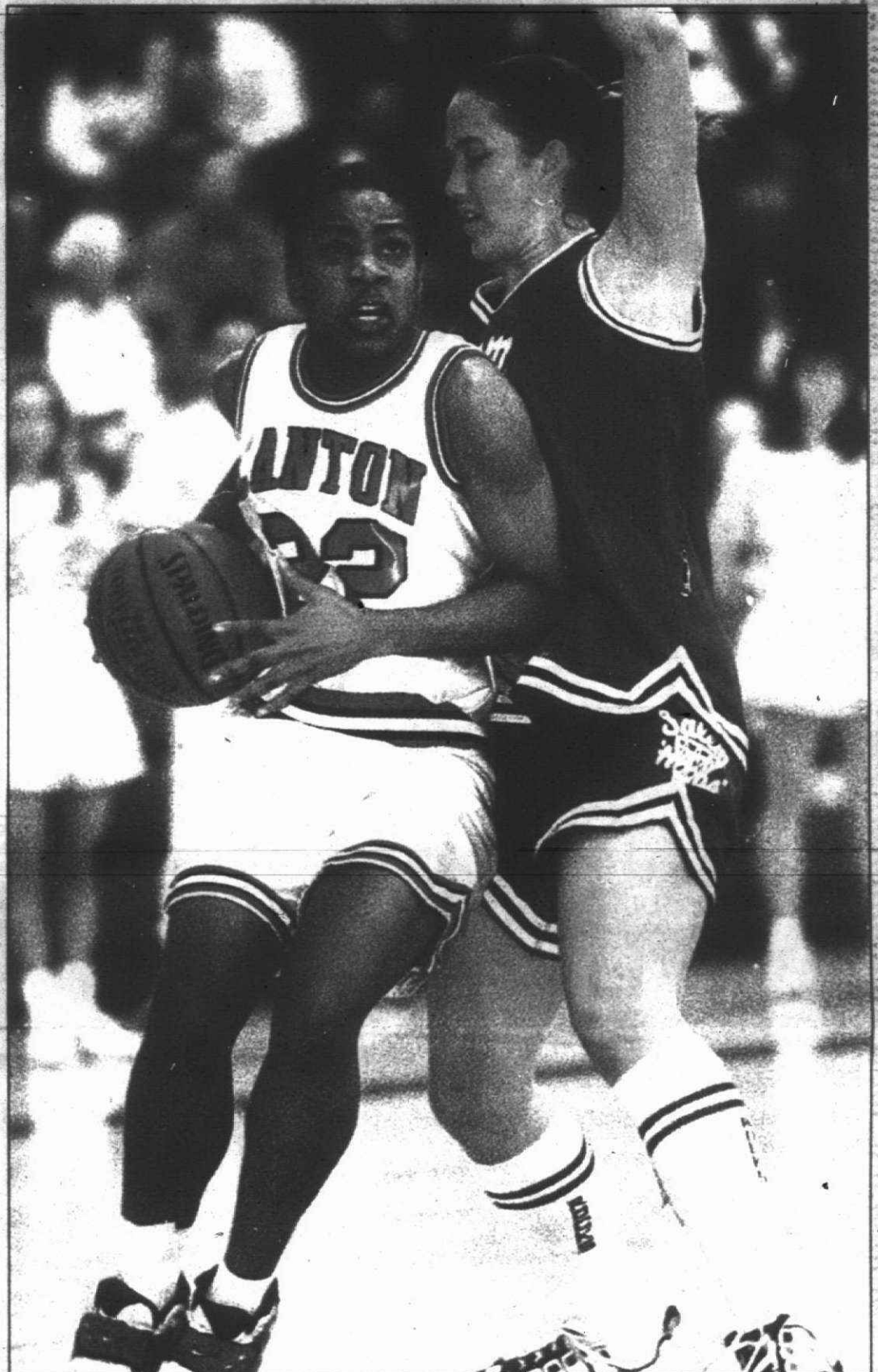
The Chiefs tried to battle back as Kristin Lukasik scored five points. But Canton simply couldn't slow down the Rocks on defense.

Blohm said his team will need to play better defense Wednesday and make good on its offensive chances. The Chiefs (16-4) missed numerous shots near the basket in Friday's contest.

"The good news is that we got them," said Blohm. "The bad news is that we didn't finish them. We have to make those shots to compete with Salem."

Besides Abraham's 19 points, Pruett had 10, Phillips nine and Tiffany Grubaugh nine added eight. Lukasik scored 11 for Canton and Melissa Marzolf added 10 points.

Agape 56, Saline 18: A strong first half by Canton Agape Christian set the stage for a rout in the first round of the Metro Christian Conference Tournament, played Friday at Pontiac Greater Life.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

No maneuvering room: Canton's Nkechi Okwumabua (with ball) could find few openings inside against Salem defenders like Christine Philips, as the Rocks persevered in the WLAA Tournament title game.

Agape improved to 14-4 with the victory.

Kim Ther led all scorers, netting 19 points for Agape. She also had nine rebounds, six steals and five assists. Charla Sexton added seven points and six boards, and April Willing, Sara Chrenko and

Margie Henry each had six.

The Wolverines led 13-6 after one quarter and 32-8 at the half, thanks to a 19-2 second-period surge. There was no letdown in the second half —

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Ocelots stopped in NJCAA semis



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

No doubting this was a step in the right direction.

Okay, so Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team won't get the chance to play for the NJCAA national title today in Trenton, N.J. Instead, the Ocelots (now 17-6-1) will have to settle for a battle for third place in the consolation final, against Mount Ida (Mass.).

But the Ocelots still had a superb run to end the season, capping it with their first victory at nationals since Van Dimitriou has been coaching them (15 years).

That victory came in last Thursday's opening round, and it came against an old nemesis: College of DuPage (from Glen Ellyn, Ill.). SC got a goal 10 minutes into the match and made it stand up, winning 1-0.

"Our defense played a phenomenal game," said Dimitriou. "(DuPage) really did not get a serious shot on goal."

"In all my years of coaching, I've never had a team play defense like this one. They allowed one goal in their last five games."

That was before Friday's semifinal match against Mercer (N.J.) CC, the host team. SC took an early lead, but couldn't sustain it against an extremely talented group, losing 5-2.

"It was like playing the U.S. Olympic team," said Dimitriou of Mercer. "It was that level of play."

Mercer, which improved to 17-1-1

Please see SCHOOLCRAFT, E2

Springfield eliminates Crusaders

To think: Madonna University actually was ahead in its NAIA Great Lakes Regional soccer semifinal against Illinois-Springfield, played Friday at the University of Rio Grande (Rio Grande, OH).

The Fighting Crusaders put two goals on the board in the first 17 minutes of play. But then...

Well, the roof caved in.

Springfield tied it with 11:46 left in the half and, less than six minutes later, took the lead for good en route to an 8-2 thrashing of Madonna.

The Crusaders finish their season

at 15-5. Springfield (17-3) advanced to the regional final against host Rio Grande (16-5-1), which defeated Dominican University (Ill.) 2-1 in Friday's other semifinal.

Springfield's Beny Bujdee converted a pass from Craig Schneer less than four minutes into Friday's match to put Madonna in a 1-0 hole.

But the Crusaders quickly clambered out, with Andy Makins (Plymouth Salem) taking a pass from Seamus Rustin and scoring less than 30 seconds later.

Madonna went ahead 2-1 with just

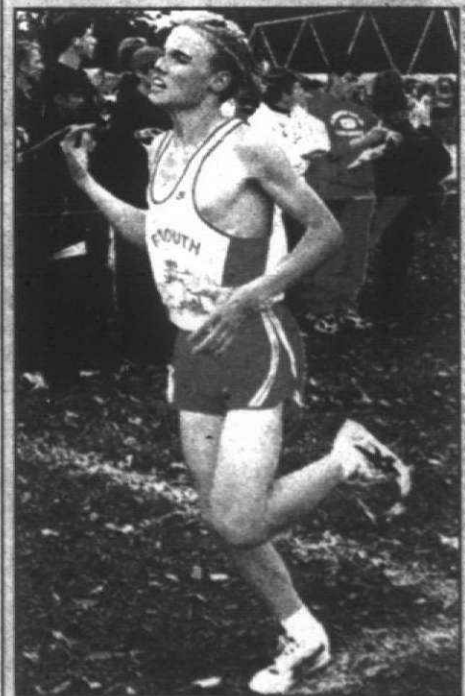
under 28 minutes left in the half when Rustin scored. But that was the end of the Crusaders' offensive highlights.

Dan Butler's unassisted goal with six minutes left capped a wide-open first half, giving Springfield a 3-2 lead at the break.

Play got rough in the second half. A total of six yellow cards were issued (five of them against Springfield), including three in the second half. Madonna's Jason Roy (Livonia

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Best in Observerland



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Canton's star: Shaun Moore was an all-Observer selection for the second-straight year. The entire squad is profiled on E3.

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they outscored Saline 24-12 to advance to Saturday's MCC semifinals.

Ladywood 69, Notre Dame 46: The Blazers overcame foul trouble as well as the Irish.

Harper Woods Notre Dame went to the line 31 times, making 23 free throws Thursday night, but it wasn't enough to offset Livonia Ladywood's superior inside work.

The host Blazers, who were 9-16 (6 from the line, were able to get the ball out on the fast break and use the tempo to their advantage.

Ladywood also patiently worked the ball on offense and was able to get it inside. Center Sarah Pogits scored 18 points and freshman guard Melissa Harkas added 11.

Ladywood ended the season 8-11 following the Detroit Catholic League crossover game.

STATE DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the St. Clair Shores Lakeview regional semifinal vs. Mount Clemens district champion.)
CLASS A	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cozy district champion.)
CLASS B	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cozy district champion.)
CLASS C	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cozy district champion.)
CLASS D	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Redford vs. Southfield vs. A-8 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cozy district champion.)

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Stevenson was ejected with 18:31 left and his team trailing by two goals.

Scheer's penalty kick 2 1/2 minutes into the second half pushed Springfield's lead to 2-0. Scheer added a second goal with less than three minutes left, part of a four-goal Springfield surge in the game's final 12 minutes.

Madonna was outshot in the match, 22-6.

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with the win, advanced to play Yavapai (Ariz.) CC in today's final. Yavapai (20-0-1) defeated Mount Ida (18-1-1) 3-0 in Friday's other semifinal.

Garrett Maki (Canton) scored the only goal of the match against DuPage, beating the keeper from the left 18 yards out to the short side. He was assisted by David York. Eric O'Neil (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for the shutout.

For years, DuPage and SC were in the same NJCAA inter-regional tournament, with DuPage often serving as the host team. The winner advanced to nationals; DuPage often gained that honor, while SC only came out to that point.

This season, the two schools were put in different inter-regionals, with SC hosting its own — and winning it.

And then beating DuPage (17-2-1) in the opening round.

Mercer proved to be more of a challenge for SC. Darin Lewis put the host team ahead early, but the Ocelots bounced back to tie it on a goal by Matthew Nyholm. Matt Keller assisted.

SC took a 2-1 lead midway through the first half when Ryan Kossley (Plymouth Salem) scored, assisted by Paul Graves. But with five minutes left in the half, Mercer re-tied it.

"Part of the difficulty was, we tried to play the whole field on this team," said Dimitriou. "And they were too talented for that."

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Ocelots: 3-0

Garden City High product Pete Males continued his steady play at point-guard Friday, leading Schoolcraft Community College to a 102-76 men's basketball win over Muskegon in the Macomb CC Hoops Classic.

Schoolcraft, off to a 3-0 start under first-year coach Carlos Briggs, broke open a tight game at halftime (42-38) with a 60-38 second-half run.

Males finished with six assists and six points, but more importantly he committed just one turnover.

"Pete gets us into our offense and we wouldn't be where we're at if it wasn't for him," Briggs said.

Kevin Melson, a 6-foot-6 swingman, led Schoolcraft and all scorers with a game-high 27 points. He also snared nine rebounds.

Shooting guard Derek McElvey (Adrian) came off the bench to score 23 points, while Emeke Okonkwo and Jamar Eddins added 15 and 10, respectively.

David Jarrett (Westland Jahn Glenn), who came off the bench to score six points and grab six rebounds, helped apply the second-half defensive pressure.

"We started slowly, but we picked up the defensive pressure and it opened things up for us," Briggs said. "We were able to get some easy baskets."

Schoolcraft shot 52 percent from the floor (40 of 78), including 35 percent from three-point range. The Ocelots outrebounded Muskegon 44-31.

The Ocelots were 16 of 22 from the line and committed just 11 turnovers.

Matt Smith led Muskegon with 14 points.

Schoolcraft met Lansing CC on Saturday. Results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer.

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Salem, Canton runners lead All-Observer

It was only fitting that the best boys cross country team in the area would have the most runners on the 1997 All-Area boys cross country team.

Plymouth Salem, which finished eighth in at the state Class A meet, placed its tremendous trio of Ian Searcy, Nick Allen and Jon Little on the first team.

Little was also named to the 1996 first team.

Redford Catholic Central, which finished 11th in Class A, is represented by its top two runners — Matt Shannon and Jim Curtiss.

And to no one's surprise, Livonia Stevenson's Rob Block made the squad. The senior capped his fantastic career by placing 11th at the state meet.

Other runners repeating on the first team from last year include Livonia Franklin's Josh Burt and Plymouth Canton's Shaun Moore.

Unlike last year's first-team squad which featured a pair of sophomores, the 1997 team is dominated by veterans. Six seniors and four juniors make up this year's squad, which features some of the state's best runners.

1997 ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
Rob Block, Sr., Livonia Stevenson Ian Searcy, Sr., Plymouth Salem Nick Allen, Jr., Plymouth Salem Jon Little, Jr., Plymouth Salem Shaun Moore, Sr., Plymouth Canton Jon Berman, Sr., North Farmington Matt Shannon, Sr., Catholic Central Jim Curtiss, Jr., Catholic Central Chris Latimer, Sr., Luth. Westland	Jerry Reynolds, Sr., Plymouth Canton Paul Keyes, Jr., Westland Glenn John Keyes, Jr., Westland Glenn Justin Richmond, Soph., Luth. Church Hill Wayne Briggs, Sr., Catholic Central Mark Coleman, Sr., Catholic Central Matt Anderson, Jr., Plymouth Salem Joe Verrill, Jr., Liv. Stevenson Andy Enderick, Sr., Luth. Westland

Highlights include winning the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational and second place finishes at the Livonia City Meet and Redford Union Invitational.

"He's the kind of runner who can be counted on to run his best every day, whether it is a meet or practice," Patriots' coach Bob Holmes said. "He's an extremely consistent and tough runner."

Shaun Moore, senior, Ply. Canton: Moore overcame an early season injury to finish 22nd at the Class A state finals (15:47). He is one of three runners in Canton history to qualify for the state meet twice. Moore, a repeat first team All-Area runner, has been the Chiefs' leading runner the past two seasons. He recorded his best time of the season (16:32) at the WLAA championships.

"Shaun is an outstanding student-athlete who works hard academically and athletically," Canton coach Mike Spitz said. "He has accepted his role as a leader and the responsibility that brings. He's a great young man who will be missed in the coming seasons."

Jon Berman, senior, North Farmington: Berman was the heart and soul of the Raiders squad. He capped his career with a 53rd-place finish at the Class A state finals in a time of 17:16 in wet and muddy conditions. Berman also finished 11th in the WLAA and 14th at the regional.

His best time of the season was 16:56 at the New Boston Run Invitational, but he was consistently under 17:20 in all of North's meets. Berman was a 1996 second-team, all-area runner.

Matt Shannon, senior, Catholic Central: Shannon saved his best running for his senior season, according to Shamrock's coach Tony Magni. "It was a pleasure watching Matt develop," the SC coach said. "He became both a consistent and outstanding runner. In the past he showed signs of being a good runner, but this year he kept getting better and better."

After finishing second at the Catholic League meet with his best time of the season (16:05), Shannon took second at the Operation Friendship meet and third at the regional. He capped his season with a 19th place finish at the Class A state finals.

Jim Curtiss, junior, Catholic Central: Curtiss was perhaps the biggest surprise in observing this season, as he came virtually out of nowhere to place 31 at the state finals and 16th at the regional. Like Shannon, he ran his best time of the season (16:33) to finish eighth at the Catholic League meet.

"Jim is an excellent example of how running in the summer and hard work pay off," Magni said. "He is a confident runner who thrives on competition. He has lots of ambition and determination, but he is always looking out for his teammates. He was a pleasant surprise all year."

Chris Latimer, senior, Lutheran Westland: Latimer was a second team All-Area performer last season, was the Metro Conference's top runner and helped the Warriors take the league title. In addition to winning the league meet, he was the individual medal winner at five invitational, including the Crestwood Charter Invitational Division II race. He saved his best time of the season (17:14) for the Class C state finals (team finished 14th).

"He developed into an excellent runner half way through his junior year," Westland coach John Getach said. "He worked very hard in practices and was mentally positive at race time. He would not let the pressure of an important race hinder his performance."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Nov. 17: Redford Union vs. Flint Powers at Flint IMA Tourney, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 18: RU at Flint IMA Tourney, 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Stevenson vs. Northville, Church Hill vs. Dearborn at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Stevenson vs. Northville, Franklin vs. Dexter at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Red Wing Alumni at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Church Hill at Trenton, 7:15 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Southgate at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Siena Hts. JV at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 20: Mich. Christian at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: (Morone, N.Y. Scholarship Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Gloucester, N.J., TBA
Saturday, Nov. 22: Schoolcraft at Monroe Tourney, TBA
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Oakland at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22: Taylor (Ind.) at Madonna, 2 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, Nov. 18: Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22: Whalers at Erie, 7:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Motor City Bowl

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring the Mid-American Conference football champion and a letter of recommendation by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will receive \$10 in return for each ticket sold to help build a Hall of Fame building on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Tickets are \$27 and \$22. Please send a check made out to MHSFCA and a self-addressed envelope to: Donald G. Lesner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, Mi. 48183.

Tigers essay

The Detroit Tigers have teamed up with the Western Wayne County Branch NAACP to sponsor an essay contest entitled, "How To Effectively Go About Healing the Racial Division in the Country."

The contest is for students in the Western Wayne County school districts (grades 5-12). Winners will receive a Tiger 6 pack, which includes four tickets to any six games (except opening day) and an autographed baseball. Prizes will be presented at a 1998 Tiger game in April or May.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Riska, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi. 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 951-7279.

Winter hitting camp

The baseball coaching staff at Madonna University will conduct a pair of indoor winter hitting camps next month.

Session I (ages 8-12) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 21 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Session II (ages 13-18) will be from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22.

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OUTDOORS

Banner season is anticipated for deer hunters

We're living in the 'Good Ol' Days' right now. With an estimated 1.8 million deer in Michigan before the start of the archery season (Oct. 1) hunters can expect another banner year. But be sure to enjoy the liberal bag limits available to us right now because they won't last forever. These are the 'Good Ol' Days' we'll undoubtedly tell our grandchildren about. In an effort to significantly reduce the size of the Michigan whitetail population, the Department of Natural Resources has handed out a record 456,000 antlerless deer permits this year, 50,000 more than last year. In some areas, particularly here in Zone III (southern Lower Peninsula), antlerless permits were sold over-the-counter with a one-per-day limit. The ultimate goal of the DNR is to reduce the fall herd to approximately 1.3 million animals by 1999. That's a reduction of a half-million animals, over 25 percent of the entire herd. So while the numbers are up statewide be sure to enjoy the action while it lasts. The liberal bag limits won't be here forever. Following back-to-back severe winters in Zone I (Upper Peninsula), deer numbers are about 50 percent lower than they were two years ago. Winter losses have been estimated at 110,000 animals. The hardest hit areas are at the western end of the UP. Zone II (northern Lower) hunters can expect to see approximately the same numbers of bucks and does as last year, although the DNR estimates that the Zone II herd is down approximately six percent from last year. Zone III (southern Lower) hunters can expect a terrific season as deer numbers are at record levels down here. With much of the area consumed by private land the trick is to lock into an area you can hunt. Private land hunters will have the best luck, but public lands in Zone III also hold good numbers of deer. The secret to successfully hunting public lands down here is to get away from the crowds. Stay in the woods The firearms season begins one-half hour before sunrise on Saturday. With the opener on a Saturday, rest assured the woods will be full of hunters all weekend. If you're serious about filling a tag, pack a lunch and stay in the woods all day on the opener, and even on Sunday if you can. You'll increase your chances of success. Opening day is by far the best day of hunting during the entire season. Once the lead starts to fly most deer particularly the bigger bucks, will become more nocturnal and will tend to lay low during the day. On opening day you can still get the jump on them. On top of that, if you can sit still while everyone else is leaving and returning to the woods at midday, the deer that are jumping and pushing around may just come your way. Nothing but excuses Perched precariously in a choke cherry tree - northeast of a couple hot inter-

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

- DEER The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15. DUCKS Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone. GOOSE The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five-Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's. PHEASANT Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area. SQUIRREL Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. RABBIT Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide. NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at: http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/hmpages/Natural_Heritage/. ARCHERY JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

secting deer trails - for the better part of the last month, I've had plenty of time to think. When the deer weren't around, I had time to ponder some of the bigger problems of the world such as homelessness, unrest in the Middle East, the recent historical plunge of the stock market and many other worldly problems. More importantly, however, I remembered some excuses I've heard from other people as to why they return home from the annual trip to deer camp without any venison for the freezer. If you find yourself facing this dilemma, here are some tested excuses that are sure to get you off the hook. • The DNR was conducting a study and wouldn't let anyone shoot a deer in our area. • I left my compass back at camp and didn't know where I was so I didn't want to shoot a deer and drag it the wrong way. • I lost my license and the local sport shop was out (don't let on about the new computerized license system). • I couldn't sleep the night before

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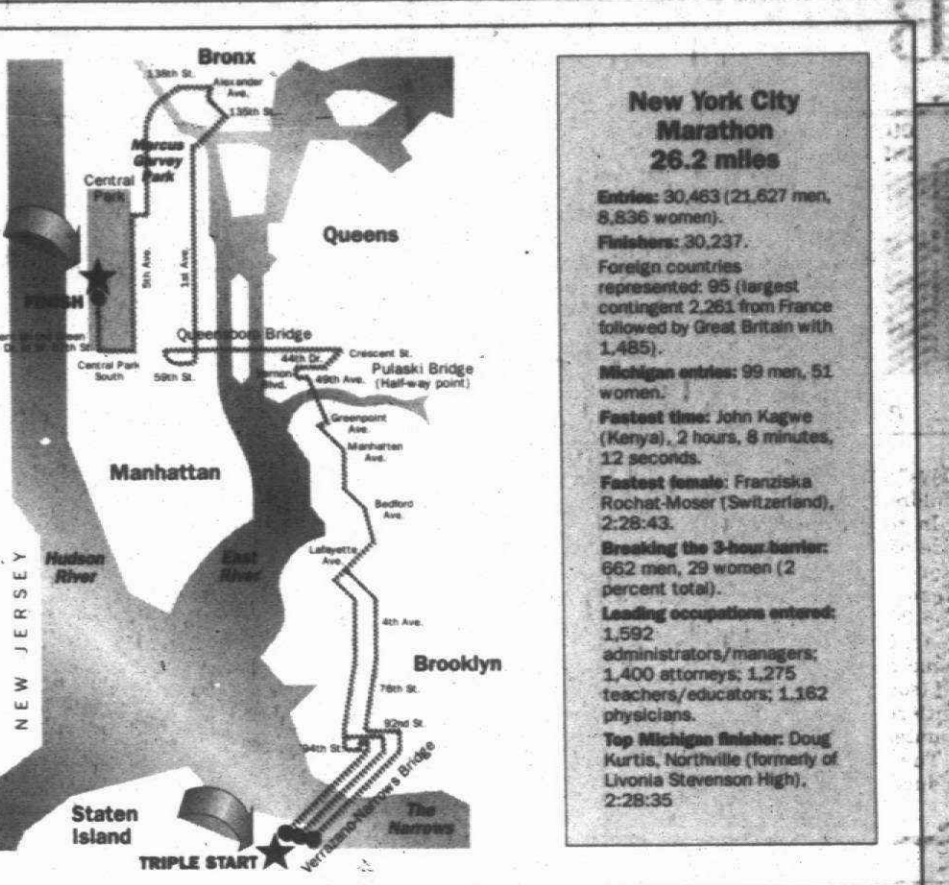
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Most bowlers are not too concerned about the food that is available at their favorite bowling center, they know that the hot dogs, fries and soda pop will do just fine. Some of the snack bars can even serve up a quick piece of pizza when requested. Should the bowlers expect more? Some places are better than others, offering a wide range of soups, salads and sandwiches for their customers, but this is about to change, and change for the better through the means of a program offered through McVety and Associates of Farmington Hills. They have developed a program with HDS Services to improve standards and quality of food served in any bowling establishment. They are offering a manual, which according to Jerry McVety provides hands-on step by step guidance that can help virtually all bowling centers large or small. BCA Executive Director Scott Bennett endorses the plan and suggests, "all bowling centers that will be competitive in the year 2000 will be those who are continually researching how to provide better quality customer service." Doesn't it make sense that good nutrition will result in higher scores on the lanes? Or which is better, to be well-fed or just fed up? The generosity of bowlers is a well-known fact when it comes to raising money for various charities. Evergreen Children's Services have had their "Bowl-a-Thon to Strike Out Child Abuse" on Saturday at Cloverlanes and last week the "Tail-Waggers Bowl" took place at Woodland Lanes in Livonia and Milford Bowl in that growing community. Apparently a lot of bowlers were concerned about cruelty to animals enough to bring in over \$50,000, most of which came out of Woodland Lanes. Woodland Proprietor Al Winkel said "It was just an incredible turnout and show of support. This is an annual event, and according to director Laura Zain, "it gets bigger and better every year." The Les Stanford Chevrolet All-Stars were in action as usual last Tuesday night at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park and LaRue Distributing had a field day with a new high team series of 5,990 led by Dearbornite Mike Lee on a pair of 300 games with a 234 sandwiched between.

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His 834 contributed toward the new high totals, with Quinton Greene of Dearborn adding a 722, Kevin Frederick of Clinton Township a 670; Will Woolnough of Wyandotte kicked in a 697 and Craig Bosco of St. Clair Shores added his 667. Oddly enough, they did not win every game as Baranski Insurance, with Captain Dan Ottman of Troy, took the second game 1,225-1,190. The Tuesday night All-Stars are probably the strongest league talent-wise in the nation. Bowling Honor Roll Garden Lanes (Garden City) • St. Louis Classic - Gary Czika, 279-249-256/784; Dan Bollinger, 212-300-236/748; Julie Adomitis, 258-234-233/725; Frank Bollinger, 267-202-247/716; Doug Ellison, 268-230-204/702; John Adomitis, 267-256/699; Jon Thund, 269-268/699. Mayflower Lanes (Redford) • Fri. Seniors - Art Kuzmar, 232/685; Jack Dahlstrom, 247/667; Gene Pike, 245/174 (all); 658/133 (all); Ozzie Noweapian, 235/629; Tom Sanford, 235/627. • Wed. Senior Mens Classic - John Yontz, 199-244-268/711; Chci Chocovsky, 221-235-623; Bob Slayden, 237-224/649; Ernie Segura, 268-215/634; Al Harrison, 237-218/645; Hal Ladouceur, 223/607. Country Lanes (Farmington) • Greenfield Mixed - Debbie VanMeter, 212-200-226/640; Ed Duxek, 254-218/649; Chris Brigham, 225-235/655; Tom Gow, 258/626; Tony Varnas, 247/615. • Strikers - Edie John, 202/559; Ann Namin, 203/512; Linda Aika, 203/512; Linda Kild, 200. • Sunday Goodtimers - Mike Lanning, 221; Sid Laffer, 205/176 (all). • Monday Men - Mark Howes, 300/717; Bob Parker, 269/714; Mark Wright, 265/721; Julius Marsano, 280/775. • Country Keglers - Rob Lemuel, 278/690; Tom Kitch, 248/637; Steve Duka, 245; Dean Johnson, 244/632; Keith Kington, 258/700; Kevin Joy Landrace, 225/599; Lynne Wegner, 223. • Toss Mixed Trio - Rooney Dixon, 254/674; Keith Kington, 258/700; Kevin Joy Landrace, 225/599; Lynne Wegner, 223. • High School - Jeff Krzaczkowski, 290/714; Kevin Atto, 242; Brian Teddy, 590; Melissa Gomb, 276. • Juniors - Tony Rea, 198; Scott Moscow, 196. • Tues. Junior House - Dave Kaczor, 300. • Twin Parah - Jim White, 300. • "Chatters" Lounge Tournament - Don Gabor, 287; Derek Verant, 279/691; Ed Mintz, 279/734; Julius Marsano, 269; Steve Fedelchak, 269. Novi Bowl (Novi) • Westside Lutheran - Kevin Chambers, 254/686; Bill Mueller, 255/642; Lynn Lewis, 643; Ron Bruchan, 276/626; Randy Krohn, 620. Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield) • Fri. Hit Out - Jamal Hughes, 300-258-235/803; William Mayo, 300; Booker Homes, 300; Larry Teague, 300. • Hartford Memorial Mixed - Maurice Stanley, 287/227/706. • W.D.B.A. - Michelle Stofner, 242. • Detroit Mogenhau Wigman - Lawrence Aaron, 195/515. • Plum Hollow Major's Youth - Ports Burke, 211/560; Ivo Shel-ton, 201/546. Troy Lanes (Troy) • Sat. All Stars - Mark Buring, 265; Dave Kozak, 245; Jeff Demore, 236; Jeff Liska, 254. • Over the Hill Classic - Bob Duchene, 290-255/740; Jeff Moore, 245/681; Bill Dewit, 238; Ed Ther, 246. • Vickers - Dave Austin, 256/1; John Skiver, 253. • Dots & Guys Mixed - Sue Redkin, 233. Bowl One (Troy) • Bowl One Classic - Jeff Wertune, 278; Dave Kurtz, 279; Steve Brehos, 278; Bill Eggert, 279; Don Akshisa, 299; John Parsh-romicz, 279. • B & B Invitational - Mark Missionchik, 299; Mike Fortana, 787; Jeff Kauter, 719. • Bowl One Seniors - (youth) - Bryan King, 714; Chris Green, 722; Scott Duguetta, 712; Jason Kurka, 700. • Game Supply Senior Classic - Jerry Caldwell, 280/744; Leo Slaticha, 722; Andy Boyd, 279; Ken Bozcm, 279; AH Pearson, 722. • Jacks & Jits - Bill Schrems, 288. • Detroit Lumbermen - Dave Wozniak, 300; DLaura Bro Team, 3412. • Sunday Night Funnies - Mary Gostander, 685. • NASCAR League - Larry Quince, 290/779.

RECREATION



New York City Marathon 26.2 miles Entries: 30,463 (21,627 men, 8,836 women). Foreign countries represented: 95 (largest contingent: 2,251 from France followed by Great Britain with 1,485). Michigan entries: 99 men, 51 women. Fastest time: John Kavgo (Kenya), 2 hours, 8 minutes, 12 seconds. Fastest female: Franziska Ruchat-Moser (Switzerland), 2:28:43. Breaking the 3-hour barrier: 662 men, 29 women (2 percent total). Leading occupations entered: 1,592 administrators/managers; 1,400 attorneys; 1,275 teachers/educators; 1,182 physicians. Top Michigan finisher: Doug Kurita, Northville (former of Livonia Stevenson High), 2:28:35.

FIRST MARATHON Brings out the Jekyll and Hyde in me

BY STAFF WRITER BRAD EMONS

I can't explain how I got the running bug. Maybe I owe it to the Heart & Sole Running Club, which meets every Monday night at the Livonia YMCA. They certainly provide great camaraderie, plus they're a great group of people who give you lots of support. Some goes for the Downriver Runners, who meet every Wednesday night behind the Allen Park Theater. Running was only an obligatory thing to do when I played high school basketball and college tennis. I'm not a great runner by any stretch, but I'm proud to say I've worked my way up in the top 20 percent for most big races. Prior to that, my claim to fame was breaking a six-minute mile to make the varsity basketball team at Franklin High School, but then again, it took me three tries. I wasn't the running type anyhow - asthma attacks, a hay fever and allergy sufferer as a kid. Breathe fresh air? Give me some Kleenex. But somewhere along in my athletic career, I got tired of paying for court time, finding suitable partners, and got tired of playing hoops against guys who knew little about the fundamentals and trash-talked at the same time. Convenient sport Running is cheap. You can make your own schedule. I can't say how it all evolved, but somewhere along the line I got a crazy idea that my first marathon would be the Big Enchilada - New York City. Dr. Kirk Lewis, a star athlete in his day at Garden City West High School who later went on to captain the Michigan football team under Bo Schenckler, did New York. And he was an offensive guard whereas I was a shooting guard with a knuckle ball. I was supposed to do New York in 1996, but six weeks prior to the first Sunday in November, I came up lame, suffering a deep muscle strain while doing an 18-miler, Labor Day 1996 at the Scotty Hanton in Port Huron. To get to New York, you have to go through a lottery. They receive over 50,000 applications for 30,000 spots. Luckily, my dream (or nightmare?) remained alive. I got to carry over my entry and was guaranteed a spot for 1997. After a month of rehabilitation and a slow Turkey Trot, I got back on schedule for 1997, although I learned through my injury that 20 minutes of stretching would be required each day to get me through. Although my hamstrings at times "remained tighter than guitar strings," this 6-foot-3, 180-pound bag of bones got to the point where I could see actually see the top of the Empire State Building. There wasn't a day that didn't go by when I didn't think about Nov. 2, even during the dog days of June, July and August. Training a grind In the 22 weeks leading up to New York, I put in a total of 838 miles (roughly 38 per week), not to mention the obligatory road races and events leading up to NYC - West Bloomfield

Half-Marathon, Old Kent 25K, Dexter-Ann Arbor Half-Marathon, Plymouth YMCA 10K, Whitmore Lake 12K, Great Lakes Relays (10-man teams, 291 miles over three days up north), the Roadrunner Classic (a hot one), 10-mile Run Through Hell (not too bad), 10-mile Grim (nice day) and the 8K Rockwood 20-miler. I did a pair of 20-milers, an 18-miler, a 16-miler, a 15-miler, a 14-miler, and often made it a point to hit Cass Benton every so often along with trips to Kensington just to get in a few hills. When I finally arrived three days early to the Big Apple, I was nearly overwhelmed. Penn Station seemed like Michigan Stadium had just let out on a football Saturday. And let's face it, who wouldn't be unimpressed after a ride in one of those Yellow cabs? Those guys could start their own Winston Cup Series. I could see the headlines already in the New York Post: "Marathon runner plunges off the East River in Cab." And although Manhattan can be a little unnerving with all the hub-bub, my hosts (Bob Stebbins and Tonya Howard), along with support from Downriver teammates Greg Everal and Eve Soltesz, kept me entertained and out of harms way. (Eve and Greg were doing their second marathon in as many weeks.) True confession - it felt funny paying \$82 to see a Broadway musical when on a normal Friday night I could see the John Glenn-Wayne Memorial football game for free.

My return to Broadway But then again, the performance of Jekyll and Hyde was magnificent and proved to be a good diversion from my marathon anxieties. "Should I or shouldn't I? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde would ask. Should I take the bus to Staten Island or get a ride from Bob? Race morning was foggy, although mild (temp near 60), but dreary and wet. The start of the New York City marathon is like no other. Thirty-thousand crammed into one place with three different chutes. My colored chute was green (how appropriate for a first-timer). I can't tell you when the gun went off, or where the starting line was. All I know I was on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge with runners from all 50 states and 97 different countries. I was moving, although at a snail's pace. And it was windy on the bridge and about 10 degrees cooler than at the staging area (which featured the world's largest urinal). It was so blustery that I thought my race number was going to get ripped off my shirt. Under the massive suspension bridge, Europeans serenaded each other with chants of "Ole-Olay, Olay-Olay, Ole-Lay, O-Lay, O-Lay." Sounded good, sounded positive, something you hear at a soccer match. And it was exhilarating. I certainly got a kick out of crowds, who lined the streets through the entire five boroughs. New York is certainly a melting pot of ethnic groups. Loads of spectators

Hitting the wall As we hit 138th Street in the Bronx and headed down Fifth Avenue toward Central Park, the rain intensified. Then, my moment of truth arrived. At 21 1/2 miles I hit the proverbial wall (or was it the Hoover Dam which sprung a huge leak?). Somehow, those gospel singers (preceded by some hard rockers) didn't seem as entertaining anymore. The whole thing became one big blur. I decided to walk 50 yards to regain my faculties, but although my mind was willing, my legs weren't as able. I started up again at a pun crawl pace, and to be honest, when I hit Central Park for the final stage I didn't feel any better. As the rain continued to drench us, I saw the light at the end of the tunnel. A huge TV screen awaited the runners as we made the turn for the final 385 yards. I actually picked up a step or two, but my body had quite enough - 4 hours, 11 minutes, 47 seconds. Post-race was no picnic, but I was lucky enough to bring a dry T-shirt, sandals and sweat. But that didn't dent my two most immediate pains - cramped toes and hamstrings tighter than guitar strings. Unable to hail a cab to get back to 75th and York on Manhattan's Upper East Side, my two Downriver friends (Greg and Eve) escorted me all the way from 81st and Central Park West to the Wellington Hotel on 57th and Seventh.

Along the way I bumped into a sports celebrity and fellow competitor, tennis star Mats Wilander. But somehow I wasn't thinking about serve and volley tactics just then. We took in valuable some sight-seeing in what seemed to be a death march while chomping on some much-needed goodies on our way back to the Wellington. Honoring a Beatle "There's where John Lennon was shot," as Greg pointed out the Dakota to me. "Get a gun and shoot me, too," I told Greg. After taking a lukewarm shower at the Wellington, I felt better, but still extremely sore and very fatigued. I walked down Seventh nearly all the way to Third before hailing a cab. My next destination was to meet my friend Bob at Lexington Station and take the subway down to Madison Square Garden for the Knicks-Pistons game. After a 15-minute wait to catch the train, I struck up a conversation with a friendly New York lady who told me, "You look pretty good for having just run a marathon." "Looks can be deceiving," I told her. After climbing several flights of stairs to get to our seats, we settled in and watched Grant Hill dismantle the Knicks. The concession food at a game never tasted better. After Sunday's race I made it back to Metro Airport in one piece (although I missed my initial flight, must have been brain dead). To say the least, my legs felt sore for the next two days. I had a quite a bit of trouble walking down flights of stairs, but I was back on the job on Tuesday. And to my surprise, I drove to Allen Park on Wednesday and ran 5 miles. Didn't feel peppy, but the soreness had pretty much left my body. I took three more days off and was back at it again last Sunday. Since then I've put in five straight days of running. Back to normality It was nice to be back in tranquil Hines Park again, away from the manhandling crowds of New York. On Wednesday, I ran hard (nearly 7:10 pace for 6 miles) and felt like I could run another marathon. In fact, I hadn't felt this good in months. "New York was like a long training run," my friend Dan Martinez said, "now you're ready." I got weird ideas I'd like to try it again. My next target date is Sunday, Dec. 7, either in Memphis, Oklahoma City or Dallas. I have a weekend airfare waiting to be used. But I have to keep reminding myself that's Pearl Harbor Day. The competitive fires are burning inside of me once again. I know I can do better, just get me out of that Fifth Avenue gridlock. Of course, that's brings out the Jekyll and Hyde in me. I'm kind of in a dilemma. "Should I or shouldn't I?"

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Salem gets revenge on Canton to win title

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Score round two a TKO for Plymouth Salem's basketball squad.

The Rocks used solid defense and a fundamentally sound offensive effort to punch out a 48-37 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton Friday in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship game.

It was a measure of revenge for the Blue and White. The Chiefs won the regular season league title by handing Salem a double-overtime defeat.

"We did a better job of passing, catching and finding the open player," Rocks coach Fred Thomann said. "Our team is maturing right now. We're a one-senior squad. It takes time for young kids to assert themselves."

It was that one senior, Amanda Abraham, who asserted herself, though.

With the Rocks down 7-6 after the first quarter, the 6-foot-1 all-conference player helped her team take a three-point halftime lead. Abraham, who finished with a game high 19 points, scored five in the frame.

"She did a nice job," Thomann said.

Canton coach Bob Blohm said Salem's size advantage caught up with his team.

"They just got inside of our defense," he commented, "and finished well. They played well and deserved to win."

Salem (17-3) can't relish the victory for long, however.

The two schools face each other for the third time this season

EMU baseball signs GC star Cole to letter

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Eastern Michigan University baseball coach Roger Coryell came through with a scholarship for Garden City senior pitcher/shortstop Devin Cole.

Cole's father, Dennis, might have only one more request. How about starting his son on the mound in the second game of weekday double-headers?

It would fit perfectly into Dennis' schedule as a maintenance worker at St. Joseph's Hospital, which is directly across the street from EMU's Oestrike Stadium.

Dennis works 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, and the best he can do is watch his son's first game on tape delay.

"We've got a security system (camera) over there that can zero in on the field - you don't even have to leave to watch," he said. "I can read the scoreboard like a newspaper. It's right there."

Technology is nice, but the elder Cole is definitely leaning toward taking vacation time to watch his son pitch.

Cole, a pitcher and shortstop with a 2.8 grade point average, signed a national letter of intent with the Eagles on Friday, the first week high school seniors could sign with the college of their choice.

Coryell likens him to former Livonia Churchill right-hander Mark Rutherford, who enjoyed a fine rookie season as a pitcher for one of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Class A affiliates after being drafted out of EMU last spring.

Rutherford was a pitcher and designated hitter for EMU.

"He's a pitcher, but capable of playing another position," Coryell said. "I think he's a great athlete, can help us in a couple ways. He just turned 17 (Aug. 8), so he's really quite young for his grade. He's got a great arm, is a great competitor, wants to win and do whatever it takes. He seems to fit in well with everybody he plays with. He's been on quite a few teams that have done very well in the summer."

Cole was sold on EMU after being shown around campus by an assistant coach and All-America candidate Greg Ryan, a junior first baseman from Garden City and Dearborn Divine Child.

Ryan was Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and a second-team All-Mideast Region choice as a sophomore. He was first in the MAC and seventh in the nation with a batting average of .447 as well as an all-academic league selection.

Cole also visited Ohio State and considered Michigan State, Cincinnati and Purdue. None of their offers matched EMU's.

Wednesday at Novi High in the second round of the state district tournament. Rocks' junior Andrea Pruet said her team won't change its game plan much.

"We're going to stick to what we're doing," she said, "and let all of our talent and skills come through."

Friday's game started out as a typical Canton-Salem showdown: back and forth, scratching and clawing.

GIRLS HOOPS

Salem led 6-5 at the 1:45 mark as Christine Philips made a pair of free throws. Canton got the last basket of the quarter with a drive from Kristin Mayer.

Neither team was sharp offensively in the quarter.

"Both teams were working hard trying to figure each other out," said Thomann. "It was a matter of working through the

first eight minutes."

The Rocks opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run to go up by six at the 4:44 mark. Canton cut the lead to three, 17-14, by halftime.

Salem took control of the game early in the third quarter.

Canton's Elsie Thornell sank a pair of free throws to make it a 17-16 game at 5:59 of the period. The Rocks followed with a 9-0 run keyed by Abraham, who scored five of the points including

a three-pointer.

Salem led 30-23 at the end of the quarter. That lead grew to as many as 14 in the fourth.

The Chiefs tried to battle back as Kristin Lukasik scored five points. But Canton simply couldn't slow down the Rocks on defense.

Blohm said his team will need to play better defense Wednesday and make good on its offensive chances. The Chiefs (16-4) missed numerous shots near the

basket in Friday's contest.

"The good news is that we got them," said Blohm. "The bad news is that we didn't finish them. We have to make those shots to compete with Salem."

Besides Abraham's 19 points, Pruet had 10, Phillips nine and Tiffany Grubaugh nine added eight. Lukasik scored 11 for Canton and Melissa Marzolf added 10 points.

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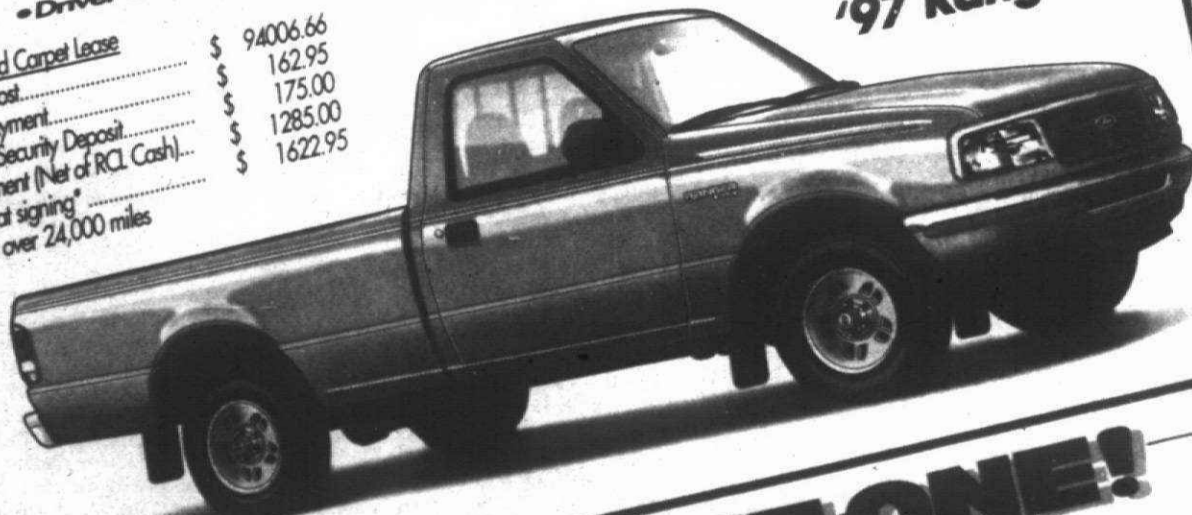
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