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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holiday closings: Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Municipal offices at 1150 S. Canton Center Road will reopen 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1. The administrative offices at Summit on the Park will be closed Thursday and Friday but the community center will be open to the public for swimming and other activities 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The Canton Public Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday at reopen 9:30 a.m. Friday. Canton residents who receive garbage pickup on Thursdays will have their pickup on Friday. The regular garbage pickup schedule resumes Monday, Dec. 1.

MONDAY

Going green: Make plans to check out the Festival of Trees. The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Club is participating in the festival, which benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event takes place in the Riverfront Ballroom of Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit through Nov. 30. For information, call (313) 966-TREE.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township board of trustees holds its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

WEDNESDAY

Early turkey: Canton seniors hold their annual Thanksgiving luncheon 1 p.m. at the Summit. Call 397-5444 for reservations and information.

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Arrest near in trailer park killing

Police believe a Van Buren Township man was ambushed Wednesday as he left a mobile home park in Canton. David Martell, 21, was gunned down just days after beginning a new job with the state corrections department.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

David Martell, 21, was beginning his career as a Michigan correctional officer when he was gunned down late Wednesday in what police believe was a planned attack at the Westpointe Mobile Home Park in Canton Town-

ship. He had only worked at the Mound Correctional Facility in Detroit for three days, said Matt Davis, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections.

"He had a very positive attitude and other students said he liked a chal-

lenge," said Davis.

The Van Buren Township resident completed three months of intensive training at the DeMarse Training Academy in Lansing Nov. 14. Martell previously attended Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"He was visiting a friend and when he left about 11 p.m., someone was lying there waiting for him," said Officer Leonard Shemanske of the Canton Police Department.

As Martell drove off from the woman's home in his car, several gun-

shots were fired, hitting him in the chest and elbow. Apparently Martell attempted to flee, lost control of his car and crashed into a parked car, and then a mobile home, which was nearly knocked off its foundation.

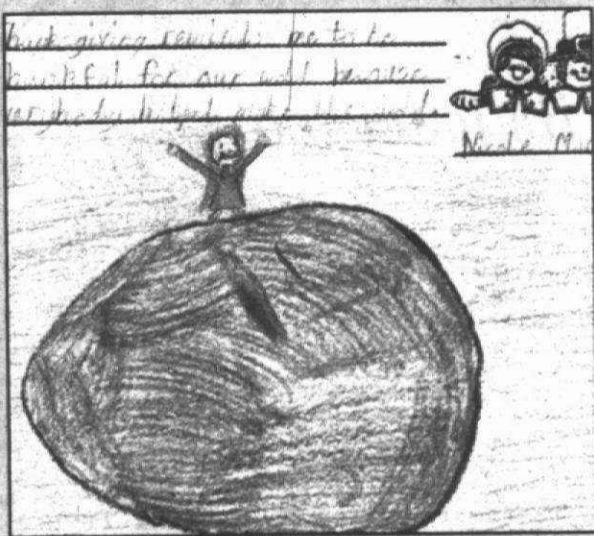
He was pronounced dead at Annapolis Hospital from the gunshot wound, said Shemanske.

Police are expected to make arrests within the next few days, Shemanske said.

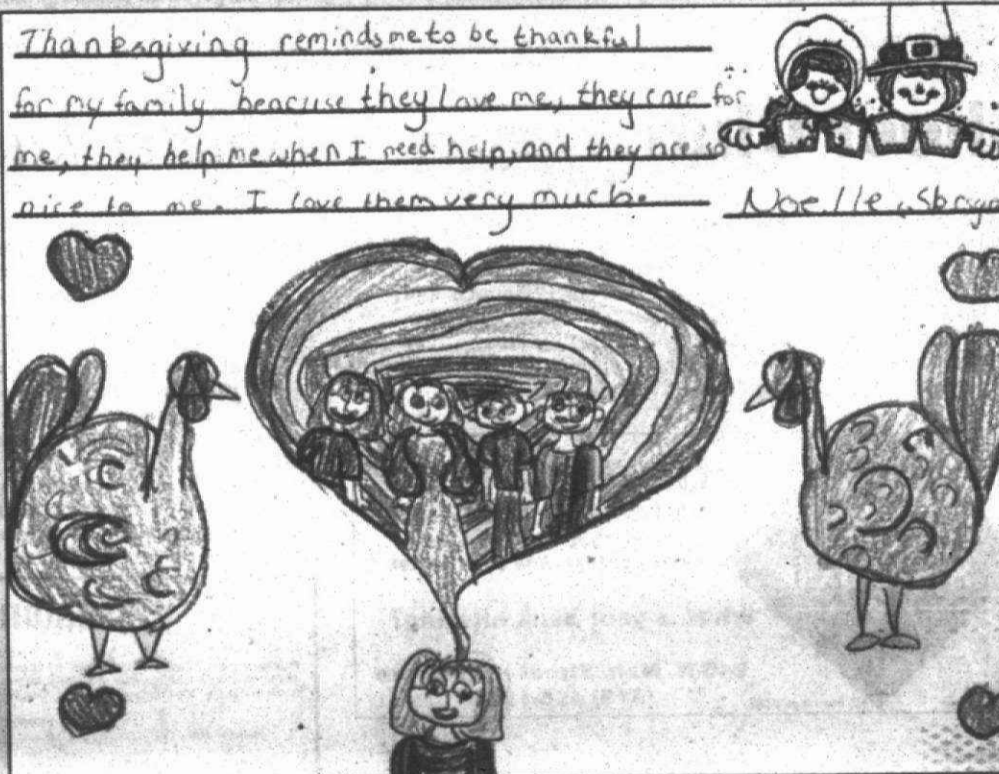
The residents of the mobile home

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'Add stuffing and cook on hot...but not too hot...like summer'



I'm thankful for: Hulsing students Nicole Martin (above) and Noelle Skrzynski (right) offered their interpretations on Thanksgiving as part of a class project. Drawings from students at Hulsing and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth are on display at the Observer editorial office in Plymouth.



Talking turkey with the kids at Hulsing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving in this community is full of rich history.

The Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a fixture since 1926. The Detroit Lions this year will be playing their 63rd turkey day classic. And, for many, those two events are followed by the traditional turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, as friends and family gather around the table to give thanks.

The Thanksgiving turkey, for most, is the staple of the family meal. Whether it be cooked by mom, dad or grandparents, the recipe is basically the

same.

Or is it?

We found there can be a variation on a theme when it comes to cooking the Thanksgiving turkey... as told by kindergarten, first- and second-graders.

Hulsing Elementary in Canton Township and Corinne McNamara's second grade was one of our stops in the quest for the perfect turkey recipe.

"Get the turkey, cook it with vegetables and put stuffing inside," said Stephanie Cosby. "Put it in the oven for 20 minutes on number 5 with a pumpkin pie."

Julius Bedford suggested we "wash it, put it in the pan, put the timer (thermometer) in the turkey,

spray the corn stuff on the pan so it doesn't stick, and put plastic on the pan and the turkey."

Julius wasn't quite sure on the time and temperature, but suggested "I would put it on 7 or 8 for perhaps four or five minutes." He then offered this reporter a personal suggestion, saying "You should probably check with your wife to make sure."

Noelle Skrzynski tells us "my mom doesn't cook the turkey, my grandmother does. She gets it at the store, stuffs it with mashed potatoes and

Please see TURKEY RECIPES, A2



Noelle Skrzynski



Julius Bedford



Stephanie Cosby

Compromise reached on Michigan corridor

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Everyone seemed to walk away happy from a planning commission meeting Monday night after a heated two-hour public hearing over zoning changes to Canton's future land use map.

The master plan changes don't change the existing zoning of property or affect the tax value, but make it eas-

ier for developers to request rezoning changes down the line.

In the end, the planning commission recommended two master plan changes, which pleased several residents owning property north of a planned research park with plans to sell to developers.

It also denied three other proposals after angry residents living in rural

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Wanted: Cheer Club donors

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CAP report: District running out of space

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Although the student-to-teacher ratio has improved dramatically in Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, there's a problem looming that will hinder continued progress: too few classrooms.

So said CAP, the Class-Size Action Partnership, in its fourth annual report to school board members.

"Simply put, we are running out of classrooms" said the report from the parent-and-teacher-led organization, which calls class-enrollment size "a critical ingredient in providing educational excellence."

"Planning for adequate physical space is essential to continue reducing class-size," the report added.

"We can't afford to be complacent" as result of achievements in reducing class sizes, Lucy French told board members during CAP's presentation. French helped found the group with Judy Mardigan and former resident Susan Feiten.

But the Nov. 11 report also emphasized the fact that, together, CAP and the school board had suc-

ceeded in reducing average class size in grades K-5 from 30 students to almost 24 since CAP's founding in 1993.

As of this past September, CAP "hot spots" among elementary schools were reduced to nine from 20 the previous school year. The hot spots refer to the number of students over capacity at five schools. In Canton, Miller has four and Bentley two; In the Plymouths, Fiegel (on Joy Road), Isbister and Smith have one each.

The report also lauded the school district's adoption of "appropriate" class sizes as a main goal in its recently issued Long Range Plan.

The plan states, "Our class sizes are appropriate for optimal student achievement" and calls for a size-reduction priority plan by December.

The report notes, however, that three of the district's five middle schools are over capacity in numbers of students - Central with 73 over, Lowell with 28 and West with 32 - and further notes the district's two high schools are more than 1,000 students above capacity.

Turkey recipes from page A1

cooks it in the oven for 10 minutes at 5 degrees.

Ryan Skoneczny tells us flat out that "I'm not interested in cooking. But, I think you put it in the oven for 20 minutes at 106 degrees."

Amber Tackett says temperature is the key. "Put the turkey in a big, round bowl, add water and put juice on top. Add stuffing and cook on hot... but not too hot... like summer... for 10 to 20 minutes. You can make it with a stew if you want."

We visited Diane Moore's morning kindergarten at Hamilton Elementary in the Wayne-Westland school district to find out how to cook the traditional turkey. And, we found out there are several different ways to prepare the big bird.

"Bake until the stove beeps and then take it out," said Lauren Betka. "Put trees (parsley) around it. Put it on 4 and cook with potatoes and macaroni."

Brittany Tarczynski's suggestion is to "put it in a glass and then the oven. Put it on hot for one hour. Then, put the circle things (pineapple) and cherries on top, with cucumbers."



Ryan Skoneczny

Chelecie Munson suggests you "check the stove before putting the turkey in the oven, then flip it over. Cook five to six hours at 30 degrees. Add a little salt and pepper. Chelecie likes "milk and ice cream after dinner, then I lay down with a stomachache."

"Put it on the stove for 20 hours or 20 minutes at 10 to 11 degrees," added Mikey Wegehaupt.

Mark Patterson seemed to know what to do. "Put the turkey in the oven for 10 minutes, then put it on mom's big plate. Have a bowl with



Amber Tackett

juice, and make bread and butter."

Lynsey Bingham says it might be better to "put the turkey in a crock pot with meat sauce, then put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 30 degrees."

Alex Rochette's mom is already working hard at putting the Thanksgiving dinner together, at least according to her son.

"She puts it in the oven and bakes it for a week. Make it with burgers and pumpkin pie."

A visit to Carolyn Peruski's first-grade class at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth provided more insight on cooking our Thanksgiving turkey.

"Kill the turkey, cut it and take it home," said Timmy Lentine. "Bake it for 45 minutes at 40 degrees and eat it with beans."

Neil Pichan told us to "put it in the metal thing (roaster) and then in the oven, and cook it for 20 minutes at 40 degrees."

Jacob Hretz doesn't spend a lot of time cooking his Thanksgiving Day turkey.

"I would put it in the oven, put some sauce on it, put it in a silver tray and cook it for two minutes at 425 degrees. Oh, yeah, I would add a couple of carrots to go with it."

Andrea Radi is somewhat a free spirit, telling us to "cook it for however long you want at 90 degrees. I would cook it with chicken inside."

Casey Zimmerman likes her turkey fresh, which may account for the long cooking time.

"I would go to the farm and get a turkey, cook it on a plate and put it in the oven for 40 hours at 30 degrees. I would also have a salad!"



Aftermath: The victim's car careened into this mobile home following the shooting. None of the occupants were seriously injured.

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were not hurt as a result of the accident, although one of them reportedly suffered injuries from falling when he went outside to see what had happened. The same man had been released from a hospital earlier Wednesday after being treated for diabetes.

The family declined to comment on the incident Thursday afternoon as they gathered their belongings to stay with relatives.

"The car drew my attention. The car was idling. I could hear voices. Then, I heard four pops. There was one pop and two quick ones and another one," said resident Kevin Wheeler.

Another resident, who declined to be identified, said she was awakened by three or four gunshots and then heard tires squealing.

"I was too scared to look out," said the woman.

A loud crash followed. "It was like an explosion," said Larene Ross, who was rocked out of bed.

The distance between where the shots were fired and the crash was about 10 mobile homes apart, according to wit-

ness accounts. Shemanske said police investigators found shells from two different caliber handguns.

Rose Ann Walker and Jon Bazzi were returning to Walker's mobile home sometime after midnight when they were stopped by a police blockade.

They were escorted to her home on the 4000 block of

Walker's Chrysler Fifth Avenue was more than 90 degrees from where it was parked after being hit in the rear by Walker's car.

"I just saw my car on the sidewalk. I have never seen anything like this. I've only lived here a couple of months," she said.

Another neighbor, Mary Gunels, said the residents of the damaged mobile home were lucky that the car hit Walker's Fifth Avenue first. "It would have went all the way through that trailer," she said.

A teenage daughter slept in the room where the victim's car lodged underneath, she said.

Cheer Club from page A1

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The students, parents and teachers sampled venison, turkey, pheasant, wild rice, smoked fish, popcorn, cornbread and pumpkin squares. Many of the meats were provided and prepared by parents while the children baked the cornbread and pumpkin dessert at school.

The youngsters, under direction of teachers Sarah Smith, Joann Kokoszka, Denise McLane and Aileen Wise, memorized and recited a poem of thanks and used brown paper grocery bags to make their pilgrim and Native American costumes and cradleboards for their Indian "papooses."

It was the 20th such "Feast" for Smith, who brought the idea to Isbister three years ago from Smith Elementary.

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Michigan corridor

areas of Canton Township spoke in opposition.

The 230-acre Ashley Capital research park development spurred members of the township board and planning commission to form a study group and recommend the master plan changes.

Canton Commerce Park fronts Michigan Avenue, between Beck and Denton, and abuts residential property to its north and west. It will have six buildings ranging in size from 60,000 to 535,000 square feet for a total of 2.5 million square feet of office, warehouse and distribution space.

Jewel Osborne said her 17 acres on Geddes Road will be easier to sell for condominium development rather than small homes on 85-foot lots. The property backs up to the research park.

"We couldn't fight (Ashley Capital's development) so we just threw in the towel and let them have it," she said.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the medium-high density designation will act as a buffer to larger residential lots to its north and west.

Geddes Road resident Tim McCurley said the master plan changes would only cause a domino effect of rezoning requests, swallowing what is left of Canton's rural community.

His property east of Denton would be master planned for eight units per acre (condominiums). It currently is R-1, or one-acre lots.

"I remember at one point not too long ago there was to be no development west of Canton Center," McCurley said.

The imaginary line for heading development has now reached Denton Road. "The only way to stop it is to not change the future land use map," he said.

The remainder of the public hearing turned into a rally for farmers and residents who want to maintain the rural flavor of western Canton for some time to come.

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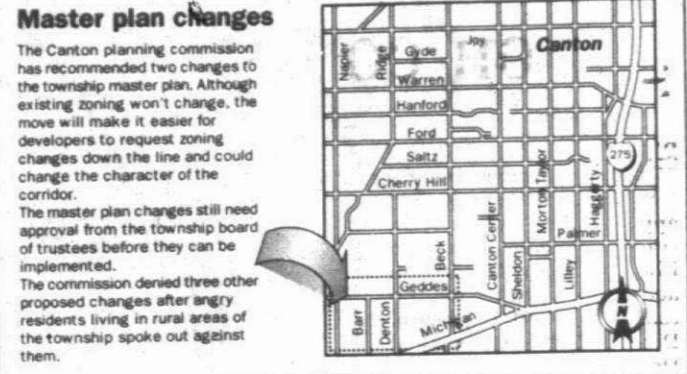
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Master plan changes
The Canton planning commission has recommended two changes to the township master plan. Although existing zoning won't change, the move will make it easier for developers to request zoning changes down the line and could change the character of the corridor.

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Canton man gets 7-14 years in 1996 manslaughter case

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Steve Walker, 26, will serve a minimum of seven years behind bars for the death of a 17-year-old neighbor, who was killed in January of 1996 from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Walker's attorney argued that it was a suicide.

Prosecution witnesses - all friends of victim Kevin Armstrong - claimed Walker went on a rampage, shooting bullets into a bedroom ceiling, and then ordering Armstrong out of another room to talk to him.

Walker was standing next to Armstrong when the fatal shot rang out, however, no one saw who pulled the trigger.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Chylinski sentenced Walker on Thursday to a mandatory two-year sentence for felony firearm, one to four years for discharging a firearm inside an occupied dwelling and 7-14 years for involuntary manslaughter. He will receive credit for 260 days already served.

"Under the guidelines there was three to eight years minimum - so (Chylinski) sentenced towards the top," said Wayne County assistant prosecutor Augie Hutting.

"I think it's a fair sentence," he said.

Walker's stepmother, Lisa Walker and his boss, Gordon Grossman, asked for leniency from the judge. Steve Walker also addressed the court.

"Steve did make a statement. It was very emotional. He cried the whole time apologizing to the family for bringing the gun to the house. He didn't expect Kevin to shoot himself," said Lisa Walker.

Defense attorney David Cripps was unavailable for comment late last week.

A jury convicted Walker of the three charges on Oct. 29. The involuntary manslaughter conviction was a middle-ground decision by the jury, which had the option of second-degree murder or careless, reckless and negligent use of a firearm resulting in a death.

Armstrong rented the home with two other teens on Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue. The house was a known hangout for teens in the neighborhood.

Most of the 11 witnesses testified that they were drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana the night of the murder.

Walker and an acquaintance came to the house about 10 p.m. that night asking to speak with Armstrong, who worked for him in a roofing business. Walker owned the gun.

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Elder Plawecki will take seat on county commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners approved Edward Plawecki Sr., the grandfather of Michelle Plawecki and longtime union activist, to replace her on the commission to represent the 9th District of Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and part of Livonia.

Commissioners acted to fill the position after receiving Michelle Plawecki's resignation letter Thursday.

The commission had 30 days from Plawecki's resignation to appoint a successor, according to the Wayne County Charter. Commissioners generally follow an unwritten rule that the resigning commissioner can recommend a successor, which the other commissioners approve. The appointee must reside within the district and be a member of the same political party.

A special election is expected to be held approximately 90 days from the date of Thursday's resignation or in late February, but that date has not formally been scheduled yet by the Wayne County Elections Division.

Edward Plawecki Sr., 75, left his position Friday as director of veterans affairs for Wayne County, which he served for eight years. Plawecki was appointed to that post by County Executive Edward McNamara.

Union roots

Plawecki was active in union politics with the United Auto Workers at Ford Motor Co., serving as local president in the 1950s and 1960s. He was appointed by Walter Reuther to

serve on the union's international staff and was involved with the community action program.

Michelle Plawecki said she wanted her grandfather in the office because of his longtime knowledge of the district. "It was important to have someone who knew the district," Plawecki said. "He knows about politics and he taught everyone in the family about politics."

Edward Sr. is the father of David Plawecki, a former state representative and gubernatorial candidate; Edward Jr., a former county commissioner and Dearborn Heights district judge, and Richard, a former city treasurer of Dearborn Heights. Edward Jr. is Michelle's father.

The elder Plawecki said his union background has prepared him well for the job.

"Anyone who knows about union politics knows that running for a union office is tougher than running for any city or state office," Plawecki said. "Sometimes it's very rough."

He would not elaborate on any issues facing the county commission until he had time to study them.

Most support choice

Most of Michelle Plawecki's colleagues on the commission agreed with her choice.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she has known Ed Plawecki for 30 years. "I have known him to have the highest integrity, and he was my mentor in my early years," Beard said. "He certainly gave me wonderful guidance."

Beard said she believed he would not make "hasty" deci-

Jail millage

Out-county group seeks information

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County and representatives from the Conference of Western Wayne will meet Monday to discuss their differences over the Wayne County jail millage and how millage funds should be spent for prisoner housing.

Judging from their mail correspondences, the two sides still disagree on many issues.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials and includes the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Redford.

Wayne County voters approved a mill in August 1998 to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanor or juvenile detention facilities. That money also could be used for work release, home detention and community restitution programs. One-tenth of a mill was earmarked to acquire land, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

Michelle Plawecki, 30, said she leaves office regretting that she didn't have full support of her nomination, but was pleased with her accomplishments overall. "I'm pleased with the work that's been done at Lola Valley and Bell Creek parks," Plawecki said. "You can drive by now and see the playgrounds."

She was also pleased with the input she had on the airport, its expansion and noise mitigation studies.

That millage is expected to be placed on a county ballot next year for renewal.

Differences range over whether the number of beds in the Dickerson Detention Facility should be increased or whether the county should house more ordinance violators at a lower cost to communities.

Members of the CWW board of directors believe the county jail should be the central depository for all sentenced misdemeanants or pretrial misdemeanant/ordinance violators.

Jeriel Heard, director of Wayne County's Department of Community Justice, responded that the county has housed these violators committed to the Dickerson Facility in Hamtramck by district courts in Wayne County since the facility's opening in 1991.

Some cities and townships in Wayne County currently contract with outstate county jails to house their misdemeanant/local ordinance violator prisoners.

"The county is willing to handle all prisoners committed to county facilities, but cannot be in the business of managing prisoners in facilities across the state," Heard said.

The CWW also wants the per diem charge per prisoner eliminated and replaced with an administrative charge. Heard said the charge for local ordinance violators is mandated by a county ordinance.

"In addition, since 1846, cities and townships which receive revenue from local ordinance violators pursuant to court-ordered fines have the financial responsibility for the housing of prisoners charged or convicted under a local ordinance," Heard said.

That also was affirmed by a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling in a Kent County case.

"The \$30 a day per diem rate is already subsidizing cities' (and) townships' financial obligation for the cost of housing local ordinance violators," Heard said.

Other issues to be discussed include whether the county should assume the responsibility of arranging for alternative prisoner housing and the jail's early release program.

Candidates sought for S'craft board

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is seeking candidates to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh, effective Dec. 31.

Walsh won a seat on the Livonia City Council in the November general election.

Persons wishing to apply for the position must be residents of the college district which includes the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school districts. The person will be appointed through June 30, 1999. There will be a board of trustee election in June 1999.

Applications are available in the Office of the President, Room 190, in the Administration Building. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for applying is Monday, Dec. 15. For information, call (313) 462-4420.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 W. Hargerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275.

Area churches hold holiday services

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time to remember the pilgrims and the feast they prepared in the New World. And by celebrating in the same manner as they did, with a bountiful meal, among family and friends, people share the spirit of thanksgiving with them and, to some extent, relive that pilgrim experience.

But Thanksgiving also is a time to turn in gratitude to God and area churches are gathering together in community services or holding individual services on Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28-27.

In Livonia, residents can make a community Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25: a part of their Thank-

giving week celebration. The service will be at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, with pastors from various churches officiating.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Plymouth will have a Thanksgiving Day service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25: a part of their Thank-

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The sessions take place at the following locations:

- Sunday, Nov. 30, 1-5 p.m., Canton Pet Supplies "Plus," 43665 Ford Road (313) 981-9191
- Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5-8 p.m., Farmington Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 30730 Orchard

- Lake Road, (248) 932-3113
- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile Road, 248-615-0030
- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rochester Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 2925 Rochester Road, 248-299-5040
- Saturday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Redford, Pet Supplies "Plus," 14835 Telegraph, 313-255-1633.



S'craft names new student director

Schoolcraft College has named John Titus its new director of student advisement services.

Titus has responsibility for the organization, operation and administration of the counseling and student academic advisement programs.

The former dean of students for the past 10 years at Urbana University in Ohio,

Titus began his new job Nov. 3. As a counselor, Titus worked with behaviorally handicapped teens for Clark County Mental Health Services in Ohio and taught profoundly mentally handicapped students in a state institution.

Titus earned his undergraduate degree at Urbana in 1977 and his master's degree in

counseling at Wright State University in Dayton.

"I think I can bring a very personalized approach to working with students," Titus said.

"I have a good understanding of what it takes for students to be successful, and believe anyone who really strives can succeed."

Services

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10:30 a.m. Thursday, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Child care will be provided, and members of all denominations are welcome.

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City will join with Christ Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights for a combined Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a service of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Faith United Methodist Church of Canton will join in a community Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, south of I-94. The Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church will be preaching. For more information, call (313) 483-2276.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will have a special service or praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Choristers choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Our Savior's Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road. It also will feature special music of praise and thanksgiving. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.



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by Stuart M. Feldheim
Attorney at Law

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Planning, timing are ingredients of fabulous feasts

The countdown has begun. It's time to find your recipes, check your staples and wrap up your grocery list for Thanksgiving dinner. Select foods that aren't too fussy. You don't want too many last minute things to do, and you certainly don't want to be in the kitchen all day while everyone else is enjoying themselves.

Turkey is the focal point for Thanksgiving. To determine how much turkey you'll need, the rule of thumb is, a pound of turkey will yield a little less than half a pound of cooked meat. For example, a 25 pound turkey has about 11 to 12 pounds of meat, and about half of that will be white meat.

Of course you'll need to buy a turkey large enough for sandwiches and casseroles for leftovers or planned leftovers.

After the turkey is thawed, thoroughly wash the inside, taking out the neck and giblets. Wash again with cold water, drain and pat dry with paper towels.

Always use a meat thermometer when roasting a turkey. The meat thermometer should be placed in the thigh muscle just above and beyond the lower part of the thigh bone but not touching the bone. Use a meat thermometer even if there is a "pop-up" timer. The meat thermometer in the thigh should register 180° F. If you have stuffed the turkey, the center of the stuffing should be 165° F.

Don't use a roasting temperature of less than 325° F. Roasting a turkey for many hours at 200° F is a real food

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"The Big Thaw - Thaw Thanksgiving Turkey Safely"

"Turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature while they thaw," warns Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County. "Turkey should not be thawed by leaving it out on the counter. Even though the center may remain frozen, the outer layer may become warm enough to grow bacteria and put you at risk for food poisoning."

There are three safe methods to defrost a turkey:

REFRIGERATOR METHOD

- Place turkey on a tray to catch drips
- Keep turkey in original wrapper
- Allow 24 hours for each 5 pounds of turkey

COLD WATER METHOD

- Keep turkey in original wrapping or leak proof bag
- Put turkey in large pan and cover with cold tap water
- Change water every 30 minutes with fresh cold tap water
- Allow 30 minutes per pound to thaw
- Cook immediately after thawing

MICROWAVE METHOD

- Follow your microwave oven directions carefully
- Cook turkey immediately after thawing

"Turkey - To Stuff or Not to Stuff?"

Cooking stuffing separately is the safest way to prepare your turkey. "Bacteria can survive in the stuffing which has not been heated thoroughly," said Treitman. "Even if the turkey itself has reached the proper internal temperature, the stuffing may not have reached a high enough temperature in all parts of the turkey to destroy bacteria."

Safe Stuffing Tips:

- Never pre-stuff a turkey - mix stuffing just before it goes in the oven.
- Stuff loosely - about 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey.
- Place stuffed turkey in a 325° F oven.
- Make sure you use thermometer to check if turkey and stuffing are done. Stuffing should be 165° F. Turkey should be 180° F in thigh before removing it from the oven.
- Within 2 hours of cooking - cut turkey off bones and refrigerate stuffing and leftovers separately.
- For safety it is advisable to bake stuffing separately.

For more information:

- Food and Nutrition Hotline, Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, (248) 858-0904.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline, Recorded message 24 hours, operator available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, (800) 535-4555. Web site <http://www.usda.gov/fats>
- The Reynolds Kitchens Turkey Tips Line, (800) 745-4000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through Dec. 31. Reynolds Kitchens web site, <http://www.rkc.com/wrap>
- Butterball Turkey Talk Line, daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Thanksgiving; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, (800) 323-4844.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Spicy blends from Chef Zachary
- Holiday entertaining

Tea.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tea time: Brittany Mather, 9, holds the cup for her grandmother Loretta Conway while Brittany's mother Shawn Mather pours, also pictured left to right, are Erin Cain, Donnell Zeidman and Mary Bohn at Heslop's China & Gifts in Novi. Heslop's is participating in a Victorian Holiday Tea sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Senior Adult Division. Loretta Conway is senior adult division supervisor for the City of Farmington Hills.

When you're hurried and stressed and in need of a little comfort, a cup of tea really hits the spot.

"My parents were from Ireland and tea was an important part of our lives," said Loretta Conway of Farmington Hills. "We used to imitate our parents and have tea parties," added her sister, Mary Bohn of Rochester Hills.

For them, tea is a symbol of love and warmth. It's a tradition Loretta, senior adult division supervisor for the City of Farmington Hills, passed on to her daughters, Shawn Mather and Donnell Zeidman of West Bloomfield.

"Tea time is special," said Zeidman. "It's story time, when we laugh and catch up," said Shawn. "We are more relaxed, it gives us a chance to slow down. Normally everything's such a rush."

Shawn's daughter, Brittany, 9, has her own tea set. "When she is younger she used to have tea parties with her dolls and friends," said Mather. Tea time is also special for Brittany's older sister, Erin Cain, who is 16.

When Aunt Kitty comes for tea they put away their everyday dishes, and get out the fancy stuff - the good teapot and china.

Having tea is an excuse to get "fancied up and to put out lace doilies," and other treasures that are safely stored away most of the time.

"Tea goes back to our roots, it gives us warm memories," said Bohn. "When my parents served tea the good china always came out."

Tea time is an old custom that has won many new fans. Nora Dolan, program plan-

Steep in love and friendship

BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

ner for the senior adult division for the City of Farmington Hills is busy preparing for a Holiday Victorian Tea on Dec. 2. The event, sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Senior Adult Division and Manor Care Health Services/Springhouse Assisted Living, sold out shortly after it was announced.

"Teas are hot," said Dolan. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for ladies of all generations to gather together. It's especially appealing at this festive time of year. In one week we sold 300 tickets for our tea. We hope to make it an annual event."

Holidays and tea seem to go together like cream and sugar, and local tea spots are planning special events. Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth is hosting a dinner on Friday, Dec. 12.

"Tea is a warm and comfortable tradition," said Cynthia Belanger who owns Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth with her mother Nancy Burton. "When you're planning a tea at home for your friends serve two different teas and a variety of finger foods for people to eat."

Doris Lovill, who owns Mrs. Lovill's Tea

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TEA SPOTS

■ **Sweet Afton Tea Room** - 450 Forest, Plymouth, (313) 454-0777. Open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties such as showers. Sweet Afton Tea Room will open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 during Plymouth's special shopping day, "Home for the Holidays." Stores in Plymouth will stay open until 10 p.m. on that day, and there will be carolers and other surprises to get you in the holiday spirit.

■ **Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy** - 32905 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 477-8307, open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties. Mrs. Lovill presents "The Twelve Days of Christmas" - 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 12. Dinner and entertainment, \$48 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Call for reservations.

■ **Victorian Rose** - 118 W. Third, Rochester, (248) 652-8595, open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; available for private parties on Sundays and after closing throughout the week. High tea served 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, \$12 per person, call for reservations. Holiday-themed dinner with entertainment 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. The cost is \$80 per couple, call for reservations and information.

■ **Townsend Hotel** - 100 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-7900. Afternoon tea served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; in December tea will be served 3-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Cost is \$17.95 per person, reservations recommended. Afternoon teas in December will feature a variety of holiday music including children's choir, and musicians performing on violin, dulcimer and piano.

■ **The Ritz-Carlton** - 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, (313) 441-2100. Tea served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; Light Tea (includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches) \$15, Royal Tea (begins with a Chambord cocktail, includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, and ends with fresh strawberries marinated in Grand Marnier) \$20. Yuletide teas 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday beginning Friday, Nov. 28 to Tuesday, Dec. 30, \$30 per person, includes Christmas ornament from Poland, representing Mozart or Bach, Light Tea, and seasonal holiday music performed on piano. Tea without ornament is \$20 per person. Reservations recommended.

Dish to pass:

Carolyn Rushlow's Spinach Casserole has been family and kid tested through the years. It's one of her favorite dishes to pass during Thanksgiving dinner.



BRYAN MITCHELL

Dishes to pass are too good to pass up

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

This is Carolyn Rushlow's favorite time of year. "I love to cook," said Rushlow of Farmington who shared her Spinach Casserole recipe with us. The casserole has been a staple on the Rushlow table for the last four years. "Everyone loves it," she said.

Rushlow's Spinach Casserole is easy to make and sure to please friends and relatives who don't eat meat.

It's hard to pass up an invitation to gather with family and friends during the holidays. Deciding on a dish to pass can be a challenge.

We asked our readers for some help, and in exchange for their ideas and

recipes shared some newly published cookbooks so they'll have more ideas for a "dish to pass."

Besides getting some really great recipes I had the chance to catch up with some friends I haven't heard from in a long time.

Peggy (Yautaw) Peck of Redford, wanted to know if my maiden name is Kalecki and if I went to Fordson High School in Dearborn. Do I look that different from my high school yearbook picture?

Peggy and I worked together on "The Tower Tribune," and I was delighted to hear from her. She shared her Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad recipe made with lime Jell-O, whipped cream, marshmallows,

cream cheese, crushed pineapple and chopped walnuts.

"My mother got it from Auntie Flo, one of the women we lived downstairs from when I was a child," said Peck. "Auntie Flo has been passed away for years, but I hope this recipe lives on. It seems to go real well with turkey, and someone in our family always brings it."

Peck and her husband, Bob, have a son, Gabriel, who's 13. She will be cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year for 10 or 12 people. "I enjoy doing it," she said. "Everyone pitches in, that helps."

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Readers share family-tested side dish recipes

See related story on Taste front.

SPINACH CASSEROLE

2 eggs, well beaten
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 350° F. Beat eggs and flour in bowl until smooth. Stir in spinach, cottage cheese, Cheddar cheese and salt; mix well. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole. Bake in oven for 1 hour. Serves 4-6.
Recipe compliments of Carolyn Rushlow.

AUNTIE FLO'S FRUIT SALAD

1 small package lime Jell-O (3 ounces)
1 cup hot water
1/2 pint whipped cream
1 cup finely chopped marshmallows
2 packages cream cheese (3 ounces each)
1 (9 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup chopped walnuts
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1/4 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
Dissolve Jell-O in hot water and cool. Put sugar in whipped cream. Mix marshmallows, nuts, pineapple and cream cheese. Fold in whipped cream and sugar mixture. Add to Jell-O. Chill until firm.

Recipe compliments of Peggy Peck who said this recipe can be easily doubled.

MAKE-A-HEAD MASHED POTATOES

5 pounds potatoes
1/2 cup margarine
2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Cook potatoes until tender, mash. Add other ingredients and beat well.
Put into 3-quart casserole, greased with some margarine. Can

cover and put into the refrigerator at this point. Take out of the refrigerator 1 hour before baking. Bake uncovered at 350° F. for 45 minutes.

Recipe compliments of Joyce Weigel who said this recipe is easily cut in half and baked in an 8 by 8-inch pan at the same temperature and same time.

PEAR AND CRANBERRY RELISH

1 can pear nectar
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons honey
8 ounces (about 2 cups) whole fresh cranberries
Frozen can be used, but do not thaw
2 stalks celery, diced
1 pear, halved, cored and diced

1/3 cup pecans, chopped
In a saucepan bring pear nectar, sugar and honey to a boil over medium heat. Boil about 3-5 minutes. Stir occasionally, until sugar is dissolved.
Add cranberries to saucepan. Return to a boil then reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer 5 minutes, until cranberries begin to pop open. Put into a bowl; cool slightly and refrigerate until well chilled. To serve, stir in celery, pear and nuts.
Recipe compliments of Jovon Alber.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

1 large can of sweet potatoes
3/4 stick butter
3 well beaten eggs
1/2 cup sugar
dash cinnamon
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 cup milk
Dissolve cornstarch in a little cold milk. Mix with all other ingredients with mixer. Pour into a large casserole dish sprayed with nonstick spray. Bake 15-20 minutes at 400° F. covered.
TOPPING
1 cup crushed corn flakes
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup butter
1 cup coconut
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Melt butter, mix in other ingredients. Spread topping over sweet potatoes. Return to oven and bake 15-20 minutes, uncovered.
Recipe compliments of Deanna Werner.

broccoli, a vegetable scorned by presidents but praised by nutritionists, has recently earned a reputation as being a powerful natural cancer fighter. A chemical called sulforaphane, which is abundant in broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables, including cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and cabbage, works to boost the body's natural enzyme defenses against chemicals that cause cancer. Broccoli also contains indoles (other cancer-preventive compounds), as well as vitamin C, beta carotene and dietary fiber—all of which have been linked to lower cancer risk. When buying broccoli, look for unblemished, firm and compact clusters. The heads should smell fresh and the florets may range in color from dark to purplish green. Pick broccoli with crisp leaves and smooth stalks; avoid broccoli with yellowing blossoms and open buds. At home, rinse

broccoli in water, shake off the excess moisture, transfer to a plastic bag and refrigerate until ready to use. Brief cooking brightens broccoli's color and brings out its flavor, but overcooking can result in a drab olive-colored, bitter dish. For the best taste and to maintain its essential nutrients, steam a bunch of broccoli no longer than six to eight minutes. An elegant cream of broccoli soup is a delicious, rich-tasting way to start a meal. Start by simmering chopped leeks and cubed potatoes and coarsely chopped broccoli in saucenpan with chicken broth. In a blender or food processor, puree the slightly cooled mixture in batches. Return the soup to the pan, and stir in some plain low-fat yogurt, reheating it just before serving. Broccoli can be the basis for a creative salad by combining

cooked brown rice, blanched broccoli florets, minced red onion, dried fruit (apricots or raisins), minced celery and toasted pine nuts. Toss with an olive oil and lemon juice dressing and serve. Broccoli can play a delicious part in an international array of dishes, from Asian stir-fries to French crepes to Italian pastas. The next time you want a meal that can deliver world class taste and top-notch nutrition, try a broccoli and chicken taco, a lamb and broccoli couscous, or a broccoli and pasta frittata. This Asian-inspired Sesame Broccoli is a snap to make and the perfect side dish for baked chicken or fish.

Combine the orange juice, sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic and ginger root and pour over the broccoli, tossing to coat evenly. Sprinkle the entire dish with sesame seeds.
Nutrition information: Each of the 5 servings contains 55 calories and 3 grams of fat.
Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

2 teaspoons sesame oil
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
In small pan, cook the sesame seeds over medium heat for 3 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally. Set aside.
Cut the broccoli into florets and slice diagonally. Steam it for 5-7 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Drain the broccoli and place it in a serving dish.
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Transfer the toasted cubes to a large mixing bowl.
Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the celery and onion. Sauté, stirring frequently, until tender, about 10 minutes.
Add the chestnuts, sauté for 2 more minutes. Add the raisins and the 1/4 cup brandy. Sauté for about 1 minute, to evaporate the brandy.
Add the chestnut mixture to the bread cubes; toss to combine. If necessary, moisten the stuffing with chicken broth. The mixture should be moist enough to hold together when lightly pressed, but not so moist that it packs tightly. Season with parsley and salt and pepper, to taste.
Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast lightly, 10 to 12 minutes. The bread should be slightly dry, but not browned.
Nutritional information per 1/2-cup serving: 230 calories, 5 grams protein, 18 grams



Satisfying side dish: Sesame Broccoli, an Asian-inspired side dish, is a snap to make, and perfect with baked chicken or fish.

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safety hazard. Do not partially cook a turkey one day and finish the next day.
An unstuffed 18 to 22 pound turkey only takes 3 1/2 hours to 4 hours to roast. Always allow at least 30 minutes for the roasted turkey to sit before carving. The turkey will carve better and easier if you have a sharp knife.
The best way to roast a turkey is in an open pan: You'll get a juicy, tender golden brown turkey. You can rub or spray the skin with oil to prevent the skin from drying. If parts start to get

too brown, wrap them with foil. Don't use a brown paper bag for roast a turkey, they aren't food grade and you could have an oven fire.
Timing is everything, and getting a large meal on the table takes timing. As you plan your menu, think about the timing for all the food involved. How many foods fit into your oven at one time, is there room for a turkey, and a couple of casserole dishes? What can go into the microwave or cooked on top of the stove?

Food safety
To serve that perfect meal, all the hot foods should be kept hot and cold foods cold.
Another safety issue is the storing of leftovers. You have two hours left after roasting, carving and eating to get the leftovers back into the refrigerator. As much as you hate the idea, separate the turkey from the bones before refrigerating or freezing. Wrap turkey, stuffing and gravy separately and use within three days. Freeze for longer storage. Use frozen roast-

ed turkey within two months for best quality. Always bring refrigerated gravy to a full rolling boil before serving.
Bake the stuffing in a nonstick pan instead of inside the bird. The advantages are: the bird cooks faster, you know when the stuffing is fully cooked when it's in a casserole dish, and you can use chicken stock instead of butter to mix in the dressing.
Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the MSU Extension—Oakland County.

Last year Joyce Weigel of Farmington won a 20 pound turkey. "We had seven meals out of it," she said. But since both her boys became vegetarians, Weigel said this year she made reservations at the Botsford Inn, instead of plans for dinner.
"I called ahead to see if they had a lot of vegetable dishes," said Weigel. "I cooked last year and made all these vegetable dishes for my kids."
One of her favorite vegetable dishes is Make-A-Head Mashed Potatoes, a recipe she got from her friend Isabel Van Alkin.
"I met her through church, and she would make these potatoes," said Weigel. "It's delicious, and I love things you can make ahead of time. You'll love it."
Jovon Alber's Pear and Cranberry Relish is always a favorite with her guests, and children. This year Alber, who lives in Canton, is planning dinner for 22 people.
"A lot of people don't think of

Enjoy a cup tea and scones with friends

See related story on Taste front.

ORANGE-CLOVE TEA

3 to 4 teaspoons orange-pekoe tea
1 quart boiling water
1 orange, rinsed, dried, and cut into slices about 1/2-inch thick
Whole cloves
Warm teapot and teacups with hot water. Drain and dry them. Put the tea leaves in the teapot.

CHOCOLATE CHIP ORANGE SCONES

2 cups flour
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup butter, chilled
2 eggs
1/4 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
1/4 cup miniature semisweet

chocolate chips or chopped regular-sized chips
Preheat oven to 425° F. Butter an insulated cookie sheet.
In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar and baking powder. With a pastry blender or fork, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse meal. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, juice, vanilla and orange peel. Stir the egg mixture and chocolate chips into the flour mixture with a fork.
Turn dough out onto a floured board and knead gently about 10 times, until it forms a cohesive dough. Roll dough out to a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a well-floured cookie cutter. Place scones fairly close together on the cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until lightly browned or a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow the scones to cool on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes before removing with a spatula.
Makes about 14 two- to three-inch scones.
Recipe from: "Chocolate for Breakfast and Tea: B&B Innkeepers Share Their Finest Recipes," by Laura Zahn, (Down to Earth Publications, 1997).

Cozy in Farmington, has celebrated "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for the past four years. Guests are greeted with a cup of mulled cider and variety of relishes to nosh on. A barber-shop quartet performs holiday music, while guests wait for dinner to be served.
During the festive seven-course dinner, which features a Cornish hen with holiday dressing, a harpist and flutist perform. After dinner two guitarists lead a holiday sing-along.
"People make reservations for the next year after dinner," said Lovill. "It's wonderful and a lot of fun. We wrap up the house with a big bow. It looks like a present."
Victorian Rose in Rochester is hosting a holiday dinner with entertainment on Dec. 12, and

the Townsend Hotel and Ritz Carlton are also planning sweet surprises.
Having friends over for tea is a not-too-complicated way to entertain, but "you've got to make a ceremony out of it," said Lovill. "There's a ritual. Set aside a little bit of time; the more elegant you make it the better."
Lovill said tea is not "spur of the moment like coffee you pour in a cup." Tea is for lingering.
Nancy Reagan said "a woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water."
Tea can be a dinner, or a simple gathering. If you're real busy, make reservations and arrange to meet friends for tea. Getting together is what counts.

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CHESNUT AND RAISIN STUFFING

6 cups cubed white bread
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup finely diced celery
1/2 cup finely diced onion
1 cup peeled, cored and diced apple
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
Chicken broth, as needed
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
Salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast lightly, 10 to 12 minutes. They should be slightly dry, but not browned; transfer to a large mixing bowl.
Sauté the sausage in a skillet over medium heat until the sausage is cooked through, 5 to 6

minutes. Remove the sausage; drain thoroughly on paper towels to remove excess fat.
Return the skillet to medium heat and melt the butter. Add the celery and onion. Sauté, stirring frequently, until tender. Combine the sausage, bread cubes and the vegetable mixture.
Add the apples and walnuts; toss to combine. If the stuffing needs additional moisture, add chicken broth. The mixture should be moist enough to hold together when lightly pressed, but not so moist that it packs tightly. Season with parsley and salt and pepper, to taste.
Cook the stuffing in a shallow baking dish, covered with foil. Bake for about 45 minutes in a 350-degree F oven. Makes 8 cups.
Nutritional information per 1/2-cup serving: 230 calories, 5 grams protein, 18 grams

Chefs suggest taste-sensational stuffings for Thanksgiving

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Are you looking for new ideas for your traditional Thanksgiving menu? Chefs at the Culinary Institute of America suggest these taste-sensational stuffings: Sausage and Apple, Chestnut and Raisin.
For safety's sake, and to make sure that both the turkey and stuffing are done at the same time, the CIA recommends separate cooking of the stuffing and the turkey. For moistness and flavor, baste the stuffing with chicken broth from time to time.
The recipes are taken from "An American Bounty" (Rizzoli, 1995), a cookbook inspired by the American Bounty Restaurant located on the campus of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

1 cup hot or mild raw sausage meat, crumbled
6 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup finely diced celery
1/2 cup finely diced onion
1 cup peeled, cored and diced apple
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
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fat, 13 grams carbohydrates, 290 mg sodium, 60 mg cholesterol.
Transfer the toasted cubes to a large mixing bowl.
Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the celery and onion. Sauté, stirring frequently, until tender, about 10 minutes.
Add the chestnuts, sauté for 2 more minutes. Add the raisins and the 1/4 cup brandy. Sauté for about 1 minute, to evaporate the brandy.
Add the chestnut mixture to the bread cubes; toss to combine. If necessary, moisten the stuffing with chicken broth. The mixture should be moist enough to hold together when lightly pressed, but not so moist that it packs tightly. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes about 8 cups.
Nutritional information per 1/2-cup serving: 260 calories, 8 grams fat, 43 grams carbohydrates, 200 mg sodium, 20

mg cholesterol.
Preparation notes: Peeled and frozen chestnuts, if available in your supermarket, will greatly reduce preparation time.
To prepare fresh chestnuts, score an "X" on the flat side of each chestnut with the tip of a sharp knife. Place the chestnuts on a baking sheet and roast them in a 350-degree F oven or boil them until the outer skin begins to curl away, 10 to 12 minutes. Peel away both the outer and inner layers of skin from the chestnuts. Chop the chestnuts coarsely with a chef's knife.
To plump the raisins, cover them with brandy and let them rest for one hour.
Cook the stuffing in a shallow baking dish, covered with foil. Bake for about 45 minutes in a 350-degree F oven.

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A 12- to 14-pound turkey is the maximum size most microwave ovens can accommodate, otherwise uneven cooking can occur. The time for cooking a turkey in the microwave oven is 9 to 10 minutes per pound on medium (50 percent power).
Allow 3 inches oven clearance on top and 2 to 3 inches of space around the bird. The use of even cooking bags allows more even cooking. Turkey parts may be cooked in a dish with a tight cover or a cover with a vented

How to cook a Thanksgiving Day turkey without using your oven

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

To cook, preheat the oven to at least 325 degrees F. Place the turkey on the roaster oven's rack or other meat rack so the juices will collect in the metal oven liner. Leave the lid on throughout cooking, removing it as little as possible to avoid slowing the cooking process and browning.
Cooking bags can be used in the roaster oven if the bag does not touch the sides, bottom or lid. Follow directions given by the cooking bag manufacturer, and use a meat thermometer to be sure the internal temperature in the inner thigh reaches 180

cooking is by smoky air rather than the direct coals used when grilling a steak or chicken parts.
Turkeys that are 16 pounds or less are the recommended size for safe smoking on the grill. Do not stuff the turkey.
To grill, start with clean equipment and a good quality charcoal. Build a pyramid of charcoal to one side, ignite the charcoal and let the coals get red-hot. When the charcoal has developed white powdery ash—about 20 to 30 minutes—place a pan of water in the center of the grill beneath where the turkey will be set. The pan is used to catch the fat and juices that drip from the turkey as it cooks. This prevents a flame-up that could burn the turkey.
Carefully push the hot coals evenly around the edge and posi-

tion the grill rack above. Place the prepared turkey breast-side up on the grill along with an appliance thermometer to maintain safe cooking temperature, then place the cover on the grill.
Replenish with about 15 briquettes every hour as needed to maintain 225 degrees F to 300 degrees F. If desired, add water-soaked wood chips for desired flavor. Estimate cooking time at 15 to 18 minutes per pound. The turkey is done when a meat thermometer in the inner thigh reaches 180 degrees F. For gas grilling, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Microwave oven
Turkeys can be successfully cooked in a microwave oven. Timing can vary because of wattage differences; the owner's

manual should be followed for recommendations.
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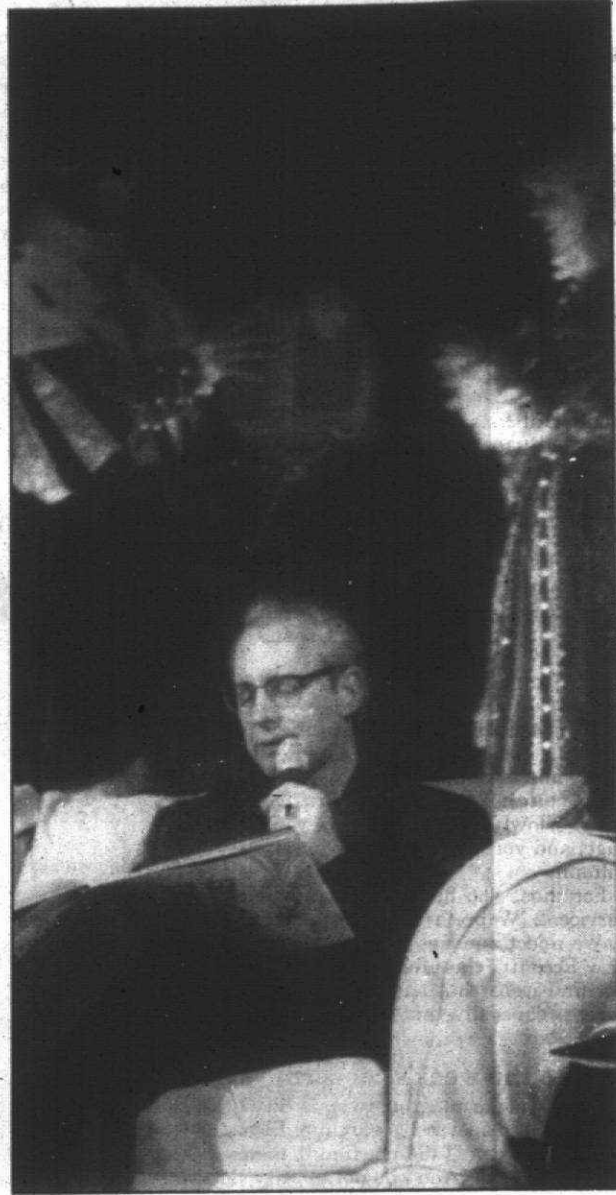
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Christmas events begin at area shopping malls

The Somerset Collection, Troy, ushered in the holiday shopping season last week with a reading of Matt Faulkner of Franklin's tale, *The Giving Season*, performed by Jim Harper of WNIC radio (right) and members of the Children's Theatre of Michigan. Before the show, musicians Rob and Anne Burns of Rochester (below, left) serenaded the audience. Somerset fashion director Amanda Turner of Rochester (below, right) adjusted the costume of Renee Hermiz of Troy, whose Renaissance-look was part of the mall's holiday decor theme including a tri-level castle in the grand court. The young crowd thoroughly enjoyed the program. Santa Claus was the star of the event which doubled as a fund-raiser for the Toys For Tots drive, now in full swing at many retail centers around town.



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B1 stores offer housewares with style

BY JUDY HARRIS SOLOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1982 while working on a business degree at Ohio State University, Suzanne Maurer became a part-time salesperson at a Columbus, Ohio, housewares store.

Six years later, after working her way up the ladder, Maurer purchased the store and renamed it *Basics One*.

Today there are stores in Columbus, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The first Michigan store opened a few weeks ago at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor; and now a second is open at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

The company decided to change its name from *Basics One* to *B1*, because, according to Maurer, "the stores are far from basic anymore."

"I like to think of it as housewares with an attitude," she said. "Our stores are about the whole entertainment process in the home. B1 is for everyone who enjoys cooking and entertaining with a bit of flair and individuality."

B1 stocks a fun selection of contemporary, upper-end casual tableware, barware, cookware, giftware, kitchen gadgets and accessories, bath accessories, table linens, towels and rugs, cookbooks and gourmet food.

The bright and bold colors of the carpet and walls were designed to reflect the colors of the merchandise. And display tables group an eclectic assortment of products and patterns so customers can see new and creative ways to put them together.

The kitchen, located in the center of each store, "plays an integral role in

the experience we offer customers," Maurer explained. "When a customer walks into B1, I want them to forget the worries of the day. I want them to visit our kitchen. Grab a cup of coffee and taste the food our chef has prepared. Their children are invited to hop up on a kitchen stool to color a picture and have something to eat while the parent enjoys a worry-free shopping experience."

Special events - ranging from cooking demos and classes by area chefs and restaurateurs to corporate outings, charity fund raisers, bridal showers and children's birthday parties - are almost always going on at B1.

There will be a grand opening party on Dec. 4 with 10-percent of the sales that day going to Orchards Children's Services.



B1 is new to Twelve Oaks, Novi.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(248) 585-6000.

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

Wanderland Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, Livonia.
(313) 529-4100.

Santa photos
Giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. *Annabelle's Wish* video and plush toy, \$16.99 to benefit Make A Wish Foundation at Information desk.

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Polar Bear Christmas
Kids who join Holiday Bear Club by Dec. 5, receive letter from Santa inviting them to breakfast. Digital image Santa photos through Dec. 24.

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

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

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

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

761-Twelve Mile, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield.
(248) 353-4111.

Charlie Brown Christmas
See the Peanuts gang in various holiday settings with an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse featuring a 36-foot tree through the roof. Santa photos through Dec. 24.

Lakeside, M-59/Shoehorn, Sterling Heights.
(810) 247-4131.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Tree lighting
Downtown Birmingham kicks off its holiday shopping season with a tree lighting in Shain Park preceded by carolling by The Village Players at 7 p.m. *Bates/Merrill, Birmingham.*

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Day parade
71st annual Detroit-based event 9:15 a.m. to noon, starting down Woodward from Mack Avenue to Jefferson. The 2.2 mile parade includes 75 marching units with floats, giant balloons, uniformed bands, equestrian teams, clowns, specialty acts and celebrities.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

The busiest shopping day of the year.
Most malls and stores open early and stay open late today. Holiday hours begin at the major department stores.

Holiday music series
Carolers and music groups perform weekends through Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. in Lord & Taylor Court. Santa photos in Fountain Court.

Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield, Dearborn.
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Santa arrives
Chamber of Commerce welcomes Santa Claus, 8 p.m. in the band shell at Kellogg Park. Photos available weekends Friday, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Main Street, Plymouth.
(313) 453-1540.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

Summit Place Holiday
"Is it Christmas Yet?" stories and sing-a-longs with Children's Theatre of Michigan, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 21 from 4-8 p.m. "Wrens and Roosters" are the strolling carolers.

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

Where can I find?

When I created this column in the summer, it was just supposed to be an interesting "filler" - a great way to let Malls & Mainstreets readers know what stores still sold "out-of-fashion" or hard-to-find items. I figured I'd have one or two "finds" each week and break new ground in consumer reporting. Boy, did I hit on something!

As you can read from the following queries, *Where Can I Find?* could fill a whole news page! Almost every one of the 40-50 people who respond to the column each week, begin by telling me how much they enjoy reading it, and how interesting it is to see others use or need the same products they do!

There's a whole other story behind all the wonderful folks who call excited and delighted to offer up their old games, books, crock pots, patterns and recipes, to others who seem to want them more, and I still laugh whenever my favorite Farmington Hills reader calls to tell me that this column "crashes guilt complexes" because she feels obliged to answer every request she can!

May I say "Thank You" to everyone who has ever called to participate in this interactive read project. You have made it a success by helping so many other solve life's little dilemmas - for as humorist Red Green says "We're all in this together."

Now to the point. Due to the ever-increasing number of *Where Can I Find?* calls, this week we're starting a *Where Can I Find?* direct phone number, separate from the Malls & Mainstreets exchange, to handle the responses more accurately and efficiently.

To reach *Where Can I Find?* please dial (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

For those who have asked: 1. There is NO charge for this service. 2. We prefer inquiries be for merchandise items only. 3. We reject inquiries that can be better served by an Observer & Eccentric classified ad. 4. As good as we are, we still cannot find items that have been discontinued by the manufacturer - especially that Maybelline cake mascara in the red, plastic box!

Now to this week's concerns...

Betty of Farmington, (who is coming up on 80 years) said she is still, desperately searching for Lily of the Valley fragrance by Coty. "I did not find it at the stores suggested last week," she said. "And I do not appreciate all the new scents in the marketplace that smell like pears, watermelon and grapefruit. I want to smell like Lily of the Valley which I have worn for decades."

Chris Beyer is looking for an electric corn popper with a glass top and an aluminum bottom by Mirro.

Marsha needs the Corelle Holly Days dishes.

Sarah, a picture of Elvis Presley on black velvet.

An appraiser for an antique, duck decoy.

Barb Thomas is looking for a 1995 Santa Bear and a plastic, popcorn bowl with stripes on the side.

A caller needs Adidas warm-up pants in youth-sizes that tear away, made of soft jersey material.

The Wizard card game for Barb of Westland.

The old Password game for Mary of Plymouth who uses it for her patients in rehab.

Debbie Kelly needs the dice from the Kismet game for her children who lost them.

Ruth needs a distributor selling the "miracle cleaner" Swipe.

A store that will buy 33rpm records, plus, a store that sells slipcovers for "livingroom" chairs, for Marguerite of Westland.

The rustspot remover Magica for Michelle.

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 years ago.

A used, piano bench for Claudia of Livonia.

Mary Kay eyeshadow pencil in mushroom shade for Shirley.

The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.

Revelin oily Flex shampoo with brown cap and Emprin aspirin for Dawn Peraski.

Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll" with plaid string, too.

A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.

Will anyone sell Mary Ann their old tartan plaid pattern dishes from Arita?

Where can Bangkok flatware be appraised?

A recording of Cyndi Lauper's *Maternity in the Desert*

A three-foot high wishing well for Dianna's garden.

A Vidal Sassoon set of hot rollers with 25 hair rollers.

Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.

Plated rainbonnets that fold to 3-inches and plated rainbonnets that have a snap on the bottom.

On the move Population spurt brings Sears to Westland

BY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Sears opened its first new store in 20 years recently at the Westland Center leaving some to ask why Westland?

"That's a great story," said Claudia Frederick, marketing director at the mall.

Over the years, she said, the shopping center has conducted many surveys, asking customers what retailer they would like to see added to the mall.

ANALYSIS

"Their number one response has always been Sears," she said. "It's been a much requested addition by our customers, for probably more than 10 years."

About three years ago, Westland mall officials approached Sears with the idea of locating a store there. The company was impressed by the mall's customer surveys and proceeded to do some market research of its own.

"What our researchers found," said John Anderson, manager of

Sears, Westland, "was that there was a void in this market, and that it was a very strong market to come into," based on many factors, including average household income and the large amount of new, residential construction going up in the area, especially in nearby Canton.

Sears' target customer is: a woman, 25 to 54 years old, who owns a home, has children who live with her, may or may not work outside the home, and has a household income between \$25,000 and \$60,000 a year.

The company targets women because they tend to make the buying decisions for their families. Nearly all clothing purchases for women and children, and the majority of men's clothing and appliance purchases are made by women, according to research.

The new store is expected to draw customers primarily from Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City and the southern edge of Livonia.

In the past, these customers shopped at the Sears stores in Novi, Livonia and Dearborn. Will the new Sears hurt those locations?

"No, not at all," said Lee Antonio, a spokeswoman for the company. "Our research has shown that the market is strong enough to support an additional Sears. We don't cannibalize our own markets."

Anderson added that most people tend to stay within a seven-mile-radius of their home for their everyday shopping needs.

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have concerns here daily, because this area is flooded with malls, and more strip malls are opening every day."

Livonia Mall has a lot going for it, though, he pointed out. Besides having one of the largest Sears stores around (complete with a furniture department, which the Westland store doesn't have), it has Crowley's, Mervyn's and many other retailers.

It also offers a wide variety of family activities for people of all ages every month, and it has recently voted the safest mall in Metropolitan Detroit by a local television station.

As for what impact the new Sears will have on Westland Shopping Centers other retailers (and especially its three other anchor stores, JC Penney, Hudson's and Kohl's), Frederick said she thinks it will be nothing but positive.

"Competition is always good inside a shopping center, because it brings in more customers," she said.

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Rotary Raffle



Beanie bargains: Plymouth gift shop owner Larry Bird donated this Beanie Baby tree complete with 51 stuffed animals, for the grand prize of the Plymouth Rotary's annual benefit, this year a raffle for Our Lady of Providence school/home for menatly challenged girls. The tickets are \$1 on sale through Dec. 22 at Penniman Gallery, Little Professor, Christine's Hallmark, sideways, and Gabriela's in downtown Plymouth. The goal is \$10,000.

Time to begin winter hair/skin regimes

BY SHARON MOSELY
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

To preserve your "healthy glow" now that the tans of summer have faded away, your blushing powder can be your best friend.

You can "warm" winter-pale skin with a pinkish-brown blush. Sweep onto the apples of your cheeks and brush toward hairline.

For extra glow, dust some blush on forehead, nose and chin, then use makeup to blend away obvious lines.

Finish with a light dusting of loose powder on T-zone only — unless cheeks are oily and need extra blotting.

Smooth skin

It's hard to keep skin soft and supple — especially in winter, so here are some tips for maintaining a silky-smooth skin:

•*Soap sparingly.* Many

soaps are drying and aren't necessary where there isn't much sweat and bacteria build-up. Wash arms, legs and stomach every other day.

Take shorter showers. Long, hot ones strip the skin of essential oils. Use cooler water and stay in only as long as needed.

Absorbent when wet. Damp skin absorbs moisture much more easily than dry skin. Slather on cream right after toweling off — or when you're still damp.

Bad hair days

We all know that our bodies change as we age, so it's no real surprise that our hair does, too. According to the folks at Vidal Sassoon, there are five phases in life in which your hair is prone to change in texture, color or density because of hormonal cycles.

Here are some tips from Vidal Sassoon on recognizing and caring for your hair in different phases:

Phase 1 — Infants. Baby hair is usually very thin or very fine. By age 3, it starts to change, becoming more dense and acquiring the color it will likely have for years to come. Baby hair tends to tangle easily. If hair becomes too tangled, try using a small amount of conditioner after shampooing, rinsing with cool water.

Phase 2 — Puberty. During adolescence, hormones can cause hair to become darker, thicker or thinner. Texture may change from straight to curly or vice versa. Don't fight it; instead, consult a hairstylist about new styles and products to fit your new hair.

Phase 3 — Pregnancy. Normally, women lose about 50 strands of hair a day, but during pregnancy, when fewer

strands are lost, hair may become thicker. After pregnancy, the extra hair is often lost, but hair doesn't always return to normal. It may become wavy (if it was straight) or straight (if it was wavy). It may also have a different texture.

If you want a little more density, try mousse. If you want more control, try styling gel.

Phase 4 — Menopause. At this stage, due to hormonal changes, hair can lose shine, become coarser or thinner or change in texture. For volume, try an extra-body shampoo and conditioner; for coarseness, try a deep moisturizing treatment.

Phase 5 — Gray Hair. Gray hair is attributable to loss of melanin, a process dictated by heredity.

Stress can also play a part. Be sure to condition every time you shampoo, and deep condition regularly, as appropriate.

Palace Locker Room stores open at select centers

The Palace Locker Room retail stores opened two new locations at The Somerset Collection North in Troy and at the Macomb Mall in Roseville.

Both stores offer an unmatched selection of team merchandise and wearables featuring Detroit Pistons, Vipers, and other sports teams just in time for holiday shoppers.

Other team licensed items include home decor and traditional souvenirs.

The new stores will put shoppers "in-the-action" with color television monitors showing continuous sports highlights and live action among the colorful displays of merchandise.

The Somerset Locker Room will also provide a Ticketmaster center so shoppers can pick up tickets to their favorite events.

The establishments are operated by

Palace Sports and Entertainment's Merchandising Department, which also runs the two Locker Room locations in The Palace Atrium and the souvenir stands at the organization's three venues: The Palace, Pine Knob and Meadow Brook Music Festival.

The division also operates Locker Room retail locations at Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids and Kensington Valley Mall in Howell.

"All of our Palace Locker Room stores, regardless of location, offer a wide variety in the very latest team wearables and merchandising," said Rick Smith director of merchandising. "Several of the items are exclusive to our stores and cannot be found anywhere else."

Palace Sports and Entertainment, Inc. ownership group includes The Palace and

Pine Knob within its 15 branches.

Voted "Arena of the Year" by Performance magazine for the seventh time in 1996 and twice by Pollstar magazine, The Palace hosts approximately 200 events and more than 2.5 million patrons annually.

Pine Knob Music Theatre has been nominated "Amphitheater of the Year" by Performance and has been named the nation's busiest or top-grossing amphitheater each of the six years of Arena Associates' ownership.

Palace Sports and Entertainment also operates and manages the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Visit the Palace Sports and Entertainment website at <http://www.palacenet.com>

Americans split over earlier holiday sales

Should the holiday season be limited to the last six weeks of the year, or is anything after the 4th of July fair game?

According to a recent Maritz AmeriPoll, Americans are fairly evenly split over when exactly 'tis the season to be jolly.

Nearly 1,000 people across the U.S. were polled and asked to rate on a 1 to 5 scale (where 1 is not at all annoyed and 5 is extremely annoyed) how much it bothers them to see stores displaying holiday merchandise before

A full 40 percent say they get "extremely or very annoyed" when stores and catalogs trot out the Yuletide trappings before most people have even finished carving their Halloween

jack-o'-lanterns.

But 37 percent who say they are not at all annoyed are on the other end of the scale, eagerly awaiting the rush of the holiday shopping crowds and displays of tinsel trees and plastic Santas.

About 7 percent rate their distaste as "somewhat annoyed" and the remaining 14 percent are "neutral".

One identifiable trend is that the older you get, the more annoyed you are with the ever-earlier arrival of Christmas retailing.

Just 25 percent of respondents age 18-24 get extremely or very annoyed, compared to 41 percent of people over age 65.



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Saturday, November 29 • 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Hospice holiday cards

Community Hospice & Home Care Service Inc., is offering holiday greeting cards, available at the Westland and Plymouth offices.

The cards, with pictures designed by children who participated in "Connections," the children's grief series offered by CHCS, will benefit bereavement programs and services for children. There are three designs to choose from. For more information about the holiday cards of CHCS services available to the community, call (313) 522-4244.

Remember loved ones

The Oakwood Healthcare System Guild and Auxiliary volunteers are offering a special gift-giving opportunity through their annual Tree of Lights project. With a minimum donation you can honor or memorialize someone you love by illuminating a light in their name - on a Tree of Lights located at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. The ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the lobby.

A donation of \$5 will honor a loved one with a light and an angel. Call (313) 467-4168 or (313) 467-2350.

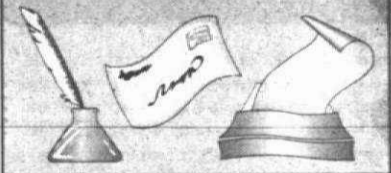
Celebrate the holidays

Rosanne and Sandy Duncan will host a Circle of Fellows gala in December to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute. "Celebrer Les Fetes" will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Duncan's Bloomfield Hills home. The event features cocktails, dinner buffet and entertainment. Valet parking will be provided.

Tickets for the event are \$750, \$500 and \$250. Proceeds support the Institute's cancer research, treatment, education and outreach programs including research to examine why cancer cells resist treatment. For more information, call DeMarco Willis 800-KARMANOS.

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Doctor visit stressors washed away with paint

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Visiting a doctor's office can be a terrifying experience for a child. Strangers in medical attire and often sterile surroundings don't lend themselves to the most comfortable of environments where fear can spread like wildfire.

"Most children think they are going to get a shot and they associate that with pain," said Denise Denomme, registered nurse. "Our staff recognized the apprehension children have when they come for an office visit and we found a way to alleviate that stress."

Denomme, a nurse in the pediatric department of the Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, used the sterile walls of the office as her canvas and put her imagination to work. The result is a collection of murals featuring handprints, rainbows, shooting stars, and animated characters that sustain the attention of a child and offers an appealing distraction to the unfamiliar surroundings of the medical facility.

"It's nothing like any other doctor's office a child has visited," said Denomme. We have found in the past month that the walls really put kids at ease because it looks as if a child has

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SURGICAL STARS SHINE

Preop program calms children's fears

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

"You're such a good patient," said pre-op/recovery nurse Patti Lawler to 3-year-old Heather Grossman, "you're a star!"

Grossman and her 4-year-old sister, Jessica, had their temperature, blood pressure and oxygen levels tested throughout a tour of the recovery unit at Providence Medical Center Providence Park in Novi where they will undergo surgery to remove their adenoids and tonsils.

Not unlike many kids their age, the Grossman children suffer from chronic sore throats, ear infections and runny noses, particularly in the winter months. Conditions that their doctor, Jeffrey Weingarten, hopes to alleviate with surgery. The Livonia ear, nose and throat physician also hoped to diminish the girls' apprehensions about their hospital stay by having them participate in a program initiated a decade ago at Providence Hospital in Southfield called "Sally the Surgical Star."

What to expect?

"Children have a great fear of the unknown," said Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten. "I have found that if you educate a child and involve them in every aspect of the procedure - before, during and after - they have an amazing ability to understand a problem and adapt to the situation."

The preoperative, hands-on program acquaints young patients with the unfamiliar settings of a hospital to prepare them for the sights and sounds of surgery.

"Children who go through this program are on the average more calm, and less intimidated by the medical staff because they've already been here and know what to expect," said Lawler.

Sally the Surgical Star, the brain-child of registered nurse Diane Seitz, was launched in 1987 after she saw the need for a preoperative program to make children less reluctant about being hospitalized and more comfortable leaving the arms of their parents with a doctor or nurse who can look particularly intimidating in a surgical mask and scrubs.

"We found children weren't terrified of the operating room or to have an IV started after they had gone through the program," said Vickie Jacobs, registered nurse, Providence Hospital. "For mom and dad the goal is to paint a mental picture of the things that go on the day of surgery."

"For the kids, it's a hands-on look and feel introduction to a hospital."

Hands-on experience

Introductions aside, Heather and Jessica were first acquainted with the firm squeeze of the blood pres-



Star patients: Three-year-old Heather Grossman waits anxiously to hear the beep from the hand-held temperature monitor being administered by Patti Lawler, R.N. Her mother Cheryl and sister Jessica spent an hour on the recovery unit at Providence Medical Center where the girls will be patients when they have their tonsils and adenoids surgically removed.

sure cuff and the gentle grip of a "clothes pin" type attachment to monitor oxygen saturation levels. It's like a hug on your arm reassured the nurse as she wrapped the mini, velcro strap around their arms.

"You don't smoke cigarettes do you?" asked Lawler of Heather.

"No," responded Heather with a giggle.

"I can tell because you have great oxygen levels. This machine tells the nurse if something is not right with a person," said Lawler.

Before entering the recovery room where the girls were told they would "wake up after taking medicine to make them sleepy," they eagerly donned surgical caps and booties. You can't have any hair showing, said Lawler, we want it to be as clean as possible in the operating room.

The girls cautiously entered the recovery area and were encouraged to sit on a bed and stretch out. They learned it was there that they would wake up after surgery and have Popsicles and ice cream, play with toys or watch movies together until they felt better. Hesitation turned to amusement as they stretched out on the bed and got comfortable.

"You're such good patients," reiterated Lawler, who constantly reinforced the idea that the girls were special and important patients.

Reassurance for parents

Cheryl Grossman, Heather and Jessica's mother, accompanied the girls on the surgical tour providing her an opportunity to ask the nurse questions about the anesthesia administered, when she could see the girls after surgery and any post-operative guidelines or complications she should be aware of.

"Will they be given a muscle relaxant and how long can they be expected to be asleep because of the anesthesia?" asked Cheryl.

Lawler said the anesthetic gases, that come in bubble gum and cherry scents, are shorter acting drugs than those of a decade ago.

"The girls should awaken within a half-hour of their surgery. As soon as they can communicate that they want their mom you can come in and be with them."

Registered nurse Sue Ann Zabell said when children are able to communicate their needs (wanting to see mom or dad) - the staff feels they are conscious enough to have visitors.

Cheryl said she will be relieved when the surgery was over noting that Heather would require speech therapy in the immediate future if the problem with her adenoids and tonsils were not corrected.

"It's not uncommon for her to have a runny nose for the whole winter," said Cheryl. "Ever since she was an infant she's snored as loud as a man and gasps for air at night because her adenoids are so enlarged."

Good patient recipe

The Livonia otolaryngologist said he has been encouraging children to participate in the Sally the Surgical Star program for the last six years.

"There are some children who warm up quicker to a strange environment than others. Each child is different," said Weingarten, "and those that don't can learn to adapt very well to what could be a potentially frightening situation if someone takes the time to educate them about the unknown."

The doctor went on to say "familiarity breeds comfort," and that if you eliminate the fear they have a better chance of dealing with the outcomes and are less concerned than they would be if you hide the truth.

"Kids see emergency and operating rooms on television and they watch Emergency 911 so they think they know what to expect and that can be very scary," said Weingarten. "Their friends, who are outside sources of misinformation, may tell them that hospitals are awful and that surgery is even more terrifying."

"We try to bring them to a comfort-inducing level and make a needlessly terrifying situation go away by allaying their fears with answers to their questions."

The Grossman girls wrapped up their hospital visit with a ride in a wheelchair and were presented with "Certificates of Stardom," coloring books and "star patient" stickers. "You're going to make great patients," said Lawler. "You're both stars of your surgical audition."



Reassurance: Recovery nurse Patti Lawler explains the minimal anesthetic dosage Cheryl Grossman's daughters will receive in preparation for surgery.



Stretch: Sally the Surgical star, Jessica Grossman, 4, tests the comfort of a hospital bed on her tour of the recovery room. (Right) Jessica and Heather receive 'Certificates of Stardom' from nurse Lawler after completing a program to familiarize children with a hospital prior to the day of surgery.

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Lice, nits

Don't scratch your head over problem, solution simple

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Head lice are indiscriminate, wingless bugs that live on human blood and are found most commonly on the scalp and hair of the head. This is not an uncommon problem. Annually, six million cases are reported to health departments and school districts throughout the country. "Head lice is not an indicator of cleanliness," said Ron Barratt, health director for the Wayne-Westland School District. "And it's not a problem in one particular classroom, school or district but across the board."

"In fact, says Barratt, head lice, who quickly crawl from host to host (don't jump or fly), can be contracted in a number of places outside of the school setting. The Wayne-Westland health director said, however, the school environment creates an opportunity where "kids will be kids" sharing hats, barrettes and brushes with other children who unknowingly are carriers.

Outbreaks occur when direct contact is made with something that touches the scalp such as headsets, helmets and combs. While lice can be a 12-month

problem, elementary aged-children are at greatest risk throughout the fall and winter months, said Barratt. "This is the third time my granddaughter has come home with lice," said a Wayne-Westland grandmother who asked that her name not be used. "I think people need to be educated that this isn't something to be embarrassed about but that there are treatments to eliminate the problem."

Ron Barratt
—health director

hair shafts or behind ears ■ Light brown insects (lice) that are burrowed into the scalp of the head

Although your first reaction may be to heavily medicate the head and scalp with a shampoo or chemical remedy, safety should be a primary focus throughout treatment.

"All lice-killing shampoos or cremes are insecticides," said Sandy Walker, school nurse, in an educational letter to elementary principals. "Follow directions very carefully."

Creme rinses and shampoos don't kill all the eggs (nits), therefore they must be painstakingly combed out of wet or damp hair in a well-lit area over a sink

done them."

Denomme said she wasn't sure if her child-like paintings would be accepted by the medical staff of nurses and doctors who work alongside her in the Canton office. Surprisingly though, she said the murals have changed the overall attitude of the department staff who found themselves surrounded by zoo animals, colorful kites, smiling insects and wriggling vines that wind themselves around corners and over doorways.

"Nurse practitioner Susan Forsee said she's noticed a dramatic change in the disposition of their patients and the mood of the staff. "The children remember what they've seen from visit to visit and look forward to matching their hands with those painted on the walls and counting the number of palm trees in the Curious George room," said Forsee.

Other examining room themes include bugs and stars. Denomme is looking forward to painting two more suites including the Zebra Room, fashioned after a pharmaceutical company's mascot, Z-Max the Zebra, and a Dalmatian room where "seeing spots" won't be a symptom but a whimsical diversion.

in the Canton office, let her teen-age daughters contribute some of their creative talent to the Bug Room where they painted colorful caterpillars, lady bugs and other four-legged friends for the enjoyment of patients.

"We also wrote all of the doctor's and staff members names on the walls along with their handprints," said Denomme. "The children know all of us by name now."

"It's all about making them feel better about their visit and creating a place they look forward to returning to rather than fearing."

The Salvation Army which has spent the last 130 years helping people, will receive those food items collected in December. Dr. Shaw & Dr. Ginzler's office is proud to be working with these two wonderful organizations.

Orthodontist hosts food drive for area organizations

Acts of kindness that seem so small, often mean so much to so many. The holiday season for most people is a time of family, friends and happiness. For others it may not be as happy because they simply lack the resources to have a good meal. These people are right here in our community.

HELPING HAND

A part of the community for over 30 years, Dr. Shaw & Ginzler's orthodontic office has set its sights on igniting the giving spirit of the holidays.

"Our practice is located in one of the most generous and caring areas in metropolitan Detroit," said Shaw. "We're hoping to provide that again with our annual food drive."

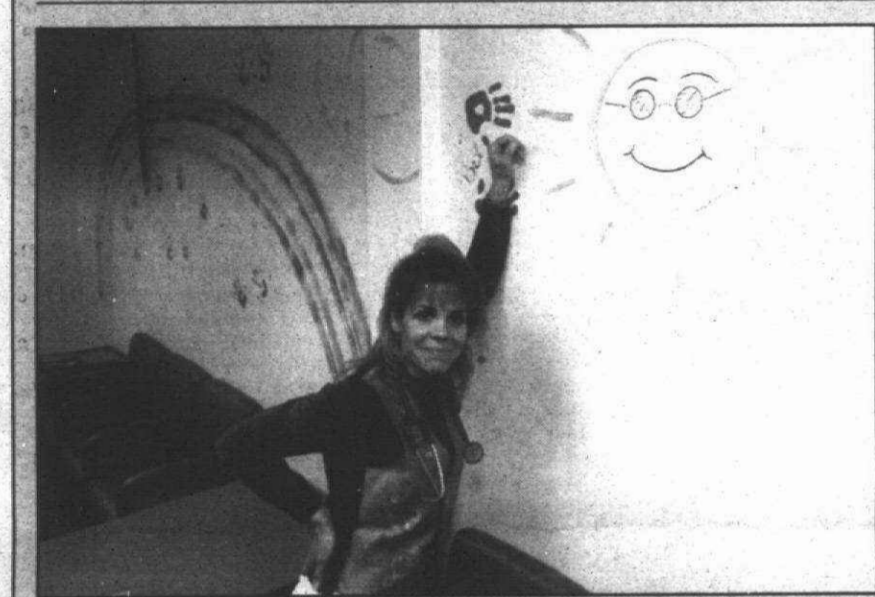
For every two food items (canned or non-perishable) donated at the office, a ticket will be given toward a drawing held on Dec. 19. In appreciation for digging into your cupboards and pantries for those food items you will probably never use, a 19-inch Toshiba color television set will be awarded to the one person drawn.

The food items will be donated to two different charities: the Livonia Goodfellows and the Salvation Army. All the food items collected in November will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows, who work to make sure "no child is without a Christmas." The Livonia chapter has been serving the community for 50 years.

"This canned food drive is the thing that gets our office in the holiday spirit," said Dr. Ginzler. "It will allow others to have a nice holiday and that makes all the difference to us."

For more information, contact the orthodontic office at (248) 471-1555, Ext. 112, or drop off your donation to the office at 38627 Seven Mile Road, just west of Farmington Road.

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Wall murals: Denise Denomme, Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton registered nurse, puts the finishing touches on one of several walls adorned with child-like paintings in the center's pediatric office. (Right) Denomme admires the Curious George exam room.

done them."

Denomme said she wasn't sure if her child-like paintings would be accepted by the medical staff of nurses and doctors who work alongside her in the Canton office. Surprisingly though, she said the murals have changed the overall attitude of the department staff who found themselves surrounded by zoo animals, colorful kites, smiling insects and wriggling vines that wind themselves around corners and over doorways.

"Nurse practitioner Susan Forsee said she's noticed a dramatic change in the disposition of their patients and the mood of the staff. "The children remember what they've seen from visit to visit and look forward to matching their hands with those painted on the walls and counting the number of palm trees in the Curious George room," said Forsee.

Other examining room themes include bugs and stars. Denomme is looking forward to painting two more suites including the Zebra Room, fashioned after a pharmaceutical company's mascot, Z-Max the Zebra, and a Dalmatian room where "seeing spots" won't be a symptom but a whimsical diversion.

in the Canton office, let her teen-age daughters contribute some of their creative talent to the Bug Room where they painted colorful caterpillars, lady bugs and other four-legged friends for the enjoyment of patients.

"We also wrote all of the doctor's and staff members names on the walls along with their handprints," said Denomme. "The children know all of us by name now."

"It's all about making them feel better about their visit and creating a place they look forward to returning to rather than fearing."

The Salvation Army which has spent the last 130 years helping people, will receive those food items collected in December. Dr. Shaw & Dr. Ginzler's office is proud to be working with these two wonderful organizations.

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HEALTH News

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

New podiatry practice

Canton Podiatry Group has recently opened an office for the medical and surgical treatment of foot and ankle conditions. The office is located at 41637 Ford Road, between Lilly and Haggerty.

Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M., has training that emphasized trauma and reconstructive surgery and industrial medicine. He completed his residency in the Oakwood Healthcare System. Office hours can be tailored to a patient's needs with Saturday hours also available. Emergency services are provided on a 24-hour basis. For more information call 981-0600.

Many join SJMH medical staff

Brian Borden, M.D.; Edward Walton, M.D.; Michael S. Sanson, M.D.; Laura Zuger, MD; Beth Camille Kimball, M.D.; Cherokee R. Trembath, M.D.; Tammi W. Cooper, M.D.; and Muhammad Tayyab, M.D., have been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Borden specializes in orthopedic surgery with a special interest in sports medicine. He resides in Ann Arbor with his wife.

Walton specializes in emergency medicine, with a special interest in pediatric emergency medicine. He has joined Emergency Physicians Medical Group and will be working in the SJMH Emergency Center and Pediatric Unit. He resides in Ann Arbor with his wife and two children.

Sanson specializes in internal medicine with a special interest in sports medicine.

Zuger specializes in internal medicine and has a special interest in women's health and domestic violence.

Kimball specializes in surgery with an interest in hepatobiliary, pancreatic and endocrine disorders. She has joined the Associates in General and Vascular Surgery.

Trembath specializes in family practice and has joined Huron Valley Family Practice.

Cooper specializes in internal medicine and has joined Integrated Health Associates. Her office is located at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Tayyab is board certified in internal medicine and has an office in Ypsilanti.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care, located on the Botsford campus.

Dr. Levine's reputation as a pioneer in the treatment and management of heart failure is well deserved," said Robert J. Stomel, D.O., Botsford's chief of cardiology. "He has been searching for unique solutions for treating heart failure patients for two decades."

Levine was formerly the director of Henry Ford Hospital's Heart Failure and Transplant Center.

Community EMS honored
Community EMS (CEMS) was the recipient of the nation's highest award recognizing outstanding community service programs sponsored by medical transportation providers. The Southfield-based organization was presented with the American Ambulance Association's 1997 Community Partnership Award at the AAA's (American Ambulance Association) annual conference.

"We're deeply honored to accept these awards on behalf of the CEMS family," said Community EMS President and

CEO Greg Beauchemin. "We also recognize that we're fortunate that CEMS is represented by experienced and loyal individuals in the communities in which we serve. These awards are a reflection of our employees' commitment to providing the highest quality service with professionalism and compassion."

New research director, Botsford
Arlene B. Levine, M.D., has joined the Botsford General Hospital's Institute for Cardiovascular Health as director of cardiovascular research.

"We are very pleased to have a physician of Dr. Arlene Levine's considerable expertise as our director of research and as an integral part of the institute," said Robert J. Stomel, D.O., Botsford's chief of cardiology.

Barry Levine

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4-8 p.m. (Walk-in).

ADOLESCENCE IN THE 90's
Oakwood Teen Health Centers, Oakwood Women and Children's Center of Excellence, and Metro Parent Magazine are proud sponsors of an event featuring renowned speaker and author, Mary Pipher, Ph.D. She will address the topic: "Adolescent Girls in the 90's" at Romulus High School at 3:30 p.m., 9650 S. Wayne Road - Romulus. Books written by Pipher will be sold following the lecture. Advanced tickets are \$5 per person/per lecture and \$10 per person/per lecture at the door. To register or for more information, call the Oakwood Health Line at 800-543-WELL.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
Instruction in adult, child and infant CPR. Certificates given upon completion of the course. Cost is \$25 (\$18.75 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) at Oakwood Hospital, Ann Arbor. Contact: 800-543-WELL.

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS
Dr. Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M., of the new Canton Podiatry Group of Canton, will be conducting free foot screenings co-sponsored by World Gym at 42621 Ford Road in Canton beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please come if you have any questions or call the Canton office, (313) 981-0600 for further information.

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SAT, DEC. 2
FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yr & under) and MMR vaccinations.

TUE, NOV. 25
PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT
Join - US TOO, Prostate Cancer Support Group, members and potential members at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Guest speaker Erika Detar from TAP Pharmaceuticals will address hormonal and impotence therapy.

PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6399, for more information.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUE, NOV. 25

GIVE TAXES TO CHARITY Learn how to set up a discriminatory tax deductible retirement plan, leave a legacy, avoid capital gains taxes, give larger philanthropic gifts, annually increase your tax income and improve your community. Phyllis J. Wordhouse, CFP, will facilitate the seminar. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, in Canton, in the Professional Development Center. To register, call (313) 397-5110.

FRI, NOV. 28

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L Business Network International, regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI for more information, (313) 844-3432.

TUE, DEC. 2

WBO DECEMBER MEETING The meeting of the Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan (WBO) will host a round table discussion titled "Achieving Balance in our Lives." Whether you work outside your home or maintain a home-based office, creating symmetry between one's work and personal life becomes paramount for achieving success and happiness.

ness. The meeting takes place on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. To make a reservation or for more information on WBO, contact WBO President Monica Milla at (313) 332-0770 or through the Web site at http://www.wobo.org

WED, DEC. 3

THE BUSINESS OF RACING An inside look at racing performance, professionalism and teamwork will be presented by renowned race care driver Bobby Rahal, of Team Rahal, at the monthly dinner meeting of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Detroit (SMED) at 5 p.m. at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road (at Crooks Road) in Troy. Tickets are \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$250

for a member's table of eight. Advanced registration is required. For information call meeting coordinators, (248) 643-6590.

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TUE, DEC. 9

ASQ GENERAL MEETING The Greater Detroit Section American Society for Quality (formerly ASQC) will meet at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia beginning at 5:45 p.m. with registration and networking. Carol

Ward will facilitate section business at 6:15 with a sit down dinner at 6:45 (members \$20; non \$25) and the main speaker at 7:15 p.m. Stephen Gill will discuss the role of evaluation in Human Performance Technology/Improvement and how that help companies plan programs to achieve their strategic goals.

WED, DEC. 10

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INT'L The Executive Women International Detroit-Windsor Chapter holiday business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. at Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26 (U.S.) Special presentation: Martini Revival by Frie Voska. The Perfect Martini. For more information call Cynthia Hazard (810) 448-8682 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

THUR, DEC. 11

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP STYLES "A View of Personal and Leadership Styles," presentation by Christina Pitts of Pitts-Aldrich

Associates will speak at the regular monthly luncheon meeting and networking session of the National Association of Career Women - Metro Detroit Chapter from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Southfield Marriott. For reservations call (248) 851-8130. The Marriott is located on the south service drive of Northwest Highway between Lahser and Telegraph.

TUE, DEC. 16

LIFE MANAGEMENT The National Association of Career Women is currently building a west suburban chapter. We are looking for career women, including business owners, to come together for informative speakers, a support/networking environment, and great company. The luncheons are held at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information regarding upcoming meetings, programs or membership to NACW, call Judie, (313) 453-7272.

PC Mike's top 10 rules for e-mail 'netiquette'

There's a whole culture that has cropped up around the use of e-mail and a "right" way of using it. It involves "Netiquette," or good Net manners.



MIKE WENDLAND

One place everyone should visit as soon as they get online is the delightfully concise and understandable Netiquette Home Page at Florida Atlantic University (www.fau.edu/rinaldi/netiquette.html). The creation of Arlene Rinaldi, a Senior Computer Programmer/Analyst at the University, it's a great place to get quick pointers about how to use e-mail and the Net in a responsible manner.

Cause and effect As you start using e-mail, you'll realize that its greatest benefit also causes its biggest frustration. I'm talking about the ease of use. It is so easy to type a few lines and zap them off. Sometimes we're replying to something someone else has written, other times we're initiating the contact ourselves. But beware of the problem of "send-it-us," pushing the send key too fast. It's so easy in the first rush of anger to dash out things that, had we first counted to 10 or otherwise deliberated on, would have been phrased with more tact. Re-read what you've just composed. Realize that the receiver of your digital correspondence can't see your facial expressions or hear your voice.

All that appears on the screen is text. Often, text alone gives an overly harsh impression. That's why a sort of secondary language has evolved on the Net.

For example, to make sure humor is recognized as humor, users will send what's been called an "emoticon" or a symbol created by typing a crude version of a smiley face using a colon, dash and the close parenthesis key :-)

I've been on the receiving end of thousands of e-mailings over the years from viewers of my NBC News Channel television reports on the Net. I have seen the best and worst of e-mail and heard enough horror stories from Internet access providers to make you shudder. Based on my e-mail experience (I get about 250 messages a day), I have come up with some important do's and don'ts that, if followed, will make everyone's life online a little easier.

Net manners for the 90s

These are my 10 rules for effective e-mail:

- 1) Always include an electronic "signature" in your e-mailings. Most e-mail programs let you create one and then have it "attach" automatically at the end of your message. Mine includes my full name, e-mail address, World Wide Web page, the real "snail mail" address where I receive paper correspondence and my telephone number. Give some thought before you attach your street address and phone number. There are weirdos out there in cyberspace and you may not want them to know where you live.
- 2) Answer your e-mail. It's rude not to reply, especially when it's so easy. Reply when you read it. Don't leave it lying around, cluttering up your electronic "in" box. E-mail can pile up just like paper mail. So deal with it when you receive it.
- 3) Delete your e-mail from your server. When people send you e-mail it really doesn't go to you. It goes to the server, or the big computer that gives you Net access. Your e-mail program reads your mail from your "in" file on the access provider's server. If you don't do something about it, that file gets bigger and bigger as you keep getting mail. The mountain of mail needlessly

adds to the server's workload.

Most good electronic mail programs have a section called options or preferences where you set the way you'll handle mail. Make sure you check the "delete mail from server" box or activate such an option.

4) Set up an address book. Almost every e-mail program allows you to set up a mailbox that stores e-mail addresses. This saves you a lot of time and typing and avoids bounced mail from mistyped addressing. To add a name you usually just highlight the e-mail address that appears on the top of the mail form and then, from the menu, click "add recipients name" or something similar. To send that person mail, most programs have an address book link on the menu bar that lets you just click to display a list of your favorite Net friends. Select the name you want and it's automatically entered on the form you're about to send.

5) Realize that e-mail may not be private. It's not that anyone is necessarily reading your e-mail over your shoulder, though in some workplaces that indeed is being done. It's the nature of computers to make backup copies so data can be restored when computers crash. What you write can potentially be seen by someone other than the per-

son you intended to see it. Thus, to save embarrassment, don't write anything that you wouldn't say openly.

A couple of years ago, when Bryant Gumble was still with NBC, he learned that lesson the hard way. Gumble wrote what he thought was a confidential e-mail memo to a boss that contained a very unflattering portrayal of an on-the-air Today Show colleague. Somehow, it was lifted off the computer and widely disseminated, much to Gumble's chagrin.

6) Do not send messages in all uppercase. This is really bad form. Besides being difficult to read, it's considered the same as SHOUTING!

7) Don't send useless carbon copies. It's so easy to send copies of your mail to others. Unless it is directly relevant to someone else and you have their permission, resist clicking that cc button on your e-mail program. Also be sure to take into consideration the feelings of the original party you are writing. Some people are offended by c'ing a third party.

8) Never send unsolicited e-mail that can be construed as advertising. This is called spamming and as bad as unsolicited sales telephone calls at home

during the dinner hour. Don't do it.

9) Don't attach files to your e-mail unless you know they are welcome. Always ask before attaching a file. Some people are very paranoid about receiving files over the Internet. For one reason, they may clog up an already-full hard drive. For another, they could contain a virus or a mutated program that damages a computers operating system.

10) Conversely, don't open unsolicited files you receive over the Net. Unless you know what it is and who sent it, drag it into the trash. Viruses are all too common these days and no matter how intriguing the name of the file, it's just not worth taking a chance of infecting your computer with a virus.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV News Channel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM 1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-232-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at http://www.pcmike.com.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Retailers expect good season

Michigan retailers are projecting solid sales gains during the upcoming holiday shopping season. "Retailers are full of optimism as they move toward the most important shopping season of the year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association. Seventy-four percent expect to increase sales over last year's shortened season and another 16 percent project they'll match last year's figures. Overall, they confidentially project a 12 percent gain.

Rein Nomm & Assoc. retained

Rein Nomm & Associates Inc., a Plymouth agency specializing in public relations and market communications for professional firms, has been retained by the internationally recognized architectural firm of Minoru Yamasaki Associates, based in Rochester Hills and David R. Breuhan, a portfolio manager with the Bloomfield Hills investment banking firm of Gregory J. Schwartz & Co., Inc. Minoru Yamasaki is best known for its design of the World Trade Center and provides complete architectural services for project located throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, and Middle East.

Competitive equality

A coalition of more than 100 business owners supporting the restructuring of Michigan's electricity industry joined forces to form the Business Advocating Competitive Equality (BACE). "The restructuring of the electric industry is the most important issue facing the legislature today," said BACE chairman and businessman Marshall Campbell. The BACE was formed to ensure deregulation in Michigan is implemented fairly, preserves reliable electricity service to businesses and protects Michigan's economy and communities. For more information about BACE, please call the toll-free line at 888-529-3692 or write BACE at P.O. Box 611062, Port Huron, MI, 48061-1062.

NACW charter dinner

The National Association of Career Women Chapter Membership of the West Suburban Chapter was recently held at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The association is open to new members, the monthly meetings are held at Ernesto's in Plymouth at noon. The meetings consist of a luncheon and an informative speaker. If you are interested in meeting new friends and being a member please attend the third Tuesday of each month and if you would like to obtain further information please contact Judi at (313) 453-7272 ext. 223.

Sumitomo grand opening

A grand opening reception at Sumitomo Electric Automotive Inc. in Plymouth Township introduced invited guests to the company's 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, located on Polaris Court.

Deputy director assigned

Jonathan P. Brown has been appointed to Deputy Director of Burns & Wilcox Ltd.'s Special Risk Division and will work primarily from the corporate office in Farmington Hills. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute (FCII) and has wide experience in dealing with the North American market-place. Brown's expertise in underwriting marine and energy insurances is a welcome addition to the many other difficult or unusual policies handled through the Special Risk Division.

Rudolph/Libbe relocates

Rudolph/Libbe Inc. has moved its Michigan operations' offices and warehouse to a new and larger facility located at the corner of Warren and Haggerty Roads in Canton. The new address is 7001 Haggerty Road. Though just a few blocks away, the new 27,600 sq. ft. office and warehouse is twice as large as the old facility. The building is designed and built to meet the current and future needs of the contractor's Michigan operations. Rudolph/Libbe made the strategic decision to open a Detroit area office in 1990 to support its ongoing automotive OEM business, tier 1 clients and local municipalities.

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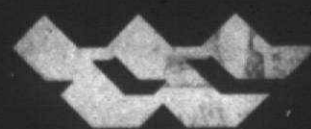
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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Shop offers a little bit of heaven

Local artists aren't waiting in the wings thanks to guardian angel Lisa Reed who shows their work at Michael's Angel Attic in Livonia. Since opening the angel-theme shop with her father Vince Rizzo two years ago, Reed has offered local artists' work for sale, but recently added even more. She's supported artists in other ways as well.

After barely a year in business, the shop shrank as Reed stocked the shelves, walls and floor with thousands of items including children's books about angels, soaps, puzzles, sweatshirts, watches, chocolates, pasta, hot pads, ornaments, cement statuary, blanket throws, and welcome mats that bear angels. In June, when Reed moved to a larger location just down the street, she gave Plymouth artist Debbie Malek free rein to brush up the angels' new home. Pale blue walls decked with angels and slogans such as "spread your wings and fly" brighten the attic of the quaint home built in the 1920s.

Everywhere you look, angels abound including on Malek's hand-painted Adirondack chair which reads "a garden is a little bit of heaven." On the back of a high chair, Malek places the name of the chair's owner - Angel Baby. Malek even frames mirrors with an angel.

"The last three years angels have become extremely popular, I think, because the state of society is so uncertain and angels provide a peace to people, a higher good," said Reed. "I hunt for angels created by local artists at shows like Art in the Park in Plymouth and Handcrafters in Northville. People are buying angels for themselves and as gifts for all occasions, but they're not that easy to find because I don't want anything that's real crafty."

Whimsical touch

Betty Jo Woodworth adds "just a little touch of whimsy" to the soft sculpture giraffe and bear angels she invents and produces in her Livonia home. Holding a star-tipped wand, Woodworth's giraffe stands more than five feet tall and has wings formed from the lilac bushes growing in her backyard. Tiny wood stars peek from between the branches. The bear angel is wearing a blue dress and holds a frog. Woodworth names each of her animals and writes a verse. The base for Restless Rene and Pond Prince Pete reads "star lite, star brite, grab your dreams and hold on tight."

"The giraffe it's kind of unusual, on the edge," said Woodworth. "The fairy godmother (with the red striped socks) is not how you picture a fairy godmother. They're angels with a twist. Something you can connect with. I've included the frogs because you have to kiss a lot of princes to get the perfect frog."

Does Woodworth believe in angels? You bet she does.

"Our lives are really blessed," said Woodworth. "It's almost like they're

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Angels everywhere: Plymouth artist Debbie Malek takes flight painting walls, furniture and pillows at Michael's Angel Attic in Livonia. Betty Jo Woodworth's soft sculpture rabbit angel waits in the wings.

Artist forges a future from blacksmithing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER

Kyle Connolly never imagined he'd be installing large-scale versions of his brightly colored fish sculptures in Ecuador. But then the Ann Arbor artist never expected to support a family as a blacksmith.

Just before Christmas six years ago, Connolly lost his job as a computer technician after a mass corporate cutback. Suddenly, while discussing possible careers with his wife Betsy, he realized the skills he gained from a 6-1/2-year apprenticeship with Ypsilanti blacksmith Ron Bishop, were valuable.

"I just had this passion for blacksmithing," said Connolly, a 1972 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia. "Our daughter Sarah was barely a year old and I was trying to figure out what direction to go in. I built the shop and went to work and have been growing ever since. Half of the work is production for art fairs, the other half is commissions."

Connolly began forging pot racks, sculptures, candelabras, garden bells, light fixtures and animals in the shop behind the home he built. Then this summer, Nicholas Giammarco of the Marco Design Group in Southfield, discovered Connolly's table-top tropical fish sculptures at Art in the Sun in Northville.

"Nicholas asked if I could make the fish larger, six to eight feet, and before I knew, it developed into a large project," said Connolly, who earned a degree in industrial technology at Eastern Michigan University. "I started with a sketch, then drew it full size and started bending the hot metal to shapes in the drawing. We were forging and hammering the metal to change the shape and dimensions. It's traditional blacksmithing."

Ten weeks later, Connolly and assistants Greg Traskos and John Rayer had crafted 37 fish, birds, lizards and frogs from steel and automotive paint. All were based on circular and linear forms.

"The first two weeks were fun, but then it became a nightmare to get it

done," said Connolly.

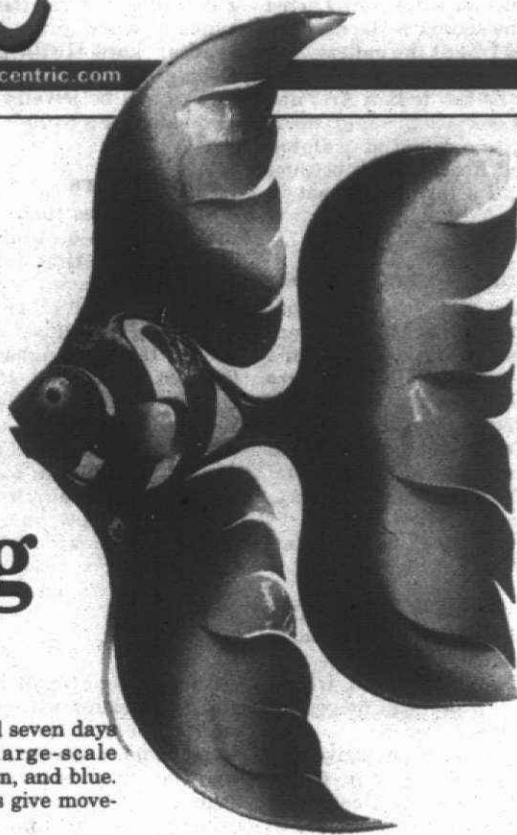
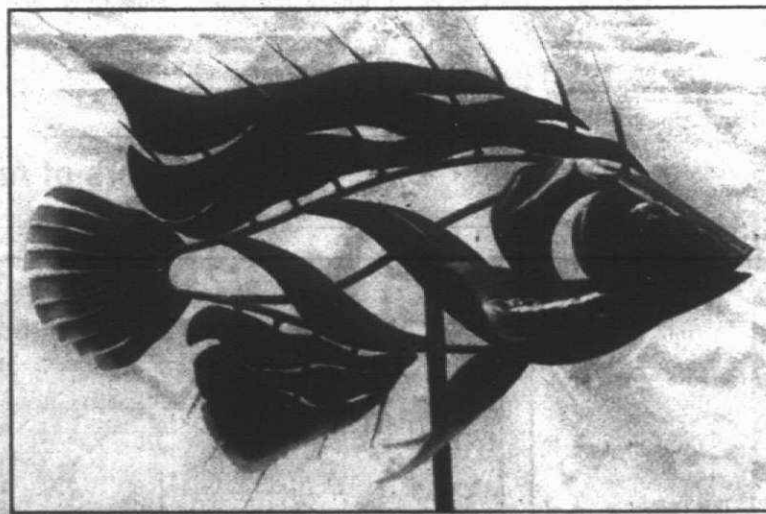
Traskos worked six and seven days a week painting the large-scale works in yellow, red, green, and blue. The lyrical and fluid lines give movement to the fish.

"Seeing this come together was really something after being an art student for so long," said Traskos, who studied art at Eastern Michigan University and Center for Creative Studies. "As a student, you don't get to see your work resulting in anything but two-week projects. This was the full vision."

After elaborately packaging and crating the sculptures, Connolly and a team of 15 workmen spent one week installing the works inside a shopping mall in Guayaquil, Ecuador. In between directing the project, Connolly took day trips to the equator and surrounding areas. He was amazed by the beauty he found.



Something fishy: Kyle Connolly (center) created this sculpture as part of a commission installed in a shopping mall in Ecuador. Greg Traskos (left) and John Rayer (right) assisted Connolly in sculpting 37 fish, birds, lizards and frogs for the project.



"The people were friendly and kind, and even for as poor as a country as it is, the people are happy," said Connolly. "It was 20 miles from the equator and there's snow-capped mountains. It's beautiful, from the lush rain forests to the Andes Mountains."

Connolly returned home from the late October trip to forge stock for the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans Holiday Art Fair Dec. 6-7 at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Yellow and black giraffes, armadillos, alligators and a greyhound line the shelves in the garage attached to the house. This is where the metal comes to life with Traskos's painting.

"The fish are really popular," said Connolly. "They give a lot of color and brightness to an area. Fish and birds, you can do anything you want to color wise. Fish and birds are every color and any color."

The constant banging of a power hammer greets visitors to the shop where welders, grinders and anvils are used to turn out metal stove hoods, tables, fireplace tools, stair railings and sculptural wine racks.

The demand for metalwork continues to grow and in turn so does Connolly's business. The shop, which he expanded only last summer, is now cramped for space. Connolly's sculpture, decorative stakes and armillary are especially popular with customers who garden. Many purchase the candlesticks for wedding gifts.

"The plastic age of the fifties and sixties is fading," said Connolly. "There's a growing appreciation for the tradesmen and what goes into the craft. Even though we use power hammers, electric welders and grinders, we still use anvils. And although we use propane not coal for the forge, everything is hand-worked."

23rd Annual Holiday Art Fair

What: The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans present 130 contemporary artists showing glass, wood, photography, painting, jewelry, clay, fiber, enamel, paper, and sculpture. Free Imagination Station for kids and adults to explore their art talent or create their own gift wrap. For information, call the Guild, producer of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and Greektown Art Fair, (313) 662-3382.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Where: Building H on the Oakland Community College campus, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills.

Cost: \$4 adults, children under 12 free. Proceeds from the Holiday Art Fair benefit the Guild's exhibitions and educational programs.

HOLIDAY SHOWS

Art As Gift: Ideas for everyone on your list

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One-of-a-kind art gifts tell the recipient he or she is "special." Galleries, independent shops and nonprofit art organizations are good sources for everything from a clay lapel pin for a dog lover to a print for a loyal Red Wings fan. If you're running low on ideas for an interesting gift this holiday season, you might want to visit some of the following places which offer art as gifts.

Best known for capturing the Detroit's past, artist William Moss commemorates the Red Wings clinching the Stanley Cup by issuing a new print. Moss will sign the works noon to

5 p.m. today at Creative Framing and Gallery, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Call (313) 453-2810.

The print spotlights Joe Louis Arena with red and white attired fans walking into the building on June 7. The area hums with activity consisting of the Detroit Mounted Police Unit observing traffic, the People Mover running above and a Great Lakes freighter gliding down the river in the distance. After negotiations with the Red Wings, the 1997 Stanley Cup Championship Team roster and logo were added to the bottom of the scene. The print costs \$125.

"It makes a great gift for any hockey

fan," said co-owner Pat Korona. "We've already sold several."

Moss was born on Detroit's east side in 1943 and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. He has made a commitment to the history and preservation of city's heritage by focusing on subjects such as Music Hall (1961), Detroit City Hall, (1959), Tiger Stadium (1993), Michigan Central Depot (1950) and the Thanksgiving Day parade in 1962.

Jewelry galore

Next door to Creative Framing and Gallery, Native West expands its annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival to

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Steamroller brings Christmas spirit to The Palace

BY CRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Chip Davis, the mastermind behind the new age group Mannheim Steamroller, just can't give up teaching.

To continue his quest to educate, the former junior high school teacher in Sylvania, Ohio, is incorporating lessons into his Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Show which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"I'm kind of trying to bring back some of the origins of the tradition of Christmas. I'm an old school teacher at heart, I guess. I can't quit doing that," said Davis, born Louis Davis Jr. "Do you know the Christmas carol 'Wassail?' We sing these words blindly. No one remembers what they mean anymore," said the band's arranger, composer, songwriter, producer.

To inform the audience, he spent \$2.5 million filming a 20-minute movie to be used during his show.

Chip Davis

"We play the Christmas carols from the three Christmas albums that I have arranged in the time of the Renaissance. When we play this, with each Christmas carol we act out a different portion of the Christmas feast back in the year 1185. We're taking it back in time and showing you how Christmas was celebrated during that time," said Davis, a 1969 graduate of the University of Michigan who studied music education and the bassoon.

Mannheim Steamroller, whose albums have sold more than 28 million copies, is credited with rekindling the popularity of Christmas music with its synthesized sound as heard on three multi-platinum albums, "A Fresh Aire Christmas," "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas," and "Christmas in the Aire."

From the classic version of "Silent Night" to the joyful rendition of "Angels We Have Heard on High," the concerts promote a sense of family and tradition during the holiday season.

Davis has been presenting the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Show in various versions since 1984.

"The version of this show right now is an arena version. One of the reasons that I went to this arena format was so that I had enough seats that I could open up a ticket range around the \$12 come so that entire families could come. The Christmas village is geared toward kids and toward family. I wanted to make it possible to be able to bring little children and not to have to spend a lot of money."

This year, he said, the entire Palace will carry the Christmas theme.

"The thing that's different is we have an entire Christmas environment. It's a true multimedia show in the sense that when the audience walks in the door, they walk in the show," Davis said.

Ticket-holders may be greeted by snowmen, gingerbread men, toy soldiers and elves.

"We encourage people to bring their cameras, which is the opposite of other shows. We want people to bring their kids and take pictures

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Wheel thrown: Members of the Village Potters Guild will sell functional and decorative clay art Dec. 4-6 at their studio in Plymouth.

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two weekends this year. Choose from an array of hand-crafted items Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 4-7 and Dec. 11-14, at the gallery, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main Street, Plymouth, (313) 455-8838.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Trader Jonathan Cox from Gertrude Zachary Indian Jewelry brings sterling silver earrings, necklaces, and pins, some with turquoise, lapis and other semi-precious stones to the gallery Dec. 4-7.

"We're having a truckload of mostly Navajo jewelry coming from Albuquerque right to Native West," said gallery co-owner Annette Horn. "With the cost of shipping this large amount, it's cheaper to bring it in by truck."

Bruce Conway's bronze sculptures arrived less than one month ago at Native West after requests from customers.

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watching out for us. We'll never be millionaires, but that's OK. We make exactly what we need. They're here to tell us don't be too greedy; you always get what you need."

Just like Woodworth, angels and frogs are favorites of Donna Pilot of Livonia. A stay-at-home mom, Pilot uses fabric to instill warmth and whimsy into frog angels. She paid \$15 for her first sewing machine five years ago and has been stitching up frogs ever since.

"A lot of people like frogs," said Pilot, who describes her Princess Frogs as sort of mystical looking.

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to meet the award-winning artist during the second weekend festival, Dec. 11-14 at the gallery. "He was just named artist of the year by the Indian Arts and Crafts Association," said Horn. "He's quite a talented sculptor. We added Bruce's work because we've had a lot of interest in bronze."

Collectibears Susan Barnes turns her Livonia home into a studio to craft ornaments in time for holiday gift giving. Barnes' work along with that of 150 other artists is for sale in a Holiday show Dec. 1-13 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road at 14 Mile in Birmingham.

A Preview Party 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 allows patrons the opportunity to purchase items before the show opens to the public. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 tax deductible). For tickets or regular show hours, call (248) 644-0866.

Barnes developed her style and technique after initially making bear ornaments from bread dough more than 25 years ago. She carves bears, snowmen, angels, and dog bones from clay using dental tools to achieve the details. Barnes then molds them in latex rubber before pouring wood resin into the molds to form whimsical ornaments. Sport bears from the University

of Michigan and Michigan State University continue to be popular sellers. Through the years, Barnes, who studied art at Center for Creative Studies, has continued to create new ornaments

had many experiences where they've always been there for me." Among the other artists showing angel works at Reed's shop are Kay Hoehn, Livonia, wooden garden stakes, door hangers; Kathy Chemotti, Northville, birdhouses and garden stakes; Mary Stafford, Livonia, gold wire ornaments and lapel pins; and Kat MacKenzie, Ferndale, Everyday Angels made from wire.

And yes, Lauren does believe in angels. "They direct me with my work," said Lauren, who studied art at Madonna University. "I've

with the characters," Davis said. In the atrium and the concourse levels of The Palace, 12 area high school students will perform a cappella as the "Perfect Harmony" choir. During intermission, the choir will perform on stage, and will return to the atrium after the concert.

Choir director Susan Ciccone and her daughter Laura picked the members of the choir from high school choirs and the Oakland Singers. "Perfect Harmony" is Ken Appleborn, Amanda Bayly, Sean Berg, Laura Ciccone, Mason Dixon, Mike Ruckman, Kristen Sutherland, Molly Thomas and Allison Zaleski, all of Troy. Jennifer Lumb of West Bloomfield, Jeremy Nunn of Birmingham and Ben Rickett of Waterford.

"Mannheim Steamroller Christmas gives these young men and women a wonderful opportunity to showcase their musical talents in front of several thousand music lovers at The Palace," Ciccone said. "We are

thrilled to be a part of this family-oriented holiday show." Inside the arena, one end of the floor has been transformed into an elaborate 6,000-square-foot holiday village display featuring toy soldiers, gingerbread houses and snow-covered trees encircled by a moving train and a multitude of lights. The six-member band and a 25-piece orchestra perform at the opposite side of the floor. With the orchestra backlit and separated by the audience from a screen, the stage takes on the look of Walt Disney's "Fantasia." Musically, the band is a combination of classical music, rock rhythms, and Old World folk music. Davis plays the drums. Fire breathers, sword swallowers and other ancient Renaissance entertainers will join them on stage.

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my daughter helps with pricing." Michael's Angel Attic is at 3303 West Seven Mile in Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 442-7080.

"The angels do not sleep," said Reed. "We're always here."

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

Waiting in the wings Reed founded Michael's Angel Attic because of her own experience with an angel. Six years ago, Reed's 3-year-old son,

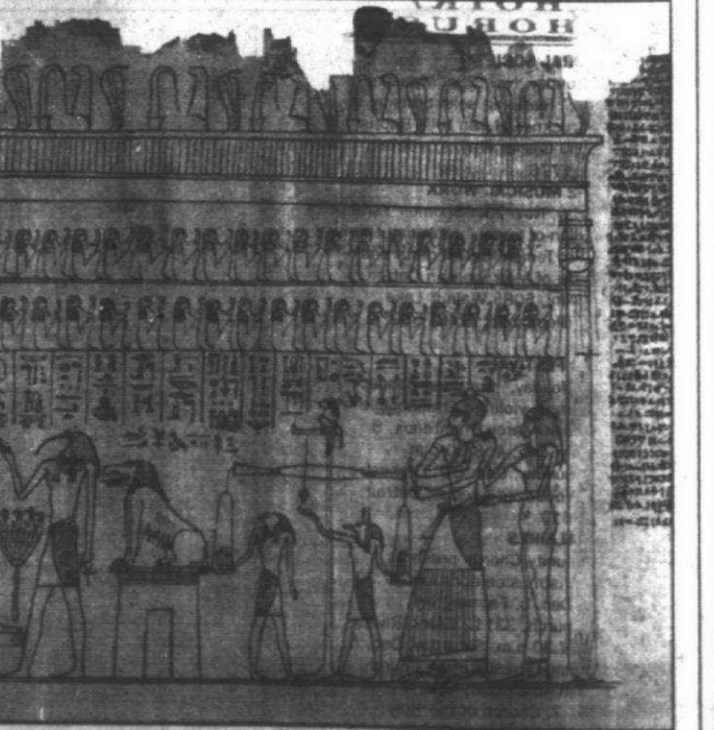
Michael, died suddenly from a virus. Shortly after, Reed believes she "was touched by an angel" when she heard a giggle and saw a vision at the end of the bed that she believes was Michael telling her everything would be all right.

For the next few years, she read everything she could on this heavenly phenomena. After much prodding from her son Matthew, she opened Michael's Angel Attic. In addition to the angels, Reed's daughter Jillian, age 5, and son Matthew, 14, assist her in the store.

"It's a family affair," said Reed. "My dad is an angel in disguise helping out a few days a week. My son rakes leaves and

nation of classical music, rock rhythms, and Old World folk music. Davis plays the drums. Fire breathers, sword swallowers and other ancient Renaissance entertainers will join them on stage.

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Book of the Dead: Created around 300 B.C. for an Egyptian man named Nes-min, the 36-foot long Papyrus of Nes-min from 'The Book of the Dead' is on display through Jan. 4, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Usually only small sections of the Papyrus of Nes-min are on display; this is a rare opportunity to see the complete, 36-foot manuscript. A Book of the Dead was a collection of prayers and spells believed to provide aid for the spirits of the deceased in the next life. For more information, call the DIA at (313) 833-7900.

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

CLASSICAL WORKSHOPS PORTRAIT CLASS Through Nov. 28, sponsored by the Garden City Fine Arts Association, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City; (336) 261-0379. PCCA WRITER CLASSES Registration open for classes from 4 years old up. Classes run Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

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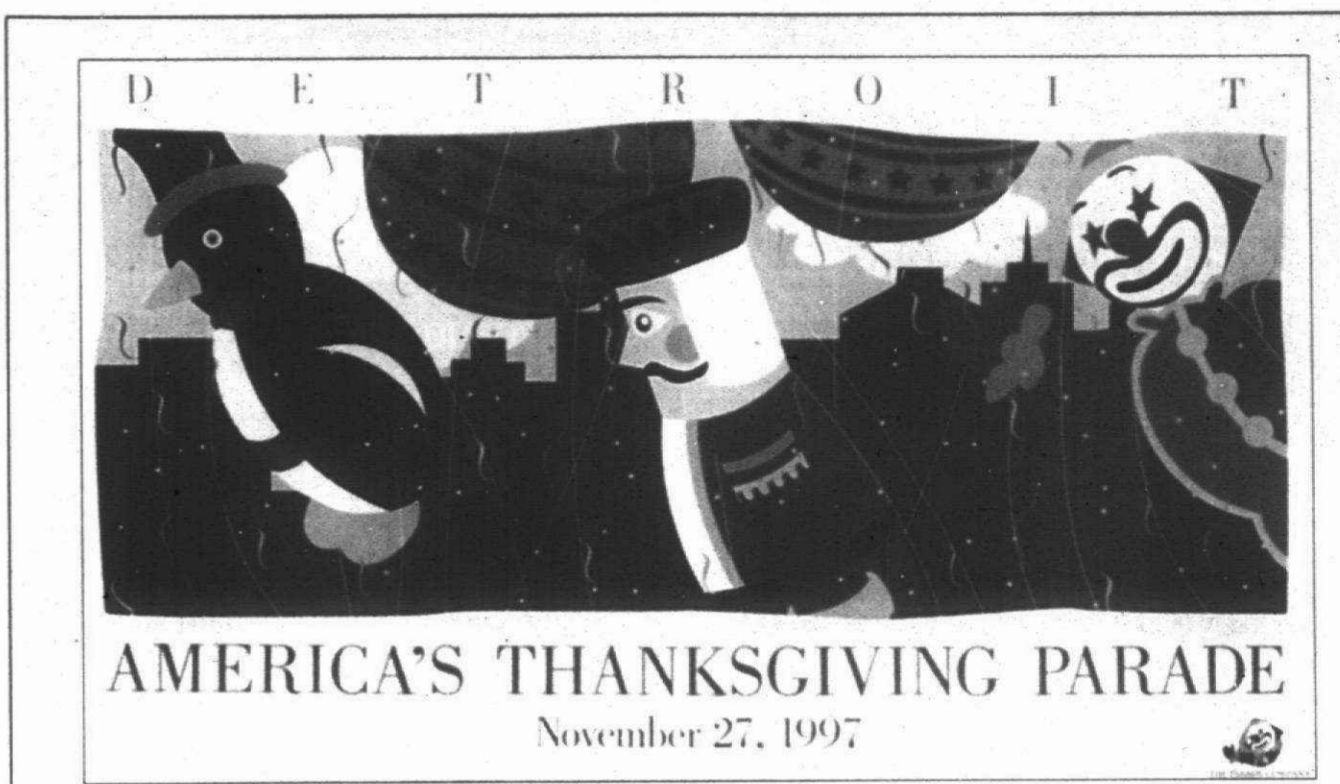
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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Through Dec. 26 - "Holiday Gifts show, featuring 26 artists. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY Through Dec. 26 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale," 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544-1203.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY Through Dec. 30 - "Art, Gifts & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments, 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items," including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 643-SHONA.

PARK WEST Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knef. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY Through Dec. 31 - "Annual holiday show," featuring "10125 St. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

LECTURES BALDWIN LIBRARY 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. "Internet workshops." 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

ARCHITECTURE 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. "Recent Projects for the 21st Century," a discussion by noted architect John Johansen of the energy and daring of architecture. Lawrence Tech University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 204-4000.

RECENT DISCOVERIES 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. "Recent Discoveries in the Valley of the Kings: The Theban Mapping Project and KV5," a lecture by Dr. Kent Weeks, professor of Egyptology, American University in Cairo. Tickets: \$5 general; \$3 DIA members. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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

MUSEUMS MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 313 East Warren at Brush, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Through Jan. 4. "Photography and Site," an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers. "Fragments Toward a Site: Architecture and Photography," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

DIJ'S 'SPLENDORS OF ANCIENT EGYPT' Through Jan. 4. - Mummies, pyramids and mysteries of Egypt. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

READING TELLAROUND 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. "Storvelling for Grow-ups," sponsored by the Detroit Story League, Livonia Public Library, and The Library Network. Livonia City Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (313

TRAVEL

Running gives Australia a whole different look

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Unless you have months to travel, you must carefully pick and choose the experience you want to have in Australia, not unlike those who visit the United States.

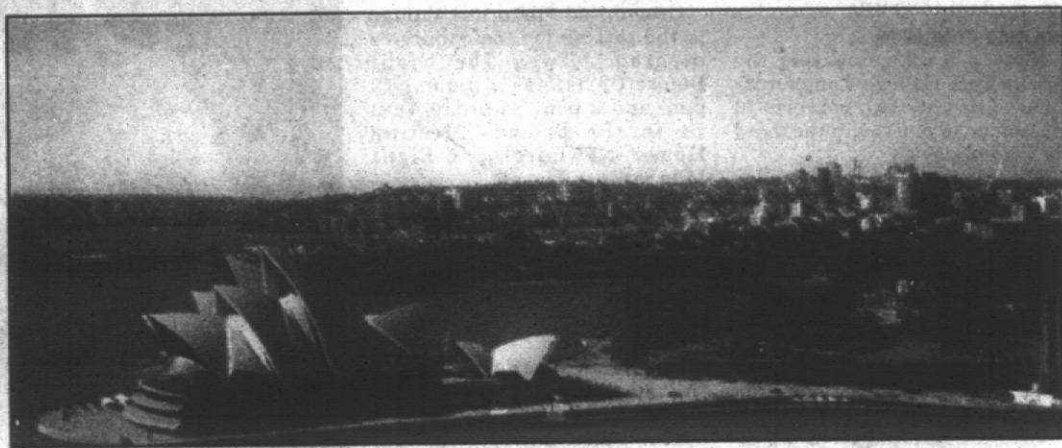
In our little less than two weeks, we chose to stay on one coast to tour Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns (the gateway to the Barrier Reef and Rain Forest). You could equate it to visiting Boston, New York City and a smallish Florida city, such as Fort Lauderdale from which you could enjoy both the ocean and the Everglades.

For those of you who are taking a couple of weeks to attend the Summer Olympics in Sydney in the year 2000, this might be a do-able itinerary.

We began in Melbourne, a charming, comfortable city that's walkability, series of boathouses along the river and streetcars actually are very reminiscent of Boston.

Since I jog for the better part of an hour each day when I'm away, I often get another perspective. And since we stayed in the heart of the city, I was very appreciative of Melbourne's many parks and gardens which seemed to come up no matter what direction I took.

In one, I came upon a graceful, out-of-the-way memorial to President John F. Kennedy that I didn't see noted in any of our tour books. Later, I read that



Sydney Harbor: The ship-shape Sydney Opera House has become the symbol for Australia's largest and most modern city.

more than a quarter of the city has been set aside as recreational space.

The sightseeing highlight of Melbourne proper was the Old Melbourne Gaol, the city's original jail-turned-museum where you can tour three levels of cells. The culinary highlight was the Paul Bocuse Restaurant, where over a three-hour period we sampled what a branch of this three-star Parisian restaurant has to offer. The animal highlight was driving out of Melbourne to Phillip Island, where we not only saw the famous sunset parade of fairy penguins come home from the sea, but also a sanctuary of koala bears.

The solid, workman-like charm of Melbourne was an interesting contrast to dazzling, upscale Sydney which, unlike Detroit, has made the most of its waterfront. Although we stayed at a hotel overlooking Sydney Harbour, took a wonderful boat cruise around it and even viewed it from the South East pylon of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, my most extraordinary experience was running it.

Starting at the landmark (but once controversial!) Sydney Opera House on Bennelong Point, you run with the bright blue water of Sydney Harbour on one side and the glorious flowers and greenery of the Royal Botan-

ic Gardens on the other. At Mrs. Macquarie's Point (named after an 1800's governor's wife) it's fun to take a minute to climb the steps to the small bench carved into the rock, known as Mrs. Macquarie's Chair.

Continuing alongside the water, I came upon curious throngs taking photographs and videos of a giant American nuclear warship that had docked earlier for several days stay. American sailors were visible wherever we went for one day. After that they were apparently allowed to wear civilian clothes and blended into the Sydney scene.

On my way back, the sun setting over the magnificent opera

house and harbour, made for an unforgettable vista.

We had pre-booked a tour, dinner and a performance at the Sydney Opera House and learned to appreciate it both inside and out. That certainly was a highlight of Sydney, but there were so many. We spent major time in the Rocks area, the birthplace of both Sydney and all of Australia, where the convicts who settled the country first lived.

We took a ferry boat to the zoo, which is vertically situated. A cable car zooms you to the top, then you view the animals along a zigzag path back down. The animals native to Australia are obviously where to spend your time. The giraffes have a magnificent view of Sydney Harbour!

And you can't miss jumping the fabulous waves at Bondi Beach. The sun scare apparently hasn't made it to the land down under, since few beach umbrellas were evident. It's no wonder Australia has a very high incidence of skin cancer.

Australian food was good, if expensive. Favorite dishes included baramundi - a mild, delicious fish - and various preparations of ostrich, kangaroo and emu. If you're a dessert lover, you're in luck. They are, too, and you'll have a wealth of pretty and delicious confections from which to choose.

On to Cairns - pronounced "Cans" - the fast-growing capital of "the Far North" with a charm-

ing town square, a new modern art museum in an old space and the Esplanade, a long stretch along the waterfront.

Running along it at one end of the day or the other, you can be party to boat-watching as the vessels, mostly catamarans, ferry passengers back and forth to the Barrier Reef for a day-of-scuba and snorkeling.

Cairns is the perfect place to light if you want to experience both the Barrier Reef and the Rain Forest. We spent a day on the reef, a day in the rain forest and a day enjoying Cairns - and felt well satisfied. You can only get a sense of the extensiveness of the Reef from above, so our plane headed home by way of Tokyo allowed this view.

An aerial view of the rainforest is available on the new Skyrail Cableway to Kuranda. We took it one way and the vintage Kuranda Scenic Railroad back, along a trail that reportedly took 1,500 men four years to carve out in the 1880's. A highlight of our day in the rainforest was the Tjapukai Dance Theatre, home of the award-winning Aboriginal dance group. It's conveniently located at the base of the Skyrail.

Seeking a piece of Aboriginal art was by far the most interesting shopping of the trip. And keep your wits about you if you're set on taking home Australian-made stuffed kangaroos or koala bears. Many are made in the Far East.

GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

TUSCANY AND UMBRIA

Two tours to the hill towns of Tuscany and Umbria will be held April 30 to May 10 and May 10 to May 22 in cooperation with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Shelley Perlove, professor of art history and director of

art administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will lead the tours. Janet Torno, executive director of the BBAA, will accompany the May 10 tour. The trips will include stops in Florence, Pisa, Siena, Pistoia, San Gimignano and Assisi (site of recent storm damage to

many historic art masterpieces). The April 30 trip is priced at \$3,479 per person double, \$4,119 single; the May 10 trip is priced at \$3,249 per person double, \$3,849 single. The price includes air fare, accommodations in Florence and Siena, sightseeing, museum admission

and some meals.

Participation is limited to 25 for the April 30 trip and 30 for the May 10 trip. Those interested are urged to place a \$500 deposit as soon as possible.

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Semifinal loss

It's all over. Michigan State's men's soccer team concluded its season Saturday, Nov. 15 with a 3-0 loss to Ohio State in the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament at Bloomington, Ind.

The Spartans reached the semifinals by beating Northwestern 2-0 Friday (Nov. 14) in Bloomington. The second goal, scored in the second half, was notched by junior midfielder Jeff Fliss, a Plymouth Canton HS graduate.

It was Fliss's fourth goal of the season; he finished with 11 points, second best among the Spartans. MSU was 6-9-4 for the season, 2-2-1 in the conference.

U-M falls in tourney

In just the program's fourth season, University of Michigan's women's soccer team won the Big Ten championship and the NCAA Tournament berth that accompanies it.

Unfortunately for the Wolverines, that's as far as they got. In their first round NCAA Tournament game against Nebraska in Lincoln, U-M fell 5-1. They ended their season with an 18-4-1 record.

At the Big Ten Tournament in Bloomington, Ind., U-M defeated Ohio State 3-0 in the first round Nov. 7, then handled Penn State 3-1 in the semifinals Nov. 8 before beating Northwestern 1-0 in overtime in the final Nov. 9.

Mari Hoff, a sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Salem HS, netted the game-winning goal in the second half against Penn State. Hoff finished the season with five goals and six assists for 16 points. Her performance earned her all-Big Ten second team honors for the second-straight season.

Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department). Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.

Money or unsold items can be picked up from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Indoor soccer tourneys

SoccerZone of Novi will have registration for its second session of indoor soccer through Dec. 6, for both individuals and teams.

Cost for individuals is \$55; for teams, the fee is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age divisions). The eight-game session goes Dec. 14-Feb. 14; you can register in person at SoccerZone, located on Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads.

SoccerZone is currently conducting registration for its annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-29. Age divisions will be from under-10 through under-19, for both boys and girls.

Cost is \$200 per team; registration deadline is Dec. 15. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three 45-minute games. For further information, call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500.

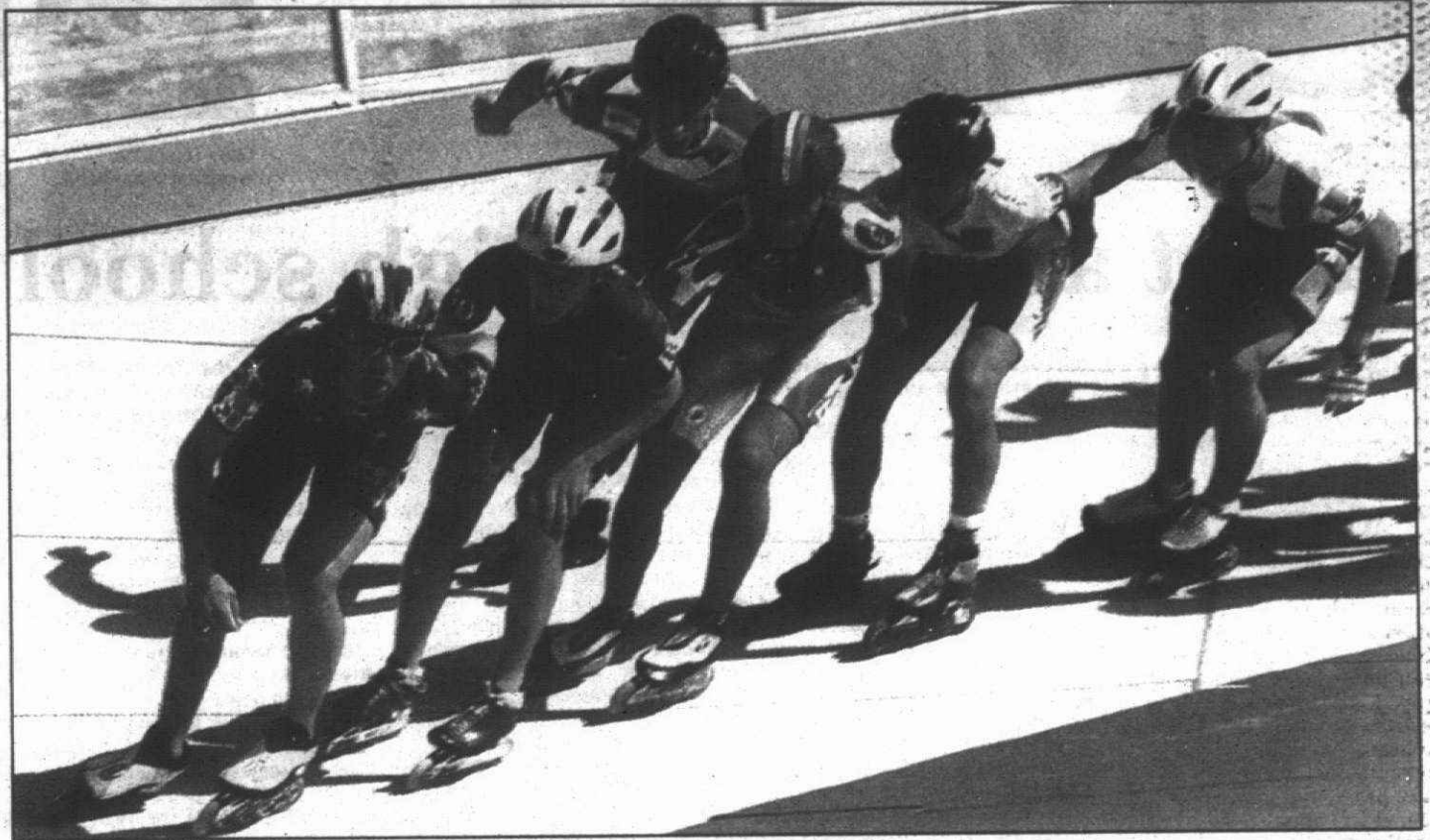
Motion tryouts

Michigan Motion, an AAU girls basketball club, will have open tryouts Sunday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 12; and Sunday, Dec. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tryout times are 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-13; 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 14-15; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome; for more information, call Mike Tuck between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (248) 486-1515.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Top skater:
Charlie Craven (below) showed just how talented he was at the World Championships, collecting two golds and four silver medals. Most of his opposition got used to this view of Craven (in front at right) — always chasing him, which they did throughout the 5,000-meter races.



Top of the line

Craven proves he belongs with the best



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Charlie Craven missed quite a bit of school to travel to Mar Del Plata, Argentina late in October for the World Speed Roller Skating Championships.

But it can definitely be considered a learning experience.

Indeed, Craven will certainly go down as a fast learner. Must be, to come away with gold medals in two races and silvers in four others.

Quite a haul for the 16-year-old Plymouth Canton HS junior. And in a competitive atmosphere that was a bit different than what he is used to.

"It was so . . . different," Craven said in describing his overall experience, which lasted from Oct. 27 through Nov. 10.

The competition alone took some adjustment. Not that Craven was unfamiliar with the races — it was how they were raced.

On his first day of competition, he was in front in his race when he felt a tug on his shirt. His Colombian adversary "pulled me, then went flying by me."

"It was my first race. I didn't let that happen again."

That tactic cost Craven a gold medal. He finished with a silver.

Although the American team arrived five days prior to the start of the championships, to get adjusted to the conditions and climate, there was nothing that could adequately prepare them for that kind of racing.

And yet, none of the other 24 teams competing could knock the U.S. team off stride. Top medal honors for men and women, in both the junior and senior divisions, went to the U.S.

Craven did more than his share. He was the top point-scorer among the U.S. junior men.

It wasn't something he was specifically aiming to do, but it was something he knew he was capable of. "I just wanted to do the best I could," he said.

His time in Mar Del Plata was no vacation. The pre-tournament workouts were difficult; then came his nine races, which combined all sorts of different elements.

This wasn't just get on the track, stay in position, then win it with a strong closing burst.

Craven won both his golds in the 5,000-meter races. Skaters earned points for their position on each of the 25 laps. For the first 13 laps, points awarded were 3-2-1 for first, second and third; for the next 11 laps, it was 5-3-1. And for the last lap, points scored counted down from 10 for first to one for 10th.

So crossing the finish line first is hardly a guarantee of victory.

Then there's the 10,000-meter elimination races (both on the road and track), in which Craven got silvers. At certain times in the race, the slowest skaters are eliminated — which means one must stay near the front the entire time.

What race was the toughest

for Craven? It might well have been the half-marathon, a through-the-streets skate that was on all sorts of surfaces, including cobblestone which "left my feet numb." He placed 10th.

Factor in all the physical contact, something officials allowed, and it becomes clear this was no skate through the park.

Other silver finishes for Craven came in the 5,000-meter relay and in the 1,500-meter time trial, in which he raced as part of a team of three.

His world-championship performance capped a year marked by improvement. Craven was second in the Professional Inline Racing Series, which consisted of seven races around the country.

"I started slow at the beginning of the year and improved like big-time," he said, crediting his time spent at the Olympic Training Center last summer as well as his coaches, Robb Dunn and Jay Ingram.

As far as relishing his accomplishments, Craven hasn't the time or desire to do so. "I just keep on setting new goals," he said. "At the Worlds, I was already thinking about next year. I just want to get better."

Craven has one more year of eligibility in the men's junior division; however, he could qualify for the senior men's, a challenge he is contemplating.

It would be a big step up, with even more to digest, but as Craven has already proven — he's a fast learner.

Canton squeezes Novi 43-32 to win district; Pershing next

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

You might say Canton High's basketball team plays a little like a python: it squeezes and squeezes until it suffocates its prey.

Not a pretty picture, but accurate, perhaps. The Chiefs hustled, executed and applied just enough pressure to drain the life out of Novi in a 43-32 district final victory Friday night.

Ahead by just three at halftime, Canton turned up the defensive heat and took advantage of Wildcat miscues to take command in the second half. Nkechi Okwumabua, who sparked the Chiefs with 17 points, said desire and defense were keys in the win.

"We played with a lot of heart," said the senior. "Defensively, we played good. We pressured them into doing things they didn't want to do."

Canton (18-4) moves on to the regional semi-final tomorrow night at Salem against Detroit Pershing. Game time is 6 p.m.

As for the district final, which was played at Novi High, it wasn't easy going for the Chiefs early on.

The Wildcats led 6-3 at the 5:27 mark after a Jessica Kenny three-point play. Canton continued to trail until 1:59 when Okwumabua tied it at 11 with a baseline jump shot. Neither team scored the rest of the first period.

Canton continued to struggle offensively, but was able to pull ahead by five late in the quarter. The Wildcats' Katie Copp connected on a pair of free throws to make it a 22-19 game at halftime.

"I thought we came out tight in the first half," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm, who added that his team might have been a bit tired after an emotional win over Salem two days earlier. "But the kids regrouped and played a solid second half."

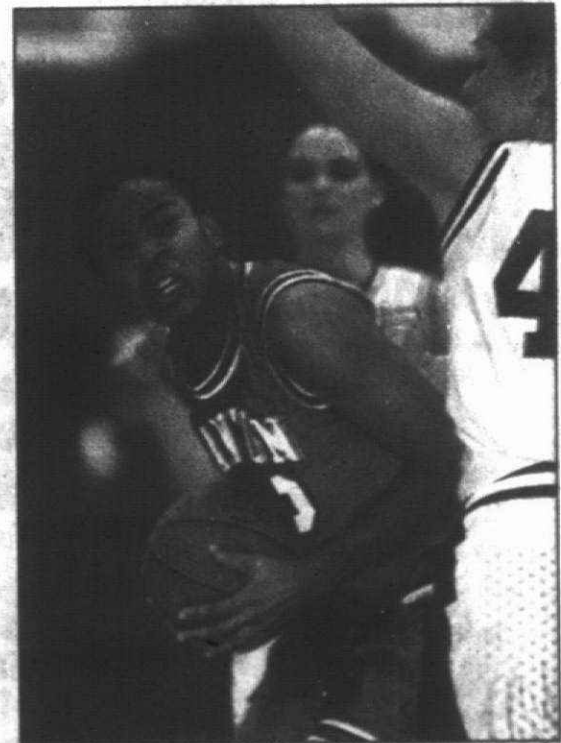
Canton's intensity increased noticeably in the third quarter. It showed on the scoreboard, too, as the Chiefs held Novi to just four points and took a 30-23 advantage into the fourth.

Canton threw a balanced offensive attack at Novi in the third. Okwumabua scored four while Kristin Lukasik and Meliassa Mazolf each added a basket.

The Wildcats (18-5) never got closer than four points to Canton in the final frame. Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said his team simply made too many mistakes, too many turnovers.

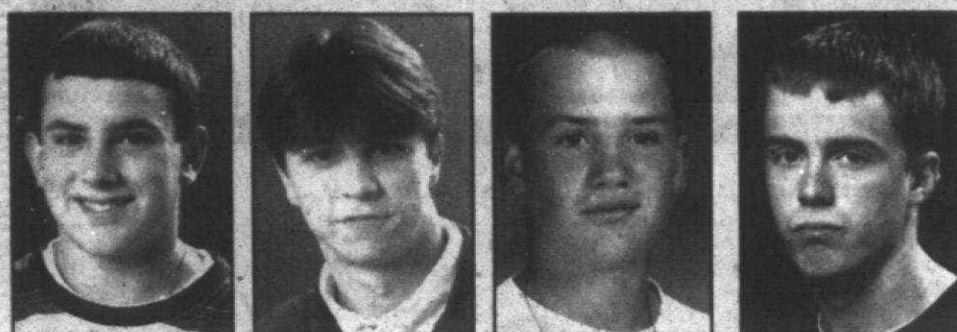
"You can't give a team like that extra possessions," he said. "They're a very good basketball team."

Okwumabua's 17 was high in the game. Kristin Mayer added 13 for the Chiefs and Janell Tweitmeyer had seven. Copp led Novi with seven points.



Heart: Nkechi Okwumabua scored 17 points Friday night to lead Canton to a 43-32 victory over Novi in the state district final. She made 9 of 12 free throws.

1997 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF TEAM



Steve Polanski Livonia Stevenson, Adam Peters Redford CC, Brendan Wheeler Plymouth Canton, Kyle Gierada Westland John Glenn, Chris Tompkins Westland John Glenn, Evan Chall Livonia Churchhill, Adam Wilson Plymouth Salem, Derek Fox Farmington High

1st team All-Area selections



Chris Tompkins Westland John Glenn, Evan Chall Livonia Churchhill, Adam Wilson Plymouth Salem, Derek Fox Farmington High

Talent abounds in high school ranks

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Talent and hard work are a pretty tough combination to beat. And they're qualities Steve Polanski of Livonia Stevenson obviously has in abundance. Polanski headlines the 1997 All-Area Boys Golf Team, which features a broad spread of golfers from area teams. The Coach of the Year is Tom Alles of Plymouth Canton, whose team captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title with excellent team depth. The Chiefs used steady play in virtually every match to come from the middle of the pack a year ago to the top in 1997. "It certainly was the boys' doing," Alles said. "They're the ones that went out and made our season successful. I give them all the credit. "It was just a pleasure to work with those boys this year. Our success was all their doing. I'm looking forward to doing it all over again next year with an all-new group. "The individual class of the area was Polanski, though, and barring injury the junior should set the standard again next season. "He's a quality individual," said his coach, John Wagner, "with a positive attitude and

mature character and with a work ethic unmatched by anyone in my experience." Talent was so spread throughout the area only one golfer on the eight-player honor team. Westland John Glenn had Kyle Gierada and junior Chris Tompkins. Canton's honoree was junior Brandon Wheeler, Redford Catholic Central placed Adam Peters, Farmington had Derek Fox, junior Adam Wilson represented Plymouth Salem and the lone freshman on the All-Area team was Evan Chall of Livonia Churchhill. Sketches of the All-Area team members: Stephen Polanski, Junior, Stevenson: One of the state's best players. Finished seventh in state meet with rounds of 75-76. Medaled in seven of 11 dual meets and averaged 73.4 in five 18-hole tournaments. Dual meet average was 37, including a pair of 33s. Shot a 67 at Oak Pointe to tie for medalist honors in the regional. Medaled in the Pinckney Invitational with a one-over 73. MVP of Spartan team for three years. "A rare talent," Stevenson coach Wagner said. Brendan Wheeler, Junior, Canton: Played No. 1 all season for the Chiefs, qualifying for the state tournament with a solid 72 in

regional at Oakpointe. Missed cut for second day of state tournament. Shot 78 in WAAA tournament at Hudson Mills to finish second to Polanski by one stroke. Averaged 41.3 strokes during dual meet season. Had a stretch of three straight 39s followed by a 40 against arch-rival Salem. Medaled in all four. "Nobody will outwork him," Canton coach Alles said. "He's one of the hardest working kids on our team and he just loves golf. Probably the best attribute he has is that he's a competitor." Adam Peters, senior, Catholic Central: First-team Class A All-State selection. Won his regional with a 75 at Pontiac Country Club. Had a 9-hole average of 39 and a tournament average of 75. Tied for first, losing in playoff, with a round of 76 at the Catholic League meet. Was second at the East Lansing Invitational with an even-par 72 and second at the Pinckney Invitational with a 74. "This was my sixth year as coach," CC's Phil Heyer said. "I've had good players over the years and he probably would have to rank as one of the best I've coached. "He wants to play golf in college and I don't see any reason why he won't be successful doing that." Kyle Gierada, senior, John Glenn: Carried 39.6 average in dual meet average.

Best round was a 34 at Idyl Wyld against John Glenn. Selected MVP of his team. Adam Wilson, Junior, Salem: Averaged 40.9 strokes for nine hole dual meets, 79.9 for eight 18-hole tournaments. Shot a one-over 73 at the Adrian Invitational at Lenawee Country Club, tying for second. Consistent all season. Highest 9-hole score was a 45 at Hilltop, his home course, while his lowest was a 37 at Tanglewood. Shot a 79 to finish third overall in the WAAA meet at Hudson Mills. "He learned he could compete with anyone if he's on his game," said his father and coach at Salem, Rick Wilson. Derek Fox, senior, Farmington: Marking his second selection to the All-Area team, Fox averaged 40.6 in dual meets and 81.5 in 18-hole events. He was a four-year varsity member and led the team in scoring average as a sophomore, junior and senior. Captain of the team as a senior. Shot a 79 in the state regional at Oakpointe. Best scores in dual meets were an even-par 35 at Whispering Willows and a 36 at San Marino. Medalist at city tournament three years in a row. "Derek has great intensity and once he learns to fully channel that there's no telling what he can do," said his coach, Jim Miner. "He's a terrific young man."

Shot 81 at Hudson Mills to tie for seventh in WAAA championship meet. Followed with an 83 at Oakpointe in the Class A regionals. "As a ninth grader, he couldn't break 55," said his coach with the Rockets, Dan Burkka. "He's worked hard, real hard. "A nice kid, I could see him taking it to another level. I could see both him and Tompkins playing in college." Chris Tompkins, Junior, John Glenn: Averaged 39.8 for the Rockets in dual meets. Shot an 82 at Hudson Mills in the WAAA meet. Finished a 74 in the Class A regional at Oakpointe to tie for sixth. Tompkins shot a 72 to finish second in the Plymouth Best Ball Invitational at Hilltop and was runner-up in the Western Wayne Invitational with a 77 at Kensington. "He's just a great junior, a great kid," Burkka said. "He has all kinds of potential, there's no question about that. "He could become one of the better golfers to ever come out of our school." Evan Chall, freshman, Churchhill: Carried 9-hole average of 38.75 in WAAA dual meets. "That's good for a freshman," said his coach with the Chargers, Kirk Covert. "Shoot, that's good for anybody. "He has that ability of managing your misses and producing a good score."

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and School. Lists members of the 1997 All-Observer Boys Golf Team and coaches.

Ocelots 3rd in NJCAA soccer

No, it wasn't for any kind of a championship. All that was on the line in last Sunday's (Nov. 20) men's soccer match between Mount Ida (Mass.) and Schoolcraft College was pride. Eighth had lost their NJCAA tournament semifinal games the previous Friday in Trenton, N.J. What they were playing for was third place. Maybe the difference between finishing third and fourth does

n't mean much to most folks. But to the Ocelots, it did. They showed that by beating Mount Ida 5-2, capping the best finish ever for SC's men. "The kids performed fantastic during the tournament," said coach Van Dimitriou after his team completed the year with a 18-6-1 mark. "It was a superb year for Schoolcraft soccer." Matt Nyholm, with an assist from David York, and Paul

Graves, with Kevin Fritz assisting, netted first-half goals for the Ocelots. Mount Ida made it 2-1 at the break. Matt Keller headed in a cross from Bart Mays after a corner kick to increase SC's lead to 3-1 in the second half. Billy Krips converted a penalty kick with 20 minutes left to increase the Ocelots' lead to 4-1 and, after Mount Ida narrowed the gap to 4-2, Atwa Ayman (Westland) countered for SC, with an assist from Jim Bullock (Livonia Stevenson). Nyholm and Graves were both selected to the all-tournament team. More importantly, the Ocelots were honored with the tournament's Sportsmanship Trophy. Mount Ida finished with an 18-2-1 mark. In the championship game, Yavapai (Ariz.) CC defeated Mercer (N.J.) CC 3-0.

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Madonna falls to Rochester

It was hardly a stellar offensive performance by either team, Thursday's men's basketball matchup between Rochester College (formerly Michigan Christian) and Madonna University. But it was Madonna, the host team, that let the game slip away with costly turnovers, a profusion of fouls and too many second-chance baskets, all of which combined for a 66-55 Rochester victory. Madonna slipped to 1-4 (a score from the Grace Bible College Tournament was reported incorrectly; the Fighting Crusaders lost to Northland Baptist 96-94). Rochester is 3-2. "We were down 18 and got it to within nine," Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki said, searching for something positive. "No, we don't give up." Rochester is hardly gigantic; the Warriors biggest players are 6-foot-5. But as Holowicki noted, "They're bigger than us. And when we lose Narvin (Russaw)..." Russaw, Madonna's 6-4 forward/center, is perhaps the only true rebounder in the Crusader lineup. He drew his third foul midway through the

first half, and ended up fouling out with 3:51 left in the game. His foul problems limited him to 24 minutes of playing time. Also lost to fouls was guard Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Crusader), who scored 10 points before taking a seat on the bench with 6:55 remaining. With two starters out, Madonna's comeback chances were crippled. Still, it was a hole the Crusaders dug for themselves late in the first half that cost them. With 5:52 left before intermission, a John-Mark Branch basket put Madonna up 23-21. That, however, was their final lead; Rochester put together a 15-4 run to end the half, with Greg Tobias and Paul Robak accounting for six points apiece in the rally. The Warriors wasted no time increasing their 36-27 halftime lead quickly in the second half; it reached 18 (53-35) with 13:30 left, and was still at 17 (67-40) when Hurley ignited Madonna with two straight baskets. But it was too big a deficit to overcome. With a strong closing performance by Mark

Hayes — he netted nine of his 16 points in the last 6:30 — the Crusaders trimmed the deficit to 64-55. But only 1:09 remained. "With three minutes to go, we were up 12 and I called a timeout," said Rochester coach Garth Pleasant, "and I said to the kids, 'This game isn't won.' "Bernie does a great job with all those freshmen. For us, we've just got to keep improving."

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists stats for the Madonna vs Rochester basketball game.

Schoolcraft flat, but triumphs

It only says good things when a team plays its worst game of the year and still remains unbeaten. Schoolcraft upped its record to 5-0 Wednesday with an 87-77 victory over the Siena Heights Junior Varsity squad. The Ocelots led 45-32 at halftime in easing to the victory. "We stayed up to the 10th whole way," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "This was our worst game of the year. "We didn't execute on offense and committed 28 turnovers. After playing the teams we have to open the year, I think the team got complacent. "It was a game we should have lost." Kevin Melson scored 26 to lead Schoolcraft, which put four players in double figures. Derek McKelvey scored 18; Enasha Otonkwo, Oakland 75, Madonna 68 (Women): Turnovers hurt the Crusaders, who lost Wednesday for the second time in three games this season. Madonna turned the ball over 20 times and Oakland Uni-

versity scored 21 points. The Chargers got only eight points from the Pioneers' 13 turnovers. Cyndi Plattner's three-pointer with 2:23 to play broke a 66-66 tie and Ulrika Nilsson's three-point play with 1:47 left boosted the Pioneers' lead to 72-66. The Crusaders got two free throws from Dawn Peic (rest of the way). Madonna held a 34-31 halftime lead even though Oakland jumped out to a 21-9 lead with 11:20 left in the half. Jennifer Amy scored 20 points, Nilsson 18 and Jamie Ahlgren 16 to lead Oakland University. Madonna got 15 points from Mary Murray, 12 from Angie Negri and 11 from Chris Dietrich. Murray had nine rebounds and Peic eight. Katie Cushman had seven assists. Negri's three-pointer with 11:45 to play gave the Crusaders a 55-44 lead before Amy and Nilsson started the Pioneers' back. Madonna held a 49-43 edge in rebounds and had a slight shooting percentage edge but didn't get the line as often. Oakland made 15-of-18 free throws to 8-of-12 for Madonna.

MEN'S HOOPS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists stats for the men's hoops section.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists stats for the college basketball section.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES: Firearms season runs through Sunday, Nov. 30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III. 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 GMUs. Pheasant: A special late pheasant 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/hompepages/Natural_Heritage/.

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BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

Table with 2 columns: Event Name and Time. Lists swim times for various events.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Winter hitting camp

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

Dec. 21 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22.

The camp features two full-length hitting tunnels and video taping. The cost for advance registration is \$80. Space is limited.

For more information, call Madonna assistant coach Sean Maloney at (313) 432-5727.

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 Divide in the Country."

The contest is for students in the Western Wayne County school districts (grades 5-12).

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Completed essays should be mailed to: Mrs. Jessie Shelby, Contest Chairperson, P.O. Box 2-3, Inkster, MI 48141. All entries must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 26.

To obtain an entry form or for more details, students should see the English or Language Arts department head at their school.

are you on-line yet? Maybe you're using your computer to write the great American novel, or play cool games, or keep track of your inventory, or tackle some spread sheets. So maybe it's time for you to expand your horizons. Go global. You know, hit the Internet. Check out news, information and entertainment in your own backyard and around the world.

Call in or come in—be part of the Town Meeting! On Thursday, December 4, you will have a chance to participate in person or by phone in the live broadcast of "First Thursday Town Meeting". Here is an exciting opportunity to talk with people who have the answers about traffic, schools and just about anything that's happening in the halls of your hometown government.

RECREATION PAGE

Sparemaking often overlooked by most

No bowler is good enough or lucky enough to throw strikes all the time, so sparemaking is a vital part of the game.

It is so crucial to scoring that many smart bowlers will spend more practice time on spares instead of strikes.

According to Tom Relich of the Strike Force Pro Shop at Gak Lanes, "It is better to learn to flatten the ball out for spare shooting."

This can best be accomplished in two basic ways.

"Either weaken the wrist position or keep the hand flat and completely behind the ball during the delivery," Relich said.

This is good advice, but it is necessary to get some extra practice to improve on making those spares, most of all those pesky corner pins, the 7 or 10.

The way some lane conditions are today, it is better to be a more versatile bowler, roll a good hooking shot for strikes and go straight at the spares. Tom Relich gives lessons by appointment, his number is (313) 425-8630.

The Evergreen Children's Services Bowl—a tournament last week was a huge success, raising over \$18,000 in the fight against child abuse.

Michael Barr of WJR was the emcee and also took part in the bowling.

There were some outstanding performances, as Heather Stickney took the ladies high series with 724 and Larry Eschbach of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers led the men bowlers with 224-243-233 for a 700 set.

Outstanding work by Carol Eschbach to make it an all-around fine time with good fun, good food and plenty of prizes for the fund-raisers.

Steve Carrier, a 15-year-old student at Clawson High has earned his bragging rights with a 300 game at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

His series was 205-300-234/739 which will raise his 167 average substantially.

It was the first 300 of the season at Thunderbird, and according to Steve, "I was extremely nervous in the 10th frame, but carried a bit of luck by going Brooklyn on the final ball."

He is now just waiting for his YABA 300 ring to arrive.

Meanwhile, across town at Mayflower Lanes Redford, Walter Dietz, a 17-year-old student at Livonia Franklin High, rolled a 299 in the junior house league.

His 203 and 226 in the first and third games added up to 728, which means that Walter has skipped a level, shooting a 700 series, but not yet having rolled a 600 series.

He left the seven-pin on a good pocket hit to deprive him of the elusive 300 game, but his average also went up from 170 to about 178 just that quickly.

Dietz is just learning about league play because it's his first season ever in any kind of a bowling league.

It is always nice to see kids at the high school level performing well.

"There is an organized movement underway to make high schools get involved in bowling."

It could become a very nice varsity sport to go along with the rest and build a good sense of sportsmanship and values which will help develop character and build a base for future adult bowlers.

There have been many attempts over recent years to stimulate organized play between high schools, but most have fallen short of their goals.

This is now in the hands of Strike Ten and the Single Delivery System, and if anyone can make it go, they can. Strike Ten Entertainment has already established a new intercollegiate bowling program, which is now slated to be showcased on a national level.

They have signed up the Brunswick Corp. to sponsor the National Intercollegiate Championships over the next three years.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Country Lanes (Farmington) Greenfield Mixed - Chris Shively, 209-220/610; Debra VanMeter, 220-209/608; Debbie Blanchard, 211-210/602; Celeste Flack, 256/685; Mike Stefan, 215-267/633. Monday Men - Steve Ponke, 300/651; Art Remer, 300/682; Dave Richardson, 265/747. Friends & Neighbors - Delores Jacob, 202/533. Tuesday Mixed Trio - Mark Goodman, 257; Lyle Schaefer, 269/685; Jan Curtis, 254/678; Darryl Bennett, 257/659. Sunday Goldtimers - Shel Rakotz, 247-245/663; Bob Salomon, 220; Todd Worthington, 218-200/610; Matt Silverman, 217; Rick Waldman, 208-200; Harold Adler, 212. Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington) Our Lady of Sorrows - Bill Scholinski, 257-244/677; Darrell Krause, 217-235-243/695; John Himeback, 266/648; Walter Kew, 230-212/629; Dennis Varos, 257; Robyn Woods, 246. Temple Israel - Stuart Bricker, 225-238-267/730; Neil Letton, 237-223-238/695; Keith West, 218-222-287/702; Rick Kirsh, 239-220/673; L. Steinberg, 255. Michigan Bell Men's - Dan Winkler, 208-244-213/665; Jim Panaretos, 222-233/627; Ralph Meyers, 204-279/668; Bill Armstrong, 215-216-264/695; Jack Fischer, 216-212/619. J.W. Wood Lanes - Sherry Gittleman, 205-238/655; Marianne Peck, 513. Bev Gottesman, 212/567; Debbie Krin, 513. New Pinpointers - Rosemary Banish, 221/533; Michelle Andrusak, 219/555. Colleen Smith, 550. Walnut Creek C.C. - Peggy Chemtzo, 553; Patti Windsor, 555; Laurie Graff, 212/557; Lisa Barrella, 220/511; Michelle Nowell, 510. Merit Bow (Livonia) Lost Weekend - Eric Gambrell, 279. Friday Golden Eagles - Dave Tome, 300. Sandownes - Beverly Clancy, converted 7, 10 set. Mon. Nite of C - Mike Lanning, 256-234-265/757; Wayne Kistner, 688; Steve Fajdenko, 679; Doug Loeb, 666; Wayne Lanning, 264/747. Wonderland Lanes (Livonia) Little Ovis - Dennis Lurie, 300/644; Mike Plonter, 243/624; Garry Lane, 657; Al Lopez, 646; Alan Blaszko, 629. Wonderland Classic - Jerry Hollett, 208/757; John Maddala, 300/724; Barry Hussell, 300; Niko Martin, 299; John Kohler, 747; Greg Bashara, 732. Ho Names - Bob Hanson, 245/676; Bob Coppick, 266/653; Debbie Hanson, 578; Sus McBrayer, 230/569; Denise Briscoe, 551. Woodland Lanes (Livonia) Wonder Woman - Joann Shetter, 233; Bob Hunter, 230.



Practice session: Westland Wizards are preparing for their upcoming wheelchair basketball home opener, which will be Saturday Dec. 6 at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland against the Oakland County Cavaliers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Wizards able, willing to win

BY NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

So you think living life in a wheelchair is hard? Try playing wheelchair basketball in a wheelchair. That's the advice of Shaun Graham, a member of the Westland Wizards wheelchair basketball team.

"Many people don't realize how hard it is," Graham said. "You have to shoot from three feet off the ground instead of eight. The sport requires quite a bit of skill especially when it comes to ball handling while pushing your chair."

Teammate Dave Cody agrees with Graham. "We have had exhibitions where able-bodied players get frustrated by getting into a wheelchair and realizing how hard it is to not only catch a ball sitting down and to maintain your balance, but then trying to move with the ball, dribble and shoot," Cody said.

The Wizards are members of the Michigan Wheelchair Basketball Association "C" League and part of Westland's Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Westland is one of five teams in the league, which features teams from Flint, Port Huron, Kalamazoo and Oakland County. The Wizards will play an eight-game regular season schedule before competing in a post-season tournament.

Someone qualifies to play if they cannot compete in able-bodied basketball and are disabled enough where he or she can't get up and down the court due to a

disability. Having a strong upper body and being in good shape doesn't hurt, according to Cody.

The Wizards were originally an Ann Arbor-based squad and made Westland's Bailey Center their home last year. The team is comprised of 13 players — nine of whom live in Westland, Canton, Garden City or Farmington Hills.

In their rookie season, the Wizards finished second to Port Huron for the championship. Westland began its season with a win over a much improved Flint team.

Don't let the wheelchair fool you, according to Cody. The players take the sport quite seriously and perhaps even more intensely than standard, able-bodied basketball.

"It gets pretty physical and intense out there," Cody said. "It's actually been toned down some to prevent injuries."

Cody, a 40-year old, began playing wheelchair basketball three years ago which is typical of most players in the C League. Despite the sport attracting slightly increased visibility over the past couple years, the sport isn't taking off in popularity.

Cody and some of his teammates attempted to put together a junior league for middle and high school students but the interest wasn't there.

"Those who don't take advantage of the sport are missing out, according to Graham.

"It's a great way to make some friends, gain some camaraderie, and become physically active," Graham said.

And there is plenty of physical activity, according to Cody. Wheelchair basketball is a physical game and contact is quite common. It is illegal, however, to make contact with a player who is in the act of shooting or to divert the progress of a player.

Some rubbing of wheels is permitted, however.

Another important rule is that a player must dribble the ball at least once per three pushes of the chair. If not, traveling is called. In addition, one electric wheelchair player is allowed on the court at a time. This player is usually a more severely handicapped player and it is his or her role to set picks and play defense.

Even though there is a three-point arc and several good outside shooters in the league, most of the offense will come within eight feet of the basket in the key.

"I think the most important part of the game is getting into position to get a good shot," Cody said. "It takes a lot to move into a position where you're square to the basket and ready for a good shot."

The team sets up a low post and high post defense, which is similar to basketball. Cody is considered one of the defensive specialists on the team.

Graham, a Westland resident, is considered one of the older statesmen in the league at the age of 45. However, behind Ed Hills, Graham remains a primary offensive threat for the Wizards. Hills accounts for about half the team's offense with a 16-

point per game average.

"I believe defense is most important aspect," Graham commented. "If you can keep the game low scoring and hold the other team's point total down, you have a much better chance of winning."

"On offense, we work the ball around for the best shot, and use common basketball plays like the pick and roll and the give and go."

The only thing stopping the Wizards from overtaking their chief rivals from Port Huron is themselves, according to Graham.

"We need all of our players to get to practice and to games, instead of showing up for some and not the other," he said. "If we can get our top players to practices and games, there's no one that can touch us."

Those interested in playing with the Wizards should come out to one of the team's practices at the Bailey Center. Practices are held every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"You have to get out to a practice and start playing to catch the fever for it," Cody said. "I've seen people come in who at first couldn't catch a ball and keep balanced, and they have really come a long way."

The Westland Wizards next home game is Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Wizards host the Oakland County Cavaliers. On Dec. 13, the Wizards host the Flint Flying Eagles. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m. at Westland's Bailey Center. Admission is free.

Insulation important for outdoor habitats

Animals have three basic requirements for survival — food, water and shelter.

If you develop a backyard habitat it should include all three of these necessities. Food is the requirement we think of most often for our wildlife friends, and many backyard habitats have a source of water, but lets not forget shelter.

I was reminded of this requirement when I was standing next to a bluebird box on the edge of a forest, pointing out the finer points of a bird house to some scouts, when to my surprise a downy woodpecker bolted out of the hole and over the heads of the onlooking scouts.

The wet snow falling must have caused it

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

to settle into this convenient shelter for the night.

Many animals use a tree hollow as a shelter.

A split tree along the trail at the Independence Oaks Nature Center has housed birds, mice and flying squirrels. Large holes are places for raccoons, opossum and tree squirrels. When cold temperatures set in good holes are at a premium.

Inside a tree hollow is a safe haven. If the hole is just big enough for a small bird like a chickadee, or a nuthatch, then the number of predators that could raid the shelter is very limited.

A tree shelter is also a relatively warm place to be. Wood serves as an insulation and helps keep the occupant warm. Heat from the occupants is contained inside the hollow and helps them stay warm. In fact, some people

put up a winter roosting box that has an entrance hole at the bottom of the box. Inside the box near the top are perches for the birds to sit on.

By having the perches near the top where the heat will collect, they can take advantage of their own body heat.

Tree hollows are not the only kind of shelter that an animal can use. Evergreens and dense branches with needles can block the wind and shield animals from falling snow or rain. Keeping dry is very important to an animal. Wet feathers and fur cannot trap warm air to keep an animal comfortable.

If you have erected some bird houses in your yard, keep them up during the winter to serve as a shelter. In spring, plant some evergreens that can serve as both shelter and nesting site too.

Consumer buying trends analyzed

Weekend warriors and hardcore sportsmen rejoice!

According to the Wild Turkey Bourbon Sportsman's Index, you'll get more bang for your buck when it comes to purchasing goods and services related to the sporting life.

This year's survey found the average annual price increase of select sporting goods and services listed below over a twelve-month period decreased nearly one tenth of one percent, as opposed to a 2.2 percent overall hike in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"Salaries are on the rise and so are the number of hours we work. When we finally have time off, we want to make the most of it," says Chris Willis, Director of Marketing of Austin, Nichols & Co. He points out that the Wild Turkey Bourbon Sportsman's Index is done in the spirit of fun, as a service and source of interest to sportsmen, and cannot truly compete with the CPI.

The individual percent changes in goods surveyed were: Zebco 33 Classic Reel 0%, Berkley Lightning Rod +1%, Bear Archery Cross Bow +2%, Danner Canadian Hunting Boot +1.3%, Nikon Travelite Binoculars 0%, resident and non-resident hunting and fishing license for the State of Montana 0%. A hunting excursion at the Vermorel Park Ranch in New Mexico increased by 3.5%, versus a 5% increase for a visit to the Elk Mountain Ranch in Colorado.

Finally, the Mercury Marine 150 EFI Outboard Motor decreased by a whopping 25.5% while the price of a one-year subscription to Bow and Arrow Hunting Magazine increased by 13%.

Wild Turkey Kentucky Straight Bourbon, which has a dedicated following among sportsmen and continues to be a bargain to bourbon aficionados (\$16.99 for a 750 ml bottle) is earning its place in "The Good Life Pleasure Index," but that's another story.

Talking Mt. Everest

Public interest in mountain climbing and Mount Everest has peaked in the metro area since the 1996 storm that killed eight climbers, including two of the world's most renowned climbers.

The disaster spurred a best-selling book, a national news special and a made-for-television movie.

One great untold story of the disaster was the rescue attempt by a group of climbers who were on Everest making a 1-Max movie, which is scheduled to be released in March.

Tickets are on sale at the Benchmark for \$5. For more information, call (248) 477-8116.

climber for the 1-Max group and one of the world's premier high altitude climbers coming to the metro area with a slide show and discussion of high altitude climbing and Mount Everest.

The Benchmark, in Farmington, an outfitter for climbing, will sponsor the presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, located on 11 Mile Road.

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