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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton planning commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers party: The Canton Newcomers host their annual Christmas Party 7 p.m. at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Entertainment will be provided by the East Middle School choir. Call 451-5426 for details.

THURSDAY

For sale: Residents interested in selling their old skis, golf clubs, skates and other sports equipment can bring the items to the Pheasant Run clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. The sellers should mark the desired price for the items they are selling. On Saturday, Dec. 6 the items will be sold to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bereavement seminar: McCabe Funeral Home will sponsor "Hope for the Holidays," a free seminar on how to cope with the loss of a loved one at this time of the year. The program is set for 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

FRIDAY

Christmas musical: Make plans to see "Four Tickets to Christmas," a dessert theater presentation of Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, between Haggerty and Mill. Performances are Friday-Sunday and advance tickets are available from the church creative arts department or Agape Bookseller in Canton. Cost is \$6, which includes dessert, coffee and tea.

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Schools study \$5 million windfall



Plymouth-Canton school officials will solicit suggestions from the public on how to spend a \$5.2 million legal settlement, expected next spring. But the ultimate decision belongs to the school board.

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

It's a pleasant-enough question at this time of year: what do you do with \$5.2 million?

It's a question that's already prompted telephone calls to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Charles Little.

And it's a question with which the

Plymouth-Canton school board began grappling at its meeting Tuesday — even though the money from the Durant case settlement won't be in its coffers until next April.

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Little said he got four calls shortly after announcing the district's share in the long-awaited settlement of the special-education lawsuit against the

state. Among the suggestions: buy computers, reduce class size, boost teachers' salaries.

Little himself recommended that the board "take a lofty position" by creating an endowment and using only the interest it earns.

But the board won't be rushing into any decisions. The trustees have their own questions and ideas and besides, state law requires the district host a public hearing on the money 90 days after it's received.

That will be sometime next summer, Little said. And while the board is "obligated to have the hearing," it does

not have to act on what's said, he told its members.

However, he assured them, "We will get suggestions" on how to use the money and will also get "powerful reasons" for those suggestions.

And while "people have noble ideas about what we should do with the money," the board "should have the final say" in how it's used. He noted this is "one of the few times we will ever get an infusion of unencumbered money" which is not earmarked for special education or anything else and he is pretty sure "we will never get \$5.2

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Gunman upset over earlier homicide

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A barricaded gunman at Sherwood Village Mobile Home park allegedly planned to kill four people he claimed were responsible for the death of David Martell, a 21-year-old corrections officer, killed in neighboring Westpointe Mobile Home park.

The 44-year-old Canton man was apprehended Tuesday after keeping police at bay for about an hour. Residents of the mobile home park were evacuated from their homes.

Criminal charges have not been filed against the man, who was taken to Wayne County's Psychiatric Intervention Center (PIC).

"Whether they're suspects or friends (of Martell's) we don't know at this point," said officer Leonard Shemanske, Canton Police spokesman.

The four people identified by the gunman are reportedly residents of Sherwood Village.

Martell, of Belleville, was gunned down Nov. 19 as he left a female friend's home in Westpointe. As he drove away from her home, he was shot twice — once to the chest — and then crashed into a mobile home apparently as he attempted to flee the gunmen. The car was wedged underneath the mobile home.

One resident of Sherwood Village, who declined to be identified, said the barricaded gunman did not know Martell, but knew Martell's 18-year-old ex-girlfriend, who was devastated by the death.

The gunman was allegedly smitten with the young Midland woman, who was also the mother of Martell's 18-month-old son. She did not share his feelings, the neighbor said.

The gunman was apparently seeking

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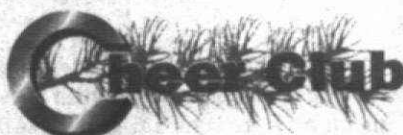
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over Dec. 12 to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and

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Fisher plea deal angers victim's family

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The father of slain Canton resident Ella Maria Mercado Fisher is angry about the deal the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office struck with his daughter's alleged killer.

Dr. Charles Fisher is to be sentenced Dec. 11 to less than five additional years behind bars for the death of his wife. The 31-year-old nurse died of oxygen deprivation after being bound in duct tape at the couple's

Canton home 13 years ago.

Fisher, 57, plead no contest Nov. 14 to a charge of open murder. In the plea agreement, Fisher will serve approximately five years of a 12-year sentence after receiving credit for time already served.

But before Fisher is sentenced, Manuel Mercado and his wife, Evelyn, of Cape Coral, Fla., will make a statement before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Collins.

The Mercados want a new trial.

Unbelted driver thrown from car, killed in crash

A seatbelt could have saved the Thanksgiving holiday from turning sour for the family of Sherry Kay Scott.

The 26-year-old Inkster woman was killed after being thrown from her 1983 Ford convertible at Geddes and Denton about 4 p.m. Monday. Scott and her two children, ages 2 and 7, were not wearing seatbelts, said Canton police officer Leonard Shemanske.

The children were treated at the scene for minor injuries and turned over to family members. Scott was taken to Saint Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti where she was pronounced dead.

After being thrown from the vehicle, she was run over by her own car, Shemanske said.

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'Tis the season

to reach out and help others in need. The Observer would like to acknowledge those who give to their community year around by volunteering for various charitable organizations or simply helping a neighbor in need.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their good deeds? We want to know about them too. Write us at 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170 or fax us at (313) 459-4224. Include their name, phone number and a few short paragraphs about them.



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Building on faith



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Temporary quarters: The Rev. Jeff Ledbetter will lead services from the Cherry Hill School until a new church is built on Ridge Road, about a mile from the restored schoolhouse.

Restored schoolhouse is Baptist congregation's home for now

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Cornerstone Baptist Church will hold its services at the old Cherry Hill School until a new place of worship is built on Ridge Road, about a mile from the historic schoolhouse.

The independent Baptist church is expected to break ground on a 225-seat sanctuary in the spring, if site

plan approval is granted by Canton Township next month.

Sunday services begin at the old Cherry Hill School at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. today. Thursday liturgies are planned for 6 p.m.

"The church we're designing will have a traditional look like this," said pastor Jeff Ledbetter, referring to the old Cherry Hill School.

The 10,000-square-foot church will

be made of white clapboard and have several columns at the front facade to fit in with Canton's historic Cherry Hill Village, although it is located north of the historic district boundaries.

"We really like the idea of the country church theme; it will be a nice compliment to the village," said Terry Bennett, township clerk and

Please see HOME FOR NOW, A2

Maintenance director resigns

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board and the attorney representing a former district employee disagree on the exact nature of the employee's resignation.

While the attorney for William "Danny" Menghini says the board accepted his client's resignation to avoid a public hearing, the board says Menghini resigned before it could hold one.

The board at its Nov. 11 meeting unanimously accepted Menghini's resignation as director of maintenance and operations, effective Feb. 27.

Menghini's attorney, Anthony Guerriero of Allen Park, claimed Wednesday the board accepted the resignation with a finding of no wrongdoing by Menghini, who

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had been accused of using school district equipment and employee for his personal gain. "Neither side admits any wrongdoing," Guerriero told the Observer.

However, Judy Evola, spokeswoman for the school district, told the newspaper, "The board of education never reached a conclusion as to the truthfulness of the allegations because he (Menghini) resigned before the board of education had a hearing."

She added that the board "did recognize that he denied all of the charges."

Guerriero claimed the written agreement between the district

and Menghini, who had been with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools almost 19 years, was reached before a public hearing requested by Guerriero could be held.

"A hearing officer was selected and hearings were scheduled, but the matter was resolved prior to that."

"We commend the school district for resolving this matter amicably and avoiding a long and protracted litigation (like those) they are facing in other cases," Guerriero said.

Guerriero said Wednesday the agreement was worked out "because of impossible conditions Mr. Menghini was facing," but he declined to discuss details.

The allegations apparently involved two separate incidents, one in which Menghini took scrap carpet for his home or cottage, the other in which he borrowed district chairs and tables for a graduation party. It was also alleged he used district trucks both times to move the items.

Guerriero said then "It was all done with the permission of supervisors" and added he believed the allegations were retaliation by other employees, including one whom Menghini would not support for a job transfer or promotion.

Guerriero said an "amicable resolution" was reached which provides "an adequate compromise that protects the rights of both parties."

"We're very happy with the results, which I think are in the best interests of the school district and the best interests of Mr. Menghini."

"And we are extremely happy his reputation is intact," the attorney added.

He said Menghini, who is about 50, has been on paid leave "and my understanding is, he will remain on that status" until the resignation date.

Evola said job opening created by Menghini's resignation will be posted. "We are in the process of looking at the process of filling it," she said.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Logan Bitter, 10, has been named Canton Observer Carrier of the Month for November.

He has been delivering the Observer in the Glengray subdivision.

The East Middle School sixth-grader's favorite subject is band. He likes collecting cards and playing with the computer.

Logan plans to go to college.

The opportunity to meet people and manage money are some of the things he has learned on his route.

Logan is the son of Rand and Ginger Bitter. He has two brothers, Brandon, 16, and Ben 14 and one sister, Chelsea, 6.



Logan Bitter

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million" in such funds again.

He urged the board to "position ourselves in the wisest way."

Board member Roland Thomas Jr. said he anticipates suggestions such as "pay down the school bonds, buy property, improve the infrastructure" and said he didn't want to close his mind to any options.

He also wondered if there were legal limitations on endowments by school districts.

Susan E. Davis, board vice president, questioned how much an endowment would earn yearly because "\$5 million is not all that great." Nevertheless, she noted, it "might allow us to do things in the district that people in the district feel there is a need for."

An endowment "might provide

An endowment, in which only the interest would be tapped by the district, is one idea under consideration.

a pool of money to do something with each year," she said.

Trustee Elizabeth Givens said she believes the money might "keep us from spending to the hilt every penny we've got" but felt a need for both "flexibility" and guidelines in spending it.

"The decisions we make would have some effect on the future and we have to have a sensitivity to the future," she added.

TAG program lists guidelines

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for 1998-99.

The district's TAG department screens all Plymouth-Canton third-graders when they take the cognitive abilities test in late January. Parents of third-graders eligible for further TAG screening will be contacted by mail.

Parents of second-, fourth- and fifth-graders need to contact their school office for a nomination form beginning Dec. 15. The forms are due Jan. 9 (for second-graders) and Jan. 30 (fourth- and fifth-graders). Second-graders must also take a test.

Sixth and seventh grade nomination forms will be available at middle schools. Those forms are due Jan. 30.

Informational meetings regarding the TAG program are scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 15 and Jan. 6 in the Miller School gym. For additional information call the TAG office, 416-4867.

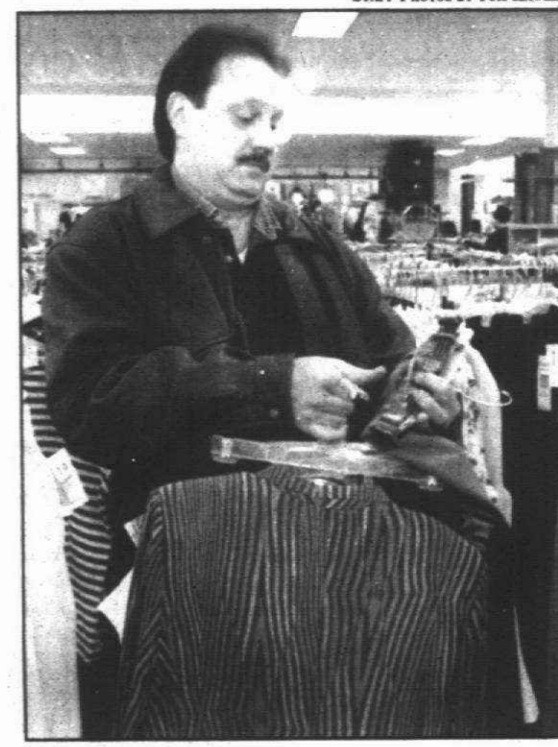
Shopping 'til they drop



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Friday frenzy: Lisa Cieslak (center) and her two daughters, Angela (left) and Alisha (right) carry several bags of Christmas presents from the Westland Mall on Friday, the traditional start of the holiday shopping season.

Lisa said that she has 54 people to purchase items for and as a family they purchase Christmas gifts for two children that they have "adopted" in a holiday program sponsored by Ford Motor Co. At right is Charlie Markos of Canton, shopping for Christmas gifts for his wife. Markos said that he starts and completes all his gift shopping on the day after Thanksgiving.



CANTON CONNECTION

Holiday feast

The Canton Historical Museum is dressing up for the holidays. The museum will show off its new "cost" on Saturday, Dec. 6.

"We hope everyone will stop by to see the museum decorated for Christmas," said Esther Sprengel, president of the Canton Historical Society.

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The society will also be selling fresh evergreens. Fine roping and wreaths can be ordered ahead or bought that day at the museum. Roping costs \$15 for 20 feet or \$45 for 60 feet. Wreaths are \$27 for a 26-inch Nobel Fir Wreath with large, red velvet bow.

Baked goods and other crafts will be available as well, including pieces from the "Sweet Corn Series" of collectibles, featuring the Cherry Hill Methodist Church, the Seymore House and the Canton Center School/Museum.

The museum is on Canton Center Road, south of Proctor (Heritage Drive). Due to construction of the fire station, temporary parking has been allocated on the grass in front of the building.

For more information call Bonnie Berg, 495-0911 or the museum, 397-0088.

Floater designers

Canton residents Kimberly Lessing and Russell Murphy received honorable mention awards in the Skillman Foundation's annual balloon and float design contest for "America's Thanksgiving Parade" on Thursday.

Kimberly, who submitted a design based on "The Princess and the Pea," and Russell ("Pecos Bill") are students at Walker-Winter Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland district.

On the move

Canton-based building contractor Rudolph/Libbe has moved - around the corner.

The company recently opened a larger, 27,600-square-foot office and warehouse at 7001 Haggerty. It's previous offices were on Market Street in northeast Canton.

The building is designed to meet the current and future needs of the contractor's Michigan operations, said general manager Chuck Engler.

"The new location is highly visible and easily accessible," Engler said in a prepared statement.

The company employs more than 30 people in Canton. Project volume in the Canton office was \$40 million for 1996 and recent projects have included the Troy Sports Center and U.S. Post Office renovation in Taylor.

Police: Boy, 7, left home alone

COP CALLS

A seven-year-old boy was left home alone Wednesday while his mother went off to work, according to police reports.

The boy was home from school due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Police were called to the home on the 6000 block of Willow Creek after a 911 hang up call about 12:30 p.m. The seven-year-old told police that any time he doesn't have school his parents leave him home alone. His twin brothers go to a day care center.

Police called the mother at work to pick up her son from the police station. The case was turned over to the Department of Social Services.

Animal Cruelty

Two dogs were taken to the Westland Humane Society after they were abandoned at a home on the 4500 block of Maben.

Police went to the home about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday after receiving a complaint from a neighbor. A German Shepherd was tied to a chain that was attached to a small tree. The dog had wrapped itself around the tree and only had a short lead on the chain. The second dog was also chained to the tree. There was no food or water and the dogs were shivering from the cold.

Credit union mounts Woolly Tree campaign

Woolly Trees will again be in place at the Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, and 6355 N. Canton Center, Canton.

Decorating Woolly Trees is the credit union's traditional way of

helping to keep the needy in the community warm throughout the winter. Anyone who would like to help is asked to donate warm clothing for adults and children. Articles such as hats, scarves, socks, may be placed on

the Woolly Tree.

Toward the end of the season, the items will be donated to local non-profit organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Durant outcome is concern for Wayne-Westland officials

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials hope that a lawsuit settlement bringing \$14 million from the state won't hurt their chances of convincing voters to approve a \$108 million bond issue in February.

Officials say the \$14 million won't come as a sudden, lump-sum windfall. Rather, the bulk of the money will come in payments stretched over 10 to 15 years, Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

In most years, the district will receive no more than \$900,000 from the Durant special education lawsuit settlement, Baracy said.

Moreover, the money can only

be used for certain measures, such as buying textbooks, improving the district's infrastructure and boosting classroom technology, he said.

"It can't be used for salaries," he said.

The Durant decision came as welcome news to a district where officials continually seem worried about finances, but Baracy cautioned that the settlement shouldn't be perceived as a cure-all.

Instead, he said, the settlement amounts to a state reimbursement for dollars that the local district spent in previous years, while school officials statewide waited for a court decision on the 17-year-old lawsuit.

"It's money owed to us," Baracy said, but added, "This is not a

one-time payout."

Officials also don't know whether they will have to give up a portion of the money for county-run special education programs, he said.

Regardless, the superintendent said he hopes that voters will look favorably upon a \$108 million bond issue that voters are expected to decide during a special Feb. 17 election.

"We are in desperate need of the bond issue," Baracy said.

Just \$25 million of the total would be used to improve classroom technology, he said. The remaining \$83 million would lead to long-delayed building repairs ranging from new ceilings to new boilers to classroom additions.

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH B. BARRY
Mrs. Barry, 71, of Canton died Nov. 26.

Mrs. Barry was born July 5, 1926 in Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Edward H. Barry of Canton; a son, Keith Barry; a daughter, Denise (Larry) Adams; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Woodward.

Services were held from John N. Santieu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with the Rev. Thomas G. Bradley of Newburg United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

ROBERT L. KOSKI
Mr. Koski, 45, of Westland died Nov. 23.

Mr. Koski, formerly of Detroit, came to Michigan from Wheeling, W. Va. in 1955. He was born in Wheeling on April 21, 1952.

He was a welder for an automotive company and served in the Army during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1972. He was a member of American Legion Post 32 of Livonia.

Mr. Koski is survived by his two sons, Robert L. Koski II of

Memphis, Tenn., and Edward (Mary) Koski of Wayne; a daughter, Julia B. (Bobby) Wood of Canton; and his mother, Thelma Koski of Detroit.

Services were from the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with chaplain Robert Keller of American Legion Post 32 officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorial may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield 48076.

NICK PHOTOSIOS
Mr. Photosios, 96, of Canton died Nov. 23 at home.

Mr. Photosios was a native of Cyprus Island. He was born July 14, 1901.

Mr. Photosios was a retailer for a hardware store.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; two daughters, Sydelie Blair and Deana Salhaney; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private services were held from L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex E. Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

PETER WOLAK
Mr. Wolak, 83, of Houghton Lake and formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 24.

Mr. Wolak came to the Plymouth community in 1963 from Armada, Mich. He worked as a farmer for Angelo DePonio and was a construction worker with Ernie Berger and then Don Bidwell. He worked on various buildings in Plymouth and Ann Arbor before retiring from Bidwell in 1978.

He attended Cavalry Baptist Church and the Berean Bible Church.

He is survived by his wife, Louise A. of Houghton Lake; a son, David Wolak of Plymouth; a daughter Bette (Brad) Meining of Colorado; three brothers, Frank Wolak of Hamtramck, Walter Wolak and Stanley Wolak of Armada; a sister, Lottie Polajiet of Centerline; and four grandchildren.

Services were held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Shinn officiating. Burial was in Washtenaw Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

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agreement was reached two weeks ago. "We had agreed to a minimum of 10 years when we met after the last trial with (Assistant Prosecutors) Mr. (Bob) Donaldson, (Doug) Baker and another man. I didn't know then, but the other man was (Prosecutor John) O'Hair ... We told them then we wanted a minimum of 10 years or a new trial," said Mercado.

He added, "The government represents us, they can't agree to anything without us." However, it is highly unlikely that the judge would recant a plea agreement at the victims'

urging, although he has the authority to do so, according to Wayne State law professor Peter Henning.

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member of the historic commission. Cornerstone Baptist owns 6 1/2 acres on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill. Ledbetter and his family currently live on the property.

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"If the victims' argument is that (Fisher) should get more time, a judge can increase the number of years he serves, which could result in the defendant saying, 'No, I want a trial,'" he said.

"The judge will look at the societal perspective when they make his statement, but it is unlikely that it will have much of an impact," Henning added.

Collins already accepted Fisher's no contest plea, despite the prosecutor's request for a guilty plea. At that point the prosecutor's office had the option of pulling the plug on the deal, said

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Witnesses told police that Scott stopped at a stop sign on northbound Denton, but then pulled out and appeared to stop in the middle of the intersection in an attempt to make a left-hand turn.

Her car was struck by a gray Plymouth station wagon on east-bound Geddes.

Cheer Club from page A1

Northville. The idea is to make Christmas special for everybody - not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend.

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Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

So Happy Holidays! And please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

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restoration project, said Bennett. "One of our church members noticed the building here and thought it might be vacant ... This is a central point for us. We draw from Westland, Canton and Ypsilanti," said Ledbetter.

He sees potential for the church to grow as the Canton community grows. Cornerstone Baptist's new church is located across the street from the proposed Vintage Valley subdivision which will include 300 homes.

PCEP college financial aid forum is Tuesday at Salem

Parents of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park juniors and seniors wanting to begin planning early for financial aid to colleges and universities can get questions answered at a special program 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

The financial aid night, led by Bernice Lindke, director of financial aid at Eastern Michigan University, will cover the "5 Ws of Financial Aid": what it is, why it exists, where it comes from, who's eligible and when and how to apply for it.

Lindke will explain various financial aid opportunities and will give information that will be helpful when filling out the

art and music workshops for children in kindergarten through fifth grade on Saturday, Dec. 20. "Songs of the Season," 9:30-11:30 a.m., will look at different holiday celebrations including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. "Christmas Around the World," noon-2 p.m., will focus on holiday songs and customs from other countries.

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used against him in a civil liability suit. The duct tape murder case has been the longest in Michigan legal history. The first two convictions were overturned in 1986 and 1988 and a 1995 trial also ended in a mistrial with jurors split over first- or second-degree murder.

Fisher served four years after being sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole when the second jury found him guilty of first-degree murder. The conviction was overturned by the Michigan Supreme Court. He also served four years after

1993 jury found him guilty of inciting perjury and attempting to obstruct justice by attempting to bribe two inmates at Jackson prison to confess to his wife's murder.

The bribes were offered while he was incarcerated for the second conviction in 1988.

Mercado said it is important for him to fight for a new trial and longer jail sentence because "I don't want people to be in a similar situation. Maria, my daughter, can not return from the dead."

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Eight year old Michael was struggling to the point of tears. "It was a struggle to get him to read. It took hours to do homework and he still didn't comprehend. His self-esteem," describes his mother, "was so low."

This story is typical of many families. In fact, 25-40% of children in an average classroom have vision-related learning problems. Vision is needed for 80% of what we learn. Testing has shown that in many cases of learning problems the child's focus is not clear and is often double.

Dr. John P. Jacobi, has been working with these children with learning difficulties, and with tremendous success. "These are little boys who are acting out in frustration, third graders who have run into a brick wall academically, even college students who can't study without getting terrible headaches," explains Jacobi.

Extensive testing for attention and learning problems is often given, without a single test for vision and eyesight. In most cases, vision has a great deal to do with the child's problems.

"I'm finding many kids who have 20/20 vision, but see double at reading distances or lose focus after only a few minutes of reading. They often experience headaches and eyestrain," Dr. Jacobi continues. "They struggle so hard, and sometimes give up."

Basic school screenings or basic eye health exams will not specifically probe these areas, so it may go undiagnosed. But once the vision dysfunction is detected, these kids have a whole new outlook.

One parent shares her "feeling of helplessness when you know you have a bright child and she can't read," and adds that "finding the missing piece to the puzzle allows us to move ahead."

It's worth a simple phone call to find out. You may schedule an appointment or reach Dr. Jacobi at (313) 525-8170.

Symptoms parents should be alert for:

- Headaches, especially after school
- Blurry distant, can't sit still and complete a task
- Avoids reading and paperwork
- Poor memory and poor spelling
- Losses place while reading
- Poor handwriting but may be a detailed artist
- Squints and tilts head while studying

MADD vigil will remember victims

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will hold a candlelight vigil to remember victims of drunk driving crashes at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, 23300 W. Davison, in Detroit.

people who have lost loved ones in drunk driving crashes to attend this beautiful night of remembrance," said Carol Nalepka, a spokesperson for MADD's Wayne County chapter. The monastery is located south off the I-96 service drive (Schoolcraft) between Telegraph and Outer Drive.

MADD will also conduct a Victim Support Group Meeting on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. These support group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Gabriel Richard Center on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

volunteers to take phone calls from drinking drivers on New Year's Eve. The calls are taken from a central location with volunteers calling taxi companies to provide rides. For more information, call the MADD Wayne County office at (313) 721-8181.

Liferide Program also needs

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Both states have lifetime bans on further service in the Legislature. Michigan's term limits amendment already has been modified by the courts. Originally, Michigan voters set term limits for U.S. senators and representatives. Unconstitutional, said the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Constitution alone sets rules for Congress. It's possible that, if a court doesn't strike down Michigan's term limits entirely, it could modify them by lifting the lifetime ban on further service in the Legislature.

Interruptions

Back to the California arguments: Judge Andrew Kleinfeld interrupted attorney Remcho immediately to say, "I can't find the provision of the U.S. Constitution that's supposed to be violated" by California's term limits. Remcho: "States may not violate basic constitutional rights," for example, by barring a minister from attending a political convention. There followed a debate over whether Assemblyman Bates had a "basic" constitutional right

to run for legislative office. Remcho: "The U.S. Supreme Court said term limits are fundamentally undemocratic..." Kleinfeld, interrupting: "That's not what it said. It said the states lack power to impose qualifications for Congress" (as in Michigan's original ban). Remcho, continuing: "Term limits put a severe limit on the right of voters to elect whom they want... a severe burden." Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain: "Your brief says the evil is lifetime term limits. But we also have term limits for the governor and attorney general." Remcho: "Term limits are inherently unconstitutional. There are less restrictive means to accomplish the goal of keeping lawmakers from becoming entrenched."

Burden on voters?

Chief Judge Proctor Hug: "Is the right to vote for a particular candidate a state interest?" That question had already been answered by attorney Deborah LaPetra, of the Pacific Legal Foundation, the group which advocated term limits. LaPetra said Bates' Assembly district has 370,000 residents of

whom 100,000 are barred from running because they are underage, felons, aliens, etc. California's term limits rule raised that number "infinitesimally," to 100,001. "The voters didn't have their votes diluted or debased in any way. There is no burden on the right to vote," she said. Remcho replied the term limits rule is unfair because it tilts the choice of candidates to voters who prefer inexperience. Power belongs "only people who don't believe in experience." Arguing for the state, and in favor of term limits, was Harvard law professor Einer Elhaug. He quoted the Declaration of Independence on the right of the people to institute government for their own ends and organize it as they wish. Foes of term limits, Elhaug said, say in effect that the U.S. Constitution, which limits the president to two terms, "somehow denies the same right to people in limiting the terms of their legislator." Term limits don't work any hardship in the civil rights area, Elhaug said. Since California passed term limits, "the number of women (in the Legislature) is up 25 percent, the number of Hispanics is up 250 percent."

Asians went from zero to two." One of the lower court opinions against California's term limits said the people weren't adequately informed about the lifetime ban on further service in the Legislature. Not so, said Elhaug. "Access to the text cure any problem." There was nothing ambiguous about Proposal 140. "The lifetime ban was intended."

'Stop revolving door'

LaPetra, for the Pacific Legal Foundation, said voters didn't have their votes "debased or diluted in any way" by term limits. The state has a right to determine qualifications of its own officers. "Incumbents are an entrenched, dynastic bureaucracy" able to raise money to perpetuate themselves in office, LaPetra said. Since there is no burden on the voters, there is no need to narrowly tailor the term limits rule to lift the lifetime ban on running for the Legislature. "The purpose of a lifetime ban is to stop the revolving door," LaPetra said. "These are policy judgments, your honor, that the people of California made."

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"Carl Pursell is right," added Craig Ruff, panel moderator, president of Public Sector Consultants and once a top aide to Gov. Bill Milliken (1969-82). "We should expand the pie (chunk of appropriations going to colleges) rather than fight over carving it up."

'A terrible thing'

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, joined Schwarz in deploring the effect of term limits - "a terrible thing. It will be a shift of power to the executive and lobbyists. Newcomers to the Legislature will rely on that flow of information."

Programs like the Indian tuition waiver and the University of Michigan's Douglas Lake project will become vulnerable in the budgeting process, said Smith, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Smith and Ruff agreed that higher ed would be challenged for state general fund appropriations by the Corrections Department (prisons), Family Independence Agency (welfare), and Community Health.

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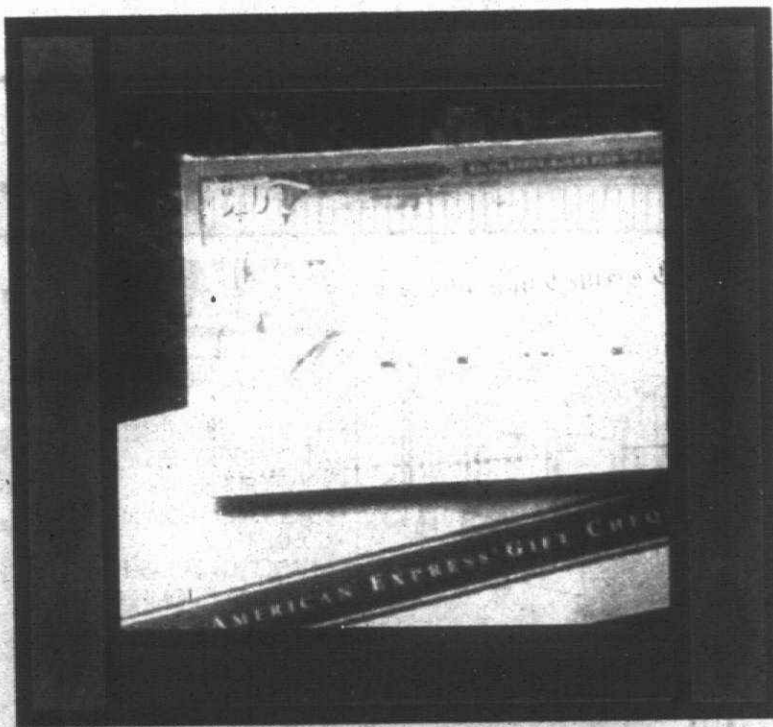
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HOME SENSE



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Modify your recipes to cut sugar and fat

This is the season for cooking and baking. But what happens if you run out of an ingredient for that special tasty delight? Your choices are to go to the store or substitute one ingredient for another. There are many substitutions you can make when baking, however you may end up with a somewhat different product. The taste, moisture content, texture and weight of a product can be affected by changing ingredients.

A frequent question is, "What can I substitute for cream of tartar?" The answer is, there is not a good substitution. If cream of tartar is used along with baking soda in a cake or cookie recipe, omit both and use baking powder instead. One teaspoon baking powder is equivalent to 1/4 teaspoon baking soda plus 5/8 teaspoon cream of tartar. It may just be better to make that trip to the store for cream of tartar.

Sugar modifications

Sugar substitutions are a little easier. Granulated white sugar can be substituted for brown sugar, however, this changes the color of the product. To get the brown color, use a cup of granulated sugar plus 1/4 cup unsulfured molasses.

One cup of corn syrup can be used for regular syrup, but you'll need to reduce other liquids by 1/4 cup. Sugar can be reduced by 1/4 to 1/3 in quick breads, cookies, pie filling, custards, puddings and fruit crisps. Do not reduce sugar in yeast breads as it acts as food for the yeast.

Here are some rules to remember when making sugar modifications to a recipe:

- Do not over bake, bake until firm on the outside and soft in the middle.
- Products with less sugar are less brown.
- Add applesauce, additional cinnamon or vanilla to enhance the sweetness. Non-fat dry milk can replace up to 1/4 of the sugar.
- If you want to use a non-sugar sweetener, substitute, find and use a recipe designed especially for them. Some of the non-sugar sweeteners do not react very well to baking or cooking.
- Many cookie recipes do not take too well to sugar and fat reduction.

Reducing fat
Fat provides flavor, richness, improves texture, tenderness and flakiness in baked goods. You can try to substitute oil for shortening in a recipe to reduce the fat by 1/4 to 1/3. For example, if the recipe calls for 1 cup hydrogenated shortening, try 2/3 cup oil. Drop cookies may be more successfully adapted to less fat than rolled cookies.

As a general rule, for minimal fat content in cakes and cookies, use no

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SUBSTITUTIONS

Instead of 1 teaspoon baking powder try 1/4 teaspoon baking soda and 5/8 teaspoon cream of tartar

Instead of 1 tablespoon cornstarch try 2 tablespoons all purpose flour

Instead of 1 cup buttermilk try 1 cup low-fat yogurt

Instead of 1 teaspoon lemon juice try 1/2 teaspoon white wine vinegar or cider vinegar

Instead of sweetened condensed milk try low-fat/non-fat sweetened condensed milk

Instead of 1 egg try 2 egg whites or 1/4 cup liquid egg substitute

Instead of 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips (melted) try 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate and 2 tablespoons shortening plus 1/2 cup sugar

Instead of 1 cup yogurt try 1 cup buttermilk or 1 cup cottage cheese blended until smooth, or 1 cup sour cream.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Holiday pantry



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All in the family: Executive Chef Louai Sharkas (left to right), Oakland Grill; Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West; Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's. Photo was taken at Oakland Grill.

Too many chefs don't spoil the broth!

BY ELEANOR HEALD • SPECIAL WRITER

Three brothers, all executive chefs at high-profile restaurants in the Detroit metropolitan area — this is a one-of-a-kind phenomenon. It may be duplicated, but diligent research has failed to find it in another U.S. metro area.

Thirty-four-year-old Louai Sharkas is executive chef/owner of Oakland Grill in Royal Oak. His 30-year-old brother Bassam "Sam" is executive chef/partner at Colangelo's in Pontiac. Lee, 29, is executive chef at Andiamo West in Bloomfield Hills.

In 1977, all three emigrated from Baghdad with their parents Amelda and Saib Sharkas. Because they had relatives there, the family settled in Southfield and call this city "home" today.

Locations

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6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300

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2 North Saginaw, (corner of Pike St. and Saginaw), Pontiac, (248) 334-2275

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he became executive chef upon the retirement of chef Carolyn Haskins (now special projects chef at Birmingham's Big Rock Chop and Brew House), whom he cites as his culinary mentor.

"Carolyn insisted on classic cooking techniques," Louai remarked. "But Douglass Grech (former owner of Douglass Douglass in Southfield, now a personal chef and New York food designer) taught me the meaning of flair."

Louai thoroughly enjoys being owner, managing Oakland Grill and directing the kitchen. "I love doing my own thing and controlling my own destiny," he added.

Louai's brother Sam needed a part-time job when he was a high school senior. "I was hired as a busboy," he

said. "A chef didn't show up for work, but I did. Opportunity knocked and I had a kitchen job after a few weeks."

Sam credits Picano's (Troy) executive chef Bill Hall as his mentor. After nearly two years at Colangelo's, Sam says he enjoys his work because "I can be creative without limitations."

When Lee Sharkas needed his first job, he applied at Larco's (now in Troy). From there he went to the kitchen at Andiamo Italia Ristorante in Warren to work under Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani, Andiamo's corporate executive chef. Lee says he loves the rush of running a kitchen in a very busy restaurant, cooking for people and still being guided by Chef Aldo.

Believing that the apple does not fall far from the tree, I talked to the Sharkas brothers about holiday dining experiences in their home.

"My mom makes literally hundreds of time-consuming kibbe, a cracked wheat dumpling stuffed with beef and onions," Louai responded. "Only a mother has the love and would take the time to do this. We have 30 people for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and we each eat six or seven kibbe per person per seating."

Lee and Sam like Christmas Eve because restaurants close early and remain closed Christmas Day.

"When we were growing up, we helped cook for the family get-together on Christmas Eve," Sam said. "That's when we open presents and have a big meal at midnight."

Lee added, "We still help, once we get to my parents' home. My father is a great helper, also."

Could the three brothers work together professionally? "Never," came the unhesitating chorus answer. "That's too many chiefs and not enough Indians," said Sam. "It's like three artists trying to paint one picture together," Louai added. "Each of us is too opinionated; it would not work," Lee concluded.

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Brothers share holiday recipes

Because their food memory bank is brimming with Christmas nostalgia, all three brothers offer Observer & Eccentric readers original recipes they like to cook for the holidays: All are exceptionally colorful on the plate. For example, to enhance presentation of his Marinated Calamari with Roasted Peppers, Sam Sharkas reserved some red and green peppers to use as a sprinkled garnish around the outside of a plain white plate.

Louai Sharkas chose a lobster entrée that reads long, but is very easy to prepare once all ingredients are gathered. The versatile chutney that accompanies is also a low-fat condiment for ham, pork or grilled chicken. For a new spin on left-over turkey, use unleavened flat bread, substitute the chutney for mayonnaise, then roll a sandwich.

Lee Sharkas remarked that although he heads up an Italian-style kitchen, there are daily specials that are not regionally focused. He offers two in his Roasted Corn and Pepper Soup and Honey-Glazed Salmon.

If you don't want to tackle the recipes yourself, just drool a little as you read them, then visit one of the brothers' restaurants and order up.

Amelda Sharkas thinks Louai serves portions that are too large. "She says the same thing about me," Sam added. "But she loves my lamb chops and lasagna."

"Hey, Lee, I'm looking at your salmon recipe," Louai chided. "It's simple and I'm going to steal it for New Year's Eve at my restaurant!"

RECIPES

LOBSTER EGG ROLLS WITH PAPAYA & MANGO CHUTNEY & CURRY OIL

Ingredients for Lobster Egg Roll:

- 2 pounds cooked Main Lobster meat, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil plus more for deep frying
- 3 cups julienne leeks
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 head Napa cabbage
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 small Thai pepper
- 1 large onion
- 24 Lumpia circle wrappers (available at Oriental food stores)
- 6 egg yolks, lightly whipped

In olive oil, sauté all vegetables until soft. For each egg roll, form a triangle with 3 of the circle wrappers. Brush with egg yolk. Place some of the vegetable mixture on the two circles forming the base of the triangle; top with four ounces of cooked lobster, fold in sides and roll. Once rolled, brush egg yolk on edges and outside of egg roll. Using a heavy skillet, sauté in shallow oil until golden brown, then place in a 350°F oven for 6 minutes.

INGREDIENTS FOR PAPAYA AND MANGO CHUTNEY

- 4 ripe mangoes, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 4 ripe papayas, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon toasted mustard seed
- 1 teaspoon ground clove
- 2 ounces shaved ginger
- 3 ounces lemon juice
- 2 ounces rice wine vinegar
- 1 pound dark brown sugar
- 2 ounces chopped cilantro

In a heavy skillet, heat brown sugar, lemon juice, vinegar and spices until sugar is caramelized. Add papaya, mango and ginger until soft. Chill, then add chopped cilantro.

FOR CURRY OIL

- 1 cup pure olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon curry
- In a small pan, heat olive oil until warm. Add curry; simmer for 3 minutes on low heat. Strain through cheese cloth.

To assemble:

Place chutney in middle of plate. Cut cooked lobster roll in half and place on each side of chutney. Spoon curry oil on plate. Serves 8 adults.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Louai Sharkas, Oakland Grill.

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ROASTED CORN AND PEPPER SOUP

2 pounds corn kernels
3 bell peppers, one each red, green, yellow, roasted
1/2 pound lean bacon
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 celery ribs, diced medium
2 onions, diced medium
1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
1 tablespoon ham base (available in gourmet grocery stores)
1 cup cream
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon roasted garlic
1/2 cup roux (4 ounces clarified butter to 4 ounces flour, cooked for 15 minutes on low heat)
salt and pepper

Place bacon on a sheet tray; cook in the oven at 350°F until crispy. Place corn on a sheet tray. Broil

at 500°F to brown evenly. Roast peppers, remove skin and seeds then puree. Sauté garlic in bacon fat until tender then puree. Sauté celery, onions and corn in oil. When tender, add peppers, garlic, ham base, bacon and parsley. Cook for 3 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer. When simmering, add roux. Adjust consistency with cream. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West

HONEY-GLAZED SALMON WITH CARAMELIZED SWEET POTATOES

6 (7-ounce) salmon fillets
6 large sweet potatoes
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1 stick butter
salt and pepper

Boil sweet potatoes until tender

then remove skin. Cut into wedges and place into a sauté pan with brown sugar and butter. Cook until caramelized. Add salt and pepper to taste. Preheat oven to 350°F. Rub salmon with honey and place on sheet tray. Bake in oven for 12 minutes. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West

MARINATED CALAMARI WITH ROASTED PEPPERS

2 each red, yellow and green peppers
2 pounds cleaned calamari
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
3 ounces sesame seed oil
1/2 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

2 tablespoons pine nuts
2 tablespoons sun dried cherries
salt and pepper

Clean calamari and place in a bowl with soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce and sesame seed oil. Marinate one hour. Roast peppers over a grill. Remove skin and seeds. In a skillet, sauté calamari in marinade mixture for 5 minutes. Turn every 90 seconds. Drain off most of the marinade. Set aside. Julienne peppers. Place them in a bowl with the calamari and all remaining ingredients. Mix well. Let stand one hour before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's

GRILLED AND ROLLED STUFFED CHICKEN WITH

Place 2 tablespoons of the bread crumb mixture on each breast half, then roll. Brush each breast with olive oil and grill seam-side-down for 15-20 minutes or until cooked. Cut each breast on the bias and serve with lemon-garlic sauce.

LEMON-GARLIC SAUCE

8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved
2 cups Italian-style bread crumbs
1 cup plum tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup fontinella cheese, finely shredded
1 cup olive oil
salt and pepper

For the sauce:
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 quart chicken broth
1 stick of butter
1 cup flour
salt and pepper

In a bowl, place bread crumbs, cheese, tomatoes, 1/3 of the olive oil. Mix well. On a flat surface, pound chicken breasts flat. Salt and pepper lightly.

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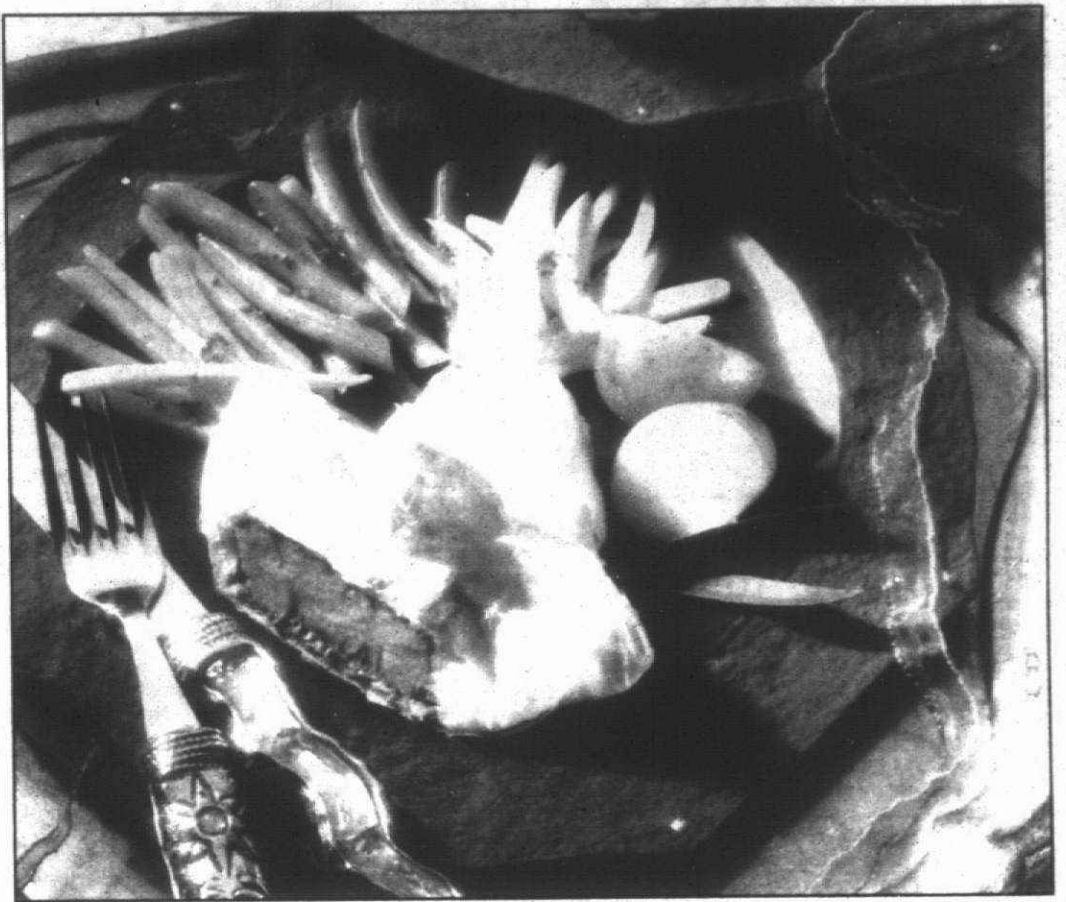
The holiday season is synonymous with entertaining. When a small intimate gathering of good friends is on the calendar, you'll want to serve something extra special. Beef Wellington has always been a special-occasion dish, often reserved for restaurant dining. You can easily prepare the '90s version of this classic for elegant at-home holiday entertaining.

Mini Beef Wellingtons are every bit as delicious as the original. The time-consuming puff pastry and pate are gone, replaced by a seasoned mushroom filling and paper-thin phyllo sheets which make this version leaner and easier to prepare.

The phyllo sheets (available in the freezer case at your grocery store) are gathered up around the lean beef tenderloin steaks and mushroom filling then twisted closed to give the appearance of small packages.

The cooking process is accelerated by partially panbroiling the steaks in a skillet before assembly. Even with the panbroiling, the entire dish can be prepared and served in less than an hour making Mini Beef Wellingtons the perfect holiday entertaining choice for hosts with busy lives.

A vegetable medley such as green beans, carrots and red potatoes makes a colorful accompaniment, and for dessert, serve lemon cake with raspberry sauce.



Elegant dish: Updated for today's tastes and time constraints, Mini Beef Wellingtons can be prepared and served in under an hour.

When friends and family get busy with their separate lives, it's hard to stay connected, even around holidays. A cookie swap is a special way to get together with the people you'd always like to see but seldom do. It's also the perfect excuse to both indulge in some delicious seasonal confections and lighten your holiday workload.

In a cookie swap, people bring a tin filled with one kind of cookie and leave with it refilled with a variety of the treats everyone else brought. Not only do the wide assortment of goodies serve as refreshments for the cookie swap participants themselves, but they are the perfect treat to serve when guests stop by during the holiday season.

Schedule the cookie swap for a late afternoon two or three weeks before Christmas. That's when all the plans and pressures of the season feel overwhelming, making it a good time to pause briefly and do something emotionally satisfying for yourself.

A cookie swap works best when each guest brings five dozen cookies. Homemade sweets are nice, but since this is a gathering meant to relieve holiday stress, they are not mandatory. Start your cookie swap by relaxing for an hour or two, visiting with one another while enjoying a cup of hot tea, mulled cider, or a glass of chilled wine. Guests munch on the various cookies, so there's minimal work for the hostess.

The real swap occurs when empty tins are filled with an assortment of the cookies which are left.

Cookies for a swap should be easy to make. Spice cookies, fig bars, jumbles, and biscotti are

6 phyllo dough sheets, defrosted
Vegetable cooking spray

Heat oven to 425°F. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until tender. Add wine; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until liquid is evaporated. Stir in green onions, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Remove from skillet; cool thoroughly.

Heat same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Place steaks in

skillet; cook 3 minutes, turning once. (Steaks will be partially cooked. Do not overcook.) Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

On flat surface, layer phyllo dough, spraying each sheet thoroughly with cooking spray. Cut stacked layers lengthwise in half and then crosswise to make 4 equal portions. Place about 2 tablespoons mushroom mixture in center of each portion; spread mixture to diameter of each steak. Place steaks on mushroom mixture. Bring together all 4 corners of phyllo dough; twist tightly to close. Lightly spray each with

cooking spray; place on greased baking sheet.

Immediately bake in 425°F oven 9 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings (serving size: 1/4 of recipe).

Nutrition information per serving: 277 calories; 26 grams protein; 11 grams carbohydrate; 13 grams fat; 4.1 mg iron; 232 mg sodium; 71 mg cholesterol.

Recipe and information from the National Live Stock & Meat Board Test Kitchens.

MINI BEEF WELLINGTONS
Total preparation and cooking time: 40 minutes

4 small beef tenderloin steaks, cut 1-inch thick (4 ounces each)
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 pound mushrooms, finely chopped
3 tablespoons dry red wine
3 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
Salt and pepper to taste

Holiday cookies omit wheat and dairy

Food allergies won't dampen the holiday festivities at your house with this recipe from a new line of cookbooks for people with food sensitivities.

HOLIDAY COOKIES
(Makes 24)

1/4 cup butter, canola oil spread, shortening or margarine
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 cup sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/4 cups white or brown rice flour
3 tablespoons potato starch
2 tablespoons tapioca flour
1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional)
1 large egg white

Have all ingredients at room temperature. Combine in food processor and blend thoroughly until mixture forms large clumps. Shape into balls, cover, and refrigerate for one hour. You may also freeze the dough in log shape at this point and bake cookies later.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Divide dough in half, keep remaining half covered. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness between sheets of waxed paper or plastic wrap that are

sprinkled with rice flour. Use metal cookie cutters to cut into holiday shapes and transfer to ungreased, nonstick baking sheet. Or, line standard cookie sheet with parchment paper or non-stick baking liner.

Repeat with remaining dough. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until edges are set. Cool for two minutes before removing from pan. Decorate with frosting or sprinkle with sugar.

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more than 2 tablespoons fat (oil or margarine) per cup of flour. In quick breads, muffins or cookies, substitute applesauce for up to 3/4 of the margarine or oil.

Prune puree or low-fat yogurt can be used in place of butter, margarine or oil. Look for margarine where liquid vegetable oil is the first ingredient listed on the label.

Don't use tub margarine or lower-reduced fat margarine when baking cookies unless you have a recipe designed especially

for those products. Skim or low-fat milk can be substituted for whole milk, or for added richness, use evaporated skim milk. Salt can be reduced by half or omitted entirely. Salt's main function in most recipes is for flavor only. The exception is a yeast bread where it controls the action of yeast.

Find a reliable cookbook for a complete list of substitutions. Making a rich butter cookie is a real challenge if you aren't using butter or margarine.

When you reduce or eliminate an ingredient you'll have to experiment with your recipe to get a product that is acceptable to eat.

Instead of a regular pie crust, use a phyllo crust or graham cracker crust. Serve angel food cake rather than pound cake. Use a dusting of powdered sugar instead of thick frostings, or if a recipe calls for a large quantity of chocolate chips, cut down the amount.

Since substituting sugar and fat is an "iffy" thing at best, it may be a better idea to make the original recipe with all the ingredients and just eat less of your favorite cookies or cakes.

How to store cookies

Low-fat cookies taste better if eaten when very fresh. Keep them in an airtight container for only a few days or freeze for longer storage. Throw only what you need.

Storing Cookies
To store cookies for short term (1 week)
■ Cool cookies completely after baking.
■ Do not mix soft and crisp varieties in the same container or the crisp cookies will soon become soft.
■ Store soft cookies in a container with a tight-fitting lid.
■ Store crisp cookies in a container with a loose-fitting lid.
■ Store bar cookies in the pan in which they were baked; cover pan tightly with aluminum foil or plastic wrap.

Freezing Cookies
To freeze cookies for six months
■ Arrange cooled cookies in a container with plastic wrap or foil.
■ If layering the cookies, put waxed paper between layers.
■ Keep varieties separate so they maintain their best flavor.
■ Seal containers tightly, label and freeze.
■ To thaw, let cookies stand loosely covered for 20 minutes.

Grilling your holiday turkey

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you want to speed up the cooking time for your holiday turkey, wrap the turkey in aluminum foil and roast it at 450 degrees F. Using this method, a turkey can be ready for carving in just over three hours.

If you grill outdoors year-round, you can grill your holiday turkey. While the bird's on the grill, you can use your oven for side dishes and desserts.

FOIL WRAPPED ROASTED TURKEY
8- to 24-pound turkey, thawed
Vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Remove neck and giblets from turkey; rinse turkey and pat dry. If desired, loosely stuff turkey. Brush with vegetable oil.

Tear off a sheet of 18-inch wide heavy-duty aluminum foil that is 2-1/2 times longer than the turkey. Place turkey, breast side up, lengthwise in center of foil sheet. Close foil loosely by overlapping the ends. Turn up short sides of foil to hold in juices. Do not seal airtight. Place foil-wrapped turkey in roasting pan at least 2 inches deep. Insert meat thermometer through foil into thickest part of thigh, not touching bone. Roast turkey until meat thermometer reads 180 degrees F for stuffed turkey, add 30 minutes to roasting time.

To brown turkey, open and turn

back foil 30 minutes before roasting is finished.

GRILL ROASTED TURKEY
8- to 16-pound turkey, thawed
Vegetable oil
Heat grill to medium.

Using heavy-duty aluminum foil, make a drip pan to place under the turkey during grilling. Stack 2 sheets of foil 6 inches longer and wider than the turkey. Fold in all edges 1-1/2 inches sides. Press corners against sides; set drip pan aside.

Remove neck and giblets from turkey; rinse turkey and pat dry. Brush with oil. Do not stuff turkey. Stuffing may be wrapped in foil and heated on the grill.

Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of the thigh, not touching bone. Place foil drip pan under grill rack. Brush grill rack with oil. Place turkey on grill rack above foil drip pan.

Grill turkey in covered grill over medium, indirect heat until meat thermometer reads 180 degrees F. For easy slicing, remove turkey from the grill, cover with foil and let stand for 15 minutes. Makes 8 to 20 servings.

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Artists celebrate with their own shops

Traditionally, artists create, leaving the marketing and selling of their work to others. But these days, several savvy crafters have opened their own stores, eliminating the middleman.

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO

It was once the dream of an artist to exhibit work in a gallery of renown.

Today, many artists open galleries of their own, stocking their stores with items they've made themselves.

Folk artist Barbara Bourgeois-Richards of Romeo just opened her namesake gallery at 154 West Maple in Birmingham, down the street from the gallery/store impressionist painter Pierre Bittar opened last year.

Paige Stanton of Bloomfield Hills also just opened her store in downtown Franklin, lining the carefully-papered walls with her custom pillows, beaded bags and vintage-looking necklaces.

Groups of area artists take turns supplying the shelves of two co-op galleries at Summit Place Mall in Waterford and Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills.

"Having your own store allows you to work with your own work," said Bourgeois-Richards. "I also sell country antiques in the shop which blend very well with my watercolors and prints."

Collectors have been seeking out her cherubic, pear-shaped characters in European-styled frocks, since she began painting in 1986 after one watercolor class at the local education center. Though she suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, she transfers a positive outlook to her "characters," drawing them enjoying the simple pleasures of life—fishing, gardening, sipping tea.

With help from her family, Bourgeois-Richards turned her artwork into a profitable career, adding wool rugs, cross stitch patterns and limited edition prints to her repertoire. She has customers around the globe.

Stanton used craft fairs as her proving ground, networking with other artisans to learn the trade and collect names of reliable crafters who could supplement her

"I specialize in taking old photographs and transferring them onto quilts and pillows to create heirlooms suitable for brides and new mothers," she said. "These are absolutely custom gifts, personalized with lace, satin, beads and embroidered flowers."

"I also make little bags on beaded straps that double as a necklace, and jewelry. The shop is complete with folk art dolls, fabric-covered boxes and lamp shades, hand-knit sweaters, and hand-painted frames, candlesticks and dishes by other very talented artists."

Bittar who has had his gallery/store on West Maple in Birmingham for three years, said promoting business in his own store, as well as the rest of the city, has become an important part of his life.

"If you own a gallery, you must become involved in promoting the town as a cultural center," he said. "It's difficult, you have many hats to wear. I've started painting in the area schools and teaching an art class or two. Children are so eager and hungry to know about art."

For this kind of business to succeed you must be in an area that draws people who desire beautiful things."



Making memories: Paige Stanton poses with her pillows.

Designer breaks new ground in glass

By JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON

Ann Morhauser, owner and designer of Annieglass, always had an artistic bent. She started taking private art lessons when she was only nine years old and by the time she turned 19, she was studying printmaking and dance at college in California.

But, as Morhauser explained last week during her appearance at Neiman Marcus, her epiphany came one night on a beach in Santa Cruz. There, under a full moon, Annie saw a man blowing glass.

"Glass making was very fluid... like dance," she said. "And you got immediate gratification. You blew it and the piece was finished the next day. It was hooked, obsessed. It's been my passion ever since."

Annie got a scholarship to the College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, where she studied under Marvin Lipofsky, the leader of the American Studio Glass



Behind the scenes: Ann Morhauser.

Movement. "He was a real taskmaster," she said. "He pushed me to do new techniques... like bending flat glass (technically called slumping). He pushed me to do sculptures. It made me look at things differently."

After graduating in 1979, Annie went to work in a glass gallery in Santa Cruz to learn the retail end of the business. By 1983, she had opened Annieglass, her own glass studio. And, as the pundits say, the rest is history.

Annie first marketed her one-of-a-kind pieces at juried national craft fairs. One of her very first customers was Neiman Marcus. "But the store that really put me on the map was Zona in New York," she said. "In the mid '80s many individual retailers went to Zona to see what they were selling, then those retailers would try to find me."

Today, Annieglass offers more than 17 different designs and is sold worldwide. President and Mrs. Clinton own Annieglass. It's also in the personal collections of such celebrities as Oprah, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler and in the permanent collections of the Corning Museum of Glass and the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian.

Annieglass is now created at Morhauser's new 16,000 square foot pro-

duction-office complex in Watsonville, California, just south of Santa Cruz. With 25 full-time employees, the company produces over 100,000 handmade glass plates, bowls, serving dishes and decorative accessories per year.

Yet, Annie related, "It's practically medieval the way we do things. It's a lot of hand work. We only use machines to sand and oven to melt the glass." Each piece of Annieglass is still crafted and signed by hand and the decorative edges are hand-printed.

Morhauser is probably best known for her highly textured, Roman Antique glass dinnerware which is hand-blown in either 24-karat gold or platinum and can mix or match with practically anything ranging from heirloom china to the funkier contemporary pottery.

But she doesn't rest on her laurels! Annie continues to introduce new products twice a year. Last January it was Flora, a white-glazed pattern designed to look like a "sculptural dogwood flower." In August it was Diva. Inspired by a gold bracelet, Diva is highly-textured with a matte gold finish.

"My newest 1950s linoleum, retro-look black and white pattern called Santa Cruz Modern will be introduced in New York in February," she said. The serving pieces will have a black and white drizzle pattern, dinnerware will be solid beige or black. Annieglass is sold at Neiman Marcus, Hudson's (Somerset store only), Jacobson's, Art Loft Gallery, Magnolias, Studio 330 and Slades.

Shapes and settings: A few of the best selling Annieglass designs.

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

Holiday exhibit open
Through Dec. 31, stroll through Victorian England recreated in 23 animated vignettes portraying the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. The 8th annual holiday exhibit is presented by Hudson's.

Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Earmuffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theatre in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free.

Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional. A copy of the book "The Giving Season," available for \$19 at Ritz Camera with \$2 from each sale to Toys For Tots.

The Somerset Collection. Big Beaver/Coolidge Hwy. (248) 816-5484.
Village Santa
The local skating rink features children at play and forest animals with Santa Photos under a snow-cov-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ered pavilion through Dec. 24. **Meadow Brook Village Mall, Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.**

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

Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (248) 585-6000.
Carousel Santa
A 36-foot tall holiday carousel imported from Germany in mall's center court amuses visitors waiting for Santa. Laser light shows in the food court, Thursdays/Fridays 6 and 7 p.m. Saturdays/Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. through Dec. 22. The 15-minute show ends with a car drive for the Humane Society.

Wonderland Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, Livonia. (313) 622-4100.
Santa photos
"Wishes Can Come True," theme with giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. Annabelle's Wish video and plush toy, \$16.98 to benefit Make A Wish Foundation, 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. **Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 353-4111.**

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

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 5
Holiday music series
Carolers and music groups perform Fridays through Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. in Lord & Taylor Court. Santa photos in Fountain Court.

Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield, Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.
Santa photos in the park
Santa Claus poses for photos with children Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 7
Summit Place Holiday
"Is it Christmas Yet?" stories and sing-alongs 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?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2556. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input the following Sunday.

WHAT WE FOUND:

• Chain handles for a purse that needs replacements were spotted at **Miner's Den** on Rochester Road along with stone polishers. Call the store for more information at (248) 585-6950.

• Another source for the **Boo is the Best For The Health of It** catalog, to receive a copy call (916) 758-3826.

• Stores that buy old records include **Solo Records** (14 Mile/Woodward); **Flipside** (14 Mile near Main Clawson); **Car City** (Harper north of Eight Mile, Detroit.)

• Several callers said Betty of Farmington might have to wait until spring to buy **Lily of the Valley** fragrance by Coty. It is just a seasonal scent now. However, a reader spotted a Lily of the Valley fragrance by **Jovan** at **Sears** and another at **Crabtree & Evelyn's** stores.

• **Adidas warm-up pants** in youth-sizes were spotted at **Footlocker**, in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

• A few readers offered electric **corn poppers**, hot rollers, **Holly Days**, old **Password** games, dice from the **Kismet** game, and names of **Mary Kay** distributors.

• **Emprin aspirin** might only be available in Windsor, reported one reader.

• An **appraiser** for an antique, duck decoy is the owner of the **Wild Wings Gallery** in Plymouth.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

• Corolle dishes in the very old, gold butterfly pattern for **Peggy**.

• **Barb Thomas** is looking for a **1995 Santa Bear** and a plastic popcorn bowl with stripes on the sides.

• **The Wizard card game** for **Barb** of Westland.

• **Sarah**, a picture of **Elvis Presley** on black velvet.

• **Ruth** needs a distributor who sells the "miracle cleaner" **Swipe**.

• **The rust spot 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

RETAIL DETAILS

original art contributions from Whoozy Goldberg, Jerry Seinfeld, Larry King, Tom Chapin, and the cast of hit NBC television show Friends. Most ties are available in three-color variations for \$25 at **Lord & Taylor** and other department stores. Each celebrity donated a drawing to Save the Children, which was incorporated into silk neck wear bearing the celebrity's name and a Save the Children authentication label. The neck wear is produced by **Salant Menswear Co.** in New York City. Approximately three percent of the price of CelebTies will benefit children. For nearly five years, the neck wear collection, featuring the original artwork of young children, has raised awareness and funds for Save the Children and its work with children.

• **NEW TO STAR SOUTHFIELD**
A coffee shop, **Frisco Bay**, has been added to the lobby's lineup of concessions at **Star Southfield**. Movie-goers can enjoy a latte, dessert or smoothie during the film or after. The **Star Southfield** is on 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern.

• **NEW CD AIDS LEUKEMIA FIGHT**
Motor City Riffs a compilation CD of original songs recorded by Detroit-area musicians is on sale for \$10 at all **Harmony House** stores. Reservations will benefit the **Leukemia Society of America**. The promotion is co-sponsored by **WRIF** and **Miller Genuine Draft Beer**.

• **SHOE STORE HOSTS FOOD DRIVE**
Shoppers who bring in non-perishable food items to **Richard's Stride Rite on the Boardwalk** in West Bloomfield or **Summit Place** in Waterford receive \$5 off a new pair of shoes. The food will be collected through Dec. 13 and passed on to **The Sanctuary** and **Haven**.

• **SPECIAL TO TEL-TWELVE**
Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield has many new shops open for Nov-Jan. Among them: **The Warming House** (family accessories), **Toys For Less** (discount playthings), **N&J Tailoring**, **Christmas By Frank's**, **Wilson The Leather Experts**, **Page One**, **Great Lakes Hotdog** (Vienna beer variations), **The Sports Gallery** (memorabilia and collectibles). The mall, at 12 Mile and Telegraph, welcomes inquiries at (248) 353-4111.

• **NEW TO BIRMINGHAM**
Kevin Westfall opened a paint store, **Teknicolors**, two blocks north of 14 Mile on Woodward. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 646-5924.

• **Sarah Verlinden** welcomes shoppers to **The Great Indoors**.

163 N. Old Woodward. Her store offers home decorating accessories and furniture. Inquiries at (248) 645-2325. **The Purple Bear**, an upscale children's clothing store is open at 244 East Maple. The store is owned by **Joan Halmink** and her daughter-in-law, **Daphne**. **Tutto Bene, Good Things Italian**, is at 217 N. Old Woodward. Owner **Jennifer Ranjello** said the shop is filled with imported items including hand-painted ceramics, Venetian glass, hand blown ornaments and jewelry. She welcomes inquiries at (248) 723-8310.

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the 1996-97 Appropriation Ordinance to place \$5,000,000 of surplus funds in the County Delinquent Tax Fund in the Capital Projects Fund to support pay-as-you-go Capital Plan. The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997, 10:00 a.m.
Henry Ford Estate, U of M Dearborn Campus
(north of Michigan Avenue, south of Ford Road, west of Evergreen)

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 408 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, 48226. (313) 224-0903.
Public Hearing, November 30, 1997.

Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Arthur P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

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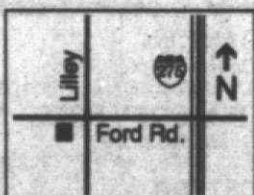
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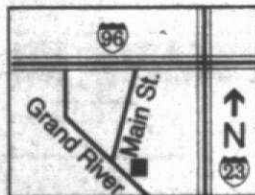
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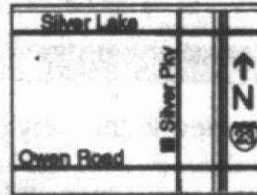
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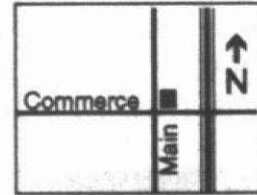
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Rational Recovery

Rational Recovery is an international non-profit, self-help organization for men and women who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol/and or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. Rational Recovery meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Harrison School in Garden City in classroom #5 and every Friday at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital in the lower level of the Medical Office Building.

RR has its roots in Cognitive Behavioral psychology. The distinguishing features from other prevailing abstinence programs are its rejection of the "disease" concept and the belief that individuals who engage in self-defeating behaviors have the power to overcome their problems by replacing their irrational thought processes with a rational belief system thus eliminating the previous outcome of self-defeating behavior. For additional information call (248) 476-2657.

Providence to open Canton facility

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, which will include an urgent care, pharmacy, physician offices and other services is scheduled to open in February 1998. The facility is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.

The building will have a focus on women's health, including specialists, service and educational programs for women of all ages. The facility also will be home to Michigan's first Interactive Health Education Center, set to open in Jan. 1999. The interactive center will draw visitors from across the state. For more information, please call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at 800-231-2211.

New outpatient rehab

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation has acquired I.H.S. Therapy, P.C. located at 42801 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth. The location will operate under the name HEALTHSOUTH Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Center and will specialize in sports medicine, spine rehabilitation and aquatic therapy.

"HEALTHSOUTH is pleased to expand its health care services in Plymouth," said P. Daryl Brown, president of HEALTHSOUTH outpatients centers. "With every addition to our network, we are able to further enhance HEALTHSOUTH's reputation for high-quality, cost-effective care."

World AIDS Day - 1997

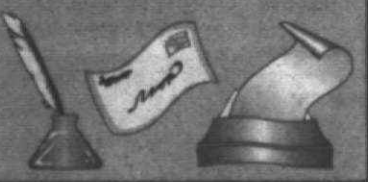
Oakwood Healthcare System will be holding its fourth annual free conference in support of World AIDS Day. This year's theme is *Children Living in a World with AIDS*, beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn.

Key parts of the program include a play about people with AIDS; a panel of teens affected and infected with the virus; the epidemiology of HIV and the display of a panel of the AIDS quilt. "This conference will give families more information to help protect their children from HIV and will also address coping issues," explained Nicholas Lekas, M.D., conference director and chief of infectious disease at Oakwood Hospital/Medical Center.

To register or for more information on the symposium, call (313) 593-7195.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

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LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN DONATIONS

WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

There are approximately 2,200 Michigan residents currently waiting for an organ transplant to save their lives. What's more discouraging is that they live in a state that ranks 45th of 50 in the nation for organ and tissue donors — one of the worst in the country.

Proposed legislation pending in the Senate has the potential to position Michigan among 19 states, including Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania, that have aggressively sought to increase tissue and organ donations, saving thousands of lives annually.

One of the most ironic tragedies that arises out of a death is that countless people could go on living healthy and complete lives from the organs of a single donor. A donor whose wish often goes unfulfilled because it was never shared with the family.

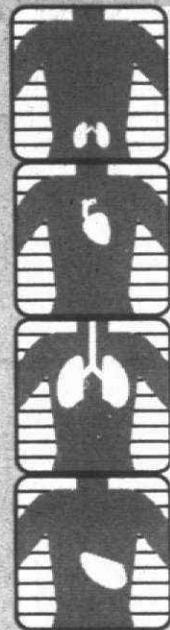
"The single most frequent response we hear when families are asked about donating organs and tissues from a loved one is, 'We never talked about it, we'd better say no,'" said Tom Beyersdorf, executive director, Gift of Life Agency of Michigan.

A set of bills that already passed in the House will require the Michigan Secretary of State to:

- Provide every driver's license applicant with information about organ and tissue donation.
- Allow every applicant the opportunity to register as a future donor and have that donation status affixed permanently to the license.
- Transmit the list of donor registrants to the Michigan Donor Registry maintained by the Gift of Life Agency. The registry will be for future use in communicating with families at hospitals following the death of a loved one.

Supporters believe the current system of affixing stickers to the back of licenses "falls short" of the potential in the state. Public education and increased awareness are two of the keys, say backers, that will shed light on a problem that often goes unaddressed.

"When the wishes of the deceased are known,



Transplant waiting list: Currently waiting for a transplant as of 9/01/97

Kidney	1587
Heart	70
Heart/Lung	1
Lung	120
Liver	243
Pancreas	96
Cornea	258

**273 patients received an organ transplant year-to-date
95 patients died waiting.**

family members invariably honor those wishes. The registry is a vital tool in communicating those wishes," said Beyersdorf.

The computerized donor registry, maintained by the Gift of Life Agency, is an efficient method of maintaining donor wishes from which health care professionals have access, that automatically checks the pool of potential donors to match with recipients.

Families at the hospital can be made aware of their loved ones' wishes and make a decision about donating. The registry presently has a list of 12,000 future donors. With the successful passage of legislation, the donor list could grow dramatically, resulting in the reduction of recipients waiting on a transplant list.

In Arizona where a revised anatomical gift act was enacted in May 1996, tissue donation increased by 62 percent in an eight-month period.

The state of Illinois has seen dramatic percentage increases since a "Live and Learn" law was signed in 1993. Today, there are 3.7 million people on the state's donor registry, the largest in the nation; organ donation has increased by 52 percent in only four years; and registry participation at driver license facilities serving mostly minority customers has increased by more than 100 percent.

Michigan legislators are optimistic about furthering legislation that can bring about positive change — turning tragedies into charitable acts of heroism.

* Three proposed bills currently remain idle in committee. Legislators are not expected to make a decision in the Senate until the first of the year. If you would like more information about The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan (Transplantation Society of Michigan), call 1-800-432-4881.

Tragedy eased by mom's heroic decision



Hero: 18-year-old Phillip Lewis lost his life in 1994 but thanks to organ donations - five transplant recipients were saved.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Cynthe Lewis made a decision Oct. 15, 1994, that saved the lives of five people. Her heroic act was born out of a tragic accident that left her son, Phillip Lewis, brain dead. He was just 18 years old.

Lewis consented unselfishly to have her young son's organs donated to transplant patients whose chances of living, rather than dying, were made greater by her generosity.

"I was told there was no hope," said Lewis, "and I was given the chance to help someone else. I didn't have to think twice about saying yes."

The Redford teen's heart went to a 65-year-old retired teacher from Kentucky. She has since returned to enjoying normal activities with her children and grandchildren.

Phillip's liver restored life to a 64-year-old widow from North Carolina. Both of his kidneys went to men from Tennessee. The youngest of the two recipients was a diabetic for more than 30 years who had been on a waiting list since November 1992.

The second man, a 53-year-old father, no longer endures hours of dialysis he would undergo each week as a result of cysts that formed in his kidneys.

A 47-year-old wife and mother from Kentucky, suffering from a chronic disease, became the recipient of his lungs. The second day following the transplant, she was removed from a machine that breathed for her and had normal blood oxygen levels. Previously simple tasks were impossible as a result of her advanced illness.

Greatest gift

Their only hope was a transplant. Cynthe Lewis's only wish was that something good come out of a bad situation.

Phillip, a spirited teen who loved music and playing guitar with his band, was in Kentucky staying with a friend at the time of the accident. Cynthe remembers receiving the call from Kentucky authorities who notified her that Phillip had been transported to a local hospital after falling out of a four story window to the cement pavement.

"I knew something wasn't right when they asked me if I had a child named Phillip Lewis," said Cynthe Lewis. "The news can't be good when they start out with a question like that."

She and her sister drove to the University of Kentucky in Lexington where Phillip had been airlifted because of the severity of his injuries. He was unconscious with broken arms and legs, a fractured skull, extensive facial damage

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Gift puts new heart in minister's life

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

In September, the Rev. Jack Spitza of Westland celebrated his second anniversary. Not a marital milestone or an observance of his dedication to the church but a celebration of the gift of life. In 1995, his failing heart was replaced with that of a 20-year-old accident victim.

"I'm living, breathing proof that organ donations work," said Spitza. "Someone saw the chance to give or extended the life of a stranger who couldn't live without the donation and they gave the greatest gift any of us can — life."

The Westland grandfather's health began to decline in 1988. He was experiencing chest pressure, water retention, extreme fatigue and an overall lack of strength.

"I was getting so weak it took all of me to get to the altar every Sunday for service," remembered Spitza, "but I never missed a sermon."

After being diagnosed with congestive heart failure and undergoing a battery of tests, Spitza was placed on a transplant list in March of 1995 at the age of 66 and began a costly waiting game. Despite his age, he was a candidate thanks to his general good health. "I never drank or smoked and I was in pretty good shape except for my heart," said Spitza.

Labor Day weekend of the same year, Spitza was contacted by the transplant team at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A young male accident victim's family agreed to donate their son's organs and Spitza was a match for his heart.

"I remember waking up after the surgery on Tuesday staring at the beige ICU wall and thinking, 'I don't have congestive heart failure any more.'"

Just nine days after the transplant, he was released from the hospital and returned to the pulpit at New Hope Baptist Church like he had every Sunday for the last 36 years.

"Families faced with a tragedy need to know their loved ones organs won't do them any good," Spitza said frankly, "but they can help save the lives of countless others."

In the last two years, Spitza has resumed all normal activities with no limitations holding him back. Last summer, he and his 9-year-old grandson traveled to Florida and enjoyed riding "all the roller coasters" they could during a vacation to Disney World. "I've been given a chance to watch my grandson grow and be a part of his life — for that I am grateful."

In addition to sharing his story with his congregation, Spitza speaks to ser-



Grateful: Rev. Jack Spitza has a new lease on life since receiving a new heart through the generosity and charity of a caring stranger.

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Winter itch indicates dry, chapped skin

As we say goodbye to November we find days are getting shorter while temperatures take an uncomfortable downward spiral. That crackling sound you may hear, however, isn't chestnuts roasting on an open fire, but the dry touch of your chapped skin.

Skin dryness is not uncommon, particularly in the winter months when wind exposure and freezing temperatures take a toll on all parts of your body, including those you think you've kept under wraps. Dermatologists warn that even short stints outside require a complete coverage to help avoid serious skin damage (frostbite) or windburn.

"Skin needs hydration to stay healthy, and usually it protects itself from drying out by producing a layer of oil," said Dr. Michael Mahon, D.O., Botsford dermatologist. "Unfortunately, as we grow older, our skin gener-

ates less oil naturally. Although all skin 'soaks up' moisture from the air when it's humid, low humidity can really cause damage."

Dry skin is a natural component of the aging process - it can be accelerated by a lack of moisture or slowed if proper care is taken to keep skin supple, moist and well-hydrated.

Another source of dehydration is the tendency to "turn up the heat" in the winter that leads to a serious lack of moisture in your home where you spend a good portion of time from November through March. Moisture needs to be returned to the

Michael Mahon
—Botsford dermatologist

air to keep yourself properly hydrated. One solution may be the installation of a mobile room humidifier that redirects moisture back into the air.

"I tell patients to cut down on those long, hot bubble baths and beware of harsh detergent soaps," said Mahon. "To combat chapped, dry skin, you should consistently use moisturizing lotions or creams - Eucerin, Lubriderm, Vaseline or the like several times a day, especially after washing your hands or bathing. Any of these over-the-counter products can help soothe and prevent moisture from evaporating."

Mahon strongly cautions outdoor enthusiasts and those not so fond of winter to wear gloves and hats, "even if out only for a short time."

If dry skin becomes severely cracked or inflamed, you may want to seek treatment from a dermatologist. Prescription medications can be very effective in preventing infection and further damage to chapped, cracked and scaled skin.

Just because it's winter, it doesn't mean you shouldn't be using sunscreen. "In addition to moisturizing, sunscreen is the best sure-fire way of protecting your skin and your health - as well as reducing the signs of aging," said Mahon.

Health-related information can be obtained from the Botsford Web site on the Internet at <http://www.botsfordsystem.org>.

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vice organizations and students about the need for aggressive legislation to further organ and tissue donations.

"I stand before you as living proof they can help save a life," said Spitz. "If you've never talked about your wishes, let your family know what they are or become a registered donor."

"Organ recipients should be an inspiration to everyone."

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scious with broken arms and legs, a fractured skull, extensive facial damage and head trauma.

"I believe Phillip wanted for me to get there knowing this was an opportunity to help someone. He knew I would consent and he hung on."

The chief neurological surgeon at the University of Kentucky consulted with Lewis following two days of treatment in the Intensive Care Unit where Phillip was being kept alive by a respirator. The physician explained that Phillip had no brain activity and little chance to survive.

"I agreed to donate his organs because it was the right thing for me to do," she said. "I give blood so it seemed only natural to feel that way about organ donations."

Three years have passed since Phillip died. His mother's face lights up when she talks about her son but it's easy to see her pain lies just below the surface. On her sweater lapel she wears a green ribbon that symbolizes support of the Gift of Life organization and their crusade to increase awareness of organ/tissue donations. She says it's a good conversation piece to get people talking about organ donations.

"It reminds me of Phillip, too."

Speaking out

Besides wearing the green ribbon, Lewis has become a public speaker for the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan. She tells Phillip's story in formal presentations or to anyone who will listen in an effort to "promote organ and tissue donations" as much as she can. "That's where the pin comes in handy. Someone will ask me about it and that gives me another opportunity to talk about donating. I always say when they ask me to speak. Whatever it takes to make people more aware."

"It helps me heal and gives me a sense that I'm still taking care of Phillip."

Lewis is also in full support of proposed legislation to provide every license applicant with information about donating and have donation status permanently affixed to driver's licenses. "Whatever it takes to make more people aware of the need and importance of making their wishes known to their family."

While the final decision remains with the family, Tom Beyersdorf, executive director of Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, says families will usually honor those wishes if they were made known or are made aware the potential donor was listed on a donor registry.

Merry lives very changed forever in October 1994. Lewis has the option to call the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates to find out how each of the recipients are doing since the transplants. Sadly, the man whose kidney's failed from diabetes died - not as a result of organ rejection but from colon cancer.

The other kidney recipient and transplant patients are doing great. In fact, Lewis received what she called "a very touching letter" from one of the recipients' daughters last June. The young woman expressed her sympathy for the loss of Lewis' son and explained how grateful she was for having her father back thanks to the kidney transplant.

"She wrote that her dad no longer had to drive three hours one way, sometimes four times a week, for dialysis treatments," said Lewis. "It was a hard letter for me to read."

HEALTH NEWSMAKERS

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 St. Mary staff
Jayshree Desai, M.D. recently joined the staff of St. Mary Hospital and opened her office at Marian Professional Building/St. Mary Hospital, 14555 Levan (Suite E-307). Desai became a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in Nov. 1997. She will soon be on the staff of Botsford and Beaumont hospitals and was a senior medical staff member with the Henry Ford Medical Center before deciding to go into practice on her own. She provides all general medical services including flu and pneumonia shots, gynecological checkups and pap smears. Basic lab tests, including EKG, spirometry, ultrasound and echocardiogram are provided. Same day appointments, 24-hour availability, evening and Saturday hours are available. For an appointment call (313) 591-7666.

Doctor joins Providence
Dr. Leslie Ponessa Arroyo has joined the staff of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers. She recently was one of 500 family physicians nationwide to receive the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) at the AAFP's Annual Scientific Assembly in Chicago. For four years she practiced out of Botsford Family Health Center in Livonia where she was clinical director. She is a member of the core faculty in the Providence Family Practice Residency Program and is accepting new patients for weekday and evening hours.



Arroyo

Medical administrator named
Cheryl Cavassier Schwartz has been named to The American Academy of Medical Administrators as an affiliate. This honor is conferred upon those whose outstanding credentials in healthcare administration merit such recognition.

Schwartz is the Administrative Director of Cardiovascular Clinical Associates, a 16-physician cardiology group with offices in Farmington Hills, Garden City and Wayne.

The purpose of the American Academy of Medical Administrators is to develop innovative concepts in the field of healthcare administration, to promote the advancement of our members in knowledge, and in person achievements through continuing education and research.

Coordinator earns certification
Juanita Pastula, R.N. of Livonia, education coordinator, Nursing Administration, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, recently earned her certification as a Clinical Specialist in Medical/Surgical Nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

As an education coordinator, Pastula is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating orientation, inservice and continuing education programs for nurses. A graduate of the Mercy School of Nursing and has worked at St. Mary Hospital for 10 years. Currently, she is involved in postgraduate studies in Business Administration at Madonna University.

Oncologist joins St. Mary staff
Harmesh Naik, M.D., has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Naik is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine and has served a fellowship in medical oncology at Wayne State University and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

His office is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 408 Livonia, in the Marian Professional Building next to St. Mary Hospital.



Naik

Tree of life - remember loved ones
Angela Hospice of Livonia is extending an invitation to the community to honor and remember their loved ones this holiday season at the tenth annual "Tree of Life." The tree will be on display at Laurel Park Place from now to Dec. 31.

For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice (313) 464-7810.

WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

TUE, DEC. 2

WED, DEC. 3
FINANCIAL PLANNING
Free seminar on Financial Planning Solutions for Long Term Care is being sponsored by Maurice A. Betman, Long Term Care Specialist of Comprehensive Financial Planning Corporation. The seminar is being held at the Farmington Hills Borders Books and Music store located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road at 7:30 p.m. Call 800-598-7834 to register.

THE BUSINESS OF RACING
An inside look at racing performance, professionalism and teamwork will be presented by renowned race car driver Bobby 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.

THUR, DEC. 4
TAX EDUCATION CONFERENCE
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) announces a conference scheduled for December at the Laurel Manor in Livonia on Federal Tax lectures. The conference fee is \$130 and the recommended CPE credit is eight hours. For more information call (248) 855-2288.

FRI, DEC. 5
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. 9
ASA 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 busi-

ness 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 of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26 (U.S.) Special presentation: Martini Revival by Fris Vodka: The Perfect Martini. For more information call Cynthia Hazard (810) 448-8682 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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

Director joins firm
Jack F. DiFranco has joined Stout Risius Ross of Farmington Hills as a managing director. DiFranco will head the firm's Corporate Finance Group. Prior to joining Stout Risius Ross, he was a vice president, corporate finance at First of Michigan in Detroit. Stout Risius Ross is the largest full service valuation and financial advisory firm based in Michigan.

Advertising director
Dawn M. Herren of Farmington has been appointed the director of advertising for Sibley's Shoes, Inc. She has been with Sibley's for seven years and most recently assistant director of advertising. Herren is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree.

O'Connor promoted
Thomas F. O'Connor of Livonia, senior associate, has been promoted to the position of manager in Arthur Andersen's International Executive Services practice where he specializes in human resources. O'Connor joined the firm in March 1996.

He is currently a member of the Michigan State Bar, the Society of Human Resources Management and the Institute of International Human Resources. O'Connor also serves as a consultant to Junior Achievement and a volunteer for Renaissance Home Health Care.

Planning conference attendee
Russell Navarre, District Manager of Money Concepts International Inc. Centres in Livonia recently attended the company's annual Planning Conference in Juniper, Fla. Money Concepts Intl., is a national Planning Conference of Financial Planning Centres. This event was attended by MCI advisory board members, Financial Centres owners like Navarre, and associates from all across the United States.

The Internet: News and information on demand

The biggest problem with the Internet is its size. It is too big and the information it offers is overwhelming. What's needed is a Gatekeeper. What we have are Personal Agents - Geek Speak for Internet applications that allow us to customize the news and information we receive on our web start-up pages. There are dozens available, with more being released every day.

I am always amazed at how many people never set up their Internet browser to reflect their personal tastes and interests.

This week, we're going to get personal with our browser.

Let's start with Netscape's Communicator and Microsoft's Internet Explorer, the two browsers used by close to 95% of the 56 million adults in the U.S. who currently have access to the Internet.

By default, when you open up either one of these browsers, it goes to the home page of either Netscape Communications or Microsoft. All that is fine. Both companies offer very complete and useful home pages. But with so many users opening up the same start page on the same site at the same time, it often takes a long time to draw on your screen. Besides, they're pretty boring.

The solution is setup another start page. You do not have to settle for what they provide. You can choose to begin your web sessions with any site you want.

Here's how to change the start-up page:

In Communicator, you go to Options, then General Preferences. Click on the Navigation tab. See where it says StartUp? In that box is a place for a URL. That stands for Universal Resource Locator, or the Internet address of a Web site. Just type in the URL of whatever page you want to begin with, say... my page, for example, www.pcmike.com, or the Observer & Eccentric site, www.oeonline.com. Click OK and, next time you start Communicator, it will open with your new selection instead of Netscape's or Microsoft's boring home page.

You can do the same thing with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. Go to View, then Options and then click the Navigation tab. Type in the URL under the space for the Start Page, click OK and, that simple, you've got your own

favorite page up front, instead of Bill Gates' favorite.

But maybe you don't have a page you like that much but you would like something a bit more useful than the standard offerings served up by Communicator and Explorer. That's where these Personal Agents come into the picture.

Personal Agents allow you to customize your own start page with specific, personally-selected material. Once activated, Communicator and Explorer are head-to-head in competing for you to choose their Personal Agent.

In Netscape, go to the home page (www.netscape.com) and look for a hyperlink to something called PowerStart. Click on it and you'll be led to a template. You fill in the things you want to see on your own start page. You can have a local web weather report, theaters in your neighborhood, a stock ticker that scrolls across your screen listing only the companies you're interested in, and headline news and sports. You can even have your own to-do list pop up, as well as current information about your favorite stock.

Microsoft Explorer will let you do the same thing from the Microsoft Network Home Page (www.msn.com). Explorer uses your zip code to call up the movie schedule for what's playing in your neighborhood theater. It also has local TV listings and, my favorite, a direct link to the daily Dilbert comic strip.

You don't have to stick with just the so-called "Browser Big Two."

Just about every major presence on the Net these days is offering users the opportunity to customize their Web start-up pages.

My current favorite is from Excite, which is known for its very fast and reliable search engine. But it also has a custom start page, called Excite Live! (live.excite.com), and I think it is the slickest on the Net. It opens with a very easy to follow look at the top news all hyperlinked. Click on the one, and you get the full story. And while Excite Live! has its share of ads and self-promoting features, it is the most straightforward in giving the user just

what's wanted.

Excite Live! really shines when it comes to displaying business news and information, especially stock prices. Most of the other custom start pages limit you to only a few stocks and funds to monitor. Excite lets you fill in a virtual portfolio.

Another neat site that concentrates on business news and a personalized portfolio that updates your holdings each day is from Intuit (www.intuit.com), the company that makes the popular Quicken financial software.

One suggestion: Because this is obviously highly personal information, I would not suggest entering too much detail on the computer you access from work. You can still have it report how your holdings are doing, but just don't enter in the number of shares you own...unless you want anyone wandering past your screen to know your intimate financial details.

For general news, entertainment, business and sports information, take your pick. Every major online news presence these days is on the Personal Agent bandwagon. My favorites include CNN (www.cnn.com), MSNBC (www.msnbc.com) ABC (www.abcnews.com) and Wired Magazine's Newsbot (www.newsbot.com).

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FOCUS HERE Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 28-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

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

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

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

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG Catholic WWCWF, 68, 5'4", honest, lives in Sterling Heights, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, easy listening music, seeks SWM, with similar qualities. Ad# 5569

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

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

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

SPEND TIME TOGETHER Catholic SWM, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8848

SWEET & CUTE Outgoing, never-married SWCF, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SM, 25-33. Ad# 8044

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

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

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

HAVE TIME FOR ME? Catholic DWf, 45, 5'3", medium build, enjoys sports, concerts, barbecues, movies, fishing, computers, seeks congenial SWM, 23-30. Ad# 1273

END MY SEARCH DW mom, 43, 5'8", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3845

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

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

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

GOD COMES FIRST SWF, 45, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeking SWM, 46-56, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

HARDWORKING Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with friends, seeking a SWM, 35-45, who is physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

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

MEANT TO BE? Catholic SWF, 23, 5', shy, honest, romantic, from Royal Oak, enjoys rollerblading, movies, dancing, seeks N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, with similar interests. Ad# 4806

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

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

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

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

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

NEVER ENDING ROMANCE SWM, 28, 5'11", shy, enjoys watching sports, playing saxophone, skiing, the theatre, acting, the outdoors, seeks sensitive, caring, SWF, 23-33, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 8885

LEAVE A NUMBER! Catholic SWM, 40, easygoing, open-minded, lives in Royal Oak, enjoys outdoor sports, seeks slender Protestant SWF, under 43, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2225

ONE OF THE FINEST DWf, 51, 5'11", professional, outgoing, social drinker, enjoys dining out, sympathy, opera, seeks SWF, 46-55, to share same interests. Ad# 7098

SPIRITUAL START Well-educated, physically fit, professional SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, likes bicycling, jogging, the outdoors, long walks, music, seeks slender, educated SWF, with compassion for others. Ad# 1717

WARM & OPEN Loyal Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, lives in Detroit, likes sports, seeks slender Catholic SWF, 28-37, without children, for loving, long-term relationship. Ad# 2037

A HAND TO HOLD DWCM, 45, 5'9", lives in Brighton, likes most music, long drives, the beach, picnics, dancing, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 35-49, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 1469

WELL EDUCATED Professional SWCM, 62, 6'18lbs., seeks an intelligent SCF50-62, outgoing, slender, fit, adventurous, for possible relationship. Ad# 3344

YOUNG-AT-HEART Catholic DWf, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, open-minded, likes sports, movies, walking, seeks warm-hearted, caring, monogamous Catholic SWF, 40-53, without kids at home. Ad# 2731

BELIEVE IN US Baptist DWf, 57, 5'8", N/S, sensitive, caring, likes family events, concerts, walking, fine markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

GOOD TIMES

Catholic DWf, 55, 5'6", 170bs., N/S, active, fit, professional, outgoing, friendly, enjoys outdoors, attends Christian activities, seeks compatible S/DWf, 35-48, N/S. Ad# 1234

SINCERELY SWM, 25, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes poetry, writing songs and good conversation, seeking compatible SWF, under 36. Ad# 7458

REBUKING Kind-hearted, well-rounded DWCM, 46, in search of attractive, caring and mature SWCF, 20-46, for companionship. Ad# 7404

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ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU Patient, understanding DWCM, 34, 6', participates in youth ministry, lives in Rochester Hills, seeking an attractive SWCF, under 49, who believes in God, family and honesty. Ad# 2677

INSPIRED? Catholic SWM, 27, 5'8", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, professional, from Redford, enjoys biking, dancing, movies and rollerblading, seeks active, slender and committed-minded SWF, 21-30. Ad# 4445

SOLID RELATIONSHIP Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, lives in Plymouth, professional, enjoys walking, the theatre, seeks educated, sensitive, romantic, compatible SWF, 44-45, who is down-to-earth. Ad# 7450

DECENT MAN Protestant DW dad, 35, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, easygoing, from Garden City, participates in Bible study, enjoys bike riding, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 30-45, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1944

YOUNG WIDOWER Catholic WWCWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs., professional, honest, educated, N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, who has good values. Ad# 2002

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER Catholic SWM, 44, 6', professional, faithful, communicating, sincere, likes weekend trips, seeking slender, attractive, relationship-minded SWCF, 32-45. Ad# 6883

EASY ON THE EYES! Catholic SWM, 50, 6'2", 175lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, bowling, antique bric-a-brac, fishing, the outdoors, fire place, seeks Catholic SWF, under 50. Ad# 9106

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR Catholic SBM, 42, 6'2", independent, lives in Western Wayne, enjoys computers, movies, walking, quiet dinners, seeks understanding, affectionate, SWCF, 28-45, who is generous with her time. Ad# 9876

HEART OF GOLD Church-oriented, good looking DWCM, 44, 6'2", 214 lbs., in the Waterford area, hobbies include parachuting and the opera, seeks compatible, childless SWCF, 29+. Ad# 1111

TRUE BELIEVER Pentecostal SWM, 29, 5'10", 190lbs., never-married, compassionate, enjoys church activities, movies, bowling, tennis, parks, cars, seeks compatible SWCF, 23-27. Ad# 1875

MAYBE WE SHOULD MEET! Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", from Western Wayne county, enjoys museums, movies, the theatre, skiing, snowmobiling, seeks warm, sincere, fun-loving SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1599

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

THE TIME IS RIGHT Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", athletic build, sincere, understanding, professional, enjoys golf, downhill skiing, looking for Catholic SWF, 36-45, who is romantic and athletic, to spend time with. Ad# 1967

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

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

WALK HAND IN HAND Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", enjoys the theatre, music, family times, lives in Livonia, seeks family oriented, romantic SWF, 22-42, for long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 1223

VERY SHY DWf, 36, heavyset, charming, participates in family events, concerts, walking, fine markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

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REALLY INTO HOCKEY! Light-hearted SWCM, 39, 6'2", never married, likes swimming, tennis, tripping, snorkeling, looking for SWF, 30-36, who is willing to rediscover romance. Ad# 7848

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

ARE WE COMPATIBLE? Catholic SWM, 38, 6'11", 190lbs., athletic, degree, professional, lives in Livonia, likes camping, the theater, family events, seeks romantic, interesting, trim Catholic SWF, 18-42. Ad# 1252

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

WILL BE THERE SWM, 49, 5'9", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, non-drinker, respectful, honest, considerate, humorous, caring, lives in Livonia, looking for a SWF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2232

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

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

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

NOW & FOREVER Non-denominational DWf, 43, 5'10", friendly, shy, enjoys travel, history, discussing bible topics, seeks loving, kind, commitment-minded SWF. Ad# 3615

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

OUTGOING Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys the theater, music, socializing, seeking slim, petite SWF, 28-42. Ad# 1957

ATTENTIVE Catholic DW dad, 44, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, smoker, green eyes, attractive, professional, likes sports, movies, swimming, walking, youth ministry, seeks SWCF, 30-45, to share life. Ad# 9885

YOU'RE NOT ALONE Protestant DW dad of two, 36, 6', kind of shy, easygoing, seeks SWCF, 34-39, kids only, with similar background, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2613

BETTER YEARS Protestant DWf, 51, 5'9", shy, lives in Lake Orion, enjoys dancing, country music, traveling, dining out, movies, seeks slender SWCF, under 49, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1256

LONG-TERM Catholic DWf, 39, 6', 180bs., N/S, lives in Westland, enjoys lots of activities, seeking S/DCF, N/S, under 43, who is compatible. Ad# 1162

WALK HAND IN HAND Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", enjoys the theatre, music, family times, lives in Livonia, seeks family oriented, romantic SWF, 22-42, for long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 1223

VERY SHY DWf, 36, heavyset, charming, participates in family events, concerts, walking, fine markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

HEALTH News

Items for Medical Databook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Databook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48180 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 1

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS Dr. Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M. of the new Canton Podiatry Group in 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.

TUE, 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 yrs and under) and MMR vaccinations. 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).

NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES Winter taxes are due December 1, 1997 and payable through February 17, 1998 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office, Open House, December 5, 12, 19 and Tuesday, December 23 until 5:00 p.m. After hours payments can be placed in a 24 hr. WHITE DROP BOX located in parking lot adjacent to Building #1 or DROP BOX adjacent to entry way Standard Federal Bank, Plymouth Township Office, will also accept payment for your convenience through February 17, 1998. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th. The Treasurer's Office will be open to accept Tax Payments and Other Payments on Monday, December 29th, Tuesday, December 30th and Wednesday, December 31st from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. RON EDWARDS, Treasurer Charter Township of Plymouth Publish: November 30 and December 1, 1997

NOTICE 1997 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997 12:30 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. CITY OF PLYMOUTH 201 S. MAIN ST. PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (313) 453-1234 X222 The December Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 2201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Board will review the following appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of Fact. No appointments are necessary. All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review. MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assessor Publish: November 30, 1997

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THUR, DEC. 4

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS
For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the Angela Hospice Bereavement department offers a two-hour workshop designed to help these families cope with the holiday season. This free of charge workshop is open to the community and will be held on Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The workshop will last ninety minutes and will be followed by a half hour of fellowship and refreshments. Call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.

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 Romulus at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

SIBLING CLASS
Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center, next to St. Mary Hospital, will offer a sibling class from 6-8 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room. Children and parents are invited to attend and learn how much fun it can be to be a big sister/brother or to see what your new sibling will look like. Cost of the class per family is \$10, registration is required by calling (313) 655-1100.

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FRI, DEC. 5

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP to 458-4330.

HEALTHY SENIOR CLUB

This group is open to anyone over the age of 50, and offers members discounts on hospital services, help with filling out medical insurance claim forms, a health information newsletter and special educational and screening programs. The topic for the meeting on Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. is "Holidays: Bliss or Blue." Please call 458-4330 for additional information.

DEC. 5, 12, 19

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY
This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children). Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 5 program on Friday in Livonia runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Dec. 12 & 19 program from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

SAT, DEC. 6

HOLIDAY BALL
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's 22nd annual Holiday Ball will take place at the Michigan League with the theme - Joie de Vivre, or Joy of Life. Guests will

be treated to an elegant evening in the romance of Paris. Proceeds will support St. Joe's Campaign for Women's Health, a \$10 million, comprehensive fundraising effort to address women's special health care needs. A limited number of tickets are still available for \$1,000 per couple. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information please call (313) 712-3192 or visit the Holiday Ball Web site at <http://\intergalactic.com\sjball.htm>

BOTSFORD SKI CLINIC

Get into the seasonal swoosh of things at Botsford's Ski Clinic. There's no better place to learn about the joys of gliding fearlessly through the powder than at the Second Annual Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) "Hit the Slopes & Trails with TRACC" ski clinic. The clinic will take place at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The \$20 fee includes refreshments. Because of limited space, preregistration and prepayments is required. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

MON, DEC. 8

CELIAC SPRUE SUPPORT
Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support Group is a support group for persons who have been diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis, their families, spouses and friends. Monthly meetings include information on testing, ideas for children and information from professionals at 7 p.m. at the Southfield Presbyterian Church located at 21575 West 10 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For further information call M. Campbell (810) 477-5953 or E. Lobbestagl (313) 522-8522.

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS
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PEDIATRIC BASIC LIFE SUPPORT/CPR

This is an American Heart Association course that teaches CPR and the Heimlich maneuver on victims age birth to eight years. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Call Livonia Public Schools for more information, (313) 523-9277. The fee for Livonia residents is \$23, others \$26.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

We will discuss sensible, healthy suggestions for planning your holiday happenings. There is no cost to attend the December event at Henry Ford Health System's HealthCore Site, 22950 Michigan Ave. from 11 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 562-7800 for more information.

HOLIDAY EATING

Henry Ford Health Core will host a free seminar on "Handling the Holidays" at the Dearborn Health Core Store at 11 a.m. Health Core's registered dietitian will speak on eating sensibly during the holiday season. For more information, call, 562-7800.

DEC. 8, 15, 22

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY
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length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 8 program on Monday in Livonia runs from 6-10 p.m. and the Dec. 15 & 22 program from 6-9 p.m. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

WED, DEC. 10

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and is free of charge. Group meets at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 in Classroom #1 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Bldg. Call 458-4330 for information.

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THUR, DEC. 11

CANCER SUPPORT

A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Group meets in the Medical Office Bldg. and is free of charge. Call 458-3311.

SAT, DEC. 13

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

St. Mary Hospital, in collaboration with Madonna University

and the Livonia Family YMCA, is proud to announce the "Be Your Best" Merit Badge Program for all Brownies and Girl Scouts, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Madonna University. The girls will learn more about health and fitness and earn a merit badge. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required by Dec. 6. For more information and to register call (313) 655-2922.

DEC. 13, 20

STANDARD FIRST AID

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults). Two certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 7 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$33). The Saturday, Dec. 13 program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. To register for the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

TUE, DEC. 16

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT GROUP

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

ADULTS WITH INSULIN SUPPORT

The Adults with Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Support Group is an informal place to go for acceptance, encouragement and information. It meets the third Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting, a holiday get-together is at 7 p.m. For more information on this or related programming, call (248) 477-6100.

(Sneak Peek!)

The New Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building

Family Doctors and Specialists — Right in Your Neighborhood.

The physicians you've visited at our current Ford Road building here — all the pediatricians, OB/Gyns, and Internal Medicine physicians — and they'll be joined by St. Joe's specialists, giving you access to more services, knowledge, and expertise while cutting down on your travel time! The Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building will include cardiologists, allergists and oncologists — to name a few.

Urgent Care Services—365 days a year.

We know that at times someone in your family needs to see a doctor NOW. The same trusted Urgent Care physicians you've visited on Ford road will be moving here in February 1998.

A Pharmacy Right Inside!

Pick up prescriptions after your appointment without the extra drive! A full-service pharmacy, staffed with knowledgeable, experienced pharmacists will fill your prescriptions and answer your questions.

St. Joe's Business Health Services.

Businesses need healthy employees, and The Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is at the forefront of coordinated business health programs. We'll even have a dedicated business health program in our new building.

Interactive Health Education Center.

Want to learn about the human body by walking inside a giant ear, or navigating a map of the nervous system? When this section opens in early 1999, you'll be amazed at all you'll be able to see, touch, and do!

Our location:

1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway.
(Between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.)

On-Site Lab and Radiology Services.

You're busy, and you want test results as quickly as possible—that's why the new Canton Health Building will include complete on-site lab and radiology facilities.

Focus on Women's Health.

St. Joe's has always played an important role in getting and keeping women healthy. Our Canton Building will have specialists, services and educational programs dedicated to helping women of all ages make informed decisions for their better health.

Physical Rehabilitation Services.

Medical care shouldn't always end after a hospital discharge. St. Joe's Rehabilitation Sports Medicine Services will be part of the Canton facility to provide ongoing care in a close-by setting.

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It's all part of Ann Arbor's Saint Joseph Mercy Health System — with a reputation of excellence, compassion, and values.

For more information or a physician referral, call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine: 1-800-231-2211

The New Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building
Opening in February!

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Concerts conjure up holiday spirit

If Thanksgiving left you feeling full of everything but the holiday spirit, "Come All Ye, Faithful," "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and Frosty the Snowman are alive and well, and in concert. "Have a Merry Little Christmas" by joining the fun as local choirs and performing artists sing and dance their way to the holidays. Before long, you'll be humming "Jingle Bells."

Here's where sleigh bells will be ringing, and people singing:

Plymouth Community Chorus

The 120-voice chorus, under the direction of Michael Gross, perform Christmas favorites and inspirational carols 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are \$8 and available by calling (313) 455-4080.

Rehearsals for the 25th Christmas concert began the week after Labor Day. Members range in age from 21 to

70 and live in 26 metro Detroit communities.

"It's a fantastic chorus," said Steve Kovacheff, who joined the chorus six years ago. "It's really an eclectic mix, a lot of professional people - doctors, lawyers, engineers. The director goes out of his way to get fresh arrangements, and singers have to audition so we have excellent voices."

The chorus has appeared

with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and at Tiger Stadium singing the National Anthem.

Whistle Stop Players

"Babes in Toyland," the Victor Herbert Musical, comes to the Plymouth Community Arts Council 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$5. (313) 416-4278.

Cynthia Zeitz directs two casts of 35 kids each, ranging in age from 5 to 15. Jennifer Tobin, former director and now the new arts council executive director, wears a different hat choreographing and coordinating the production.

"It's singing, dancing, acting, the march of toys," said Tobin. "They'll also see Santa who saves the day. It's very Mother Goose with Little Bo Peep and her Sheep. She's a modern Bo Peep with 14 kids and a single mom."

Janice Derian accompanies the production on piano. A community and family effort, mom Kathy Zaumseil coordinated other moms to costume all of the performers.

"There is all kinds of wonderful color and sparkle," said Tobin. "It's just stunning when all of the toys in the shop come to life - the tin soldiers, dogs and cats."

Livonia Civic Chorus

Plan on "Making Spirits Bright" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Clarenceville High School auditorium in Livonia. And for an added treat, admission is free.

Guest artists are the Tinderbox Show Choir, a chorus of children from the Livonia and Redford area directed by Ray Schmidt. Christine Gach accompanies the singers.

"It's standard holiday fare - Christmas, Hanukkah and seasonal songs," said chorus director Jim Whitten of Farmington Hills. "We like to have a

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Ethereal harmony: The Detroit Oratorio Society created post-cards with this painting by Italian artist Fra Angelico to announce their "Messiah" performance. Many local choirs have made Handel's "Messiah" an annual community tradition. Photo credit by Detroit Institute of Arts.



SING HALLELUJAH!

Handel's 'Messiah' a triumph of the soul

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Even with the spreading superstitions about imminent Armageddon, and what lies beyond the edge of the millennium, it's not an easy task to persuade audiences to come see the Messiah.

In a busy shopping season, time and place are paramount concerns.

So naturally, in the age of instant replay and digital recordings, there'll be more than one playing of the Second Coming from now until the end of the year.

In a diverse range of performances and venues, several local choirs will conduct George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah," considered by many as much of an annual rite of the holiday season as a Christmas tree, crowded malls and mistletoe.

Unlike many operas or other oratorios sung in a foreign language, and dealing with obscure mythic tales, the power of the "Messiah" comes from being immediately accessible, said Dave Wagner, program director at WQRS-FM, prior to the station's recent format change from classical to hard rock.

"It's sung in English, and it's based on a story

that most people know quite well," he said. "There are few more powerful texts than the Bible, and there's few other as inspiring works as Handel's."

Unfortunately, the sudden format change at WQRS has left many choirs without an effective means to advertise their holiday concerts.

The Detroit Concert Choir with 110 members from southeastern Michigan, for instance, estimates that more than one-third of its audience could be tracked to promotional spots that aired on the station.

Meanwhile, the Detroit Oratorio Society of Rochester Hills has been forced to re-evaluate how in stays in touch with prospective ticket buyers.

"We're heart-broken about WQRS," said Jeanne Bourget of Bloomfield Hills, a DOS board member. "A crucial part of sustaining ourselves was based on finding patrons through the station's listeners."

Ironically, DOS has lost its main advertising medium at a time when audiences for its rendition of the "Messiah" have been growing, said

Please see MESSIAH, D2

PERFORMANCES OF HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

■ **Detroit Oratorio Society** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets: \$15-\$25. (248) 650-2655.

■ **USSU Choral Union** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$10-\$18. (313) 764-2538.

■ **Detroit Concert Choir** - 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell at Canfield, Detroit. Tickets: \$12. (313) 882-0118.

NOTE: The choir will perform parts of the "Messiah" along with classical Christmas music.

■ **Rochester Hills Symphony Choir** - 8 p.m. Saturday Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, East Jefferson (at St. Antoine), Detroit. Tickets: \$12-\$15. (313) 341-3466.

■ **Orchard Lake Music Series** - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Tickets: \$10. (248) 363-7222.

■ **DeSmet Choral** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. James Church, Woodward at Pearson, Ferndale. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 in advance); \$2 students. (248) 542-8835.

DANCE

Dancing doll: Hilari Smith plays the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" presented by the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 12-14.



Tchaikovsky's horns announce holiday season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sugar plums dance in artistic director Dawn Greene's eyes as she talks about the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's production of the "Nutcracker." It's turned into a real family affair.

Greene's 12-year-old granddaughter Hilari Smith of Canton performs Clara in three performances with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Daughter June Smith serves as ballet mistress, rehearsing the troupe. Greene's younger daughter Dawnell Dryja, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet plays the Sugar Plum Fairy. Dryja's husband Mark Nash, also a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, dances the role of Cavalier.

"I'm excited about having my granddaughter and daughter in the lead roles," said Greene. "Hilari's been working up to do this for so long. She danced her first Nutcracker as a mouse at age three."

Last September, 100 dancers auditioned for 50 parts. The company held a separate audition for the 12 mice roles for which three times as many dancers turned out.

"It was so hard to tell them they couldn't be mice," said June Smith.

Added Greene, "some of them were too small to fit into the costume."

For a seventh year the Plymouth Symphony Orches-

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'Mummy' needs help at the DIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While most people are looking forward to the holidays, the Detroit Institute of Arts Volunteer Services is hoping to keep its galleries open by asking people to give a few hours of their time.

The mummies, in particular, would appreciate it since they are the stars of the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit, which is drawing record crowds.

This exhibit features more than 200 masterpieces from the Roemer-Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim, Germany. Mummy cases, jewelry, statues, wall relief and ceramics, from the pre-dynastic period to seventh century A.D., create a panoramic view of the pharaohs, technical achievements, political unrest, and fascination with afterlife.

"We are desperate for volunteers on Dec. 24, 27 and 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 2 and 4," said Eileen Kozloff of Farmington Hills.

Since the July 16 opening, Kozloff has scheduled 2,200 volunteers who greet visitors. Some volunteers have come back as many as five times so that others may enjoy the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt."

Volunteering for the exhibition promises to be enriching in more ways than one. Where else could you experience up close the largest collection of ancient Egyptian treasures to visit the United States in decades?

"It's a wonderful, rewarding experience because of the education they receive," said Kozloff, a volunteer since 1950 for organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and the Detroit Opera House. "I cannot express enough the pleasure of working in this beauty from thousands of years ago and knowing that future generations will be able to appreciate this, and that's the point of my helping. I'm giving back. I feel God sends us angels to help us through hard times, and I want to be an angel for others."

Kozloff tells prospective volunteers they should wear sensible shoes because shifts range from 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hours. All shifts include a 30 minute orientation and training session. In return for their help, volunteers will receive a two for

Solid Gold: This sarcophagus (332 B.C.-A.D. 330), from the Roemer-Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim, Germany, is one of 200 artifacts on display in "Splendors of Ancient Egypt."

Please see DIA, D3

Nutcracker

tra, under the direction of Russell Reed, and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company come together to tell Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky's classic story of "The Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road in Canton.

Tickets are \$15 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12, and available by calling the symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

A Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, where children will have a tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy, the King and other performers, will be held after the Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, concerts. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door.

Livonia Civic Ballet Company
The official ballet of the city of Livonia, presents "The Nutcracker Ballet" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clarenceville Middle School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-8, \$6 each for groups of 12 persons or more. (313) 427-9103/(248) 477-0520.

"We're excited because we received a \$500 grant from the Livonia Arts Commission bought new props and a few new costumes for this year's production," said Jean Newell, Livonia Civic Ballet artistic director. "We have a new Mother Ginger dress that's worn by the father of one of the dancers. He's on stilts and the children dance out from underneath the skirt."

Jill Rees' daughter Amanda dances with the company for the first time. The 7-year-old is the first scene as a child and

later in the production as a mouse.

"It's very exciting for her to be a part of the Nutcracker," said Jill Rees. "What's nice is the kids start out in smaller parts then grow into roles like Clara."

Newell founded the company more than 30 years ago to provide performing opportunities for dancers like Amanda Rees.

"We want to give the young people the chance to perform, to rehearse and rehearse and find out what it's like to be a professional dancer," said Newell.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra
This year's holiday concert marks the return of the Nutcracker Ballet 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Church Hill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh north of Joy, Livonia. All tickets are \$12.50 and available by calling (313) 421-1111/(248) 645-6666.

Conductor Volodymyr Schevchuk will perform the work utilizing the full orchestra of 65 members and the Dearborn Ballet Theatre, under the direction of Loni Lane, for the first time in two years. Guest artists from the National Ballet of Canada are Rebecca Rimsey as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Johann Persson as the Cavalier. Don Mazzaio and Stephen Hadala of Dance Detroit will play the parts of Herr Drosselmeyer and the Snow King. Elizabeth Riggs of the University of Michigan performs as the Snow Queen. The Church Hill High School Choir provides the background score to make this traditional holiday ballet a truly enchanting program.

"We're really excited about the performance," said Robert Bennett, board president. "Target Stores donated \$6,000 towards

the \$15,000 it will take to produce this year's Nutcracker."

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
With principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet, and Kimberly Glasco and Aleksandar Antonijevic from the National Ballet of Canada, and members of Jacob Laszlo's Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$14-\$53 adults, \$10-\$24 children and seniors, and available by calling (313) 833-3700.

For a second year, Hillary

Bracht is excited about taking the stage as one of the acrobats in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Nutcracker." A student at Bird Elementary in Plymouth, Bracht stands on her hands for 16 seconds during each of 10 performances. In addition to competing as a level five gymnast, Bracht studies ballet at Canton Dance and Performing Arts.

"It was kind of scary last year because I was only 7 years old and was the first one out on the stage," said Bracht, a student at All Star Gymnastics in Northville.

This is the second year, Laura Hamilton, a level five gymnast, will do cartwheels and flips alongside Bracht. The 10-year-old is a student at Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township.

"I'm very excited," said Hamilton. "Usually on opening night I'm a little nervous but after that I'm OK."

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Call for Art by people with disabilities or a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080.

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

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The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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HARBOR 101
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17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
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Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes, Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

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

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

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

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Through Dec. 19 - "Fiber, Clay, Metal," alumni invitational exhibition. Ford Motor Art Dept., 114 Ford Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

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Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Gammern, David Mandelberg, Vincent Chaudhry, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

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Through Dec. 30 - "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr, 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

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Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show. "Earthy Treasures," 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

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7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, "Internet worksho," featuring Linda Le Krief, 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 DA members. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 33737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 377-2266.

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Through Jan. 4 - Mummies, pyramids and mysteries of Egypt. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

NEW AGE
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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, "Winter Solstice," starring Tuck & Patti, Liz Story, David Arkenstone and Lyne Lynne. Detroit Opera House, Madison Avenue at Broadway, Detroit; (313) 953-3300.

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BBAA HOLIDAY SHOW
Bloomfield Birmingham Art Association seeks volunteers to staff 1997 Holiday Sales Show, Dec. 1-13. Volunteer jobs include host, greeter, sales consultant, merchandise restocker, sales coordinator, gift packer, computer sales operator. 1516 S. Cranbrook; (248) 644-0866.

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Last year, 40 percent of the audience for the "Messiah" were first-time attendees, according to UMS spokesperson Sara Billmann. Nearly three-quarters of the tickets for the two upcoming concerts have been sold at the 6,000-seat auditorium.

One member of the choir has been singing the "Messiah" for the last 50 years, said Billmann. In February, UMS will also perform another oratorio classic, Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Often overlooked by most contemporary choirs is that the original "Messiah" composition was written in a baroque pitch, a half-step down from modern performances.

To capture the original sound, a 24-member DOS choir will perform the "Messiah" accompanied by Apollo's Fire from Cleveland, a 20-member baroque orchestra using period instruments, including harpsichord, contra bass and elongated trumpets without valves. The string instruments are played with shorter bows and have a softer resonance.

In contrast to the heavy modern orchestral sound, the DOS presents a scaled-down version without the resounding chorale wash and vibrato.

"It's more of an intimate experience," said Christine Bonner, DOS executive director and co-founder.

"The 'Messiah' has so many different styles within it," she said. "We're one of the few choirs to perform the entire piece in the original way it was written."

But there are mainstream audiences who might not have the patience to sit through two-and-a-half hours of Handel's most famous oratorio.

To offer its audiences a range of holiday classics, the Detroit Concert Choir will perform several pieces from the "Messiah" along with seasonal music in their upcoming December concerts.

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VOCAL MUSIC
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
"A Baroque Holiday" featuring conductor Jaime Laredo, violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, cellist Marcy Chantelux. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Donation: \$5, purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation office, or at the door. (481) 347-0400.

OAKLAND SINGERS - NOEL NIGHT
4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 25th annual Noel Night, featuring the 78-member group, exhibits, dance, carriage rides, food and children's activities in and around Detroit's Cultural Center.

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"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.

A CAPPELLA
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, "The Grunoyans," perform extensive repertoire including seasonal music.

CONCERT BAND

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Holiday Celebration," conducted by Judith Premin and accompanist Eleanor Whelan, including carols and seasonal songs featuring soprano Grace Ward, Joan Chandler Bowers and John Muller. Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver at Adams Road, Troy; (248) 475-5978.

CONCERT BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Celebration," featuring seasonal favorites and inspirational music. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

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Grand Rapids museums celebrate history, art

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The streets of downtown Grand Rapids were being excavated and traffic patterns were a bit turned around in Michigan's second city. But the city, and especially Pearl Street, AKA Museum Row, have been celebrating a yearlong Grand Renaissance.

The emphasis on renewal and things Italian has been in anticipation of the Grand Rapids Art Museum's exhibition of works by Italian Renaissance painter Perugino, which opened Nov. 16 and runs through Feb. 1.

Perugino was a colleague of Michelangelo, Leonardo and Botticelli and the teacher of Raphael. This is the first exhibit of his work internationally in 50 years. To commemorate the occasion, Grand Rapids' other museums and art organizations are providing support. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum will exhibit a collection of Italian gifts presented to America's presidents; the Kendall College of Art and Design is holding conferences on Italian art; and the Grand Rapids Community College is holding a Renaissance Musical Feasts Dec. 11 and 12. Other events have been held throughout the past year.

But Grand Rapids was already a city with interesting museums celebrating its own history and its place in the history of the country.

This past spring, the Ford Museum introduced a new interactive presentation that gives viewers a richer understanding of the presidency in general and Gerald Ford's career in particular.

The Ford Museum is an informative walk through history. Of course, the museum offers a positive view of Michigan's president, but not without some historical perspective and a nod to



President's museum: The Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids is at the center of a citywide renaissance.

other points of view. That essential fairness makes the museum worthwhile even for those who don't share President Ford's moderate conservative views.

The museum begins with a flashback to the '70s, a decade that almost screamed bad taste. This opening, also, shows the carry over from the turbulent, historically decisive '60s, to which the '70s was a reaction.

The museum then moves in to the heart of the matter with a multi-media exhibit on the Watergate scandal that, ultimately, brought Gerald Ford to power. The burglar tools used to break into the Democratic Party headquarters are displayed under pictures of burglars Liddy and Hunt. The sounds of the unfolding investigations and the

hearings and television film bring it all back.

Then we step back into time. Paint barrels and rough granite walls lead us into the life story of Gerald Ford. Ford's stepfather, whose name he took, owned a Grand Rapids paint and varnish company. The exhibit presents Ford as something of a Midwest ideal - blond, handsome, a football hero in high school and All Big-Ten at the University of Michigan, lawyer, naval officer during World War II and congressman.

It was in Congress that Ford made his mark. He was conservative on fiscal matters but an internationalist in foreign affairs and a moderate on social issues. He challenged the isolationist leadership of his own party and

rose to become a highly respected minority leader who understood the fine art of compromise.

It was these qualities and the near universal personal admiration of others that led the troubled Richard Nixon to appoint Ford vice president in the wake of Spiro Agnew's personal scandal.

This "wonderful life" walk through is never sappy and often quite informative.

The new museum presentation uses state-of-the-art exhibiting to give a detailed look at being president. The oval office is recreated just as it was in Ford's time and an eerie, sound-only presentation takes us through a day with the president (using actors' voices, of course, since Ford learned the hazards of tap-

ing).

A room devoted to diplomacy has a real Huey helicopter and a room size interactive film presentation that lets visitors join Ford and Henry Kissinger on their shuttle diplomacy. A hologram presentation of the White House lets visitors take their own personal tours, right up the President's bedroom. Another presentation takes visitors right into the Republican convention where Ford faced a challenge from Ronald Reagan.

Presidential artifacts, thoughtful considerations of controversies in Ford's administration (the pardon and his WIN economic policies) and a respectful exhibit on First Lady Betty Ford and her work before and after leaving the White House are all nicely presented.

Across the street at the Van Andel Museum Center, Grand Rapids history is celebrated. Here is an excellent recreation of a Grand Rapids street of the 1890s, a planetarium honoring local astronaut Roger B. Chaffee with changing programs, a presentation on the native Anishinabek tribes of western Michigan, a classic carousel and, the center piece, a multi-media presentation on "Furniture City," Grand Rapids' once and future claim to fame. The Furniture City exhibit has presentations on how furniture was and is made, shows outstanding examples of the work, traces the history of the industry and its marketing and shows the movement toward being an office furniture center.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum Perugino exhibit features nine works loaned from the Galleria Nazionale dell' Umbria in Perugia, Italy, which have never been seen outside of Italy. It also includes Perugino works from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Gallery of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Grand Rapids Museums

What: Gerald R. Ford Museum
Where: 303 Pearl St., Grand Rapids
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas
Admission: \$3 adults (16 and older), \$2 for seniors (60 and over) and free for children under 16.

What: Van Andel Museum Center
Where: 272 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including holidays.
Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 children, 3-17. Children under 3 admitted free.

What: Grand Rapids Art Museum
Where: 155 Division at Pearl, Grand Rapids
Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday during Perugino exhibit.
Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors and children 5 and older, free for children under 5.

Perugino (real name Pietro Vannucci) was an important master painter, highly regarded in his early career, but he began to lose favor in his own life time and has never been as well known as other Renaissance painters. This exhibit and the accompanying lecture presentations put Perugino's work into perspective and allow visitors a chance to explore the impact of Italian art in general.

The exhibit has already had an impact on Grand Rapids, leading a New York Times writer to proclaim in typically haughty style, "...it may be true that never has a more important show been held in a less important place."

This should be the ideal time to check out the No. 2 city.

Guide spotlights skiing

PRNewswire - With many Michigan ski areas scheduled to open for the Thanksgiving holiday, skiers will want to get the new 1997-98 "Michigan Great Lakes Great Skiing" downhill and cross-country ski guide available now from Travel Michigan by calling toll-free 888-78-GREAT.

The 15-page ski brochure lists 42 downhill ski areas and 174 cross-country ski facilities throughout Michigan. Each listing offers useful information, such as the number of and length of longest runs and/or trails; availability of rental equipment, instruction, lodging and dining, and other facility amenities. The free brochure also provides details about the 1998 "Discover Michigan Skiing" program and contains a discount coupon for a 2 for 1 midweek lift ticket or trail pass at participating ski areas - worth up to \$33!

Snowmobilers will want to have a copy of the new "Michigan Snowmobile Trail System" map produced cooperatively by Travel Michigan and the Michi-

gan Department of Natural Resources, also available by calling toll-free 888-78-GREAT. Michigan's 5,700-mile groomed snowmobile trail system is featured on the free map, as are snowmobiling safety tips and a listing of additional sources for detailed snowmobile trail maps.

Travelers may also call toll-free 888-78-GREAT, to speak to travel counselors about planning their Michigan winter vacations and getaways, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, and to ask for a free copy of the "Michigan 1997-98 Winter Calendar of Events & Travel Guide."

For the latest snow conditions, call 800-MI4-SNOW. This line is updated weekly and provides callers with the latest snow conditions at downhill and cross-country ski resorts, snow depth on snowmobile trails, and information about ice conditions on Michigan lakes for ice anglers.

Travel Michigan's web site at <http://www.michigan.org>, also has information.

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.

NEW ORLEANS

Travel writer Mary Quinley will present a talk on "New Orleans: More Than Mardi Gras," 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Alfred Noble Branch of the Livonia Public Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For information, call (313)421-6600.

HOTEL IN NEW YORK

The recently refurbished Roosevelt Hotel is offering a Haute Holiday package which combines accommodations, shopping on Fifth Avenue and tickets to the Andy Warhol exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art. The special program runs Dec. 15 to Jan. 18 starting at \$169 a night. The program includes accommodations at the hotel, two passes to the Whitney

and a 10 percent discount at the Whitney Museum shop. The hotel has been restored to its 1920s elegance. For information, call (888)TEDDY-NY, (212)661-9600 or visit their website at www.theroosevelthotel.com

TORONTO CRAFT SHOW

The One-of-a-Kind Christmas Craft Show & Sale will be held at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto, through Sunday, Dec. 7. The show features 625 artisans from all provinces of Canada. Tickets are \$8.80 for adults, \$6.45 for seniors and youths (13-17) and free for children under 13.

SAUGATUCK HOLIDAY

Saugatuck is planning a number of programs for the Christmas holidays. On Saturday, Dec. 6, a Christmas Home Tour will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5. A Christmas Parade will be held 1 p.m. Saturday. On Dec. 12 and 13 the Grand Escape Inns will hold a Progressive Candlelight Dinner (call 1-800-647-

6023) and Saugatuck Select Inns will sponsor a Holiday Magic Weekend Package (call 1-800-986-1999). On Dec. 14 and 19 and 21, the First Congregational Church will present its annual production of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are \$8. For more information on these events, call the Visitors Bureau at (616)857-1701.

SMOKE FREE

Beginning March 19, 1998, British Airways flights throughout the world will be smoke-free. The airline has more than 7,000 services a week and more than 95 percent are already non-smoking including the United Kingdom and much of Europe.

FLORIDA FROM CITY AIRPORT

Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Fayne are offering first-ever

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Madonna falls

Madonna University's men's basketball team continued its slow start Nov. 25 with a disappointing 72-46 loss to Oakland University on the road.

A non-conference matchup, the Crusaders fell behind 42-29 at halftime and couldn't mount a second half rally. John-Mark Branch led Madonna with 15 points while Mark Hayes added 11.

Poor shooting was Madonna's (2-4) downfall. The Crusaders shot just 37 percent from the field and 40 percent at the free throw line.

Madonna played in the Walsh University tournament Friday and Saturday (after Plymouth Observer deadline).

Plymouth Whalers

In an effort bolster their defense, the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League resigned defenseman Sergei Fedotov.

A 1995 second-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes, Fedotov rejoins Plymouth after playing five games for the New Haven Beast of the American Hockey League. The 20-year-old, 6-foot 1-inch, 190-pound native of Moscow, Russia, recorded 10 goals and 27 assists for the Whalers last season.

In other Whalers' news, two Plymouth players have been named to the United States national junior team. Forward Jesse Boulerice and goalkeeper Robert Esche return to the squad, which claimed the silver medal in last year's International Ice Hockey Federation Junior Championship.

This year's tournament will be held Dec. 25-Jan. 3 in Helsinki and Hameenlinna, Finland. In all, 16 National Hockey League draft picks will play for the American team.

Junior Basketball

The Bulls continue to lead the girls' A League in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association. The Bulls (4-1) remained on top with an eight-point victory over the Magic, which fell into a second place tie with the Pistons and Lakers at 3-2.

In the boys' A League, the Bulls (7-0) lead the National Division. They're a game ahead of the Pacers and four up on the Celtics and Hawks. In the American Division, the Nets lead with a 7-0 record while the Rockets are in second at 6-1.

Soccer

The University of Michigan club soccer team has qualified for the NCAA national championship tournament. Led by Plymouth Canton graduate Jeff Cohen and Plymouth Salem graduate Matt Sarkesian, the Wolverines recently won the Round Robin Games in Phoenix to clinch the bid.

College Notes

Plymouth Salem graduate and current Siena Heights hoopster Dan McKian recently made the all-tournament team for the 15th annual National Catholic Basketball Tournament. Siena Heights took the championship by beating St. Norbert 84-75. McKian is a junior forward with the squad.

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.

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

Marian ends Chiefs' season 42-36

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Something was going to give. A test of wills? This was more like a war, and for 3 1/2 quarters, Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team was winning it. Birmingham Marian, the defending Class A state champions, had been unable to get its high-pressure, fast-tempo game into gear.

The result: a low-scoring game with plenty of fouls, a game in which a six-point lead seemed insurmountable.

And that's just what the Chiefs had with under three minutes left to play in a game in which their slow, deliberate style was prevailing.

But it was then, in those final three minutes, that the Mustangs showed their mettle, refusing to surrender their championship banner, battling back with a 16-4 run in the final 2:40 to post a 42-36 triumph Wednesday in a regional final at Plymouth Salem.

Marian, now 20-4, advances to the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford Mott. Canton ends its season at 19-5.

When Janell Twietmeyer's two free throws put Canton in front 32-26 with 2:55 left, Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone had a sinking feeling. "I thought, if we don't score this time down, it's over," she recalled.

Cicerone had taken steps to get her team on track offensively. The Mustangs had been unable to get much of anything to drop early on — they were a miserable 2-of-14 from the floor in the first quarter (14.3 percent) — due largely to Canton's "tremendous, in-your-shorts defense" as described by the Marian coach.

So Cicerone called over the team's captain, point guard Breean Walas. "I told Breean she was going to have to take over this game. And she did."

Indeed she did. Fifteen seconds after Twietmeyer's free throws, Walas hit a short jumper. What followed after that was something Canton had dealt with the entire game.

The difference was, the Chiefs couldn't cope with it down the stretch — Marian's trademark pressure defense.

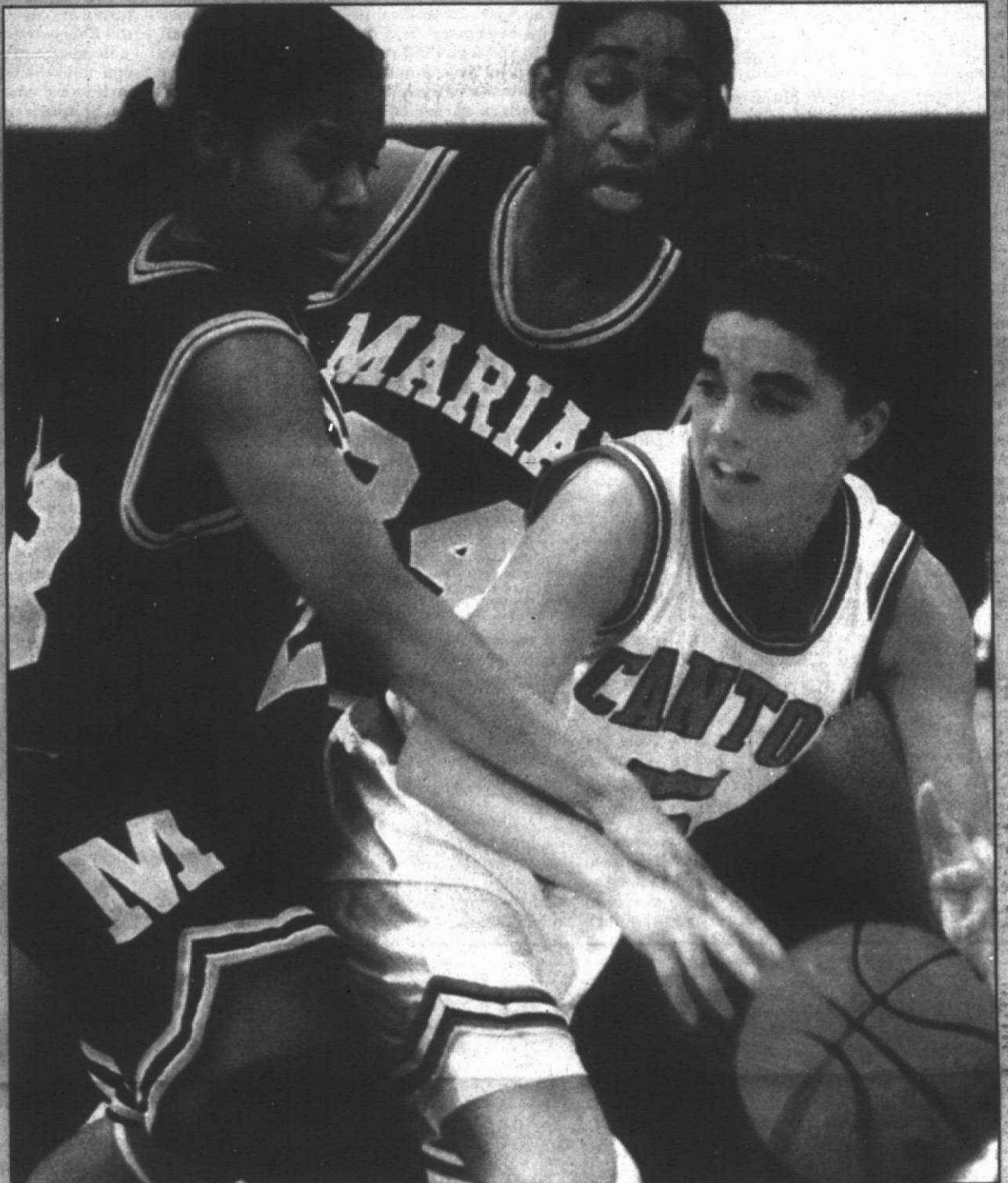
"The bottom line is, we just didn't handle their pressure very well (at the end)," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "The rest of the game we did, except for a three-minute time span in the fourth quarter."

The Chiefs committed 11 turnovers in the first 3 1/2 quarters; in the game's last three minutes, they had seven — four of them in their own backcourt.

An offensive foul by Melissa Marzolf led to another Walas basket with 2:25 left, and when Kristin Lukasik was pressured into a third-consecutive turnover, Markeisha Thompson followed with a free throw to pull Marian within a point, 32-31, with 2:04 to go.

Marzolf stopped the Mustang run briefly with two free throws, but Kellie Byers drained a three-pointer on Marian's next possession and the game was tied at 34 with 1:49 left.

The Chiefs could never regain the momentum. Four more turnovers fueled Marian's fire; the Mustangs scored six-straight points before Marzolf got a basket — Canton's only field



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY SOLYNSKY

Stuck: Canton's Melissa Marzolf avoids a pair of Birmingham Marian defenders in Wednesday's regional final. Marzolf scored 10 points in her final game as a Chiefs' basketball player.

goal of the fourth quarter — with 12 seconds left.

Walas finished with a game-high 15 points, eight in the fourth period. Byers scored 10, seven coming in the fourth. The Chiefs got 10 from Marzolf and eight from Nkechi Okwumabua, all scored at the free-throw line.

"We just got a fire under our heinies," said Cicerone. "We stepped up our defense and said we were not going to lose this game."

Blohm had to agree. "Rehash it all you want, but they made some plays," the Canton coach summarized. "We did what we wanted. I thought if we could keep the game around 40

(points), we had a chance.

"And we made some plays, too."

That the Chiefs did. They led 7-4 after one quarter and 16-15 at the half, despite making just 4-of-17 of their first-half floor shots (23.5 percent).

Fouls were mounting, particularly against Marian; early in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs — who trailed 26-22 after three periods — had two starters with four fouls and another with three.

It all added up to Canton's kind of game. The Chiefs were 17-of-23 from the line (73.9 percent); Marian was accurate as well, converting 9-of-11

(81.8 percent) free throws.

"I thought we'd be gassed," said Cicerone. "We played defense 80 percent of the game."

In the end, shooting was the difference: Marian was 15-of-41 from the floor (36.6 percent) to Canton's 9-of-36 (25 percent). But the Mustangs made 6-of-9 (67 percent) in the fourth quarter.

"I couldn't be prouder of this team," Blohm said. "They always give a championship effort."

And so did Marian.

Borgess rolls, Ladywood ousted E2

Champions (again)

Harrison claims eighth grid title 21-6 over Dow

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

It seems a fitting coincidence Farmington Harrison senior quarterback Jared Hopkins wears the same No. 7 on his football jersey as does John Elway of the Denver Broncos.

Just as Elway is noted for orchestrating long scoring drives, Hopkins did the same Friday as the Hawks captured the Class A championship with a 21-6 victory over Midland Dow at the Silverdome.

It was the eighth state title overall for Harrison, which has won four in this decade and three of the last five in Class A.

A 99-yard drive in the second quarter, during which Hopkins completed all four pass attempts, gave Harrison a 14-0 halftime lead and an advantage the Chargers couldn't overcome.

"That was the turning point of the whole game," Dow coach Frank Altimore said. "If we stop them there, we have a chance to come back. But they turn around and mix the pass with the run beautifully."

It wasn't his best game as a passer, nor an easy day for Hopkins, who was pressured early by Dow's defensive ends and was sacked twice in the game.

Hopkins was 6-of-13 passing for a modest 67 net yards, but he threw for 88 yards on that drive, including a 26-yarder to junior wideout Ricky Bryant for the touchdown.

"When we saw how their ends were playing, we went to a quicky passing game," Hopkins said. "We

could get off the ball quicker and let guys like Ricky create."

"That made us feel like we were in control of the game. We knew our hearts were in this, and nothing was going to stop us."

Bryant, who had four catches for 56 yards, caught the ball in the right flat. He dodged one tackler and tightroped the sideline to the end zone with 6:10 remaining in the half.

"It was a quick screen," Hopkins said. "I didn't think it would be a touchdown, but that's what I get for doubting Ricky's talent."

Holding a two-TD lead, the Hawks (13-0) looked to be in good shape. Harrison's defense played well all afternoon, containing Dow's run-oriented offense, and the Chargers (11-2) didn't have the passing attack to mount a comeback.

"For the first time, somebody stopped our offense and put us in a situation where we were down 14," Altimore said. "It was very uncomfortable having to pass when we haven't been forced to do it all year."

Dow quarterback Mike Johnson was 3-of-9 passing for just 32 yards. The rushing stats were virtually even, but the Chargers were never inside the Harrison 15 except for scoring their only touchdown late in the game.

"They had more heart the whole game," Johnson said. "They were ready for us and everything we threw at them. We just got outplayed."

Tailback Matt Samocki rushed for a game-high but

rather-quiet 130 yards on 28 carries and scored Dow's only touchdown at 5:47 in the fourth quarter.

"(Coach Bob) Sutter's defense did an outstanding job and held them," Herrington said. "Defense was the key to the game, and we did just enough on offense to get ahead."

The Hawks sandwiched a pair of short touchdown drives around the 99-yarder by taking advantage of Dow turnovers in the process.

Dow's first possession stalled at its own 48. The ball rolled through the legs of punter Phil Brabbs, and Harrison senior tackle Mike Fisher recovered at the Dow 26.

After being three-and-out on its first possession due to the pressure coming from the outside, Harrison ran the ball up the middle seven straight plays with senior tailback Chris Ghannam scoring from the 2.

"All my assistants said 'Run the ball,' so I figured I'd better," Herrington said. "Dow's ends were tough to stop, so we weren't able to throw the ball like we wanted, but we were able to get some nice turnovers and capitalize on them."

The Hawks might've had a couple more scores before halftime except for a great play by Dow defensive end Doug Church and an unsportsmanlike penalty on Harrison.

Senior upback Zack Cornwell, who kicked three

See FOOTBALL, E5

STATE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Borgess rips Dominican in regional final 65-26

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Detroit Dominican senior forward Rayna Goodlow is a strong candidate to win the state's Miss Basketball award, but Redford Bishop Borgess center Ayisha Smith made a strong case for herself in Wednesday's Class C regional final between the two schools.

Smith made a pair of three-point shots and scored eight points in the first quarter of the Spartans' 65-26 victory.

That's all coach Dave Mann needed to see to secure his vote.

Smith added only two points the rest of the game as Mann was content to use her as a decoy with as many weapons as the Spartans have.

Goodlow, ranked the No. 1 player in the state according to one pre-season poll, finished with 14 points, including all nine of the Ravens' points in the second quarter.

"I think she's the best player in the state," Mann said of Smith. "She didn't need to prove it to me.

When they went man (man to man defense) I was quite happy to put Isha in the corner. I told her to stand there and the rest will play four on four. I felt we could win that game."

The win sends the Spartans, No. 1 ranked in Class C, to the state quarterfinal to face Sandusky at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Troy Athens.

The Spartans took control early, going on an 11-1 run to end the first quarter with a 15-8 lead. Smith sparked a 9-0 run during that spurt with a three-point shot from right of the key and a 15-foot jumper, both in the half-court set.

Smith is surprised people still let her shoot those.

"They say 'Oh she's a tall girl, she's not going to shoot that,'" Smith said. "Coach Mann gives me the green light. He gave me the green light last year."

Smith isn't the only player that gives teams a matchup problem when they face the Spartans. If Smith isn't scoring from inside or out, senior point guard Christina Anderson is penetrating and scoring or dishing off, senior forward Koren Mer-

chant is driving for baseline baskets (when she's not called for traveling) and junior forward Tiffany Simon is scoring points on the fast break.

Merchant led the Spartans with 21 points and seven rebounds, Simon contributed 12 points and Anderson 10.

The Spartans forced Dominican into 30 turnovers, including 11 in the fourth quarter when the Ravens went scoreless for the first 4:25.

Borgess outscored Dominican, 26-2 in the fourth quarter, which didn't leave as much of a bad taste in Ravens' coach Diane Jones' mouth as the way the Spartans played at times.

Jones wasn't happy when Mann chose to have his team stall in the half-court offense in order to get Dominican out of a zone defense.

"He does that passing-around, stalling stuff and their athleticism is tough to stop in the open floor," she said. "It's not like they're executing, they're just taking advantage of their athleticism. Once they got it started, there's no stopping them."

Mann said it's tough to teach his players to enjoy the stall tactics as well.

"I don't want them to settle for jump shots because there is no one in rebounding position," Mann said. "Merchant and Simon are still settling, but they've gotten better. We want them to wait, wait, wait, then be aggressive."

The two teams each had 20 rebounds but the Spartans had their fair share of offensive caroms that led to second shots in the paint.

"We couldn't keep them off the boards, that was our biggest problem," Jones said.

Jacuaise Purifoy, a 5-10 sophomore forward, had the Ravens' first four points before finishing with six.

After Goodlow and Purifoy, no one else had more than two points.

Point guard Latisha Martin, who makes the Ravens' offense go, made several turnovers and had only one point.

"We more or less worried about Tish and Rayna," Merchant said. "We had a plan from the start to lock Tish and Rayna up, and make the other three players decision makers. They don't want to be."

Detroit King dominates Ladywood

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Detroit King had Thanksgiving dinner a day early.

The Lady Crusaders, the Public School League champions, served up Livonia Ladywood and left few leftovers Wednesday evening on the Southfield High table en route to a 68-28 victory.

It was coach William Win-

field's 10th regional title in 13 years. He has guided King to three state titles and three runner-up finishes.

King, now 23-2 overall, advances to the Class A quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday at Roseville.

Ladywood finished its season 12-12.

"It's rare you see a team with quickness and skill, but they're a combination of both," Ladywood second-year coach Andrea Gorski said of King.

Nine King players scored, led by 5-3 senior guard Shalondra Booker, who had a game-high 16 points.

Ovlin Lewis, a 6-foot sophomore center, and 5-8 junior forward Marina Sullivan each added 14 points.

King simply just had too much speed, strength and depth for

the Blazers.

"We like to play all of them because it makes for good spirit on the team and it makes for good practices when they all know they're going to play," said Winfield, who missed four minutes of the opening quarter, had to make an emergency stop at his nearby Southfield home to pick up a jersey for senior Alisa Holley.

His assistant, Curtis Green, capably manned the sidelines as the Lady Crusaders nailed three triples to gain a 17-10 first quarter lead.

"I told him to take over until I got back," Winfield said. "We've been together quite a long time. He likes the same thing I do—press and play defense."

Ladywood's 6-foot senior center Sarah Poglits, playing her

final game as a Blazer, tallied all 10 Ladywood first-period points.

Poglits, who finished with a team-high 14, could get off one shot during the second quarter as King opened up a 36-15 half-time advantage.

"I thought we play a 2-3 zone (defense) to start to keep some of our people inside because I was worried about their inside game," Gorski said. "But they (King) shot well from the outside, so we went to a 3-2 to combat that, so we could matchup up with their guards out-front. Then, they just killed us on the boards and we would have had a real problem matchuping up with them in a man-to-man."

King hit seven shots beyond the three-point arc.

"I knew they'd pack it in," Winfield said. "But we hit some shots early and it opened things up. We've shot the ball from the perimeter pretty well this year. And if teams are going to pack it in, then we're more than happy to shoot from outside."

The Lady Crusaders finished the night hitting 37.8 percent (25 of 66), but took 30 more shots than their counterpart from the Catholic League's Central Division.

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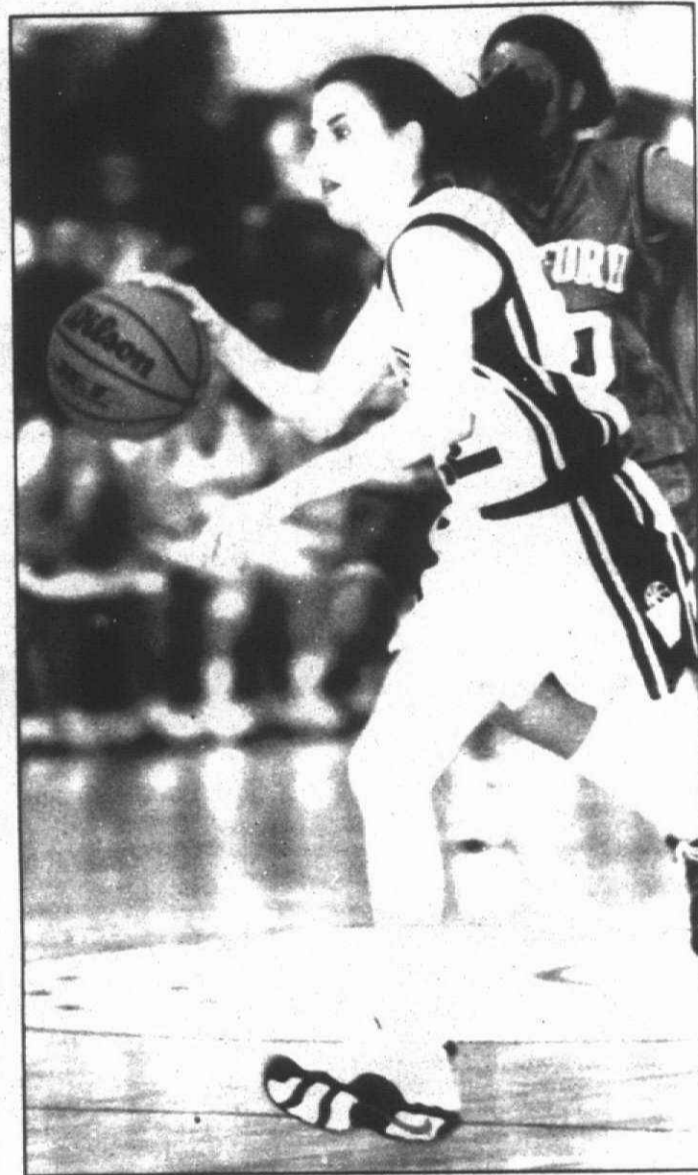
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STAFF PHOTO BY TIM HAYES

Ousted: Erin Hayden, seen here in an earlier state playoff game, couldn't keep Ladywood from falling to Detroit King in the region final Wednesday.

Soccer conquest



The Canton Conquest, an under-11 Select soccer team that plays in the WSSL, captured first place with a 7-1-0 record. The Conquest outscored their opponents 41-8.

Team members are: Bottom row, left to right are Brittany Cervi, Katie Polera, Ashley Smith, Amy Gizicki, Kelly Lepper, Alicia Hay, Molly Priebe, Erica Arndt; top row, left to right are coach Rich Priebe, Megan McMullen, Kristen Boylan, Taylor Foley, Andrea Johnson, Lisa Ealy, Katie Raker, Britany Armstrong, Jessica Cleary and coach John Johnson.

Regional champs



Cheering champs: Plymouth Canton's junior varsity and varsity cheerleading squads took first place in their divisions at regional competition held in Indiana on Nov. 8. This victory gets both squads a bid to national competition held in Orlando in February of next year. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated to help offset cost for the cheerleaders. For more information, please call Rick Opack at (313)981-8108.

Stevenson whips Panthers 8-0

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson may be young but the Spartans' hockey team plays old.

Redford Union's extremely young team found that out Wednesday night when it went to Eddie Edgar Arena and lost to Stevenson, 8-0.

Like jam on toast, the Spartans spread their scoring around.

Junior Ryan Sinks scored twice, opening and closing the game, while junior Dan Cieslak had a goal and two assists to help the Spartans improve to 4-0 while handing the Panthers their third loss in four tries.

"We were thoroughly outplayed," said Panthers' assistant Rusty Lynch, behind the bench in place of ailing RU Coach Kirk Hunter. "They're a well-coached team with a lot of speed and a lot of talent."

"I can't say enough about their speed, the way they moved the puck."

Stevenson totally dominated the first period, piling up a 16-1 shot margin and scoring three times. But Redford Union came out hitting in the second and by game's end the shot margin stood at 37-15.

"It was a great team effort," Spartans' coach Mike Harris said. "This was our third shutout in a row. We have a lot of pride in our defense. We play sound defense."

Sophomore Chris McComb played the first two periods in

goal for the Spartans with Matt McLeod working the final 15 minutes.

The game deteriorated a little at the end with pushing, punching and showing. Some Redford Union partisans played some key players too much in the final minute.

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Detroit Country Day aims for Class B basketball title

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

Detroit Country Day girls basketball coach Frank Orlando does not have a senior on his team. Yet, the Yellow Jackets, ranked number one most of the season, are just three games away from their third state championship.

Youthful DCD (23-1) is one of eight teams remaining in the Class B state playoffs. The Yellow Jackets meet Dexter (23-1) in a quarterfinal game scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Carleton Airport High School.

The winner of that game qualifies for the state semifinals scheduled for 2:50 p.m. Friday at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena. The Class B state title game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday at the same site.

"Dexter is obviously a good basketball team," said Country Day coach Frank Orlando. "But, I feel good for our kids that we're in this position. We have two players—Jennifer Thomas and Katie Blazewski—who were on our '95 state championship team."

"The rest of our players are pretty young," he said. "It's a neat experience for them and it's a thrill for us to be involved at this level of the state playoffs."

If the Yellow Jackets play with as much determination and intensity that they showed in winning the regional championship earlier this week at St.

Clair Shores Lakeview High School, they have a good shot at earning another trip to the state championship game. Country Day earned a tough 50-47 victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley for its second regional title in the past three years.

In a game where the lead was no larger than five points and featured 10 lead changes, DCD did not have a lock on the game until the buzzer sounded.

Country Day took a 38-27 lead into the final quarter.

The Yellow Jackets surged to a 44-39 lead with just under five minutes to play. The Ventures then scored the next seven points to take a 46-44 lead.

Katherine Hanks then hit a pair of short jumpers in the paint to give DCD a 48-46 lead. After Foley's Kathie Green hit one of two free throws to pull her team within a point, 48-47, with eight seconds remaining, Hanks calmly sank two free throws in a one-and-one situation to tie the victory.

Foley attempted a last second three-point shot that, for DCD's sake, harmlessly banged off the backboard.

Hanks, a junior forward, proved to be the difference as she registered 10 of her team's 12 fourth-quarter points. The other two points were awarded to All-Star center Jennifer Thomas. Hanks (18) and Thomas (25) combined to score 43 of DCD's 50 points.

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1997 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Solid Rocks

Plymouth Salem cast dominates All-Area

BY NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

If there is such a thing as a "sophomore jinx," Ed McCarthy was never infected by it.

The second-year coach nearly guided Plymouth Salem to a perfect record this season. After going 19-0-3 in their first 22 games, the Rocks season came to an end with a 2-1 loss to Troy Athens in the Class A title game.

But the significant strides by Salem helped earn McCarthy the 1997 All-Area Coach of the Year honor. In his rookie season, McCarthy led the Rocks to a 13-4-2 mark.

McCarthy will be the first person to admit that the play of senior forward Brett Konley made his job much easier. Konley, who scored a league-high 26 goals last season, scored a remarkable 38 goals this season, along with collecting 29 assists (both school records).

Konley, along with Livonia Churchill defender Dave George, were the only repeat members of this year's All-Area first team.

The impressive group of performers consists of 10 seniors, and a pair of juniors, as well as a rare sophomore selection (Livonia Stevenson's Tom Eller).

The Rocks weren't the only local team to enjoy success this season as the Observerland and Western Lakes Activities Association were again filled with perhaps the state's best talent.

Stevenson's only blemish in the Lakes Division was a tie to Salem as the Spartans finished 4-1. Livonia Churchill had a perfect 5-0 mark in the Western Division, while North Farmington enjoyed an above .500 record thanks to junior forward Craig Hearn (26 goals).

And you can't omit Lutheran Westland, as the Warriors finished third in the Metro Conference — their best finish ever — and compiled a 15-5-2 mark.

Here is the 1997 All-Area first team selections.

FIRST-TEAM PICKS

Brett Konley, forward, Ply. Salem: The runner-up for the MVP award in the Observerland, Salem was the best player in the division. After scoring 38 goals last season, the senior dominated the WLAAs by notching 38 goals and 29 assists this year. His 38 goals broke Salem's record of 30 goals, set by Jeff Gold.

Konley, who was named to the State's Dream Team, scored the winning goal in Salem's regional final victory which sent the Rocks on to the state championships.

"I certainly didn't expect him to have that kind of terrific year," McCarthy said. "There weren't many games he didn't score. He has a terrific shot and is very creative. You won't find anyone who will be able to replace a 38-goal scorer."

In addition to leaving with Salem's season records for goals and assists, Konley will be remembered as scoring the game-winning goal as a sophomore in Salem's state championship game.

Rob Bartolotti, forward, Liv. Churchill: The senior led the Chargers in goals with 24 and led Churchill to a perfect 5-0 record in the WLAAs Western Division. It was his best year scoring in his three years as a varsity player.

"He has improved each year he's been here," Churchill coach Chad Campeau said. "He was out going up front and was a threat to score at all times. He could make the most out of the smallest holes and be able to create something."

Craig Hearn, forward, N. Farmington: This junior recorded a school record 26 goals this season, breaking his own mark of 19 he set last season. Hearn was named to the all-state third team and is only one of three underclassmen on this year's all-area first team.

"He made a big improvement this year and not just in goal scoring," coach Ron Meteyer said. "He was able to bring the other players along with him. Last year he had no assists and this year he had 14. That's a huge improvement."

"He became a playmaker, I told him if a goal player doesn't bring his teammates along with him, the team doesn't get any recognition and, consequently, you as an individual don't get the proper recognition. If we can highlight the team, you'll be seen in a better light," and he understood that. He was a much better player overall.

The Rocks, junior, Farmington: What a career this has had — and he still has a year remaining. The forward scored 26 goals this season, bringing his three-year total to 54 goals. He also recorded three assists this season.

Andy Power, midfielder, Ply. Salem: Power used the same speed and agility he utilizes as Salem's point guard to

score 14 goals and collect nine assists. The 5-foot-8 midfielder knows how to use his size to his advantage, according to McCarthy.

Power also helped Salem forget about the graduation of Matt Sarkesian, a two-time All-Area first teamer.

"He lives on his quickness," the Salem coach said. "He's as quick as they come and he did a terrific job running our transition game."

Tom Eller, midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: Eller is the first sophomore to make the All-Area first-team in two years. He proved he deserved to be on the squad by tallying six goals and recording four assists.

The Spartans, who were forced to play without injured defender Steve Roy for most of the season, still finished 4-0-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division, thanks in big part to Eller.

Scott Rich, senior, Garden City: If someone told Scott Rich to "Break a leg" before his freshman year, he took the words to heart as a broken leg sidelined him most of that year.

Rich excelled when healthy the last three years, finishing his career with 17 goals and 31 assists. Primarily a playmaker his first two seasons, Rich scored 12 goals with 14 assists as a senior, making first team Mega Conference Red Division the last two years.

"He is highly skilled with a great touch on the ball," coach Bill Torni said. "I can't even think about replacing him. He was a playmaker, setting up goals his first three years. We needed him to score this year and he finished for us."

Rich has also excelled on the club level, playing for the Livonia Wings and Northville Sting organizations.

Brad Woehlike, midfielder, Luth. Westland: The senior not only led Lutheran Westland to its best finish ever in the Metro Conference (third place with a 6-2-2 mark), but was also named the league tri-MVP. Woehlike became the first Warrior in seven years to claim the league's MVP honor, and was later named to the all-district and all-region teams, as well as being the fourth rated player in the region.

Woehlike netted 18 goals and collected eight assists while playing superior defense.

"He helped us control the midfield area and anchored that whole section of the field for us," Westland coach Rich Block said. "He will very tough to replace."

Dave George, defender, Liv. Churchill: Other than Konley, this senior was the only repeat member to the All-Area first team. The four-year starter was the leader in the backfield for the Chargers and has played sweeper for the past two years.

"It takes over in the back for us and things run smoothly for us when he's out there," Campeau said. "He's very skilled with the ball and he's excellent in the air. He will be a tough guy for us to replace in the back."

Rob Zdrodowski, defender, Ply. Salem: The senior was the best defender on perhaps the best defensive team in the state.

Zdrodowski led a stingy Salem defense which surrendered only 13 goals in 23 games this season. The Rocks allowed only three goals to be scored in 12 WLAAs contests.

"There wasn't a better defender in the league," McCarthy said.

Jared Page, defender, Ply. Canton: It was the first year Page played on defense, but no one could tell. The senior did a fantastic job filling in for Matt Ammons, a first-team defender from Canton in 1996.

"He brought a lot of hustle and determination," Plymouth Canton coach Don Smith said. "He was a real scrapper. He's not real big or strong or a superstar, but he did a heckuva job for us this season."

Mike Skolnik, goalkeeper, Liv. Churchill: It wasn't the fact that Skolnik recorded five shutouts this season. What was impressive was who he blanked: Stevenson, Troy Athens, Ann Arbor Pioneer and in Churchill's first two district games (Wayne Memorial and Westland John Green).

"He had a great year as he only gave up a total of 14 goals, compared to 20 last year," Campeau said. "He made some huge saves in big games for us and allowed us to stay in some games. In several of those games, we were able to win."

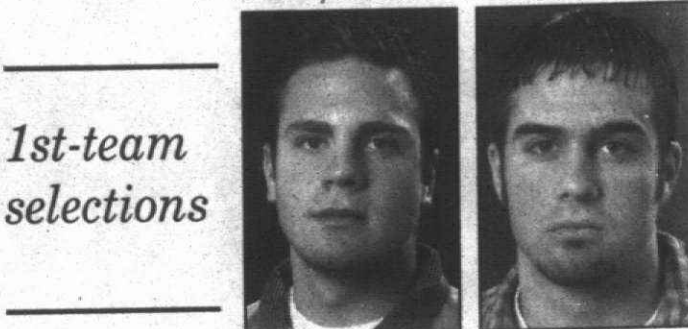
"He's strong on one-on-one breaks and is very acrobatic. He's very tough to score on."

Matt Kessler, goalkeeper, Catholic Central: The senior saved his best season for his last as he posted 11 shutouts. This three-year starter used his big 6-foot-3, 180-pound frame to make incredible saves for the Shamrocks.

"I think he was one of the best two goalkeepers in the state," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "He makes smart decisions and knows every inch of his net. He's solid and has all the tools a good goalkeeper needs."

"He has unbelievable potential and single-handedly won some games for us this season."

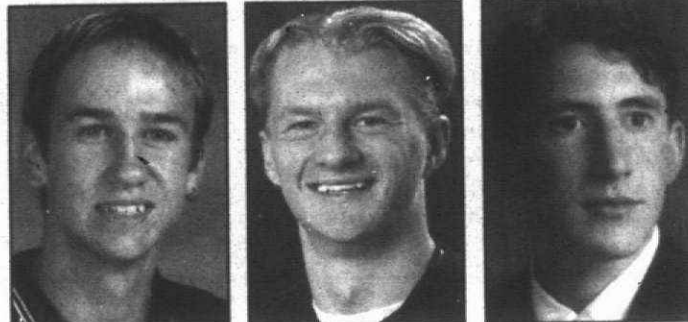
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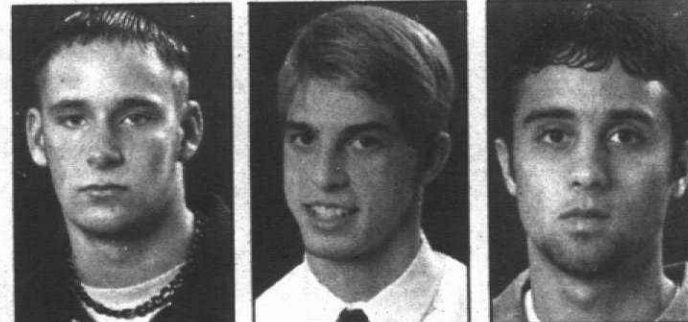
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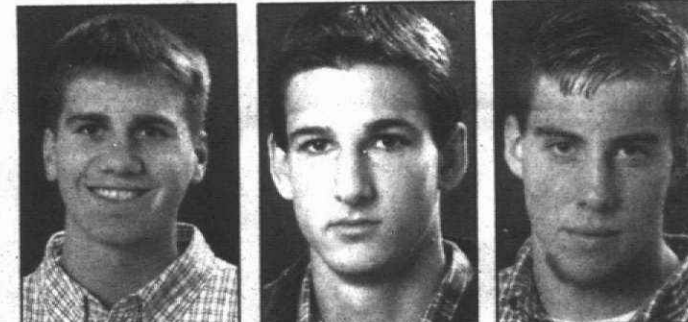
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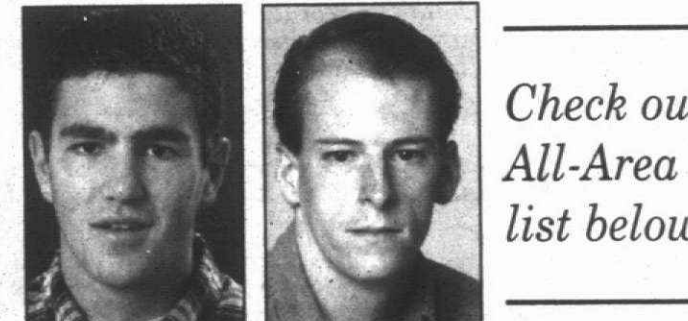
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Ed McCarthy-Salem Coach of the Year

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Table listing 1997 All-Observer Boys Soccer Team members: Forwards, Midfielders, Defenders, Goalkeepers, and Coach of the Year.

Herrington reaches top of state coaching ranks

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

John Herrington has reached the summit among Michigan high school football coaches.

The Farmington Hills Harrison head coach now shares most state titles won (8) with the late Ron Thompson of Detroit St. Martin DePorres, but he's not about to quit now.

"That's terrific, but I really wanted it so bad for the kids because they're the ones who really deserved it," said Herrington, who has compiled an astounding overall record of 248-154-3 in 28 seasons (all with Harrison), including a 21-6 victory over Midland Dow in the state Class A championship game play Friday before 15,320 fans at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Herrington has taken 16 teams to the playoffs and is now 8-3 in state championship games.

Two years ago, the Hawks were demolished in the first-round of the playoffs by South Lyon and last year Harrison lost to Grandville, 24-17, in the state championship.

"As a coaching staff, we thought we could get back here with this group," he said. "Our job was don't mess it up."

Herrington remembers his first state final like it was only yesterday. Back in 1976, the Hawks fell to 36-27 to Dow.

"Sometimes I pinch myself because in '76 I didn't know if I'd ever come back and get another chance," he said. "Now it kind of hits you."

Herrington is also a big hit with his players.

"He's the most dedicated and the greatest coach I'll ever play for," Harrison senior quarterback Jared Hopkins said. "As an individual, he's very caring of people. It's his love for the game and his players."

Hopkins has also been one of

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Herrington's students in Civil War classes where discussions about military maneuvers often lead into football strategy.

"Personally for me, he always emphasized the two golden rules of passing — first, don't ever throw a fade out of bounds, and number two, don't ever throw the slant behind him," the Hawk QB said.

Harrison's lead running back all year, senior Chris Ghannam, believes Herrington has the Midas touch.

"He's extremely, extremely talented at getting the most out of his players," said Ghannam. "Actually, all four coaches — coach Herrington, coach (Bob) Sutter, coach (Steve) Dolloway and coach (Jon) Witkowski — break things down so well in their areas."

"And the coaches are like brothers. They eat together on Sundays and watch film together. They probably see each other more than their own families."

"But that's the beauty of the Hawk family. They're watching over each other."

At least 40 to 50 former Hawks were in attendance Friday afternoon including former All-Staters Mike Bowden, who played in the first state championship; John Miller, who later starred at Michigan State; and Mill Coleman, the state's all-time passing leader now playing for the Montreal Alouettes.

"We had a few leftovers from the Turkey Bowl yesterday," Herrington said. "They get together each Thanksgiving to play (touch football). And we had quite a few of the Hawk family come over to the school this morning to wish us well."

"What may separate this state championship team from the

others, according to Herrington, is the close-knit atmosphere.

During the victory press conference, Herrington got a little choked up.

"I'm happy, but I'm sad, too, because these guys have been like sons, every last one," the Harrison coach said. "We've had not had off-the-field problems. I wanted them to win this as bad as any team I've had. They're so close, even with the many different ethnic groups. They love each other and they're academically sound. It's just a joy to coach because I don't have teachers coming down to my room asking me to take care of a problem."

"So how high can Herrington climb?"

To his immediate right at the podium was junior wide receiver Ricky Bryant, a standout.

"He's one of the reasons why he'll make me come back again," Herrington said.

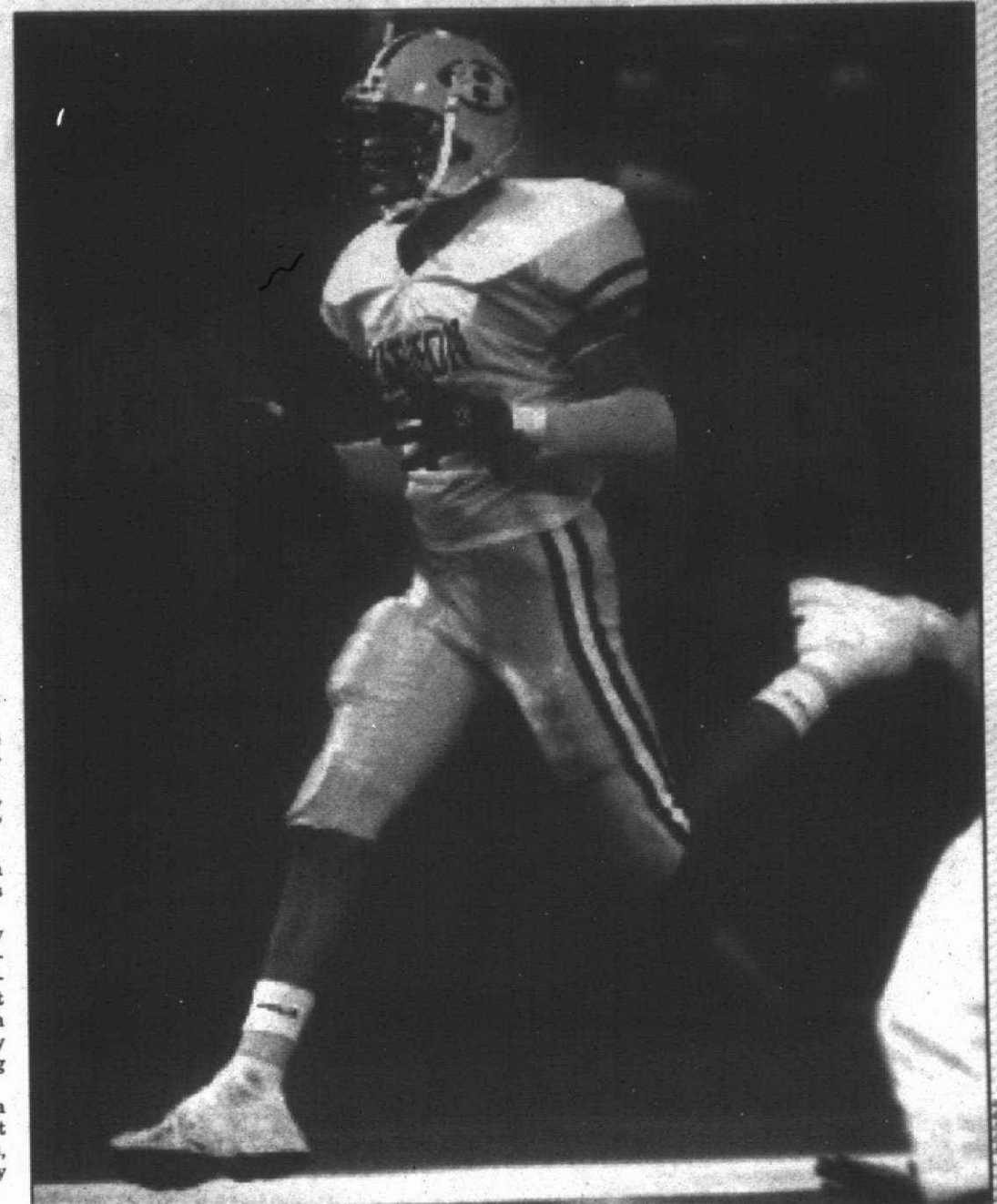
And, of course, Herrington would feel naked without his assistants.

"As long as Sutter, Dolloway and Witkowski stay on, I wouldn't coach without them," Herrington said. "I orchestrate, but they do all the work. We're a team. Right now football is my hobby, I really don't do anything else."

"But I suppose there will be a day when I wake up and won't want to coach anymore, I guess, but right now that's not on my mind," he said.

After a much-deserved day off, Herrington and his staff will get together today review the season.

"Monday we'll watch film and then we'll do individual player interviews Tuesday with the returning varsity kids Tuesday and bring in the JV players who want to play next year on Wednesday," said Sutter, Herrington's longtime sidekick and



Touchdown: Farmington Hills Harrison's Ricky Bryant scored on a 26-yard pass in the second quarter. The catch capped a 99-yard drive for the Hawks and was the turning point in the game, according to Midland Dow coach Frank Altimore.

expert line coach. "And we'll probably have some kids coming into the weight room with coach (Bill) Slobin to start working out for next year."

And even though the winter sports season has officially started at Harrison, football will also be on the back of Herrington's mind.

And it doesn't seem the Hawks or their head coach are settling for any kind of plateau. Herrington's number nine is well within sight.

Hawks win championship from page E1

extra points, had the ball stripped from behind by Church after he made nearly a 50-yard run.

Senior linebacker Matt Walker's interception gave Harrison the ball at the Dow 37, but the Hawks were unable to get the first down after the penalty pushed them back.

Harrison increased its lead to 21-0 in the third quarter when senior tackle Brian Lewis stole the ball from Dow fullback Jason Spiece at the Dow 13. The Hawks needed just five plays to score again on Cornwall's 1-yard run.

"We had too many mistakes — the punt, the fumble," Altimore said. "Their defense stymied our offense."

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"I told our coaches we had to score three touchdowns today to beat them, and we just weren't able to do that."

Samocki scored on a 12-yard run. Harrison senior Jason Sharp blocked the extra point, and Dow's last two possession ended with turnovers — an interception by Cornwell and another fumble recovery by Lewis.

"Coach (Sutter) said that was the first time all year I was running through my tackles," Lewis

said. "We worked real hard on our reads. We did a real good job and shut down their threat, which was the running game."

Junior linebacker Mike Head and Walker led the Hawks with 10 tackles apiece; Lewis and Fisher made eight stops each, senior outside linebacker Matt Struble seven. Junior noseguard Bryan McGhee also forced a fumble.

"Their defense was outstanding and their offense was more dominating than I would have liked," Altimore said. "Their down guys and linebackers played great. Their quickness to the ball on defense hurt us."

"I wasn't surprised their wideouts were so quick,

but they had great quickness from their running backs. They were able to make the quick cut and get an extra 3 or 4 yards."

The Chargers had 187 total rushing yards, the Hawks 186. Harrison outgained Dow 167-139 in net rushing. Both teams had nine rushing first downs.

Cornwell gained 103 yards on 14 carries, Ghannam 73 on 22. Spiece added 25 on seven attempts for the Chargers.

Harrison had a 234-171 advantage in total yards and the edge in total first downs, 12-11.

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Deer season success rate high

Firearms deer season ends today, but already it appears the season has been a good one. With snow cover and mild winter temperatures throughout most of the state on opening weekend hunters were greeted with near perfect hunting conditions for the first week.

If you haven't bagged your buck yet, don't give up. There's still time, and for muzzleloader hunters the season hasn't even started yet. Successful hunters are reminded to report that success. Call or write to me at the number and address listed at the end of this column.

Good luck for the remainder of the season and remember to think safety first.

•Joe Thumbal, of Rochester Hills, shot a doe with his bow and arrow and took a 5-point buck on Nov. 16 with his 12 ga. shotgun. Thumbal took both deer while hunting private land in Oakland County.

•Seventy-year-old Virgil Thill traveled "north of the Big Mac" for the start of the firearms deer season as he has for most of his

life. The trip to St. Ignace paid dividends this year as the Farmington Hills resident tagged a buck around 9 a.m. on opening day.

"I saw a huge buck and a doe but I couldn't get them in my scope because it was so thick," explained Thill, who grew up around Fayette at the west end of the Upper Peninsula. "Then I noticed a smaller buck behind them and he stepped out and I got him."

That "smaller buck" turned out to be a 9-point with a 16-inch spread and nine-inch brow tines. The buck dressed out at 160 pounds.

"I like to hunt the old fashioned way," explained Thill. "I don't use bait and I don't use a blind and it has worked pretty well. I've got three deer in the last three years."

•Redford's Kevin Veith enjoyed a fantastic hunting season and was able to tag a pair of bucks. On Oct. 13 Veith shot a spike with his bow and arrow. On opening day of the firearms season Veith dropped a 3-point buck. Both were taken in Crawford County.

•On Nov. 15th Mike Kafila broke a 13-year drought. The Canton resident shot his first buck since 1985. Hunting state land in Hillsdale County, Kafila watched as a group of hunters

jumped two big bucks out of a marsh area.

"They got the 12-point and I got a 7-point," explained Kafila.

Kafila's 7-point was a dandy buck. The antlers featured a 15-inch spread and the buck dressed out at 180 pounds.

•Last month a group of Oxford Lions went on a pheasant hunt at the Harsen's Island Hunt Club. Bob Collins, Ed Spinazzola, Carl Szoff, Jim Klauza, Stan Sala and Mike Sauer combined to drop 29 birds.

Clay target champs

Wings & Clays hosted the 1997 A 1-Around Clay Target Championships earlier this month at the Bald Mountain Gun Range in Lake Orion.

Clarkston's Gerald Perzyk won the Top Gun Trap, Jim Siudara of Metamora won Top Gun Five Stand, Jim Beckman of Owosso won Top Gun All-Around and Sporting Clays, and Hank Jensen of Naples, Florida won the Top Gun Skeet.

Volunteers honored

A number of area residents were recently honored for their volunteer work at Kensington Metropark near Milford.

•Dave and Kathy Renwick and their nine-year-old daughter Bridgett made volunteering a family affair. The Walled Lake

family helped the park naturalist conduct a number of programs throughout the year.

•Southfield's Georgia Reid, an avid birder, has been a leader in the park's three annual bird counts since 1978. This year Reid and others helped spot 97 bird species in the park for the spring count and 89 species in the fall count.

•Canton's Roland Brege donated pictures he took at the Farm Center, providing a valuable pictorial history of the facility.

"In 1996, more than 1,640 volunteers gave 16,700 hours of their time throughout the Metroparks system," said Tom Smith, chief of interpretive services and head of the volunteer program. "These volunteers have really helped improve the Metroparks system."

Anyone interested in volunteering at their favorite Metropark may call the park directly or call the METROPARKS administrative office at 1-800-47-PARKS.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



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Garden City's Walker prevails in playoff

For the past 30 years the Michigan Majors Bowling Association has been running a monthly tournament for better scratch competition bowlers.

This level of competition always brings out the best in the game to vie for the dollars and the honors that go with the victories.

Last weekend proved to be the biggest of the year for the organization. It was the championship tourney at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights, but it also featured the 25th annual championship banquet and hall of fame Awards held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

Now that the association is sponsored by Budweiser "King of Beers," the prize money is greater and the level of competition is at an all-time high as there are now 535 members consisting of the best bowlers in the state of Michigan.

The leadership of executive secretary and tournament director Ken Charrette has a lot to do

with the success of this organization.

The Qualifying Rounds took place on Nov. 22 to determine the 12 finalists.

Among the top six: 1. Lee Snow of Farmington Hills who set a new nine game qualifying record for this event with 2,232 and that is averaging 248; 2. Lonnie Jones of Detroit, 2,218; 3. Val Sherlock of Flint, 2,187; 4. Rick Eiermann of Garden City, 2,170; 5. Jon Putti of Roseville, 2,166; 6. Todd Subka of Grand Haven, 2,158.

The next six included: 7. Larry Walker of Garden City, 2,154; 8. Chris Sand of Roseville, 2,149; 9. Mark Applegate of Dorrr, 2,145; 10. Bill Froberg of Baroda, 2,143; 12. Arnie Goldman of Plymouth, 2,126.

There were two 300 games in the qualifying round rolled by Bob Wiszowaty and Chuck Morris.

Eiermann posted a 299 game and celebrated his 44th birthday during the finals on Sunday by qualifying for the 5th spot in the TV finals.

However, we must backtrack a few hours to the evening of the banquet at Hawthorne Valley.

For it was there that he received the ultimate honor, being inducted into the Michigan Majors Bowling Association

Hall of Fame.

The two other inductees were Ted Bakatselos and Ken Wyatt of Southfield.

This group is truly elite and consists of names that have become legendary in our area. The MMBA Hall of Fame is on display permanently at Cherry Hill Lanes.

The day of the finals was a cold and cloudy day, but the sun must have been shining on Walker, who prevailed over the rest of the best for a first-place trophy and \$4,000 prize money.

He defeated the top-seeded Chris Sand in an exciting match 244-215. The game was decided in the 10th frame after both lefties were stopped by a stubborn 7-pin.

If Sand had carried the seven, he might have won.

Walker started with the first four strikes, then left the door wide open with a split in the fifth frame. Sand was unable to take advantage of the break, and Walker ran up the next four strikes in a row which proved to be decisive.

Eiermann was eliminated in the first match by Jones 238-208, then Walker defeated Jones, 238-225, and crushed Goldman 254-187.

This was the second championship win for Walker.

Lee Snow of Farmington Hills, president of MMBA, finished 8th in this event. The finals will be shown on some local access TV stations in December. Look for it on your TV schedule.

•While the MMBA has celebrated 30 years, the Metro Bowling Tour has just begun.

The November event was held at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston on Nov. 16.

The big difference in the two tournament organizations, the Metro Tour is an 80 percent handicap event.

Quite often, a lower average bowler can compete very competitively.

Shawn Furman of Waterford took first by defeating Michael Rose of Pontiac 204-180, his second victory on the MBT.

In the opening match, Bruce MacDonald of Clarkston defeated James Robertson of Waterford, 223-155.

The second match featured MacDonald disposing of Brett Tieman of Waterford. Tieman then was defeated by Rose in a low scoring match 165-140.

For information or entry forms for the next event is Saturday, Dec. 27 at Lakewood Lanes in Waterford. For more information, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.

Honor roll to appear Dec. 7.

Canadian Geese keep close family ties

Holidays are the time when families get together.

Aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews all get together at the holidays.

It's a time when everyone gets to renew old acquaintances and see how each person is doing.

Many, but not all, animals disband after the young leave the nest or mature to adolescence and never associate with each other again.

Canada geese seen flying around during winter, however,

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can be a family that was together this past summer.

Adults allow their young to stay with them during the winter. This can be very important for geese that are migratory.

Older adults are those individuals that guide the young birds to their overwintering site. Not only do they show the young birds where to go and how to get there, they are also strong flyers.

Generally, an older bird is the first bird in the traditional V formation of geese flying during migration. Their strength allows them to cut through the air and provide uplifting currents to make it easier for those flying behind them.

Black-capped chickadees that frequent your feeders are also

members of an extended family. There may be young of the year and young from the previous year in the same group. Since chickadees do not live very long, there aren't too many generations.

Crows in the neighborhood are also members of the same family.

Young from the summer will stay with their adults until spring.

Most adult birds would exclude their young from the family unit in spring when nesting starts, but adult crows actually enlist the help of their one year old offspring to help raise the new nestlings.

This is in sharp contrast to the white-tailed deer.

Though the adult female will

allow her young of last May to join her all winter, when spring arrives she will force them off on their own.

She establishes her own little territory and will exclude other females from her area. Her fawns from last year, if not pregnant, will grow and mature in their own areas until they are pregnant next spring and can establish their own territory.

Social animals like bees and ants that remain relatively inactive during the holiday season are still together and remain with their relatives all their lives.

Sometimes just visiting on the holidays is enough!

In-line part of New Year's Eve race day

Detroit Edison and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will be sponsoring the 28th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk on Belle Isle.

Join the runners and walkers beginning at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Belle Isle Casino.

Both the one- and four-mile races follow the Detroit Grand Prix course. You can either walk or run, but a new feature includes a 4-mile in-line skate.

All children 12 years and younger will receive trophies. Plaques will go to the first

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500 runners in the four-miler, the first 25 in the in-line skate race, and the top 50 in the race walk. All others will receive commemorative awards.

Early registration is \$17 for adults and \$12 for children (before Dec. 27). Race day entry fee is \$20 (\$15 for children 12-and-under) which includes long-sleeve T-shirt, post-race refreshments, trophies and awards.

Registration is from noon to 3 p.m. race day.

Beginning at 6 p.m., a post-race New Year's Eve Party will be open only to those 21 years and up.

The \$10 party cost includes dancing, DJ, beer, wine, pop, food and door prizes. Included will be a champagne toast at midnight.

For party information, call Dennis Hanley at (248) 545-3792.

For more race information, call (313) 886-5560.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER

The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zones 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 through 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/homepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

3D LEAGUE

A 3D league begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1390 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (813) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 626-6473 to register or for more information.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Create hand-made gifts for the holidays during this craft session, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.