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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Whale of a time:** Tonight is Family Value Night at Compuware Arena. Discount ticket packages, along with special concession stand prices are available for the Plymouth Whalers game against the Erie Otters. Game time is 6:30 p.m. and discount packages must be purchased in advance. Call the box office at 453-8400.

### MONDAY

**Ho, ho, ho:** You won't have to think too hard to come up with the guest of honor at Canton's annual Christmas tree lighting. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center. Count on music, refreshments and, of course, a surprise visit from you know who.

### WEDNESDAY

**Thinking ahead:** Buy a stocking stuffer for your Plymouth-Canton high school senior. Senior graduation party tickets are now available from the parents' committee helping to plan the 1998 party. For information call Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

### FRIDAY

**Holiday happening:** Canton Community Church will present "Four Tickets to Christmas," a dramatic musical. Tickets at \$6 include dessert, coffee and tea. In addition to tonight's 7 p.m. performance, shows are 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The church is located at 41600 Ann Arbor Trail.

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## WWII vets remember Japanese attack

BY RICHARD PEARL  
STAFF WRITER

Pearl Harbor Day just made Tom Houdek want to grow up all that much faster and join his two older brothers in The Big Show.

But for Frank Riordan, Dec. 7, 1941, was "just another day at the office" - in the fire control tower aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier escorting British troop ships in the South Atlantic.

### Teaching Pearl Harbor today, A2

The two Canton Township residents' recollections 56 years later of the United States' entry into World War II are a study in contrasts.

"We were already at war," noted Riordan, who would re-enlist for the duration and personally witness VJ Day. "The Navy was on neutrality patrols in the Atlantic with orders to shoot to kill."

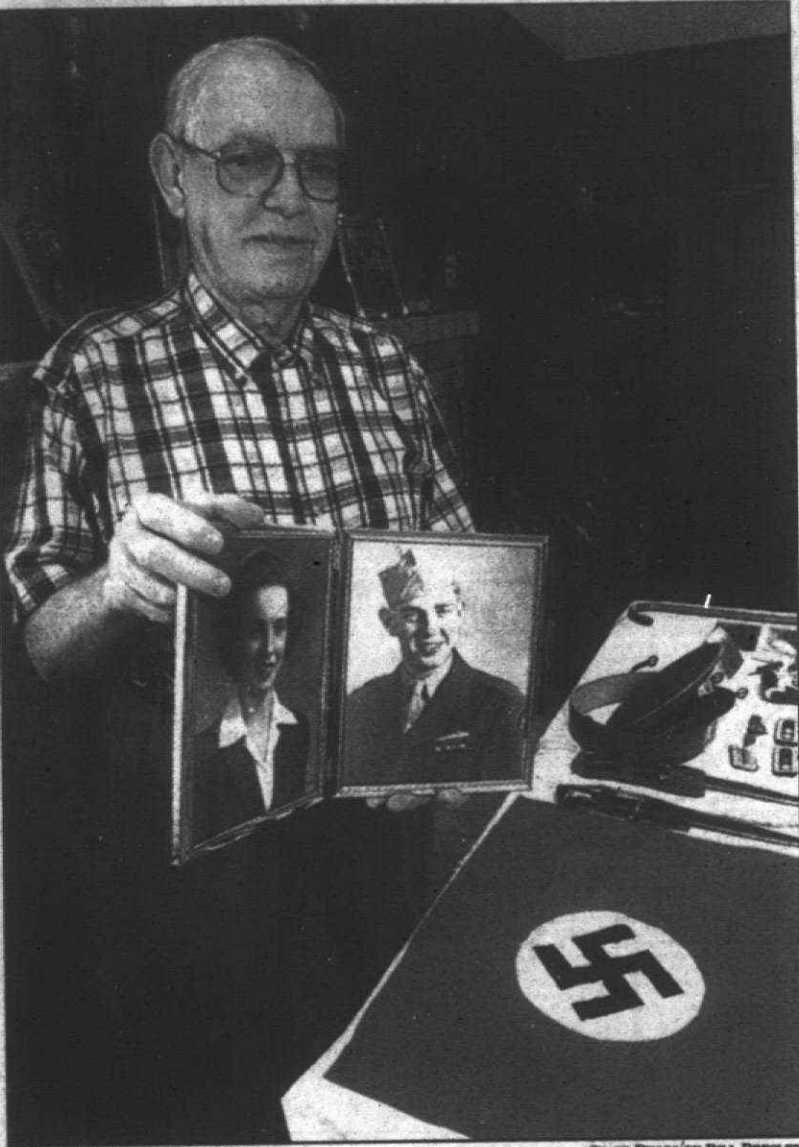
Now 74 and enjoying retirement with Melba, his wife of 50 years, and Megan, the family terrier, Riordan says simply that Dec. 7 was "peacetime and wartime the same day."

The only difference was that his ship, the USS Ranger - the first built as an aircraft carrier from the keel up - had to say "adios" off the Brazilian coast to the 25,000 troops it was escorting to Singapore and head back north for new deployment.

A native of Seney in the Upper Peninsula, Riordan was the first of his siblings to enlist - an older brother later served in the Coast Guard.

Joining the Navy at age 17 on Feb. 20, 1941, Riordan trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station outside Chicago and first crossed the equator that Nov. 24.

By November 1942, Riordan was



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Wartime memories:** Tom Houdek served in the European Theater during World War II so the attack on Pearl Harbor was "just another day at the office" for him. Here, Houdek shows off some of his memorabilia and a wartime portraits of himself and his wife, Wanda.

part of the North African invasion at storied Casablanca - the war's first U.S. offensive.

He would eventually become a chief petty officer - the top enlisted position. His specialty in the fire control tower was running the computerized gyroscope that kept the ship steady while firing its T-4 "Tiny Tim" rockets.

He served aboard the Ranger, the Hancock and the Alabama. He was in a convoy hit by a typhoon and saw three destroyers plunge, bow first, straight to the bottom. He also saw survivors of sinking ships run over by other ships that couldn't turn away fast enough.

Please see PEARL HARBOR, A4

## Room boom coming

■ Canton could land as many as five new hotels in the near future. Developers and hotel companies are looking at Ford Road and Michigan Avenue as the business corridors expand.

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Canton could become home to as many as five new hotels to support its growing industrial and commercial base.

Two 80-room hotels - one with a restaurant and the other with a banquet center - are planned for Michigan Avenue, between Hannan and Lotz at the site of the current Willow Acres Motel.

Marriott Courtyard has tentative plans to locate on the seven-acre lot, said Bill Jarratt of South Lyon-based Jarratt Associates, which develops hospitality centers.

"We're not sure on the other one, but several hotels are interested in being there," he said.

If a special land use approval is granted, the hotels could be four stories tall, said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet. The planning commission is holding a public hearing Feb. 2 to consider the request. The township board will have final approval.

A Holiday Inn Express also is being planned for Michigan Avenue, between Lotz and I-275, said Goulet. Developers have yet to submit an application to Planning Services.

In addition, a large development on Ford Road, east of I-275, by developer Burton Katzman is expected to include at least one and possibly two hotels.

Goulet and Chamber of Commerce

Please see HOTELS, A2

## CAP group advocates change via partnership

BY RICHARD PEARL  
STAFF WRITER

Grass-roots activism is alive and well in the late 1990s. Just ask the leaders of CAP.

The Class-size Action Partnership (CAP), formed just four years ago by Plymouth Township parents concerned that classrooms were too big for students' good, has been a key player in getting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to reduce enrollments per classroom to more workable, effective ratios between teachers and students.

And they've done it not via the sit-ins, pickets and protests of the radical 1960s and '70s - when they were growing up - but by the non-radical, baby-boomer style of the '90s: working with the board of education and its administration.

"What they have done," said new CAP chairwoman Darice Schubatis of founders Judy Mardigian, Lucy French and Susan Feiten, "is work in a constructive way - that is, propose solutions."

"They have shown they are willing to roll up their sleeves and work with the

school district instead of in opposition. But at the same time, they have shown they are not afraid to speak out.

"Like anything in life, if you're constructive, you achieve a lot more than if you just complain and do not try to remedy the situation, too."

The Class-size Action Partnership, which has gotten input from teachers, has a membership of parents from all three communities, although its core group remains Mardigian, French and Schubatis - who have or have had children in Isbister Elementary - plus parents Paul Schrauben of Canton and Karen Palgut of Plymouth.

### Words of praise

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Charles Little, who joined the district in 1994, said CAP has been effective "because they stuck to the facts and have been consistent. They have documented the situation well and have explained it well."

Besides, he said, "Their leadership has never let other issues get them off the focus of their group, which is class

Please see PARTNERSHIP, A6

## Appeals court ruling could leave township liable

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

The Fourth of July may be well off the minds of most retailers, but for one Michigan Avenue business a saga over the items it sells continues to unfold in various courtrooms.

The latest ruling from the Michigan Court of Appeals claims Canton police made an illegal search at Tri-City Fireworks in June of 1995.

The appellate ruling opens the door for Tri-City to claim monetary damages against Canton Township Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, according to Hugh Davis, attorney for Tri-City owners Patricia and Donald Linn.

### ■ FIREWORKS CASE

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro was unavailable for comment.

The 525 cases of fireworks that were confiscated by police were ruined while improperly stored in an ammunition bunker at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Davis said. The fireworks were valued at \$100,000, he said.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John Murphy will hear the case Jan. 16.

"The township is going to have to be dragged into this, although I think the

responsibility lies with the prosecutor's office," said Davis.

The prosecutor's office staff should have known the search warrant they obtained for police was illegal, he said.

An injunction was issued in 1994 and 1995 allowing fireworks dealers to sell to association members for out-of-state distribution. Memberships could be bought for \$2, which allowed the association members into a back room where the fireworks were located.

Criminal charges filed against the Linnns were dropped. They had been charged with 525 counts, or one count for each case of fireworks confiscated.

Tri-City was raided by various police agencies in 1993, 1995 and 1996. The

1996 charges are still pending in 35th District Court. The Linnns were charged with conspiracy to violate the fireworks law, a one-year misdemeanor. Fireworks were not seized by police in 1996.

Charges are also pending in 35th District Court against owners and employees of neighboring business. Burda Brothers, also for a 1996 raid. The Burdas were raided in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department seized fireworks from the Burdas on July 2 of this year. However, the next day a circuit court judge ordered that most of the two truckloads of fire-

Please see RULING, A3

### Christmas moves



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Cutting a rug:** Burt and Florence Peel (left) and Mary Roy and Don Hosman dance to the music of "Solitaire" Wednesday at the Canton seniors' annual Christmas party at Summit on the Park. For additional photos from the festivities, please turn to page A4 in today's Observer.

# Planners deny restaurant; developers will go to board

BY RICHARD PEARL  
STAFF WRITER

The owners of the Mobil gas station at Haggerty and Joy Road will take their request to establish a restaurant on the property directly to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

That decision was announced Tuesday following the township planning commission's 3-2 denial Monday night of a request by Yaldo family members for a special land use on the property.

The Yaldos want to build the restaurant on a long, narrow piece of property that is south of their car and truck wash and is bounded by Haggerty and Old Haggerty roads and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad tracks.

The commission, stating it did not have enough information to warrant approving the change, cited two requirements which the restaurant proposal didn't meet: it is not located at the intersection of two major thoroughfares and it is not an accessory to a private outdoor recreation use.

However, said Lisa Donovan, agent for Plymouth-based Land Company of Michigan and representative of Mark Yaldo, the property owner, "The commission was hung up on a technicality regarding the intersection issue because the north end of the property is at Joy and Haggerty roads.

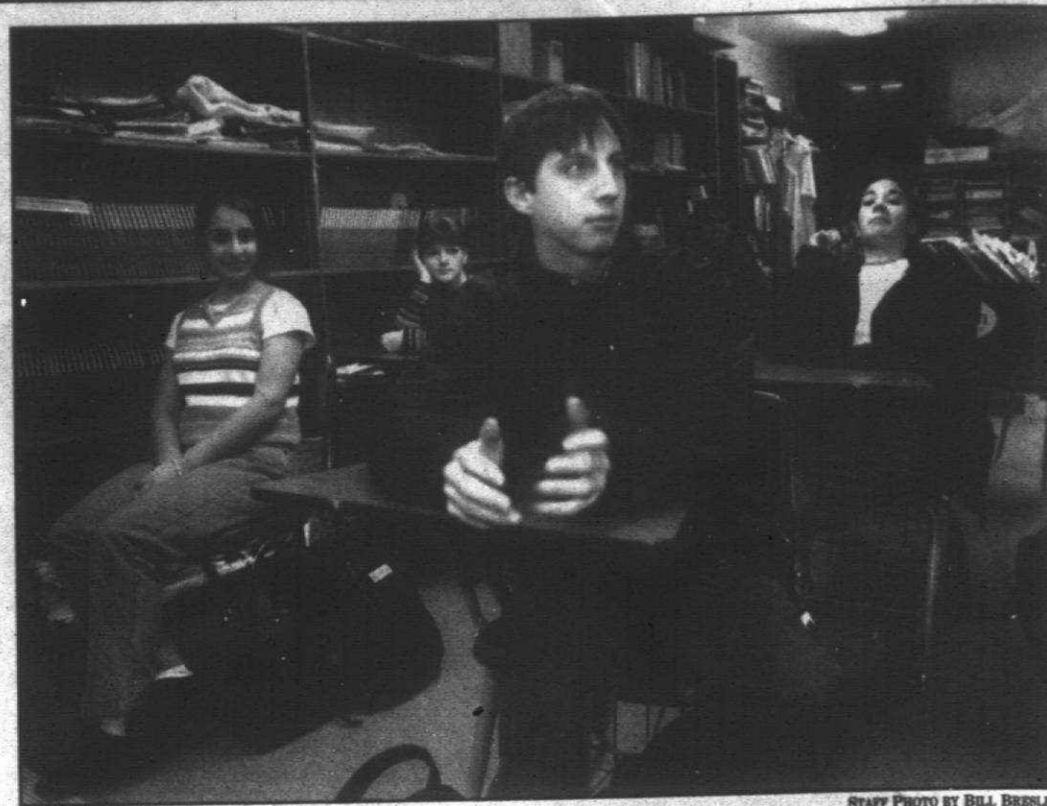
She said since the commission's decision was "not automatic" - not 5-0 against - "there is some leeway in their vote" and

she and Yaldo are "in the process of gathering more data to convince the township board this is the most appropriate use of the property."

Planning commission members "seemed to agree it's being used as a dump" by people and "they also seemed to agree it's not good for industrial development."

She said it has been a difficult piece of property to sell for approved usages.

Yaldo described the proposed 3,445-square-foot restaurant as a "family restaurant" aimed primarily at the trucker community. It would have 160-175 seats. It would be managed by George Stamatopoulos, owner of the Grecian Corner restaurant at Main and Starkweather in Plymouth.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL REINOLD

**Generations:** Justin Boyer talks about his grandfather's experience in the atomic bombing run on Hiroshima during teacher Bill Gretzinger's Close Up Class at Salem High School

# Teachers find ways to make World War II history come alive

BY RENEE SNOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School government teacher Bill Gretzinger was a 6-year-old boy having dinner at his grandfathers' house in Loudonville, Ohio, when he heard that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

The bulletin came over the radio and stunned family members. "Everybody said, 'Oh my God, we're at war,'" said Gretzinger, a retired army officer who has taught United States, Michigan and military history.

On Friday, Gretzinger shared some of his personal remembrances of Dec. 7, 1941 and World War II with students in his Close Up class. He told them about the bond, savings stamps, tin can and paper drives conducted by his elementary school. He told them about the milkweed collections.

The armed services used the radio and stuffed life jackets during World War II. Gretzinger lived

on a farm and had access to an abundance of milkweed.

"We were paid 10 cents a pound. I soon realized how much it took to make a pound," said Gretzinger.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor, which marked the United States' entrance into the war, affected several of Gretzinger's uncles, including one who was in the ROTC program at Ohio State University. "He knew it would be the last day of freedom for him," said Gretzinger, adding that about 35 percent of his home town enlisted or was drafted.

Contemporary U.S. history, from 1877 to the present, is not formally taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community School's social studies curriculum until ninth grade. Although her social studies class in the SPECTRA program at PCPP will not be studying World War II until next spring, Salem teacher Barbara Brownlea noted Pearl Harbor's significance on Friday.

"Whenever we have the anniversary of a historical event, we try to relate it to what we will be studying," she said. "Many students have much more of a personal interest because they may have an uncle or a grandfather who was in World War II."

During past units on the war, Brownlea has taken her students to the Holocaust Memorial in West Bloomfield.

Each day Canton history teacher Janyne Hilfinger writes a "cultural literacy" term or phrase on the blackboard to initiate a class discussion. On Fri-

day that term was "Pearl Harbor."

Hilfinger and co-teacher Deborah Tiesman told their ninth-graders what happened on Dec. 7, 1941 and pulled the event into the students' current lesson plan on national and cultural imperialism.

"We will discuss the imperialism that went on by all the countries before Pearl Harbor and what led to the attack by Japan," said Hilfinger.

Central Middle School social studies teacher Cathy Meyers makes sure her class observes two historical dates each year, Memorial Day and Pearl Harbor. "They've already studied the Constitution, and they understand the principles. The whole class period deals with this," she said.

Meyers takes a kinetic approach to teaching about Pearl Harbor. "I'll do a simulation and outline boats on the floor. The students will sit on the floor. I give them background information on what the world was like, the political climate with Hitler and the rise of the Japanese," said Meyers.

"Then I come along and blow up the ships. Before hand, they get a label, and it designates whether they will live or die. Those that live, we talk about the human tragedy, what they would do. Those that died talk about what they want the living to do. I ask the students what do they think they owe to the people who did their duty."

# Hotels from page A1

executive director Carleigh Flaharty said the Canton business community will be able to support all five hotels.

"There's not a whole lot of motels in the area. Most are budget-rate motels. The township has been trying to get a larger hotel for some time," said Goulet.

"Over the next couple of years, I think we'll see a number of hotels and motels coming in. One reason is because of the increased employment opportunities in the high tech and research area. People will be coming in and out of town on business."

Several research parks are in

the building stages, including the 100-acre Haggerty Corporate Park on the east and west side of Haggerty, north of Michigan Avenue, and New York-based Ashley Capital's 230-acre Canton Commerce Park, also on Michigan Avenue, between Beck and Denton.

When completed, Canton Commerce Park will have 2.5 million square feet of office, warehouse and distribution space.

"If you look at the population coming to Canton just from the archery tournament, a lot of those people had to stay at hotels outside of Canton ... The Summit is limited in conference space too. So from a tourism

aspect, yes, it can be (supported)," said Flaharty.

In August, the planning commission denied a request to rezone the property where Willow Acres Motel is located for the new hotel construction. Owner J.B. Patel requested C-3 or regional commercial zoning.

Goulet said the existing light industrial zoning is sufficient for hotels with a special land use provision.

Patel owns the Royal Inn in Ferndale and a Best Western in Ohio. Jarratt said if all approvals are granted the project could break ground by next summer.

# Ruling from page A1

works be returned. Criminal charges were never filed.

"The amount of money put into fireworks enforcement is basically because they don't understand the law ... It's a senseless expen-

diture for both sides that will roll into next millennium," Davis said.

He is working with legislators to redefine the state laws.

"Legislators need to give us a

law we can understand. The only ones that should be busted are the true bootleggers who transport fireworks from out of state and then sell from their garages or out of the trunks of their cars. That's when people get hurt."

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HELEN D. NEFF A funeral Mass for Helen D. Neff, 85, of Plymouth was held Dec. 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. A funeral Mass was held for Ernest A. Toaso, 61, of Canton Township at St. Theodore Church. His body will be cremated. Arrangements were handled by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

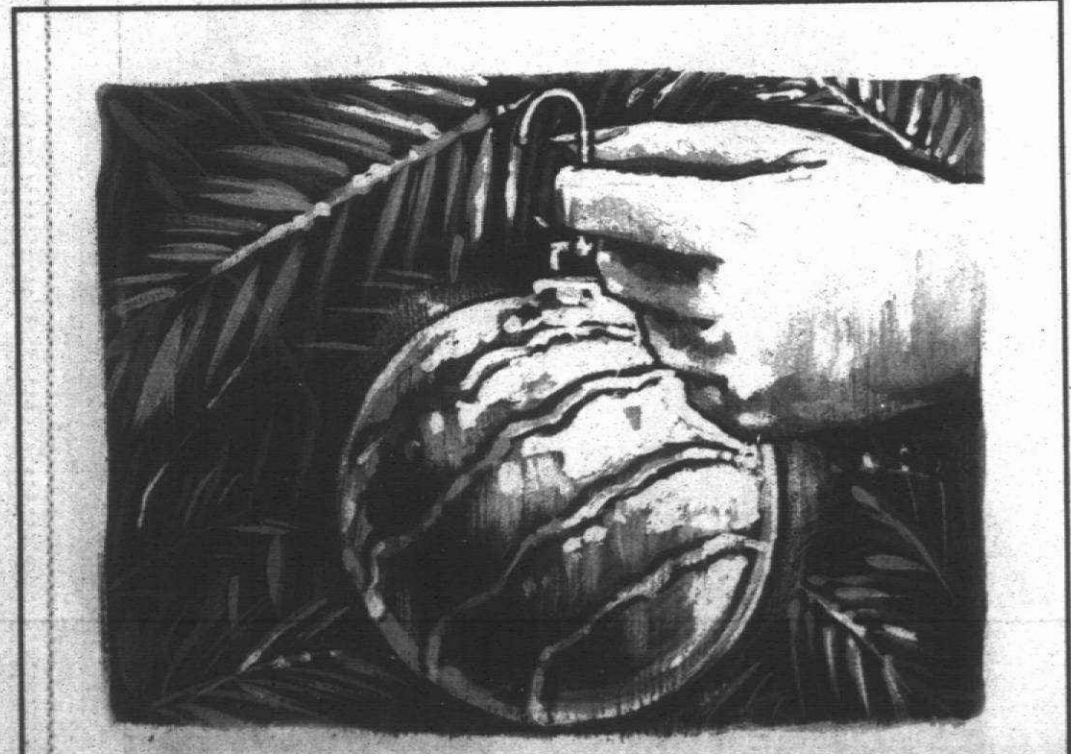
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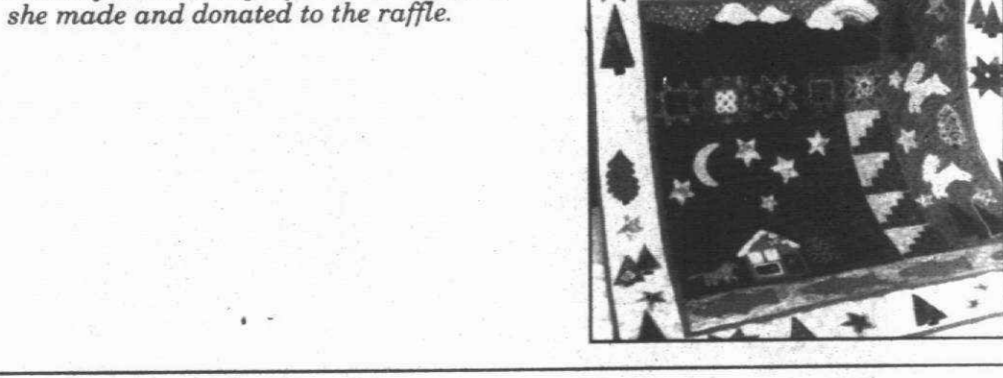


Seniors bash: Flo Lorimer (above, left) and Marie Beattie spend some holiday party time with Santa Claus, played by P.J. Donovan at the annual Christmas gathering for Canton seniors Wednesday at Summit on the Park. Pictured at right, Dorothy Rosiek displays a wall hanging she made and donated to the raffle.

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Pearl Harbor from page A1

In the Battle of Okinawa in the Pacific, his ship was hit by three kamikazes. It limped to the Navy yard at Pearl where, in one of war's ironies, he ran into a cousin who was a civilian yardman. He was also on ship when a 500-pound kamikaze bomb hit. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. "Where do you escape to?" he asks today.

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size." CAP has been very helpful to the school district. They're a plus for the district.

What spurred CAP's creation was a school board meeting over a totally unrelated - albeit emotionally charged - issue: "pay-to-play" athletics.

Mardigian and neighbor Feiten found themselves on the phone afterwards "wondering why it is the school district so focused on non-academic subjects? Why not focus on class size, when you have such a huge problem here?"

Indeed, in 1993, the average class size in Plymouth-Canton grades 1-5 exceeded 30 students, while the best research available - specifically, the landmark 1985-89 STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Ratio) study of

kindergarten through grade 3 - had "conclusively demonstrated," said Mardigian, "that lower class sizes result in sustainable, improved outcomes as measured by standardized tests."

Today, thanks largely to CAP's efforts, Plymouth-Canton school class sizes in K-5 averages 24.3 students. "The kids are in a much better situation than before," said Mardigian.

But it wasn't easy getting there.

For one thing, other outside groups had failed to get the school board to reduce class sizes, recalled French. "Everybody said it couldn't be done."

**Seeking support**

So Mardigian and Feiten set out to see just what kind of support their idea had. Within two

weeks, they had collected 2,000 signatures on a petition to reduce class sizes.

"It showed there was a tremendous interest in improving academics," Mardigian said. It was viewed as a long-range planning issue upon which parents were willing to spend money.

Mardigian and Feiten chose a "collaborative, non-adversarial approach" in working with the school board, said Mardigian. They'd provide information "and hope (the board) would do the right thing."

Mardigian and Feiten began researching for information. It helped greatly, said French, that Mardigian, a Plymouth-based health benefits consultant, is "a wizard with numbers," expert at marshaling information and extrapolating it.

Thinking there was a lot of local financial waste, Mardigian and Feiten were surprised to find the district gets less money than others do.

So the women became involved in the school board's citizens finance and legislative advisory committees. "We dug in to learn what the district is all about and to decide what could be done," said Mardigian.

"We found it would be more difficult to make improvements, but five years later, we're now averaging 24.3 students per class in grades K-5," she said.

# Student arrested in theft from high school cafeteria

A 16-year-old student at Plymouth Salem High School was arrested Monday for allegedly stealing \$133 and keys from a cafeteria cash drawer.

The cafeteria manager told police she returned to work 6:30 a.m. after the Thanksgiving holiday and noticed a sliding window lock on her desk. The keys were also missing from a cash drawer in the office. The cash was stolen from two cash registers.

A security officer had a suspect in custody when police arrived at the school. The teen admitted to taking the money and having it hid at home. Police recovered \$79 and the keys.

**Break-in**

Approximately \$7,000 worth of kitchen cabinets and counters were stolen from a home under construction on the 200 block of Savannah sometime between 10:30 a.m. Nov. 28 and 8:15 a.m. Monday.

The builder, G & R Homes of Northville, reported \$2,000 in damage to the kitchen where the cabinets were pulled off the wall. Several damaged cabinets were left behind.

A home on the 1600 block of S. Lotz Road was the target of a burglary Tuesday afternoon. The culprit knocked out a basement

window to get inside the home, where a \$5,000 diamond ring, a television, \$300, and a VCR, \$150, were stolen. The homeowner told police he was gone for several hours and found his front door open when he returned about 5:30 p.m.

Thieves looked through every nook and cranny when they burglarized a home on the 45000 block of Edgewood Court sometime between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Police said doors, drawers and boxes were opened in every room of the house.

Approximately \$160 in cash, a telephone, \$100, and several Budas from a display case were stolen. Two of the Budas were from China and valued at \$500 each. Several pen sets worth approximately \$500, planned for gifts, also were stolen.

A neighbor reported seeing a yellow carpet cleaning truck in the area, but didn't see any equipment being used, police said.

The vehicle, a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup, was impounded under the "Operation Push Off" program.

## COP CALLS

Firearms and then, stole 700 cartons of cigarettes from Smokers Delight, Inc. 3900 N. Sheldon Road. The incident occurred about 9:20 a.m. Monday.

The cigarettes were valued at \$14,200.

The thief is described as a six-foot tall, 220 pound man in his 40s with brown hair.

**Possession**

Two men were arrested Monday night for possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

A police officer reported that he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the two men as he stood in line in front of them at a gas station on Warren. The officer later made a traffic stop on Lilley, near Saratoga, where he again smelled the odor of marijuana as the driver rolled down the window of the car.

Police confiscated two bags of marijuana, weighing slightly over 1 ounce, and two scales.

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**Larceny**

Police are looking for a man who identified himself as an officer for Alcohol Tobacco and

# Christmas lights should be checked

Area fire officials say holiday lights and warm fires are a traditional part of the holiday season, however they want to make sure it's a safe time of year with some timely tips.

Canton Township Fire Marshal Dave Champagne says one of the most important rules homeowners can follow is making sure their store-bought lights are approved by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory.

"When buying lights, make certain they've been tested by groups such as Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual," relates Champagne. "These non-profit testing agencies make certain the lights meet tough quality standards."

If you already have lights put away, make sure you examine them before putting them on the tree.

"Inspect them thoroughly, to make sure there are no bare wires, cracks or bad plugs," warns Champagne. "They're generally not repairable, so if you have any questions at all, dispose of them and purchase a new set."

"If you have a real tree, make sure it's freshly cut and watered regularly," Champagne reminds us. "Use additives that help the tree absorb water so it doesn't

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**Dave Champagne**  
—Canton fire marshal

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**Les Wedge**  
—Redford fire marshal

dry out, making it a fire hazard." Champagne says artificial trees should be flame resistant, and no lights should ever be put on aluminum trees. Opt instead for a colored spotlight.

Redford Township Fire Marshal Les Wedge notes that while people enjoy the look of holiday lights, they should make sure to turn them off whenever leaving the house.

"The heat generated in just one minute by the fire from a tree is enough to destroy an entire room," Wedge said.

"When purchasing lights from the store, read the package to determine how many strings can be plugged together," Wedge said.

"You may have to plug multiple strings directly into an outlet. And if you use an extension cord, make sure you use one that can handle the electrical load."

Wedge also reminds homeowners

to avoid heating ducts when putting up a fresh Christmas tree, because the heat will dry out the tree, making it more flammable.

For outside decorations, Champagne has these suggestions:

"Make sure the lights you purchase are intended for outdoor use, and be careful not to overload the circuit."

Many families like the warm crackle of wood burning in the fireplace during the winter.

"The number one problem with fireplaces is maintenance," said Bob Fields, Westland fire department's chief of the public education division. "We see a number of chimney fires related to a build-up of creosote, a by-product of burning wood, catching fire. Chimneys should be cleaned annually to avoid the danger."

Fields also reminds us "to keep the glass doors and screens

closed when using the fireplace to keep the embers from shooting into the house, causing a fire. Also, remember to open the flue, otherwise you'll force smoke into the room."

When using wood burning stoves, Livonia Fire Marshal Rockney Whitehead says homeowners "should burn it on hot for 15 to 30 minutes a day, to burn off the creosote build-up and lessen the dangers for a chimney fire."

And, while many homeowners want a clean wood burning stove, Whitehead has some suggestions.

"Keep a couple of inches of sand or ashes on the bottom of the stove," recommends Whitehead. "That will keep the heat from radiating to the floor, possibly causing combustible material from catching fire."

Concerning kerosene space heaters, Whitehead alerts us to be careful.

"Don't use them in closed rooms like a bedroom," he advises. "Use mainly in open rooms, like a living or family room, to decrease the chances of carbon monoxide poisoning."

"And, make sure you don't accidentally use gasoline instead of kerosene," warns Whitehead. "That definitely could cause the unit to catch on fire."

# Guide highlights sites of Rouge contamination

A guide to sites of environmental contamination in the Rouge River watershed is available in 35 area libraries. The Citizens Guide to Sites of Contamination was released by a subcommittee of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council. It assists people in obtaining details on sites of environmental contamination. Information includes applicable regulations, health effects and appropriate contacts for local, state and federal agencies.

The material was compiled by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Wayne County Department of Environment and interested residents.

For more information, contact Cathy Bean, Rouge River Remedial Action Plan coordinator for the DEQ, at (313) 953-1441.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1171 Section 17K, the Plymouth City Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, December 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at the Plymouth City Hall.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather public opinions regarding request from T. Belli and Associates, D/B/A/E. G. Nicks of Plymouth, 500 Forest, to file the necessary documentation to obtain a tavern license or Class C liquor license in the Downtown Development Authority District as authorized by the above legislation.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC  
City Clerk

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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
705 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
313-543-0750

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a BID for the purchase of computer workstations and printers. Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained from Donna Aveck, Director of Computer Services and Instructional Technology. Packets will be available for pick-up at the Board of Education Building, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, during normal business hours beginning Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Bids are due on or before 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 17, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

JOHN F. FARROW, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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City Clerk

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# Canton Economic Club hosts Valassis CEO

David Brandon, president and CEO of Valassis Communications, will be the keynote speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 18 at Summit on the Park.

Brandon has been the chief executive at the Livonia-based company, which produces and supplies advertising inserts to newspapers on a worldwide basis, since 1989.

Brandon is responsible for strategic planning and day-to-day management at Valassis, which in recent years was selected as one of the "100 best companies to work for in America" by a national magazine.

Before coming to Valassis, Brandon held several positions at Procter and Gamble, including national sales manager, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Brandon is a 1974 graduate of

the University of Michigan.

Brandon's commitment to the community has included the establishment of the David A. Brandon Foundation, a Michigan charitable organization that provides grants and other assistance to needy organizations. The foundation has provided funds for U-M projects, equipment and facilities for educational and social


service organizations; and money for annual holiday programs for needy families.

The luncheon begins at noon in the Summit banquet center.

The event is open to the Canton business community and the general public. Tickets are \$15 and advance reservations are required by Monday, Dec. 15. Call 463-4040 for reservations or information.

The economic club is run by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors for the December luncheon are the Observer Newspapers and Rudolph/Libbe, Inc.

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David Brandon

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# Trustees set Dec. 15 deadline for residents to apply for board

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

John Walsh officially leaves the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees on Dec. 31, but he attended his last official board meeting on Nov. 19.

Walsh received a certificate of appreciation from the board for his dedication to quality education and commitment to community colleges. Walsh was appointed to the board in February 1993 and then elected for a six-year term in June 1993.

Trustees commended Walsh for his time served on the board.

Board Chair Patricia Watson commended Walsh for his time served on the board, calling him an "ambassador" for the board.

"He was always willing to serve on committees," Watson said. "He has served and served well."

While Walsh is looking forward to sitting on the Livonia City Council, he said he was

somewhat saddened because he has enjoyed his time on the Schoolcraft board.

"I've made strong friendships and appreciate your support and comments," Walsh said.

### Successor sought

Schoolcraft College is seeking a successor to John Walsh's seat on the board.

Trustees are accepting letters from interested candidates. The only qualifications are that they must live in the college district and they must be registered voters.

Persons wishing to apply for the position must be residents of the college district which includes the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school districts. The replacement will serve through June 30, 1999. The election for that seat will be in June 1999.

Trustees set a deadline of Dec. 15 for applications. Trustees also scheduled a Jan. 7 meeting to receive the applications, at which time they will discuss how to narrow that field. Tentative meeting dates were scheduled for Jan. 17 for interviews and Jan. 24, if the field of candidates is large enough to merit the need.

Trustees plan to approve a final candidate on Jan. 28.

Applicants will be asked to provide general biographical information and write a letter to the board on why they want to serve.

Applications are available in the Office of the President, Room 190, in the Administration Building. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information, call (313) 462-4420.

# Newspaper group joins SPRING

C & G Newspapers has joined the SPRING Newspaper Network, the organization that has brought many national and regional advertisers an easy, cost-effective way to reach suburban readers in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Founded in 1981 and headquartered in suburban Warren, C & G publishes 11 local newspapers serving 23 communities with an aggregate circulation of 375,000.

C & G replaces Independent Newspapers, which has resigned from the group.

"Compared to the old network, the new SPRING reaches more readers, provides better penetration, offers more concentration in the retail trading zone and delivers better demographics," said Fred Manuel, president of Heritage Newspapers of Southgate and one of the original SPRING founders.

The new SPRING network will offer 32 individual community newspapers with an aggregate total midweek circulation of 619,700 and Sunday distribution of more than 500,000. This breaks down midweek to 265,000 in Macomb County, 126,700 in Oakland County and 228,000 in suburban Wayne County.

SPRING Network also offers a "Greater SPRING" buy, which includes community newspapers serving Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. The "Greater SPRING" buy delivers a total circulation of 673,000.

"We recently conducted a group of studies through Pulse Research," said Jeff Demers, advertising director of C & G. "The research shows clearly that C and G publications are the best read community newspapers in Macomb County."

"We expect to continue unchanged our longstanding tra-

dition of excellent one-representative, one-order, one-bill, cost-effective service to our accounts," said Mike Wilcox, president of Michigan Community Newspapers.

"There may be other networks just starting up that claim to serve the entire metropolitan Detroit suburban market," said Richard D. Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia, the corporate owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, another original SPRING founder.

"But no other network can offer coverage of all Macomb County, the best portions of Oakland County and all of suburban Wayne County. SPRING covers the entire Detroit suburban marketplace," he added.

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**Working magic with wine and food**

**F**ood is food and wine is wine, but magic can happen when you combine the two," says Simi Winery's Executive Chef Mary Evely. Evely has family roots in Michigan and in her just-published "The Vintner's Table Cookbook," she shares discoveries about why certain food flavors and textures pair magically with some wines and not with others.

Many authors have attempted to do what Evely has done. But they have either overwhelmed readers with technicalities or were so general in setting down principals that nothing they wrote was useful to the home cook.

**Flavor and textures**

Evely gets you going at the beginning by discussing flavor and texture, the major palate influences on food and wine harmonies. However, "sometimes a brilliant combination can be made by using contrasting rather than similar flavor or textures," she writes. She makes pairings based on color, using her trained artist's eyes and instructs readers on how to analyze a recipe for its potential wine affinity.

Calling them chameleon foods and recipes, Evely, ever so helpfully, notes recipes that can, with minor alterations, be made to work with more than one wine. She sticks to the basics and doesn't go overboard with esoteric wines. Recipes included in the cookbook pair food with sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, rosé and blush wines, pinot noir, zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and meritage bottlings. Relations between wines and dessert form the concluding chapter.

**Pinot noir**

Because of our fondness for pinot noir, we focused on the usefulness of Evely's book and this wine. There are 14 recipe pairings for pinot noir and two "chameleon" recipes. Included are soup, salads, pastas, a gourmet pizza, seafoods, duck, beef and pork. This covers the gamut, sensitively recognizing options for those preferring meatless.

Noting food affinities such as seafood, meat and poultry, herbs and spices, sauces, cheese and nuts plus vegetables and fruits, Evely names pinot noir food conflicts for all but meat and poultry. Pinot noir does not match oysters, smoked fish or sushi. It is in conflict with cilantro, cumin, curry, cream sauces, aged Gouda, blue cheese and cheddar. It is unfriendly to artichokes, asparagus and green beans.

Please see WINE, B2

**Wine Picks**

- Pinot noirs that work especially well with recipes suggested in "The Vintner's Table Cookbook" by Executive Chef Mary Evely: 1995 Davis Bynum Limited Edition Pinot Noir \$30; 1995 David Bruce Central Coast Pinot Noir \$18 (just released) and 1995 David Bruce Sonoma County Pinot Noir \$20.
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- Great Sangiovese: great price: 1996 Ruffino Fonte Al Sole, Sangiovese de Toscana \$10.
- Knock your socks off red: 1994 Stags Leap Winery Petite Syrah \$23.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Win the holiday race
- Main Dish Miracle

# Wrap it up

WITH A FEW MODERN FOOD GIFTS

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Food - one size fits all - it's the perfect gift.

"If you're on a budget, it can be very cost effective," said Martha Gill, a graphic designer, and author of "Modern Food Gifts," (Longstreet Press, 1997, hardcover \$18.95). "It's more personal. It shows you went out of your way to do something special."

Gill who is the creative director, principal and owner of Gill Design in Atlanta, began giving food gifts out of necessity. "I was trying to say thank-you to clients, but I didn't have a lot of time, or money."

Her gifts were so popular that clients started calling to ask if she could put gifts together for them. Clever packaging is her secret - "freshening-up food gifts and taking them into the new millennium."

Instead of wrapping up shortbread in aluminum foil with a ribbon, Gill puts them into a pretty ceramic teapot. "If you want to spend your whole Saturday baking that's fine," she said. "Or, you could go to the bakery."

Some projects take more time than others, but you're sure to be inspired by Gill's recipes for a variety of sure-to-be-enjoyed and appreciated food gifts, and explanations for wrapping them up.

"The book also has a resource guide that tells you where we got everything so you won't go nuts trying to find everything," she said. "Use the book as a jumping off point for your own creativity."

Her list of "favored merchants" includes a number of stores in your neighborhood - Ace Hardware, The Home Depot, Linens 'N Things,



BRAD NEWTON

**Thoughtful gift:** (Left) Set out cruets filled with flavored sugar on your breakfast table, or surprise a friend at work. Flavored sugar is featured in "Modern Food Gifts" by Martha Gill. (Above) Cranberry Chutney in a Jam Jar is a quick to make gift that's sure to be enjoyed.

inexpensive ideas for entertaining with grace, creating unique gifts, and adding elegant personal touches to the dinner table and buffet," write the authors.

"Everyone loves something baked for the holidays," said baker-author Ken Haedrich who starts his holiday baking the first weekend after Thanksgiving.

"I know the weeks right before Christmas will be extra busy, so I turn to tried and true favorites that freeze well," he said. Quick breads, made with pumpkin, walnuts and pecans, fresh and dried cranberries, apples and pears are at the top of his make-ahead gift ideas.

Loaf-type breads, said Haedrich are actually better baked ahead because their flavors meld and they become easier to slice. Bake your favorite quick bread in disposable mini foil pans from the grocery store, and freeze. Quick breads have a shelf life of 3 to 5 days.

For gift-giving Haedrich recommends wrapping mini quick bread loaves in clear cellophane gift bags which are available in party and stationery stores. Tie with a bow and attach a tiny ornament or fresh holly.

See recipes & suggestions inside.

Michaels Arts & Crafts, Pier I Imports, Inc., Starbucks Coffee, Target and Williams-Sonoma.

"Remember, keep it simple and give the gift your own personal style," she writes. "Please don't make yourself crazy if you can't find the exact ribbon; a loosely tied shoestring will look great."

Flavored sugar - made by layering white or raw sugar with flavoring ingredients such as split vanilla beans, candied citrus fruits, and cinnamon sticks - is an example of what Gill calls "the quintessential modern food gift."

"Namely, that simple, inexpensive ingredients and everyday items can be combined in inexpensive ways to produce objects of wit and style."

"Flavored sugar is a good office gift," said Gill. "It's a small luxury. You can stir it into tea or coffee. Everyone's like 'ooh we have

flavored sugar.' It's special."

"Modern Food Gifts" is available at Williams-Sonoma, Barnes & Noble and other bookstores. Every gift idea is beautifully illustrated. It's a thoughtful gift by itself, or packaged with a gift certificate for one of the stores listed in the book.

Look for Gill's "Modern Cocktails & Appetizers" in the spring, and "Modern Parties," in the fall. "We're excited about the series," said Gill. "It's all about lifestyle. You can have splendor without the stress!"

"Home Made in the Kitchen: Traditional Recipes and Household Projects Updated and Made Easy," by Barry Bluestein & Kevin Morrissey, (Penguin Studio, 1996) is another source of creative gift-giving ideas. Bluestein and Morrissey also offer suggestions for attractively packaging your gifts, and a resource guide so you can find everything you'll need.

"In an era of dissatisfaction with the manufactured and the mundane, 'Home Made in the Kitchen' offers simple, quick and



## Don't throw your weight during holidays

**LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY**



BEVERLY PRICE

Very shortly, we will be ringing in the New Year. But first, we need to get through the upcoming holidays - Hanukkah and Christmas. Holidays produce a lot of anxiety for many individuals. You've worked hard all year in reforming your diet. Perhaps you lost a significant amount of weight or became a vegetarian. Many of my clients worry that they will undo everything positive that they have accomplished all year. How can you prevent yourself from falling into the holiday food trap?

Get a hold of yourself from the get-go. Develop a strategy to at least maintain your current weight during the holiday season. Here are some tips:

■ **Learn from your mistakes**  
If you went to three different gatherings last year

and gorged yourself, think about how you felt afterward. At this year's holiday gatherings, have a plateful of what is being served and call it your meal. Make meat the side dish versus the main course, and fill up on side dishes. Avoid going back for seconds and thirds. If you want dessert, take a small piece. Research shows that you only taste the first, second and last bite anyway.

■ **Think about how hard you have worked to keep your body fit**

Picture your goal in one hand, and that piece of cheesecake in the other hand. Is a rich dessert worth that fleeting moment of bliss? Although an evening of indulging won't put your weight back on, a week or month of indulging could.

■ **Bake healthy holiday goodies**

You can use nutritious fat substitutes such as Wonderslim or Lighter Bake, which consist of pureed plums or prunes, in place of fat called for in a recipe such as butter or shortening. You can also use brown

rice syrup or barley malt in place of sugar in a recipe. In addition, use whole wheat flour in place of white flour - use 1/8 of a cup less of wheat flour. Your end product will be so much more nutritious.

■ **Eat lightly before going to Hanukkah or Christmas dinner**

If you save up all of your calories for the "big meal," you'll be so famished that you may eat everything in sight. Drink water throughout the day, too - sometimes we're actually thirsty, not hungry.

■ **Relax**

Give yourself some breathing room. Make time daily to deep breathe. This can redirect your energy, and improve digestion and uptake of nutrients. You can even listen to soft music or relaxation tapes.

■ **Keep up with your exercise routine**

It is important to take that exercise break, especially during this time of year. You will increase your

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# Thoughtful 'Modern Food Gift's show you care

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "Modern Food Gifts" by Martha Gill (Longstreet Press, 1997, \$18.95). **FLAVORED SUGAR**

**What you need:** White sugar and/or raw sugar. Selection of flavoring ingredients, such as organic rosebuds, crystallized ginger, citrus fruits, cinnamon sticks, and split vanilla beans. Containers such as sugar dispensers, vinegar and oil cruets, flour shakers and bottles with stoppers. Fabric ribbons.

Pour sugar into a container to a depth of half an inch. Add a small amount of your chosen flavoring ingredient. (If using cinnamon sticks to flavor the sugar, break the sticks into small pieces). Continue layering the sugar and the flavoring, ending with the sugar 1/4-inch from the top of the container.

Replace lid. Loosely tie a ribbon around the neck or top of the container.

**CRANBERRY CHUTNEY**  
3 pounds of cranberries  
Zest and juice of 2 oranges and 1 lemon  
3/4 to 1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup distilled vinegar

2 teaspoons chopped fresh ginger  
1 to 2 teaspoons each of ground cumin, ground coriander seeds, and red pepper flakes  
1 fresh mango, peeled and chopped into 1/4-inch chunks, or other fruits such as blackberries or strawberries

Wash cranberries and place in a medium saucepan. Add 1 cup of the sugar, the vinegar, and the zest and juice. Bring to a low boil and cook just until the berries burst. Add the ginger, spices, and mango or other fruit and stir once. Taste, adding additional sugar if necessary. (Mixture should be a little tart). Allow to cool. The chutney will keep for 1 week in the refrigerator. Makes about 3 cups.

**How to package it:** Pour prepared relish into jam jar. Put lid and spoon in place. Tie a ribbon around the lid.

**SPICY GLAZED PECANS**  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 tablespoon water



Wrapping it up: Cookbook author Martha Gill offers lots of creative ideas in "Modern Food Gifts"

1 1/2 cups pecan halves

1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
Spread a 24 by 12-inch sheet of aluminum foil on a countertop and coat it lightly with vegetable oil.

Combine the sugar, butter, cayenne pepper, and water in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. When the butter has melted, add the pecans. Continue to cook for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly.

Four pecans onto the prepared foil. Quickly spread out and separate the pecans. Sprinkle the salt over and let the pecans cool for 30 minutes.

The Glazed pecans can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Yield 1 1/2 cups.

**MILK CHOCOLATE CASHEW CLUSTERS**  
3 1/2 cups milk chocolate, broken up  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
1/2 tablespoon water  
1 cup whole salted cashews

Line a baking sheet with wax paper. Coat it lightly with vegetable oil and set aside. Combine the chocolate, corn syrup, and water in the top of a double boiler and heat over boiling water, stirring occasionally, until

**Suggestions**  
Here are some ideas from Martha Gill author of "Modern Food Gifts."

■ Confections in a Tin - You can have some serious fun gathering and mixing lemon drops, gum balls, peppermints, jelly beans, and hard fruit candies. Put them into round metal containers.

■ Parmigiano-Reggiano In A Knot - Tie a wedge of Parmigiano-Reggiano in a square of cheesecloth, package with a cheese slicer/grater.

■ Fruits and Nuts in a Crate - Put an eclectic assortment of dried fruits, pistachio nuts, and shredded coconut into individual pouches made out of paper or fabric. Package in a wooden crate and tie with a large silk ribbon.

■ Coffee and Tea in a Cigar Box - Put a selection of coffee beans and tea (loose or in tins or bags) with accompaniments of your choice (tea ball or strainer, decorated sugar cubes, biscotti) in a cigar box. Clean box with a damp cloth, and let it air dry. Line with Japanese rice paper.

they will keep for up to 3 months. Yield 24 pieces.

Spicy Glazed Pecans and Milk Chocolate Cashew Cluster recipes from "Home Made in the Kitchen: Traditional Recipes and Household Projects Updated and Made Easy," by Barry Bluestein & Kevin Morrissey. (Published by Penguin Group, 1996, \$14.95).

# Pair flavorful dishes with pinot noir wines

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "The Vintner's Table Cookbook" to pair with pinot noir wines.

**MUSHROOM PANADE**  
3/4 ounce dried porcini mushrooms (available in Italian and specialty stores)  
3 cups hot water  
8 ounces shitake mushrooms  
12 ounces portobello, crimini and/or white mushrooms  
1 large onion  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 or 2 bay leaves

2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable broth or defatted chicken broth  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
8 ounces stale French or Italian bread, crusts removed  
1/2 to 1 cup half-and-half (optional)  
Soak the porcini in hot water in a bowl. Clean fresh mushrooms with a brush or paper towel and reserve a few for garnish. Chop fresh mushrooms.  
Sauté onion in heated olive oil in a heavy saucepan over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring occa-

sionally. Add fresh mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes longer, stirring constantly.  
Add garlic, porcini with soaking liquid (strain first through a sieve lined with paper towel), bay leaf and broth. Simmer 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir bread into soup. Cook for 5 minutes until bread is moistened well. Discard bay leaf.  
Puree soup in several batches in a food processor and return to saucepan. Add half-and-half and enough water to thin to desired consistency. Heat to serving temperature. Ladle into soup bowls. Slice reserved mushrooms to top

servings. Serves six.  
**ROASTED DUCK LEGS WITH POMEGRANATE**  
4 duck legs with thighs  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
1 pomegranate  
8 ounces Brussels sprouts  
4 slices lean bacon, cut into 1/4-inch strips  
1/4 cup duck or chicken stock  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
2 tablespoons unsweetened pomegranate juice (available in health food stores)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Rinse duck and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper. Place skin side down in a heated sauté pan. Cook over medium heat until golden brown on both sides.  
Remove duck to a small roasting pan. Roast for 40-60 minutes or until very tender and crisp.  
Break open the pomegranate; separate and reserve seeds. Remove green outer leaves of Brussels sprouts. (Reserve cores for use in a soup).  
Spoon onto warmed plates. Place duck on top and sprinkle with reserved pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. Serves four.

Wipe the sauté pan used for browning duck. Add bacon and sauté until golden brown. Remove to paper towel with a slotted spoon. Drain pan, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings.  
Stir-fry Brussels sprouts leaves in reserved drippings for 1-2 minutes. Add stock, vinegar and pomegranate juice. Cook for 1 minute longer, stirring constantly; leaves should remain dark green. Add bacon and pepper to taste.  
Spoon onto warmed plates. Place duck on top and sprinkle with reserved pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. Serves four.

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"Pinot noir has the style to work equally well with an elegant dinner or a backyard grill," Evelyn notes.

Discussing her Mushroom Panade she explains, "I have always loved thick, hearty soups, and they are preferable with wine as they provide some contrast in texture. Using leftover

bread as a thickening agent appeals to my thrifty nature as well as to my interest in low-fat cooking. It also suits pinot noir, which can be overwhelmed by dishes with a lot of fat. Chicken or vegetable broth also keeps flavors in a more delicate range."

Evelyn has always been inter-

ested in the way her chef colleagues view matches. The idea for Roasted Duck Legs with Pomegranate comes from Richard Allen, Chef of the Willowside Café in Santa Rosa, Calif. "I tried this with a bottle of pinot noir and was blown away by the combination," she admits. "Keep your eyes peeled

for pomegranates in the market in December and jump on this. Pomegranate has just the right amount of delicate fruit and acidity to match that of pinot noir, giving a lift to the richness of the duck. In the recipe, the quick stir-frying of the Brussels sprouts leaves results in a total-unique impression of this

member of the cabbage family."

"The Vintner's Table Cookbook" is \$29.95, and can be ordered by bookstores through Ingram Book Company ISBN-0-9658718-0-0 or directly from Simi Winery by phoning (707) 433-6981 Ext. 106. A handsome addition to the library of a wine

aficionado who cooks, it makes a thoughtful holiday gift.

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

## Weight from page B1

mental and physical energy as well as keep your metabolism up.

**Set realistic goals**  
Putting things down on paper will give you more of a commitment to a new plan of action for 1998. Set a reasonable time frame on how you will go about achieving your goals.

**Enlist the help of a professional**  
It's OK to say "I need some help." Ask questions of the professional you wish to work with - do they have credentials? What are their dietary and health habits like? Do they treat you as an individual? Or do you get the feeling that you're just another person seeking a low cholesterol diet?

**Train your family and friends**  
Share new ideas such as bringing a healthy dish to pass at a party and start hanging around health conscious friends.

If you follow these tips, you will avoid waking up New Year's Day 10 pounds heavier.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health." (Tall Tree Publishing.) Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

# Cut fat from holiday favorites

See related story on Taste front.  
Recipes compliments of Beverly Price. Join her with guest chef Annabel Cohen for a healthy mouth-watering cooking class 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at "Living Better Sensibly in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$45 per person, and includes delicious foods with recipes. Call (248) 539-9424 for registration information. Space is limited.

**POTATO LAIKES**  
4 very large potatoes  
1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch and 2 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon salt (optional)  
Dash pepper  
1 tablespoon flour

2 teaspoons grated onion  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
Peel and grate potatoes, drain half the liquid. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.  
Oven method of cooking: Set oven temperature on broil. Spray cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Make 2 inch round potato cakes and place on cookie sheet. Broil for 5 minutes on each side until golden brown.

**CHRISTMAS JUMBLES**  
1/4 cup Wonderslim Fat & Egg Substitute  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons water  
1 1/4 cups whole wheat pastry flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 1/2-ounce package (1 3/4 cups) M&M semi-sweet or milk chocolate baking bits  
1 cup raisins (optional)  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)  
Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients in a large mixing bowl with an electric mixer. Spray loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray, pour batter in loaf pan and bake for 45 to 50 minutes. Check middle with toothpick to assure the bread is completely done. Serves 10, 1 1/2-inch slices.  
Per serving: 133 calories; 1g fat; 3g protein; 28g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 133mg sodium, 3g fiber.

**BANANA BREAD**  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup Wonderslim Fat & Egg Substitute  
3-4 tablespoons water  
2 small or 1 large banana, mashed  
5 teaspoons non-fat sour cream  
2 cups whole wheat flour sifted  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Range Stove Top Method: Spray nonstick frying pan with nonstick cooking spray. Heat frying pan on high for 1 to 2 minutes until hot. Place 2-inch potato cakes in pan and cook both sides until golden brown. Serves 50, 2-inch pancakes.  
Per serving: 16 calories; 0g fat; 1g protein; 3g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 3mg sodium.

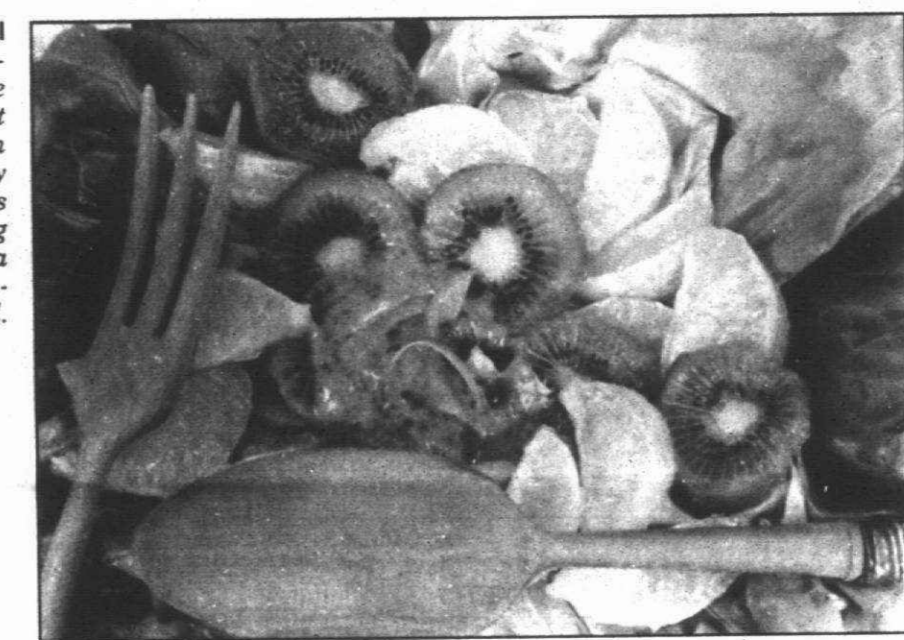
**Lighten-up Belgian waffles**  
AP - Belgian waffles don't have to be filled with fat and calories. Elaine Magee, an authority on health and nutrition, has created a low-fat version, using egg whites and 1 percent milk. Each serving of her Belgian Waffles contains 6.5 grams of fat and 290 calories. The recipe is from her latest cookbook, "Lighten Up! Low-Fat Versions of More Than 100 of America's Best-Known and Best-Loved Recipes" (Firestone Books, \$12). She is also the author of "Fight Fat and Win" and "The Fight Fat and Win Cookbook."

**BELGIAN WAFFLES**  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 egg yolks  
1-1/2 cups 1 percent milk  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
3 egg whites  
6 tablespoons sugar

Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl.  
In a large bowl, beat in the egg yolks well. Stir in the milk, butter and vanilla. Add the flour mixture and beat until smooth.  
In a medium bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Slowly add the sugar, beating constantly. Gently stir one-third of the egg whites into the batter. Carefully fold in another third, then fold in the remaining whites.  
Heat a waffle iron and coat with nonstick cooking spray. Pour 1/2 cup of the batter into the waffle iron, or follow the instructions on your waffle iron. Bake until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve immediately. Makes 6 waffles.  
Nutrition facts per serving: 290 calories, 1 grams fiber, 6.5 grams fat, 83 mg cholesterol, 44g sodium. Percentage of calories from fat: 20 percent.

# Toss up a salad with the fruits of winter

**Seasonal Salad: Tangerine Kiwifruit Salad with Cran-Berry Dressing** is a refreshing start to a hearty winter meal.



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Here's a hearty salad to try.

**TANGERINE KIWIFRUIT SALAD WITH CRAN-BERRY DRESSING**  
Lettuce leaves  
2 tangerines, peeled, thinly sliced

sliced  
2 kiwifruits, peeled, thinly sliced  
Cran-Berry Dressing (recipe follows)  
Tangerine peel strips (optional)

On 4 salad plates, arrange lettuce leaves. Arrange tangerine and kiwifruit slices over lettuce. Spoon dressing over salads. Garnish with strips of tangerine peel, if desired.

**CRAN-BERRY DRESSING**  
1/2 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce, canned  
1/2 cup non-fat or low-fat strawberry or mixed berry-flavored yogurt

In a blender, combine cranberry sauce and yogurt. Cover and blend until smooth. Makes about 1 cup.

**Nutrition information:** Each of the 4 servings contains 125 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.  
Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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## Top toys draw shoppers to the checkout

The quest for Ernie and Barbie have shoppers on the prowl this season, but leading toy stores assure Santa's helpers that their retail shelves are being stocked anew each evening.

By BARR PERT TEMPLETON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Wish lists are long and supplies often short, but landing a Sing and Snore Ernie, or Talk With Me Barbie, may prove worth the search for many toy shoppers this holiday season.

And if the customers are anything like the ones that greeted Lisa Rowland outside of the Target store in Rochester last week, it's safe to say many are very determined.

"It has just been phenomenal, we had customers lined up halfway around this plaza the day after Thanksgiving," said Rowland, who is the store's Toy Team Leader. "When we opened at 7 a.m., they just all ran towards the toys."

The infamous "Ernie" doll by Tyco retails for \$29.99 and Target has been

hard-pressed to keep any of them on their shelves for more than a few hours.

"We don't have any in stock right now. I wish we did," smiled Rowland. "But also fortunately for us, the merchandise has been flowing in pretty steadily and we can re-stock our shelves every night."

Star Wars action figures and Hot Wheels cars remain popular among the elementary school set but again a stuffed toy is harboring the top spot on many Christmas lists. The Real Bubba Bear by Tyco talks and interacts with the child. The chatty bear, which is dressed in overalls and a big straw hat, retails for \$39.99.

"We had some of the Bubba Bear come in here today and they just flew out of here," said Rowland.

The junior high set are desperate to find certain gifts under their trees this



Friday night fun: The Pressman Toy Co. has reintroduced Careers, a 40-year-old board game of fame, fortune and happiness for a new generation of families. For 2-6 players, ages 8 and up, \$9.99 at Target, Toys R Us and Wal-Mart.

year too. Girls want the "Clueless" head set which is a hands-free phone spun from the popular movie of the same title. It retails for \$24.99.

Teen boys want Game.com by Tiger which costs \$69.99. The toy is a handheld computer game that can also be hooked up to a personal computer. The Talk With Me Barbie, and Barbie CD Rom, are in demand by both adolescent and pre-teen girls. They cost \$79.99 and \$29.99 each at Target, Rowland said.

Toys R Us spokesperson Michael Cullen said the retailer is much too busy this time of year to allow its managers to give media interviews regarding "hot" toys for 1997. Instead the retail chain provided a list of some of the most sought after items: Nintendo 64 and Sony Playstation Systems are at the top of the Electronics list while Parker Brothers' Star Wars Monopoly and Milton Bradley's Chicken Croquet are the preferred games.

Target stores are experiencing a similar demand for games but their shelves are stocked with more than just the latest board games.

"I'd say the basic games, the oldies but goodies like Battleship and Clue are all selling well, too," Rowland said.

And Mall Madness is still popular verbal command game, is another game that's being purchased at a swift pace by Target customers.

"We just price cut that to \$16.99 and it's really selling fast," said Rowland.

An annual toy study by DURACELL let kids pick their favorite top 10. The full list is available by calling 1-800-Beast Toys.



## Search futile for a 24-hour pharmacy

My husband and I took our 2-year-old daughter to the emergency room about 11 p.m. on a recent Saturday night. She had a high fever that we couldn't bring down.

We left the hospital about three hours later with a very tired - but less feverish - little girl, and a prescription for an antibiotic that we needed to get filled in time for her next dose, which was due at 8 a.m.

We asked a nurse if we could get the prescription filled at the hospital pharmacy. She said she was sorry, but that it was closed.

We asked her if she knew where the nearest 24-hour pharmacy was. Again, she said she was sorry, but that she didn't know.

Oh well, we thought. We're bound to pass one on the way home.

But we didn't. Every drugstore we passed was closed.

When we got home, we put Kathryn to bed and got out the Yellow Pages.

There were many pharmacy listings, but none of them said whether or not they were open 24 hours, and the seven or so that we called, were closed.

I decided to go on the Internet, hoping that it would speed up our search. I thought some of the chain pharmacies in our area might have store locator guides and sure enough they did.

But, as with the Yellow Pages listings, none indicated whether or not they were 24-hour stores.

The Rite Aid site gave a 1-800 number to call for more information. I called it and had to go through its menu several times before a computer voice told me that it was going to connect me to Rite Aid's nearest 24-hour pharmacy.

"Pay dirt, I thought.

But the phone just rang and rang. Nobody answered, and I had no idea where that store was or what its outside phone number was - the computer voice never said.

So I called the 1-800 number again and went through the menu several more times until I finally reached a different extension at that same store.

"Where are you located," I desperately asked the woman who answered the phone.

"Six Mile and Newburgh," she said.

"Great," I told her. And then, just to be safe, I said, "You have a 24-hour pharmacy, right?"

"Yes, we do... but it's not open tonight," she answered.

"Why not," I asked, in utter disbelief.

"Well, our pharmacist called in sick and we couldn't get anyone to fill in," she explained.

(Argghh)

She told me that the nearest 24-hour pharmacy was on Schaefer in Dearborn. But that's about 40 minutes from my house and by this time, it was 3:30 a.m. and I didn't trust myself to make that long drive because I was so tired.

Needless to say, Kathryn's next dose of medicine was late. I don't want this to happen to any other sick child - or adult, for that matter. So I decided to compile a list of 24-hour pharmacies in Wayne and Oakland counties.

I talked to spokespeople and representatives for Kmart, Kroger, Farmer Jack, Arbor Drugs, F & M, and Meijer, and was surprised to learn that none of them have a 24-hour pharmacy in Detroit. They do have some 24-hour retail stores in the area, but none of these include a 24-hour pharmacy.

To my knowledge, Rite Aid is the only company that has any all-night pharmacies in Detroit. Eleven of its locations are open 24-hours-a-day, 365 days a year.



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DONNA MULCAHY

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### HOLIDAY, DEC. 7

**Holiday exhibit open**  
Through Dec. 31, stroll through Victorian England recreated in 23 animated vignettes portraying the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. The 8th annual holiday exhibit is presented by Hudson's during regular store hours. Group tours are available to classes, clubs. There is no charge for admission. Critics are calling this year's offering "the best so far!"

**Summit Place Mall**  
Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (248) 683-5229.

**Holiday Puppet Event**  
Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-muffs 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 Rite Camera with \$2 from each sale to Toys For Tots.

**The Somerset Collection**  
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 816-5484.

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

**Meadowbrook Village Mall**  
Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.

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

**Oakland Mall** 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (248) 585-0000.

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

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

**Northland Center**  
Nine Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (248) 569-6272.

**Tree lighting**  
100 volunteers have been working all week to decorate for the 6 p.m. tree lighting in Kellogg Park. A downtown shopping event is set for Friday, Dec. 12 from 7-10 p.m. with activities, entertainment and a canned goods drive.

**Ann Arbor Trail/Main**, Plymouth. (313) 455-1453.

**Friday and Saturday** 10-6  
Bloomfield Hills: Thursday & Friday 11-3:30  
Sunday Noon-5  
Detroit: Bloomfield Hills (313) 873-4300 (248) 642-3000

A scene from *A Christmas Carol* at Summit Place Mall.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 11

**Toys For Tots Broadcast**  
Jim Harper and The Breakfast Club from WNIC radio airs their program from the mall 6 to 10 a.m. to collect new, unwrapped, Toys For Tots in the Lord & Taylor Court, lower level.

**Fairlane Town Center**  
Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.

**Beauty Makeovers**  
Givency's Brigitte Schmitt works with customers 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Collection South.

**Big Beaver/Coolidge**, Troy. (248) 614-3337.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 12**

**Holiday music series**  
Carols 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/Hubbard, Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.

**Santa photos in the park**  
Santa Claus, poses for children photos Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

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

**Family fun**  
Byers Homestead and Country Store open house, noon to 8 p.m. Stroll through blacksmith shop, farmhouse, candy store and dress shop refreshments at the farm house.

**213 Commerce Road**, Historic Commerce Village. (248) 363-9795.

**Artist visits**  
Native West welcomes Bruce Contway, 1998 *Indian Artist of the Year* through Dec. 14, to meet shoppers and sign pieces.

**863 Ann Arbor Trail**, Plymouth. (313) 455-8838.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 13**

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

**Summit Place**, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. (248) 683-0123.

**Strolling carol visits**  
Meet Tara Lipinski at Nieman Marcus, 3:30-4:30 p.m. to promote the DKNY Children's Collection. Gift with purchase from the line.

**Somerset Collection South**  
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 643-3300.

**Holiday concert**  
The Mercyrans perform everything from show tunes to holiday songs 3:30 p.m. west end of the mall. Free. *Livonia Mall*, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 476-1160.

### RETAIL DETAILS

**Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets** beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

**Malls offer field trips**  
Attention teachers! Both Lakeside (Sterling Heights) and Twelve Oaks (Novi) are debuting interactive holiday decor programs created by Technomasters of Birmingham. Each event lasts about two hours and costs \$5 per student.

**At Lakeside**, children visiting the exhibit can design programs (grade level appropriate, PreK through Grade 8) that focus on computer literacy skills, view the Peanuts classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*; design their own wrapping paper using Peanuts cartoons to take home; explore Internet sites where Peanuts animation comes to life; and work with computer quick cams to learn how movies are created.

**At Twelve Oaks** similar projects have the *Exploration Station* theme. Reservations can be made by calling Technomasters (248) 258-9075.

**New CD benefits 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 to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. The promotion is co-sponsored by WRIF and Miller Genuine Draft Beer.

**Northland hosts blanket benefit**  
"Share The Warmth" to benefit the Salvation Army will be held at the Northland Center, Nine Mile and Greenfield in Southfield, Dec. 6-24. For every \$150 in mall receipts, Northland and Cotton Incorporated will donate a blanket to the shelter in the shopper's name. Redeem receipts at the Customer Service Center.

**Boutique adds new line**  
Tender, 271 West Maple in downtown Birmingham, has added the Alicia Lawhorn collection to its selection of fashion nie-inspired designs are of rich, unevenly-dyed tones including hand-painted dresses, patchwork cardigans and denim suits trimmed in sequins.

**Clearance furniture at Hudson's Northland Store**  
Hudson's opened a fourth floor Clearance Center with furniture discounted 30 to 50-percent off original prices at the Northland store in Southfield. The department hopes to move canceled special orders, floor samples and overstocks from Sealy, Nadeau and Bernhard. Deliveries are \$35.

**Manager Larry Williams** said the Marketplace on the lower level was also remodeled with a new deli and floor plan. Additional changes include the opening of Guess' shops for men and women, and the move to the third floor for Larger Sizes, Kids and Juniors.

**What we found:**  
•The game *Cathedral* can be ordered from *World Wide Games*, 1-800-888-0987.

•Unicare hair and skin conditioner can be ordered by mail through the company's Atlanta, GA, headquarters, 1-888-UNICARE, \$3 per bottle, according to company owner Richard Tucker.

**We're still looking for:**  
•Correll 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 side.

•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 rustspot remover *Magicia* for Michelle.

•Aziza needs resistant powder eye shadow base.

•Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.

•The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.

•A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical

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### New product features old craft



Quill art set: The 18th century hobby of paper filigree makes a comeback in this kit from Pastime Industries. Kids can make pictures, bookmarks and gift tags with paper strips, a quilling tool, glue, patterns and foam boards. For ages 8 and up, from \$6.99-\$14.99 at Toys R Us.

### 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) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

•Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrelina.

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

•A Hallmark 15' red, bean bag Santa bought in 1988, for a handicapped boy whose "favorite friend" is falling apart, according to his mom. "Santa's wearing black shoes and has green mittens."

•The old board game *Call My Bluff*, for Joe of Livonia.

•A filter for a Norelco clean water machine for Gertrude of Troy.

•A yellow, Answer Finder, to use with the *Scribbles Learn With Me Club* by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton.

•An original cast recording starring Albert Finney in *Scrooge* for Bill Jacobs.

•A 1941 copy of *Jolly Jingle Picture Book* by Rand McNally for Sharon Gage.

•The board game *Cathedral* "popular about nine years ago," for Mr. and Mrs. Elliot.

•A TV tuner adaptor for Game Gear and a hockey game for Game Gear for Colleen of Redford.

•Dick Clark cologne for Gloria of West Bloomfield.

•Lunch or dinner plates from Lynn Steimelt, *Colorways* pattern, for Joan Marinelli, who's also looking for small, glass windchimes.

•An instruction manual for the Apple LC II for Mary of Livonia.

•A basket for the crystal Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.

•Sega Genesis *Shining Force One* game for Norma.

•Toni permanent rollers, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan.

•Bugle Boy elastic waist pants and elastic anklets with Velcro closures in child's size Large for Jo.

•Two toys, Weebels Treehouse and *Don't Go With Strangers* book for Mary Ann of Canton.

•Donna Karan's Toner body stocking in nude or black, plus a book about a block, *Scottie dog*, *Pieface* for Dottie of Plymouth.

•A rocking wooden kangaroo (in the spirit of the hobby horse) for Mary of Livonia. "I bought the last one from The General Store on 10 Mile/Meadowbrook, but they're no longer there."

•Helen is desperate to find a 1990 *Santabar* and has doubles of the '86, '87 and '88 to part with.

•Sharon is seeking the old cleaning product *Tetra D* from the Wyandotte Chemical Co.

•Kim Stack of Livonia is hoping to locate an expansion cartridge "Oscar" for the Sesame Street talking computer.

•We have several callers looking for dolls: the Mrs. Beasley, an Emmett Kelly, Baby Shivers, and a Drowsy Doll.

•Cindy Reed and her dad hope to find the *Burl Ives* songbook (or others) of *Sea Chantees*.

•Ed Gilroy needs the recording, "Now That We're In Love."

•Linda of Livonia wants to replace an old talking *Cookie Monster* and *Oscar*.

•Through a special program between Hudson's and Help Me Grow, each P. J. Huggabe teddy bear purchase buys two You can brighten a child's smile in your life as well as a foster

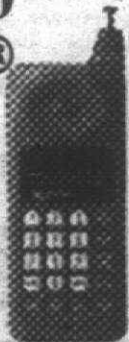
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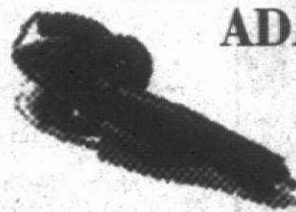


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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Saint Joseph Mercy opens Canton facility in early '98

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, which will include 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 Michigan Ave. and Ford Road.

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, (800) 231-2211.

Correction: The Sunday, Nov. 30 column of Medical Briefs incorrectly named the Canton center as a facility of Providence Hospital. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### Garden City Hospital rehab earns accreditation

Garden City Hospital proudly announces a Three-Year Accreditation award by CAFR...The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission. This represents the highest level of accreditation achievable by hospitals. Garden City Hospital was recognized for accreditation in Rehabilitation Service programs.

This accreditation achieved by Garden City Hospital is awarded by CARF, the nation's accreditation authority in the field of medical rehabilitation, behavioral health and employment and community support services. The accreditation results from findings during CARF's recent on-site survey. Garden City Hospital has offered rehabilitation services since 1987.

### Stop smoking clinic

The city of Livonia is sponsoring the Stop Smoking Clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates will include: Thursday, Jan. 8; Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16; and Tuesday, Jan. 20. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. For more information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 466-2535 weekdays.

### Sunday health club

You know you will make another resolution to get in shape for the new year, so why not take action now? The winter session of Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club convenes from Jan. 4 through March 29 and offers 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Family and individual fees for club members include to gyms for basketball, volleyball, jogging; six handball, paddleball, or racquetball courts; wallyball courts, weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and a cardio-theater with a personal headset to watch television or listen to the radio.

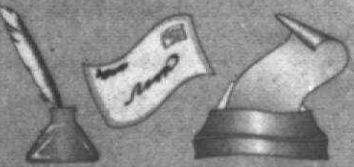
The club is open each Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For information call (313) 462-4413.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Miles roads in Livonia.

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# CURATIVE OR QUACKERY?

BY RICHARD PEARL  
STAFF WRITER

For an ancient Chinese "secret," magnets are attracting a lot of attention in some metro-Detroit health and sports circles these days.

Their "pull" is being felt in golf shops and by sports teams, through cable television infomercials and in some medical practitioners' offices - and even at the university level.

In the wake of claims by professional golfer Jim Colbert that magnets saved his career, at least two metro-area golf shops - Carl's Golfland of Bloomfield Hills and Gorman Golf Products, Inc., of Southfield - have begun selling magnets for backs and wrists and as shoe inserts.

And at least one chiropractor, Dr. Dave Taylor of Redford who practices in Garden City and Livonia, believes they're "the wave of the future, the missing link in the philosophy of chiropractic." (See related story.)

But despite that - and the fact magnets have been used as health and healing aids in the Orient and elsewhere for hundreds, if not thousands, of years - the question in Detroit and the United States remains: are they real or is it quackery?

Or, as a Dearborn Heights magnets user and believer said in trying to guess why the U.S. medical establishment is seemingly resistant, if not opposed, to using magnets: "There's a lot of snake oil out there."

Because of the general lack of scientific research in the U.S. on magnets and health - a fact lamented by a University of Michigan professor - most of the available information is "anecdotal," which has tended to leave the topic in the realm of so-called "alternative medicine."

Personal experiences have ranged from senior golfer Colbert - who was quoted in a Detroit publication as saying he was "driving farther" since

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wearing magnets to relieve back spasms - to everyday folk claiming relief from everything from insomnia and allergies to migraine headaches and arthritis. Others have claimed rapid post-operative healing while still others have even claimed being cured of, or at least seen diminished suffering from, such illnesses as multiple sclerosis and cancer.

Alternative medicine, which ranges from vitamins, minerals, herbs and other food supplements to a wide variety of therapies such as acupuncture and aromatherapy, has become a major medical phenomenon in the U.S., with billions of dollars being spent annually by Americans seeking answers they feel they are not getting from conventional medicine.

"People are turning in desperation" to such things as magnets, said Dr. Bill Evans, a chemistry professor at the University of Michigan who has been studying such alternatives "since I went off to college."

Evans, a solid-state chemist who has taught and researched at U-M for 27 years, has been a consultant to companies making magnetic coatings for computer diskettes and cassette tapes. While he believes magnets "probably are not useful in acute illness situations" such as MS or cancer, he does believe they have medicinal use.

For example, he said, magneto therapy "has been demonstrated to be effective in sports medicine" such as in treating ankle sprains: "Just lay a magnet on (the sprain) and it will stimulate the healing process," the professor said.

Indeed, rumor has it the Detroit Red Wings hockey team and Detroit Pistons basketball team have used magnets in therapy, although Evans could neither confirm

nor deny it.

He did say, however, "There is a scientific basis for using" magnets in healing.

He explained that blood and other liquids, which contain sodium and potassium that have dissolved-metal ions carrying electrical charges, are always moving inside the body. "Anytime a charge moves, there is the possibility of a magnetic field being generated, so when you bring another magnet upon these moving charges, the movement will be influenced."

"So if you have an injury and there's a wound there, and you're trying to take away decaying tissue and bring in the healing fluids of the body, then putting a magnet up to that injury site will influence the flow of the fluids," said Dr. Evans.

In arthritis, for example, "inflammation is fluid-flow to the joints" and either fluids are not getting to the area or are not getting out, he said. "You want to bring nutrients to the area and take away wastes and a magnet will influence that process."

Use of magnets "has been around for a long time," said Dr. Evans. It extends to an ancient Chinese practice known as geomancy, in which home builders as long as 3,000 years ago used magnets to decide where to build a house and which way it should face.

And one medical history book, he said, tells of an 18th-century English medical practitioner who built a magnetized conjugal bed to help conception.

Today, magnets are being promoted through network marketing and on television infomercials. Some companies offer only better sleep and more energy, while others have claimed medical cures.

However, the federal Food and Drug Administration has moved against the latter due to lack of scientific proof.

Today, in the absence of such proof, a person must take the stories with a grain of salt, said U-M's Evans, "because who's to say it's not a placebo effect" - a person feels better because he believes he will.

The bottom line is, said Evans, "Magneto therapy is here, whether we like it or not and we doctors and scientists have to put it on a sound basis in order to live up to our responsibility to the public."

He believes such research is coming. However, "At the moment, I think, except for some personal testimony, there is not a lot of basis" to claims about magnets.

"But look, if you're trying to get well, it doesn't really matter whether it's science or art" as long as



Magnetic power: Bill Evans, University of Michigan professor of chemistry, is posed with a spectro-meter that allows researchers, like Evans, to study magnetic material and the compounds of which they are comprised. Evans says the spectro-meter is one of the most powerful pieces of equipment available to study magnetic materials found in such things as therapeutic devices (shoe inserts, jewelry, magnetic patches).

## Positive results turn skeptic into a believer

BY RICHARD PEARL  
STAFF WRITER

Daniel McManaman of Dearborn Heights believes in the effectiveness of magnets.

When he came home from the hospital after quadruple-bypass open-heart surgery last year, "We put magnets all over him and he was off pain medication in three weeks," says his wife Nelda.

"He had cut way back on his medications even before that," she says. And when he went to his cardiologist six weeks after the surgery, "he was told he was two months ahead of schedule" in terms of recovery.

Daniel also uses them on his ankle to relieve the discomfort of the incisions from the vein grafts, says Nelda. "It keeps the swelling down and makes the discomfort go away."

Her husband "was skeptical at first," she says. "Like all guys - they kind of hold back" but once she put the magnets on him and they started working, he was a believer.

Nelda, who's been plagued for years by allergies and back problems, has been involved with "alternative health and nutrition," as she describes it, for 16 years and calls magnets "another wonderful alternative to help people enhance their lives and well-being."

She sleeps on a magnetic mattress and pillow, which she believes helps her body to better utilize

the various nutritional products she takes for her allergies. She says they've also helped her backaches.

A woman to whom she loaned some magnets said they helped her with jet lag on a flight to and from Italy.

Magnets, Nelda says, "keep the body in a harmonious state."

"It's not like taking a pill. It continues helping and enhancing your lifestyle, it puts balance in your lifestyle."

"My belief is that every human being needs magnetism - they just don't know it yet," she says.

However, magnetic therapy "is a kind of cloudy area in chiropractic," says Dr. Dave Taylor, an associate chiropractor with Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers in Garden City and Livonia.

"It's like massage therapy" in that it is "beyond the scope of the law, a kind of gray area."

While that keeps him from prescribing magnets in his practice, he nevertheless believes such therapy "is the wave of the future - the missing link in the philosophy of chiropractic."

The reason chiropractors touch people's backs is, he says, "we're nerve doctors, not back doctors" and it's through the nerves that electric current and magnetic current travel.

"But none of our (chiropractic) textbooks mention magnetic flow, and yet the most powerful-force in

nature is magnetic flow."

He's seen magnets reduce discomfort and stress, "and we need to do everything we can to reduce stress." Getting a really good night's sleep - which he says magnets help provide - is one way to reduce stress, but the public hasn't been taught the importance of a good night's sleep.

"Sleeping on your stomach with six pillows on the mattress, making it soft and cushiony, is contraindicated as far as spinal health is concerned," says the doctor.

But he doesn't see a quick move anytime soon by medical men in the United States to embrace and prescribe magnets. "After all, it took the medical profession 200 years to accept the thermometer," he notes sardonically.

Is more research into magnets needed. "You can research something to death," he says.

Mike Fogarty, manager and buyer for Carl's Golfland in Bloomfield Hills, says his company sells magnets by Tectonics.

The magnetic pads can be worn in wraparounds for the back or taped to various areas like the neck, calf, knee and even the knuckles, and magnetic mattress pads are available.

Although the debate rages as to the effectiveness of magnets, Fogarty believes "there's some very good validity" to the argument for them.

MEDICAL 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.

Chaplain joins hospice Julie Weber, M.A. of Livonia has joined the Barbara Ann Karcman Cancer Institute's hospice program as a spiritual counselor.

Tree of Life Angela Hospice of Livonia is extending an invitation to the community to honor and remember their loved ones this holiday season at the 10th annual "Tree of Life." The tree will be on display at Laurel Park Place through Dec. 31. Visitors may stop by to see the tree during mall hours and those wishing to

adorn the tree with an ornament bearing the name of a loved one are welcome to participate in this annual holiday event.

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

Borovy receives award Marc A. Borovy, D.P.M., is the 1997 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). The award, presented at the APMA Annual Conference in its recognition of his dedication, contributions and sacrifice for the advancement of podiatric medicine.

Borovy, is the chief of podiatric surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield and a noted author and lecturer. He has received the highest awards given to any podiatrist within Michigan earning the MPMA Southeast Division's "Podiatrist of the Year" award and MPMA's "Shining Star" award.

Medical Weight Loss Clinic is donating five cents for every pound its clients lose during the next month, to Judy Busby, 34, of Livonia who is stricken with a disease which has spread to her legs, forcing them to be amputated.

Busby is suffering from chronic osteomyelitis-connexive disease. She also suffers from sensory neuropathy. The disease, which she has had since childhood, has infected her arm, which she will probably have to have removed.

Providence Hospital is helping Judy with medical treatment and expenses, however, her parents Mae and Bill Busby of Northville, have encountered severe financial problems trying to support Judy and her six-year-old son Corey.

"One of our employees knows the Busby family quite well and talked to us about helping them out this holiday season. We decided to get our clients involved by donating five cents for every pound each client loses. We see thousands of patients who lose thousands of pounds," said Art Langer, vice president of Medical Weight Loss Clinics. Charts will be placed in each clinic tracking patient's weight loss.

Busby's "Weight Loss Drive" runs from now through Dec. 24. Individuals wishing to make financial contributions may drop off checks payable to Mae and Bill Busby at any Medical Weight Loss Clinic throughout Michigan.

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VISION USA offers eye care for low-income workers

Low-income workers and their families in Michigan can sign up now to receive free eye care in March through a program called VISION USA.

Optometrists who are members of the Michigan Optometric Association are among nearly 8,000 optometrists nationwide who are donating their services through VISION USA to provide free comprehensive eye exams to low-income people in March.

To qualify for the free eye care, people must have a job or live in a household in which at least one member is working part-time; have no health insurance that covers eye exams; meet certain income criteria based on household size; and not have had an eye exam at a doctor's office within the last two years.

Individuals or families can obtain an application form by writing: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 23, 1998, according to Dr. Ross H. Williams, the VISION USA coordinator for Michigan.

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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.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING Do you know if you are a candidate for osteoporosis? Find out with this simple, painless, non-invasive procedure. The cost is \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members and runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is sponsored by MedMax of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR A Senior Health Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dearborn Henry Ford Health Core store. Information on the importance of blood pressure monitoring, diabetic monitoring and home safety tips as well as healthy gift ideas for Christmas. Call, 562-7800.

DEC. 10, 17 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. 10 & 17 program in Livonia runs from 6-9 p.m. and the Dec. 15 & 22 program from 9-9 p.m. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

TUE, DEC. 9 SPINAL SCREENING A complimentary spinal analysis with the Paraspinal EMG will be given from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is free of charge sponsored by MedMax of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT Susie Lucas of Unique Hair Designs, will be the guest speaker at the Marian Women's Center Breast Cancer Support Group from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room B. Lucas will give a presentation of wigs, baseball caps, and various hair coverings for patients undergoing chemotherapy. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Prerequisite is required by Dec. 2. For more information call (313) 655-1100.

THUR, DEC. 11 NEW, EXPECTANT FATHER CLASS St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers. "Just for Dads...Childbirth and Beyond," from 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Two-hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant and the new role of fatherhood. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required, call, (313) 655-1100.

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BREATHERS CLUB A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3481 for additional information.

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# Internet use, speed up

The latest surveys now estimate that 56 million American adults use the Internet. That works out to almost 27 percent of the population 16 and older.

The survey, from the Intelliquest Information Group, says another 16 million are expecting to be online by this time next year. I put a lot of stock in this survey. Intelliquest has spent much of the past two years carefully measuring and tracking online user demographics, usage patterns and growth rates and their study has a sampling reliability of plus or minus 1.5 percent. What the company found is that the Internet has become a habit in many peoples lives. Fully two thirds of those 56 million Net users now have access from home.

"The thousands of users we have interviewed over the course of this study are telling us that the medium is becoming more mainstream in their lives," says Tom Fornoff, Intelliquest's managing director for Internet Services.

"They're getting online from more locations, spending more time online, performing a wider variety of activities and finding it to be a highly useful channel for shopping and buying."

The survey also shows that the amount of time spent online is also increasing, from just under seven hours a week last year to 9.8 hours today.

With so many now online, the number one need is speed. Speed of access. Modem speeds have indeed been increasing and with billions to be made in profits, the telecommunications giants are jumping all over themselves to repair and expand the Internet infrastructure. But there are some other exciting Internet access means available.

### Satellite access

I just installed a new DirectPC satellite system from the Hughes Network Systems group. It consists of a 20-by-36-inch satellite receiving dish mounted on my roof and hooked directly into the back of my PC, using an adapter card that took all of about two minutes to install.

I have the DirectDuo system, that also provides over a hundred satellite-beamed movie and sports channels to my TV.

But it's the Internet access that intrigues me the most. Using their software, I dial into my regular Internet provider, make connection and then get patched through the Net to the DirectPC operations center, which, in turn, links my computer to a satellite.

What does that do? It gives me blazingly fast Internet service, nearly 14 times faster than my normal 28.8 modem connection. In practical terms, 2 megabyte movie clip that would normally take me about 9 minutes to download with a 28.8 modem takes about 40 seconds with my DirectPC satellite connection. Besides the vast improvement in download speeds, what I notice most about this is how fast web pages load, especially those with lots of graphics.

The installation costs around \$200. Technicians come to your home, install the dish, tune it into the satellite (you need a good clear view of the southwestern sky) and run the cables to your TV and computer.

But if you want to watch your local TV stations, you're going to need to buy and install an outside TV antenna. Depending on where you live, that can add another \$200 to the bill.



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK

And then there's the access fees. Because you still need to have an account with an Internet Service Provider to make your dial-up connection, you'll be spending around \$20 a month for access. Add to that the \$50-a month cost for the DirectDuo connection and you'll be spending around \$70 a month for everything.

That sounds steep. Hey... that is steep. But when you consider that \$50 a month is what it costs in most places for cable TV access, the Direct Duo fee is not that outrageous because you're getting the extra TV programming and the fast Internet access.

The only area where I haven't noticed an improvement in downloading time is with e-mail. The DirectPC connection is actually slower in downloading my e-mail than my 28.8 modem. The help desk at DirectPC says that shouldn't happen.

But, on my system, it does. And they haven't been able to help me fix it.

Still, overall, I'm impressed. I use the Net a lot. I'm always downloading files. And the satellite link makes my net time a lot more effective.

You can spec out your system and learn more from the Hughes Web site at [www.directpc.com](http://www.directpc.com) ([[CQ]])

### Cable TV access

This is increasingly becoming an attractive option in many parts of the nation and the Metro Detroit area as cable television companies make very high speed Internet access available over the same coaxial cable that brings television programs into your house. Cable television Internet access typically costs about \$49.95 a month. Right now, Cable TV speeds receive at very fast rates, even beyond that of a T1. But they send at slower speeds, about that of a 56 kbps modem. Check out [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com) or [www.mediaone.com](http://www.mediaone.com) for information on cable TV access.

### Fast phone line access

There are two telephone services that provide fast Internet access.

The least costly is through a high-quality telephone line called an ISDN line, for Integrated Services Digital Network. An ISDN line is about four times as fast as a 28.8 modem. The phone company typically charges about \$50 a month for one of these lines.

Then there's another telephone line called ADSL, for Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line. These will run around \$100 a month, on top of a pretty hefty \$500 installation fee. ADSL connections operate at speeds from 10 to 50 times faster than an ISDN, or 200 times as fast as a 28.8 modem.

There is so much on the Net about both ADSL and ISN that any good search engine like Alta Vista ([www.altavista.digital.com](http://www.altavista.digital.com)) or Yahoo ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)) will give you tons of detailed information.

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# AT&T launches Digital PCS

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

The telecommunications explosion has made it possible for consumers to be "untethered," says Bill Malloy, AT&T Wireless Services Central Region president.

AT & T Wireless Services launched its AT & T Digital PCS service in the Southeast Michigan phone market this past week equipping customers with "anyplace communications from an all digital network built from the ground up."

"We've reinvented wireless service to provide customers with a range of communications options that will allow them to stay connected with greater ease and convenience than ever before," said Malloy.

The all-in-one communications system provides individuals and businesses with voice, paging and e-mail messaging capabilities with added features such as enhanced voice quality, enhanced privacy and fraud protection, extended battery life, plus access to the largest digital wireless network in North America.

Malloy said the state-of-the-art network is a reflection of the times and affords consumers anyplace communication options particularly for those persons wishing to maintain a blend of business and home life.

The digital wireless network offers an array of enhanced services such as e-mail up to 150 characters per message, voice mail and Caller ID," said Malloy. "Other familiar features such as Call Waiting, Forwarding and Three-Way Conference Calling are still in place."

The expansion of AT&T's Digital PCS wireless network allows



**Cutting edge:** AT&T Wireless Services commemorated the Dec. 2 openings of five area stores with ribbon cuttings. Shown here is the store at Novi Town Center. From AT&T Wireless Services: (front, from left) Bill Malloy, Central Region president; Ken Childress; Maralisa Vidosh, store manager; Dave Marshall, marketing manager; Tammy Smith; Mekisha Page; Susan Snyder, Central Region vice president market operations; and Rackeline Hoff, external affairs manager.

individuals, heavy-use consumers and businesses uninterrupted quality calls by both the sender and receiver between and within wireless systems and traditional analog cellular service areas.

"You can count on clearer call clarity, more secure calls and e-mail right to your phone so that you have the ability to be mobile and continue to count on receiving the information you need without having to worry about interrupted service thanks to capabilities of our "smart phone," Malloy noted.

Other advantages of the new wireless network include: Flat roaming rate of 60 cents per minute of travel in most cities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Digital PCS "is competitively priced, offering a tier of monthly calling plans."

You are not required to sign an annual service contract; and

easy access to 24-hour AT&T Customer Care.

Five new AT&T Wireless Service stores were opened for consumers and businesses including locations in Novi, Ann Arbor, Roseville Utica and Lathrup Village. Malloy said additional stores are expected to open in 1998 in Detroit and throughout Southeast Michigan. The retail stores offer Digital PCS phones, service and accessories as well as other AT&T services.

"Wireless communication creates more mobility for our customers and has allowed us to furnish them with a host of options and advanced features they've never had in one device before," said Malloy.

AT&T Digital PCS is available at the Novi store, 43267 Crescent Blvd., Novi Town Center. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sun., noon to 5 p.m.

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Crafters turn promoting into art

Steve Smith and Molly Pemberton were tired of trying to sell their crafts at shows where promoters treated them with little respect, so the two Canton residents decided to strike out on their own.

After taking part in a shop run as a cooperative by crafters, they started the Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show 16 years ago. Over the years, they've built this arts and crafters showcase into a profitable business.

"It was nice because I have three children and they were little at the time," said Smith. "My husband could stay home on the weekends while we produced the shows."

#### Upcoming show

If you're still in need of a few gifts for the holidays, don't miss their next show featuring 65 exhibitors Dec. 12-14 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 West Main in Northville.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$2. For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

Handcrafters is one of the few shows around, produced by crafters. Smith, who holds a patent on her work, creates wreaths from whole spices such as nutmeg, bay leaf, cinnamon, and star anise. Pemberton cuts and paints wood gingerbread men, snowmen and Santa ornaments.

"We understand what it's like to be crafters, how it feels to be turned down for a show," said Smith. "People don't realize that crafts are a time-consuming job, 10 to 12 hours a day, not just a weekend show. These crafters are professionals so we treat them with respect."

**Jolly old elf:** Mary Dolan of Grand Haven creates Santas in time for Holiday gift giving. Her work will be for sale at the Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 12-14.

Dennis Gerathy's vintage-looking signs are sure to be popular with University of Michigan fans. Gerathy crafts the signs in his Redford shop. Among the other works included in the show are hand painted dog and cat ornaments by Marlene DeFoor of Livonia; quilted and cross stitched ornaments, Roberta Baraszu, Plymouth; stained glass valances and boxes, Marsha Filipiak, Royal Oak, and seasonal florals, Sandy Callahan, Bloomfield Hills.

**Variety**  
"We feel we have the best variety of craftsmen in the area," said Pemberton. "Our customers come back year after year. There's something for everybody's taste and pocket book from Victorian Christmas Carol dolls to porcelain Santas, and shadow boxes shaped into French gardens. There's ornaments for \$3 to larger Santas for a couple hundred dollars."

Handcrafters hosts six shows a year, three in Northville, two in Taylor and one in Mt. Clemens. Smith and Pemberton welcome artists and craftsmen to apply for entry in the juried shows. The two try to exhibit 25 percent new crafters at each show.

"We're looking for uniqueness in handmade items and a fine quality of workmanship," said Smith. "We like to think our show has craftsman you wouldn't see anywhere else. I exhibit in a lot of shows out of state, so I see some unique, one-of-a-kind items"

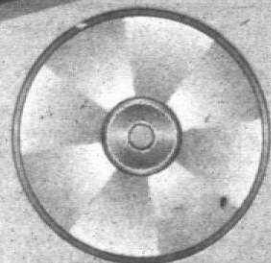
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Jazzy: The SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz PRime ensembles are releasing a CD and cassette of selections performed during a Russian concert tour last summer.



What: A concert of jazz, madrigals and seasonal selections by Schoolcraft College's SCool Jazz, SCool Jazz PRime, and the Chamber Singers. Admission is free; donations accepted at the door go to music scholarships and funding future concert tours. For more information, call (313) 462-4417. To order "From Russia With Jazz," call (313) 480-7139.

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.  
Where: Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Road, (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman), Garden City.



## Ensembles groove on CD

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz PRime vocal ensembles new CD brings back fond memories of the groups' Russian tour. Director Steven SeGraves and members of the ensemble were invited to tour Russia by Alexander N. Demchenko, Ministry of Culture, last June. The Schoolcraft College ensembles chose the selections according to the response of Russian audiences.

Recorded with Jack Brokensha in his home studio, the CD puts listeners in a mellow mood with jazz classics such as "Take the A Train," "I've Got the World on a String," "All the Things You Are," and "Angel Eyes."

"We narrowed it down by how the Russian people reacted to a song, if they loved it so much, they had us do it again," said SeGraves. "The group is financing the CD. We decided it was so important to put forth our own money because we want to get this music out there. It was a significant investment (\$5,000) but we're interested only in breaking even. It's a great stocking stuffer and people would be supporting college students."

The CD's (\$15) and tapes (\$10) will be on sale at the groups' annual "Jazz Up the Holidays" concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the community room at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City. The concert is free, but donations accepted at the door go toward music scholarships and funding future tours.

"When people hear the word jazz sometimes they get scared that it's wild and crazy," said SeGraves. "We use imaginative arrangements. It's like a big band that has been translated into voices. Ella Fitzgerald's and Louis Armstrong's scat singing were unique instruments."

"Vocal jazz is an art that many people don't

hear a lot about," said SeGraves. "It's difficult, challenging and rewarding."

SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz PRime were the first American college jazz choirs ever to be invited to tour Russia. Before the trip, the groups received a letter from President Clinton congratulating them and relaying the importance of fostering understanding between the cultures.

For SeGraves, the highlight of the 12-day Russian tour was the folk and dance festival in Cheboksary where a crowd of 30,000 lined the Volga River. The groups marched in a three-hour parade leading up to the festival.

"The people were very warm and generous and kind," said SeGraves. "The Cheboksary festival was my favorite part of the tour because we had the chance to get in amongst the people. The people is where you really get a sense of Russia. There's more similarities than differences. The children are like children anywhere - some of them got into mischief, some didn't."

An American commodity, SeGraves says jazz is growing in popularity since its introduction during the years following the dissolution of the U.S.S.R. in 1991. The group performed middle-of-the-road arrangements so as to slowly acclimate its audiences to the fine nuances of vocal jazz.

"We did run into one Russian jazz band, but we were a unique thing there," said SeGraves. "People were fascinated with us as Americans. The young people love it because it has a beat and includes a band."

The groups traveled with an interpreter who, when the group asked if they could go down to the river, replied, "it's a free country." SeGraves said the interpreter repeated this phrase again and again.

"The impression I got was that they were happy with their freedom and wouldn't want to go back to the old days," said SeGraves.

When asked if they would like to tour Russia again, SeGraves replied enthusiastically.

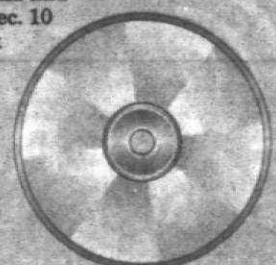
"We would do it again in a heart beat," he said. "The CD came out of that. We were so pleased with the tour we decided to record the music to communicate the tour but also that's what quality groups do. It's also good publicity for the college and can be used as a tool in recruiting."

Founded by Bradley Bloom in 1968, SCool Jazz was formed so students could learn about vocal jazz, sing jazz, learn about its history and work on the singers' skills. SeGraves took over the group four years ago. The first year, he decided to divide SCool Jazz into two ensembles according to age and experience. SCool Jazz is primarily comprised of undergraduates ranging in age from 18 to 22 because Schoolcraft is basically a two-year institution and SeGraves sometimes only has students for one year. SCool Jazz PRime is similar to a community chorus and consists of singers selected for their experience and talent.

The CD is the first the group has recorded. And if SeGraves has his way it won't be the last. The groups plan to perform at the 1999 Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland pending approval by the school and available funds. It takes \$35,000 to \$40,000 to produce a tour.

"We want to thank the school for supporting us and helping with the more than \$30,000 in expenses," said SeGraves. "Jean Bonner, in particular, went to bat for us because she believed in us."

If you miss SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz PRime's Dec. 10 concert, they'll be back singing during the annual Mardi Gras Celebration of jazz and creole cooking 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Schoolcraft College. For information, call (313) 462-4417.



## ART SHOWS



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBUS

Mixing techniques: John Murphy lays clay in a mold and places it on a potter's wheel before building up a lip for his newest work, a wall hanging shield titled "Bullseye."

## Artist molds international reputation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

John Murphy could hardly believe the letter stating he was one of two American clay artists accepted into the fifth International Triennial of Contemporary Porcelain taking place June 12 through Oct. 11 in Nyon, Switzerland. Murphy is an advanced ceramics instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. A jury of international ceramists and museum curators selected him and 13 other artists from 253 entries from 35 countries. Murphy and Wayne Higby will represent the United States.

"I'm very honored to be one of two chosen to represent this country in this international exhibition," said Murphy. "It's been worth the 20 years of hard work to find oneself in this position. This is really a great honor; I'm looking forward to sending my work."

Murphy credits his success as a clay artist to the fact he is responsible for every square inch of the work, a premise learned while studying for his master's degree

at Wayne State University. Even the insides and bottoms of the vessels are finished with Murphy's trademark black and white surface decoration.

"I use black and white as a symbol of good and evil, positive and negative," said Murphy. "I'm very aware of racial issues because my wife's African American. But I worked in black and white before I met her. Maybe it's subconscious, but I'm not consciously trying to make a statement that black and white can work together."

Murphy's first contact with clay came at a potter's wheel more than two decades ago. Over the years, throwing clay gradually evolved into a lengthy process which incorporates techniques consisting of hand building and forming works in molds. Murphy demonstrates the intricacies for visitors to his Old Redford studio.

After manipulating a hunk of clay to remove all of the air bubbles, Murphy begins to craft his newest porcelain work "Bullseye." The piece, reminiscent of a shield, is meant to hang on the wall. Black and white circular

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Sue Smith

time business in itself. So why do Smith and Pemberton continue to promote shows after all these years?

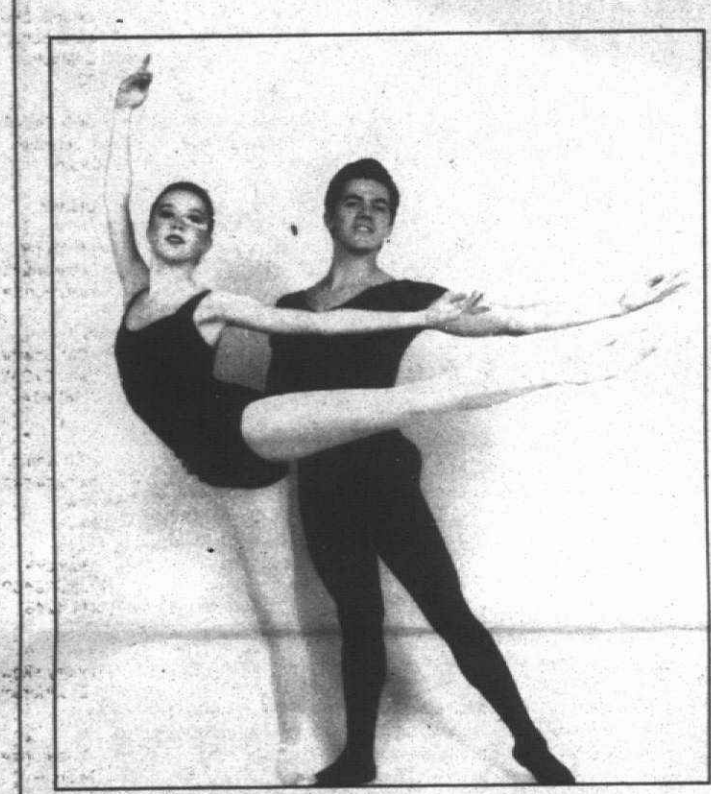
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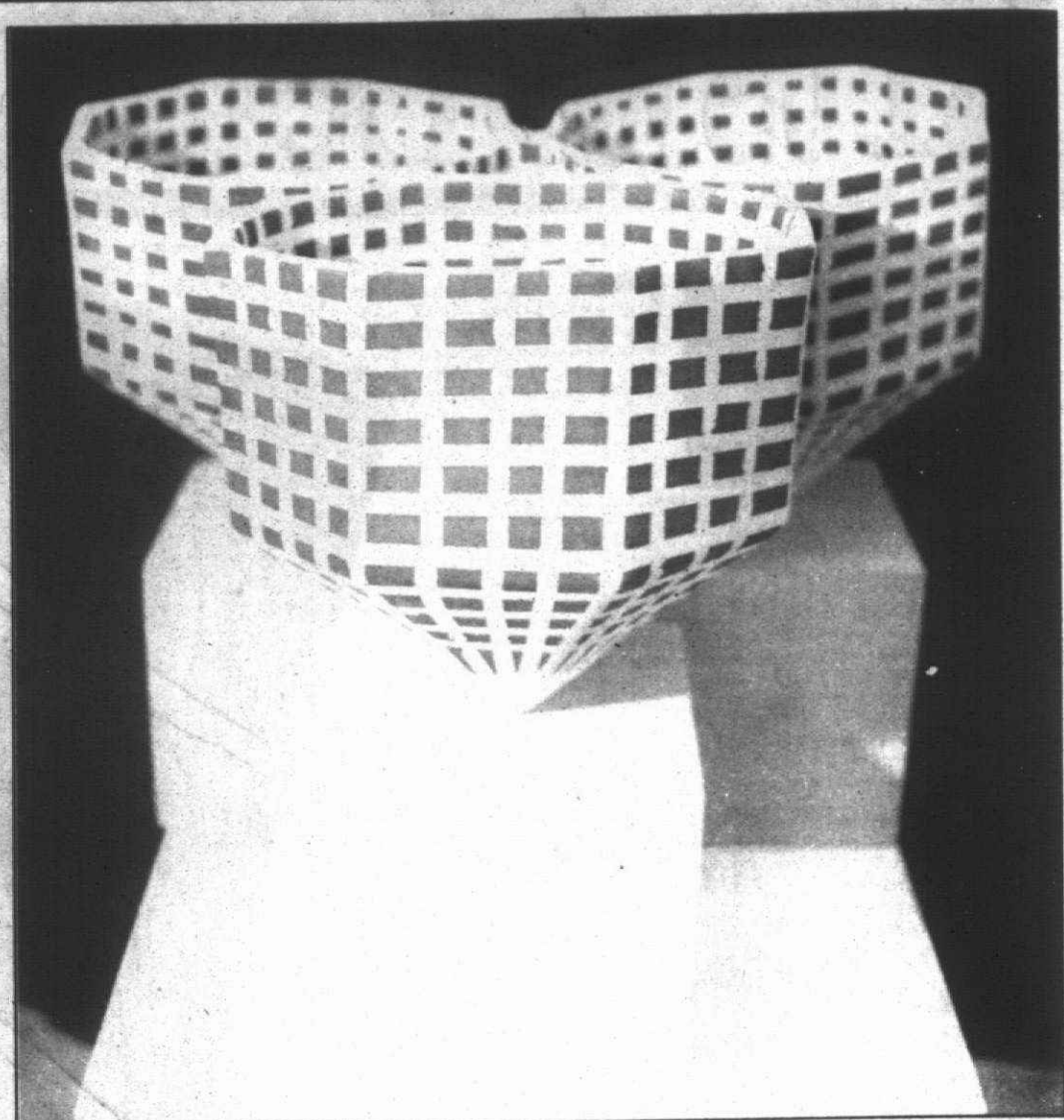
Crafty duo: Sue Smith and Molly Pemberton bring yet another of their popular arts and crafts show to Northville Dec. 12-14.

what I try to bring into our show. We want to make sure we have the \$5 items for a teacher's gift as well as a lot of personalized items. We also try to get

Holiday Enchantment



Magical Moment: The Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with principal dancers Dawnell Dryja and Mark Nash at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road in Canton. Dryja, an award winning dancer, graduated from Plymouth Canton High School. Tickets are \$15 for adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12, and available by calling the symphony office at (313) 451-2112.



STAFF PHOTO BY JON JANDROFF

Sculptural clay: John Murphy created this work titled "Home." It is similar to a sculpture recently exhibited in a national show at Penn State.

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lines zero in on the target. 'I'd been intrigued with shields in African art, more for their geometric shape than as a means of protection,' said Murphy. 'I thought it was fitting to hang them up on the walls because that's the way they're displayed in museums.'

For the next step, Murphy places a mold on top of a potter's wheel. He rolls out the clay with a pin then places it in the mold. 'I've been changing the format from a vessel to sculptural closed forms to wall forms,' said Murphy. 'My work is constantly evolving.'

One of the problems, Murphy encountered is designing the shield so that it could be displayed on a wall. He arrived at a

solution by laying the rolled out clay in the plaster mold. He then builds up a lip for the back by throwing the work on a wheel.

'I wanted the shield to be self-sufficient, to hang on its own,' said Murphy. 'This way the shield seals to the wall and is aesthetically pleasing even when viewed from the side.'

Murphy utilizes repetition and geometric shapes in his work in an attempt to marry design elements.

'Even though I work in raku and stoneware, I love porcelain. It's clean and smooth and nice and white,' said Murphy. 'But porcelain is more difficult to con-

trol. It has a mind of its own.' Murphy's first shield evolved from a demonstration for his students at Schoolcraft College. He will teach advanced ceramics and raku during the winter term.

As a child, Murphy snuck into his father's workshop to use the potter's wheel. In his clay art class, he crafted jewelry before turning to clay. Murphy's 'always had this urge to work with his hands.' But over the years, it became a passion. In order to create art, he works full time building experimental engines for Ford Motor Company.

Murphy worried about shipping the fragile porcelain pieces to Europe? No, in fact several of Murphy's works recently were mailed to Penn State University for a national exhibition. Murphy says, he'll 'just package them very carefully.'

Murphy exhibits his work as often as possible. His clay art has been included in shows at Gallery Functionary in Pontiac; the Ann Arbor Art Association; San Angelo Museum of Fine Art, Texas, and Louisville Visual Arts Center, Kentucky.

His work is currently on exhibit in 'Earthy Treasures,' Pewabic Pottery's annual Holiday Invitational, which continues through Dec. 31.

Murphy's works are also on display at the Swann Gallery, Detroit, and in 'Undefined the Holidays,' a show continuing through Dec. 23 at the Detroit Artists Market.

AUDITIONS/CALL FOR ENTRIES

B'HAM VILLAGE PLAYERS 7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 10-11, auditions for 'The Dining Room' by A.R. Gurney. Production dates: Feb. 18, 20-22, 25-28 & March 1. Cast: Three men, three women. Village Players, 752 Chestnut, corner of Woodward and Chestnut, downtown Birmingham; (248) 644-2075.

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MUSIC COMPETITION The Bohemians Club, A.S.A. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded.

English secular hand bell choir has openings for singers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept. 19. (248) 681-6453.

MAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT AT PCCA Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks artists for national juried art media exhibit, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15, 1998.

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the annual Christmas Wigilia celebration, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve meal.

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SCHOOLCRAFT CHORUS 'Alleluia, Daniel!' featuring Christmas Carols by Rejoice! Dates: 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 CAPELLA 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 'The Grunions,' perform extensive repertoire including seasonal music. Sponsored by the Fair Lane Music Guild, Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, U of M Dearborn, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road; (313) 993-5330.

TUESDAY MUSICALS OF PONTIAC 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 'Annual Christmas Concert.' Central United Methodist Church, Waterford; (248) 673-0568.

CANTATA ACADEMY 'Holiday Favorites' - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, St. Hugo of the Hill, 2215 Goddard Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 546-0420.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, featuring nine choirs of the church along with brass and percussion. Proceeds benefit Farmington Families in Action, Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

VANGUARD VOICES 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 'Christmas Concert,' featuring Respighi's sequence of carols, 'Lead to the Nativity of the Lord.' St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 317-6566.

Farmington Community Chorus presents its 18th annual winter concert. Traditional holiday favorites and contemporary seasonal selections performed by 80-voice choir. Farmington High School, 32000 Shilwassee, west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets: \$8, adults; \$5, seniors/students; (248) 788-5322.

PCCA WRITER CLASSES Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 855-4110.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through March 5 - 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 'Survey of World Art,' Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., 'Drawing for Adults,' Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 'Altering Spaces: Installation Art,' Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, 'From the African Loom to the African American Quilt.' Fees vary. Classes and workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

DO'S BAROQUE HOLIDAY CONCERT 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring conductor/violinist James Laredo. Tickets: \$17-\$80. Orchestra Hall, 3713 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY 'Handel's Messiah' - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$25 preferred; \$18 general; \$10 students. (248) 650-2655.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL 'Handel's Messiah' - 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring conductor Thomas Sheets, soprano Nicole Heaton, counter-tenor David Daniels, tenor John Aler and Anthony Randazzo from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$10-\$18. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-2538.

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

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS 'Holiday Brass,' an annual seasonal celebration featuring the Detroit Chamber Winds. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 students/seniors, \$10 children under 12. Detroit Brass Society, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 730 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14-\$53 adults; \$10-\$24 children and seniors. (313) 833-3700.

ERIC JOHNSTON'S DETROIT BALLET 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the State Theater on Wayne Road in Wayne. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 children and available by calling the theater at (313) 721-7400; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills. \$8 adults, \$5 children. (248) 473-9570.

THE HARLEM NUOVO CONCERT Donald Byrd's jazzy version of the holiday tale featuring a live jazz orchestra, regional gospel choir and children's casts, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10-Friday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (800) 221-1229.

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET 'The Nutcracker' 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at West Bloomfield High School auditorium on Old Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$8.50, special rates available for community organizations purchasing 15 tickets or more. (248) 666-1971.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET The official ballet of the city of Livonia presents 'The Nutcracker' 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20158 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9. \$6 each for groups of 12 persons or more. (313) 427-9103/(248) 477-0520.

CONCERT BANDS B'HAM CONCERT BAND 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 'Holiday Concert,' featuring seasonal favorites and inspirational music. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

NOVI CONCERT BAND 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 'Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along.' Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 'Holiday Spectacular.' Tickets: \$6-\$10. Studies Theatre, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

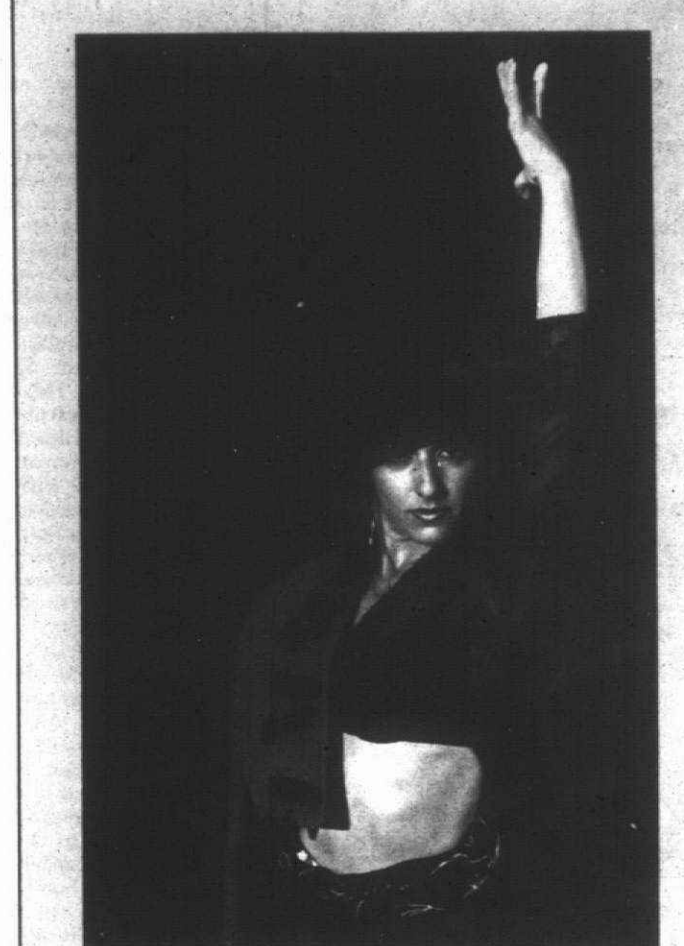
FLAMENCO 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 'Flamenco Without Limits,' featuring Omayra Amaya and her dance company. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET 'The Nutcracker,' under the direction of Rose Marie Floyd, with New York dancer Alexander Schlempp, and Samantha Shelton, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at Warren Woods Middle School auditorium, East 12 Mile, west of Schoener, (248) 477-0520.

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Warren, \$8 at the door. (248) 641-9063/546-7484. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 (presented by Valley of Detroit).

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE The company (under Cornelia Sampson) joins the Warren Symphony for 'The Nutcracker' 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, with guest artists Michele Wiley, 1996 Gold Medal winner of the International Ballet competition in Varna, Bulgaria, and currently with American Ballet Theatre II, Sergio Brindusa, a Romanian dancer who freelances and trains at the prestigious Kirov Academy in Washington, Sean Stewart of the American Ballet Theatre, and Casey Herd. American Ballet Theatre II, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall Road (M-59) and Garfield, Clinton Township. \$22, \$20 seniors and children under age 12; \$18 for groups of 20 or more for main floor seating; \$17 for balcony. Call (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666.

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OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - '50th anniversary of the Michigan Weaver's Guild.' 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Second Floor, Executive Office Building, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

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STUDENT PIANO CONCERT 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, The Art of Music under the direction of Diane Clemens presents a student concert, Christmas Gathering, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 851 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 879-9456.

HILL GALLERY Through Dec. 13 - 'Gods of Art,' featuring ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, ornaments. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0665.

POTTERY SALE 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 18-20, '14th Annual Pottery Sale,' student and professional potters featuring functional ceramic pieces. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0666.

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ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY Through Dec. 20 - 'Watercolors of Karin Klue, 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

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CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Through Jan. 4 - 'Photography and Art: an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers. 'Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography,' 2221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

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# DANCE

## Dancing in the neighborhoods

### 'Festival of Dance' spotlights emerging Farmington area

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

On the fifth floor gymnasium above Christ Church on Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit, Barbara Selinger conducts a group of dancers slinking to a bewitching zydeco beat.

Selinger's Detroit Dance Collective has found a home in a rather strategic location in the heart of the region's burgeoning entertainment center, not to mention halfway between heaven and those who cast their spiritual appeals upward.

Back in suburbia at Eric Johnston's Dance Studio in Birmingham, the familiar swirl of Tchaikovsky's sugar plum melody rattles the thin walls. It's a conspicuous sign that the former principal dancer of the London Ballet Company is preparing another production of "The Nutcracker."

By dancers' standards, Selinger, 50, and Johnston, 41—both of Farmington Hills—are past their prime. By any other measure, however, they're not only hitting their stride, they're bringing a community of dancers along with them.

This week, their talent along with other dancers, choreographers and teachers will be on display during the First Annual Festival of Dance in Farmington, a celebration of ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, folk and ballroom dancing.

"There just isn't much recognition of dance, yet we have more and more people interested in dance," said Johnston, who provided the original idea for the festival. "I want the art to be accessible. It's the only way to build an audience for dance."

The festival will showcase a range of dances while providing a public venue for local dancers. Ten local dance companies, including more than 50 dancers will participate at the Friday evening concert at Farmington High School.

"Some people feel you have to understand dance," said Selinger. "You just have to open yourself up and let the movement speak to you. It's like looking at an abstract painting. Everyone will go away with a different interpretation."

For those awaiting a sign of a dance revival, take note: prayers answered.

Now listen to the movement.

#### Farmington Festival of Dance

**Where:** Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, (between Orchard Lake and Power Roads, one block north of Grand River).

**Highlights:**

- 5 p.m. - Monday, Dec. 8, "Open dress rehearsal of the Detroit Dance Collective, directed by Barbara Selinger"
- 10 a.m. - Tuesday, Dec. 9, "DANCEABOUT 1997," by the Detroit Dance Collective, a teaching-performance concert for students of Farmington, Berkley and Waterford schools, sponsored by Hudson's Corp.
- 9 a.m. - Thursday, Dec. 11, a master class in modern dance
- 8 p.m. - Friday, Dec. 12, a dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective, and dancers from ten studios in the Farmington area, Farmington High School Auditorium.

**Tickets:** \$5, adults; \$2, students, for information call (248) 474-3174.



Rehearsing: David Guzman (left) and Susan Clayton practice their parts for the Farmington Festival of Dance.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

#### From the grassroots

The weeklong celebration of dance includes an open dress rehearsal of the Detroit Dance Collective and their concert, "Space, Time and Energy," which combines performances and teaching to students from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Berkley and Waterford school districts.

The festival culminates on Friday with performances by dancers from throughout the Farmington area, highlighted by an appearance of the Dance Collective, featuring Selinger, named 1997 artist of the year by the Farmington Arts Commission.

"The (festival) offers a paradigm for how cities can get together with schools and arts groups," said Steve Weikal, director Oakland County Arts & Humanities Council, which provided a migrant to the festival. "In a big city, the cultural activities usually come from art institutions," said Weikal. "In Oakland County, we have a strong community base, people from neighborhoods forming arts groups."

With the Festival of Dance along with Farmington's annual Festival of the Arts and City Founders Parade, the Farmington area is transforming its image as a suburban enclave.

"Farmington, just now, is finding its identity," said Johnston. "Can we make Farmington as artsy as downtown Royal Oak? Definitely."

Already, it seems, the Festival of Dance has become a catalyst for discussions about other art festivals in Farmington, including a film festival. On a pragmatic level, the Festival of Dance offers further proof that there isn't a central cultural district in Oakland County, but "areas of culture," such as Birmingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Rochester and the Farmington area.

Participation and interest in the arts throughout the county, according to Weikal, is thriving. He cited 11 community theater groups, 12 art councils and over 100 historic preservation organizations in the county.

For more than two decades, the Farmington area has been home to many arts groups, including community symphonies, theater, dance and fine arts associations. In the mid 1970s, the success of the Farmington Arts Council inspired the state to establish the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Included in the 1976 Farmington Hills charter, for instance, was the establishment of an arts commission, a provision not present in the founding documents of many other municipalities.

Today, the Arts Commission, a nine-member board, works alongside the restructured Arts Council, composed of representatives from 22 local arts groups with about 1,500 members.

Besides improved communication and networking among the various groups, the collaboration represents a growing populist trend in the arts.

"We have thousands of people saying, 'We want more cultural services in our community,'" said Nanette Reid, who serves on the Arts Commission and the Arts Council.

In the Farmington area, according to Reid, they're building culture from the grassroots.

#### A master plan

"Many of the community bands, orchestras, choirs and arts groups were here before we were a city," said Dan W. Potter, director of special services, who oversees the parks and recreation department. "The nucleus for the arts has been here. But now, we're speaking with a unified voice."

Apparently, voters are also responding with a unified appeal.

With the overwhelming passage of a millage in November, \$1.6 million will be designated for senior and culture activities over the next 10 years, including funds for a full-time arts coordinator position to be filled in 1998.

Currently, preparations are being made to draft a master plan for the arts in the Farmington area. Once in place, the plan would offer additional art instruction and public facilities. The criterion for drafting the plan includes circulating a community wide survey, conducting focus groups and holding public hearings.

Many Farmington area residents believe there's a need for a community arts center, in addition to the William Costick Activities Center, where many programs are currently held. Reid called the master plan a "first step in working toward an arts center."

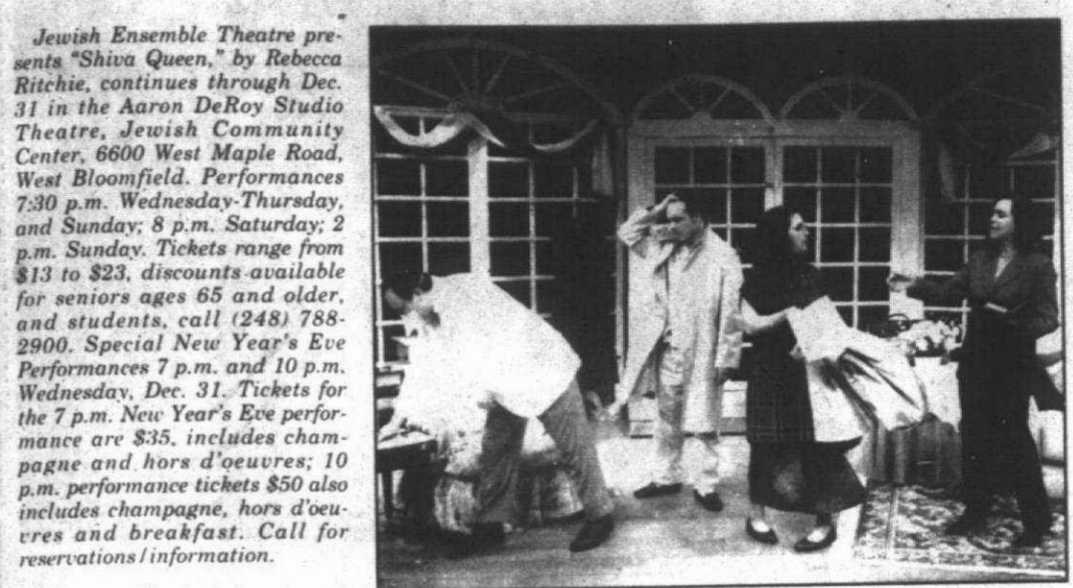
A proposed performing arts center at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue is under consideration by the City of Novi, said Reid, who noted that partnerships in the arts could extend beyond city boundaries.

Considering that a new art center may cost as much as \$30 million, Potter is cautious about the possibility. "People aren't in a mood to support additional taxes," he said. "It might be down the line, but right now we're just in the walking stage."

For this week, Potter might want to change his assessment. Clearly, the current stage is all about dancing.

# THEATER

## 'Shiva Queen' is no Dolly



World premiere: Charles McGraw (left to right), John Michael Manfredi, Michelle Mountain and Joyce Fuering in a scene from "The Shiva Queen."

### REVIEW

By BARBARA MICHALS  
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite its intriguing title and billing as a comedy, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's world premiere of Rebecca Ritchie's "The Shiva Queen" is neither clever nor funny. Instead, a very fine cast does its best with very mediocre material.

Act One is the exchange of letters between two singles who meet through a "personals" ad and write to each other's P.O. box numbers. Lee (Charles McGraw) is a hypochondriac geneticist so afraid of commitment that he hesitates to even give out his name to his pen pal, Shirli (Michelle Mountain), anxious to find a mate, is so wishy-washy that she offers to make herself into anything Lee wishes.

Five years later Act Two finds Shirli has been married and widowed. She now earns a living organizing the shiva, the traditional Jewish ritual period of seven days of deep mourning, for those too grief-stricken to handle the details themselves.

She has been called in to help Roger (John Michael Manfredi), isolated chuckle now and then. A "Hello Dolly" it is not.

All four players are very talented actors who make their characters as believable as possible, with Mountain meeting the greatest challenge in giving substance to Shirli. Under director Joanna Hastings Woodcock, nearly all aspects of the production seem as fine-tuned as the material allows.

The costuming is sometimes questionable, though. Putting Roger in his pajamas certainly enhances the image of him as a floundering child, but would a man really wear this on his way home just because he'd been staying overnight at the hospital with his dying wife? It's appropriately symbolic that Lee wears a facial mask to keep him apart from the families he interviews, but why a pointed mask that makes him look like a clown?

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# Cruises take worry out of family trip

BY BETTY SWARTZ  
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Do we take them or leave them when we choose to cruise.

We're not talking about clothing - we're talking about children, families. Is a cruise appropriate for a family? By all means, so much so that those land vacations of past years may seem like nightmares.

Brochures do a great job of selling romance on the seas and all of the frills to ignite the spark. Yes, cruising is romantic but just imagine having the romance as well as having your children with you and sharing this great vacation experience with them; the memories will last for years to come. Today's families lead a lifestyle that is so demanding, which results in an absence of conversation around the kitchen table. Guilt may at times invade the mind when you're not able to be together, as a family, for any length of time. Consequently, the family vacation is an important event. However, a cruise may not come to mind to fulfill this need but it should be at the top of the list.

Cruising is no longer for older adults waiting in line for the shuffle board. Cruising is for everyone. Most major cruise lines, today, position themselves as family experiences. The extensive programs for children, geared to age groups 3 to 17 years, is indicative of the need to serve the younger set as well as adults. Playrooms, computer rooms and teen discos are just a few of the designated areas for children.

Parents may feel that their children will always want to be with them - just like home. Not so, once they see and meet their peers they will join in the fun provided by trained counselors. In fact, parents may feel abandoned by the children! That's the time they can enjoy being alone and being satisfied knowing the kids are having a great time - as the saying goes, "We're happy when our kids are happy."

Remember those land vacations when everyone wanted to eat at a different fast-food restaurant - those times certainly did not make for a happy

experience. In contrast, a cruise is great for a family - children don't have to eat gourmet food, as in the olden days of cruising. Today, children's menus are available to satisfy the young palate. Pizza parlors and buffet dining (not only for breakfast and lunch but also for dinner) are available in a casual atmosphere enjoyed by children and adults as well. Casual dining on board is becoming quite popular. Mom and Dad can accompany the children to a casual dining area, even prepare for a more formal dinner and get a sitter for the evening, if the ship does not provide evening activities for the kids.

Cruise lines have gone so far as to plan shore excursions geared to families. In fact, one cruise line has Alaskan shore excursions for "children only." Imagine the dinner conversations that night - everyone trying to get a word in about their day!

Yes, cruising is for families. Take the opportunity to expose your children to different places and different surroundings. A cruise will give them all of those experiences and more - watch their independence blossom. You're together but each is enjoying his or her own thing.

Prices are reduced for a third or fourth person sharing a cabin (sometimes a standard cabin will accommodate a fifth person, depending on the cruise line. Many of the new ships have family suites; they are not plentiful, so booking early is a must for those accommodations.

Don't forget the extended family. How long has it been since you were all together with Grandma and Grandpa, aunts, uncles and cousins? A cruise is a perfect vacation to get the family together for a happy and memorable time. Let the fun begin and start planning for that hassle-free vacation - a cruise.

Betty Swartz is a master cruise counselor with Cruise Selections Inc. of Troy. She can be reached at (248)643-6868 or on the web at <http://www.cruiseselections.com>

# Families enjoy kid-friendly cruises

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

When someone mentions going on a cruise, the first thought might be of a romantic get-away - just the two of you. Or, maybe, if you're single a cruise is a chance to meet a stranger across a crowded deck.

But many people are finding that a Caribbean cruise makes the perfect, all-inclusive family vacation.

"We've never vacationed without him and didn't consider not taking him," said Suzanne Colvin, explaining why she and her husband, Dan, took their 3-year-old son, Thomas, on a cruise.

The Colvins of Farmington Hills sailed for four days in April on the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Sea to the Bahamas and Key West. And while they enjoyed adult activities, Thomas had his own appointments to keep.

"They had a kids program every evening from 8 to 10 p.m. There was a special room where he could go and play just for 3- to 5-year-olds. They did crafts and talent shows. He looked forward to it. He got to play with other children," Colvin said.

Cruise lines have always emphasized that they take care of everything from dining to recreation to sleeping arrangements for a worry-free vacation. But the marketing has usually been directed toward couples, singles and older travelers.

Recently the trend has moved toward promoting family excursions (see the accompanying article by travel agent Betty Swartz). Even DisneyWorld offers a cruise ship/resort package.

"Every evening he went to the kids program was the perfect time for us to take in the show," said Colvin. "We had an early dinner, went to the show and picked him up."

For older children, like Julie and Scott Feintheil, going to the floor show was part of the fun.

Carol Feintheil of Bloomfield Hills treated her family to a cruise on the Sovereign of the Sea in February as a Christmas present. The family included Julie, 10, Scott, 12, husband, Jerre, and Jerre's parents, Gene and Lucy Feintheil.

"It was wonderful," Carol Feintheil said. "One entire level was devoted to children. There was a game room with ping-pong, a billiard table. There were activities all afternoon and evening, so if parents wanted to shop or take a nap they could, the children were under teen supervision, and the teens came from all over the country."

She said the children chose their own activities and made some new friends on board.

And when the children wanted to join the adults, they could.

"They took in two shows. The early shows were at a family level, no profanity, the jokes were understandable," Feintheil said. "There were jugglers and a unicyclist. It was fun and nicely done."

The children were also invited to attend the Captain's Dinner where they were served non-alcoholic drinks.

Marc Alent of Farmington Hills said his family enjoyed their first cruise in 1995 so much they went again in 1996.

"It was wonderful," Alent said. "We loved it so much we went again and will go again this year if prices are right. We had never been on a cruise before, but Carnival was offering a special deal, adults were about \$700 apiece but children free and the second year the kids were only \$129."

Alent, his wife, Grace, and children, Jeffrey, 9, and Diane, 7, sailed on Carnival's Sensation both times. Like Royal Caribbean, Carnival offers special programs appealing to children, called Camp Carnival.

"They would wake up and didn't want to be with us, they wanted to get to the programs," Alent said. "They ran from 6 a.m. to 10 at night. Certain other nights were sleepovers. The kids enjoyed it. It was well supervised and well organized."

Alent said his children also enjoyed the floor shows. He said the first two shows were "clean enough we could take the kids." A third, midnight show, was identified by Carnival as for adults only.

Children can also take in the shore programs.

Colvin said Thomas loves the water and Beach Day at Royal Caribbean's private island was his favorite. He also enjoyed the port stop at Nassau.

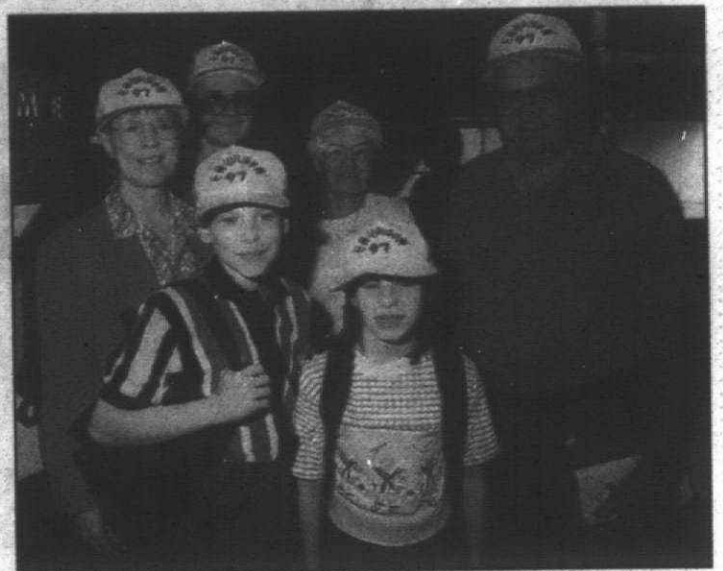
"We made the mistake of not bringing a stroller. But we went to an aquarium in Nassau and there was a lot of stuff for him to do," Colvin said.

She was expecting Thomas' brother, Jimmy, at the time of the cruise and she said when Jimmy, now 3-1/2 months old, is old enough she would consider another cruise.

The Feintheils also took a tour of Nassau by taxi and visited the zoo and botanical garden. But the Feintheil children also enjoyed the all-day beach party on Coco Beach best of all.

The Alents took different routes on each cruise - Jamaica, St. Martin, St. Thomas, Cozumel and Nassau were stops.

"They enjoyed it, but they had more fun on the ship," Alent said. "Ocho Rios (in Jamaica) was good for kids because they



Family affair: Carol Feintheil, left, treated her family to a trip on the Sovereign of the Sea. Pictured, left to right of Carol, are husband Jerre, Scott, Lucy, Julie and Gene Feintheil.

climbed on the waterfall."

24-hour pizzeria, just in case.

And for those who worry if their children will eat on a cruise ship, Alent said he encouraged his children to try something different every day, and they liked it. But the Sensation also had a

For information on family programs by Royal Caribbean, Carnival and other cruise lines, contact a travel agent.



Sensational time: The Alents enjoyed their trip on the Carnival Sensation. Mark and Grace Alent and children, Diane and Jeff, liked it so much they went again.

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## New coaching post

Kim Miller, a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem HS, has been named as an assistant gymnastics coach at Bowling Green State.

A standout at Eastern Michigan, where she will earn her Bachelor of Science degree this month, Miller was honored as a Mid-American Conference senior gymnast. At Salem, she was the first state all-around champion in gymnastics from either Salem or Canton HS.

Miller has worked at Splitz Gymnastics Center in Canton this past summer, improving her skills in communication and behavior while working with children of all ages.

At Bowling Green, she will work with gymnasts on the balance beam and floor exercise; she will also take an active role in recruiting while she pursues her Masters degree in communication technology/graphic design.

## On top

The under-19 Livonia Youth Soccer Club United girls team, members of the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League, collected the first-place trophy for the fall season. LYSC United allowed just four goals all season.

Team members are: Colleen Scanlon (West Bloomfield); Olivia Nellums (Farmington Hills); Claire Lockhart (Northville); Christine Broda and Lisa Reissenweber (Plymouth); Nicole DeDominicus, Kristen Esparza, Liz Krawczyk, Jenine Lawson and Luba Steca (Livonia); Lindsey Erickson (Brighton); Meg Gorsline (Milford); Shannon Konarski and Tracy Moore (Highland); Cheryl Luther (Flat Rock); Tracy (Mac) McIntyre (Woodhaven); Abby Muysenberg (Saline); and Pam West (Canton).

The team is coached by Mike Esparza, with Malcolm Pledge and Larry Moore as team trainers and Bill Erickson as team manager.

\*Anyone interested in playing for the LYSC United under-19 girls team, with a birth date between Aug. 1, 1979 and July 31, 1983, and would like to be notified regarding next season's tryouts should call (313) 464-9114.

## Going strong

Siena Heights men's basketball team continues to pile up the wins, and Dan McKian, a 6-foot-6 junior from Plymouth Salem, continues to be a main contributor.

The Saints won five-straight games against some pretty formidable foes before losing, 84-83, to Wayne State Nov. 29.

In a 99-90 win over Saginaw Valley State Nov. 25, McKian had 16 points (on 7-of-9 floor shooting) and six rebounds. In the loss at Wayne State, he led Siena Heights with 19 points and nine boards.

For the season, McKian is averaging 13 points (third among the Saints) and 7.3 rebounds (second) while converting 61 percent of his floor shots (first) and 79 percent of his free throws (second).

Siena Heights was 7-2 going into last weekend's games.

## Wolves wanting

The Waco Wolves, an 10-and-under boys travel baseball team, will be having tryouts for the 1998 season throughout the winter.

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## Flour hockey sign-up

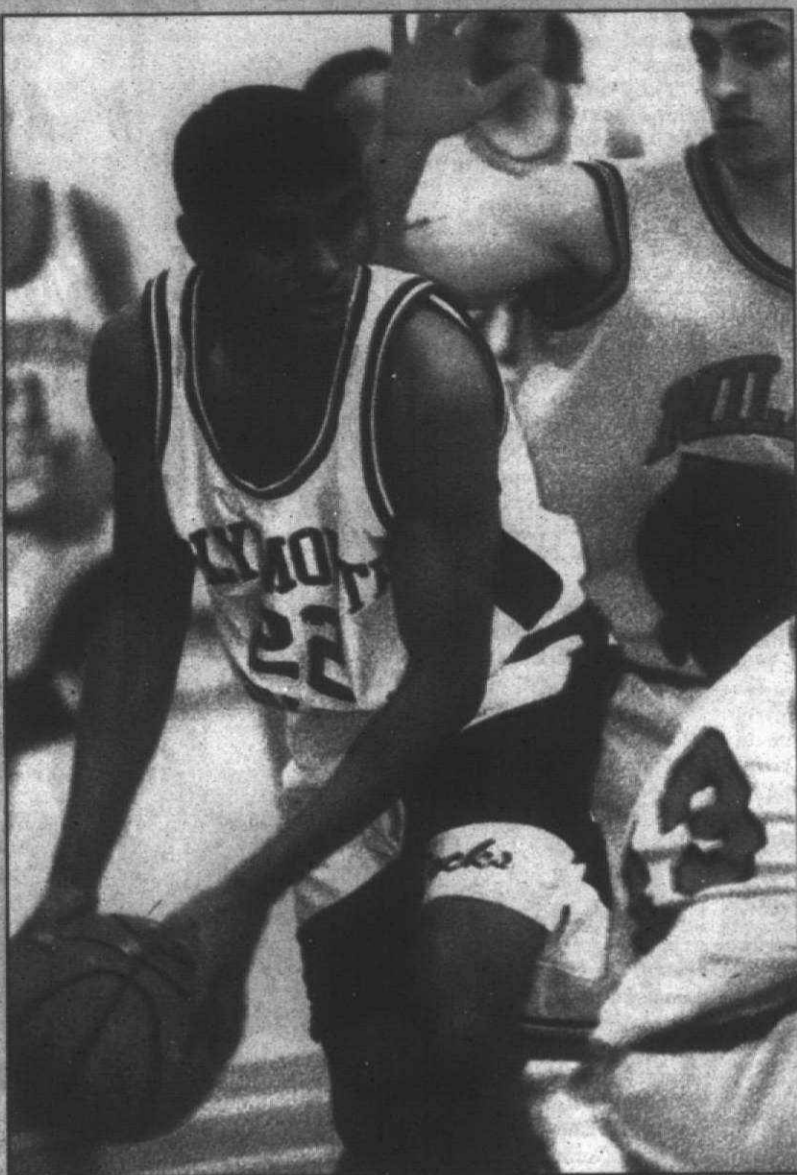
The Detroit College of Business Athletic Booster Club is seeking teams to compete in its indoor flour hockey league on Sunday afternoons, starting Jan. 18.

All games will be played at the Sheridan Recreation Center, on Pardee in Taylor.

Cost is \$550, which includes all expenses for a 10-game regular season plus playoffs, including referees fees, gym rental and trophies.

For further information, call Kevin Brazell at (313) 581-4400, ext. 389, or at (313) 562-5033.

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**Returning veteran:** Bhavin Patel saw plenty of playing time last year as a junior. As a senior, he'll help lead an experienced group of Rocks toward their collective goal: a WLAA title.

# Frontrunner?

## Hopes high for Salem

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ever get that feeling someone's staring at you?

Ever get that feeling a whole bunch of people are staring at you? In fact, did you ever have that feeling so bad that you thought for sure there was a bull's eye tattooed on your backside?

By now, the Plymouth Salem basketball team must know what it's like. For most of Bob Brodie's 13 previous years as head coach, and for most of the time his predecessor (Fred Thomann) spent in the same position, the Rocks have been on top of the Western Lakes Activities Association — or at least very near it.

So the pre-season revelation that, geez coach, everyone's going to be gunnin' for you came as no big surprise.

"Salem's always someone to shoot at," admitted Brodie.

This season promises to be no different. If there were a pre-season coaches' poll in the WLAA, the team most would pick to succeed defending champ Walled Lake Central would be Salem.

With only two players — graduated seniors Andres Lopez, now playing for Madonna University, and Nate Gray — missing from last season's 18-6 squad, the Rocks seem a good choice.

But Brodie's not one to take things for granted. "The mark of a good team is meeting the expectations other people have of you," he noted.

Or maybe surpassing them? It's possible — after all, Salem was second in the WLAA a year ago, and the

Rocks defeated Plymouth Canton in the state district tournament to move up to the regionals, where they lost to Detroit Central.

Can they go even further now, with a highly experienced team? "In my opinion, they've got to stay focused," Brodie said. "They've got to stay determined. They can't live on past laurels."

"Don't be distracted; stay focused." The WLAA isn't shaping up as a league that will make such objectives easily procured. But Salem has the stuff to gain a title.

It starts with six returnees, all of whom saw some starting time last year. Indeed, Brodie has six three-year varsity veterans on his current squad.

The leader of the pack is 5-8 senior point guard Andy Power. As a junior, Power averaged 13 points, four assists and four steals a game while garnering All-Observer and all-conference honors.

Other seniors who could fit into a starter's role are Jeff McKian, a 6-4 forward who averaged nine points, six rebounds and three assists a game; Matt Mair, a 5-11 guard who averaged seven points and two assists; Bhavin Patel, a 6-2 guard who averaged seven points and five rebounds; and Tony Bernhardt, a 6-2 forward.

Those five give Salem a solid nucleus, but there are others. Like Beir Szczepanski, a 6-7 returning senior center, and juniors Mike Korduba, a 6-5 forward (six points, four rebounds), and Tony Jancevski, a 6-9

Please see SALEM BASKETBALL, E2

# Rebuilding job facing Canton could take time



BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Those were the days . . . and not so terribly long ago (last year, in fact), when Canton challenged for the WLAA basketball crown. This season, it could be a challenge for the Chiefs from start to finish.

Time's up, Dan Young.

The Plymouth Canton basketball coach is entering his fourth season as head coach, and for the first time he's doing so without a proven, dangerous

lineup.

"We're kind of redoing the whole thing," said Young, who has taken Canton to one Western Lakes Activities Association championship, three-straight WLAA Tournament titles (they've won four in a row) and a pair of state district tournament champi-

onships.

In his three previous years, six players have gone on to play college-level basketball.

What the Chiefs lack this year is that stand-out kind of talent. Only one player returns from last year's top seven: Joe Cortellini, a 5-foot-11 junior guard who averaged about seven points a game, with a high of 21 vs. Farmington Harrison.

"He's a good shooter and a smart player," said Young.

Six seniors have graduated. One who's back is Eric Larsen, a 6-4 post

player who saw limited playing time last season. "He's a good rebounder and a good athlete," said Young.

Replacing those six graduated players, from a 16-7 team, will not be easy. Young admits it will take time to develop his team and determine roles.

"It's a new group, but they're working hard," he said. "I have a lot of young kids. They're good players, they just haven't been through it yet."

"I think we'll see a real lot of

Please see CANTON BASKETBALL, E2

# Madonna still rolling

Madonna University's women's basketball team continued its stellar play, jumping on top of visiting Albion College by 20 points by halftime Thursday en route to an 85-53 non-conference triumph.

The win pushed the Lady Crusaders' record to 5-2. Albion is now winless in five games.

Again, junior guard Katie Cushman — who was named Wolverine-Hoosier

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Athletic Conference player of the week after averaging 28 points and 7.5 assists in two victories — helped jumpstart Madonna.

Cushman scored 15 points (on 6-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-4 on three-

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# Borgess reaches C final

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Kalamazoo Christian basketball coach Bill Hoffman could stand watching the film of Redford Bishop Borgess' Class-C state quarterfinal game against Sandusky.

He probably won't ask to see reruns of Friday's semifinal between his team and Borgess, played in Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

Borgess sprinted to a 31-9 halftime lead and cruised in the second half to a 77-36 victory before 1,310 fans.

The win put the Spartans, 26-1 overall, in the finals for the fourth time in the last five years. They played the winner of Friday's other semifinal between Hancock and Shelby in the championship game Saturday.

This wasn't the same Borgess team Hoffman saw on film methodically beat Sandusky, 41-26, three days earlier.

"I thought coming in we had a shot based on what we saw on film," Hoffman said. "What we saw tonight. They didn't shoot a lick against Sandusky and tonight they shot the way they're capable of every night. We also saw tenacious half court defense."

Borgess made 30 of 47 (64 percent)

and limited the Comets to 10 of 44 (23 percent), including 2 of 14 in the first half.

Borgess enjoyed a 34-25 rebounding edge and had 14 steals that led to fast break points. Junior forward Tiffany Simon had a game high 19 points and senior forward Koren Merchant had 18 points on 8 of 9 shooting.

Senior guard Christina Anderson had 12 points and six assists and junior forward Sherman Drake had nine points and six steals.

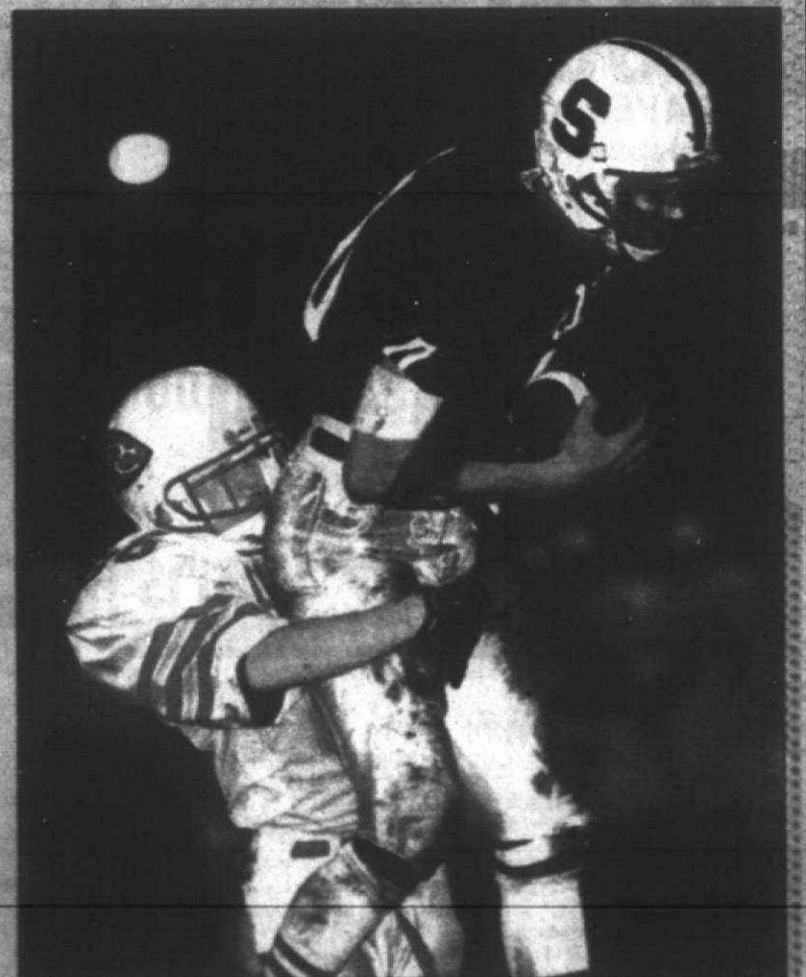
The Borgess attack was so strong it needed only six points and five rebounds from Miss Basketball Aiysha Smith.

Borgess has now beat its six playoff opponents by an average margin of 35.7 points. A 19-point win over Riverview Gabriel Richard in the region semifinal was the closest margin.

"I think we're the best team in the state so we should beat everybody by 35.7 points, I guess," said Merchant. "In practice, coach (Dave) Mann told us our motto was, 'in defense we trust.' If we don't make our shots its alright, just make sure they don't make one."

Candace Kool scored 11 points for the Comets, which finished 23-4 overall.

## All Observer



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**Salem star:** Plymouth Salem safety/wide receiver Jeff McKian, seen catching a pass while defended by Canton's Jason Carson applies the tackle, was named to the All-Observer football team as a first-team defender. For more on McKian and the rest of the All-Observer selections, turn to E6.

Salem basketball from page E1

center whose improved strength and stamina should help him boost his numbers from last season (four points, three boards)...

Canton basketball from page E1

improvement as the year goes on. We'll build as the season goes and hopefully, we'll be able to compete by season's end...

College hoops from page E1

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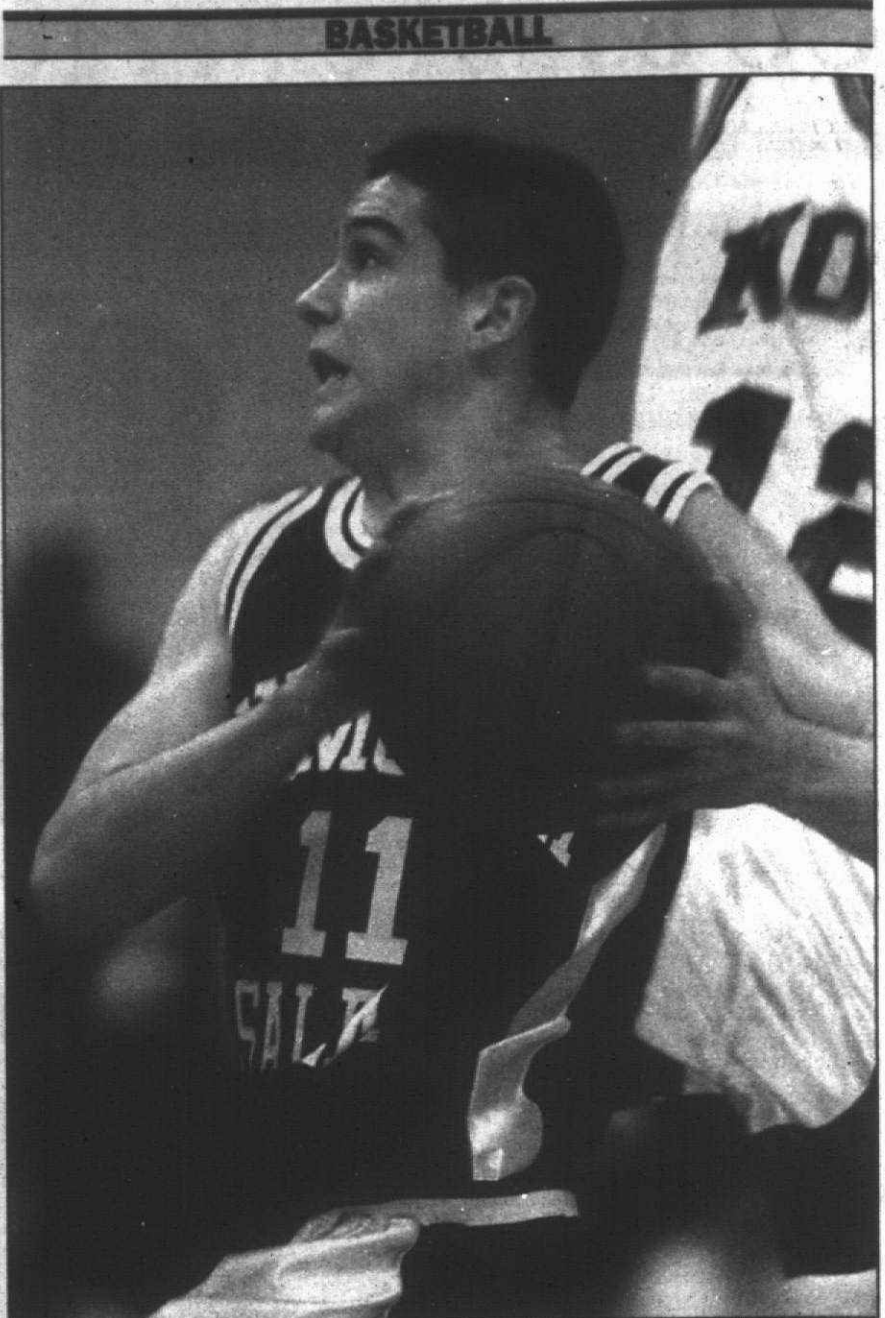
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On a mission: Matt Mair averaged seven points and two assists a game last year. With the aid of a strong team, the Rocks could be even better than last season's 18-6 team.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer refs: New soccer referee training will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 at the Canton Township Hall...

Hockey contest: Red Wing fans, take notice. MediaOne and ESPN have joined forces to bring the Hockeyman contest to Michigan...

United soccer: The Michigan United U13 boys of the Wayne-Westland Soccer Club took first place in their open select division for the fall season...

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team opened its season with a victory Friday by trouncing Hazel Park, 46-21.

LHA Ducks win: The Livonia Hockey Association Mite Ducks won their divisional Farmington Hills Thanks Giving Tournament on Nov. 30.

Cage Champs: The St. Colette Cougars won the St. Robert Bellimine Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 30.

Tennis: Livonia residents Brady Crosby (boys 14), Erin Mazzoni (girls 12) and Kristen Palombo (girls 14) were invited to attend the United States Tennis Association Training Center (USTA) from September until May.

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# State champions dominate All-Area team

BY DAN O'LEARY  
STAFF WRITER

North Farmington's football program had struggled through losing seasons in recent years, but the Raiders came roaring back in 1997.

After finishing 1-8 a year ago, North Farmington rebounded with a 6-3 record this year.

It was the school's first winning season since 1991 and a fitting farewell to coach Jim O'Leary, who retired after 15 years as head coach.

O'Leary has been named Observerland Coach of the Year for the job he did getting the Raiders turned around this year.

"I couldn't have written a better script unless we had won one more game," O'Leary said. The Raiders would have made the Class A playoffs if they had. "We had a winning season with a team no one expected to have a winning season. The kids played as hard as they could and believed in themselves. It was a great group of seniors to graduate with."

O'Leary, 55, will continue to teach biology classes at North. He coached football there for 33 years and had a 75-61 record as a varsity head coach.

Observerland can boast of having the Class A and AA state champions, and the coaches of those teams, John Herrington (Farmington Harrison) and Tom Mach (Redford Catholic Central), deserve recognition, too.

Herrington's Hawks (13-0) won the Class A crown and their eighth state title. Mach's Shamrocks (12-1) are the AA winners and five-time state champions.

**FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE**

**Brian Lewis, lineman, Harrison:** Lewis was a three-year starter on the offensive line, playing center the last two years, and called all of the blocking schemes.

He also started two years on defense, moving from end to tackle this year. Lewis had 83 total tackles and led the team with eight sacks. His last game, in the Silverdome for the state championship, might have been his best. He had eight tackles, stole the ball from a Midland Dow back to set up a TD and recovered another fumble.

"He was a great team leader; we could always count on him," coach John Herrington said. "He was a leader on and off the field. He always knew who to block and was very tough to move when playing defense."

**Noah Swartz, lineman, John Glenn:** Swartz was a devastating blocker and dominating player at offensive tackle. He made nearly every post-season honor team and will play college ball. Toledo has already offered a scholarship.

"He's one of the best linemen we've ever had at John Glenn," coach Chuck Gordon said. "He has good balance, quick feet. He just keeps getting better and better."

**Matt Lawson, lineman, Franklin:** Lawson was a two-tackle for the Patriots and a repeat selection on the All-Observer first team. He carries a 3.3 grade point and is destined to play college ball. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Toledo and Michigan State have expressed interest.

"He was the No. 1 guy on our team and one of the reasons we did have some success," coach Rick Lee said. "He was a lot more aggressive this year. He got after people; he was quicker and stronger."

**Mike Fisher, lineman, Harrison:** Fisher was a three-year starter at right tackle on offense and a major reason the Harrison offensive line was so effective and highly regarded by opposing coaches.

He was a force on defense, too. As a two-way tackle, Fisher helped make the Hawks strong against the run. He was fourth on the tackle chart (67) and third in sacks with six.

"He's a big-time prospect," Herrington said. "For a lineman, he could operate in the open field whether blocking or tackling. He was a captain who led by example, a very solid player."

**Don Slankster, tight end, Redford CC:** Slankster wasn't just a blocking tight end. He caught 28 passes for 485 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was second in scoring behind Chris Dzeweke.

"He probably made more big plays for us as a receiver than anyone I can remember," Mach said. "He made tremendous catches when we needed them. When we got down, we usually went to him; he was so reliable. His speed and hands really made him a threat."

**Ricky Bryant, wide receiver, Harrison:**

Bryant was Harrison's big-play, deep-pass threat. A three-year starter on offense, he had 42 receptions for 858 yards and nine touchdowns.

He also returned punts and kickoffs. He had a punt return for a TD and one rushing touchdown. He was third in scoring with 72 points.

Bryant has also started for two years at free safety. He was first in interceptions (five) and fifth in tackles (65).

"Overall, Ricky is the most talented player on our team," Herrington said. "I think he has a chance to make All-America next year. That's saying a lot. I know, but he has the talent. He'll be a four-year starter, and not even John Miller did that."

(Miller played four years on the varsity from 1981-84 but didn't start as a freshman.)

**Justin Villanueva, end, Clarenceville:** He caught 26 passes for 919 yards and eight touchdowns. He also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and averaged 27 yards per kick return, 19 on punts.

Villanueva was an outside linebacker on defense and made 36 tackles.

"He's an electrifying football player," coach Chuck Donaldson said. "He was a threat to go all the way every time he touched the ball. He mixes size with speed; he's 6-foot-4 and runs well."

**Eric Jones, wide receiver, John Glenn:** There was no such thing as a sophomore jinx for Jones, who made 38 catches for 597 yards and six touchdowns.

"He was excellent at catching the ball in traffic," Gordon said. "He was a key guy on our team; he was a game-breaker. He just got better as the year went along."

**Jared Hopkins, quarterback, Harrison:** Hopkins was a three-year varsity player who became a starter this year and performed as well as Harrison quarterbacks before him, leading the Hawks to an eighth state championship.

He completed 59 percent of his passes (100 of 169) for 1,691 yards and 19 touchdowns. His TD pass to interception ratio was nearly 3-to-1 with just seven picks.

"He had an outstanding senior year, and he was a good team leader," Herrington said. "He was very good at throwing out of the pocket. He handled the offense well and made some excellent automatic calls."

**Adam Tubero, quarterback, CC:** Tubero also stepped into a starting role as a senior and led the Shamrocks to a state championship. CC was more of a passing team, too, with Tubero throwing for 1,229 yards and 17 touchdowns with only five interceptions. He completed 86 of 163 pass attempts for 53 percent. Tubero also rushed for 223 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's like an extra coach on the staff," Mach said. "He does such a fine job of leading and setting an example for the rest of the team. He has all the qualities to become a good quarterback in college. He made plays when we had to have them."

**Reggie Spearmon, back, John Glenn:** Spearmon carried the ball 219 times for 1,259 yards and 11 touchdowns. It was his second-straight season over 1,000 yards. He also caught 13 passes for 100 yards. Spearmon played defense, too.

"We ask an awful lot of our tailback," Gordon said. "He rarely came off the field. He played well all the way around for us."

**Chris Dzeweke, back, Redford CC:** Dzeweke filled the role of the hard-running back in CC's ground-oriented offense and was the go-to guy for most of the season. He rushed for 1,025 yards and 13 touchdowns on 233 carries.

"Chris gave us a strong, inside running game," Mach said. "He upheld that tradition of a strong fullback at CC. He did a tremendous job, showing toughness, getting an extra yard when we needed it."

**Anthony Grech, back, Franklin:** A three-year varsity player, Grech broke six school rushing records. He set career standards for rushing attempts (527) and yardage (2,563), season marks for carries (218) and yards (1,141) and single-game records for carries (36) and yards (222).

He has the third-longest touchdown run in school history (80 yards). Grech rushed for seven touchdowns this year and had one receiving touchdown. He also had 1,432 all-purpose yards.

"He was our most explosive back since Joe Ransley," Lee said. "He worked hard to get ready for his senior year and was very dedicated."

**Kirk Moundros, back, N. Farmington:** Moundros set a single-season rushing record with 1,399 yards and 13 touchdowns on 226 carries, breaking Todd Anderson's mark of 1,353 yards.

He also returned kicks and punts, caught 16 passes and set another single-season record with 2,041 yards in total offense. His two-year total of 3,254 all-purpose yards is a career record, too.

"He was the difference this year on offense," O'Leary said. "After the first game, everybody knew who was going to get the ball, and teams still had a difficult time stopping him."

"He was a great team player. He never cared about individual stats; he had no idea, until the end of the year, he was close to any kind of record. He just went out and played the game like it's supposed to be played."

**Brett Foster, lineman, Harrison:** Foster, the strongest player on the Harrison team, started at left guard and defensive end.

He's a former fullback who volunteered to fill a need on offense as a sophomore.

Foster was tough against the run, finishing third with 71 tackles. He also recovered a fumble for a key touchdown in the WAAA championship game and had an interception.

"He was outstanding at pulling and blocking on the corner," Herrington said. "As a defensive end, he was very tough to move. His technique was excellent."

**Chuck Spolsky, lineman, Redford CC:** Spolsky was a two-year starter who played offensive guard and defensive tackle. He had 58 tackles (20 solos) and five sacks. His interception in the state final led to CC's first touchdown in a 23-7 victory.

"He was a great two-way player," Mach said. "He has great quickness and tenacity; a couple times he almost dominated the game. He played much bigger than he was. He did a heckuva job against people who outweighed him."

**Matt Struble, lineman, Harrison:** Struble became a two-way starter this year and played well on both sides of the ball as an offensive guard and defensive end.

He made it difficult for opposing backs to get upfield, stringing out a play to the sideline. He made 65 tackles and was second in sacks (seven).

"He comes from a family of good football players," Herrington said. "He was the smallest of our linemen but did an outstanding job. He could stop the screen pass and was a good pass rusher. He stayed home to handle the reverse and counters."

**Mike Carroll, lineman, Redford CC:** Carroll was a tough, aggressive player at defensive end and a major reason the Shamrocks were so good on defense again. He made 82 total tackles (21 solos), including six sacks.

"He has great speed, a nose for the ball and great tenacity," Mach said. "He doesn't know when to say quit. You've got to love a guy like him who wants to get to the ball that bad. He chases guys down and does whatever is necessary to get the job done."

**Sean Heard, linebacker, John Glenn:** Heard was his team's leading tackler for the second year in a row with 61 first hits and 63 assisted tackles.

A three-year varsity player, he also played some fullback on offense, rushing for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's a very smart player who really knows the game," Gordon said. "He's tough, physical and a good blocker."

**Mike Hoad, linebacker, Harrison:** Hoad was his team's leading tackler with 95 total hits (56 solos) and three sacks. He also had two interceptions.

Hoad has started for two years at tight end, making 15 receptions for 326 yards and five touchdowns this year.

"We think he's one of the best linebackers we've ever had," Herrington said. "He has tremendous sense for where the ball is going. He's one of our toughest hitters on defense — and he's coming back!"

**Sean Clark, linebacker, N. Farmington:** Clark was the leading tackler in Oakland County with 70 solo stops and 61 assists. His 268 defensive points broke a 25-year-old team record (210).

He also had five sacks, blocked two kicks, caused four fumbles, recovered two fumbles and had one interception. He started for three years on the offensive line.

"When he steps on the field, he's totally different," O'Leary said. "He's not the mild-mannered kid I see in the hallway or classroom. He's totally focused."

"He's probably the best linebacker I've ever coached because of his dedication. His knowledge of football, the amount of time spent studying film, is beyond anything we've had."

**Joe Sgroi, linebacker, Redford CC:** Sgroi was the heart of the CC defense at middle linebacker, leading the Shamrocks to a 102 tackles. He was a blocking back on offense but also carried 23 times for a 7.1 average and one touchdown. Sgroi was CC's long snapper, too.

"When he hits you, he hits you with great authority," Mach said. "He was the emotional leader on defense. He's also a very intelligent player. He made the calls on the field and the adjustments to different formations teams would give us."

**Brett Burleson, linebacker, Salem:** Burleson was a three-year starter and a three-time, all-division player. He led the Rocks with 98 total tackles from his middle linebacker position. As a fullback, he rushed for 264 yards on 56 carries.

"He's one of the few three-year starters we've had (in 25 years)," coach Tom Moshimer said, adding Burleson was the captain of the front seven. "He had to read formations and get us in the right places. He'll certainly be hard to replace after three solid years."

**Brett Wells, linebacker, Churchill:** Wells was his team's leading tackler with 53 first hits and 30 assisted tackles. He also played tight end and made 12 receptions for 223 yards and three touchdowns. Wells caught the attention of recruiters and will likely play some college football.

"Any improvement we made is largely attributable to Brett," coach John Filiaut said. "He anchored our defense and was our go-to guy on offense."

**Zack Cornwell, back, Harrison:** Cornwell, who played quarterback as a freshman and golf as a sophomore, returned to football as a junior and became a two-way starter as a senior.

As the monsterback, he had 38 tackles and four interceptions. As a fullback, he



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Reggie Spearmon Westland John Glenn



Chris Dzeweke Catholic Central



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## FOOTBALL

### 1997 ALL-OBSERVER FOOTBALL TEAM

#### LINEMEN

Sr. Brian Lewis (6-1, 250) Farm. Harrison  
Sr. Noah Swartz (6-5, 288) John Glenn  
Sr. Matt Lawson (6-6, 290) Liv. Franklin  
Sr. Mike Fisher (6-3, 285) Farm. Harrison

#### TIGHT END

Sr. Don Slankster (6-3, 225) Redford CC

#### WIDE RECEIVER

Jr. Ricky Bryant (6-1, 155) Farm. Harrison  
Sr. Justin Villanueva (6-4, 190) Clarenceville  
Soph. Eric Jones (5-11, 183) John Glenn

#### QUARTERBACKS

Sr. Jared Hopkins (6-3, 200) Harrison  
Sr. Adam Tubero (6-2, 198) Redford CC

#### RUNNING BACKS

Jr. Reggie Spearmon (5-9, 175) Wd. Glenn  
Sr. Chris Dzeweke (6-1, 225) Redford CC  
Sr. Anthony Goch (5-9, 185) Liv. Franklin  
Sr. Kirk Moundros (6-2, 205) North Farm.

#### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jr. Brett Foster (6-1, 205) Farm. Harrison  
Sr. Chuck Spolsky (5-11, 200) Redford CC  
Sr. Matt Struble (6-2, 195) Farm. Harrison  
Sr. Mike Carroll (6-1, 215) Redford CC

#### LINEBACKERS

Sr. Sean Heard (5-10, 225) John Glenn  
Jr. Mike Hoad (6-1, 200) Farm. Harrison  
Sr. Sean Clark (5-11, 215) N. Farmington  
Sr. Joe Sgroi (6-0, 215) Redford CC  
Sr. Brett Wells (6-2, 215) Liv. Churchill  
Sr. Brett Burleson (6-0, 190) Ply. Salem

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Sr. Zack Cornwell (5-10, 175) Harrison  
Sr. Joe Jonna (6-0, 180) Redford CC  
Sr. Jeff McKian (6-4, 185) Ply. Salem

#### SECOND TEAM

#### LINEMEN

Jr. Rob Alderton (6-0, 210) Redford Union  
Sr. Mike Davidson (6-0, 215) Redford CC  
Sr. Chris Gadjev (6-0, 240) Farm. Harrison  
Ben Yowell (6-1, 235) Farmington  
Tim Baron (5-8, 205) Red. Thurston  
Kyle DiRatta (5-11, 172) Lutheran Wid.  
Kevin Mrozka (6-1, 240) Ply. Canton

#### TIGHT END

Ryan Tobin (6-1, 175) Liv. Stevenson

#### QUARTERBACK

Justin Berent (6-6, 200) John Glenn

#### RUNNING BACKS

Chris Ghannam (5-7, 175) Harrison  
Soph. Mike Maccek (6-0, 215) Red. Union  
Sr. Chris Opalka (6-0, 230) St. Agatha  
Walter Ragland (6-1, 195) Clarenceville  
Sr. Jake Hatten (5-11, 172) Lutheran Wid.  
Kevin Jordan (6-0, 180) Red. Borgess  
Cameron Mingo (5-9, 175) Wayne  
Nick Dedelko (6-0, 190) Red. Thurston

#### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Bryan McGhee (6-1, 235) Harrison  
Ahwar Crutchfield (5-7, 175) Salem  
John Abshire (6-1, 190) Redford CC  
Leu Willoughby (6-0, 230) Redford CC

#### LINEBACKERS

Casey Rogowski (6-3, 215) Redford CC  
Matt Walker (6-2, 200) Farm. Harrison

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Kareem Smartt (6-0, 165) Harrison  
Dave Lusky (6-2, 195) Redford CC  
Charlie Leverenz (6-0, 185) Wayne

#### PUNTER

Jason Hamilton (6-1, 180) Redford CC

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim O'Leary-North Farmington High School

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS

Observers: Chris Goins, Dave Tur, Jason Sgroi, John VanBuren, Dan Shay, Chris Fratello; Franklin: Bryan Regner, R.J. Sibus, John Furmanski; Churchill: Vinnie Mascione, Nick DePerro, David Deriglottis, Brad Kearney, Corey Cook; John Glenn: Mike Thour, Louis Krause, Ryan Franks, Matt Biddinger, Chet Rees, Eric Goldstein; Wayne: Terry Turner, Jim Colaninno; Clarenceville: Tim Atkins, Josh Fritsch, Sean Rosa, John Schifman, John Wallace; Livonia: Scott Archer, Jason Smith, Matt Meyer, Bob Fox; Farmington: Paul Richardson, Nick Colson, Steve Economy, Mark Ostach; Harrison: Jason Gross, Joe Ghanam, Tom Salley; N. Farmington: Matt St. Charles, Amran Gowani, Sam Taylor, Tom Moran, Nathan Boji, Mike Sitto; Salem: Charlie Schmidt, Eric Johnson, Teono Wilson, Jason Lukasik, Mike Fair, Tony Bernhardt, Andy Kocopoulos; Redford: Brian Papajoy, Nick Allen, Eric Musser, Brian Musser, Corey Reddon; Redford CC: Nick Moshimer, Hazen Longhouser, Scott Gerold; Redford Union: Eric Johnson, Adrian Beaver, Nick Vaghy, Clint Grotz, Matt Rigley; St. Agatha: Tyson Moshimer, Tim Kennedy, Wesley Shaw, Michael Manar; Redford CC: Nick Brazinski, Steve Sash, Justin Cassante, Brock Nayman, Brandon City, Mike Wrobel, Chris Barner, Matt Carter