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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holiday closings: Canton Township offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. Offices in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26.

■ **Administrative offices** at Summit on the Park will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 as well. The community center will be open to the public for swimming and other activities 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 24.

■ **The Canton Public Library** will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. The library will re-open at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26. Regular weekend hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be in effect Saturday and Sunday.

■ **Regular garbage pickups** will be made on Christmas Eve day. Pickups normally scheduled for Thursday will be made Friday, Dec. 26.

■ **The board and administrative offices** for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24, until Monday, Jan. 5.

MONDAY

Stocking stuffer: Summit on the Park gift certificates are available for purchase in "stocking stuffer" denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20. Also available are individual or family annual pass gift certificates for new annual passes or renewals. For information, call 397-5110.

WEDNESDAY

Early edition: Your Canton Observer will be delivered a day ahead of schedule this week. Look for the paper on your doorstep or at the store by Wednesday afternoon.

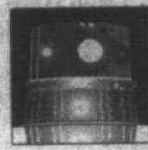
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Family searches for missing girl



BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A 13-year-old Canton girl has been missing since Dec. 8, when she was last seen by a Central Middle School teacher about 3:15 p.m. as she and a friend walked along Plymouth Road, near Unisys.

A Canton police report originally listed Jennifer McCraw's disappearance as

Police considered Jennifer McCraw a runaway when her disappearance was first reported. But concerned family members - who haven't heard from her in almost two weeks - have hired a private investigator.

that of a runaway, although after almost two weeks, her guardian and police are concerned something may have gone wrong.

"A runaway usually comes back, or has contact with someone within 24 hours," said police spokesman Officer Leonard Shemanske.

"But to say there was foul play involved, there's no way I can answer

that," he added.

"We do not have any fresh information at this point," he said.

McCraw's friend, a 13-year-old from Plymouth, was also reported missing by her parents. The Observer was unable to confirm the Plymouth girl's whereabouts Friday.

Family members said McCraw still hadn't contacted them as of 7 p.m. Friday.

According to Statewide private investigator Jerry Borycz, there have been sightings in Livonia and Westland of the two girls. There was one call made

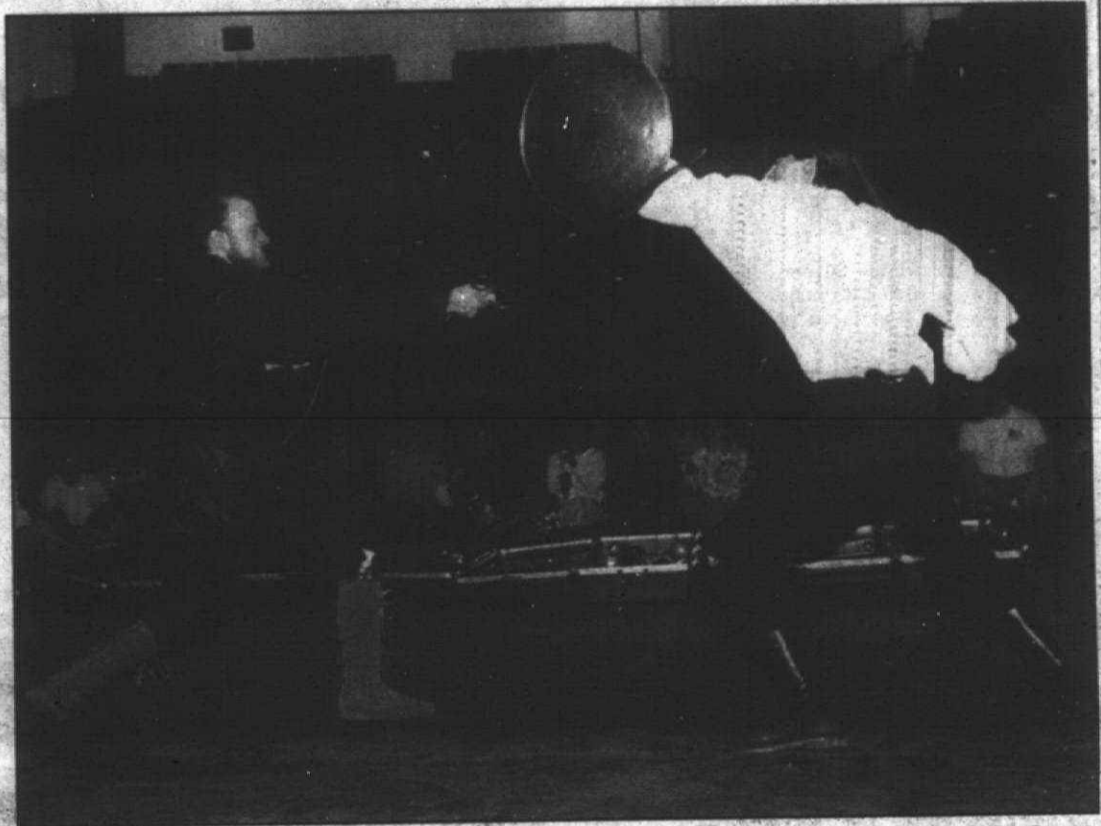


Please see MISSING, A4 Jennifer McCraw

When swordplay is just part of the lesson plan



Age of agility: Ken Lipka and Dave Dragan demonstrate theatrical sword fighting with broadswords in the auditorium at Plymouth Salem High School. Pictured above (from left) are Brandon Anulewicz, Ryan Andrews, Paul Heyniger, Matt Foland and Mike Roberson, who are constructing a model castle.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRENLER

PCEP students 'travel' to medieval era

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

En garde! Blades flashing, swash-buckling humanities students at Salem High School swished, clanked and crossed swords during Medieval Arts Day in the school's auditorium and cafeteria Wednesday.

The sword fighting display - which included rapiers, broad swords and quarter staves - and group lessons

were put on by instructors from Rain of Steel, an educational organization of 70 members dedicated to promoting and performing the art of stage violence.

The Three Musketeers couldn't have done any better than these students ... well, maybe just a bit. Canton High School senior Shon Chakrabarti, 16, of Canton had a difficult time looking fierce as he raised

his broad sword over his partner's head. He couldn't stop smiling.

"My partner was making me laugh," he said. "It was lots of fun. Holding the sword was cool. I could get into this."

Fierceness didn't come easily for Canton senior Stacey Kahn, 17, of Plymouth Township either, even though she's had experience handling Japanese swords. On Wednesday,

her weapon of choice was the rapier, which is a slimmer blade than the broad sword.

"The wrist action is more circular. I felt pretty meek because my wrist doesn't like to turn," she said. "And besides, I wore a bracelet."

Krista Dragan, 17, of Canton was recruited by Rain of Steel last year,

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Goodfellow campaign aids 101 Canton families

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

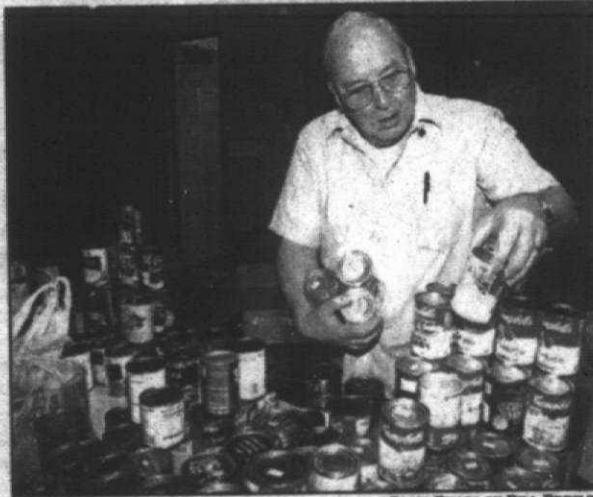
There were 101 needy families nestled in their beds last night with visions of Canton Goodfellows dancing in their heads.

Toys and food baskets were hand-delivered to the Canton families yesterday, marking another Christmas that may not have come without the help of the Goodfellows.

They lived up to their mission once again - ensuring that no child goes without a Christmas.

It was a monthlong drive to collect toys, food and nonperishable items with the help of numerous businesses that served as drop-off sites and donors and, of course, the hundreds of individuals who gave to the worthy cause.

The Goodfellows raised \$3,700 during their Dec. 6 newspaper sale and signed up 22 members to its new "Friends of the Goodfellows" campaign, which required a \$100 donation, although many gave more.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENLER

"We got wonderful donations this year. People were very generous, but with 101 families, we're thinner on food than we wanted to be," said Goodfellow president Nancy Spencer.

"Everyone will get a Christmas dinner," she added.

Basket maker: Goodfellow volunteer Art Winkel sorts through items in a meeting room at the Canton Public Library. The holiday gift baskets were distributed Saturday.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, an army of volunteers - from teenagers to members of the Canton Seniors Club - wrapped toys and organized food baskets for each of the 101 families.

They worked in assembly line production in the Canton Public Library meeting room among tables of canned goods and other food items that needed sorting. Donations were still coming in Wednesday afternoon from those who adopted families.

Employees from the Kmart Distribution Center at Haggerty and Joy unloaded a truck full of toys donated by the 600 employees.

"They donated about \$2,000 worth of toys and 180 children were adopted by the associates at DC," said Donna Smith, a warehouse worker and member of the Canton Goodfellows. The Super Kmart donated 100 baskets.

"I'm very proud of them this year," Smith said.

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Speaker: Solid workplace culture a key to success

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Spend time with David Brandon and you might get the idea that profits are way down on his list - coming in behind the happiness of 1,200 employees at Valassis Communications.

No so.

The financial performance of the Livonia-based coupon printer and supplier goes hand-in-hand with Brandon's belief in building a workplace cul-

ture that draws - and holds onto - top talent in the field. Who you hire, how you hire them and how you treat them once they're on the job are keys to success in any business, Brandon told about 125 guests Thursday at the Canton Economic Club's quarterly luncheon.

"We really believe in this thing called

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culture, the environment we create for our employees to do business," said Brandon, Valassis president and CEO since 1989. Brandon is a Plymouth Township resident.

That's why when you walk into Valassis' new corporate headquarters in the I-275 corridor you'll find lots of open space and premium views for

employees, along with atypical office amenities including a 24-hour teller machine, health club, "family room," and even areas for a doctor's office and hair salon.

Valassis has been included for a second time by "Fortune Magazine" in its list of 100 best companies to work for in America. The company also made the list when it was first published in 1993.

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Road talks delay Beck paving work

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

The paving of Beck Road from Geddes to Michigan Avenue won't begin next spring, even though developers agreed to pick up the \$800,000 costs.

That project and another gravel stretch of Beck Road from Cherry Hill to Ford, also expected to cost \$800,000, were scheduled on the 1998 bond program by the Wayne County Road Department.

Both road projects would complete the paving of Beck Road from Joy to Michigan Avenue providing an alternate north-south route through Canton Township.

However, the plans have been delayed for another year by the county since Canton officials are considering a takeover of county roads in a long-running dispute over state gas tax funds.

"We're not going to be bond indebted over roads that may not be in our jurisdiction," said Alan Richardson, deputy director of engineering for the county.

Even if developers agreed to pick up the entire costs, they couldn't be able to get the appropriate permits because the designs are on hold until it's determined who will have jurisdiction over the road, he said.

The county would pay 80 percent of the costs under its bond program. Canton Township or

Bond dispute prompts protest

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

A small group of mothers picketed property - represented by Realtor Jerry Vorva - Thursday morning in opposition to his determination to take the school bond issue to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

"We want people who buy these condos to know that they will have to be able to afford to send their children to private schools because of the continuing appeal," said picketer and Plymouth resident Sheryl Khoury.

"I'm just trying to inform his customers," said Khoury, explaining the picket. Vorva, a former state representative and Plymouth resident, brought the sale of \$79.6 million of school bonds to a halt when he filed suit against the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools shortly after the March 22 special bond election.

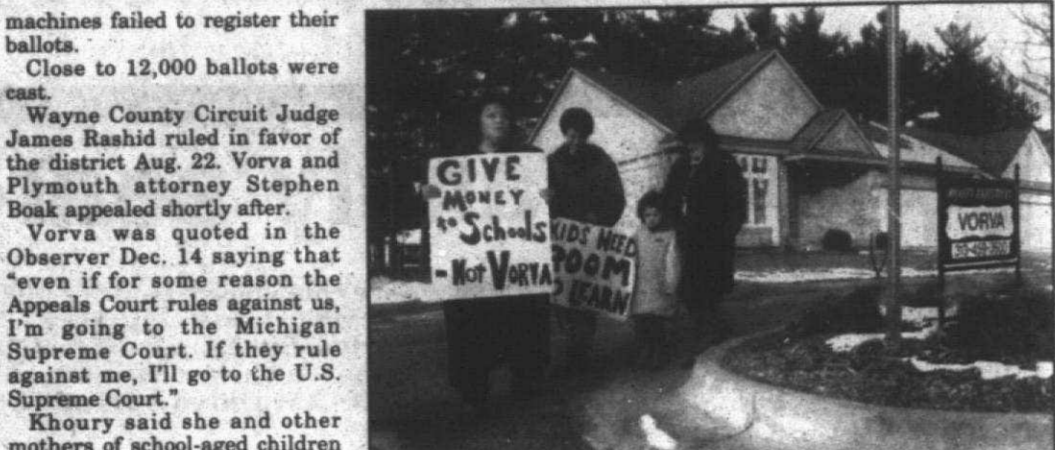
Vorva claimed that 716 voters were denied their fundamental right to vote because the district's new touch-screen voting machines failed to register their ballots.

Close to 12,000 ballots were cast. Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid ruled in favor of the district Aug. 22. Vorva and Plymouth attorney Stephen Bosk appealed shortly after.

Vorva was quoted in the Observer Dec. 14 saying that "even if for some reason the Appeals Court rules against us, I'm going to the Michigan Supreme Court. If they rule against me, I'll go to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Khoury said she and other mothers of school-aged children are concerned about delays in the sale of bonds and subsequent delays in the construction of a new high school and elementary school.

As long as the mothers didn't trespass, Vorva said he doesn't mind them picketing. "That's great. They have to walk around in the mud. I should tell them where my other properties are. They can picket and have the photograph taken. It will help me sell. That's free advertising,"



UPSET: Sheryl Khoury (from left), Kim Forester and daughter Julia, and a woman who preferred to remain anonymous picketed condos sold by local Realtor and political gadfly Jerry Vorva.

Vorva, who works for Realty Executives in Plymouth. Vorva said his appeals brief will be dropped off at the Michigan Court of Appeals before Christmas, with a hope that the court will hear the appeal sometime in January.

"It's not my fault if they think there are delays. The schools can go ahead and sell the bonds. They are not enjoined from doing so," he added.

through and concluded: "The changes are second only to those between birth and one year."

"Sale and distribution is not a mistake," said Davis.

Tom Owens, principal of Pioneer Middle School, said there have been no incidents of sale or distribution of drugs in the middle schools so far this year. During the 1996-97 school year, 33 students were suspended for substance abuse.

"Of that number, only three students repeated the offense," he said. Franklin said the current code of conduct allows for the appropriate accountability in middle school. She said expulsion should be the "last option, not the first."

Barbara Church, principal of Central Middle School, spoke about a sixth-grader who brought chopped-up leaves to school. Several students reported that he had marijuana. "If this child had given other students some of these leaves, he would have been distributing," said Church, adding that the student has never repeated the incident after counseling and parent involvement.

When board member Lis Gibbons proposed giving middle school administrators the option to expel a student on the first offense, Franklin said they already had that option, but "it would be based on a broader picture of that child, consistent disobedience."

Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman cautioned against too much undocumented flexibility and said rules and specific interventions need to be consistent to avoid risking liability for "unfair treatment."

Davis said she agreed to maintain the current code of conduct for middle school students but questioned the design of the mandatory intervention program for a drug-related offense. The program currently consists of a two-hour monthly meeting with parents and counselors.

District looks at revising drug policy

BY RENEE SHOGLUND STAFF WRITER

When it comes to punishment for sale or distribution of drugs, or drug look-alikes, middle school students should be treated differently than high school students, who are expelled for a first offense. Middle schoolers need a second chance.

That was the unanimous recommendation middle school administrators made to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools school board at its regular meeting Dec. 16. The recommendation came during a discussion about possibly aligning the student code of conduct for middle school and high school. The board eventually accepted the recommendation.

The current 1997-98 code of conduct for first offense for sale or distribution of drugs in the middle school calls for a five-day suspension, a mandatory intervention program and police involvement. A second offense calls for expulsion.

Sue Davis, the board's vice president, asked for an interpretation of the developmental differences between the two age groups. "What makes a middle school kid different in their

Changes in the student code of conduct mean more lenient treatment for middle school students caught selling or distributing drugs. Tougher high school penalties, including expulsion for a second offense, would remain intact.

knowledge of drugs and alcohol than a high school student?" she asked.

Elision Franklin, principal of East Middle School, said middle school students are evolving from a parent-centered to peer-centered environment. "It is in that transfer that children make mistakes in judgment," Franklin enumerated the physical, social and cognitive changes middle school-age children go

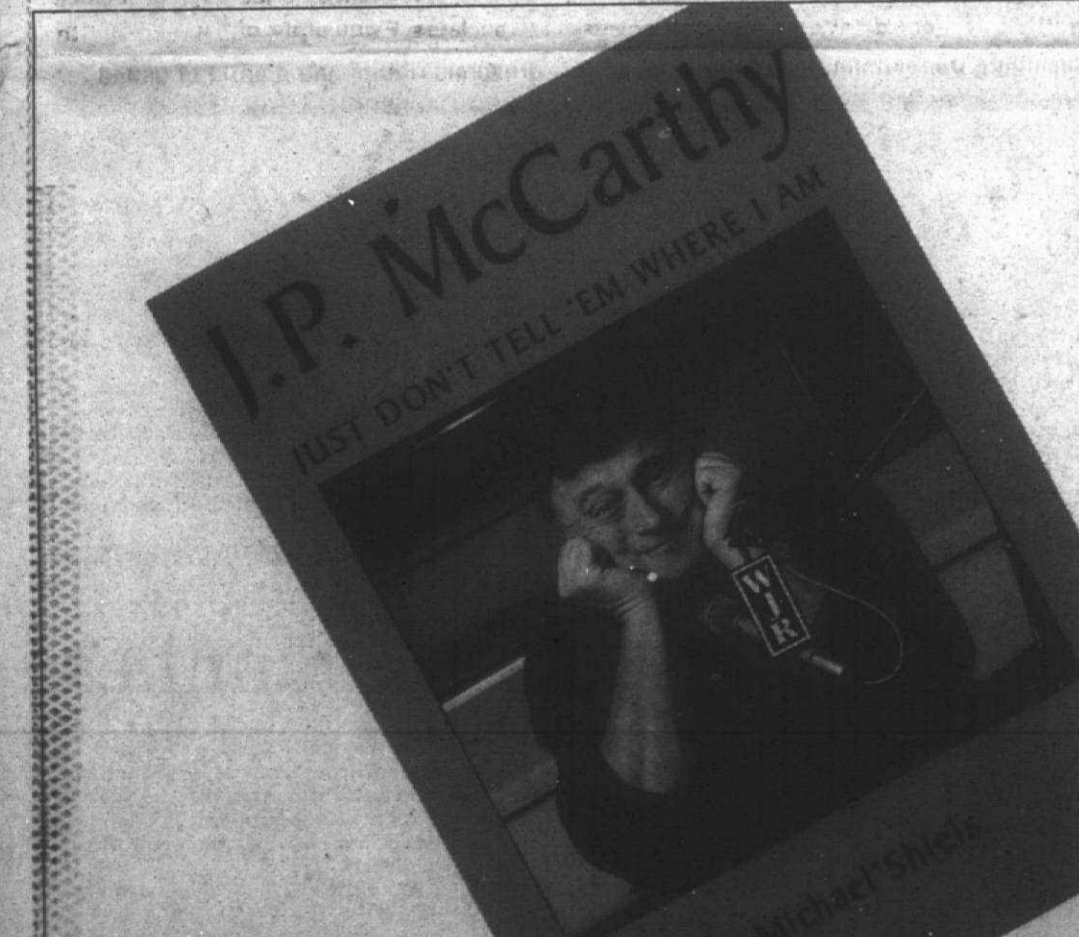
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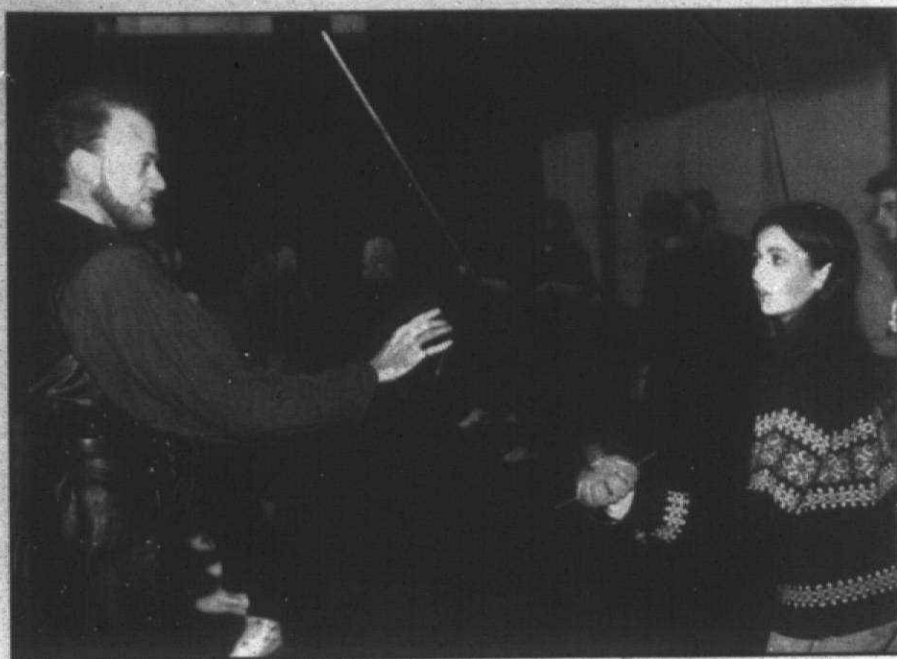
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En garde: Ken Lipka teaches Diana Riley the finer points of handling a rapier.



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Medieval studies from page A1

when she was a student at Canton High School. (She's in the process of enrolling at Starkweather.) Dragun was part of the demonstration and staged a dramatic sword fight with her partner, besting him in the end. She said her association with Rain of Steel has changed her life. "I was very shy when I joined. I kind of lurked in a corner. This has brought me out. Look, I'm wearing tights in my old school. This brings out a whole new side of me. They helped me to be on stage. This really expands what I do."

is like martial arts, but the object is not to hurt your partner, but to give a good show." Barbeau's sword fighting lessons were interspersed with some historical trivia. He told the students that in the 15th and 16th centuries, citizens could not carry rapiers over 44 inches long. To do so risked having the rapier broken down to proper size by a constable. He also told them more than one-third of all English knights were killed in sword fights during this time period. Barbeau and his instructors emphasized safety while feigning an actual sword fight: maintaining a sword-point distance of at least six inches from a partner's chest; moving simultaneously; aiming for certain parts of the

body, like the deltoids or outer legs; and mastering some choreography. When a student remarked that the sword blades weren't sharp, Barbeau had a quick reply. "When it's traveling at 100 miles per hour at your head, it doesn't matter if it is sharp. It caves your head in." Humanities teachers Cynthia Burnstein, Maribeth Carroll, Susan Welker, Gerta Burnside and Lauren Pearson spent a month organizing Medieval Arts Day. In addition to sword fighting, the learning event included heraldry, calligraphy, brass rubbing and castle-building. "They love it," said Pearson about the sword fighting. "It fits in with the other activities. It's a great hands-on activity for kids to participate in the Medieval Arts project." Rain of Steel can be contacted at (313) 996-1886.

Canton robbery suspects charged in Livonia holdup

Two Detroit men suspected of a Monday night armed robbery at the Total gas station at Ford and Canton Center also are being charged with a Nov. 26 holdup in Livonia. They were arraigned Wednesday in Livonia's 16th District Court and again on Thursday before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald on armed robbery charges. A third man was also charged in the Canton holdup. A preliminary exam is set for Dec. 26.

The alleged gunman, Anthony Smith, 25, is being held on \$100,000 cash bond after being charged with armed robbery, felony firearm and being an habitual offender. He faces life behind bars if convicted. Willie Carroll, 21, is being held on \$10,000 cash bond on one charge of armed robbery and a second charge of carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle. Canton police spokesman Leonard Shemanske said Carroll was the driver in the Monday holdup.

Bail was set at 10 percent of a \$5,000 surety bond for the third suspect, Sherron Franklin, 21, also of Detroit. Franklin was charged with one count of armed robbery. Police said two men wearing hockey masks robbed the Total gas station about 11:44 p.m. Monday. One was armed with a shotgun and ordered the clerk to

Police said two men wearing hockey masks robbed a Canton gas station Monday night. One was armed with a shotgun and ordered the clerk to open the register.

open the register. The clerk was shoved in a bathroom. The two were among three men in a van Livonia officers pulled over on Six Mile near I-275 just before 1 a.m. Tuesday, about an hour after the Total station was robbed. The suspects in the Nov. 26 Livonia robbery, Carroll and Smith, were arraigned Wednesday on armed-robbery charges before 16th District Court Magistrate Dennis Epler. They each entered a not-guilty plea.

Carroll was also charged with using a firearm during a felony, while Smith, because of a 1992 drug conviction, was charged as an habitual offender. Epler set bond at \$250,000 cash or surety for each man. They are due back in district court Tuesday, Dec. 30, for a preliminary hearing. They were in the police lockup in Canton late Thursday. In the Livonia holdup, two men, both wearing masks, walked into the Mobil station at Six Mile and Farmington Road just before 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 26 and ordered the clerk to open the cash drawer. One held what was

described as a long-barreled rifle or shotgun. The men put the clerk in a closet and told him not to move for five or 10 minutes, a Livonia police report said. They left with about \$700.

Sgt. Todd Bredin, the detective in charge of the case, said one of the robbers was wearing a hockey mask, the other an unknown kind of mask. The holdup was captured on videotape. In a similar Livonia robbery, just after midnight on Dec. 10 at a Clark gas station at Eight Mile and Merriman, a man wearing a hockey mask and carrying a sawed-off shotgun took about \$150 and forced the clerk to go into a back room before he left. The clerk thought a second person was involved, but could not describe him or her.

About a half-hour before that robbery, a patrol officer had spotted men in a blue minivan hanging around the Clark station, a police report said. Knowing this, and about the Canton holdup, another officer began following the blue 1989 Chevrolet van the suspects were in before being arrested Tuesday.

Madonna student commutes to class from Minnesota

Madonna University student Teri Shingledecker kept a bag containing a blow dryer and hair spray at a residence hall on campus. But she doesn't live there. Shingledecker commuted to campus once a week. Instead the reservation agent for Northwest Airlines flew from St. Paul to Detroit on Sundays each week during the fall semester, then returned home every Tuesday after attending classes at Madonna.

She flew here for one purpose — to take classes with hopes of obtaining her four-year degree in Sign Language Studies. Madonna University remains the only four-year independent university to offer a bachelor of arts in sign language studies in the United States. "Initially, I thought I would move to Livonia, but this arrangement has been working out good so far," said Shingledecker. "I first became interested in sign language when I started working at a restaurant. There seem to be a lot of deaf people who came in there. Eventually, I began taking some sign language courses at a technical school in St. Paul." Shingledecker put her name on a waiting list to get into a two-year program in St. Paul but concluded that she did not want to wait to start her degree. "I decided to look at other schools that offered sign language programs. Important factors for me were the size of the school, if it offered a four-year degree and if Northwest was a hub," Shingledecker said. "In some of the materials Madonna University sent, there was a publication (Madonna Now) and it had an article about a Northwest flight attendant who went through the sign language studies program at Madonna and that kind of triggered something in me." As a reservation agent for Northwest, she can travel unlimited times on the airline and the only thing she is required to pay are the taxes. "Without working at North-



A long commute: Ken Rust, chair of the Sign Language Studies program at Madonna University, talks with student Teri Shingledecker. Shingledecker commuted from Hastings, Minn., to Madonna during the fall.

west I couldn't afford to fly every week. Northwest is definitely a family-oriented company." Each Monday of the 16-week semester of the fall term, Shingledecker flew out on the 6 a.m. flight from St. Paul to Detroit. She arrived in Detroit at 8:30

a.m. and attended classes from 10 to 10 p.m. That night, she stayed in the residence hall on campus. On Tuesday, she went to one class from 9 a.m. to noon and returned to the airport to fly back home to St. Paul. "Carol Rzemkowski, the resi-

dence hall director, has been real good about my situation. She lets me keep a big bag of stuff at the residence hall such as a blow dryer and hair spray. The residence hall has computer rooms already set up for students who don't live on campus during the semester." Shingledecker's situation is unique, but it is not unusual for students to come from different states to study sign language at Madonna University. Students attend from Texas, Massachusetts and Virginia, said Ken Rust, chair of the sign language studies program. Madonna University has been offering courses and programs of study in American Sign Language, deaf culture, deafness and interpreting since 1975. Shingledecker works about 30 hours a week and took 13 credit hours this past fall. Shingledecker learned something new every day in Rust's class which she found ironic. Because she had some sign language classes before coming to Madonna University, she was hoping to test out of SLS 100. "Ken said I could not, I was a little upset at the time and didn't understand why. Reflecting back, I now understand. Before I took that class I had a lot of misperceptions. "I get upset at the public misconceptions of deaf people, that sign language is no different than signing the English language and that deaf people should be able to understand and not need interpreters."

Shingledecker will not be commuting during the winter term but will return to Madonna for the spring term and at the end of that term, she is planning on re-evaluating the commuting and determining if she will put in for a transfer at Northwest. Her short-term goal is to stay with Northwest and serve as an interpreter for deaf people who are flying. Her long-term goal is to work in education. But for now her plan is to continue to commute and pursue her degree. "My only regret I have is I wish I would have done this a whole lot sooner," she said.

Area choral groups perform at Metro Airport

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport will be filled with more than just the usual sounds of the holiday hustle and bustle this week. A variety of choral groups and musicians from local high schools, churches and community organizations will be spreading their holiday cheer at Detroit Metro through Dec. 24. A choral group from Livonia Church Hill High School and a band from the Wayne-Westland branch of the Salvation Army will be among groups from Dearborn, Detroit, Lincoln Park and Taylor caroling for the enjoyment of passengers and airport visitors. This 6th Annual Holiday Music Program will treat airport visitors with performances by the Eastern Michigan University Gospel Choir, the Seaway

Chorale, the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, the County Connection, and the Detroit-based "4 Love" organization. Groups performing in the Smith Terminal can be heard by the Christmas tree between Concourses A and B. The Davey Terminal groups can be heard at the Northwest Airlines' baggage claim entrance near Concourse E. Passengers arriving and departing at the international terminal will be entertained from the departure level on the third floor. Special appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus will be made as they stroll through the decorated terminals delighting children with candy canes and coloring books. Church Hill will perform Christmas Eve from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Smith Terminal.

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by McCraw to a friend, who said she could hear yelling in the background. "They took no clothes, no money. That's strange. Whatever happened, happened that Monday in school," he said. The two girls were supposed to be in detention after school Dec. 8 as punishment for cutting second hour, said McCraw's aunt, Patricia Surratt, who is her legal guardian. The two girls never showed up. Physical education teacher Jean Pritchard saw the girls on Plymouth Road, near Unisys, but didn't think much of it at the time since many kids walk home from school, said principal Barbara Church.

"We've asked a lot of questions (of the students) at the request of the families. We broke into small groups and nobody knew where she would be. I think her friends were concerned enough that they would have told us," Church said. McCraw's teacher Kathy Meyers said, "Jen is always some-

body I look forward to seeing. She's very affable and outgoing." Meyers did notice a slight change in her behavior recently, but nothing out of the ordinary for a middle school student. "She's been an angel until the last month. She was happy, laughing all the time," said her aunt. "She changed from night to day." She did not know what caused the change in the teen's behavior. A week prior to her disappearance the Surratts filed a police report claiming she ran away from home. She had returned several hours later, Surratt said. In addition to hiring Borycz, the Surratts have been busy with the help of friends hanging fliers at area businesses in hopes someone may have seen her. McCraw is described by her aunt as looking much older than her age. She is 5 foot 7 inches tall, weighs 135-140 pounds and has natural wavy chin length brown hair and hazel eyes. There is a scar over her right eyebrow. Surratt described their relationship as "very close." Anyone with information is asked to call Canton police at 397-3000.

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OBITUARIES

ERICH LEE BLOUGH
Erich Lee Blough, 24, of Ann Arbor died Dec. 13 in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home in Canton. No services have been planned at this time.
He was born Feb. 18, 1973, in Traverse City. He was the only child of Virginia G. and the late Danny Lee Blough. He enjoyed basketball and collecting comic books. He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Virginia Belanger of Cedar, Mich.; his maternal grandfather, Lloyd E. Barnes of Gaylord; paternal grandparents, Albert and Geraldine Belanger of Lake Leelanau; several aunts, uncles and cousins.
Memorials may be made to the Erich Blough Scholarship Fund at Northern Michigan College.
VERA MAY RAYCROFT
A funeral Mass was held for Vera May Raycroft, 92, formerly of Plymouth, on Dec. 15 at the Church of the Nazarene in Howell, with the Rev. Donald Ault Jr. and the Rev. Wayne Brown officiating. The burial was in Sanford Cemetery in Cocheat.

Economic club from page A1

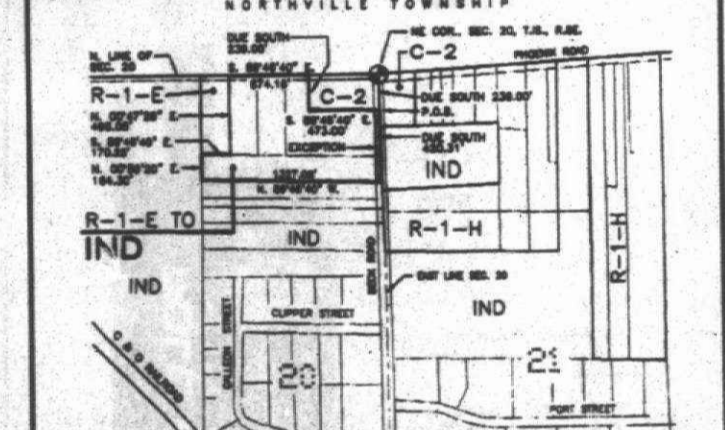
On the economic side of the ledger the now publicly held company has a net worth of \$1.3 billion, triple from 1979, when Brandon left Procter and Gamble to return to Michigan. (He is a 1974 University of Michigan graduate.) Valassis was trading at a 52-week high of 33 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange at Wednesday's close.
Brandon said the company seeks the top 5 percent of applicants to fill any opening. There is an eight-step hiring process. He said Valassis has experimented with psychological testing but he doesn't believe it is reliable.
Brandon's half-hour talk was filled with anecdotes and personalized business bromides including two favorites illustrating his management style: "Change is good" and "If it ain't broke, break it."
Brandon said once you hire the right people, a goal is to develop a workplace that represents the mid-point on the "stress curve," where there is enough creative tension to promote productivity but not create a negative atmosphere. He is a strong believer in employee participation at all levels. "Let employees participate in your success to get the idea across that they can take ownership in what you're doing," he said. "A company of owners will behave differently."
Mark McCauley, a senior vice president at Staples, said he was generally impressed with the speech. His office supply company already practices some of what Brandon preaches, McCauley said.
"Little things like sending out employee birthday cards. It's nice to see that kind of thing reinforced as something that will pay dividends in the long-run," he said.
Attorney Bob Thompson, who advises area foundations and other nonprofit groups, said developing that kind of relationship with employees makes sense.
In addition to his duties at Valassis, Brandon has established 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.
Thursday's appearance was Brandon's second before the Canton Economic Club. It was co-sponsored by Rudolph/Libbe and the Observer Newspapers.



Hitting home: Valassis president and CEO David Brandon makes a point during Thursday's speech to the Canton Economic Club. Brandon's talk centered on boosting a company's performance by ensuring the satisfaction of its employees. Valassis was ranked No. 67 in the top 100 best places to work by Fortune Magazine. The ranking was announced Friday morning.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.
THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
Part 1. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 96, attached hereto, and make part of this Ordinance.



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005-99-0005-000; 005-99-0005-000; 005-99-0004-000; 005-99-0005-000; 005-99-0005-005; 005-99-0002-005; 005-99-0002-003; 005-99-0008-001
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 20, T1S, R8E, Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the East line of Section 20, distant due South 239.00 feet from the NE section corner and proceeding thence due South 420.31 feet along said Section line, thence N. 89°46'40" W., 1327.09 feet, thence N. 0°59'20" E., 164.30 feet, thence S. 89°46'40" W., 170.25 feet; thence N. 00°47'28" E., 495.05 feet to the North line of Section 20; thence S. 89°46'40" E., 674.16 feet along said section line; thence due South 239.00 feet; thence S. 89°46'40" E., 473.00 feet to the Point of Beginning except the East 60.00 feet of the South 420.31 feet thereof. Containing 14.901 acres more or less including the right of way of 5 Mile Road.
ORDINANCE NO. 8391
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 96
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or part of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on January 16, 1998.
Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 154 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1945, at a meeting duly called and held on the 16th day of December 1997, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.
Adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 16, 1997
Effective Date: January 16, 1998
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.
The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 455-3840, ext. 3029.
At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling at the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone number: (313) 455-3840. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)
DONALD SPROGELL, Secretary
Planning Commission
Published December 21, 1997



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-03
CHAPTER 20
SUMMARY OF BUILDING CODE
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 20, BUILDING CODE, THIRTEENTH EDITION, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AS THE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, MOVING MAINTENANCE AND USE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
SECTION 1.
This Section amends Chapter 20, the Charter Township of Plymouth Building Code, as follows:
20.010. Adoption of Code. The BOCA National Building Code, Thirteenth Edition, 1996, is adopted by reference, with the additions, deletions, insertions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 20.020, et seq. of this Ordinance, as the Building Code of the Township.
20.020. Changes in Code. This Section provides for insertions, amendments and additions to the Code, including title, the appointment of the Building Official, the organization of the Building Department, the appointment of a Deputy Building Official, the making of reports, the preparation of rules, the establishment of a fee schedule, including a Building Clean Up Bond, and provides for prosecution, violation and penalties, and punishment for unlawful continuance, and provides for existing structures.
SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.
Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.
SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.
This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.
SECTION 4. REPEAL.
This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.
The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-03 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public review in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number 455-3840 X 224.
MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township
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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Christmas is going to the dogs ... and cats ...

Area pet supply stores say gifts for dogs and cats are high on the priority list for many families.

"Our business will jump 70-80 percent during the holidays," said John Agge, assistant store director for PetsMart at Six Mile and Haggerty. "I think a stocking for pets is almost standard anymore. It's very similar to marketing for children's gifts."

The situation is similar at Superpets in Westland.

"It gets absolutely crazy during the holidays," said Sasha Swanger, customer service manager. "It's amazing to see how much money people spend on their pets during this time of year."

Pet store operators say most of the gifts go to dogs and cats, with some others given to birds in the form of cages and treats.

"Business is great this time of year," added Gene Greed, director of sales and advertising for Pet Supplies Plus from his world headquarters office in Livonia, where he oversees stores in Livonia, Canton, Redford and Farmington Hills. "There are a lot of last-minute gifts for pets, just like for adults and kids, and people buy extra treats and toys for the holidays."

Many of the stores have entire aisles with holiday gifts, includ-



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ing candy-cane-striped rawhide bones, stockings full of pet goodies, Santa squeaky toys, and for cats, toys with catnip.

"Many people think about their pets first," said Greed. "They're attached to their pets because they are part of the family."

Also catalogs

Not only are local pet businesses thriving because of the holiday season, so are mail order catalog companies which cater to pet owners and their dogs.

"Pets have become more a part of the household," said Linda Krehmeyer, marketing media manager for Doctors Foster and

Smith, a dog-oriented mail order gift and supply company. "Many dogs used to live outside, but now most have become part of the family. They're treating them more like people."

The company, based in Rhinelander, Wis., has a holiday gift section for pets in its brochure, and Krehmeyer says dog owners tend to buy what the owners like.

"Many people tend to buy flavored treats and toys they would like," said Krehmeyer. "If we show a picture of bacon with the bacon-flavored treats, and the owner likes bacon, many times they'll assume the dog will like it, too."



Gone to the dogs: This holiday Santa Claus toy that squeaks is available at Pet Supplies Plus in Livonia.

"Over the past two or three years, especially with our holiday insert, sales at this time of year boom," said Krehmeyer. "Many people buy out of love, and don't even consider price a factor."

During the holidays, the scale seems to tip in favor of the dogs.

"Cat buyers usually spend less on their companions," said Krehmeyer. "Cats are more independent and generally have little interaction, as compared to a dog. Did you ever see a cat beg for treats?"

Karen Berger, owner of Pet Pourri in Farmington Hills, says the holidays bring out the best in pet owners.

"I'm amazed at what pet owners will buy during Christmas, and how much money they'll spend on stockings and treats,"

said Berger. "Many owners will buy the little Santa hats and beard costumes, reindeer antlers or angel halos for their dogs to wear during the season."

Smile for the camera

At least two pet store chains have plans for Santa Claus to take pictures with your pet.

PetsMart is taking pictures of pets with Santa Claus at the Northville store, with the proceeds going to the PetsMart Foundation which funds various charities.

Pet Supplies Plus is teaming up with the Michigan Animal Adoption Network at several of its locations, taking photos for a \$5 donation.

"We generally have a huge line when Santa comes in for pictures," said Cindy Schnoor, manager of the Pet Supplies Plus in

Canton. "People will do anything for their animals, and kids especially enjoy the experience."

Schnoor pointed out that while most of the several hundred animals are dogs and cats, Santa does get to see guinea pigs, ferrets and many other creatures.

Dogs will get a brown bag of treats donated from Oink Oink, manufacturer of over a hundred different kinds of dog treats, founded by Miles Handy of Redford Township.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, dogs who get their picture taken will get a 6-ounce turkey roll, a bag of porky puff, a dessert treat, and a cow's hoof to clean their teeth.

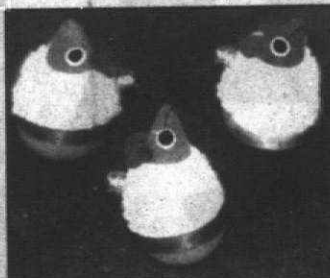
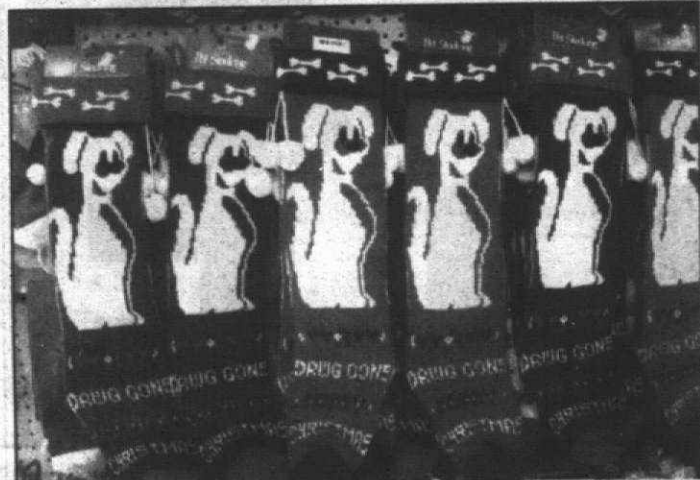
Julie Girard, marketing coordinator for Oink Oink, says the seven-year-old business is growing, but the Christmas season is even busier.

"Business is booming, and we've certainly picked up this time of year," said Girard. "People like to pamper their pets and make them a part of the holiday season."

Oink Oink makes holiday stockings and a Hickory Farms-like box with various treats, which are big sellers this time of year.

The bottom line ... pets, especially dogs, are big business during the holidays.

"Industry-wide, the holiday season brings in millions of extra dollars for the retail pet industry," said Greed. "It's also the most fun time of year for us, as we see happy pets and pet owners."



Gift ideas: Stockings for your dog (left) and catnip toys for your feline friends are available at Pet Supplies Plus stores.

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FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



RICK HALBERG

Simmering soup warms and soothes

What is it about soup that we have always loved? Is it the slow process of creating soup that gives it its magic? The warmth with which a pot of simmering soup fills a home? I think it's these things and a whole lot more. Soup is the food we want when we are not feeling well, it is the food we reach for after coming in from the cold, what we make when we want to use up veggies that aren't quite fresh anymore. It is the quintessential "one pot meal."

Chicken soup

In my home, chicken soup has always had a magical medicinal quality. You may have heard the term "Jewish Penicillin." There have actually been scientific (I think) studies on the healing qualities of chicken soup. Although I'm not sure what the results were, it has always worked for us.

Soup is something that even the least proficient cook can have some success with. My wife, Karen, who is not particularly well known for her cooking, does best with food when she puts it all into one pot and adds some liquid. It can be as simple as that, or as complex as clarifying a difficult consommé. Soup can be made from just a couple of simple ingredients for a carrot soup or a long list of things to make a wonderful Minestrone.

Soup can be found in all cuisines, in all parts of the world. They can be clear, pureed, chunky, vegetarian, cheesy, with beans, pasta, rice, thick, thin, healthy, or loaded with fat. Wow, and they can all be great.

Soup can be a light appetizer or a hearty one pot meal. You can prepare soups ahead and freeze them, or put them up in jars. You can make really elegant soups finished at the last minute for a truly fine dinner. They can be the most economical of meals or made with a bevy of fancy, expensive ingredients put together to impress your guests.

We are serving a particularly elegant and seasonal soup now at my restaurant Emily's, it is a silky puree of butternut squash that we serve with a rich yet light porcini mushroom and juniper infused flan with a few drops of cranberry coulis for added zing and color.

Now soup is finding new fame as shops on the East and West coasts open to specialize in just soups. The sitcom "Seinfeld" is widely given credit for this food phenomenon because of a mention of a zany soup shop owner in one of its episodes.

"Newsweek" magazine is calling soup "hotter than coffee." I think we have been waiting for a place to sit with friends, or alone and enjoy something warm and more fulfilling than coffee. I think it takes us back to our childhood when we were fed warm, soft food by a loving parent. Soup is more than food, it's nurturing and can be either healthy or give the illusion of health. They say bread is the staff of life, I think that bread was invented just to "sop" up soup.

Resolutions

Some early New Year's Resolutions. I will -

Continue to support as many small, independent businesses as possible, for if I don't all too soon all we will have left will be mega-bookstores, super-sized restaurants and drug stores that sell everything except what I'd expect.

Try to instill the spirit of Slow Food to as many people as I can. Aren't we in too much of a hurry anyway?

Search out as many local food sources as I can for my restaurant, and encourage these people to use self-sustaining means of agriculture. After all we have only one Mother Earth.

Attempt to give some real quality time to one or two causes that really need the help.

May you and yours have a safe and happy new year!

See recipe inside

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Get Fit for the New Millennium

PIPER-HEIDSIECK'S RED-HOT LOOK HAS HOLIDAY APPEAL

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Supporting a stunning new red label, Champagne Piper-Heidsieck makes a dramatic holiday presentation. Pouring this champagne through the holidays will get you attention not only for the unique, contemporary look of the bottle, but for the quality of the wine.

If you've purchased champagne as a holiday gift before, then searched around for an attractive bag, you'll appreciate that with a bottle of Piper-Heidsieck you get the bag free!

Offered in red, green and grey, it comes with an elegant gold cord. It's insulated, to keep a chilled bottle cold for up to three hours.

For more than two centuries, connoisseurs have regarded Piper-Heidsieck as one of the great champagnes. Its presence in our market has been downplayed, but if its quality, red hot packaging and great pricing you're looking for, then Piper-Heidsieck fills the bill. Over the years, Piper-Heidsieck has maintained respect for centuries-old champagne traditions while tuning into the times with a sense of fashion and style.

Both the Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32 and Extra Dry \$32 sport the red hot look. Because of the exuberance of both, they can be billed as extrovert champagnes. Fresh and fruity upfront, the Brut finishes with crispness, elegance, toasty notes and the hallmark of a great champagne, creaminess. If you prefer more fruit characters from start to finish, then choose the Extra Dry.

Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$32 has an undeniably attractive salmon-pink color that is most compelling with food. If you're serving turkey for a holiday dinner, make a cornbread stuffing and include dried cranberries as an ingredient. The match with the Rosé champagne will get rave reviews.

Piper's California sparkling wine program Piper-Sonoma has two wines, lower in price, yet very flavorful values. A Brut and a Blanc de Noir



are both \$18.

We didn't get stuck on the Heidsieck name, but in trying to give you different options this holiday, we rediscovered both Piper Heidsieck and Champagne Charles Heidsieck. It, too, is an established champagne house, dating to the 1850s. There's a marked youthfulness in "Cham-

Holiday treat: Champagne Piper-Heidsieck decked out for the holidays in new red hot packaging.

CHAMPAGNE PICKS

In addition to the champagnes and sparkling wines singled out in the wine column, we also highly recommend:

■ French champagnes
Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut \$36; 1989 Bollinger Grande Année \$70; 1988 Bollinger Rosé \$84
Champagne Louis Roederer: Brut Premier \$43

■ Sparkling wines from California
S. Anderson: Napa Valley Brut \$25 and Blanc de Noirs \$23
Iron Horse: 1994 Wedding Cuvée \$28.50; 1992 Brut \$26.50; 1992 Brut Rosé \$28.50; 1992 Vrais Amis \$28.50
J Wine Company: 1993 J Sparkling Wine \$25
Roederer Estate: Anderson Valley Brut \$18

pagne Charlie." And this is unusual, since the Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve \$43 typically includes a high percentage of reserve wines in the blend. This distinction also makes it a more expensive bubbly.

Compared to other champagne houses, Charles Heidsieck is small and concentrates on quality. Uncompromisingly, it holds back stocks equivalent to no less than four years' sales. This ensures a high degree of dissolved carbon dioxide in the wine, evidenced by the small bubbles that ever-so-delicately rise in the glass and break with great finesse in your mouth.

To show champagne off, serve it well-chilled in tall, slender glasses that are either flute or tulip shaped.

Several premium spirits have impressed us lately. Their enjoyment during the holiday season will only enhance a festive atmosphere.

■ Johnnie Walker Gold Label \$67.50, produced in limited quantities, is a skillful blend of 15 renowned whiskies, such as Clynelish, Royal Lochnagar, Cardhu and Talisker, each matured no less than 18 years. Rich yet refined with a smooth as silk finish, it is a truly inspired blend.

■ The Glenrothes \$57, is one of the finest Speyside single malt Scotch whiskies we have tasted. The Glenrothes, 1982 vintage, was selected by the distillers of the world-famous Cutty-Sark Scotch whisky to be offered in a strictly limited quantity. It is a whisky connoisseurs single malt with elegant roasted grain aromas and delicate peat notes that only improve when sipped by a warming fire!

■ If you enjoy cigars, Hine Cigar Reserve Cognac \$99 creates a unique taste partnership with a fine hand-rolled cigar. Aged an average of 15-20 years, the various cognacs in the Cigar Reserve blend come from the finest Cognac districts. Rich woody, hazelnut and spicy elements of the full-bodied cognac pair favorably with tobacco leaf.

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.

Chef wants to put a little spice in your life

SPECIALTY FOODS



KEELY WYGONIK

Food is easy for Chef Zachary Smith, and he wants to make it easier for you.

"I've been cooking all my life," said Smith who has created six gourmet spice blends - Mediterranean Magic, Soft Herbs, Blackening Spice, Chelsea Spice, Ziggy's Gumbo and Shana Spice, which he says will turn "ordinary foods into extraordinary, and boring into brilliant with just a shake."

"These spice blends are like the difference between a Cadillac and a Neon," he said. "Spices can help people change unhealthy habits. It's a lighter way of cooking."

Smith is an artist who uses spices to color his food presentations, and his goal is to help you do the same. Each spice blend reminds him of special people in his life.

Chelsea Spice, a blend of paprika, garlic, onion, chili pepper, fennel, white and black pepper is named after his daughter. "She's the most precious thing in my world," said Smith. "She would come into the kitchen while I was blending spices and wanted to help."

Chelsea Spice is a "colorful spice, decorative as well as flavorful and makes pale dishes more attractive."

The Shana Spice is like little girls - "sugar and spice and everything nice." This dessert spice blend was named in honor of Chelsea's friend, Shana, who is the daughter of Robin. "a guy I've known since high school," said Smith. Chelsea and Shana designed the

colorful label with help from Smith.

"Ziggy" is Smith's nickname, and his spice is a blend of 28 different peppers, spices and herbs that's best used in gumbo's jambalayas, sauces and soups.

Soft Herbs - a blend of chives, dill, parsley, tarragon, chervil and cilantro enhances the flavor of many dishes including chicken, fish, sauces, and omelets.

Try Mediterranean Magic - oregano, basil, rosemary, thyme, marjoram, anise and parsley with vegetables, soups, steaks and classic Marinara sauce.

Blackening Spice - Cayenne Pepper, white and black pepper, kosher salt, thyme, rosemary, marjoram, chili powder, paprika and sage, was the blend that started Chef Zachary's Gourmet Blended Spice Line.

One day they ran out of blackening spice at One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms where he was the executive chef, so Smith went home did some research, and made up his own version. Blackening Spice was a key ingredient in an appetizer he created "Blackened Trio" - shrimp, chicken and beef seasoned with blackening spice, sauteed in butter and served with a salad of melon, rice and fresh mint. It was a best-seller, and before long, customers and friends were asking him to mix up some blackening spice for them to use at home.

In 1995, after hearing over and over that he should bottle his spices to make a few pennies, Smith decided to go into the gourmet spice business.

"I grew up using seasoning spices and things like Lawrey's," said Smith. The idea of making a product



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE JACOBSON

Spicy: Chef Zachary Smith is helping people put a little more spice in their lives with his flavorful blends.

Please see SPICE, B2

Chef Zachary shares recipes

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from Chef Zachary Smith.

- VEGETABLE CASSEROLE**
- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
 - 1 medium Spanish onion, large dice
 - 8 cloves garlic sliced thin
 - 1 healthy tablespoon Mediterranean Magic (spice blend) or Italian seasonings
 - 1 small zucchini large dice

Hearty soup warms, comforts on chilly days

See related For the Love of Food column on Taste front. Rick Halberg, chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family.

He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine.

Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in

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by Stuart M. Feldheim
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people could use at home was exciting. My career helped open a lot of doors. I can talk and do what I say I can do. Merchant of Vino gave me a shot, and let me demonstrate my product in their stores.

For the past 20 years Smith has served as executive chef at many outstanding restaurants including Benbow Inn in northern California, Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, and the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

His ultimate goal is to help people change the way they eat. "We're behind times," he said. "We need quicker cooking techniques with a healthier focus."

If you can't find Chef Zachary Smith's spices, which range from \$4.50 to \$4.99 at your market, call (313) 730-4287. Each spice has a colorful label, the flavorful contents are sure to bring out the culinary artist in you.

Add a citrusy twist to meals

(NAPS) - Consider sweetening your holiday table by adding a little twist to your meals. "Orange" you interested in experimenting with new recipes for your family and guests? Try wrapping candied citrus orange peels around cinnamon sticks and use them as stirrers in cups of hot tea or mugs of warm, spiced cider.

The thicker skins on navel oranges which make them easy to peel also make them ideal for candying. Navels are at their peak of flavor in the winter months, and while they are the favorite eating orange, the experts at Sunkist suggest using the grated peel to flavor or garnish.

Candied Citrus Peel Spirals make a great gift wrapped in any decorative container. The spirals also can be tied onto the tree with festive ribbon. For a tangy treat, dip them into melted chocolate.

Boil the milk and sugar. Then add the cognac. Crack the eggs into a salad bowl and beat well. Pour the milk over them, little by little at first to avoid cooking the eggs, beating vigorously all the while. Alternate cut pieces of bread and raisins in a well-greased, deep baking dish.

Pour in the egg, milk and sugar mixture. Wait a minute, until the bread has absorbed all the liquid. Then crush with a fork and pack loosely. Dab with butter on top and bake in a 400-degree oven for about 40 minutes.

Recipe by Remy Martin

Streamline your menu, focus on dessert

Entertaining is a traditional part of the holidays. As such, it should bring joy and not stress to this special time of year. If you plan to play host to friends and family this holiday season, you'll be glad to know there are ways to have an elegant party without a lot of effort.

Start with a menu that's easy to prepare. Today's low-stress entertaining relies on a mix of homemade and store-bought food. When you need a spectacular centerpiece to a meal, pick up some Cornish hens, which have been roasted and are ready to stuff with wild rice stuffing. You might also choose to buy something that seems lavish, but need only go into the oven to prepare, such as a rack of lamb or turkey breast.

Most shops selling prepared foods also feature delicious side dishes, such as roasted potatoes and vegetable medleys. Heat them in the microwave and add a personal touch by serving them garnished with fresh, chopped herbs.

Another way to give a party maximum impact without a lot of effort is to serve a substantial hors d'oeuvres as the dinner's first course. An assortment of smoked fish canapés is a classic way to begin a meal. Roll paper-thin strips of smoked salmon into rosettes, placing a caper in the center of each piece. Arrange them on a plate covered with plastic wrap, and refrigerate up to 24 hours.

Before serving, set the salmon citrus peel strip, remove citrus peel in long continuous strips, starting at stem end and peeling around fruit in close concentric circles (peel may break occasionally). Save the peeled fruit for other uses.

Add strips of peel to 3 cups boiling water in medium saucepan and gently boil for 10 minutes. Drain and gently pat dry. In same saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water and corn syrup; bring to boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add drained peel strips and gently simmer for 15 minutes. Drain strips and reserve syrup.

Cool peel enough to handle and cut into 8- to 12-inch-long pieces. To form spirals, wrap each piece of peel around a straw snugly, but not tightly. Place on wire rack over wax paper-lined cookie sheet; let dry 1 to 2 hours. Roll each spiral in sugar; replace on wire rack and let dry 8 hours or overnight (a well-peel should be firm but not hard). Gently remove straws.

Store in plastic bags. For longer storage, freeze in airtight containers.

Reserved syrup is very flavorful and can be served cold over fresh fruit or warm over pancakes and waffles.

Recipe from Sunkist: www.sunkist.com

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup evaporated skim milk
- 1/4 cup strong coffee
- 1 cup fromage frais or fat-free cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Confectioners' sugar, for garnish

Heat the oven to 350°F. Line a 11 by 16-inch pan with wax paper coated with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, sift together the cake ingredients - flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with the sugar until thick, about 5 minutes. Add the water and vanilla. Beat the mixture until it thickens and the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes.

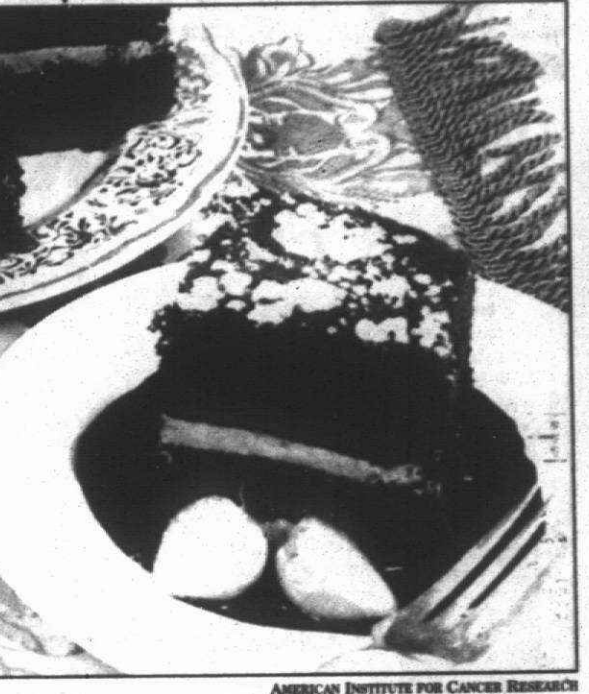
Beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Fold the whites into the yolk mixture. Turn the batter into the pan and spread in an even layer. Bake until the cake feels springy when pressed in the center, about 20 minutes. Let it stand for 10 minutes.

Turn the cake onto a dish towel and lift off the paper.

For the filling: In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over the rum and let sit 10 minutes. In a heavy-bottomed, medium saucepan, combine the cocoa, sugar, egg yolks, coffee, and evaporated milk. Add the softened gelatin mixture. Cook over medium heat until the mixture is thick enough to coat the spoon, stirring frequently, not let-

ting it boil. Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the mixture to a medium mixing bowl. Let cool 10 minutes. Mix in the fromage frais and vanilla. Chill until the filling begins to thicken.

To assemble the cake, cut a 9-inch square from the cake. Line the bottom of a 9-inch square baking pan with this portion, placing the shiny side up. Set the remaining cake aside. Pour the filling over the cake in the pan. Top with the remaining cake, with the smooth side down, and piercing it as necessary. Cover the cake and refrigerate until the filling is set, about 1 hour, or up to 8 hours. To serve, unmold the cake and dust with powdered sugar.



Rich dessert: Venetian Chocolate Fantasy is a triple-chocolate dessert guests will long remember.

To serve, pour a little chocolate syrup such as Hershey's, on plate, put cake in center, garnish with fresh sliced strawberry if desired. Each of the 9 servings contains 374 calories and 5 grams of fat

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research

Wrap it up for the holiday with easy appetizers, sweet endings

AP - Wraps are miniature hors d'oeuvres and desserts wrapped in puff pastry, and they're easy to prepare and serve for the holidays.

"Wraps are an easy way to combine different flavors in a way that not only tastes great but looks terrific, too," says Diane Phillips, author of "It's A Wrap!" (A Griffin Trade Paperback Original, \$14.95).

Using prepackaged, ready-to-use frozen puff pastry, home cooks can select their favorite ingredients, wrap them all up and bake.

"You can prepare ahead, cover, refrigerate and then bake wraps when you're ready to serve," Phillips says. "That way, you can spend time with guests and not in the kitchen."

Mini Wraparound Appetizers can be made with your favorite fillings. Phillips suggests filling puff pastry with prepared pesto. Or, if you prefer spicy Mexican flavors, try pairing cream cheese with slices of jalapeno pepper. For dessert, fill puff pastry with chocolate, jams, fruit or miniature semisweet chocolate chips.

MINI WRAPAROUNDS

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes
1 package frozen puff pastry (2 sheets), thawed

1 egg
1 tablespoon water
Assorted fillings (see below)

Thaw pastry sheets at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix egg and water. Set aside. Unfold pastry on lightly floured

surface. Roll each sheet into 12-inch square and cut into sixteen 3-inch squares. Place filling in center of square.

Brush edges of square with egg mixture. Fold two opposite corners to center over filling and pinch to seal. Place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 32 appetizers or mini desserts.

Use one or any of the following fillings:

Appetizer Fillings: 1 teaspoon chopped ham or pepperoni; 1 teaspoon cream cheese (plain or flavored) and a jalapeno pepper or green olive slice or chopped ham; 1 teaspoon prepared pesto or chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes and 1 teaspoon cream cheese; a small, marinated mushroom or 1-inch piece marinated artichoke heart; 2 teaspoons prepared deli seafood salad.

Mini Dessert Fillings: 1 teaspoon peanut butter, chocolate

On lightly floured surface, roll pastry to a 16-inch square. Cut into eight 8-inch by 4-inch rectangles, then cut diagonally into 16 triangles.

Arrange 2 teaspoons chocolate chips in a line down the center of each triangle. Starting with the wide end, roll each one up and place seam side down on an ungreased baking sheet. Bend edges in. Brush with egg wash. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 16 servings.

Tip: For best results, bake crescent wraps on a nonstick baking sheet.

To prepare ahead: Make and assemble mini wraps on baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bake as instructed and serve warm.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix egg and water. Set aside.

Recipes from: Pepperidge Farm

Blueberry oatmeal breakfast cake

AP - Blueberry Oatmeal Breakfast Cake is made with frozen blueberries and quick-cooking oats.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease an 8-inch round baking pan; set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a 1-cup measure, stir milk, oil

and egg. Pour at once into flour mixture. Stir until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Fold in firmly frozen blueberries; spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake until cake is golden and pulls away from sides of pan, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on a rack, 5 to 10 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe from: North American Blueberry Council

A delicious twist on the traditional

(NAPS) - One of the most delicious ways to celebrate the season with family and friends can involve creating interesting twists on the traditional.

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Winter skin needs TLC

Don't hate me because I winter in Florida. Last December and January, I was in Michigan so I am well aware of how cold it can get. But who knows, with a bit of luck and a touch of El Niño, perhaps this will be a mild winter for you.

Nevertheless, it will come as a surprise to no one that winter conditions have adverse effects on your skin, hair, etc. So it is always timely to remind you of the extra or alternate care you should be taking to get through the season with minimal damage.

The skin is the most obvious victim of the extremities of winter. Skin dehydrates more quickly in the cold dry winter air not only that, but it has to adapt to central heating in homes and offices, causing natural moisture in the skin to evaporate. Cold air holds less moisture, and if the skin stays cold, it can be damaged by cracking and flaking. Make your moisturizer your best friend. Don't leave home without it, in fact don't be without it. You need a barrier between your skin and the elements.

Car legs
The drier the skin becomes, the less elasticity, and that can lead to unwanted lines and wrinkles. Don't forget that while you are in the car you have dry hot air blowing on you. You may want to put moisturizer on your legs as well since most of the air is blown from floor level.

Another trick is to put oils in your bath rather than bubbles, because they can coat the skin and give protection. Bubble bath, on the other hand, is basically a detergent and so dries the skin more. You can obviously reverse this in the summertime.

The heating systems in most areas are so good that we tend to forget how cold it is outside, and consequently don't prepare properly. Or we say "I'm just going to the car/mall/mail — whatever. I don't be in the cold for long." If left unprotected too long, capillaries constrict, and eventually can lead to tissue damage, itching, and sore red patches. Those of you with eczema tend to suffer more in the winter. Watch out for chills, too.

The nose, knows
Let's face it, your nose is in the forefront, if you'll pardon the expression. You're always warned to take care of your extremities, well the nose is the extremity of the face. Often red and sore, it has to deal with the elements as well as being a disposal unit for the side effects of a cold. The cold dry air prompts the nose to react by using its glands to produce warmth and moisture and hence the irritating winter drip.

Next on our list are the lips. They have their own specific problems. Since they do not have any sebum (the skin's protective oil), they are vulnerable. Also when constantly wiping your nose, the lips can become involved. So you need at the very least some Vaseline. For those who refuse to wear lipstick, then carry a Chapstick — buy them by the dozen. Those using lipstick can combine lip gloss to give you extra protection.

Don't forget that your hair is also prone to winter damage. The oils that keep your hair lubricated are reduced, oils that when missing cause the hair to become dull and lifeless. Your best defense is a good conditioner.

Maintenance is constant, but you are really going to appreciate the difference to your skin that a little time and planning will accomplish. For those of you who participate in winter sports, particularly skiing, remember that the wind can cause more damage than cold or the sun. For those of you who head south, for some well earned tropical heat, do not neglect (in your rush to thaw out) the usual precautions of summer.

My best for a wonderful holiday season. See you in 1998! Now if you'll excuse me I'm off to the beach.

I am truly sorry that I will not be doing personal makeovers at The Townsend in Birmingham until February. I extend a personal thank you to Town's general manager Greg Alloway, for his invaluable assistance in making the year a sellout.

And, yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. I have just scheduled my February dates at the hotel for personal makeovers. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6598.

Retailers offer last-minute perks



By SUSAN DEMAGGIO

As the clock runs down on the holiday shopping season, some malls and department stores are adding free gift wrapping and valet parking to their list of customer services.

With just three-and-a-half shopping days left until Christmas and Hanukkah, last minute gift gatherers will find these perks a blessing.

Laurel Park Place, Livonia: Spend \$200 or more and your receipts earn you a free, hand-blown jewel-toned ornament. See the Information Center for details.

Wonderland Mall, Livonia: A comfortably furnished shoppers lounge awaits near the Information Desk, complete with television and gift wrapping by the Girl Scouts for a donation.

Somerset Collection, Troy: VIP Suite on first level of the south side, with a coat

check, free gift wrapping, and hot drinks from Gloria Jeans.

Northland Center, Southfield: Trolleys run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Dec. 23, offering a free, boxed lunch with shuttle service for nearby office workers. To book, call (248) 443-5311.

Westland Center: Free valet parking through Dec. 24. Each \$150 spent results in a blanket donated to The Salvation Army in the shopper's name at Customer Service Desk. Free gift wrap with purchases over \$100 on Monday, Dec. 22. Free photo with Santa for purchases over \$100, on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 6-9 p.m.

Tel-Twelve, Southfield: Gift wrapping by Southfield Music Boosters for a

donation.

Meadowbrook Village Mall, Rochester Hills: Rainbow Connection volunteers wrap gifts near Mrs. Field's Cookies for a donation, noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oakland Mall, Troy: Coat check in Sears wing. Holiday Helpers directing, suggesting and carrying packages.

Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn: Five, free gift wrapping stations with couches and samples of coffee and chocolates provided (four-package limit per visit.) Free valet parking weekdays after 6 p.m.

Twelve Oaks, Novi: Free valet parking when you show an American Express receipt.

Lakeside, Sterling Heights: Free coat and package check. Free hot chocolate and shopping bags at the gift wrap center. Up to three packages wrapped free when you show your American Express receipt.

Livonia Mall: Charities staff a gift

wrapping station near Crowley's for donations.

Nordstrom: Coat and package check at Concierge Desk. Will make dinner, theater and taxi reservations for shoppers. Valet parking.

Hudson's: Gifts to go come pre-wrapped or ready-to-serve from The Marketplace and Cosmetics. Holiday Service Centers at all stores provide wrapping for \$2, gift certificates, coat check. Package pick-up available.

Jacobson's: Complimentary gift wrapping all departments, all stores. Free all-ver picture frame with purchases of \$100 or more. Sunday hours extended from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Packages will be carried to cars. Valet parking free at Birmingham store with any purchase.

Saks Fifth Avenue: Free gift wrapping. Free valet parking with purchase. Free Santa photos, noon to 6 p.m. A donation to Make A Wish Foundation yields a photo button.

Unique shops earn respect of town teens

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO

Because everything old is new again, Birmingham's Shops at The Top are doing well, moving merchandise popular during the '60s and '70s.

It's the teens grabbing up the bead curtains, lava lamps, sticks of incense and hemp chokers that are scattered through-

out the six stores that make up the second floor of the building at S. Woodward. Up the narrow staircase from the street, comes a steady stream of young people in search of the counterculture paraphernalia they find "so cool."

Dayna Flory, 15, and Kate Brennan, 15, both of Royal Oak explained the attraction on a recent shopping trip.

"We're going to the Hip Hut because they have cute accessories and the murals along the walls are so cool," Flory said. Added Brennan "These shops have the neatest stuff."

The Hip Hut is co-owned by 30-somethings Ron Magaw and Mary Beth Johnson of Novi. Magaw said the shop is a six-figure gold mine, and more main-

stream than the other five shops — Shakin' St., Purple Haze, Alphabet St., 13th Hour and The Silver Hut, another shop he owns.

"Our big challenge is keeping this a safe, clean, happy place to shop for all the good kids," said Magaw with a wide grin. "That's why we painted the murals, removed all graffiti, maintain a trash patrol, and filled a troublesome gathering space from the floor to the ceiling with tropical plants."

Cmdr. Don Stut of the Birmingham police department said "We've not had any recent problems with the Shops at the Top," although they used to get complaints about kids congregating and loitering around the premises. Stut said order is maintained by laws regulating the kinds of merchandise that can be sold legally.



Setting the mood: Hip Hut owner Maribeth Johnson poses with local artist Marc Christy who painted the murals around the Shops at the Top in Birmingham.

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

- SUNDAY, DEC. 21**
- Doll Show**
Dealers, artists, collectors and hobbyists show and sell their wares from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teddy bears, miniatures and doll houses too. Adults \$4, kids \$1. **Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, (313) 455-2110.**
- Last days of silent auction**
Livonia Mall hosts silent auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation through Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Bids begin at \$500 for a highest bidder to receive a cornucopia of gifts valued over \$1,000 — including a basket of beanbag chairs, diamond ring, bracelets, pocket watch, pearl necklaces, CD's, Gucci watch, sweatshirts, plush toys and \$100 mall gift certificate. Bid at the Information Booth.
- Seven Mile/Middlebelt, (248) 476-1160.**
- 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 admission.
- Summit Place Mall, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford, (248) 693-6299.**
- Holiday Puppet Event**
Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-nuffs are these anyway?* at the Paganat Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1,3, and 5 p.m. Free Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 36mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional. A copy of the book "The Giving Season," available for \$19 at Kitz

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

- 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. Santa visits and photos through Dec. 24. **Snow Village by Dept. 56, Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy, (248) 585-6000.**
- Carousel Santa**
A 36-foot tall holiday carousel imported from Germany in mall's center court amuses visitors waiting for Santa. Laser light shows in the food court Thursdays/Fridays 6 and 7 p.m., Saturdays/Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. through Dec. 22. The 15-minute show features a car drive for the Michigan Humane Society. **Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia, (248) 522-4100.**
- Santa photos**
"Wishes Can Come True," theme with giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. Annabelle's Wish video and push toy, \$16.98, to benefit Make A Wish Foundation at Information Desk. **Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, (248) 476-1160.**
- Polar Bear Christmas**
Digital image Santa photos through Dec. 24, giant polar bear decoy. **Westland Center, Wayne/Warren, (313) 425-5001.**
- Crystal Forest Set**

- Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24. **Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi, (248) 348-9411.**
- Snowflake Express**
Santa Claus photos plus an exhibit highlighting the December holiday traditions around the world. **Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 353-4111.**
- Charlie Brown Christmas**
See the Peanuts Gang in various holiday settings with an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse featuring a 36-foot tree through the roof. **Santa Photos, Lakeside, Hall Road, 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 Postal Station in Montgomery Ward 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.**
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24**
Christmas Eve and Hanukkah
Shopping centers close at 5 p.m. today for the holidays.
- THURSDAY, DEC. 25**
Merry Christmas!
All shopping centers closed for the holiday.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 26**
Returns and exchanges
Shopping centers return to normal business hours.

Accessories make all the difference



Steppin' out: Lord West, a leading formalwear manufacturer, demonstrates how one tuxedo and a simple change of "parts," permits a man to create a variety of striking fashion images. (Left) A banded collar shirt with button cover worn with a Domino vest in silk. (Center) A wing collar shirt with a satin Euro tie and Red Roses silk vest. (Right) A wing collar shirt worn with a black silk bow tie and Tuscany Gold silk vest.

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.

Hudson's cultural fund on its way to the goal
With seven weeks left in the campaign, Hudson's Team 500 drive to raise \$1.5 million for the Detroit Cultural Center, is closing in on its goal.

Hudson's director of Community Relations, Susan Kelly, conceived and executed the program. Hudson's donated \$500,000 on June 1, 1997 to kick-off the drive, and promised to match each \$1 donated by Hudson's shoppers to a \$500,000 goal, to produce a million, additionally.

As of Dec. 16, shoppers have given \$388,000 to benefit: Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Historical Museum, Public Library, Science Center, Symphony Orchestra, Museum of African American History, International Institute, the Art Institute and Heritage House.

The campaign ends on January 31, 1998.

Shoppers who want to participate should look for the kiosks with maps and envelopes near the escalators at each store. They can drop in dollars, or make donations on their charge cards.

CD benefits cerebral palsy
A Little Holiday Spark Ignites Detroit, recorded by arena stars including Marshall Crenshaw, Mitch Ryder, Caravan Winans, Smokey Robinson and the DSO, is being sold by Harmony House stores to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

It was produced by Dan Yessian with AC Delco. For more details call Yessian Music

Rochester has a secret
Crumb Studio, established

in 1977, sells museum-quality porcelain art pottery by Michael and Michelle Crumb of Detroit who now reside in Rochester Hills.

The gallery is at 1415 Tienken in Rochester Hills, (248) 650-8904. Michael called the studio "Rochester's best-kept secret." He has been a studio potter for 20 years, studying at Pewabic Pottery. Michelle studied at the American School of Paris in St. Cloud, France.

"Our work is fired to cone 13 which makes it harder than all other fired ceramics and great for kitchen use," they explained. "It is microwaveable, lead-free, dishwasher and food storage safe."

Holiday 'cards' do a brisk business
Holiday cards and kiosks have grown from less than a \$20 million business in 1986 to a nearly \$2.6 billion industry today, according to industry analysts. Because it costs less to lease a cart in the mall than a store front, retailers use them to test new concepts. Mall officials like "temporary tenants" because they extend merchandise selections for shoppers.

Downtowns offer shoppers year 'round gift certificates
Both the Plymouth and Birmingham Chambers of Commerce are selling gift certificates for the holidays which will be treated like cash at the town's stores.

Plymouth boosters will also want to buy sweatshirts promoting the town \$30-\$34 through the Chamber of Commerce at (313) 453-1540. The number to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is (248) 644-1700.

Home cooked meals to go
The Sural family of Wolverine Lake opened Colorado Carryout in downtown Walled Lake. The western-themed restaurant is at 1152 East West Maple in the Maple Plaza. Specialties include roast chicken, meatloaf, ribs, soups, chili and sandwich-

es. The eatery opens daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (248) 624-3439.

Wrap dresses return
Neiman Marcus introduces several exclusive wrap dresses from designer Diane Von Furstenberg. A sensation in the 1970's, graphic print dresses became the uniform-of-choice for working women as well as socialites.

Their immense popularity led to a 1976 Newsweek cover story on the sale of more than five million dresses. The 90's versions are a bit shorter and cut closer to the body and fashioned from seasonless silk jersey.

They're \$190, in sizes 2-14, in the Galleria Collection, NM the Somerset Collection, Troy.

Find the missing pieces
Hostesses will appreciate a new edition of the Discontinued Tableware Replacement Services Directory (8th edition).

To receive a copy, send \$5 (includes postage) to JV Directory, P.O. Box 5297, Ocala, FLA., 34478.

Man's denim overall 36-length for Kathy, Garden City.
Under the counter toaster and Clean shower for Joanne.
Intrigue perfume by Mary Kay cosmetics for Carol.
Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion for nail, cuticles, and gray-gone detergent.

Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair and a Shirley Temple doll with a gingham dress, white pinafore, straw hat and purse.
Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane."
A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington Hills.
Word-of-mouth spaghetti sauce for Rose.
An old Arthur Godfrey Christmas album for Sue.
Jill Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.
The publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.
The games Hotel and Finch for Barb.
An Apple IIC monitor for Richard.
Revlon's Xia-Xiang and Diane Von Furstenberg's Tatiana for four women in Canton.
A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie singing Little Drummer Boy for Steve.
The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in white for Fay.
The Sesame Street Vetex cartridge in green for Kim. She has the yellow and blue.
Spoolie rubber curlers and a loose leaf that opens on the top not sides for Lafern.
Ruth needs a distributor who sells the cleaner "Swipe."
Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.
Two more callers said they want to locate a Droway Doll with pull string.
The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.
The old board game Call My Bluff, for Joe of Livonia.

A good thing

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Westland/Wall
1515 N. Woodward Ave.
(248) 642-3000

Yummy designs:
Martha Stewart's copper cookie cutters were used to create these colorful cookies. Available exclusively at Nordstrom, in the Somerset Collection North, Troy. Enclosed with each cutter, is a recipe and decor ideas.

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Over 50 different styles of natural looking trees

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Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10-8;
Tue., Sat. 10-6;
Sun. 12-5; Closed Wed.

Group to petition for open primary

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A citizens group seeking open primaries in county elections may begin a petition drive after Wayne County commissioners rejected the group's request Thursday to place a ballot proposal before voters.

Commissioners rejected a request from Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, to place a proposal on the August 1998 ballot, that with voter approval, would amend the county charter to allow any elector to vote to nominate one candidate for each county office, regardless of party.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland; Commissioner Theodore McCotter, R-Livonia; Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; and Commissioner Edward Plawecki Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, oppose such a ballot proposal.

Before the vote, O'Neil said the proposal addressed the fair-

ness of elections in Wayne County. More than half of his constituents are excluded from voting in county elections involving Democrats if they vote Republican in national races, O'Neil said.

John Hand, chairman of Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries and former member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, said the state Legislature "had put a number of rocks in the road" regarding county elections. "The public should have the right to choose the best and brightest for elective office," Hand said.

But Ben Washburn, the commission's legal counsel, said the charter commission did not have the option for a nonpartisan election because state law called for partisan elections. "It would be unenforceable," Washburn said.

McCotter, who also represents Plymouth, added: "State law supersedes the charter, party

rules supersede the charter." Still, he encouraged commissioners to discuss the merits, not the legality, of the proposal.

After the vote Beard, who also represents Garden City, called the request an "exercise in futility."

"Wayne County cannot make a change in this, because it violates state law," Beard said.

Patterson called the proposal a "sound-good, sound bite" by "well-intentioned" people, but believes it won't work.

"It will drive more voters away from the process because it will result in a change (for parties) to go into caucus, which I am not advocating," Patterson said.

"Democrats would cross over into Republican races, and Republicans would vote in races for Democrats, just to be mischievous."

Patterson said commissioners could not put something on the ballot that would violate state law. "Why go to the polls and

waste the money on an election?" Patterson asked.

Plawecki, who also represents Redford Township and a part of Livonia, believed the current nomination process of candidates worked well and should not be changed. Opening up a county primary in a supposed nonpartisan race raises the potential for people voting for candidates just to knock out party favorites, Plawecki said.

"Too many people have played games with this in the past," Plawecki said.

Hand was not dissuaded, however. Hand said he found it "hard to believe" that state law would be interpreted to "frustrate the will" of the people who want to open the ballot, if the question was raised in a legal battleground of a courtroom.

"At this point, we'll take a look at a petition drive," Hand said. "We'll probably need about 63,000 signatures — 70,000 just to be safe."

Plawecki to seek commission seat

Edward Plawecki Sr. will run for election to the county commission.

Plawecki, a Democrat who was appointed by commissioners in November to fill the vacancy on the commission created by the resignation of his granddaughter Michelle Plawecki in the Ninth District, paid a \$100 filing fee Wednesday to officially declare his candidacy at the Wayne County elections division office.

The Ninth District consists of Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and a portion of Livonia east of Middlebelt Road. The primary election will be held Feb. 10 and the general election conducted March 10.

People who wish to be

nominated as candidates can pay the \$100 filing fee or collect signatures on nominating petitions and file them with the county elections office.

If the candidate wishes to run as a Democrat, they must collect a minimum of 183 signatures of registered voters within the district. If they must collect at least 289 signatures. Independents must collect a minimum of 943 signatures.

Petitions must be turned in or the filing fee paid at the county elections division office inside the City County Building in Detroit before 4 p.m. Jan. 6.

As of Friday, Plawecki was the only candidate to file.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

BELLEVILLE
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Sept. 19.
(800) 677-7800

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LANGER
Class of 1967
March 21 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press 2

Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at Somerset Inn, Troy.
(248) 366-9493, press 3

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August 1998.
(734) 729-6783

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1968

Looking for classmates for a reunion in 1998.
Pam Yee Gianola, 1243 Smith Road, Beulah, Mich., 49617-9493 or e-mail at mia-nai@att.net

Classes of 1980-82
Are planning a reunion.
Stephanie Bradford Wright '80, 1753 Cornell, Southfield 48075, (313) 945-8473; or Dylan Warmack '81, 2131 Brynaston Ct., Detroit 48207, (313) 963-7665

Class of 1988
Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632

Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 442-9320, by fax at (248) 442-8830 or Sharon Law-Williamson, 28479 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia 48152

DETROIT KETTERING
Classes of 1971-72
Is planning a reunion.
Send names, addresses and telephone numbers to Ron or Pat (Tish Mack) Matthews, P.O. Box 7647, Bloomfield Hills 48302, or call (810) 745-8422, (248) 696-6342 or (248) 857-6043.

Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Crystal Eau, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
(248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244

January-June classes of 1952
A fall 1998 reunion is being planned.
(248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
50th anniversary
May 30 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Cost is \$50 per person with checks payable to Audrey (Laird) Poole, 1640 Oxford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods 48236.
(248) 879-9779, (313) 884-2462 or (248) 546-3500

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1949
Is planning a 50th reunion.
(313) 274-3214

FARMINGTON HARRISON
Class of 1988

A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(248) 442-2862

FRASER
Class of 1972
A reunion is being planned for Fraser Steffens Park.
(810) 293-2160

GARDEN CITY
Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for October.
(810) 765-1380 or (734) 513-6071

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Aug. 8.
(800) 677-7800

HAZEL PARK
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
(800) 677-7800

HIGHLAND PARK
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 967-3201

Class of 1978
Planning a 20-year reunion for July 1998. Seeking classmates. Fax info to C. Jones (313) 836-5302 or write to HPCHS reunion committee, c/o P.O. Box 760484 Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

MADISON
Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 548-5470 or (810) 264-9191

OAK PARK
Classes of 1957-59
Is planning a reunion for November 1998.
(248) 559-1746 or (248) 354-0092

PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM
Classes of 1988
A joint reunion will be held June 20.
CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

ST. ALPHONSUS
Class of 1968
A reunion is being planned for 1998.
(513) 878-7483 or (734) 455-1277

ST. MARY'S HIGH
Class of 1958
Is planning a reunion.
(734) 953-1011

ST. JOSEPHAT
Class of 1943-46
Are planning a reunion.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

STERLING HEIGHTS

Class of 1978
July 25 at Gino's Surf Restaurant, Harrison Township.
(248) 360-7004, press 6

STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON
Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(800) 677-7800

WARREN
Class of 1978
July 25 at the Fernhill Country Club.
(248) 644-3545

WARREN WOODS TOWER
Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7238

WATERFORD KETTERING
Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768 or (248) 623-6057

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 1

YPSILANTI
Class of 1988
Aug. 8 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 366-9492, press 1

WEEKEND

SINGLES DANCE
West Side Singles Friday night dances are held every Friday at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older welcome. Music by professional DJ. Top 40 current hits. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

Suburban Singles presents a "Singles Mingle Dance" every Wednesday and Sunday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile in Redford. Admission is \$4. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire (no jeans). For more information, call (313) 648-5275.

West Side Singles presents a Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 26, at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and over. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

A New Year's Eve Dance will also be hosted by the West Side Singles on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event is from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., with a cash bar. A DJ will play Top 40 Music, and there will be party favors, balloon drop and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

AROUND TOWN
UNIQUE GIFTS
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers gift ideas for year-round. Gift certificates for over 40 Plymouth area retail shops and eateries as well as Plymouth sweatshirts. Call 453-1540.

BUILD BOOK COLLECTION
Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with \$25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

BET CHAVERIM
Congregation Bet Chaverim will be having their monthly service 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the United Methodist Church in Canton. The Hannukah party planned for Dec. 28 has been cancelled. Call 480-8880 for the CBC hotline.

TAI CHI
Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering an introductory course in Tai Chi beginning Jan. 7. This class meets every Wed. through Feb. 24, from 7-8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. Call (248) 473-5600 for information.

WINTER BALL
Canton Community Foundation is hosting its fourth annual Canton Winter Ball on Jan. 9 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes a gourmet

dinner, open bar, and live music. Reception begins at 6:30, dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Attire is semi-formal, tickets are \$60 for and individual, corporate sponsorships are available. This is the largest fund-raiser for the Foundation. Call (313) 398-5000 for reservations.

ART CLASSES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now accepting registrations for Winter 1998 art classes and workshops for all ages. Classes start Jan. 12. Choose from photography, batik, printmaking, music, pottery, basketry and children's theater. Call (313)416-4ART.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
Fox Hills Golf Club will be hosting this event 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$79 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, free drinks, live music, desserts and noisemakers. Call 453-7272 for required reservations.

LIBRARY EVENTS
The Plymouth District Library is hosting many exciting events this month: a holiday card display, Internet youth classes and book discussions. Call 453-0750.

ART WORKSHOPS
D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel in Canton is offering a variety of holiday art workshops for adults and youths. Call Sharon, 453-3710.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS
Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

ADULT CPR
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Basic Life Support Adult Heart-Saver Course 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B, near the South Entrance on Levan Rd. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday, Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All offices will be closed for Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

YOUTH SOCCER
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during the month of January, at the Recreation office, 525 Farmer St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A birth certificate is required, \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-

residents. Call 455-6620.

FUNNIEST VIDEOS
Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

SALVATION ARMY
Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

STOCKING STUFFERS
Stocking stuffers are available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the 1998 Senior Party party will be offering the early sale of 1998 Senior Party tickets.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON



New home
Now open: The 35th District Court has moved to its temporary quarters on Plymouth Road across from the former Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, which was destroyed by fire July 2. The court will remain in the modular, bolted-together facilities until a new courthouse is finished in some 18-24 months. The new court will be built on the site of the former court.

Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

HOT FAMILIES
Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.

DIABETES
St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will be having a meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the hospital auditorium. There is no charge or registration required. Call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

EMPOWER
One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment 981-3039.

HIV/AIDS TESTING
The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston

and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

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and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA
MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST
Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

GOODFELLOWS
The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main Street. Call 455-9611 or 451-3554.

BNI
Business Network International will not be holding the regular chapter meeting Jan. 1.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS
Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Mondays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 456-1635.

AUDITIONS
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
One of Michigan's premier choirs, the Plymouth Community Chorus, is looking for people who love to sing. Auditions will be held Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Auditions by appointment on Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 13. Male voices, especially tenors are needed, female openings are also available. (313)455-4080.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Chorus will be holding auditions on Jan. 6 and 13 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, on 11 Mile Rd., east of Middlebelt. All sheet music and practice tape is provided, auditions begin at 7:30 p.m. for those who enjoy music, 18 and older. (248) 471-4516.

CLUBS
MOTHER OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

CAREER WOMEN
The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth; from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call

Kimberly A. O'Malley, Margaret M. Shields and Jennifer M. Weiss. Associate degrees were awarded to Jill M. Balush and Diane E. Brooks, both of Canton. Tracy Q. Massel of Plymouth received a master's degree in administration-education leadership. Three Plymouth residents received bachelor's degrees: Kelly M. Geiger, Elizabeth A. Miller and Marilyn M. Peterson. Jennifer J. Szary of Plymouth received an associate degree.

AMBASSADORS
Sara Madsen and Tracy Huth, both of Canton, were selected to serve as Central Michigan Uni-

versity homecoming ambassadors. They were selected for their leadership skills, campus involvement and service activities. Madsen is a senior in health fitness and therapeutic recreation. She is involved with the Mortar Board senior honor society, Order of Omega and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of James and Patricia Madsen. Huth is a senior in psychology, with a minor in interpersonal and public communication. She is a member of the Panhellenic Council executive board, Order of Omega and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Richard and Carole Huth.

It's been said so many ways, so many times before, in so many languages - Happy Holidays!
Let us add our sincerest wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and our thanks for your support and patronage during the past year. We look forward to serving you again in the coming year.
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GRADUATED
Madonna University recently graduated more than 700 students. There were nine bachelor's degrees given to Canton residents: George G. Daraban, Erin T. Ford, Angela N. Kiems, Robert A. Kowalski, Lori A. Kuschel, Meghan L. O'Keefe,

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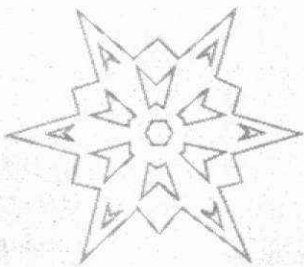
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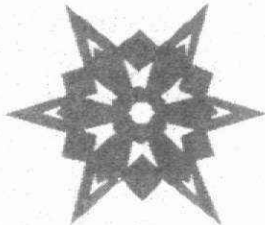


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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Fibromyalgia - WPON

Fibromyalgia specialist Dr. Martin Tamler speaks on the challenge of living with and understanding fibromyalgia Jan. 9 on WPON radio, 1460 AM from 10-11 a.m. and again at 6 p.m.

Red Cross blood drive

The holidays are a very busy time - they are also a dangerous time for the holiday blood supply. Show your holiday spirit, donate blood with Garden City Hospital, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garden City Hospital is located at 5245 Inkster Road in Garden City. To make an appointment to donate, call (313) 458-4267.

Giving blood is safe and easy - the entire donation process takes about one hour, the actual blood donation lasts for 6-10 minutes. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health.

Tai Chi at Botsford

Are you feeling a little frazzled? Maybe it's time to think about beginning the new year off right with a little stress management. Botsford Center for Health Improvement (TRACC) is offering an introductory of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese martial art which is often referred to as 'meditation in motion.' The class meets for eight consecutive Wednesdays from Jan. 7-Feb. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70. Space is limited, preregistration is required. For more information call (248) 473-5600.

Rite Aid openings

Two new Rite Aid drugstores are expected to open in Livonia in 1998. The chain will also expand a third Livonia Rite Aid store adding to the already 10 stores in existence. "Livonia is a very viable and growing market, and we plan to continue our presence there," said Paul Toombs, Rite Aid market manager.

The two new Rite Aid stores will be located at the intersections of Eight Mile and Merriman roads, and at Six Mile and Newburg roads. The latter is a relocation of an existing Rite Aid store located in the Newburg Plaza. In addition, Rite Aid will expand and remodel its drugstore at 33480 Seven Mile Road at Farmington. When complete, the store will boast an additional 3,012 square feet as well as an expanded merchandise mix.

St. Mary blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the West Addition conference rooms A & B. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are down after the holidays. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to give a special "post-holiday gift" by donating blood.

St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levant. To schedule a time to donate, call Cheryl Delaney at St. Mary Hospital (313) 655-2980.

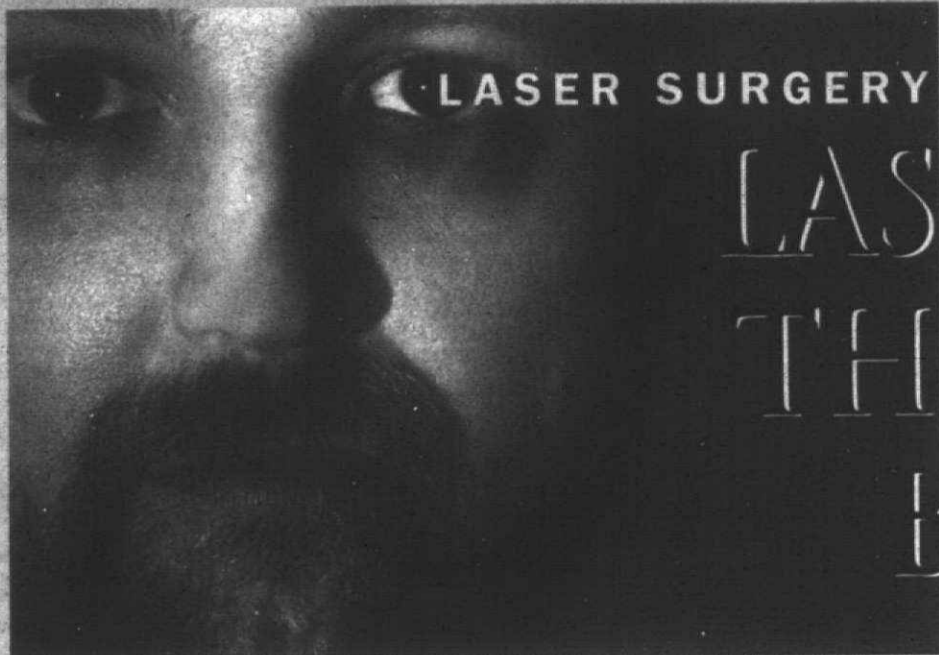
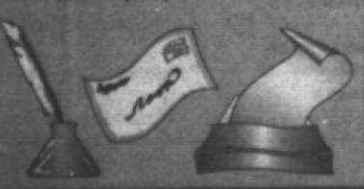
Psoriasis research

Henry Ford Hospital is seeking patients with scalp psoriasis to participate in a research study. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and have at least ten percent of their scalp affected by psoriasis.

The study will require nine visits over 24 weeks. Subjects will be reimbursed for their time. The study's medications, skin exams and parking are provided free-of-charge. For more information, call Henry Ford Hospital Department of Dermatology at (313) 556-9759 or (313) 556-8847.

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

Medical Briefs
c/o The Observer Newspapers
36221 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Or faxed to (313) 991-7279



LASIK patient Dr. Jeff Van Hook

At times, life is nothing more than one big nuisance surrounded by little annoyances. At the best of times, little annoyances linger near the surface to disturb the moment's delight. So why not get rid of a nuisance permanently, given the chance?

For almost 40 years now, I've carried my nuisance on the ridge of my nose, because like millions of Americans, my nearsighted vision and astigmatism requires glasses. And my 40-year pain-on-the-ridge has gotten worse since entering the bifocal generation and having to learn the precise angle to tilt my head to focus in on my book, television, computer monitor or Caller ID panel.

Glasses are the pits! I wear them for two, and only two, reasons - to see better, and because I am too much of a chicken to slide contact lenses under my eyelids. So I wake up in the middle of the night and have to go fishing for my glasses on the floor to find out what time it is.

When I go cross country skiing, my glasses fog up. And when the baseball game gets boring on TV and I tilt back in my recliner, I have to slide my glasses down my nose to refocus on the screen.

Anyone who wears glasses suffers from the same nuisances and could probably add his or her own list of annoyances that matches or exceeds mine.

Other patients

Other patients I talked with described the results of LASIK surgery as a "miracle" and I would use the same adjective. The persons I talked with included attorney Marty Brennan, Debbie Hurst and Kathy Yiannou of the Windsor Police Department, Dr. Jeff Van Hook, a Westland dentist, John Harkins, a pilot and outdoorsman from Macomb County, and Cathy Thompson, who works for NBD at the Warren-Cowan bank in Westland.

Van Hook, a Canton Township resident and eyeglass wearer for 23 years, said he suffered from a severe astigmatism that was corrected within a day of the surgery. Van Hook, 36, wore contacts in high school and as an undergraduate, but relied mostly on glasses because of the nature of his occupation.

"I had to wear glasses anyways when I worked because of all the dust and contacts would not have been possible," said Van Hook.

He went on to say his decision to have the surgery was furthered after his sister-in-law had the procedure done by the same doctor three years earlier. "I always thought it would be neat to go without glasses but I didn't want to risk losing my sight considering my profession."

Following his Aug. 8 surgery, Van Hook said he could see without his glasses within 30 minutes and was fully recovered with minimal use of anesthetic drops by the next day.

Van Hook says he will continue to wear reading glasses, something he was told ahead of time, and will undergo an enhancement procedure within the next few months to complete the correction of his astigmatism.

"I would do it again," said Van Hook, "and I'm not worried about having the additional enhancement because I know what to expect and I was told about it upfront. I have no complaints."

LASER SURGERY REJUVENATES VISION

LASIK BREAKS THE GLASSES BARRIER

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Take action

So one day I woke up and decided there are enough annoyances in life to tolerate that glasses should not be one of them. So one morning I drove from my home in Westland over the Ambassador Bridge into Canada to visit The Windsor Laser Eye Institute. My mission was to learn about a laser refractive surgery technique unavailable in the U.S. that eliminates the need to wear glasses for farsighted and nearsighted persons alike.

I returned to Windsor on a Tuesday to have my eyes checked to determine the prescription of the glasses I was wearing and to examine the physical condition of my eyes.

I "passed" and was declared a candidate for LASIK surgery. The procedure was fully explained, including a rundown on all possible side effects, what would happen during surgery, and how I might feel that day, the next day, and for the days after. Then I had a topographical map of my eyes made, with full colors showing the high and low spots of my cornea. This topographical information, and the figures from the dilated exam, would help the surgeon know how to set the laser equipment so as to exactly reshape my cornea as needed. The information was passed on to my surgeon, Dr. Fouad Tayfour, who assured me there would be no problems.

What takes place is really quite simple when performed by someone as knowledgeable and skilled as Tayfour. The technique might be simple but the results are more than remarkable.

Outpatient procedure

That Saturday morning, upon arrival, some numbing drops were put in my eyes. After a short wait, I was ushered into the surgery to experience firsthand what I now consider to be a medical miracle. Everything that happened was exactly as had been described during the consultation visit.

First, the eyelids are clamped open. Then a metal piece with a circular opening is placed over the cornea. At this point, my vision blacked out for a brief moment. Then a cutting tool called a keratome passes over the cornea, making a micro-thin cut of the surface layer of the cornea. The keratome, which functions just like a carpenter's plane, leaves uncut a small section of the cornea at the end to act as a hinge.

On the surgery table, I then watch as Tayfour takes a small tweezer-like instrument to fold back the freshly-cut layer. The excimer laser, preset for my right eye, is then aimed and turned on. I see a pattern of dark red dots with a green dot in the center. I become preoccupied with the red dots and green dot, which seems to fade and reappear.

The laser is done before I know what's happened. I then watch as Tayfour picks up the corner of the still freshly cut flap and places it back over the cornea. He irrigates underneath the flap and I can see the water pass over my eye. Then with a small spatula-type tool, Tayfour carefully applies pressure around the flap so it returns to its original position. Just like that, it's over.

The procedure is repeated on my left eye without incident. In about 10 minutes, both eyes are corrected for farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. A nurse leads me to a nearby room, although I could easily have walked away unassisted.

ed. She explains the post-operative care procedures and hands me a brochure.

In a short time, Tayfour invites me into an examination room, looks over both eyes, puts in some eye drops, puts a patch over my right eye, offers instructions, and asks me to return the next day.

On my right eye, the flap was cut without a hinge to expose all of the cornea because this was the eye with astigmatism and more of the surface had to be reshaped. So the patch was an added insurance to keep the "unhinged" flap in place. I was handed a "fanny-pack" with a pair of sunglasses.

When I left the institute my vision was near normal out of the left eye. I had no idea, of course, about the right eye.

Immediately after surgery, and for the weeks ahead, it is critical that I not rub my eyes. Rubbing my eyes might cause the cornea surface layer to shift which would complicate recovery and require

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Dr. Fouad Tayfour

In less than a decade, Dr. Fouad Tayfour has become one of the world's leaders in refractive surgery and a pioneer in the LASIK surgical procedures to correct farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. Tayfour, 43, is medical director of The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in Windsor, as well as serving as ophthalmologist in-chief of the Windsor Regional

Hospital. He founded The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in 1991 and since then has performed more than 10,000 refractive procedures for more than 5,000 patients.

Tayfour completed his medical training in ophthalmology at University of Toronto in 1987 and studied excimer laser surgery with Dr. Theo Seiler of Berlin, Germany, a pioneer in the field.

Tayfour is one of the first refractive surgeons to adopt LASIK in 1993 as the primary treatment for nearsightedness. More recently, Tayfour began offering treatment for farsightedness using the Nidek laser, also using the LASIK technique.

His knowledge, expertise and command of technology allow him to offer procedures in Canada which are not yet widely available in the United States.

With four years experience using LASIK, Tayfour is visited regularly by eye surgeons throughout the world to learn his technique. Tayfour also has attained the largest solo cataract practice in Canada in less than nine years, during which time he has performed more than 20,000 cataract surgeries.

If you would like more information or a free video regarding LASIK from the Windsor Laser Eye Institute, call 1-800-663-4733.

Sober is smarter this holiday season

There's another reason not to drink and drive this holiday season. Yes, you certainly already know that driving after drinking alcohol dramatically increases your risk for accidents. In fact, driving while under the influence of alcohol is still this nation's leading cause of auto fatalities.

Our reason for not drinking and driving is a little more long term, but certainly one you want to add to your list of reasons to practice moderation during holiday celebrations. It has to do with cutting cancer risk.

Well, OK - maybe the driving part has nothing to do with cancer risk, but there's no question that drinking alcohol does. Alcohol increases the risk for liver cancer and cancers of the head and neck, and probably increases the risk for breast and colon cancer. The new guidelines from the American Institute for Cancer Research say that if you drink at all, you should limit alcohol consumption to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

Beyond practicing moderation in your own consumption of holiday drinks, you may also want to do

your guests a favor if you're hosting a party this holiday season. Consider these suggestions:

- Offer a wide choice of non-alcoholic beverages, including fruit punches, juices, bottled water, soft drinks and flavored seltzer.

- Always serve food when serving liquor.

- Don't feel that the perfect host or hostess must always be "freshening up" guests' drinks.

- Never serve "one for the road." Never allow a guest who is intoxicated to drive.

Your holiday guests may be more likely to skip the alcohol if they're offered a creative and appealing non-alcoholic drink, aside from the typical soda or seltzer. Try serving these easy-to-make, non-alcoholic drinks at your next holiday party:

SPARKLING MOCK RED WINE

Choose stemmed wine glasses or tall slender glasses. Pour each glass half-full of very cold diet lemon-lime carbonated beverage or similar beverage. Fill the glass with very cold cranapple juice. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

SMART CHAMPAGNE

Choose stemmed champagne glasses. Pour each glass half full with very cold diet ginger ale. Fill the glass with very cold apple cider. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

HOLIDAY PUNCH

Combine unsweetened apple, pineapple, and cranberry juices, orange slices, and seltzer or ginger ale; to serve hot - omit the seltzer or ginger ale and add a dash of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

By keeping your alcohol intake to a minimum this holiday season and all year round, you and your loved ones can toast to good health this year with a better chance at having it.

For a free brochure send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. TT, P.O. Box 97167 Washington DC 20090-7167.

Health-conscious at holidays

Many of us think of the holidays as a time when, as far as our diets are concerned, all is forgiven; our sins of the palate are overlooked. But if we take a little time to plan our holiday foods wisely, we can end up with great-tasting, nutritious meals that leave us with nothing to feel sorry or guilty about.

The American Institute for Cancer Research recently published a new study emphasizing the need for plenty of vegetables, fruits and grains in our diets, along with physical activity and weight control, for cancer prevention overall good health. While many of us already serve vegetables at our holiday meals, we often prepare them with much more calories and fat than is needed.

Drowning vegetables in heavy cream sauces or serving potatoes dripping with butter adds unnecessary, unhealthy fat to our holiday table - calories and fat that can be easily skipped without being missed.

Try these calorie cutting suggestions:

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a return visit to the surgery table. The sunglasses were to be worn both to protect the eye from sensitivity to the sun and to keep me from rubbing my eyes. Also, persons who wear glasses are not used to having the eye exposed to the wind. Until I adjusted to this change, the wind blowing directly on my eyes would cause dryness. So the sunglasses also act as a "wind-breaker."

Minimal side effects

I was supposed to go directly to bed when getting home and sleep off the side effects. I experienced in a wakened state some of the "side effects" other patients sleep off. I did feel a little grittiness in both eyes, like I had been on the beach and had sand blown in my eyes.

The next day, my wife drove me back to Windsor for the post-op check (I would have driven except for the patch on my right eye). Tatyfour removed the patch, examined both eyes, pronounced them perfectly healthy, and then had me read an eye chart. I was one line away from having 20-20 vision restored, so I left with 80 percent normal vision - without glasses!

I drove home that Sunday, able to see as well as I could three days before with glasses. Healing would take place over the next 30 days or so. I could not read and the words on my computer monitor were blurred. So I went to Arbor Drugs on Monday and picked up a pair of reading glasses (1.5 magnification) for \$14 to get me through the healing process.

On Monday, I also went to the Secretary of State's office to get my driver's license renewed and to ask that my license state that I didn't need glasses to drive. I passed that vision test with flying colors.

Some readers are interested in a full account of side effects and complications. I'm sorry, but this is all there is. Tears for 30 minutes, a feeling of sand in my eyes for an hour, and a couple weeks of wearing reading glasses until my close-up vision is restored.

There was no pain at any time, during surgery or afterwards. No headaches, no swelling, no scars, no burning sensation.

What's left for me at this point is to wait for complete healing to take place. The worst scenario is that my near vision may not return without the aid of glasses in which case I will keep a pair of reading glasses at my side. I'm told that is very unlikely,

that complete healing will restore close-up vision without glasses. That happened to everyone I talked with and surely will happen to me also.

Success story

On a recent Sunday, I leaned back in my recliner while watching the Lions on TV and watched Scott Mitchell throw interceptions without having to slide my glasses down my nose.

I fell asleep in the chair before the third quarter ended and upon awakening looked across the room at the VCR and read the time.

I drive without glasses, walk in and out of the house without my glasses fogging, and enjoy several other conveniences that more than half the population in the U.S. does not.

Yes, laser eye surgery is great. LASIK is not for everybody, of course - it's for those who wear glasses or contacts but don't really want them.

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Creamy corn casserole - each of the four servings has only two grams of fat. Melt two teaspoons of margarine in a nine-inch glass pie plate and blend in 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour. Stir in 8 ounces of evaporated skim milk, salt/pepper to taste. Bake at 350 degrees until creamy and thick - stirring occasionally about 25 to 30 minutes. Serve immediately.

Instead of preparing deep-fried appetizers for this year's holiday guests, try serving fresh colorful vegetables, like sliced red and green bell peppers, with a low-fat dip made with non-fat yogurt and light sour cream.

As an alternative to baked potatoes, to which we're usually tempted to add high-fat toppings like butter, sour cream and cheese, try serving wild rice with raisins and mushrooms. Boil one cup of water with two cups of chicken broth in a covered saucepan. Then add one cup of wild rice, 1/2 cup seedless raisins and four ounces of canned mush-

rooms. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until tender, about one hour.

It's easy to incorporate more healthful foods in your holiday meal while preparing the stuffing for your turkey. Try adding raisins or dried apples for something different, and season with onion, garlic, chives or scallions. Sweet potatoes also taste great with raisins, dates or chopped apricots mixed in.

When it comes to dessert, give family and friends the option of a rich dessert or a platter of fresh, seasonal sliced fruits like oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and pears. You may be surprised at how many people opt for the healthier, lighter meal finale.

By incorporating these simple changes into your cooking, not only will your holiday foods taste delicious, they'll be packed with nutritious ingredients that you can feel good about serving to the whole family.

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PC TALK

Mike Wendland

PC, put a youngster on your own lap and start surfing. The Internet offers some great opportunities for you and your kids to spend quality time together this holiday season.

My AltaVista search revealed 229,111 mentions of Santa Claus in Cyberspace. Sorting through them all is a daunting task and, if you let the kids surf unpervised, they'll run into some inappropriate material. So, to give you some fun places to visit online with your good little boys and girls, I've put together some of my favorites.

Expect some delays. All the Christmas sites are getting plenty of visits. The Santa.Net site, for example, (http://www.santa.net) claims it receives about 250,000 visitors a day. But if you persist, you'll eventually get through to all of these sites. And, by clicking on the various Christmas and Santa links you'll find even more places to visit.

There's a delightful Web site from Finland that calls itself the Santa Claus Home Page (http://www.mofie.fi/santa) that bills itself as the oldest Christmas site on the Internet. It offers a fun-to-read "Interview with Santa Claus" and sections on the various traditions of the season and variations on all the different Santa stories from Kris Kringle to St. Nick.

Another Finnish site is well worth checking out, too. It's called "Radio Claus" (http://www.netradio.fi/test/santa/eng/shng.html) and it offers a Christmas card. Click on a date and up pops a short, perfect-to-read-aloud story from Santa.

The Santa Claus Home Page also lets your child send Santa an e-mail letter, delivered by "Rudolph, the Virtual Flying Red Nosed Reindeer" and, the site tells us, we can expect a personal answer back by return e-mail from Santa himself.

Another quick and easy place to send an e-mail to Santa with a guaranteed reply is the "Dear Santa Claus" page (http://www.choicemall.com/holidays/let-ter.html). While part of an online shopping mall, the letter page can be accessed directly and the form is straightforward enough that youngsters can fill it out themselves with adult supervision.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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MON, DEC. 22
PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Canton at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

TUE, JAN. 6
BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call Garden City Hospital 458-4330 for registration information.

JAN. 6 & 8
MONS ON THE GO FITNESS
An alternating land and water exercise program designed for the special needs of the pregnant and postpartum women which starts during pregnancy and continues until your baby is six months old. Presented by the Perinatal Education Program of Garden City Hospital and Wayne-Westland YMCA. Physician's approval required. Meets from 6-7 p.m. Call 458-4330 for additional information.

JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Members meet at 6:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call 458-4330 for registration.

JAN. 8 & 15
INFANT CARE CLASS
Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class from 7-9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes. This will be held in the West Addition Conference Room A. The first class, taught by a registered nurse, will be Getting to Know Your Newborn and the second, Caring for the Sick Infant. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference A (second session). To register call 655-1100 or toll free 800-655-1615.

JAN. 8, 12-16, 20
BREATH-FREE STOP SMOKING
This seven day stop smoking program has helped more people in the Detroit metro area kick the cigarette smoking habit. Join the Livonia Breath-Free Stop Smoking Program (join the non-smoking majority) Jan. 8, 12-16 and 20th of 1998 at the Livonia City Hall Complex, Library Auditorium, 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. All classes start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call, (313) 466-2540.

JAN. 2 - FEB. 11
PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-natal Exercise class that meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. Class dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the Pavilion Confer-

MON, JAN. 5
HEART PALS - CARDIAC SUPPORT
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-3242.

WED, JAN. 7
DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

CHILD & INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 7 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Low vision solutions
Low Vision Solutions of Livonia is a new company that sells equipment such as video magnifiers and daily living aids for persons with extremely low vision. Other products include hand-held magnifiers, large print software, talking calculators and watches and a show-room with approximately 10 different models of the video magnifiers.

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

New manager
Michael Glaser has joined the N.A. Mans team in Canton as General Manager for the Glaser Kitchen and Bath Division.

25th anniversary
Timothy J. Jahn a long-time Livonia resident, will be celebrating 25 years with General Cinema Theatres in February. Tim started his career as an usher at the Livonia Mall Cinema, and is now the General Manager of the Canton Cinema 6. In addition to his responsibilities as GM, Tim also holds the position of Marketing Coordinator for General Cinema Theatres in Michigan.

Cooke promoted
Canton resident Robin Kay Cooke of Youth Living Centers has been promoted from finance director to business development officer. Cooke will now coordinate program expansion, build and strengthen community relationships, and identify and evaluate new business ventures.

New quality director
FCI Automotive appointed Charles Thompson as quality director for the company's North American division - Framatome Connectors Interlock Inc. of Livonia. His new position will require him to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating quality programs consistent with customer requirements as well as preventing or eliminating defects in all new and existing products.

Two Unique Boutiques:
Garden City & Farmington
CRAFTIQUE
CRAFT & ANTIQUE MALL
Like a Great Craft and Antique Store Seven Days a Week!

Boeing awards contract
J.S. Alberici Construction Co. Inc. an international construction firm with an office in Livonia - in a joint venture with The Austin Company of Cleveland, has been selected by The Boeing Company to design a focused factory for rocket manufacturing in Decatur, Alabama. The first contract to be released to the Austin Alberici Joint Venture is for completion of final design.

Absopure earns award
Absopure Water Company of Plymouth is sparkling with excitement at the news that its CAP10 brand of flavored effervescent mineral water has received the prestigious AQUA Award from the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA). Dan Yessian Music of Farmington Hills was involved in the development of the CAP10 jingle for Absopure Water Company as music producer.

New construction
Illmore Engineering, the race engine building arm of Mercedes-Benz is building a new 26,000 square foot technology center in the Plymouth Oaks Business Park by Campbell/Maniz Inc. a Southfield based firm that designs, engineers and constructs industrial and commercial buildings. The facility will centralize its American engineering and business management activities.

Sears dental opening
Family Dental Center recently opened a new location in the Sears department store of Westland Mall. Office manager Tamara Carmany said she is not surprised appointment books have been filling up since the store opened. "This Sears location was built because the community requested it," said Carmany. "The public demanded it and we are filling that need."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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

WED, DEC. 31

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L. There will be no regular chapter meeting of the Business Network International in December.

FRI, JAN. 2

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L.

There will be no regular chapter meeting of the Business Network International.

TUE, JAN. 20

MICHIGAN PRINT AWARDS
The Michigan Print Week Association will honor the patron saint of the printing industry, Ben Franklin at a dinner and awards banquet at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by keynote speaker Mort Crim. Two individual and one Corporate Ben Franklin award will be also presented. The individual

awards will be presented to John Wickett Jr. of Seaman-Patrick Paper Company and John A. (Jack) Briegel of McNaughton & Gunn Inc. The corporate award will be presented to Westcott Paper Products. Tickets are \$50. Call Harry Brookes, (313) 871-3357 for information about purchasing tickets.

NAT'L ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN
The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter continues to build a strong networking environment by scheduling the 1998 season with both creative and dynamic programming. All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of

each month at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information call Judie at 453-7272 ext. 223. 1998 programs include Jan. 20: Making the Tax Law Changes Work for You - (Jim Palazzolo, CPA); Feb. 17: Persist to Succeed (Carol Lewis); March 17: Do You Know Who You Are Really Hiring (Julie Van Amedey).

FEB. 10 & 11

BUSINESS EXPO '98
Don't miss your chance to reach over 9,000 potential customers

in southeast Michigan at the largest business-to-business marketing event sponsored by Valassis Communications of Livonia and Q95.5 radio. The event at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia will feature over 4,000 visitors; 120 exhibitors, exclusive opportunities; and educational seminars. To register and to schedule booth selection - call (313) 427-2122.

APRIL 30, 1998

SWCCC BUSINESS EXPO
The Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce (SWCCC) is currently accepting reserva-

tions for booth space at the 1998 Southern Wayne Business Exposition, schedule to take place at Yack Arena in Wyandotte. The event will open with a Black Tie Preview Party on Thur., April 30, 1998 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This evening features a fabulous array of delicious entrees from over 30 of the area's finest restaurants. The business exposition will open May 1 from noon to 7 p.m. and will continue May 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Businesses interested in participating in the show can contact Cindy Travis at the chamber at (313) 284-6000.

Democrats demand product liability reform, legislation in motion

Corporations which knowingly manufacture defective products will no longer be able to hide under the cover of product liability reforms designed to benefit responsible businesses, under Democratic consumer safety legislation approved by the Michigan House of Representatives. "The laws of this state protect corporations which harm innocent people by cutting corners,

skirting safety standards, and covering up evidence of product defects," said Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) House speaker. "That's wrong, and should be changed." The Democratic legislation passed demands responsibility from corporations for the products they put on the market, and strengthens legal protection for consumers who are injured by defective products.

LEGISLATION

"This legislature should be endorsing responsibility, not negligence," said Rep. Ted Wallace (D-Detroit), chair of the House Judiciary Committee. "We should be on the side of innocent people who are harmed by unsafe products, not on the side of irresponsible corporations that put people's lives in danger." The package of bills includes:
■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos) which would prevent companies that knowingly manufacture or distribute defective products from taking advantage of Michigan's new product liability laws

to protect themselves in court. The 1995 reforms included caps on monetary damages, statutory reforms which removed discretionary power over lawsuits from judges and juries, and presumptions that products are safe if they meet bare minimum government standards.
■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. Wallace allows juries to award punitive damages to injured parties in circumstances where the conduct of the manufacturer was found to be intentional, malicious, fraudulent or done with a conscious and deliberate disregard for the interest of others.
■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. William J. Callahan (D-St. Clair Shores) which would make

pharmaceutical companies accountable for dangerous drugs they manufacture. Currently, Michigan is the only state in the nation that provides total immunity to drug makers for drug products which are approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
"People who put their trust in new drugs may not see harmful side effects for years," said Callahan. "How can we live with ourselves knowing that Michigan alone denies its citizens the ability to hold drug companies accountable for the harm their products inflict?"
"It is important that our system of laws not reward negligence," said Baird. "We should not be giving special favors to anyone who risks people's lives for profit."

'This legislature should be endorsing responsibility, not negligence. We should be on the side of innocent people who are harmed by unsafe products, not on the side of irresponsible corporations that put people's lives in danger.'

*Rep. Ted Wallace
— D-Detroit*

A briefing on the legislation is available on the House Democratic Caucus Internet site at www.housedems.com

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-07
CHAPTER 27
SUMMARY OF
PLUMBING CODE
(REPEAL)**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE C-94-06, CHAPTER 27 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. THIS SECTION REPEALS THE PLUMBING CODE.

The plumbing Code, Ordinance C-94-06, Chapter 27 of the Township Code, and all sections and subsections thereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or voided, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-07 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Publish: December 21, 1997

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-04
CHAPTER 21
SUMMARY OF
ELECTRICAL CODE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ELECTRICAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF 1996, AS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1995, BY REFERENCE, AS THE ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 21 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code as follows:

21.010 Adoption of Code. The National Electrical Code of 1996, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association on September 1, 1995, is adopted by reference as the Electrical Code of the Township.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-04 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**1997 CDBG FUNDS:
PROPOSED REPROGRAMMING**

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Plymouth City Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 5, 1998, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, to consider reprogramming certain 1997 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as follows:

CURRENT PROJECT	CURRENT AMOUNT	PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED AMOUNT
Senior Citizen Services	\$40,000	Senior Citizen Services	\$32,000
Old Village Development	21,000	Old Village Development	24,000
General Planning Studies	-0-	General planning Studies	20,000
ADA Building Compliance	15,000	ADA Building Compliance	-0-
TOTAL	\$76,000	TOTAL	\$76,000

The reduction in the Senior Citizens Services allocation does not reflect a change in the level of service, but rather an adjustment in the amount of the annual cost being charged to the 1997 CDBG Contract.

The allocation for general planning is for neighborhood development studies for Old Village. The proposed 1997 allocation restores a program originally scheduled for the 1996 contract year.

ADA building compliance projects were completed with 1996 CDBG funds, for less cost than originally projected, and therefore the 1997 allocation is not needed.

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed reprogramming.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: December 21, 1997

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-05
CHAPTER 25
SUMMARY OF
MECHANICAL CODE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AGAINST THE HAZARDS OF INADEQUATE, DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 25 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Ordinances, as follows:

25.010 This Section adopts, by reference, the International Mechanical Code of 1996 as the Township Mechanical Code.

25.020 This Section provides for periodic inspections, a fee schedule, penalties and prohibits unlawful continuances.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-05 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Publish: December 21, 1997

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the Sunday Observer**

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

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of three copy machines.

Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 9, 1998.

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.

JACK F. FARROW, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Publish: December 14 and 21, 1997

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-06
CHAPTER 26
SUMMARY OF
ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 TO ADOPT THE CABO ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE, 1995 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, AND THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL, AS THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PREFABRICATION, EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCE INSTALLATION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, USE AND OCCUPANCY LOCATION AND REPAIR OF DETACHED ONE OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT; TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 26 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Ordinances to read as follows:

26.010 Code Adopted. This Section adopts, by reference, the CABO One and Two-Family Code, 1995 Edition as the Township One and Two-Family Dwelling Code.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-06 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Christmas wish list gives 'paws' for thought

Asking Santa for something can be dangerous. You just might get what you want. I know because two years ago I asked for an Irish Wolfhound puppy and my woes began.

Last year at this time, I was saying "Santa, that puppy's a bundle of trouble." But another year has passed and Shamrock and I have become the best of friends.

That brought me to wondering what local artists and arts supporters were asking Santa for this year. Of course, grownups know the heart of Santa exists in each of us.

Lee Alanskas and the other Livonia Arts Commissioners' request for Santa is a tall one.

"We wish we could have our own city cultural center that would be a venue for all the visual and performing arts, one that would benefit not just the arts community but the citizens of the community as well," said Alanskas.

Unfortunately, the Livonia Arts Commission's wish is nothing more than that right now. Hopefully, one of the members will take up the reins and lead the project to fruition. It would be nice if the nonprofit organization's annual arts and crafts show and a fine arts exhibit at Greenmead Historical Village as well as artist-of-the-month shows at Livonia City Hall and the Civic Center Library were all located in one place.

It took the Plymouth Community Arts Council 25 years to finally achieve their goal. Now, board member Frank Kuszak has a new wish for Santa as the arts council prepares to dedicate the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth.

"I wish that everybody would stop by the new facility and see what the Plymouth Community Arts Council contributes to the community and while they're at it to buy two tickets for our Mardi Gras dinner or an ad in the program," said Kuszak.

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 21 arts council patrons will enjoy a New Orleans style dinner, music by the New Reformation Dixieland Band, and an auction of items including art and a jersey signed by Detroit Red Wings player Sergei Federov all at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Tickets are \$50 and available by calling (313) 416-4ART.

While Kuszak is also wishing for more artists and businesses to donate merchandise for the auction, Westland artist Sandra Weed is asking Santa for crayons. A watercolor instructor at Schoolcraft College and the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Weed and her students will exhibit paintings at Livonia City Hall Jan. 19-30.

"I'm asking for crayons because I feel like being a kid again," said Weed. "Even the smell of crayons means art work to me. I'm going to elevate the lowly crayon to fine art."

Weed will probably pass on the skills she learns to her students which is a lot better than the gift of ice skates and a broken ankle, she received for her ninth Christmas.

The greatest gift of all

If Santa thought of everyone but you this Christmas, Weed suggests giving yourself a gift by enrolling in art classes at any one of the several locations around town. It's a lot safer than asking for an Irish Wolfhound puppy.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins classes in drawing, painting, music, and theater on Jan. 12 and a string program for youth ages eight to 12 on Jan. 14. For more information or to register, call (313) 416-4ART.

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a slide taking workshop for artists 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29 at the center, call (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

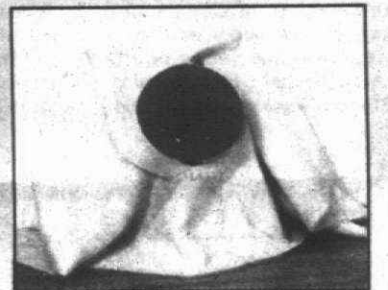
Deborah Kawaky of Plymouth explores the role of women in art from

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Comfort or threat: (Above) Chris Burden created this installation of police uniforms meant to fit officers eight feet tall. Some people find it scary, some find it comforting. It's all in your perspective. (Below) This untitled work by Anish Kapoor plays with simple shapes and bright colors. Part of an installation by Kapoor in the DIA's "Changing Spaces" exhibit, it's fun to guess what it is. Some visitors think it looks like an eyeball.

Installations reveal fabric as part of life



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

"Changing Spaces" just might change your perception of fabric art. Using fabric, fiber or processes like weaving and painting, six leading artists of the late 20th century confront viewers with installations that evoke emotion and provoke thought in an exhibition continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Organized by The Fabric Workshop and Museum, a non-profit arts organization in Philadelphia and developed by Mary Jane Jacob (a former DIA staff member) in collaboration with the artists, "Changing Spaces" deals with such weighty and timely issues as race relations, and the power of police. The imagery ranges in intensity from a whimsical room-size black cat that rises in the air to an overwhelming installation of oversized police uniforms, one of which was lent by Gilbert and Lila Silverman of Bloomfield Hills.

"Changing Spaces" will be presented in two consecutive exhibits. Part I includes works by American artists Chris Burden, Beverly Semmes, Renee Green, Carrie Mae Weems, Jim Hodges, and Anish Kapoor who was born in India and now lives in London.

"This is not your traditional fiber show," said Mary Ann Wilkinson, DIA curator of 20th century art. "The idea was to invite artists who don't usually work in fabric - the result is Changing Spaces."

Kids as well as adults will love Beverly Semmes' big black cat. At first look, the feline appears at rest in a nest of black velour. In slow motion, the cat rises from the floor to the ceiling and back down again.

Titled "RISEANDFALL," the cat miniaturizes the viewer. This element is nothing new for

Semme who in the past crafted a large scale coat with the intent of making viewers feel small.

"Beverly's interested in what happens when familiar things are in large scale," said Wilkinson. "People immediately get the idea that it's a cat as soon as it begins to move."

Comfort or threat? Chris Burden leaves the interpretation to the viewer in "L.A.P.D. Uniforms" as he confronts viewers with a room full of large scale police uniforms, authentic down to the disarmed 92F Beretta handguns. Created in response to the 1992 Los Angeles riots sparked by the acquittal of Los Angeles Police Department officers accused of beating Rodney King, the exhibit alludes to the violence of the incident and the power of the police to protect us from violence or to inflict it.

Burden gained fame 25 years ago for performance pieces during which he had himself shot, crucified on the back of a car and nearly electrocuted.

"Chris is always interested in social problems," said Wilkinson. "The uniforms are exact except they're meant to fit a police officer eight feet tall. It's interesting. Some people find it scary to walk into the room; some find it comforting. Chris wants us to think about whether they're a threat or a comfort."

Whether the viewer realizes it or not, fabric warms the body as well as the soul and touches nearly all parts of our lives. Unlike the traditional museum, The Fabric Workshop and Museum is dedicated to producing works of art because of the belief that fabric is a viable art material. As a result of its collaboration with artists, The Fabric Workshop and Museum now boasts a collection of more than 4,000 art works.

"Most people don't stop and think about what fabric means to our lives," said Wilkinson. "Fabric is kind of an invisible part of our lives. It sort of insinuates itself into our life. Our clothes are

made of fabric, the seats in our car, even in works of painting there is canvas, a fabric."

Marion Boulton Stroud's founding of The Fabric Workshop and Museum in 1977 allowed artists to experiment with the material beyond its use as canvas. Until that time, fabric was commonly associated with craft or industry, but in most instances, not the fine arts. Thanks in part to The Fabric Workshop artists, who true to form are usually ahead of their time, now search for ways to incorporate fabric into their works.

"In the last 10 to 20 years, artists are not so confined as to what you can use for art like found objects," said Wilkinson. "Artists are more accepting of the mediums and using it in different ways. People should see this show. We don't have the opportunity to do a lot of contemporary exhibits. Every one of the projects is different. It's fun to look at. It makes you think. It makes you laugh."

Renee Green, one of whose first exhibits dealt with the Kent State shootings and the Vietnam War, used upholstered fabric and wallpaper to depict slavery with a spin.

"Contemporary Toilet additionally has scenes of upper middle class or aristocratic life," said Wilkinson. "The darker scene is where she includes life of 18th century African American culture, except Green reverses the roles. A black man hangs a soldier; another black person is teaching whites."

"She makes the African Americans heroes or somehow rising above the condition of slavery. It looks like a period room so visitors get a sense of what life was like in those days. Some are difficult images but in each case it's the black person who is the hero or in the position of authority."

A wine case full of top-of-the-line spirits also includes Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill and

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UPDATE

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-December, nearly a month after the change of format at WQRS-FM (105.1), former program director Dave Wagner is back at the station where he was summarily dismissed along with other on-air talent.

But on this day, Wagner is not scheduled for the studio. He's picking up his mail along with other mementos of his 20-year career at the Southfield-based radio station.

For many classical music listeners outraged at the decision by station owners, Greater Media of New Jersey, to play head-banging rock music instead of Rachmaninoff, the radio veteran Wagner is a cause celeb.

"I've become the poster boy for classical music," said

Wagner, who is busy searching for a new job and playing the organ at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe.

The listenership at the former classical music station, said Wagner, may not be plentiful by Arbitron standards, but they are loyal.

And looking for answers.

In recent weeks, rumors have swirled about which station would fill the void left by WQRS. Speculation has included a change in format at local commercial stations WWBR-FM, WGPR-FM and WCHB-FM. With the classical music format perceived as a failing format, however, any commercial station would be hard pressed to gamble on a change to Bach

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Classical music listeners await word on who'll pick up baton



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Different key: WQRS-FM (105.1) has gone from a classical music format to "the edge" of rock. Former listeners continue to search for a new home.

Fabric from page D1

Thunderbird wines. Again, the work provokes viewers to ponder differences in histories and perspectives. "It illustrates we're closer to each other than we think," said Wilkinson.

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Changing Spaces

What's an exhibition of Artists Projects from the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia. When? Part I continues through Sunday, Jan. 4; Part II runs Friday, Jan. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 22.

Classical music at WDTR-FM?

Perhaps the most realistic place on the airwaves for a resurgence of classical music is WDTR-FM (90.9), owned by the Detroit Board of Education.

Where are they now?

Current activities of former WQRS-FM on-air talent: Charles Greenwell - a pops conductor with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Expressions from page D1

prehistoric to modern times in a class entitled "The Herstory of Art: Women and the Visual Arts" beginning Jan. 3 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Weed teaches a fabric jewelry and fabric collage painting class 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and teaches silk flowers that he separates. Hodges thinks of it as an abstract painting. This waterfall of flowers is lush. He thinks of it as a form of architecture.

Familiar authors on this year's best seller's list

Along with the certainty of death and taxes, and the proverbial claim about the passing of the novel. Whether it's Tom Wolfe decrying the lack of social relevance, or ardent Internet surfers asserting that being online makes books passé, the novel is as entrenched in book stores as

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ROMA BANQUETS of Garden City 32550 Cherry Hill (1 1/2 Miles East of Livonia) Live Band "CHANNEL 6" & DJ Entertainment

In his recent novel, Updike translates the journal of a 66-year-old who feels freed from time. His entries reveal his psychological wanderings about personal fears and a world disintegrating into the antithesis of Thoreau's vision.

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COMMENTARY

Remembering WQRS

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pendent consultant's report calls for expanding broadcast hours from 12 to 24, improving the station's outdated transmitter, offering a wider range of education programs and building alliances with other local public broadcasting stations.

"We are reinventing ourselves," said Carter. "Classical music certainly would fit under our scope of educational issues. If we can fit a community educational need, form a partnership, focus an education, then we are definitely interested."

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions for spring season 7:30 p.m. January 6 & 13. Chorus performs two major shows each year, a holiday concert and a spring concert.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT & ART APRES AT PCCA

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried all media exhibition, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15, 1998.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

MICHIGAN DRAWING BIENNIAL '98

Hand deliver entries to Room 106 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University by 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Opening reception Tuesday, Feb. 3, exhibit thru Feb. 20.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN

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

MUSIC COMPETITION

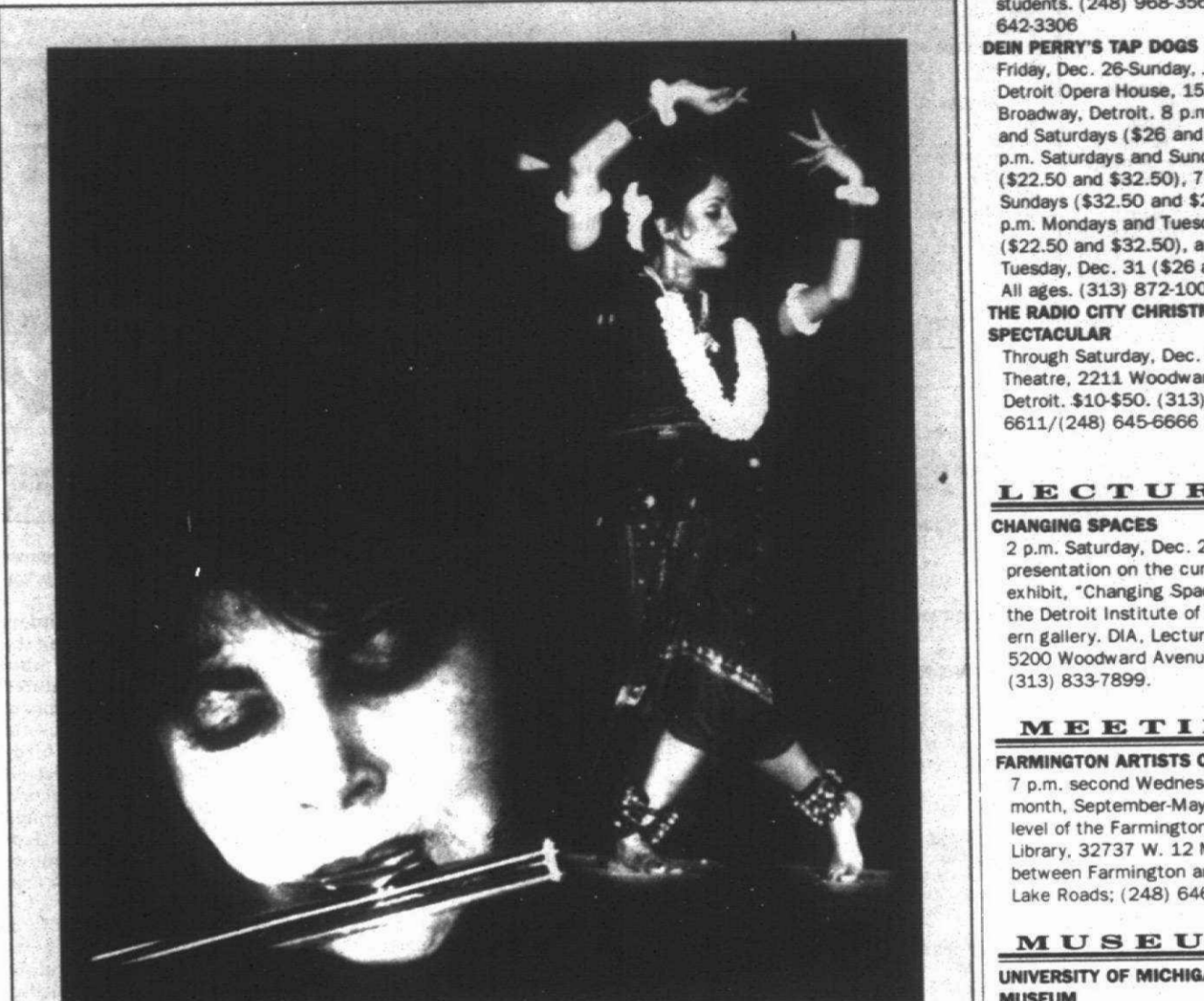
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments.

PARK PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 & 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, open audition for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." All roles open for casting.

Noteworthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314.



Legendary Interpretation: Internationally acclaimed artists, flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega and classical-modern Indian dancer Puspita Das, present an Indian legend using the rhythms, gestures and poses of Indian dance and the ragas of the flute, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-4249.

BENEFITS

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BBA WINTER CLASSES Registration for Jan. 5-March 28 classes, new offerings include Women and Visual Arts, Color Theory and Application.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 5-10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holy Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults."

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 12, including garden vessel workshop, painting landscapes, figurative painting, 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

CHORALE

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, "Between the Holidays Spectacular," conducted by Felix Resnick.

DANCE

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Featuring music of Strauss, Bernstein and Webber in a concert of popular waltzes and Broadway musical favorites, plus the artistry of professional ballroom dancers.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects; 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

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JAZZ REVISITED

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, "Jazz Revisited," featuring James Daughny's Jazz Band in a celebration of swinging jazz.

DEIN PERRY'S TAP DOGS

Friday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$28 and \$36), 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), 7 p.m. Sundays (\$32.50 and \$22.50), 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 (\$26 and \$36).

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Through Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit; \$10-\$50. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

LECTURES

CHANGING SPACES 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, a video presentation on the current exhibit, "Changing Spaces," in the Detroit Institute of Arts modern gallery, DIA, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

MEETING

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

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READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, "Frog and Toad," a theatrical performance by the Wild Swan Theatre.

OPEN MIC AT CARIBOU

Third Wednesday of each month, Caribou Coffee, Walton & Livernois; (248) 544-4657.

STORYTELLING

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28, "Betwixt the Holidays: Storytelling with LaRonn Williams."

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, "Light and Laughter," Corinne Stavish tells popular seasonal Jewish stories.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinema, AMC, Regency, and other theater listings with showtimes and prices for various movies like 'The Untouchables' and 'The Untouchables'.

BOOKS

'Birds of Detroit' could be the perfect stocking stuffer

Birds of Detroit By Chris C. Fisher and Allen T. Chartier (Lone Pine Publishing, \$9.95)



rendering the subtle differences between some species with precision.

This handsome, informative guide arrives just in time for stocking stuffing. For the avid birdwatcher or the young would-be birdwatcher, this is a treasure—a book the zeroes in on our own backyards and parks. This book is the latest in a series of books from Lone Pine focusing on identifying the birds in a particular location. Detroit-area resident and birder Allen T. Chartier and wildlife specialist Chris C. Fisher describe 125 species of birds that can be found in the Detroit area, at least part of each year. For the uninitiated, bird watching has become one of the most popular hobbies in the country. But you might imagine the Detroit area wouldn't be prime birding country—oh, sure lots of sparrows and pigeons, a few nasty crows and a robin now and then. Well, this book is out to prove how wrong those notions are. Detroit's Great Lakes location and variety of terrain make a suitable home for a variety of birds, both those who stay around while and those who visit Detroit as a handy resting spot on their way to someplace else. The quality paperback is superbly designed by Carol Dragich for attractiveness and quick field reference. The color illustrations by Gary Ross, Ted Nordhagen and Ewa Flucienki are vivid and finely detailed,

Each description includes a reference to someplace in the metro area where the bird described is most likely to be found and under what circumstances. And the variety of birds is astounding. The publishers have passed through a few tidbits of birdlore for Detroit-area residents: In early November, north-west winds over the Detroit area sometimes bring a local Golden Eagle migration. The winter months are a good time to find swans offshore at Belle Isle. Because Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River do not always freeze over entirely, they often attract a wide variety of seabirds and waterfowl. With the disappearance of southern Michigan's second growth forests, the state parks, game areas and other public lands around Detroit have come to play an essential role in preserving biodiversity. According to a survey in Fortune magazine, more Americans prefer birding over golf when asked how they unwind on vacation. The book also includes some interesting information for novice birders, a glossary, references, a checklist and indexes of names (common and scientific). This is the perfect book to introduce children to bird watching. Take them out to a park and see how many beautiful birds you find.

Foreign policy expert looks at danger of rogue regimes

Rogue Regimes By Raymond Tanter (St. Martin's Press, 1997, \$29.95)



ESTHER LITTMAN

The demise of the Soviet Union did not leave a political vacuum for long. It was soon filled with an eclectic mix of third-world nations that had been flexing their muscles for some time. Belligerent and ambitious, they now seek to confront the world and the sole remaining superpower on their own terms. Characterized by sponsorship of terrorist activities, eagerness to acquire weapons of mass destruction and possession of large-scale conventional forces, their threat, though sometimes ambiguous, cannot be ignored. University of Michigan professor of political science and former senior staff member of the National Security Council Raymond Tanter addresses the issue of outlaw nations in his recent publication, entitled "Rogue Regimes." Included in his discussion are Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Cuba and North Korea. What do the leaders of these regimes hope to accomplish, he asks. How accurate is America's perception of the problem each one poses? And how appropriate is our response? A card in point is Iraq. The United States regards its charismatic ruler, Saddam Hussein, as an opportunistic aggressor, desirous of controlling the mideast oil supply and becoming

leader of the Arab world. Our current policy toward Iraq is one of containment, writes Tanter, which means applying economic sanctions and supervising its weapons supply. But as Tanter points out, some analysts suggest that "need Cuba is still a threat to our national security. Perhaps our policy of containment simply plays into Castro's hands, whereby he uses it to invoke emergency measures and thereby maintains power. Ironically, trade restrictions may actually enable "Castro to deny political liberties to his potential challengers and human rights to the Cuban people." An insider during the Reagan and Bush years, Dr. Tanter takes us behind the scenes, to foreign policy briefings and meetings with top-level decision-makers. His analyses of current hostilities are followed by scenarios of possible future activities, including Libya's construction of a chemical weapons factory, North Korea's internal collapse, and a limited war between Syria and Israel over the Golan Heights. Professor Tanter's "Rogue Regimes" provides an insightful look into the tight-rope balancing act that makes up our foreign policy. It will fascinate and instruct the reader who is concerned with international affairs. "Rogue Regimes" is available at Borders.

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Lisa Hunter performs 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Dr. Alice Lenaghan performs on flute 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23. Holiday singing along 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24. Ya Tafari CD release party 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. Kwanzaa celebration 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27 at the store 34300 Woodward, Birmingham (248) 203-0005.

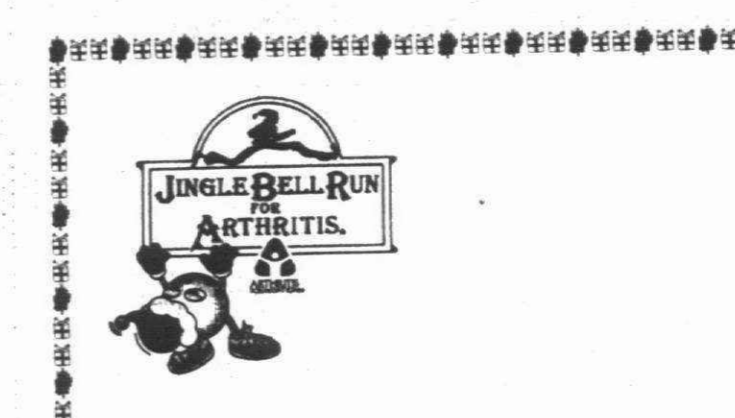
Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomim, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ANIMAL ODYSSEY If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind present for your favorite animal lover, stop by the Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery, 971 North Mill in Plymouth.

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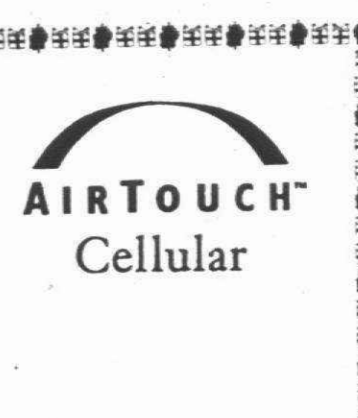
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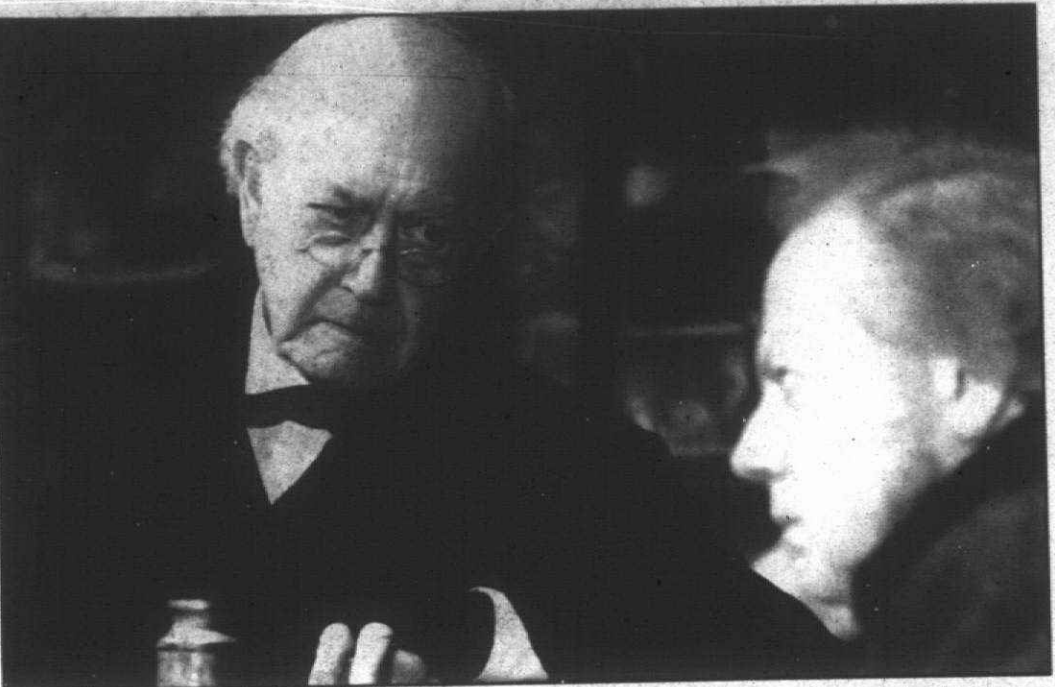
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THEATER

On stage it's all 'bah humbug,' but not off for Scrooge

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BY ANDREA BURMANN
SPECIAL WRITER



Christmas classic: Booth Colman (left) and Paul Hopper in Meadow Brook Theatre's 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean and nasty Grinch. Despite his unpopularity, everybody loves Booth Colman who portrays the old miser in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

This season marks the 600th time this veteran stage, Broadway, movie and TV actor will portray Scrooge at Michigan's largest regional theater.

"Mr. Colman is as appealing on-stage as he is off," said Mike Vigilant, Meadow Brook Theatre's public relations manager. "If he wasn't, the audience wouldn't demand that he come back every year."

After playing crotchety old Scrooge every year except one since 1982, Colman has become anonymous with the part for area theatergoers. But, like Scrooge, this is more to the 74-year-old Los Angeles resident than meets the eye.

He's acted in 50 motion pictures ranging from MGM's "Julius Caesar" to a John Wayne western. There have also been featured roles in several hundred episodes of TV series such as "Bewitched" and "I Dream of Jennie." Most recently he did an episode for "Star Trek Voyager."

Colman has also made a slew of TV commercials and has dabbled in the soap operas. For many months he was a professor on "General Hospital" and a doctor on "The Young and The Restless."

Colman looks like a grandfatherly type, save the distinguished air about him. He wears a jacket and tie, his gray hair is neatly combed, and he sits with his legs crossed. His hands are folded neatly in his lap, except when he uses them to talk animatedly. He is alert, relaxed, peaceful.

"If I'm in a play that I don't like much, I would rather in a picture, or even on junk TV," said Colman. "And vice versa. But usually when you're an actor you have to take what comes to you, unless you're a great professional."

Terry Carpenter, Meadow Brook Theatre's stage manager for nine years, said Colman usu-

ally plays a doctor, a lawyer, or a scientist.

"He always plays an educated man," said Carpenter. "He's never played the truck driver."

Colman began his acting career when he was 9 years old with, ironically, Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." He read the part of Copperfield for a radio show in Oregon where he was born and grew up.

Colman studied acting at the University of Washington and Japanese for a year at the University of Michigan. It wasn't until after serving in the army during World War II that he moved to New York City to act on Broadway.

He made his Broadway stage debut in Irwin Shaw's war drama, "The Assassin." During his stay in New York from 1943-1951, Colman acted on Broadway with the likes of Sir Noel Coward, Fredric March and Basil Rathbone.

Yet despite all the charming and talented actors of his day, Colman's most admired actor is not one of his contemporaries. It is silent film star Lon Chaney, Sr.

"He was an American original," said Colman, his eyes sparkling behind gold-rimmed spectacles. "And a great artist."

Colman often reminisces about roles he has played and the people he has worked with. Vigilant describes Colman as a "walking treasury of entertainment information," and said he's a great

storyteller.

"Mr. Colman is extremely congenial," he said. "People just wait for him to start telling stories. But he is also interested in what other people are doing. His relationships are not one-sided. It's give and take."

Most of Colman's long-term friendships have come from people he's worked with in the theater, either on tour or on stage.

"But you really can't make long-term friendships working on a movie," he said. "Pictures are things of the moment."

It was through one of his friends, Terry Kilburn, that Colman landed his first job at Meadow Brook Theatre in 1971. Colman acted with Kilburn in "The Andersonville Trial" in Los Angeles in 1961. Ten years later, Kilburn was Meadow Brook Theatre's Artistic Director, and he sent for Colman to play Captain Wirz in the Meadow Brook production of the same play.

During one of the show's performances there was a man with a gun in the audience. Someone sitting next to him noticed the fun and the man was escorted out of the theater before he could do any harm.

"As it turned out, he was a Civil War buff, a Union supporter, who was not particularly fond of Captain Wirz," said Colman laughing, the smile lines around his eyes deepening. Save that episode, no other attempt has ever been made on his life.

Carpenter said it's evident

Colman is from the "old school" of acting.

"He shows up for work every day in a jacket and a tie, even for rehearsals," said Carpenter. "He's always done that. Booth has an old black and white picture of him on the set of 'Casablanca' with the film's stars, and there is Booth, in his jacket and tie, standing off to one side."

Colman likes the way things were in the past, but he adapts to the present.

"I enjoy what I'm doing today, instead of reliving the past," said Colman. "There is no profit in that. You have to deal with what's happening now. You can't live in the air. That's dream-land," he clarified.

"There is one thing Colman has not adapted to however, driving in Michigan."

"He drives in LA all the time, but he simply refuses to drive in Auburn Hills," said Carpenter. "If he wants to go somewhere when he's here, he relies on the kindness of strangers."

When Colman is in town for "Christmas Carol" he usually stays on Oakland University's campus, along with the other out-of-town actors. He usually fills in his free time reading in the campus library or listening to public radio. Colman enjoys reading biographies of theatrical subjects and mystery stories.

Though an avid stage actor, Colman does not go out to see many plays, he does, however,

watch a lot of movies, especially in January, February and March. He is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture of the Arts and Sciences and votes for the Academy Awards.

Colman may judge a lot of movies, but he does not consider himself judgmental of the actors he works with.

"I'm fair," said Colman. "I approach people slowly and try not to make snap judgments." He does admit, however, that he is impatient.

"He is impatient, but he gets more upset with himself than with other people," said Carpenter. "For instance, if he forgets a line or something, he'll get mad at himself for messing up."

Vigilant said that the kids on the set of "A Christmas Carol" love Colman.

"After they've grown up, they still remember and talk about their experiences with Mr. Colman," he said.

Colman has spent the last 16 Thanksgivings and Christmases with Meadow Brook Theatre crew and actors. Many of them always spend Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day together.

"People become a family after a certain length of time," said Colman. "We feel we're a family."

Carpenter likens Colman's presence in the "family" to that of Ebenezer Scrooge's "awakening" at the end of "A Christmas Carol."

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TRAVEL

Saddle up dudes for winter at the Double JJ ranch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Winter on a working ranch is a quiet time — a time to mend fences, paint buildings and catch up on paperwork.

But at the Double JJ Resort Ranch, the activity level picks up as guests arrive to cross country ski, tube down a hill, drive a team of huskies, ride horses across snowy landscapes, hold corporate brainstorming sessions in wooded settings and then come in from the cold to warm by a fire or kick up their heels for a country line dance.

The Double JJ Resort in Rothbury, Mich., near Muskegon, is an all-year, 1,200-acre facility that combines the typical golf and water sports resort with a western style dude ranch. Since 1988, Bob and Joan Lipsitz of Bloomfield Hills have owned the resort, dividing their time between the city and country and continuously adding to the amenities and activities at the Double JJ.

"We were doing a lot of traveling, looking at different sites and getting tired of politics," said Joan Lipsitz. "We'd always worked for large agencies and

decided to forgo that and do this. It was new, looked challenging. We're used to the 24-hour mode not the 9 to 5 mode."

Both Lipsitzes had experience in outdoor activities. Bob, 45, had been executive director of Tamarack camps from 1982 to 1987 and Joan, 40, had worked as a counselor and administrator at the camps.

Bob had also formed a non-profit educational association, with Joan as director, that promoted learning through field experience. This led to formation of "Corporate Challenge," a management training company that provides outdoor experiences for corporate clientele.

The Double JJ was founded in 1937 as the Jack and Jill Ranch by George Storm as an adults-only, all-inclusive vacation resort, originally geared to singles. The Lipsitzes are the ranch's fourth owners.

"When we bought it, it was a typical ranch. Some rooms have bunkbeds, no phones, no TVs," said Joan.

In 1993, the couple opened the Thoroughbred Golf Club, north of the original ranch. The club has an 18-hole golf course

designed by Arthur Hills and once rated by Golf Digest as "best in the state." The Thoroughbred has a modern loft hotel, the Homestead Condominiums (with up to three bedrooms) and a corporate conference center.

In July, the resort will add a new and unusual feature — the Back Forty Resort, which Joan Lipsitz calls a double exclusive resort. The couple have received a state community block grant to help in the \$3 million project.

The Double JJ Ranch has been an adults-only facility. The new Back Forty will recreate a kids-only ranch for the children of ranch guests. The special ranch will feature camp sleeping units designed as conestoga wagons, teepees, tree houses and bunk houses.

"There will be lots of activities for children — horseback riding, target sports, a swimming hole, not just a swimming pool but ropes, swings, more a Tom Sawyer kind of thing and evening entertainment," Lipsitz said.

Mom and Dad will be nearby at the regular Ranch resort doing their own thing, but still able to check in on the kids.

But families can also stay together in a family-exclusive section of the Back Forty which will have family cabins.

"It's really a destination resort, everything is there," Lipsitz said.

Everything includes horseback riding (the ranch has 90 horses); canoes, rowboats and paddleboats on two private lakes; golf; miniature golf; archery; tennis; volleyball; horseshoes; biking; country-style entertainment every evening; a mechanical bull; hayrides and sleighrides; and, in winter, dog sledding, cross-country skiing; tubing and more.

In February, the Double JJ Resort in cooperation with the White Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsors a two-week SnowFest highlighted by dog



Hard riding: Horses are an important part of the experience at the Double JJ.



Home on the range: The ranch house at the Double JJ takes visitors back to the Old West.

sled and cross country ski races. The Double JJ Siberian Round-Up sled races includes four, six and eight-dog sprints using Siberians only. The ranch has Siberian and Alaskan huskies.

The ranch gives visitors lessons in dog sledding.

"We have been so well received, no one has been truly uncomfortable," Lipsitz said about the dog sledding. "We're careful how we take care of the animals. We encourage guests to meet the dogs, meet the horses, and they're really comfortable with it. We get them to the point where they mush their own teams."

For horseback riders, the resort offers beginner, intermediate and advanced rides.

"Everyone rides at their own comfort level, of course some adults try to ride beyond their level but we restrain them because we are so safety con-

scious," Lipsitz said.

The ranch atmosphere is emphasized in the summer with a weekly Friday rodeo.

The Lipsitzes divide the time between Bloomfield Hills and the Double JJ. The couple's sons, Brian, 14, and Michael, 12, attend Bloomfield Hills schools.

"One is into horses. The oldest, Brian, he loves every bit of it. And Michael is the golfer," Lipsitz said. "There are great schools here. They like the city and they like the ranch. This is the best of both worlds. They're good kids."

The couple commute three or four times a week. Joan Lipsitz continues her corporate challenge activities, which is another major part of the resort's program.

"We can offer corporate groups exactly what they're looking for. As a ranch, it was too uncomfortable for corporate getaways, but now we can give them what they

want in the surroundings they want," she said.

The couple have more plans for the resort in the coming years, including more hotel rooms and condos, another 18-hole golf course and a "wee links" par-3 course for their young Back Forty guests.

The ranch facility is open May through November. The Loft Hotel and Homestead at Thoroughbred are open year round. The resort offers daily, weekend, mini-vacation and weeklong packages. The packages are centered around horseback riding, golf or a combination of the two. All-inclusive packages include dining in the Ranch Chuck Wagon and discounts for meals at the Sundance Saloon and Steakhouse at Thoroughbred.

For more information on the Double JJ, call 1-(800)DOUBLE JJ.

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Tough new measures to curb drunkenness by air travelers has been introduced by British Airways to support the safety and security of its passengers and staff.

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The British Airways "alcohol policy" follows two recent court cases in Britain where jail sentences of up to two years were passed following assaults on airline cabin crews by drunken passengers.

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Registration is free at the State Street Bar & Grill in downtown St. Ignace from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on the poker run, call the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce/Tourist Association at 1-800-338-6660 or 906-643-8717.

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HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

An estimated 1.2 million Michiganders — 13 percent of the state's population — have travel plans for the upcoming holiday

period, AAA Michigan reports. Many of these travel plans include warm weather destinations. Nationwide, a record 44.5 million people are expected to travel 100 miles or more during the Christmas-New Year's period. This represents a 5 percent increase over last year's levels. Eighteen percent of those under the age of 50 said they were likely to travel, while only 8 percent of those 50 years old or older said they had travel plans. Orlando was the top destination.

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Ocelots on fire

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is hotter than a jalapeno pepper drenched with tabasco sauce right now — or pretty close to it, anyway.

The Ocelots were 8-2 going into Wednesday's game against St. Clair (Ont.) CCC, a game played at SC. It was the Ocelots' first Eastern Conference contest of the season.

Statistics provide all the reasons needed to explain SC's success. Kevin Melson, a sophomore from Detroit, leads the conference in both scoring average (28.6 points) and rebounding (9.3), and he's second in field goal percentage (63.1 percent).

But the mark of a good team is to have more than one weapon, and the Ocelots are a good team. They lead the conference in scoring offense (98.1 points), scoring differential (25.1 points) and field goal percentage (56.6 percent), and they're second in scoring defense (73.0 points), three-point shooting (37.6 percent) and free-throw shooting (65.2 percent).

Which is why SC has at least two players listed in the top 10 in every statistical category except assist leaders — and Pete Males (from Garden City) leads the conference in that (6.4 assists per game). Males is also seventh in three-point percentage (38.8 percent).

Another Observerland product, David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), is tied for sixth in rebounding (7.6 per game) and ranks 10th in steals (2.1).

SC hosts its Christmas Tournament Saturday and Sunday, playing George Brown College (Toronto) at 7 p.m. Saturday, following the Owens CC-Durham College 5 p.m. game. The winners meet for the championship at 7 p.m. Sunday.

SC's women's team plays its Holiday Classic at 3 p.m. Saturday against George Brown College, with Lakeland CC meeting University of Windsor at 1 p.m. The winners meet at 5 p.m. Sunday for the championship.

Cowboy action

The wild, wild west is comin' to town, with the New Dodge World's Toughest Bulls and Broncs show scheduled to invade Joe Louis Arena Jan. 3 (7:30 p.m. show) and Jan. 4 (2 p.m.).

Touted as the most prestigious and unique rodeo to ride through Michigan and surrounding states, this year's show has four pro teams of nine cowboys each competing in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

Other attractions include a free concert following Saturday's show, featuring country singing sensation Ty Herndon; free pony rides on Sunday, with kids tickets (12 and under) half-price; and the world's smallest "cowboy": Whiplash, a five-pound monkey who will entertain audiences with his antics while he rides his "mount" — a collie — in rounding up wild sheep.

Ticket prices are \$18, \$15, \$12 and \$10 and are available at the Joe Louis Arena, the Fox Theatre Box Offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets can also be purchased by phone by calling (248) 645-6666.

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Wildcat tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will have a series of open tryouts next month for all those interested female players.

•16, 17 and 18 and under players: Tryouts for all three will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth;

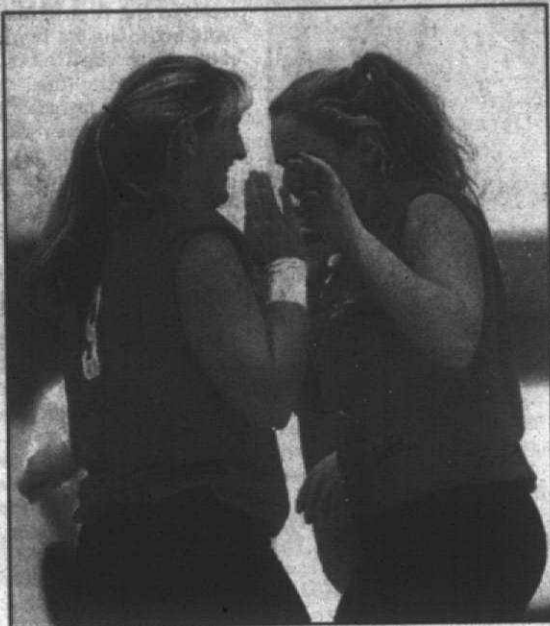
•15-and-under: Tryouts will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•14-and-under Blue: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

•14-and-under Red: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•13-and-under: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth.

Tryouts for 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams will be announced later. For further information, call Fred Thomann at (313) 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at (313) 459-1763.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRISLER
Congratulations: Amy Plagens (left) and Elizabeth Elsner celebrate a win in Canton's dual-meet win over Huron.

Chiefs top Huron

Better late than never. That was the feeling Plymouth Canton rookie volleyball coach Cynthia Montgomery was feeling after her squad picked up its first home victory of the season.

After falling behind 9-0 early en route to dropping their first game 13-15, the Chiefs rallied to defeat Ann Arbor Huron in four games, 15-4, 16-14, 15-2.

"I was really happy with how the team responded after falling behind early," Montgomery said. "In middle of the first game, the team started getting pumped up and played great the rest of the way."

"I'm not sure why we started slow. Perhaps it was just trying to get a feel for the other team or trying to get into a flow."

According to Montgomery, the play of sophomore setter Angie

Germain, senior middle hitter Amy Plagens and senior outside hitter Stephanie Chefon made the difference. The trio played every point of all four games.

"As a team, we weren't missing our serves and Amy and Stephanie were very strong at the net," the Canton coach said. "The team looked very good."

The win was the first for Montgomery, who takes over a young Canton squad which won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division last season with a 34-10 mark.

The Chiefs, began their season Saturday at the Allen Park Tournament, where they were the defending champs. Canton compiled a 1-0-3 record, but failed to advance out of pool play based on total points.



Optimistic: Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery liked what she saw.

New Salem coach must rebuild



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

If only they allowed player-coaches in high school gymnastics, like they do in pro sports.

Melissa Hopson, the new coach at Plymouth Salem, is bound to hear such suggestions for the rest of this season — and maybe next season, too. After all, she's just 20-years-old.

Heck, some of the present Rocks competed with her when she was an all-state all-rounder for the Rocks (three years ago).

But anyone underestimating her coaching abilities, believing Hopson hasn't the experience or maturity to handle the position, is making a mistake.

For one, Hopson has extensive coaching experience at the club level. And she's served as an assistant coach at Salem under Pam Yockey for the past two seasons.

"I like it," Hopson, a junior at Eastern Michigan who's pursuing her Bachelor's degree in secondary education, said of her new position. "It's different. Yeah, I can do that (demonstrate a skill personally)."

"But just taking what I learned with the team for four years and teaching it to others — that's what I enjoy."

Hopson learned a lot during her time as a varsity member of the Rocks. Consistently a top-10 finisher at state meet in the all-around, she was instrumental in Salem's state championship run in 1993. As a senior, she tied for fifth individually in the all-around; the Rocks finished third as a team that season.

Indeed, Salem was a top-five finisher in all four of Hopson's years on the team.

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Canton's climbing toward the top

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

If you're looking for a superstar to lead Plymouth Canton in its pursuit of a state championship in gymnastics, don't bother. There isn't one.

That doesn't mean the Chiefs won't make a run. Few of their competitors will make the mistake of counting Canton out of the race before it begins — not after last season.

For those with faded memories, the Chiefs were not expected to do much after Katy Gilles, a senior in '96 who had won a state individual championship in the all-around two years earlier, decided to quit the sport.

And they weren't. Canton finished seventh out of eight teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals and won just two dual meets.

Then at the regionals, the Chiefs blossomed; they tied Westland John Glenn for third and advanced to the state finals.

It was a testament to both Canton's style and coach John Cunningham's coaching. More of the same can be expected this season, minus one important factor: The Chiefs won't be overlooked.

And with good reason. On Thursday, they competed against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Plymouth Salem and Ann Arbor Huron. Canton won all three duals, scoring 132.65 — not far off its state-qualifying score of last year (133.075).

"I'm very pleased with where we are right now," said Cunningham, his team now 4-1 in duals — doubling the number of wins it had all of last season. "It was a decent score, yeah. Technically we didn't have that great a meet."

"(Uneven parallel) Bars and (balance) beam weren't that good. The scores we got don't reflect how good we really are."

"On vault, we maxed out on our score. We haven't done our best stuff on vault yet. That's about as good a score as we could get."

"And I was very pleased with our floor (exercise). It was good, clean and well-prepared. I liked the routines and I liked the

performances." All in all, it means Canton ahead of where Cunningham expected them to be at this point in the season.

Only one key member of last season's team was lost: Beth Muyaert. Leading the returnees are seniors Nicole Vaagenes, Natalie Wood and Holly Graham; juniors Marcie Emerick and Michelle Farnsworth; and sophomore Liz Fitzgerald.

Emerick tied for third in the all-around at last year's state regionals, while Fitzgerald took fifth. Most of the others contributed as well, with Vaagenes finishing eighth in bars at the state meet.

What it means is Canton, with a total of 31 athletes on the team, is in position for a strong run to the state tournament.

But first things first, and first there's the WLAA season to contend with. That won't be easy; the conference is certainly the toughest in the state in gymnastics, with at least six of the eight teams contenders to reach the state meet.

The Chiefs are one of those teams, and not just because Cunningham has so many impressive returnees. It helps to have newcomers like Amy Driscoll and Kristen Shilk, both freshmen.

"They're really prepped to come onto my team and contribute," the Canton coach said. "They have tremendous attitudes."

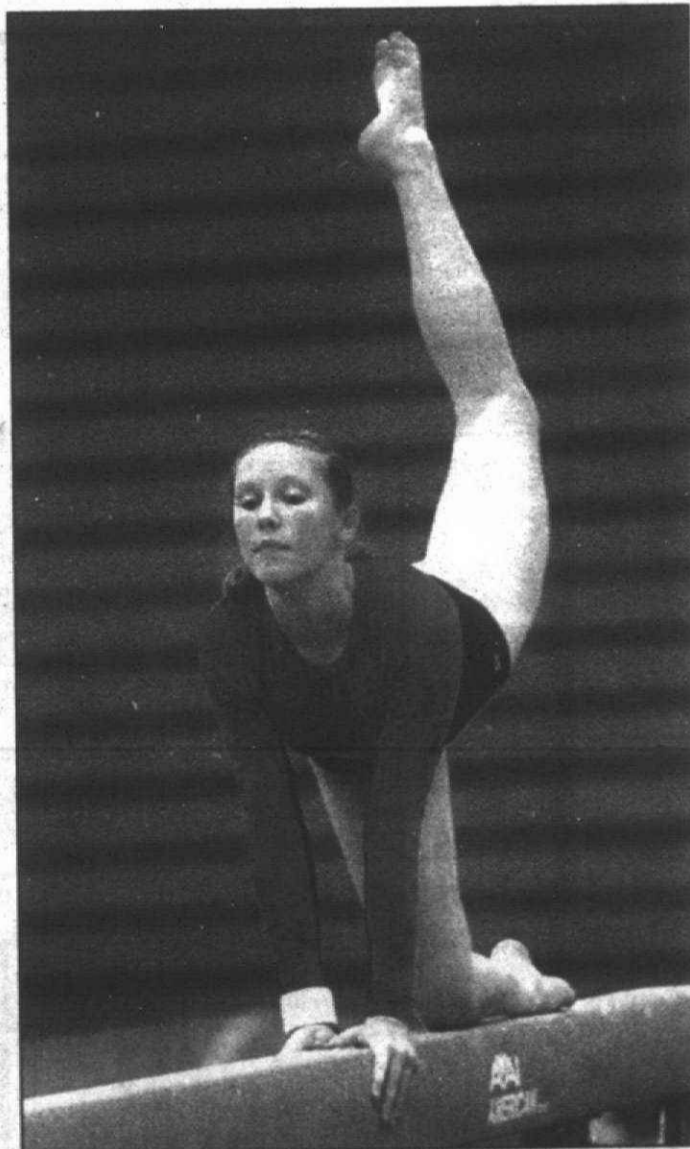
"It gives me a typical Canton team. Other than Katy Gilles, we have always been a very consistent team — no superstars, but very good performers."

Will that be good enough to take the Chiefs to the next level? "The first part of the year we'll find out," said Cunningham. "We start with a meatgrinder type of schedule."

Canton's already competed against Free-land and Pioneer, both talented enough to compete at the state meet. Hartland (Jan. 7) and four-time state champion Holland (Jan. 17) are coming up quickly.

"Because we have Hartland and Northville-(Novi) in our league, we have a tough road to hoe," said Cunningham. "Right now, I'd say we're No. 3 or 4, behind

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Bright future: Canton's Liz Fitzgerald had a strong sophomore season. This year looks equally promising.

Chiefs' comeback comes up short

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

It's hard for students and athletes to believe what their teachers and coaches tell them when their senses and the scoreboard tell them otherwise.

But those are lessons Coach Dan Young and his staff at Plymouth Canton, and Coach Brian Townsend and his staff at Ann Arbor Pioneer, are trying to teach their young basketball players.

Pioneer got some positive reinforce-

BASKETBALL

ment Friday night when it defeated visiting Canton, 68-66, in a non-league basketball game.

Yet Canton should have taken something positive away from its second two-point defeat in an 0-3 season — the Chiefs nearly overcame a 20-6 hole they put themselves into in the first period.

"Belief without evidence," Young

sighed after coming out of the locker room. "We can play with anybody. We can beat anybody."

"We learned that when the charge came, we can hit our free throws," Townsend said after his Pioneers squared their record at 2-2.

Ann Arbor has been down for several seasons. Townsend is in the process of trying to turn that around. He's got young players as his key personnel.

Fortunately for him, one of them is 6-foot-6 junior Lavell Blanchard, who

scored 32 points on 12-for-15 shooting and could easily have had more.

Curiously enough, Eric Larsen did a very good job defensively on Blanchard despite fouling out. It was a compliment to be picked to defend (with loads of weakside help) a player who has air in his legs, a shot like King Midas and the ability to pick out open teammates without seemingly looking at them.

"It's his choice (of which college to go to)," Townsend said. "He has the ability

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Can she guide the present Rocks to such a level? Perhaps — but probably not this year. The team graduated its three top scorers from last year: Kristin Kosik, Kristin Lee and Brooke Kilby. All three finished in the top 30 in the all-around at last year's Western Lakes Activities Association finals; Kosik took second.

So Hopsom must rebuild. It's isn't a task she's shrinking from. "We've got a good team," she said after Salem finished third out of four teams in a quad meet the Rocks hosted last Thursday. Plymouth Canton was first (132.85) and Ann Arbor Pioneer took second (123.35); Salem scored 118.90.

"I'm impressed with that score," said Hopsom. "I just want the girls to see what they could do. Now we've got 2 1/2 weeks to add some new skills and clean up our current skills, things like that."

One thing that has impressed Hopsom about her team is its camaraderie. "They're really strong pulling for each other," she noted.

Despite the losses, the team has some positives. Two veterans Hopsom will be counting on are junior all-arounders Lindsay Hawraney, who placed fourth in the quad meet with a 31.85, and Janine Schmedding, who scored 30.85 in the quad.

Hawraney finished 13th in the Division II all-around at last season's state regional. Another all-arounder who should be a big scorer for the Rocks is Allison Bracht, a sophomore who took 14th at the state regional in Division I last season.

Those three, combined with senior Beth Steinhilber — who scored 8.55 on the floor exercise at the quad — newcomer Mahadi Pirzadeh, a junior transfer from Dearborn Edsel Ford, and seniors Emily Gaubatz and Kate DeRoche, make up the nucleus of the team.

Gaubatz, DeRoche and Schmedding are the teams co-captains.

How much that first meet revealed is difficult for Hopsom to say. "They all have things to work on," she said. "Lindsay and Allison have a lot of talent and will do well."

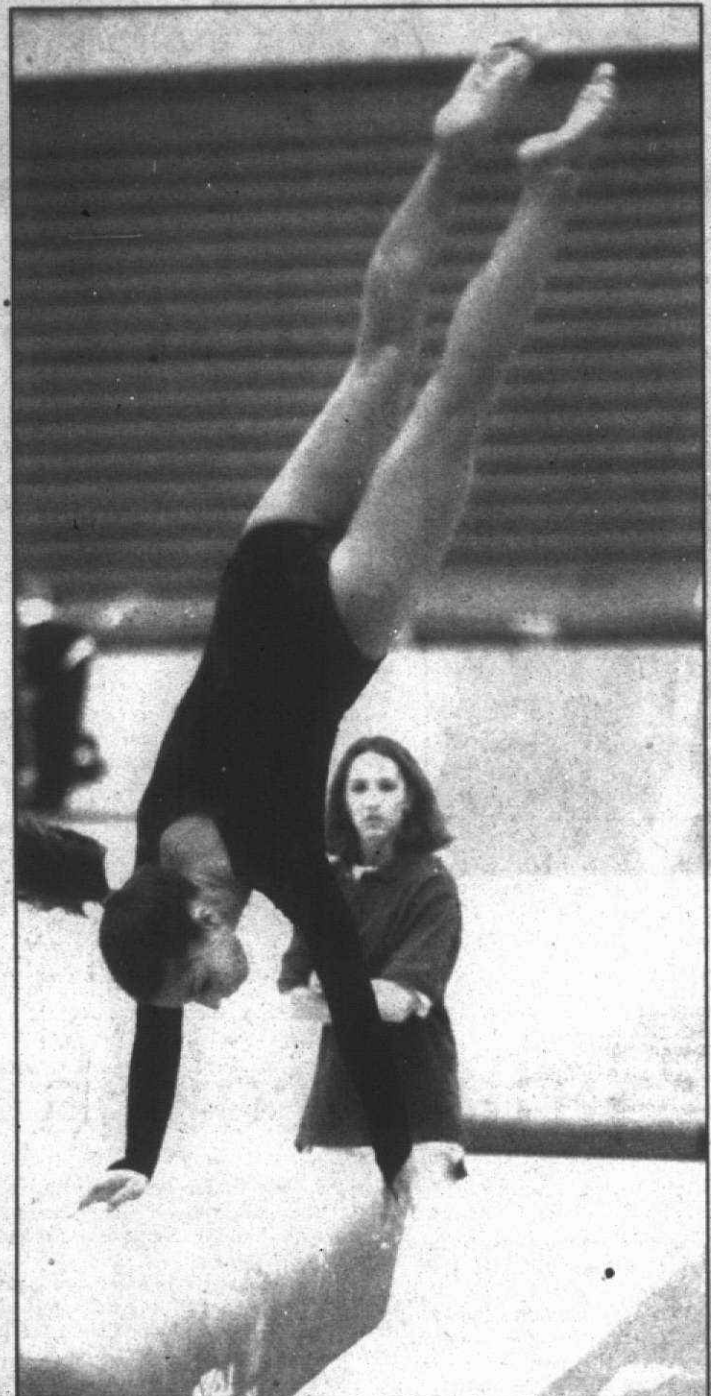
"But we have a lot of girls with a lot of talent. What we have is a lot of girls who don't have much (high school) experience. So we have a team that will grow."

Could this Salem team be the Canton team of a year ago? The Chiefs won just two dual meets and finished seventh out of eight teams at the WLAA meet, then tied for third at the state regional to qualify for the state meet.

"It's all in their determination," Hopsom said. "How determined they are to succeed. I think this team can compete with every team out there. It's just a matter of pulling together as one, to get us there."

"(Uneven parallel) Bars and (balance) beam are two events that we're really going to have to work on. But it'll come. We'll do fine."

Certainly Hopsom knows what goes into making a state champion, from personal experience.



Staff photo by Bill Barlow. **Building block:** One of the reasons for optimism at Salem is Lindsay Hauraney, a junior who placed 13th at state in the Division II all-around last season.

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to both post up and shoot it outside.

Sophomore Dan McLean paced Canton with 22 points, junior Scott Samulski scored 17 and junior Joe Cortellini 16.

Freshman Nick Cabauaton received the first of many significant minutes he'll play in his career with the Chiefs and went 5-for-6 from the line.

"I was very proud of our kids," Young said. "They did not give up. They kept fighting."

"Lavelle Blanchard is a great player. I give a lot of credit to Ann Arbor Pioneer. They jumped on us. They were ready to play. And they did a nice job of hanging in there and dealing with us coming back."

Having a player like Blanchard, though, is a little like owning Superman. Any time you need him you just need to trot out the phone booth and ask Clark Kent to step inside for a minute — instant rescue.

Canton outscored Pioneer 19-12 in the third quarter to cut its deficit to 48-40. Ann Arbor, behind seven Blanchard points, upped it to 58-46 with 3:59 to go.

The Chiefs got consecutive three-point plays from Samulski

and Cortellini and suddenly were looking at 58-52 and possession, after Blanchard missed a free throw with 2:21 to go.

But a blown pass squelched an opportunity that looked even better after Ann Arbor missed two shots and Samulski came down and banked in a layup to make it 58-54 with 1:31 to play.

Pioneer made 8-of-11 free throws the rest of the way to protect its margin. The Chiefs didn't get within four until Samulski made a shot with less than a second to play.

They didn't win, but Young and his staff hope the way they came back taught the Chiefs they can play good basketball. And by believing in themselves, can mature quicker than many might think possible.

Agape 86, W. Wayne Christian 49; Canton Agape Christian's 28-12 first quarter scoring spree set the tone for Friday's walloping of Detroit Western Wayne Christian at Agape.

Jason Helton's 20 points led the Wolverines (3-2 overall). Rick Gutterman had 15 and David Wetlin 11. David Tatum got 19 for Western Wayne.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 22	Saturday, Dec. 27
King at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.	(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic)
Friday, Dec. 26	Lakeland CC vs. Windsor, 1 p.m.
(River Rouge Tournament)	S'craft vs. George Brown, 3 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Dearborn, 6 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 28
River Rouge vs. Ecorse, 7:30 p.m.	S'craft Holiday Classic, 1 & 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27	PREP HOCKEY
Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 27
Wayne at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.	RU at U-D Jesuit Touney, 5:30 p.m.
(Grosse Ile Touney)	Sunday, Dec. 28
Salem vs. Allen Park Cabrini, 6 p.m.	U-D Jesuit Touney, TBA.
Riv. Gab. Richard vs. Grosse Ile, 8 p.m.	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	Saturday, Dec. 27
Saturday, Dec. 27	Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 2 p.m.
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 6 & 8 p.m.	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic)	Monday, Dec. 22
Owens Tech vs. Durham (Ont.), 5 p.m.	Ply. Christian at Greater Life, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28	Saturday, Dec. 27
Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 3 & 7 p.m.	Ypsil Lincoln Touney, TBA.
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 1 & 3 p.m.	U-D Dearborn Touney, TBA.
	TBA — time to be announced.

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Brighton (in the league). But we'll see what happens."

His team's current level of ability isn't the only thing that impresses Cunningham. "This early in the season, it's surprising to see how well they get along together," he said. "It's

Dec. 18 and we don't normally see this in our team until Feb. 18, when we're really confident in what we're doing."

If the Chiefs can match last season's finish and put together another big finish — well, every one else better watch out.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer champs

The Livonia Meteors, an under-10 boys soccer team, took the divisional title at Beechwood's Total Soccer with a 4-1 win over the Dearborn Flatfooters on Dec. 13.

Members of the Meteors, who finished 6-2, include: Alex Bokas, Jason Clements, Ben Dzerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Ray Gonzales, Chris Hoepnes, Luke Knochel, Steve Minielli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Bialkonia, Plymouth; Peter Barlowich, Dearborn.

The Meteors are coached by Steve Barnas and Chris Nolan. The team managers are Mimi and Dave Barlowich.

Soccer signings

St. Mary's College has signed brothers Nathan Karrumi and Nolan Karrumi to national letters of intent, according to men's soccer coach Tony Williams. Both players attended Madison Heights Bishop Foley and played on the Ventures' 1997 Division III state championship team.

Nathan is an outside midfielder; Nolan plays the sweeper position.

"I'm very excited about getting these two players," Williams said. "They come from a tremendous (high school) program."

Skaters needed

The Southfield Ice Company is looking for skaters to perform in its 1998 production. Arguably one of the top ice shows in the metro area, Ice Company 1998 takes place Wednesday, May 13, through Sunday, May 17, at the Southfield Sports Arena (26000 Evergreen Road, just south of I-696). Wednesday and Friday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday shows are 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday performances are 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The auditions are open for skaters age 5 years and over. Following is the audition schedule: Saturday, Nov. 8 from noon to 2 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 10 from 4:15-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 17 (for soloists only) from 4:15-5:50 p.m.

Skaters of all skill levels are invited to take part in the auditions.

For more information, call 354-9357.

Motor City Bowl

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring Marshall (10-2) — the Mid-American Conference champion — against Division I University of Mississippi (7-4), will be played at the Pontiac Silverdome beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26.

Tickets are \$27 and \$22. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. For every ticket the MHSFCA sells, it will receive \$10 in return for the High School Football Hall of Fame that will be built at the University of Michigan.

To order tickets, please send a check make out to the MHSFCA and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Donald G. Lesner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, Mi. 48183.

Soccer touney

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

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

Bike Trekkers

Serious bikers can get on the right track Sunday mornings by joining members of Bike Trekkers for a ride through West Bloomfield. Bike Trekkers meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-15 miles on various routes through the subdivisions of West Bloomfield.

Routes include both paved and dirt roads as well as the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take riders outside West Bloomfield.

The program is free and there are no residency requirements. Cyclists must be at least 16

Hockey contest

Red Wing fans, take notice. MediaOne and ESPN have joined forces to bring the Hockeymania! contest to Michigan. The contest runs through March 27 and will include five raffles for hockey and Red Wings-related prizes.

There is no purchase necessary, but the contest is open to Michigan residents 18 and older. Complete contest details and entry forms are available at all Michigan MediaOne locations.

Prizes include a trip for two to Chicago for the Wings/Blackhawks game Dec. 11; a trip to Vancouver to see the 1998 NHL

Volunteers needed

Each year, more than 1,000 runners and walkers participate in the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run. These races, however, wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers. More than 1,500 volunteers work at the event each year. They pass out water along the course, serve as course marshalls and help with registration. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt and an invitation to a post-race volunteer banquet. Volunteers are being recruited for this year's half-marathon, 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run, which will be held on Sunday, April 19, beginning at West Bloomfield High School.

To volunteer, call Judy Share-Vino, recreation superintendent for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

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Fishing clubs

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gardner Mountain in Waterford. The next meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

Outdoor clubs

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

Shooting ranges

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun, (sneak & trap, sporting clays, 5-shed), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Saturdays and Sundays and noon to dusk on Wednesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace at Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

State parks

MAYBURY STATE PARK
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

State parks

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas.

State parks

For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Double-win keeps Rocks' record perfect

It was a pin-fest. And Plymouth Salem's wrestling team did most of the pinning in a double-win meet Friday at Redford Catholic Central. The Rocks won both their meets, clubbing Clio 72-9 and battering CC 60-24.

The two wins improved Salem to 4-0 in dual meets, with a schedule pause until Jan. 3 (for the varsity), when they host their own 20-team invitational.

"We're off pretty good, I think," said Rocks' coach Ron Krueger. "We've got to go to work now because it's only going to be a pin-fest."

WRESTLING

In the win over Clio, Salem won 12 of 14 matches — 10 of them on pins and two more on voids.

It wasn't much different in the win over CC. The Rocks won 10 matches — nine on pins, one on an injury default. CC won four matches, all on pins.

Salem winners against Clio were: at 103-pounds, Rob Ash pinned Nate Smith (1:08); at 112, John Mervyn pinned Rich Cross (4:37); at 119, Dan Morgan pinned Jerry Watworth (4:48); at 125, Josh Henderson pinned Eric Gunner (1:30); at 140, Dan Hamblin pinned Jason Tomlinson (2:41); at 152, James Greene pinned Luke Kroeger (2:39); at 160, Anwar Crutchfield pinned Brad Henderson (1:00); at 171, Mike Popenyne pinned Gaven Schriener (2:26); at 189, Teono Wilson pinned Josh Cusenza (3:38); and at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin pinned Dan Harburn (1:14).

Greg Smith (at 135) and Eric Greene (at 145) both won on voids.

The victory over CC was equally dominating for Salem. At 103, Ash pinned Chris O'Hara (1:58); at 112, Mervyn pinned Chris Peterson (2:25); at 119, Morgan pinned Ed Lendrum (1:28); at 125, Henderson won on an injury default over Matt Goward; at 130, Greg Petrovich pinned Jeff Wheeler (2:55); at 145, Dan Hamblin pinned Ryan Zajdel (2:36); at 152, James Greene pinned Sean Bell (2:32); at 160, Crutchfield

assists and 12 rebounds. Mike Vouteinas paced the Spartans with 12 points and Dave Stando had 10.

Churchill outscored Stevenson, 7-3, in the final 1:31 of the first quarter to take an 18-11 lead and expanded it to 33-23 at halftime.

The Spartans got a lift in the third period, trailing 46-29, when they abandoned their zone

in favor of pressure defense and brought in five fresh players to do it — Paul Bowers, Stando, Marty Kennedy, Matt Freeborn and Bryan Schief. Kennedy and Schief were starters.

"We had to," Newman said. "It was at that point of the game where we had to do something." Churchill shot 42 percent (26-for-62) to Stevenson's 33 percent (15-for-45). Neither team was overvaluing at the line, the Chargers making 14-of-23 and the Spartans half their 30 attempts.

Stevenson had problems against the full-court pressure Churchill put on.

"We've got good kids," Newman said. "But some are forced to play out of position. They're doing the best they can."

"I'll say this about our kids — they didn't quit."

"You have to give their kids credit. They work hard. They trap hard. They play well together."

SC tips St. Clair; Madonna cruises

Like the tide, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team just keeps rolling along.

The Ocelots (9-2) took an easy 113-80 home win over St. Clair (Ont.) CCC Wednesday. It was the Ocelots first Eastern Conference contest of the season.

Schoolcraft took a 10-point lead into halftime, but coach Carlos Briggs said his team didn't play well. That changed in the second half as the Ocelots quickly mounted a 25-point advantage.

Derek McKelvey played a strong game and scored 35 points to lead Schoolcraft. Kevin Melson added 25 points and Emeka Okonkwo had 12.

Madonna (now 7-4) played solid defense, making 19 steals in the game and forcing 29 turnovers (the Crusaders had 19).

The Dragons were limited to 24-of-60 free shooting (40 percent). Madonna made 34-of-72 (47.2 percent).

Laura Goins and Tonya Swick each scored 12 points to pace Tiffin (2-8).

Chargers stampede past Stevenson for 1st win

BASKETBALL

Linovia Churchill found a little ray of sunshine to end the 1997 portion of the boys basketball season.

Churchill recorded its first victory of the season Thursday, 61-47, over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Both schools will take a short break and won't play again until Jan. 6, 1998. Churchill (1-3) resumes at Garden City while Stevenson (0-3) travels to Redford Union.

"The kids are probably tired of me," Spartans' coach Tim Newman said. "We'll be off a week and start practicing again Dec. 26."

Churchill forced a ton of turnovers off its pressure defense (12 in the first quarter alone) and showed good ball movement on offense.

"Offensively," Coach Rick Austin said, "we got some good penetration."

"We tell our kids the penetration makes for easy baskets. We have young guards and they're just learning the game right now."

"This was a good game to win before the break."

Justin Jakes led the Chargers with 16 points, Lamar Smith had 12 and Corey Cook and Erik Uhlinger scored 10. Cook had a triple-double by adding 11

COLLEGE HOOP

Angie Negri scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the opening stanza as Madonna took a 45-24 lead by halftime. Tiffin never got closer than 15 points to the Lady Crusaders in the second half.

Besides Negri's 18, Dawn Pelc and Katie Cushman each scored 13 points. Negri also had three assists and seven steals, while Pelc had five rebounds, three assists and two steals, and Cushman added six assists and three steals.

Madonna (now 7-4) played solid defense, making 19 steals in the game and forcing 29 turnovers (the Crusaders had 19).

The Dragons were limited to 24-of-60 free shooting (40 percent). Madonna made 34-of-72 (47.2 percent).

Laura Goins and Tonya Swick each scored 12 points to pace Tiffin (2-8).

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CC rally stops Eaglets

BY DAN STICKRADD
STAFF WRITER

Not to speak in cliché, but if Friday's prep boys basketball clash between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Redford-Detroit Catholic Central is any indication, fans of the Catholic League are in for another exciting season.

Backed by the strong inside play of 6-9 senior center Chris Young and the backcourt tandem of junior Nick Moore and senior Don Slankster, visiting Catholic Central overcame a 48-44 deficit after three quarters and held on for a thrilling 74-66 overtime decision over the Eaglets.

Young powered his way to 19 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots while Moore scored a game-high 20 points to go along with seven assists and four rebounds, and Slankster registered 15 points and snagged 10 rebounds for Catholic Central.

The trio combined for all of the Shamrocks' 18 points in the fourth quarter and 11 of 12 in the extra session, where Catholic Central closed the game with 12-4 run. CC held St. Mary's to just 12-4 shooting and two free throws in overtime.

"We really started to play well in the fourth quarter and in the overtime. We had some guys that stepped up," said CC coach Rick Corratti. "A lot of these guys were on the (state championship) football team and I think they really believed in themselves. They really wanted to come here and beat these guys."

It was the University of Michigan-bound Young that seemed to be the go-to guy even for the Shamrocks, despite being double- and triple-teamed. Young recorded eight points in CC's 18-14 fourth quarter comeback,

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including a thunderous two-handed slam with 6:06 left in regulation and a pair of free throws with 10.1 seconds left, that put the Shamrocks up 62-59.

"I like to be the go-to guy. I like to be able to help my teammates out when the game is close," said Young. "I think my teammates have a lot of confidence in me and I have a lot of confidence in them. We came together in overtime after they made that great shot at the end."

St. Mary's sent the game into overtime on an off-balanced, pro-range three-pointer by Maurice Seawright with one second left in regulation. The 6-3 sophomore guard had a fine all-around game, finishing with 19 points, seven steals, six assists, five rebounds and three blocks, but was held in check in overtime.

Moore scored on a free-throw and a runner-in-the-lane, and Slankster hit a pair of jumpers for a 68-63 CC lead in overtime before Seawright fouled out with 2:03 remaining.

"St. Mary's is a very athletic team, maybe even more so than last year," said Corratti, whose team improved to 2-0. "They are going to be a good team. It was nice for us to get out of here with a win against a very athletic team. We have a tough stretch coming up and this was a good character builder for us."

The Eaglets, meanwhile, are a young team still searching for an identity — and its first win. Still, St. Mary's coach Dennis Butcher is pleased with his team's overall performance so far this season despite an 0-3 start.

"I think it's a little discouraging, but we have been playing very hard," he said. "We have been in all three of our ball games. All three of our games were games that we could have won. That's all a coach can ask for."

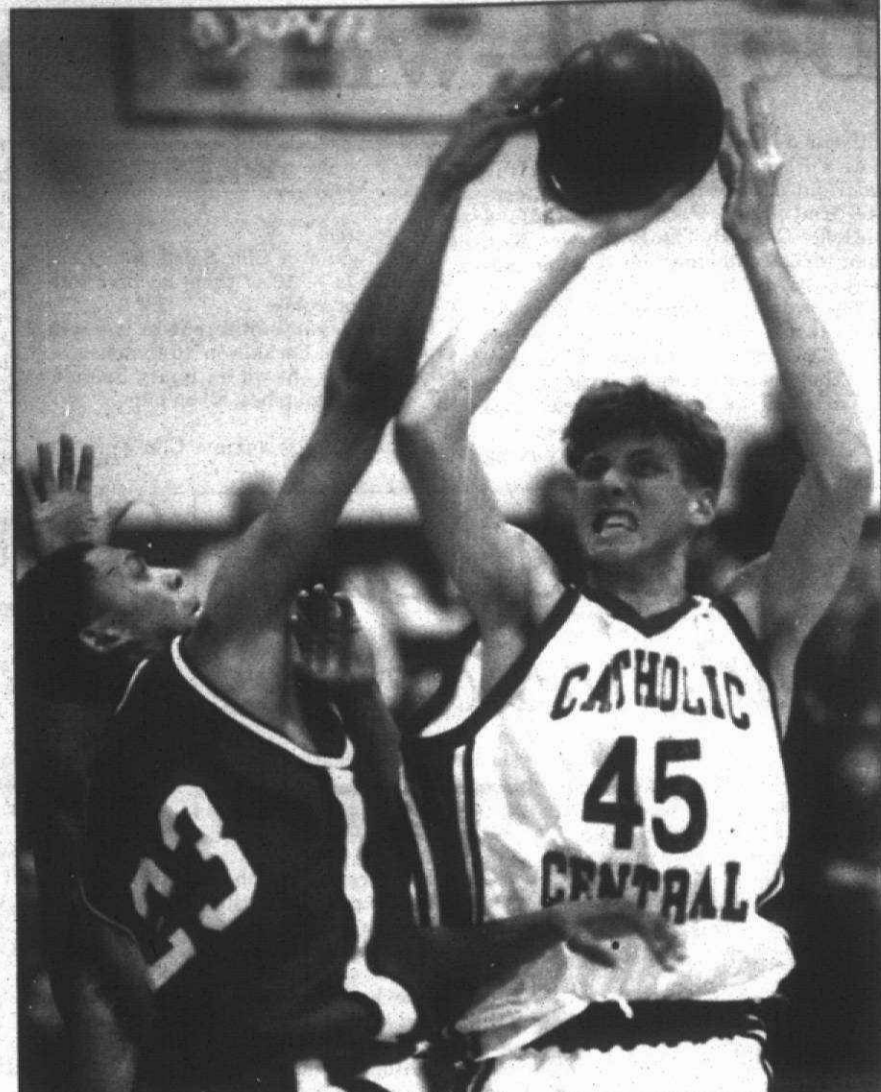
The Eaglets seemed to be out of sync in overtime.

"We had some open looks at the (three-point) in overtime, but they didn't fall," added Butcher. "Then when CC got that seven-point lead, I think we panicked a little and our shot selection wasn't as good. But I saw some things that I liked. I think I saw some guys growing up and maturing out there tonight. We were just a little unlucky down the stretch."

Catholic Central led 14-12 after the first quarter and built a 25-14 advantage midway through the second quarter before St. Mary's senior guard Matt McDaniel (nine points) kept the game close by connecting on three straight triples for the Eaglets, who trailed 29-25 at intermission. The third quarter saw five ties or lead changes before St. Mary's built a 45-42 lead with 3:33 left in the stanza. Catholic Central outscored the Eaglets 32-18 the rest of the way to pull out the win.

Senior guard Joe Jonna added 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Shamrocks, while junior forward Dave Lusky added four points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jermaine Gonzales supplied 17 points, six assists and five rebounds for the Eaglets, who shot only 7-for-23 from beyond the arc. Catholic Central is idle until Friday when the Shamrocks play Detroit St. Martin dePorres. St. Mary's will travel Monday to Detroit U-D Jesuit.



Dominating: When the game was on the line, CC's Chris Young came through, scoring 19 points and grabbing 20 rebounds in the Shamrocks overtime win at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Carter takes another shot as head coach at Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Carter hopes to make the most out of his second term as Wayne Memorial varsity football coach.

The 54-year-old Carter, who spent 13 years as Wayne's head coach (1972-84) before moving to Dearborn Heights Crestwood for the next 11 (1985-95), is back again with the Zebras.

He was announced as the school's head coach on Thursday. "I'm a firm believer that God's plan for all us and sometimes you don't know what's in store for you," Carter said. "But all I know is that I feel blessed."

"I'm excited and elated to have the chance. And I'm thankful the committee had confidence in me and thought I had enough qualities to lead the program."

Carter replaced Chuck Howton, who stepped down after going 60-57 in 13 seasons as Wayne's head coach.

Ironically, Howton replaced Carter after the 1984 season.

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During his stint at Wayne, Carter was 62-55. He was 56-44 at Crestwood, leading the Chargers to the 1991 state playoffs while earning Detroit Free Press Metro West and Tri-River League Coach of the Year honors.

Carter, a physical education instructor at Wayne who started with the district in 1969, returned to school after his stint at Crestwood to coach the JV team in 1996. Last fall he moved up as a varsity assistant as Wayne finished 1-8 overall in Howton's final year.

Carter and Wayne defensive coordinator Doug Mac, who played for Carter at Wayne before starring at Saginaw Valley State, were the only two candidates to interview for the job.

Wayne athletic director Bill Hawley conducted the interviews last week along with principal Carter after the 1984 season.

"We're looking forward to having Floyd back in charge," Hawley said. "He certainly has the experience, has a great philosophy about football and works with kids exceptionally well. He's a fine coach, very knowledgeable. He'll work hard and I feel real positive he'll do a good job."

Carter said he talked Thursday with Mac and is confident he will remain on the staff. Carter will also stay on as Wayne's varsity boys track coach.

"I know it's a tough job that's going to take a lot of hard work," Carter said. "It's just like what I read the other day in the paper about what Chuck Gordon (Westland John Glenn's head coach) was told by Lloyd Carr: 'There are no shortcuts for hard work.' And like he said, 'You have to come early and stay late.' I believe in that."

Leo Schuster, assistant principal Dennis Healy and Wayne-Westland Schools administrator Bill Middell.

After the first of the year, Carter said he plans to meet individually with each returning player to set athletic and academic goals.

But one thing is for certain, Carter plans on beefing up a perennial Wayne weak area — the kicking game.

"When I was at Crestwood we stressed the kicking game and we wanted that to be a strong suit," said Carter, who coached Michigan State's Bill Stoyanovich.

Carter has coached several outstanding players including Parade All-America running back Rick Rogers, who played at Michigan, and Pat Sheridan, who played 11 years in the Majors.

Several of his former players have gone on to coach including former Ypsilanti St. John's player Bob Sutton, now the head coach Army; Battle Creek Central's Al Slamer and Grosse Ile's Kevin Wilson.

Carter is a 1961 Wayne High grad. After graduating from high school, Carter worked 3 1/2 years at a Fisher Body plant while attending college classes.

As a 20-year-old walk-on, Carter lettered three years (1965-67) as a defensive back at Eastern Michigan where he played under Jerry Raymond for two seasons and one for Dan Boisture.

"I worked in Willow Run where they made the Corvairs and Novas," Carter recalled. "I took a leave of absence from my job because I always wanted to play. I was out of it for three years. I weighed about 145 pounds in high school. I added a few when I got to college."

And it was obvious he missed football after high school. "I believe if you have a burning desire to play the game, then there's always a place for you to play," said Carter, who began his coaching career in 1968. "We've got some great kids there. Football is in my blood. I love it. It's a sport that brings out great things in kids."

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TEN PIN ALLEY

Dear Santa: What would I like for Christmas? How about a new state of the art high tech bowling ball? One that will work well under all lane conditions, that will carry the corner pins and stay out of "Splitville."

Maybe such a product does not exist, but these ball manufacturers are trying, and with all of the new stuff out now, they are getting to the point where high scores are the biggest story of this year in bowling.

In 1996, the American Bowling Congress gave out over 33,000 perfect rings. The rate has increased this year, by a wide margin. So which came first? Are the bowlers getting better or is it the equipment? The answer is — a little bit of both.

The final figures are in for the 1996-97 season for ABC memberships. ABC had 2,135,126 male bowlers in 86,955 leagues.

Detroit (GDBA) led the nation with 72,319, followed by Chicago's 31,651, Washington DC, third, 27,835; Eastern Long Island, fourth, 23,907.

Others, in order were Denver, Minneapolis, New York City, Cleveland, St. Louis and Rochester, N.Y.

The Ladies numbers were in about the same ratio with DWBA leading the nation with 51,471 followed by Chicago (21,843) and Washington DC (19,874).

Detroit YABA also led the nation with 12,105 members. This reaffirms the Detroit area's status as "Bowling Capital of the World."

"The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held their eighth annual Tournament of Champions Dec. 13-14 at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Dan Ottman of Troy nearly added more laurels to his dream season of 1997, but settled for second place and a check for \$1,100, while Jeff Dugy Evans of Lincoln Park came through with a fine 256 game and the \$2,200 first prize.

Other bowlers in the TV finals included Mark Corbiser, Gaylord; Bob Jawor, Westland; Nick Wissing, Sterling Heights.

Redford's Jon Reed finished seventh; Dave Mahaz of Novi, 10th; John Bennett, Auburn Hills, 11th; Lee Snow, Farmington Hills, 13th; Dick Beattie, Dearborn Heights 14th; Fred McClain, Allen Park, 15th; Larry Franz, Redford, 17th; Terry Marucci, Lincoln Park 18th — all worth \$175.

I wonder how it would work if Snow had made the finals, since he is also the play-by-play announcer for the TV production.

"The ladies of the All-Star Bowlerettes have done it again. This time it was Peggy Smitley with a 300 game last Dec. 15 at Cloverlans.

I was there watching the action when the crowd started buzzing, got in view just in time to see her with the 12th ball.

The shot came in a little high and left the 4-pin, then another pin came out of nowhere and toppled the four from behind, for another perfect score from this league, joining Aleta Still, Rose Edwards and Gwen Finley, all of whom had 300 games in the league in 1997.

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FORD IRONMEN TRAIN FOR CANADIAN TRIATHLON

MEN WITH A MISSION



It's 4:30 in the morning, a time when almost anyone who doesn't have to be up is still slumbering away.

For Andy Berry of Farmington Hills, it's time to hit the streets to run a dozen or so miles or slog through lap upon lap in a pool.

More recently, Lara had hoped to do the Canadian Ironman, but had to back out two weeks before the event when he developed plantar fasciitis, a painful inflammation of the sole of the foot. He's keeping close tabs on the state of his feet as he trains this time around in hopes that his injury won't resurface.

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strengthen more than the triathlete's physical stamina. Many of the Ironman candidates from F.A.S.T. report that their work doesn't suffer because they learn to make the most of their time.

As Gutowski notes, "In order to do a triathlon, you have to be a good time manager, you have to learn to be more efficient at everything you do. Having those traits carry over into work, so many of the triathletes here at Ford have been promoted because they carry over those traits."

There must be something that focus on time management. In addition to training, family responsibilities and work, Gutowski serves as webmaster for the F.A.S.T. internet website (www.flash.net/~kgutowsk/1000.htm).

The training can be used to strengthen family ties as well, if handled properly.

Lara says when he decided to do the Ironman, he first obtained his family's commitment to the goal as well. His kids even come with him to the Summit in Canton during some of his workouts, where they swim while he trains.

Nonetheless, it's not always easy. "It's hard to do all that training with a family," he said. "I have to overcome a major obstacle, thinking I'm out here training when I could be spending quality time with my family."

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Fast competitors: Members of the Ford Athletic Swim & Triathlon Club (from left) Andy Berry, Scott Bodjack, Ken Gutowski, Ramon Lara, Jim Petroff, Andy Tumpowsky and Tom McAllen.

BY CAROLINE PRICE SPECIAL WRITER

fast for the Hawaii Ironman at a triathlon in Tennessee, where he came in second in his age group, and he won the Michigan Grand Prix series in his age category.

Even as he gained triathlon awards, McAllen, 50, has lost something as well — around 30 pounds.

"Once you start running, the weight does fall off," he says, expressing no regret at losing what he calls "the golfer's build."

Like many of the Ironman hopefuls, McAllen usually does two workouts a day, six days a week.

"No doubt about it," McAllen said. "The group motivates you. During the workout for the Ironman, during July and August, I do Wednesdays off, 100 miles on the bike and then come back and run 18 to 22 miles. If you had to do that by yourself, it's tough."

Support network A natural offshoot of the training is that workout partners become friends as well, and social events often wind up comprising other members of the club. They understand what it takes to get ready for an Ironman, and they're there for you.

"You can't go out drinking Saturday night and then go run 10 or 15 miles," McAllen says.

F.A.S.T. members often carpool or make other group travel arrangements to attend race events around the state and the country.

Only a handful of the events F.A.S.T. members participate in are Ironman length. Some triathlons are called sprints and feature swims of about a quarter mile, followed by a bike ride in the eight to 15 mile range and ending with a run of three to four miles.

Most of the local races are what is known as international distance, which is a 1.5k swim (about a mile), a 40k bike (about 25 miles) and a 10k (6.2 miles) run.

There's almost always a family face to be found, even if family members can't attend a race, to cheer on a particularly good performance or help take the sting out of an event goes bad.

Some bad days And, as almost every athlete knows, there's going to be some bad days in with the training. As McAllen recalls, he had hoped to do well enough at a triathlon in Chicago to qualify for the Hawaii Ironman contest, but instead found himself "running out of fuel" during the bike leg of the contest.

"I blew it," he says.

But rather than give up, he used the experience to help him make sure he drinks enough carbohydrate-laced liquids while on the bike, and he hasn't had the problem again.

And much as the Ironman poses an exciting challenge for the entrants from F.A.S.T., there's always another race. In fact, there's lots of them. Completing a marathon can be the event of a lifetime for some runners, but many of the Ironman wannabees do marathons as training runs.

Leslie Blackburn, 26, is president of F.A.S.T. and relatively new to triathlons. She was a competitive swimmer in high school, but says she gained weight while in college and joined F.A.S.T. to help drop a few pounds.

She ended up taking up running and biking, did a half-Ironman in September and ran the Columbus marathon in November. Also a Ford employee, she's set her sights on the Canada Ironman as well.

As for losing a little weight: "I ended up losing 60 pounds!"

Rich is about to join the 3-2-1-SOLD! club.

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Farmington starts off well

SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

So far, so good. Farmington's combined gymnastics squad got off to a solid start Wednesday night with a 128.45-125.70 road victory over Grosse Pointe North.

According to co-coach Jeff Dwyer, the team has been sharp since the start of practice last month. He gave credit to the gymnasts' hard work in the off-season.

"A lot of the girls dedicated themselves over the summer," Dwyer commented. "I see a lot more potential with this team. If they're hungry, I think they'll do well."

Well is exactly how the combined team performed Wednesday.

Farmington posted good scores in three of four events to finish with 128 points. Dwyer, who shares coaching responsibilities with Alicia Herpick, thinks the squad will eventually tally in the 130s.

"I like this group of girls," he added. "I think we'll go far."

Marie Law and Kelly Barenie led the way in the vaulting competition Wednesday. The senior duo tied for second overall with an 8.45.

Lauren Ouellette was next for Farmington with a 7.95. Jamie Militell scored a 7.85.

On the uneven bars, Law was second overall with a 7.9. Brook Rubin placed third at 7.7, Ouellette had a 7.75 and Anna Clark a 7.45.

Rubin led a sweep of the balance beam by scoring 8.55. Law was second at 8.2, Militell third at 8.0 and Ouellette finished with a score of 7.4.

In the floor exercise, Rubin scored an 8.4, Barenie an 8.2, Law 8.15 and Liz Stoler had a 7.95. Farmington was scheduled to open the season last week in a meet with Ann Arbor, but it was snowed out.

The combined team is now off

VOLLEYBALL

until after the holidays. Farmington hosts Salem Jan. 7 to open its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule.

Dwyer said the league will be tough again this season.

"It was the hardest league in the state last year," he added. "It'll be the hardest league in the state this year, too."

Farmington finished third in the WLAA last year behind Hartland and Northville. Dwyer said those two will likely battle again for the conference championship.

"I don't think we'll be able to challenge them," he said. "We're a really good team, but they're both probably in the top five of the state."

The combined team, which boasts gymnasts from Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison and North Farmington high schools, will be comprised of 16 athletes this winter.

There were no graduations from the team. But two gymnasts, Sarah Nolan and Deanna Vacca, decided not to return.

"It hurts losing them," Dwyer said. "But when you factor in that everyone has improved, I think we'll have a strong team."

Farmington will count on senior captains Law and Barenie. Both are good bets to make the state finals this year.

Dwyer is also high on Rubin, a junior.

"She'll score in the nines on floor and beam," he said.

Law, Barenie and Rubin will score lots of points for Farmington this season.

"Those three have worked out every day since last year," said Dwyer. "They've put in a lot of time."

Stoler, a North Farmington junior, is another top gymnast.

"If she lives up to her potential," said Dwyer, "she'll help us

in all areas."

Clark, a junior, Militell, a sophomore, and Ouellette, a freshman, should figure in Farmington's scoring this season.

Other combined team members are: Erin Zazaros (junior), Courtney Wild (sophomore), Rachel Sopar (sophomore), Megan Rigsby (freshman), Alexis Johnson (freshman), Jenny Galbraith (freshman), Sarah Douglas (freshman), Caroline Dean (sophomore) and Alyson Adams (freshman).

Milford mauls Raiders

BASKETBALL

North Farmington will enter the holiday break on a down note after losing for the first time this season, 65-46 Thursday at Milford.

The Raiders (2-1) fell behind early 11-5 and trailed the entire way, as Milford eventually made it a blow-out in the fourth quarter, outscoring North 21-10.

"We didn't adjust well defensively to what they were doing,"

North coach Brian Swinehart said. "We played hard, but didn't play very smart. Milford, on the other hand, were patient with the ball and played very well."

"Milford is a senior dominated team and are well-coached so you have to give them credit."

They did a good job breaking us down. I thought we could've played better and I thought I as a coach could've done a better job making adjustments."

Sophomore center Emir Medunjanin came off the bench to lead North with 10 points. Senior guard Al Pennala added nine points.

Milford, which improved to 4-0, received 10 points from Nick Hertz.

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Christmas traditions



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Tracing roots, meanings of celebrations

The holiday season has arrived as has the quest for the perfect Christmas present. It seems at times that the meaning and the traditions of the season get lost in the hustle and bustle.

Churches around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in many different ways. While people practice those traditions, many may not know their origins.

The staff of Historic Trinity Church in Detroit, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, has compiled a list of relating to those traditions and their origins, starting with Christmas itself.

The word Christmas is derived from an early English phrase, *Christes mæsse*, which means Mass of Christ. Observed on Dec. 25 in western churches to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, it also is a public holiday in Christian countries, usually marked by the exchanged of gift — tokens of the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

For most Christians, the Christmas season begins on the Sunday nearest to Nov. 30, not when retailers begin displaying their holiday merchandise. The date is the feast of St. Andrew, one of the 12 Apostles of Christ.

The nearest Sunday is the first day of Advent, a four-week period during which Christians prepare for Christmas. The word advent means a coming and refers to the coming of Jesus

on Christmas Day.

Many Christians have an Advent wreath in their homes during the holiday season. Most wreaths are made of evergreen or holly branches and sit on table or hang on the door. The Advent wreath has five candles — three are blue (or purple), one is pink and one is white.

The first four candles are placed in the wreath and one candle is lit each Sunday in Advent. The first candle is the prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle, symbolic of the Christ Child's cradle.

The third (pink) candle is the shepherd's candle which typifies the act of sharing Christ. Pink symbolizes the Advent Rose, a time to pause in this penitential season to rejoice in the Lord.

The fourth candle is the angel's candle, the candle of love and the final coming. And the fifth — white — candle is placed in the center of the wreath as the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.

In many countries, people use special Advent calendars to keep track of the 24 days before Christmas. Advent calendars have colorful Christmas scenes and the dates are printed on flaps. One flap is lifted daily to uncover a holiday picture or a Biblical verse.

Nativity scenes

During the Christmas season, many churches display a creche, or Nativity scene, showing the figures of Mary

and Joseph praying over the infant Jesus in the stable, the Magi or Wise Men, angels, shepherds and various animals.

Historic Trinity's collection is one of the area's largest. The display, open to the public, features several hundred creches, including French Presepios, Spanish Nacimiento's, German Krippes, Irish Mangers and British Cribs, and church members bring in their own to add to the decorations.

O Christmas tree

The Christmas tree that has such a prominent place in the celebration was first used as a home decoration by Dr. Martin Luther, according to the Historic Trinity staff.

While on a walk one Christmas Eve, Luther noticed an evergreen tree shining in the moonlight. He returned home with the tree, decorated it with candles and told his children that the tree should remind them of the brightness of Christmas and the messages of the Savior's birth.

By the beginning of the 19th century, all of Germany had adopted the use of the green "Christmas" tree. They added stars, sweetmeats, tiny toys and gilded nuts together with the candles on the tree.

The custom soon spread throughout Europe and then to the United States by German settlers in Pennsylvania. Today, decorations include tinsel, bright ornaments and candy canes. A

star is mounted on top of many trees to represent the star that led the Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

The traditional colors of Christmas are red and green. Red represents the blood Jesus shed at His Crucifixion, while green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Like the evergreens, the Christmas wreath symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. In ancient Rome, people used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory and celebration.

Among evergreens used in making Christmas wreaths and other decorations is holly. Early Christians decorated their homes and churches with this tree, calling it the *holly tree*. The name holly may have come from that.

The pointed leaves supposedly resembled the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified and the red berries the blood He shed.

Christmas carols

The word carol comes from a Greek dance called a *choralein* which was accompanied by flute music. The dance later spread throughout Europe and became especially popular with the French who replaced the flute with singing.

People originally performed carols on several occasions during the year.

But by the 1600s, carols involved singing only, and Christmas had become the main holiday for these joyful songs.

As for Christmas cards, the first such card was created in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an English illustrator. It resembled a postcard and showed a large family enjoying a Christmas celebration. The message on the card read, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." About 1,000 cards were sold.

By 1860, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards had spread throughout Great Britain. The first Christmas cards manufactured in America were made in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German-born printer.

And if, during this Christmas season, you're looking for a good story to read, try the "Story of Christmas." It can be found in the gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament of the Bible.

According to Luke, an angel appeared to shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem and told them of Jesus' birth. Matthew tells of the Wise Men following a bright star that led them to Jesus.

Historic Trinity Church is at 1345 Gratiot Ave., between I-375 and Russell near Detroit's Eastern Market. For more information about the creche display, call the church at (313) 567-3100.

Church services observe 'the reason for the season'

Christmas candy has been a part of the holiday celebration for many years, but did you know that the candy cane was created to represent the real meaning of Christmas?

According to the story, a candy maker who wanted to tell children about the birth of Jesus in a way they would remember. He created a candy cane that was white, representing the virgin birth of Jesus and His sinlessness.

The candy maker shaped it into the letter J so that people would be reminded it is by the name of Jesus that people are saved from sin. Whether the letter J, or the shepherd's staff, it would show that Jesus is the shepherd, the Savior and the Lord.

To remember the tremendous price that Jesus paid for the sins of the world, the candy maker included red to represent the blood Jesus shed. Three small stripes were added to show His scourging and a large red strip for the blood he shed on the cross because of the nails and the spear.

As the legend goes, the candy maker made the candy cane, crafted with love, to help the children remember the wonderful gift of God's love at Christmas.

And it's candy canes that is what will be given to Sunday School children at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, after their Christmas program, "Here I Am! Send Me!" at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 21.

Christ Our Savior also will have its family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell choirs will perform.

At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshippers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ, handbell and instrumental music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m. at the Livonia campus. It will feature uplifting music with the choir and

instrumentalist.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

■ New Life Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve worship at 7 and 11 p.m. with a candlelight service of Communion. Special music will be provided by harpist D.L. Turner and keyboardist Ronnie J.

New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville Township. For more information, call pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181.

■ There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Family worship will be at 7 p.m. and will include choir anthems, a children's sermon and a Communion service.

The Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 11 p.m. will include choir anthems, a Communion service and candlelight ceremony, involving all worshippers. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

■ St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight Communion worship service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. A nursery will be provided, and the church is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

■ St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will have a family worship service with Holy Communion at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. Presented will be a cantata, "Angels of Christmas," with choir and narration. The music will be by John Purifoy, with the narration by the Rev. William Priquette.

Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion will be at 10 a.m. at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of I-96. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2600.

■ Memorial Church of Christ's Christmas Eve service will feature a dramatic monologue, "Bartholomew's Tale," written and performed by Les Hardin. The service will be at 7 p.m. and will

include congregational singing and Communion. Memorial is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

■ Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve festival worship service at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Church of Today will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 and 7 p.m. The church meets at Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook south of Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

■ The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will have services with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 591-0211.

■ St. James Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

■ Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Filled with carol singing, special music and candlelight, the observance is designed for meditation and reflection and offers a moment to affirm Christian values in a not-so-Christian world. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve festival worship at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The service will include carols, the Christmas story, Communion and candlelight. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Heavily attended by family and friends of church members and community resi-

dents, participants are encouraged to arrive early. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have three services on Christmas Eve. The family service will be at 5 p.m., followed by a candlelight caroling service at 9 p.m. and a candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. The church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have its family celebration, featuring the Cherub and Children's Choirs, at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

The 8:30 p.m. service of Holy Communion and candle lighting will feature the Youth Choir and Bell Choir. Rev. Melanie Lee Carey's sermon will be "Don't Miss the Sign Because You're Looking for a Billboard."

The 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service will also include candle lighting and Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir will perform and the Rev. Thomas Badley will speak about "A Special Glow."

Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve family carol candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Special music will be provided by the Salem Choir and instrumentalists.

The festival service of the Nativity of the Lord will be held at 10 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-5550.

■ Faith United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve service will be at 8 p.m. and will include carols, lessons and candlelighting. The church is at 6020 Denton Road, at Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (734) 483-2276.

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(btwn. Middlebelt & Merriman)
(313) 422-6038

Christmas Eve Services
7:00 p.m. Family Service/
Children's Pageant
11:00 p.m. Communion Service
Nursery up to 2 years

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
29887 W. Eleven Mile (west of Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills, Michigan • 248-476-8860
Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack - Rev. Kathleen Groff
Rev. Jane Berquist - Rev. Robert Bough - Mr. Melvin C. Kouska

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Wednesday, December 24
carol singing, scripture stories, special music, sermon, candlelighting

4:30 p.m. - a family service with music by children's choirs
6:00 p.m. - a community service with music by youth choirs
8:00 p.m. - a metropolitan service with music by church choir
"The Traditional Nardin Park Christmas Eve"
11:00 p.m. - midnight communion with brass and soloist
Come worship on the holiest night of the year!

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham
646-1200

Christmas Sunday - December 21
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"Upstairs, Downstairs"
Dr. William A. Ritter

Christmas Eve Services

4:30 p.m. Family Service
All Ages Welcome
Nursery Open

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00
Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter
"Mary, Mary, How You Gonna Wrap That Baby?"

Pastors
William A. Ritter
Matthew J. Hook
Melody P. Hurley

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 Sheldon Rd, Canton - Sheldon/Warren Roads - 459-3333
Visit our web site - <http://www.wmnet.com/~stmkce>

Christmas Eve
Family Worship - 7:00 PM
Worship/Communion - 9:00 PM
Communion/Candlelight - 11:00 PM

Christmas Day - Worship/Communion - 10:00 AM

The greatest gift this season isn't found in any store. Instead, it is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Come! Share the Gift with Us!

Christmas Eve Services: 5:30 Family Service (Nursery Provided)
8:00 Candlelight and Carols
10:00 Candlelight and Carols

New Year's Eve: 7:30 (Potluck supper prior to service.
Call 644-4010 for more information)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009
(Located between Chesterfield and Cranbrook Roads on the north side of Maple)

Celebrate the birth of the Savior at:

Faith Lutheran Church
30000 Five Mile Rd.
(1/4 mile west of Middlebelt)
Livonia 313-421-7249

December 21st 8:15 & 10:45 worship
10:00 Children's Christmas Program

December 24th 7:00 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Christ-mas Candle Light Service

December 25th 9:30 Christmas Day Service

Risen Christ LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve - "Carol & Candlelight Service"
4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - "Christ Is Here"
10:00 a.m.

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Communion/Candlelight - 11:00 PM

Christmas Day - Worship/Communion - 10:00 AM

Historic Mariners Church
Since 1842 Anglican-Independent
A House of Prayer For All People
The 1928 Book of Common Prayer

Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector
Kenneth J. Sweetman
Organist & Choirmaster

Wednesday, December 24 - The Eve of Christmas
"The Eve is as the Day"
Duplicate Services - Festive Choral Communion
Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.
No Thursday Service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day
Mariners on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel • Free Parking • Ford Garage
Enter at Woodward & Jefferson
313-259-2206

St. Augustine Ev. Lutheran Church
5475 Livernois - Troy, Michigan 48068 - (248)879-8400
"A Family in Christ" Rev. John R. Monson

Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

HOSANNA TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
9600 Laverne Redford 48239 313-937-2424
south of Plymouth Rd., between Inkster and Beech Daly

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Family Worship with Carols at 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service at 10:30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY!
Festive Communion Service at 10:00 a.m.

SALEM NATIONAL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Located between Farmington & Merriman Roads.)
32430 Ann Arbor Trail Westland, Michigan

Children's Christmas Service December 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Family Carol & Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

The Festival Service of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Night Service December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Luther Werth, Sr. Pastor
Come Home For Christmas...

LIVONIA 14175 Farmington Rd.
(North of I-96)
Christmas Eve: 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

CANTON 46001 Warren Rd.
(West of Canton Center)
Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m.
(313) 522-6830

LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
14750 KINLOCH
Redford, Michigan (313) 532-8655
Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (313) 261-5422

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.

**CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!**

You are invited to Worship with us at
Living Word Lutheran Church
Candlelight Christmas Eve
Communion Services
December 24 at 4:30 PM & 10:30 PM
3838 N. Rochester Rd. (at Gunn), Rochester
(248) 651-5316
John Kassen, Pastor

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams Rd.
Bloomfield Hills

Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children
7:30 p.m. Family
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
December 31st
7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
All-Nite Party for Youth Following
(3rd thru teens)
January 6th 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
The Festival of Lights

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9083 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150
734-591-0211
The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar

Services December 24th
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist • 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Services December 25th
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
A Barrier Free Facility for the Handicapped

Agape Family Worship Center
45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357

Regular Services: Sunday-9:30 am & Wednesday-7:00 pm

Holiday Services: Wednesday, December 24th - 7:00 pm
Communion and Special Music
Wednesday, December 31st - 7:00 pm
Praise and Worship Service
Fellowship Following Service

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 LONE PINE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302
248-646-5886
(IN W. CORNER OF LONE PINE AND TELEGRAPH)

Christmas Eve Worship 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship • 10:00 a.m.
We Wish You A Blessed, Christ-Centered Christmas
NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP - 5:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
35300 West 8 Mile Road
Farmington Hills

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

Christmas Eve Services
5:30 p.m. Family Service of Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Southfield
23425 Lahser Road
one block north of 9 mile

Christmas Eve 5:50 p.m. Early Candlelight
10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight

248-357-1848
Barrier Free

Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.)

8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
(734)427-2290 (btwn Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Tr)

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus
Christ with communion and candlelight!
Nursery available

Dec. 24th, 7:00pm & 11:00pm Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Services

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
Come Worship at our New Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
6:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration
10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Family Learning Hour
9:45 a.m.

Bradley Gee, Senior Pastor
Deborah Fergus, Assoc. Pastor

29200 W. 12 Mile Rd.
East of Hoegarty
248/553-7170

*In a religion that was born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying.*

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
- Christmas Eve Worship -
7 and 11 p.m. - Candlelight service with Holy Communion;
special music by harpist D.L. Turner and
keyboard player Ronnie J begins 15 minutes
before & accompanies each service

New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence
Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile Roads, in
Northville Township. Follow the New Life Signs to the chapel located
in the center of the complex. Pastor Ken Roberts: 734/459-8181.

Word Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Christmas Eve - December 24, 1997
 Dr. James N. McGuire, Preaching
 Candlelight Service with Brass Ensemble
 Four Identical Services
 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.
 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan • 313/422-1150

University Presbyterian Church
 1385 S. Adams Rd.
 Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400
 Christmas Eve Services
 7 p.m. Family Service
 Music by Children's Choirs
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
 Music by Youth and Chancel Choirs

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 33424 Oakland Avenue
 Downtown Farmington
 (248) 474-6880
CHRISTMAS EVE
 Wednesday - 8 p.m.
 Holy Communion

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
 between Meritman & Farmington
 Livonia, Michigan • 313-422-0494
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1997
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
 We welcome you to a full program church
 The Rev. Richard I. Peters - Senior Minister
 The Rev. Ruth L. Billington - Associate Minister
 Visit Our Web Site at www.geocities.com/~rosedale

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth, MI • 313/459-9550
Christmas Eve Services
 • 5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
 • 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Candlelight service
 • 11:00 p.m. Midnight Candlelight Service
"The Four Voices of Christmas"
 Dr. William C. Moore, Preaching
 *Nursery for Infant through Pre-Kindergarten

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 9435 Henry Ruff at W. Chicago
 Livonia, MI 48150 • 421-5406
 Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 10:00 p.m.
 Welcome & Merry Christmas to All!



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 5835 Sheldon Road • Canton
 313-459-0013
Special Christmas Evening Services
 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Family Services
 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm Communion

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH
 Church and Main Street
 453-6464
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 (Special music precedes each service)
 3:00 pm God's Gang Puppets and Handbells
 5:00 pm Journey to Bethlehem with Living Nativity
 8:00 & 11:00 pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Services
 December 28 - 10:00 am Worship

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (USA)
 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia 734/422-1470
 (one block west of Inkster Road)
 Christmas Eve Worship Times
 5:00 PM Family Service
 9:00 PM Carols and Candlelight
 11:00 PM Traditional Communion & Candlelight
 Wheelchair Accessible
www.sppc.org

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
Christmas Service
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 11:00 a.m.
Children's Program
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
 Wednesday, Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m.
Covenant Alliance Church
 15858 E. 13 Mile Rd.
 (1 block west of Greenfield)
 (248) 644-9009

ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake 248-682-0730
 Join us for Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Children's Pageant (Child Care Provided)
 9:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
 Regular Sunday Worship at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
 Child Care, Full Children and Youth Programs
 "Caring for Christ"

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 280 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy
 248-871310
 December 23
 Penance Service 7 p.m.
 Christmas Eve, December 24
 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day, December 25
 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 New Year's Eve 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
 1038 Harding, Rochester Hills
 248-656-0120
 Sunday Services, Sunday School and Nursery 11:00 am
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES
 Candle Lighting Service/ Concert
 Sunday, December 21 5:00 pm
 Burning Bowl/White Stone Service
 Sunday, December 28 11:00 am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 pm Family Service (Nursery Provided),
 8:00 pm Holy Communion Service
 11:30 pm Special Music
 10:30 pm Candlelight Service
 Corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Rds.
 248-474-6170

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 48755 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-451-0444
 Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor
 CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th - 4:30 & 10:00 p.m.
 CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:00 a.m.
 NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st - 4:30 p.m.
 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Jan. 1st - 10:30 a.m.

ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 6869 Franklin (South of Maple) • 626-0840
Christmas Mass Schedule
 Christmas Eve: 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
 Caroling at 9:15 p.m.
 Christmas Day: 10:00 and 12:00 Noon
 Everyone Welcome

ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI
 (just south of Six Mile Road) (313) 464-8844
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
 DECEMBER 24, 1997 7:30 p.m.
 Nursery Provided Wheelchair Accessible

St. Michael Catholic Church
 25225 Code Rd. (corner of Ten Mile West of Labrosse)
 Southfield, MI 48034
 248-356-8787
Christmas Masses
 December 24:
 5 p.m. & Midnight
 December 25:
 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Church of St. Alexander
 27835 Shilwaukee • Farmington Hills • 248-474-5748
Christmas Eve
 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Children's Liturgies
 10 p.m. Mid-Night Mass
 Christmas Day - 10 a.m.
 New Years Eve - Midnight Mass - 12:00 Midnight
 New Years Day - 10 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1669 W. Maple Road
 (between Southfield and Cranbrook)
 Ronald P. Byars, Ph.D., Pastor
CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:00 p.m. - Family Service - Children's Musical
 The Christmas Story through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts
 8:00 p.m. - Sermon and Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. - Service with "Gloria" by John Rutter
 Chancel choir accompanied by First Brass
 644-2040
 Saturdays 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

St. John Neumann Parish
 44800 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-455-5910
Communal Reconciliation
 Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 P.M.
Individual Reconciliation
 Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Liturgy of Christmas
 Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 P.M.
 Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
Feast of the Holy Family
 Saturday, Dec. 27 at 4:30, 6:30 P.M.
 Sunday, Dec. 28 at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M.
 "Come celebrate with us the gift of God's Love"

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
 23815 Power Rd. of Shilwaukee
 (1/2 of 10 Mile East, Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
 Farmington, MI 48334
 Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Skelley
 Rev. David F. West
 Rev. Arthur W. Foxon
 Rev. Douglas J. Dignall
 Rev. Louis F. O'Dea
CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE
 Christmas Eve:
 Wednesday, December 24
 3:30 p.m. Children's Pageant
 4:00 p.m. Mass with Children
 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
 11:00 p.m. Pre-Mass Program
 Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day:
 Thursday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
 9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass
 11:15 a.m. Christmas Mass
 1:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD SCHEDULE
 Wednesday, December 23
 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
 Thursday, January 1
 9:30 a.m. Mass
 11:15 a.m. Mass