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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Santa visits:** Santa Claus is at Kellogg Park 5-8 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20.

### MONDAY

**Tree lighting:** The Plymouth Township Police Department is having a tree lighting ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall complex, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. The ceremony is part of "Project Blue Light," a tribute to slain officers.

**Rivers to talk:** At noon, the Tonquish Economic Club features U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers at the Plymouth Manor.

**City meeting:** The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

### TUESDAY

**Library Board:** The Plymouth District Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

**School meeting:** The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School, 8400 Hix in Livonia.

### FRIDAY

**Open house:** The Plymouth Township treasurer's office is having an open house today during normal business hours.

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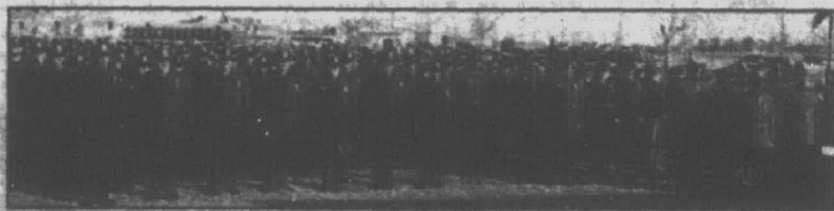
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**Honored:** Services for slain Detroit police Officer Shawn Bandy were held Sunday at Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township. Hundreds of police officers came from all over the state to pay respects to one of their own, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as shown below at left.

## Police came in show of respect

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Detroit police Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, who was shot and killed last weekend in the line of duty, was laid to rest yesterday morning after a lengthy service at Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township that attracted law enforcement officers from around the state. Officials said the service was expected to be one of the most highly attended of its kind.



"The last police officer to be killed in Michigan was in Traverse City and that funeral had a procession six miles long of scout cars," said Lt. Bob Smith of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "We've expected this one to be even longer." Bandy was not a member of the

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## Court costs escalate by \$1 million

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Construction bids to build a new 35th District courthouse in Plymouth have come in at nearly a million dollars more than projected in March. Bids from 15 general contractors were opened Thursday afternoon at the temporary court on Plymouth Road, across from the construction site, with the lowest base bid from Bedzyk Bros.

Inc. in Livonia for \$6,765,000. "We will ask the three lowest bidders to provide qualification statements, check their references, and look at similar building projects to make sure there are no problems," said Stacy Peterson, president of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta Inc. of Southfield, the architectural firm overseeing the project. "If everything checks out, we'll then make a recommendation to the court building

authority." The next two lowest bidders were Usztan Construction of Auburn Hills at \$6.8 million, and Premacon Inc. of Southfield with a bid of \$6,810,000. Last April, the architectural firm came up with an estimated "hard" construction cost of \$5,804,000. "Soft" costs, including architectural and engineering fees, site surveys, furniture and equipment, computer systems and

Please see COURT, A4

## Land sales happened an hour apart

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Restaurateur Peter Ginopolis doesn't know why a developer, William Steiner of Deer Creek Building Co., bought 3.5 acres of land from him and then, one hour later, sold it to Plymouth Township for the same \$280,000 price tag. Steiner said he planned to build

three homes that would sell for about \$700,000 each, but sold the land to the township in an effort to preserve greenspace. The property known as "the triangle" because it is bordered by Ann Arbor Trail, Ann Arbor Road and Beck, is the former site of J.J. Peter's Roadhouse. The building was demolished after township officials sued Ginopolis in

Wayne County Circuit Court for not maintaining it. "That's very interesting. It seems kind of funny," Ginopolis said Thursday evening when learning of the sale to Plymouth. "That puzzles me," he repeated several times. Township officials said they plan to

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### Too pretty to open

## Tips that can help you get holiday gifts under wraps

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
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If you're all thumbs and no imagination when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts, have we got some suggestions for you. With just a bit more than scissors and a roll of tape, you can transform a "Dad must have wrapped it" gift into a "Dad, who wrapped this for you?" masterpiece.

Hold your reindeers, guys. We're not saying all of you can't wrap. Women are known to sprout a fistful of thumbs when it comes to wrapping presents as well.

Our tips come from some of the finest wrappers in the area, from 13-year-old Kathy McQueen of Plymouth, who suggests putting jewelry in a burger box, to Mary Lynn Giovan, a Livonia

Churchill High School art teacher who wraps her gifts in beautiful fabric remnants and ties them with tulle and lace. And then there's Martha Stewart, the world's quintessential expert on good taste, who suggests choosing two or three hues and using only shades in those colors for your papers and ribbons for a "stunning" effect beneath your tree.

Don't let Martha intimidate you. Here's the best red-ribbon gift-wrapping suggestions this side of the North Pole:

■ Brown paper is not just for mailing packages. Decorate it with gold star stickers and gold wired ribbon. Tie it

Please see TIPS, A6

## Police target teen drivers

■ Police departments in Canton and Plymouth are cracking down on student drivers near PCEP following several crashes.

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Students who drive to classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park could lose their parking permits for failing to obey traffic laws around the high school complex.

Canton Township and Plymouth Township police will be working with school officials to identify those students who are driving recklessly and endangering others at Joy and Canton Center roads.

"We're getting a significant number of complaints from residents in nearby subdivisions with complaints about student driving," said Bruce Siegel, assistant superintendent. "We met with police officials last week, and they agreed to have a greater presence during the morning arrival hours and afternoon dismissal. And we will back them up with discipline of students who have chronic infractions."

"The decision to do something culminated with an accident last month in

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## DDA hires Milford's director

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■ Ann Barnette of Milford is currently the executive director of the village of Milford DDA

After more than two months without a director, the Plymouth Development Authority board has selected a new top official.

After discussing four final candidates for the job, the Plymouth board chose Ann Barnette of Milford, who is currently the executive director of the village of Milford DDA.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said the next step will be to negotiate a compensation package with Barnette to secure her services. Her current position is part time at an annual salary of \$30,000. Walters anticipates discussion to start in the range of \$50,000 plus benefits for the Plymouth

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**Pretty patterns:** Tanja Von Kulajta, owner of RSVP gift shop in Plymouth, sells hand-made and specialty wrapping paper.

OK, so you're not Martha Stewart when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts in spite of our great ideas. But if you can cut and tape, there's hope.

RSVP, a small gift shop at 829 Penniman in Plymouth, is a treasure trove of fine papers and ribbons. Owner Tanja Von Kulajta will not do your wrapping, but she'll help coordinate your selections and choose decorations.

RSVP carries 10 designs of motif papers made in England at \$1.95 a sheet and several hand-made papers with visible wood and flower fragments at \$2.25-\$4.75 a sheet. They also carry gold-

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Can't wrap, don't panic

# United Way passes goal

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The Plymouth Community United Way has reached an all-time high in pledges, with the campaign thus far netting \$1,051,000.

"I'm extremely pleased," said Linda Langmesser, Plymouth city clerk and this year's campaign chairwoman. "We were striving to beat last year's pledges, and Marie and her staff worked hard for this one. She has a terrific staff."

Plymouth Community United Way President Marie Morrow was especially pleased with the numbers.

"We thought we could beat last year's goal, but we also

know there would be a lot of work in accomplishing it," said Morrow. "Some of the other divisions still have to report, so that figure is expected to go higher."

This year's announced campaign goal was \$950,000. However, those involved with the campaign were really striving to beat the 1997 record pledges totaling \$1,051,000.

Langmesser and Morrow attribute the increase in pledges to companies like Johnson Controls, Ford/Visteon, Detroit Edison and Unisys Corporation.

Johnson Controls contributed \$357,564, which was up almost \$63,000 from last year. The company matches pledges

from its employees dollar for dollar.

Ford/Visteon contributed \$119,654; Detroit Edison \$69,154; and Unisys \$69,088.

The Plymouth Community United Way services approximately 40 agencies, including those for the mentally challenged, seniors, youth and family services, domestic violence groups and hospice.

While dollars collected don't always equal money pledged, United Way officials say thus far they've collected \$999,264 of their \$1,051,000 goal from the 1997 campaign. Collections continue through the end of this year.

## BUSINESS NOTES

### Business Notes



To submit business notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

DeMattia Group, one of southeast Michigan's leading producers of commercial and industrial real estate projects, has named William Case as information systems administrator. He will oversee all operations and installations for DeMattia's computer networks.

Case comes to DeMattia after three years as district coordinator and political director for state Sen. Loren N. Bennett, R-Canton. He has also worked as an independent computer technician since 1988.

Case, who holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is a Plymouth resident and a board member of the Educational Excellence Foundation, a group of volunteers who raise funds for educational enrichment programs for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Over the last four years, he's performed everywhere from the Indianapolis 500 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., as a member of the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

Marge Chmielewski of Plymouth recently received Wayne State University Action Award for advocating services for students with disabilities. The award was presented during the university's Invest in Abilities

Week luncheon.

Chmielewski, who received the Community Action Award, is a disability consultant on technology, needs assessment and reasonable accommodations. She is a former supervisor in Wayne State's Handicapper Educational Services office and currently is director of Michigan State University's Disability Resource Center.

Local business person and owner of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac GMC Truck of Plymouth, Robert Jeannotte has been given a prestigious Leaders of Distinction award by Pontiac-GMC Division of General Motors for 1998. This award recognizes outstanding dealer performance in critical business areas, including sales, profitability and customer service.

## CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### PREP HONOR ROLL

Senior Jesse Venegas of Canton qualified for the honor roll for the second year marking of the 1998-99 academic year at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake.

### SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

Christopher Machnaeki of Canton, who attends Plymouth Salem High School, received the Presidential Scholarship through Alma College. Andrew Oleszkow-

icz of Plymouth, who attends Plymouth Canton High School, received the Trustee Honors Scholarship through Alma.

### TAU BETA PI

Betsy Oatly of Plymouth has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor which can be achieved by an engineering student. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character. She is a second-year student at the University of Michigan and expects to graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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## Funeral from page A1

Plymouth Township is one of a few departments in the area to put on such an event.

The ceremony will be held in front of Plymouth Township Police Department headquarters near the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

It will include the department's honor guard, a bugler, a bagpiper and several members of the Plymouth Whalers hockey team. There will be a 21-gun salute, a lighting of the trees in front of the building that have been wrapped with 11,000 blue Christmas lights and speeches

by police Chief Lawrence Carey and police Chaplain Hugh McMartin.

With such a highly publicized police funeral such as Bandy's occurring just days before, officials anticipate a larger turnout at tomorrow's event.

"The timing is unfortunate," said Officer Jamie Senkbeil of the Plymouth Township Police. "But yes, I think that this event will see a higher attendance because it happened so recently."

## Canton High grad wins photo, talent contest

Angela Bernard, 18, a student at Central Michigan University won the title of Miss Northern U.S. Sunshine Celebrity. She was the over-all winner of photogenic, fashion-model, interview,

gown, and talent out all girls competing ages 0-25.

Angela graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in June.

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# Watch out

## Police beef up neighborhood patrols

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE  
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You've probably heard of Neighborhood Watch before, but the Plymouth Township Police Department is upgrading the program in an effort to work directly with the community to prevent crime.

The new program, which has stipulations and requirements for a neighborhood to be involved, is the latest program to get started under the police department's "get back into the community" philosophy.

"This is a big step for the Plymouth Township Police Department to get involved in Neighborhood Watch," said township Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil. "We started in 1985, but we have never really had an officer that was able to get involved in this like we do now."

About six months ago, Detective Kevin Lauterwasser began working with the residents in the Ridgewood West subdivision near the intersection of Ridge and Ann Arbor roads.

After several months of getting the word out in the neighborhood, a few meetings were held and the subdivision's program became the first in Plymouth Township to be officially registered with the police department.

"It's just that we don't have any communities that are active in Neighborhood Watch," said Senkbeil. "This is the first one to be registered with the Plymouth Township Police Department."

"There are some people that have signs up but how they got those, where they got those, I don't know."

The new signs that are being put up in subdivisions that participate in the program will be more customized than the older ones, with the name of each subdivision on them.

Mary Christie, who lives in the Ridgewood West subdivision, believes that the program is a worthwhile investment of time.

"I really believe that it's worthwhile," she said. "To get the neighborhood together and to get to know each other and to keep an eye out for one another. It was a bit of work to get it organized but I think it's working wonderfully."

Christie says that the program is tai-



Watch out: Plymouth Township Police Department has launched a new Neighborhood Watch program. Detective Kevin Lauterwasser and resident Mary Christie are working together in the Ridgewood West subdivision near the intersection of Ridge and Ann Arbor roads.

lored more for the Plymouth community than the typical programs that have been run in the past.

"When I originally received the paperwork for the program, it was geared more for the crime typical of Detroit, but this is different," she said. "It's just neighbors watching out for each other. If you see papers piling up on somebody's porch because they're out of town, go pick them up or if you see a car hanging around a house that you haven't seen before, let somebody know."

According to Senkbeil, through the program, she will give a quarterly report of crime in that specific neighborhood as well.

Since Ridgewood West was the first in the township to organize this police-affiliated Neighborhood Watch program, they got to decide on the design of the new signs as well.

"Quarterly, I send over a report of crime in their area and perhaps myself or Detective Lauterwasser will be invited to the homeowner's association meeting to talk about it with them. I definitely think this is a deterrent to crime and a way for us to get back into the community."

Since Ridgewood West was the first in the township to organize this police-affiliated Neighborhood Watch program, they got to decide on the design of the new signs as well.

For additional information on how to set up a Neighborhood Watch program in your area, call Senkbeil at (734) 453-3869.

# Another strip mall in plans for Five Mile

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE  
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The strip mall on the southwest corner of Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township has plans for expansion in the near future.

The mall, which features Busch's Valu Land grocery store, will gain an additional complex along Five Mile with the intent of attracting smaller "neighborhood-type" businesses.

"At this point, it's all speculative," said Brian Zyburka of the DeMattia Group, who is the company developing the site. "Banks, small restaurants, clothing stores ... anything really. Whatever the (township) allows in that location of course, but pretty much whatever (types of businesses) that are attracted to Phase I will be attracted to Phase II."

The new building, which will be approximately 25,000 square feet, will not be directly connected to the existing stores. A delivery driveway will separate the two buildings.

DeMattia developed the original strip of stores that were part of the Phase I project. According to plans discussed at Wednesday's planning commission meeting, a third part to the mall could be built in the future for a more upscale type of restaurant such as a T.G.I. Friday's or a Bannigan's.

"I've heard that too, but I don't know that they're actually targeting something like that," said Zyburka. "It's still up in the air right now."

According to Plymouth Township Community Development Director Shirley Barney, the DeMattia Group still has a few problems to work out during the design approval process.

"Final approval is next but they still need to address the landscaping, parking, circulation

and building elevations," she said. "(The planning commission) is reluctant to move forward when they still haven't finished the first phase. The landscaping on the existing complex still has not been finally planted and approved."

"(The DeMattia Group) indicated that they would be looking at enhancing the landscaping at the existing center and designing the plan for the new center to blend with the whole thing."

The DeMattia Group has had to deal with landscaping problems that remain from Phase I of the project.

According to James Capo, vice president of architecture for the DeMattia Group, the landscaped island that divides the entrance to the facility next to the Wendy's on Sheldon had to be replaced with stones due to the fact that plants kept dying.

"I think we had to replace it six times in two months," he said at Wednesday's meeting. "Finally, we just filled it in with landscape stones."

According to the Zyburka, the DeMattia Group is not concerned with the fact that land in the Plymouths is becoming less and less available for development with the area reaching capacity.

"There's just that one part that's north of Five Mile that's left but we have land all around Michigan that we're working on," he said. "As for just around here, we're being very selective about what we put on the remaining land. And I'm sure that the planning commission is taking the same position. We're just increasing the standards of what's being built."

DeMattia is also developing three office buildings, ranging in size from 25,000-50,000 square feet, in an industrial park along Five Mile between Sheldon and Beck roads

# Police to increase seat belt enforcement

The Plymouth Township Police Department is participating in Operation ABC Mobilization, sponsored by the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Administration and part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Buckle Up America Campaign.

Plymouth Township is one of more than 86 jurisdictions in Michigan which will take the

lead in a major mobilization to protect children from the No. 1 cause of death and injury - vehicle crashes.

The following holiday periods have been selected for aggressive enforcement of adult and child safety belt laws: through Dec. 18-23; Feb. 7-13; May 24-31; June 7 through July 5; and Aug. 30 through Sept. 6.

# Schools offer holiday concert series

Anyone may attend any of the following concerts, all of which will be in the middle school gymnasiums and Plymouth Salem's auditorium.

**CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
650 Church St., Plymouth  
Band concert, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15

**EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
1042 S. Mill St., Plymouth  
Choral concert, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15

**LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
8400 Hix, Westland  
Band concert, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16

**WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth  
Choral concert, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15

**PCPE-SALEM AUDITORIUM**  
46181 Joy, Canton  
Choral concert, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16

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Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their lists of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

**FICTION**

- A Man in Full Tom Wolfe
- The Simple Truth Dave Baldacci
- Mirror Image Danielle Steel
- When the Wind Blows James Patterson
- Bag of Bones Stephen King

**NON-FICTION**

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- For the Love of the Game Michael Jordan
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- ... And the Horse He Rode In On James Carville
- The Death of Outrage William J. Bennett

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position. Former DDA Director Steve Guile earned nearly \$62,000 before accepting a position in October with Westland. Meanwhile, Walters reports that as of Friday 34 resumes were received at City Hall for

the city manager's position he is vacating Jan. 31. Applicants have until Dec. 15 to submit applications. The Plymouth city commission will meet Saturday, Jan. 2, to discuss applicants and pick those they want to interview.

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**Court** from page A1

other items were estimated at \$1,451,000 ... pushing the total cost of the court to \$7,255,000. On Tuesday, the architectural firm estimated the total cost to reach nearly \$8 million. More exact figures are expected when the court building authority meets Tuesday. It's possible the authority will award a bid and set the stage for construction of a 44,481-square-foot, two-story courthouse on the same site the old courthouse sat before burning down in July 1997.

Court Administrator Kerry Erdman said the court will have approximately \$2.7 million of insurance money left to put towards a new courthouse. Court officials have thus far spent about a million dollars of the settlement to pay costs associated with its temporary facilities, as well as furniture and computers that will be moved into the new courthouse.

There will also be money from excess revenues that are generally paid out to the five communities the court serves to help keep the bond issue low. Erdman said excess revenue won't be known until an audit early next year, but did say "in past years, excess revenue was about a million dollars."

"I think we got very good contract bids," said Judge John MacDonald. "I'm pleased and ready to move on, and move in."

Contractors were told to plan for a March 1, 2000, completion date. Plans call for four courtrooms, conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus a security garage for judges and court personnel.

**Speeders** from page A1

which a pickup flipped over on Canton Center, endangering the lives of students," said John Santomauro, Canton Township public safety director.

**'We'll report the student tickets to school officials, who may then decide to take action of their own.'**

around PCEP. "I would like to see a traffic study done which would address redesigning the roadway, signage and signal lights," said Santomauro. "The biggest hurdles will be to find someone to pay for the study and funding any recommendations."

That was an accident Kathy Latin of Canton remembers well. Her son was walking home when the truck flipped nearly 30 feet in the air. And when he told her about what happened, she immediately went to work calling police and school officials.

**John Santomauro**  
-Canton public safety director

"The most important thing are the kids who walk to school. They shouldn't have to cross the road in that traffic. It's just too dangerous," said Latin, who lives in nearby Forest Trails subdivision. "I'm glad to see they're taking some action. Students should know driving is a privilege."

"We will review the number of citations and the gravity of each situation," said Siegel. "We'll then look at what's in the best interest of safety and security at the Park in deciding whether to suspend or revoke a student's parking permit."

Salem High School principal Gerald Ostoin is confident police patrols will curb the problem. "Students will drive through stop signs and stop lights, but a patrol car waiting for them will definitely be a deterrent," he said. "We'll be ready to take action against those students who don't obey the traffic laws."

Santomauro said his department is going to recommend to the school's safety committee a study be conducted of the traffic

not warnings," he said. "We'll report the student tickets to school officials, who may then decide to take action of their own."

Costs could be high. Santomauro said putting traffic lights at the entrances to each of the parking lots could cost up to \$60,000 apiece, and that doesn't include other road improvements which might need to be made.

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# Ordinance will restrict, not ban, smoking in eateries

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Wayne County commissioners expect to act on an ordinance Tuesday that will restrict - but not ban - smoking in Wayne County bars and restaurants.

But the ordinance, if approved, will still ban smoking in most private and public places of business in Wayne County.

A committee of the whole meeting has been scheduled for

10 a.m. Tuesday with the full 15-member commission in Room 402 of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph in Detroit. A public hearing was scheduled for that meeting, and not for Thursday, as originally reported.

The ordinance still bans smoking in most Wayne County public and private facilities. Exemptions include private residences, except when used as a child care, adult care or health care facility; retail tobacco stores; and public

areas where bingo is held, where at least 40 percent of the seating area is designated and maintained as smoke-free.

Only private functions in restaurants, hotel and motel conference rooms would be exempted from this ordinance.

The original ordinance proposed by Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, would have prohibited smoking in bars and restaurants by March 1, 2000.

On Thursday, that ordinance

was amended at a meeting of the seven-member Committee on Health and Human Services. Commissioner Kim Cockrel, D-Detroit, called for an amendment to allow for bars and restaurants to house 25 percent of seating capacity for smokers by that date.

### More change

Cockrel also amended the ordinance to allow for smoking at a distance of 10 feet from the business.

The amended ordinance was forwarded to the full commission on a 5-2 vote. Supporting that action were Cockrel, Parker, and Commissioners Edna Bell, Robert Blackwell, both Democrats from Detroit, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford. Opposing the ordinance were Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Commissioners did not add an amendment that would exempt businesses that employ less than

15 people.

The committee heard from several people, most of who supported the ban.

Dale Wofford of Westland said he once worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Detroit. When smoking was permitted in the McNamara Building, the department heard complaints from asthmatics.

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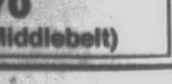
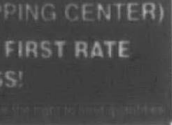
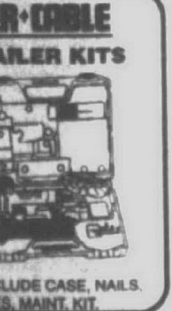
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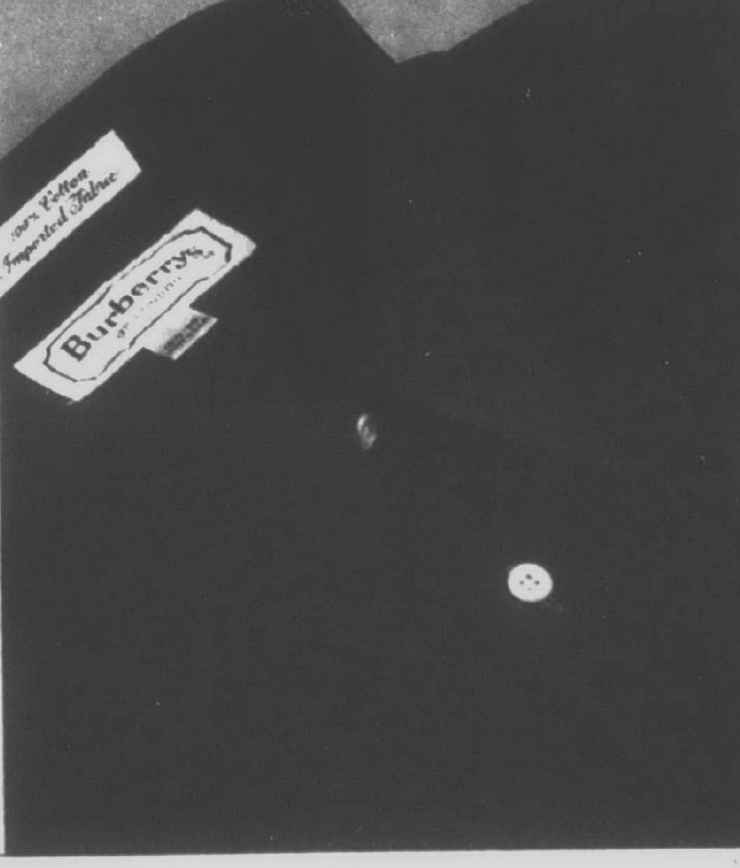
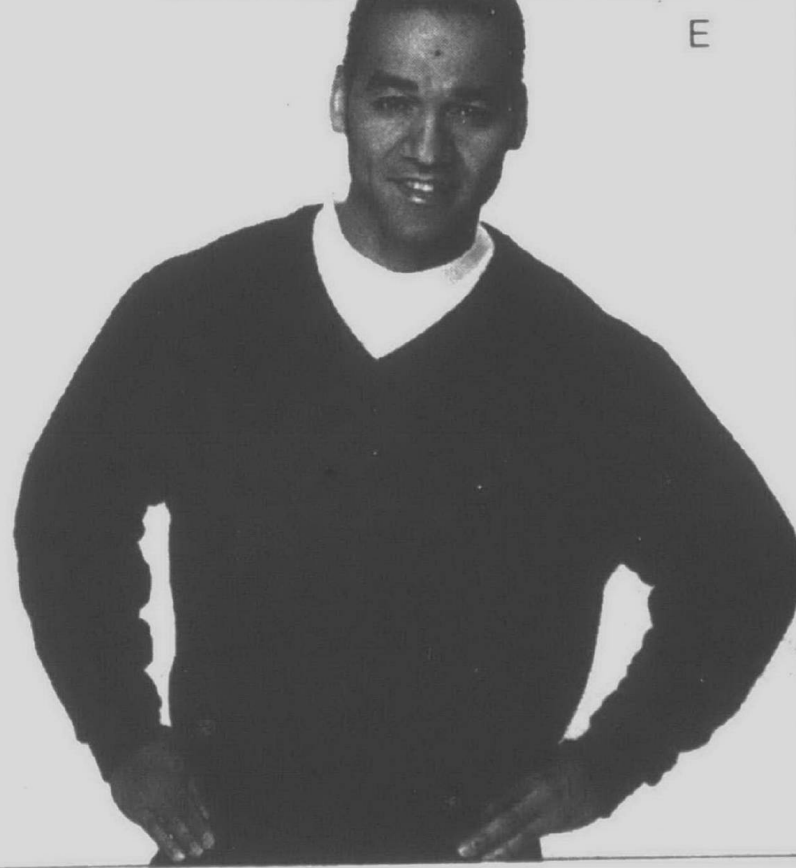


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Second, IntelHealth (www.intelhealth.com) This site comes from Johns Hopkins Hospital, and is excellent for your questions through their Ask-the-Doc feature, and in a separate section on updates in clinical applications of arthritis research.

Third, Mayo Clinic Oasis (www.mayoclinic.org) is a fine source for answers to specific questions and good information on drugs.

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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## Sale from page A1

develop a park or some type of recreational facility on the land. Plymouth already owns Kiwanis Park, a small one-acre parcel at the intersection.

The Board of Trustees called a special meeting Tuesday and voted to buy the property for \$288,290. It was the same price Steiner paid for it (\$286,568), plus \$1,700 in costs for environmental studies.

At 10 a.m. the following day, Peter Ginopolis, and his brother, John, met at First Security Title Company on Main and Ann Arbor Road to sign the closing papers with Steiner.

At 11 a.m. - Steiner and his sales agent - township board trustee K.C. Mueller of Remerica Hometown - met in the same office with Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Treasurer Ron Edwards. Steiner resold the property to Plymouth Township.

Mueller did not abstain from Tuesday

## Mueller also wanted to vote on the issue because 'my platform when I ran was to keep open spaces,' she said.

night's township board vote. She defended her decision, claiming there was no conflict of interest because she did not collect the \$5,800 commission from the sale.

"I'm required by law to vote on issues as long as I don't have financial interest ... I was affected financially - negatively," she said.

According to Steiner, the original agreement was for Mueller to waive her commission on the Ginopolis sale and later receive the commission on the three home sales,

which would have amounted to \$120,000, he said.

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Plymouth Township officials never approached Ginopolis to say they were interested in the property, according to Peter Ginopolis. He didn't know why they wouldn't. "We are very reasonable people," he added.

The Steiner housing development was to go before the township's planning commission in November for site plan approval. It never did because the township began negotiations with him to buy it, according to Mueller.

McCarthy was unavailable for comment.

## Tips from page A1

- with braided twine or raffia and add a spray of cinnamon sticks, pine cones and walnuts. Or center a white, paper doily on top and wrap with lots of white organdy ribbon.
- Wrap travel-theme gifts in maps from your Atlas or glove compartment. Wrap a special gift in sheet music and tie with red and green velvet ribbon. Save the comics for your children's gifts and the crossword page for a puzzle buff.
- Wrap wine bottles in aluminum foil. Put confetti inside the bottle and tie with paper streamers. Or wrap the bottle in a big, colorful napkin.
- Wrap over-sized gifts in large, inexpensive plastic-coated holiday tablecloths.
- For a romantic gift, cover a

- box in gold foil paper and glue five silver paper doilies on the sides. Make a bouquet bow from dried flowers, wrap it in cellophane and tie it with lace.
- Wrap a box of jewelry or perfume in a fancy lace hanky.
- Save those cardboard toilet paper and paper towel tubes and stuff them with small items like socks. Wrap them in tissue paper, tie both ends with ribbon and fan out the ends.
- A box wrapped in a swatch of flowery chintz drapery gathered in a topknot and entwined with a silk rose is gorgeous. So is a gift wrapped in moiré wallpaper adorned with a cutout of cascading chintz roses. Stiffen roses with spray starch before cutting

- them out.
- Use wallpaper borders on presents wrapped in solid colors.
- Glue brightly colored buttons or peppermints on gifts wrapped in white paper. Varnish peppermints to keep color from transferring.
- Wrap just about any unusually shaped gift in tulle or netting.
- Instead of a bow, decorate gifts with feathers, seashells, cookie cutters, tiny Christmas tree balls bunched with wire, or strands of fake pearls.
- For a unique gift wrap, photocopy your favorite pictures. Color pictures can be done on 11-by-17-inch sheets and black and white on 18-by-24-inch sheets.

- Have a teenage girl? Fill a pair of tights with hair spray, shampoo and other grooming gifts. Tie legs in several places with elastic hair "scrunchies" to keep items from shifting.
- Have two teenage girls? Stuff the fingers of gloves with lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, barrettes, etc.

Ready to wrap? Great, but before you begin, remember it's what's under the wrapping that's most important. One Christmas, my cash-strapped, then-16-year-old son taped two Dixie cups rim-to-rim with duct tape and tossed the gift under the tree. The present was for his brother and contained about \$5 in loose change.

We still laugh about that gift ... every Christmas.

## Wrap from page A1

threaded tissue paper in variety of jewel-tones at \$2.25 a sheet, brightly colored raffia ribbon at \$5.50 a spool, and organdy Midori ribbon from Japan at 95 cents to \$1.65 a yard.

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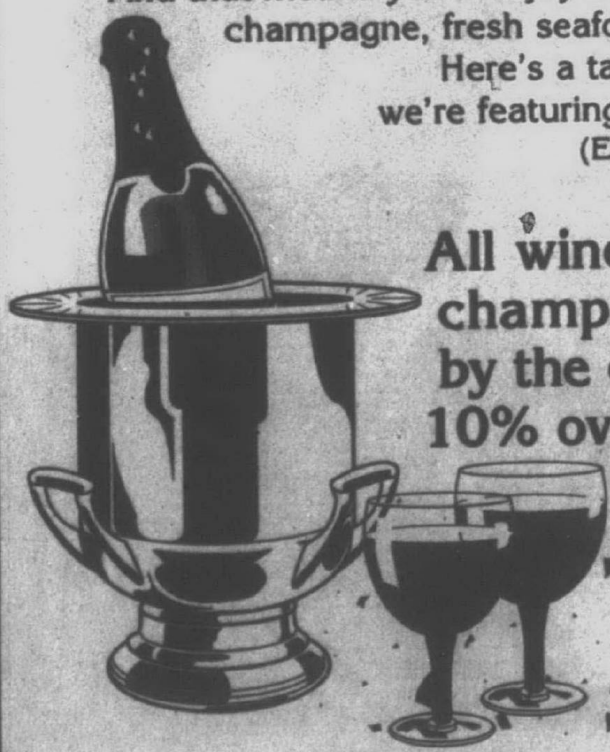
possible," said Claudia Frederick, senior marketing manager, who added that most of the station's customers are men.

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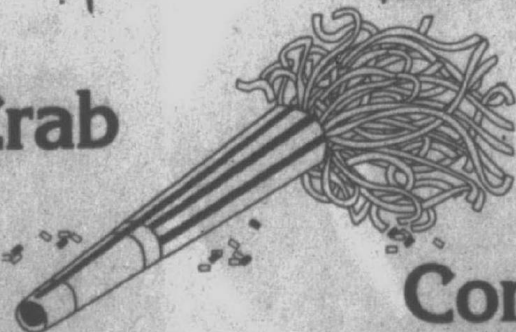


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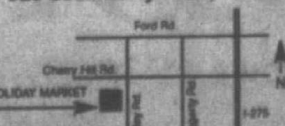
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A legislative bill giving cities and townships power to approve school building plans has been gutted by a Senate committee and is almost as good as dead.

Burial will be Dec. 31, when all unpassed bills expire.

"We'll be back next year," said Don Styron, a lobbyist for the Michigan Municipal League, which joined forces with the

Michigan Townships Association to seek local unit site and construction plan reviews of both public and non-public school construction.

The bill had been eagerly watched by Northville Township, which has had a long-standing battle with the Northville School District over building plans.

Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton, a former mayor and school board member, won House passage of

his bill. "We had two situations in my district - Woodhaven, where a relatively new building just fell apart; and Flat Rock, where there was no local control to inspect a building of a public school academy.

"We should treat school buildings the same as others," Mans told the Senate Human

## STATE LEGISLATURE

Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs Committee - but the panel, headed by Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, disagreed.

The committee gutted the Mans bill and sent it to the Senate floor Dec. 2 on a 3-2 party-line vote. It is languishing on the Senate calendar.

Mans' bill would have repealed

a 1937 law placing school site and building inspection authority in the hands of what is now the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Local building and fire codes are inapplicable. It would also amend part of the school code.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the Mans bill would add \$26,000 to the cost of inspections and permits for a one-story building.

Rogers' committee version

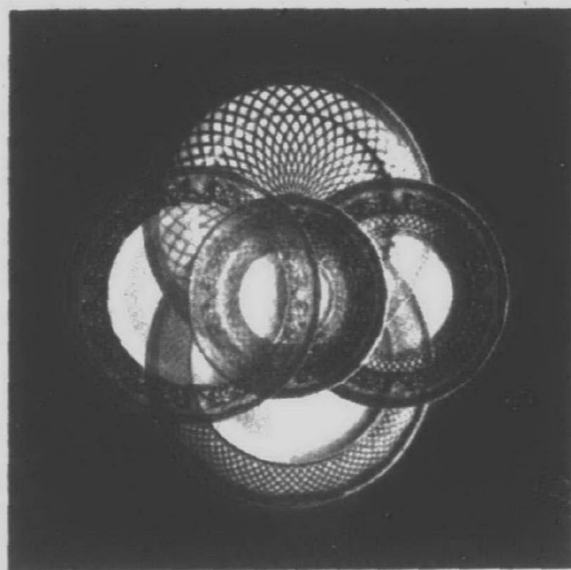
went back to a uniform method of statewide review. School authorities could voluntarily submit their plans to local officials, but wouldn't be required to do so. The Senate version keeps the House requirement that state-certified architects and engineers approve construction plans and be on-site.

But Republicans on the panel threw Democrats a political

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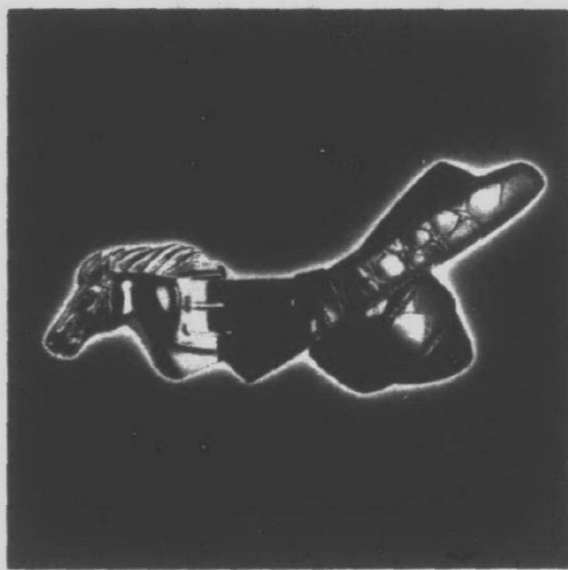


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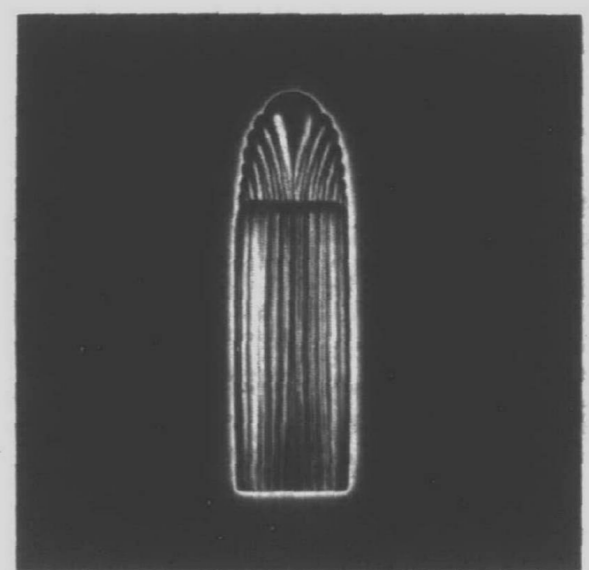
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**JAMES JOSEPH KELIHER**  
Services for James Joseph Keliher, 74, of Plymouth were Dec. 2 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. He was born April 20, 1924, in Livonia. He was a building inspector. He was an Army veteran who served in World War II. Survivors include his brother, Daniel (Phyllis) J. Keliher of Bay Village, Ohio; two sisters, Rosemary Janis of Dearborn Heights, Joan Seiler of Plymouth; two stepdaughters, Donna Whitaker, Gayleene Waldorf; four step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010. **RITA DIETZ**

Services for Rita Dietz, 71, of Plymouth were Dec. 3 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. She was born Oct. 11, 1927, in England. She died on Nov. 29 in Ann Arbor. She was a travel agent with AAA. She retired six years ago after 25 years of service. She was also a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community six years ago from Livonia. She was artistic and a world traveler. Survivors include her husband, Leo E. Dietz of Plymouth; two sons, Brian C. Dietz of Southfield, Christopher J. (Bende) Dietz of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Ashley S. Dietz of Ypsilanti; five grandchildren, Alexa Dietz, Zane Dietz, Renee Dietz, Andrew Dietz, Maiken Dietz; and one brother, Gordon (Betty) Herron of Bath, Maine.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. **RICHARD V. ZUROWICK**  
Services for Richard V. Zurowick, 62, of Canton were Dec. 7 in Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Terence Treppa of St. Richard Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. He was born June 24, 1936, in Detroit. He died Dec. 4 in Superior Township. He was a salesman. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Zurowick of Canton; four daughters, Cynthia, Jane (Carl) Kaspari, Rebecca (Don) Urkainic, Michelle (Dan) Gutowski; one son, Kenneth (Michelle) Zurowick; one brother, Leonard; and one sister, Jean Szech. **PHYLLIS B. RUSH**  
Private services were held for Phyllis B. Rush, 82, of Canton. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home,

Westland. She was born June 25, 1916, in Boston, Mass. She died on Dec. 4 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Gary (Barbara) R. Rush of Canton; and one daughter, Elizabeth Carver of Falmouth, Mass. **WILLIAM F. ADAMS**  
Services for William F. Adams, 86, of Indian River, Mich., were Dec. 8 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Jay Cubbison officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. He was born Feb. 16, 1912, in Detroit. He died Dec. 5 in Indian River, Mich. He was a machine operator at the Ford Motor Co. in Northville Valve Plant for 26 years. He came to the Indian River community in 1970 from Plymouth. He lived in Plymouth from 1942 to 1970. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enjoyed fishing and hunt-

ing and loved family gatherings. Survivors include his wife, Annabelle of Indian River, Mich.; two daughters, Barbara (Wayne) Glass of Livonia, Janis (William) McDonald of Plymouth; one sister, Dorothy Clinger of Florida; one brother, Robert Adams of Livonia; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Cheboygan Hospice, Cheboygan, Mich. **JOSEPHINE T. KRUPINSKI**  
Services for Josephine T. Krupinski, 76, of Plymouth were Nov. 28 in St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Gary Michalik officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Detroit. She died on Nov. 24 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and a grill cook for ARA Food Service at the Ford Motor Co., Rouge Steel Mill. She was formerly of Canton and Detroit. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland, and the Polish Women's Alliance. She was an accomplished seamstress and a wonderful Polish cook. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Ronald and James Piotrowski; two husbands, Boleslaw "Bill" Piotrowski, Chester Krupinski; and one sister, Verna Smosarski. Survivors include her son, Thomas W. (Aurelia) Piotrowski of Plymouth; one sister, Irene Plagens of Dearborn Heights; seven grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

**CARL E. SPACE**  
Services for Carl E. Space, 62, of Canton were Dec. 8 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. He was born March 6, 1946, in Detroit. He died Dec. 6 in Canton. He was a designer. He was preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn Beckwith; and his mother, Martha Space. Survivors include his wife, Nanci E. Space of Canton; his father, William Space of West Branch, Mich.; two sons, Carl Space of Canton, Paul Space of Livonia; two daughters, Angela Space of Canton, Carolyn Space of Ann Arbor; one brother, William (Gwen) Space of Milford; and one sister, Deanna (Dan) Kealy of Detroit. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. **ALEXANDER 'ALEX' MICHALAK**  
Services for Alexander "Alex" Michalak, 88, of Canton were Dec. 8 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. He was born March 29, 1910, in Depew, N.Y. He died Dec. 3 in Westland. He retired from Awrey Bakery after 33 years of service and then worked part time with the Canton Township Recreation Department for another 10 years. He came to the Canton community from California in 1976 and has been at Westland Convalescent Center for the past five years. He was a former member of St. Monica Catholic Church in Detroit. He served in World War II. Survivors include his wife, Alma M. Michalak of Canton; two sisters-in-law; and one brother-in-law.

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Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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**NOTICE**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**  
**WINTER TAXES**

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1998 and payable through February 16, 1999 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. Open Friday, December 4, 11, 18 and Wednesday, December 23 until 5:00 p.m. After hours payments can be placed in 24 hr **DROP BOX** located in parking lot adjacent to Building #1 or **DROP BOX** adjacent to entry way. Standard Federal Bank, Plymouth Township Office, will also accept payment for your convenience through February 16, 1999. **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** during the Christmas Holidays on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th. The Treasurer's Office will be open to accept Tax Payments and Other Payments on Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st.

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# Ordinance from page A5

tion fell on the side of the handicapped employees - the asthmatics, Wofford said.

"I would like to control the amount of nicotine in my lungs and in my blood," Wofford said. "If I go into a restaurant, the smokers are dictating that amount. I don't choose the dressing in their salad."

But Robert Gifford, executive director of the Michigan Restaurant Association, which represents 3,500 restaurants throughout the state, said most restaurants provide at least 50 percent of seats for non-smokers.

"Restaurants are already

exceeding the requirement of state law," Gifford said. "To meet the demands of their customers - many of whom are non-smokers - many restaurant owners have restructured buildings, added new air circulation systems and set non-smoking percentages far above 50 percent."

Citing the Michigan Public Health Code, Gifford said state laws prohibit municipalities from enacting more stringent regulations on restaurants than exist at the state level.

Gifford said similar bans have hurt businesses in Arizona, California and New York. "The ban

is bad for the proposed casinos, it's bad for the efforts to build an entertainment center," Gifford said. "One restaurant chain, Outback Steakhouse, is already re-evaluating plans to build new establishments in Wayne County because of the proposed ban."

Marquette County passed a similar ban and it faces a legal challenge from the MRA, Gifford said.

### In favor of ban

Mark Cooper of the Michigan Citizens for Smoke-Free Air supported the ban.

"We don't care if people smoke,

we do care if we are subjected to it," he said.

Parker told commissioners the question was what the commissioner do as legislators about "something we know is harming people."

"We have speed limits to protect others," Parker said.

Commissioner O'Neil agreed that smoking was a health problem, but moved to reject the ordinance, which was rejected by the committee, 5-2.

Earlier, O'Neil had called smoking a "freedom of choice" and a decision that ought to be left to business owners. "There

are a lot of individuals who invested a million dollars to do business in Wayne County," O'Neil said. Boike believed the county should not act because it did not have the authority to do so.

"The state can supersede anything we adopt," Boike said. O'Neil thought the county commissioners should not legislate such a ban.

Cockrel asked "If not here, then where? I believe it's a good ordinance. I think we need to do this now." Her amendment reflected the percentage of smokers in Wayne County - 25 per-

cent. After the meeting, Gifford said he was pleased with the removal of the ban for bars and restaurants. The MRA was open to smoking restrictions, Gifford pointed out as that group helped set the 50 percent standard. If a ban were initiated in Wayne County, Wayne County patrons who want to smoke would go to another restaurant in another county, he said.

"We want a level playing field," Gifford said.

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curve when they further amended the bill to remove a requirement that school districts pay the "prevailing wage" (a legal euphemism for union scale) on construction jobs.

"That will be a poison pill in the House," said Sen. Ken DeBeaussant, D-Macomb County, predicting the Democrat-controlled House would never agree to it.

"This prevailing wage is altogether a separate issue," said Sen. Mike O'Brien, D-Detroit. "Get another bill," he told Republicans.

Replied Rogers: "This (prevailing wage) adds costs. This takes money from school kids for books and computers."

O'Brien shot back: "All the books and computers aren't worth a darn if the roof caves in."

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, who sponsored the prevailing wage repeal, said the requirement does nothing but add to school construction costs. "It has nothing to do with construction quality," he said.

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## Happy holidays begin with good planning

Years of human history and folklore have left its imprint on our society, culture and family regarding the rich celebration, and all that accompanies, the Christmas season. The tradition that lives in the forethought of my mind are the scents of Christmas. Sure you can't beat the essence of fresh pine filling the air from a brightly lit Christmas tree, or the aroma wafting through the house of that special holiday roast. But my inner child is always yearning for fragrant scents of holiday baking. A warm rich cookie in one hand, and a piece of Grandma's fudge in the other, would conjure visions of sugar plum fairies dancing in my head, and best describe Christmas for me.

Even though some holiday food traditions have been revamped, shortened, or all together substituted, to fit the demands on our present day existence, many of us are still baking from scratch and making holiday confections.

Homemade sweets are such a thoughtful way to share Christmas and revel in the merry making, gift giving and exchanging. May I suggest picking up an old holiday baking tradition or beginning a new one to form your children's Christmas memories.

### Twelve Days of Christmas

Back by popular demand - The Twelve Days of Christmas - Don't forget to start today.

**DAY 12 - Master Checklist**  
Every great event has great beginnings. A master plan and checklist is the key to success. Your list may include rentals, inventory of china, linen, serving pieces, and a time line for tasks to insure no last minute running.

**DAY 11 - Menu planning**  
The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food! In addition to family favorites, this is the time to gather recipes you've wanted to try, and if necessary, experiment. When menu planning, it is essential to have a good mix of items to fit everyone's needs including a few selections which are on the lighter side. Try to make some things early. Many items, including baked goods and chutneys, can be made ahead of time. Don't forget to place any special meat or bakery item orders well in advance so you're not disappointed on your last minute shopping trip to your favorite market.

**DAY 10 - Purchase all your beverages.** Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature. Put beverages in coolers or party tubs and add ice an hour before guests arrive. It is hard enough fitting all the extra food items in the fridge without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

**DAY 9 -** It is close enough now to the date of your event to make any reminder calls to family and friends about times and such. It's also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation.

**DAY 8 -** It's a good day for holiday baking. Cookies and breads freeze great. Bring out your special holiday tins. Sweet filled tins make wonderful gifts.

**DAY 7 -** Beat the last minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, and canned and frozen items also. Make any last minute purchases you may need for your table.

**DAY 6 -** Plan your holiday tabletop. You can use phone books, boxes turned upside down placed on top of a base line tablecloth. Arrange risers on the table and cover with additional

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### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Old-fashioned holidays

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

# BE A DEAR, SERVE FUN, HEALTHY FOOD AT YOUR PARTY

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS  
SPECIAL WRITER

I love the holiday season when houses are at their festive best and anticipation fills the air. Family traditions play center stage as we bring out our good china and favorite holiday ornaments, greet friends and family at parties and cook the traditional dishes of the season.

Christmas is a true delight for the senses. The smell of a fresh Christmas tree, and cookies baking in the oven. The sounds of Christmas carols and jingle bells in department stores. The sights of beautiful holiday light displays on neighbor's homes. Santa in the mall. Fields blanketed in snow... and the wonderful tastes of all those holiday dishes!

Enjoying all our favorite foods this time of year is something we all look forward to. However, getting through the holidays without gaining a few extra pounds, is challenging, especially if you are hosting a party. You want your guests to enjoy a wonderful time. But those wonderful dishes don't necessarily have to be heavy in fat and calories. Every host loves praise for fabulous food. It is very gracious to help guests (and yourself) stay healthy by serving flavorful, fresh and sensible food.

The role that food plays, especially during the holidays, goes way beyond basic sustenance. Food is intensely personal and making changes in the usual holiday banquet may be stressful. You don't need to serve only carrot and celery sticks to work good nutrition into your holiday party. The best advice is to choose wonderful fresh foods and use a light hand when adding high fat ingredients. Her are some of my favorites:

**Shrimp cocktail**  
What could be more festive and nutritious than a big bowl of delicious shrimp? One of my colleagues has a huge punch bowl that comes with a stand. When assembled it looks like a

giant stemmed glass. She fills it with ice, puts the cocktail sauce in a little crystal bowl in the center and rings this with shrimp and lemon wedges. A little garland around the base and voila! A simply elegant hors d'oeuvre that at about 10 calories per medium shrimp, is an extravagant, indulgence.

**Stuffed mushroom caps**  
Prepared according to the recipe I have provided, these tasty treats are only about 20 calories each!

**Smoked Salmon**  
Served with mini bagels and honey mustard are great. Add salmon to fettuccine noodles for a wonderful pasta dish.

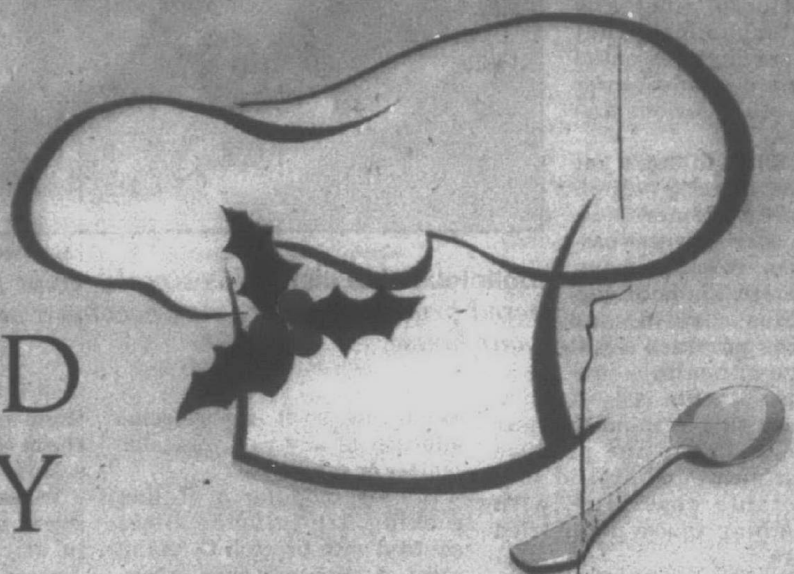
**Hummus and tabbouleh stuffed tomatoes**

For this, simply cut the top off a cherry tomato, scoop out the pulp and replace it with store-bought hummus. (It's easy to make hummus, but this isn't necessary with the wonderful selection of flavored hummus you can find in almost any supermarket that has a specialty food section.) Garnished with a dip of tabbouleh, this hors d'oeuvre is tasty, colorful and under 25 calories each.

Great desserts such as biscotti, rolled wafers and plain iced cookies go well with flavorful spiced hot teas and sparkling punch. I've included a favorite biscotti recipe. Serve them with cappuccino made with fat-free milk or they are delicious dipped in red wine for a wonderful ending to a fabulous evening!

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See recipes inside.



### THE TWELVE TIPS OF CHRISTMAS

Always serve food when you serve alcohol.

Offer activities other than just munching. Plan to sing Christmas carols, play holiday games or observe symbolic/religious traditions.

If you are entertaining, eat a little something before guests arrive so you don't feel like you have to eat quickly while serving.

Offer bottled or sparkling water as drink alternatives, served in champagne flutes with a strawberry, sparkling water is festive!

When buying wine for your party, remember that you will get four or five glasses per bottle. Be sure you have a good variety of wine on hand, as well as other non-alcoholic beverages. Spritzers and juice-based punch are popular. A pitcher of sangria also goes over well.

When planning the hors d'oeuvre menu for your party, consider all the food. Grains like bread sticks and toasted pita points, vegetables like salsa dips and stuffed mushrooms, cut up fresh fruits and juice-based punch. Dairy foods such as low-fat cheese cubes and yogurt-based dips and high quality protein like smoked salmon and deviled eggs.

It is a fact - we "eat with our eyes" as well as our mouth. Make food feel more satisfying by presenting it in a beautiful manner. Use mirrored tiles, elevated bases, holiday foliage and hollowed out vegetables to display food.

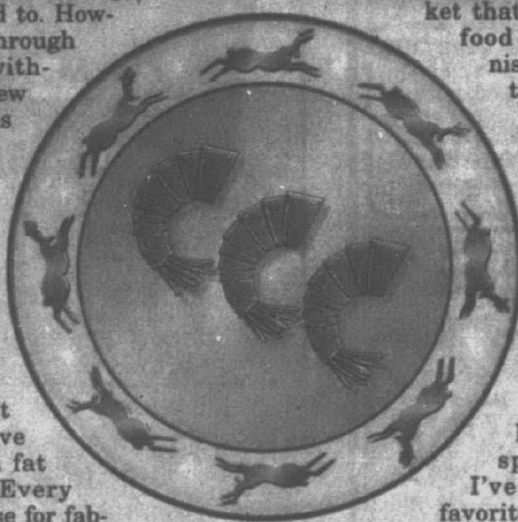
Use good quality reduced fat or nonfat ingredients whenever possible. Also, go easy on the added salt and sugar in recipes.

Replace some of the oil or shortening in a baked recipe using fruit purees (apple, banana or prune). Purees add moisture and boost nutrition. Depending on the recipe, substitute half as much fruit puree for fat. For example, use 1/2 cup of pureed prunes in place of 1 cup of butter. You may add a tablespoon or two of fat back into the recipe to achieve the best results.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Check your buffet table often to be certain food temperatures are appropriate to keep it safe and fresh.

Before they leave, give each guest a small gift. A single rose tied with a festive bow, a handmade Christmas ornament, a candle, some herbal tea, or gourmet coffee, seeds for an indoor herb garden, small containers of marmalade, chutney or gourmet mustard, home made granola mix in a festive wrapper or homemade flavored popcorn balls. It shouldn't be elaborate or expensive. The small token of your friendship will be a lasting reminder to your guests of the wonderful party!

Enjoy the holidays without fretting about all the things you "shouldn't" be eating. Be sensible, be selective, think about your food intake over the long run and not just on a meal-by-meal basis. Happy Holidays!



## Tenderloin beef roast sure to please guests



MURIEL WAGNER

If this is a traditional part of your holiday menu that you think you have

Standing rib roast was a holiday staple at our house. I can still smell the meat roasting and hear the fat crackling in the oven of our old gas stove.

Mother always chose a roast of the first three ribs. She picked one that had lots of fatty streaks throughout the meat (marbling) to "guarantee tenderness," she said.

**Beef sold today is 27 percent leaner than my fondly remembered standing rib roast.**

The tenderloin of beef roast that I am recommending is one of the leanest yet most tender cuts of beef. It's the cut that yields filet mignon steaks. The accompanying wine sauce, crushed peppercorns and garlic enhance the

to relinquish to fond memory. I've got some tasty news. My recipe is actually improvement on standing rib roast both gastronomically and nutritionally.

mild flavor of the meat.

Before their first visit to my office, many of my patients think that saying good-bye to meat is one of the first things that they must do to "Eat Younger." But that is not necessarily so.

Red meat has gained an unhealthy reputation because it can be a significant source of fat and saturated fat if the chosen cut is high fat and the portion is large.

Beef sold today is 27 percent leaner than my fondly remembered standing rib roast. Choosing a cut without the fatty streaks or marbling will further reduce the fat. This doesn't mean a dry,

tough roast. Carefully monitoring cooking temperatures and cooking time will ensure that "melt-in-your-mouth" goodness. Keeping the portion small (3 ounces cooked weight) and the cut lean helps to make meat a part of an "Eat Younger" diet, if your meal plan also includes lots of high fiber fruit, vegetables and whole grains.

Today's recipe calls for a piece of tenderloin cut from the thicker end called the butt. It usually weighs between 2 and 3 pounds. It's perfect for 6 to 8 people. Add some thick, non-fat oven fried potatoes (with the skins left on) and a

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# Brussels

## Expand your vegetable menu

BY MELANIE POLK  
SPECIAL WRITER

Variety is more than just the spice of life, it's the key to a healthy life as well. Eating a variety of wholesome foods is the best way to get all the important nutrients, fiber and phytochemicals that are proving so essential to guard against cancer and other serious diseases.

Scientists don't yet know exactly which specific elements in food offer the most protection, so eating many different kinds of vegetables, fruits and grains provides a full range of health-promoting benefits. Keep this in mind the next time you're in the produce department, and expand your vegetable repertoire with something you've never tried before.

Sample some fresh fennel - it resembles celery, but has a wonderful licorice-like taste. The leafy tops should be unblemished and not limp, and

there should be no brown spots or cracks on the bottom of the bulb. Fennel is delicious



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**Delicious side dish:** This simple recipe for orange-but-tered-brussels sprouts may become a new, easy favorite at your house.

eaten raw, so it is a welcome addition to any raw vegetable platter or salad.

It's also popular in Italian cooking; try julienne slices sautéed with broccoli florets in a bit of olive oil, then sprinkled with lemon juice and seasoned to taste with salt and pepper.

Look for Jerusalem artichokes, whose knobby tubers are starchy like potatoes, but sweeter. Raw, they have the crunch and mild flavor of water chestnuts which make

them perfect for salads (try them cubed in a Waldorf salad).

When cooked, they have a sweet, nutty flavor that's great in stir-fries or stews. Try Jerusalem artichoke slices steamed tender crisp with sliced carrots, sautéed onion, garlic and thyme, splashed with lemon juice.

### Experiment

Don't let the odd appearance

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pieces of festive holiday linen, thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters, bowls, etc... Give some thought to your centerpiece, how about some fresh pine branches placed between risers? Holiday ribbon cascaded about? Candles are always a nice touch. Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday tables. Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors.

DAY 5 - Gather you china, serving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite Christmas cards, cassettes and records.

DAY 4 - The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve is the grocery store. Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the egg nog and cinnamon.

DAY 3 - Pick up your fresh meats and any special orders for

cakes that you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel apples or potatoes in advance make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice.

DAY 2 - OK, let's get cooking! Go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat in oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam on the stovetop for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake. Get all your side dishes ready to go. If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it! Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean meat and season so it will be oven ready. Set the table.

DAY 1 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed

to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones. Your table is set, your side dishes are ready to go, your silver clean, plates out, beverages to be iced one hour before.

The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with meal time so that all runs smoothly. Make sure children and non-kitchen participants do the clean up.

The 2 Unique family and myself wish you health, happiness, prosperity, tranquility and kindred spirit for the New Year! And to all a good night!

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# Beef from page B1

broiled tomato stuffed with spinach for raves for flavor, fiber and "good" eating.

### BEEF TENDERLOIN ROAST

- 2-3 pound Tenderloin Butt Filet
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons crushed black peppercorns

Spray a shallow roasting pan with non-stick spray. Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Wipe the meat and make shallow slits on all sides. Insert garlic slices. Brush meat with olive oil and press peppercorns into meat.

Place the meat in the roasting pan and roast until an instant-

read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the roast reaches desired temperature (120°F for rare, 135°F for medium) about 25-45 minutes.

Remove from oven. Cover the roast loosely with aluminum foil and let stand 15 to 20 minutes. The roast will continue cooking. Slice and serve with the wine mushroom sauce that follows. Serves 6-8 people.

### MUSHROOM RED WINE SAUCE

- 1 1/2 cups dry red wine (I prefer Red Zinfandel)
  - 1 cup fat-free, sodium-reduced beef bouillon
  - 1/2 cup whole fresh mushrooms
- Cook mushrooms until tender in wine-broth mixture. Remove

mushrooms. Simmer wine mixture until reduced by half. Return mushrooms to liquid. Reheat briefly.

**Nutrition facts:** (per 3 ounce serving) 181 Calories, 8.7g Fat, 3.3g Saturated Fat; 72mg Cholesterol; 64mg Sodium. Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat

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Here are some for Hanukkah fr day Cooking fo Home" by Ethel G These buttery, are eaten out o streets of the M Jewish neighbor Use thawed froz florets if you lik preparation li meat, oil should ing and the m should not cont products.

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**WHITE CHOCOLA BROW**  
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# Latkes a tasty favorite Festive treats sure to please holiday guests

Here are some Latke recipes for Hanukkah from — "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home" by Ethel G. Hoffman.

These buttery, crusty latkes are eaten out of hand in the streets of the Marais, the old Jewish neighborhood in Paris. Use thawed frozen cauliflower florets if you like, to speed up preparation. If served with meat, oil should be used for frying and the mashed potatoes should not contain any dairy products.

## CAULIFLOWER-POTATO LATKES

- 1 cup cauliflower florets
- 1 1/2 cups mashed potatoes
- 3 tablespoons matzoh meal
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons kasha
- 4 to 6 tablespoons butter

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook cauliflower until it is very soft, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry.

In a mixing bowl, mash cauliflower to small bits with a fork. Add mashed potatoes, matzoh meal, garlic, salt, pepper, and egg. Blend thoroughly.

Shape into 12 patties - 3 inches in diameter and about 1/2 inch thick. Sprinkle with kasha, pressing into both sides.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Fry latkes in batches, adding more butter as necessary, until they are browned and crust is crisp, about 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot. Makes 12.

## PARMESAN POTATO LATKES

Parmesan cheese adds a distinct bite to the classic latke. These make a tempting platter, which is sometimes garnished with pesto sauce.

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 small onion, but into 3 pieces
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled

and cut into 1-inch chunks

- 1/4 cup matzoh meal
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil

In a food processor, combine eggs, onion, and potatoes. Process until onion and potatoes are finely chopped.

Transfer to a mixing bowl and blend in matzoh meal, cheese, parsley, and mustard.

Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Slide rounded tablespoonfuls of potato batter into the hot oil, pressing each with a wide spatula to flatten slightly.

Cook until golden brown and crisp on both sides about three minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot. Makes 24; 6 to 8 servings.

See Peggy Evert's story about holiday entertaining on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of HDS Services.

## STUFFED MUSHROOMS

16 medium mushrooms with stems removed and finely chopped

- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1/4 cup nonfat milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice,
- 1 teaspoon parsley, finely chopped
- A dash of curry powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 pound cooked, skinless chicken, finely chopped

Sauté onion and garlic in chicken broth until limp. Blend in flour and cook on low until slightly browned. Add milk and cook until smooth and thick. Add mushroom

stems, lemon juice and seasonings and cook for 1 minute. Mix this with the chicken breast.

Soon filling into 16 mushroom caps and place on lightly sprayed baking sheets. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes. Makes 16.

Nutrition information per serving: (2 mushrooms) Calories 40, Protein 5g, Fat 0.60g, Sodium 158mg. Percent of calories from fat 13

## CAPPUCCINO BISCOITI

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon strong brewed espresso, cooled
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned and chopped coarse
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet choco-

late chips  
In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment blend the flour, the sugar, the baking soda, the baking powder, the salt, the cinnamon and the cloves until the mixture is combined well.

In a small bowl whisk together the espresso, the milk, the egg yolk and the vanilla, add the mixture to the flour mixture, beating until a dough is formed, and stir in the hazelnuts and the chocolate chips.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface, knead it several times and halve it. Working on a large buttered and floured baking sheet, with floured hands, form each piece of dough into a flattish log 12 inches long and 2 inches wide, and arrange the logs at least 3 inches apart on the sheet.

Bake the logs in the middle of a preheated 350°F oven for 35 minutes and let them cool on the baking sheet on a rack for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 275°F. On a cutting board, cut the logs crosswise on the diagonal into 3/4-inch slices, arrange the biscotti, cut side down, on the baking

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# Sweets make savory holiday gifts

See related 2 Unique Column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT BROWNIES

- 1 pound white chocolate
- 1 pound plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 10 whole eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 5 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup finely crushed peppermints

Melt butter and chocolate over double boiler on low heat stirring often. Once melted whip by hand until completely smooth.

In separate bowl beat eggs until smooth thick and pale in color. Add sugar to eggs and continue to beat for 7-8 minutes. Add chocolate butter mixture to beaten sugar and eggs, mix well and stir in crushed peppermint.

Spread mixture evenly into greased and parchment lined half sheet trays.

Bake at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes until lightly browned. Test by poking wooden toothpick into center of half sheet tray and see if it swipes clean which would indicate brownies being done. Makes about 5 dozen.

## SPICED HOLIDAY COOKIES

- 1/3 cup butter softened
- 1/3 cup vegetable shortening
- 11/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 5 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cream butter, shortening and sugar. Add sour cream, molasses, vanilla and eggs continue to beat until smooth.

In separate bowl combine all dry ingredients. Add half of dry ingredients to wet ingredients, mix well. Add other half to mixture

and blend.  
Divide dough in two wrap in plastic and chill for two hours. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick and cut with holiday shaped cutters.

Bake on greased or parchment prepared half sheet trays at 350°F 7-9 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen 3-inch cookies

## ALMOND APRICOT BISCOITI

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 whole eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 cup diced "dried" apricots
- 1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds
- Egg wash
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk

Mix flours, baking powder and salt. Beat sugar, butter, eggs and extracts

Fold in dry ingredients, nuts and apricots. Divide dough in half and mold into a piece 3 inches wide and 8 inches long.

Brush with Egg Wash made from 1 egg mixed with 1 tablespoon milk.

Bake log in 350°F oven 15-20 minutes until golden brown on prepared cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Cool 8-10 minutes and slice logs on a diagonal 1/2-inch wide slices. Arrange slices cut side down on parchment prepared baking sheet and return to oven for 5 minutes. Remove and cool. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

Chef's tip: Melt 1 cup semi sweet dark chocolate over a double boiler, dip ends of biscotti in chocolate.

## DARK CHOCOLATE BARK

- 2 pounds semi-sweet chocolate (broken up)
- 1/4 cup walnuts (chopped)
- 1/2 cup pretzels (chopped)
- 1/2 cup Holiday M&M's

To make bark, melt chocolate in a double boiler on low heat. Stir in ingredients. Spread evenly on cookie sheet with parchment paper. Chill and break into pieces.

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# Brussels

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of kohlrabi put you off; it looks and tastes like a cross between turnip and cabbage. You can eat the bulb and the leaves, as both are highly nutritious.

Use the bulbs in any recipe calling for turnips and enjoy the slight cabbage flavor. Serve kohlrabi strips raw with your favorite lowfat dip.

Or, sauté steamed, tender-crisp diced kohlrabi with corn, tomatoes, scallions, garlic, parsley and a bit of chili powder for a flavorful side dish.

Aside from these vegetables that you may have never encountered before, remember to bring home some "old favorites" that may not be regulars on your menus, like beets, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, Swiss chard, eggplant, okra, parsnips, or rutabagas.

## ORANGE-BUTTERED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 10-ounce package frozen brussels sprouts
- 2 teaspoon water
- 2 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame seeds

Cook brussels sprouts according to package directions; drain.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Cook and stir over low heat until margarine melts. To serve, toss orange juice mixture with brussels sprouts.

Nutrition information: Each of the four 2/3-cup servings contains 44 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipes and information compliments of Melanie Polk, and the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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# Wrap up your shopping

## Tasteful cookbooks make delicious gifts

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Many cookbooks feed the eyes and the mind even before they're carried off to the kitchen to be put to work to feed the family.

Some of the more elegant may make it no farther than the coffee table.

Either way, cookbooks of taste make wonderful gifts. Here are some glossy examples that have mouthwatering visual presentation.

"Cuisine of the Creative" (Miami Dog Press, \$49) is a collaboration between James Lambeth, an architect who took all the photos, and Miles James, his son-in-law, who is chef-owner of the James at the Mill restaurant in Fayetteville, Ark.

The book was born, Lambeth says, when he and James decided they could explore the connection between food and creativity together.

Some 50 architects, chefs and photographers were selected for the book. Among them: Pop art's Andy Warhol, chef Wolfgang Puck and his wife,

artist Barbara Lazaroff, and jeweler-sculptor Elsa Peretti. Each is represented by recipes and photographs of favorite dishes.

Lambeth, who also lives in Fayetteville, traveled the world to photograph the dishes in their appropriate settings. Hong Kong is the setting for I.M. Pei's orange-glazed chicken. A building designed by Pei is in the photograph's background.

About half of the 160 recipes were provided by the artists, Lambeth said. "Many of them are cooks. ...Elsa Peretti and (architect Massimo) Vignelli created recipes specially for us."

Other recipes were created by James from artists' descriptions or statements.

### Menus and Music

A 60-minute CD of carols sung by cathedral choirs is slotted into the cover of chef Willi Elsener's "Menus and Music for Christmas" (Macmillan, \$25) to form an angel's halo.

Elsener is executive chef of London's

Dorchester Hotel. Each of his 12 chapters suggests a festive menu centered on a dish that is traditional to a particular country, accompanied by recipes from other countries, all adapted for American cooks. The English chapter features Granny's fruitcake; the American chapter features roast turkey with pecan nut and pine kernel stuffing.

The book is illustrated with color photos of the food, as well as with vignettes of paintings and prints, and comments on national food customs and traditions.

### Heirloom Vegetables

"A Celebration of Heirloom Vegetables" (Artisan, \$35) by Roger Yepsen is generously illustrated with the author's own watercolors. What Yepsen is celebrating are the old-time varieties, the living antiques of the vegetable world.

A full-page spread on potatoes features the Yellow Finn, the All Blue, the Caribo and the Irish Cobble. Go

past the information on how to grow potatoes to find recipes for charcoal baked potatoes and oven-roasted potatoes with rosemary.

Vegetables ranging from beans and beets to melons and rutabagas are surveyed, with dozens of colorful images and practical dishes.

### Basics

Getting down to basics are "Ultimate Beer" (DK, \$29.95) by Michael Jackson and "Ultimate Bread" (DK, \$24.95) by Eric Treuille and Ursula Ferrigno.

Both are large-format books, shining with this publisher's usual clean design and print quality. Both are packed with relevant information and recipes.

The beer book is a connoisseur's parade of bottle shapes and labels. It recommends beers to serve with shellfish and beers to sip with chocolate.

Another one-topic book: "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin, \$35) by Bruce Aidells and Denis Kelly. The book's subtitle spells out

that this is "A Juicy and Authoritative Guide to Selecting, Seasoning, and Cooking Today's Beef, Pork, Lamb and Veal."

This is not a large-format picture book, but there is plenty to read and learn.

### Asian cooking

"Classic Asian Cooking" (DK, \$24.95) by Sri Owen is another gem of design. Picture a dish of fried chicken, photographed on a blue-and-white plate, with the ingredients arranged stylishly like a fan radiating around the plate. Recipes, regional tastes and spices are explained and illustrated.

Finally, "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection" (Perplus Editions, \$12 per volume) is a series of about 20 titles, each in a slim hardback volume. Titles cover such themes as Winter, Chicken, Potatoes, Sauces and Chocolate. Each has a selection of recipes with full-page color photos. Each is self-contained. Collectively, they could add up to a cook's personal encyclopedia.

## Festive orange-honey glazed chicken perfect for Hanukkah

AP - Orange-Honey Glazed Chicken with Matzo-Prune Stuffing is a festive dish that meets the traditions of Hanukkah meals, combining elements historically linked to Jew-

ish cuisine such as prunes, honey and matzo.

The chicken is baked in pieces, so it does not take as long to cook as a whole bird.

### ORANGE-HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN WITH MATZO-PRUNE STUFFING

3 to 3 1/2-pound chicken,

quartered

Salt and pepper

5 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, thawed

1 tablespoon honey

3 tablespoons margarine

2/3 cup chopped onion

2/3 cup sliced celery

1 medium carrot, shredded

1 1/4 cups pitted prunes, quartered

Four 6 1/4-inch matzo sheets, broken into 1/2-inch pieces

14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth

1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice

1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Oil a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

Season chicken with salt and pepper; place pieces in pan spaced apart with skin sides down. Bake on lower oven rack 30 minutes.

In small bowl, mix 3 tablespoons of the orange juice concentrate and the honey; set aside.

To make stuffing: In a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine. Mix in onion, celery and carrot. Cook 5 minutes. Mix in remaining 2 tablespoons concentrate and the remaining ingredients. Cook and mix about 2 minutes until some of the liquid is absorbed. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Oil a 1 1/2-quart baking dish or 4 individual baking dishes. (If using individual baking dishes, place in shallow baking pan.) Place stuffing in baking dish or dishes; cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Brush chicken with honey mixture; turn skin sides up and brush again. Continue to cook 30 to 40 minutes longer until juices run clear when pierced with the point of a knife, brushing once or twice with honey mixture. If needed, cover loosely with foil during last half of baking to prevent over-browning. At the same time, bake stuffing on upper oven rack, allowing 30 minutes for single dish and 20 minutes for individual dishes. Makes 4 servings

Nutritional facts per serving: 1,143 cal., 97 g pro., 55 g fat, 906 mg sodium, 62 g carbo.

Recipe from: California Prune Board

## Treats

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sheet, and bake them for 10-15 minutes on each side or until they are pale golden.

The longer you bake them, the harder they become. Some people like them very crunchy. Transfer the biscotti to racks to cool and store them in airtight containers. Makes about 32 biscotti.

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### Weekday play

Handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts are available for evening play Mon.-Wed. and Fridays at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks beginning the week of Jan. 4. Enrollment is limited and courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish their own locks and towels. Call (734) 462-4413 for information.

### Thinking healthy

Learn how to choose the thoughts that lead to inner peace and well being is the emphasis of a class sponsored by Botsford Health Development Network (HDN), Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. entitled "Change Your Mind, Change Your Experience." The two-hour class is held at the HDN, 39750 Grand river Ave., in Novi. Cost is \$15. Call (248) 477-6100.

### Retaining memory

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a free seminar, Wednesday, Jan. 20 on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation "Remarkable Memory: Retaining and Regaining Your Memory," will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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## A ray of hope

### Clinical study brings remission to lymphoma patient

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Bob Riethmiller was alone when he learned he had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a lethal blood-borne cancer of the immune system.

"I was expecting to hear the lumps in my leg and collar bone were benign cysts not unlike one I had removed years earlier," said Riethmiller. "I went without my wife because I didn't expect to hear I had cancer. I was devastated."

At the age of 31, the Livonia father and husband was told he could expect to live another four to 10 years.

Riethmiller's prognosis was not good. Sadly, traditional cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation only bring about short-lived states of remission in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients and tend to make them extremely ill.

Following his diagnosis in December 1994, Riethmiller had both tumors removed and was being cared for by an oncologist at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. At home, he and his wife, Linda, began to refocus their outlook on life.

"We put less value in material things," said Riethmiller, who was concerned his young children wouldn't remember their father if he died in four or five years. "I wanted to enjoy my kids and spend as much time with them as possible."

After his surgery, Riethmiller returned to Karmanos every six months for a CAT scan evaluation but he says he was basically on his own. "We kept up with research being done in hopes something would come about but there wasn't really anything they could do for me."

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 270,000 people are afflicted with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the United States alone. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma currently is the sixth leading cause of death among cancers in the U.S. and has the second fastest growing mortality rate.

### Ray of hope

Through Riethmiller's research, he became aware of a lecture pertaining to clinical trials being performed by a doctor at the University of Michigan on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients. The Livonia man said he attended the seminar in the winter of 1996 and subsequently contacted Dr. Mark Kaminski's office about his involvement in the study.



In remission: Bob Riethmiller and his wife, Linda, are thankful that the clinical study he was in gave him more time to be with his two young children, Megan, 4 1/2, and Amber, 22 months, and watch them grow up.

"At the time, I was told there wasn't an opening available and that I wasn't eligible."

In order to participate, he would have to wait until his tumors returned.

"It seemed kind of ironic," said Riethmiller. "Things would have to get worse before I could qualify to participate in a program that might make things better."

A fitness instructor by trade, Riethmiller said he had been in general good health all his life, making the diagnosis of Stage III non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seem all the more dismal.

"Our long-term goals turned short-term," said Riethmiller. "It woke us up to the fact that no one lives forever."

In order to spend more time with his kids, Riethmiller made the decision to stay at home full time. "I wanted to spend as much time with them as possible so they would have some memory of me when they were older."

In the spring and summer of 1997, Riethmiller discovered lumps in both his right and left leg.

Physicians discovered a third in his small intestine. While the tumors' return was a disturbing reminder he had cancer, Riethmiller was determined to participate in Kaminski's study.

"I had to meet certain parameters to be eligible such as the tumors had to be a certain size and my bone marrow couldn't be infected with the cancer more than 25 percent."

### Part of study

In December 1997, Riethmiller qualified as the 40th clinical trial candidate out of a 60-patient study group to receive a drug called Bexxar.

Produced by Coulter Pharmaceuticals, it's an "antibody with radioactive iodine attached." The drug was conceived to attach itself to a protein found only on the surface of B-lymphocytes such as those found in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The radioactivity then hones in on the B-cell and destroys it.

Riethmiller underwent a trial intravenous treatment in April 1998, then a week later he

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## Drug wins FDA Fast Track designation

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Late-stage developments of I-131 Anti-B1 Antibody are progressing with much success according to Coulter Pharmaceutical, Inc. who reported Monday that "more patients experienced remissions with a single therapeutic dose" of the antibody than to their last "chemotherapy regimen."

The drug, also known as Bexxar, received designation from the Food and Drug Administration, this past week, as a Fast Track Product.

The significance of the designation means the FDA will take action to accelerate the development and review of the drug as a commercial therapy. Coulter stated the designation was awarded "because one of the targeted indications for the therapy is a life-threatening unmet medical need" for which low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has been deemed.

Principal investigator for the clinical trial, Dr. Mark Kaminski, associate professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, presented

the results of the Phase III pivotal trial reporting unprecedented results based on the current progress of the 60 NHL patient-study.

Of the patients who have received Bexxar, 100 percent of previously untreated patients have seen their tumors shrink in size and 71 percent are experiencing complete remission.

Presently the average length of remission following the single antibody treatment is 6.5 months — doubling the 3.4 month duration of remission of chemotherapy patients. "Currently, the longest duration of

remission in this trial with the I-131 Anti-B1 Antibody is going at 17.3 months," reported Kaminski to the American Society of Hematology.

Patients participating in the study will have their progress tracked for years to come as the FDA begins processing a license application. Because of the Fast Track Product designation licensing can begin as elements of the package are submitted, instead of waiting until the entire filing is complete.

The drug is being tested to treat low-stage or low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients only.

## Innovative program helps Parkinson patients cope

Over 35,000 Michigan residents live with Parkinson's disease, a slowly progressive disorder that gradually steals control of the part of the nervous system that governs movement, posture, balance and walking.

Now an innovative program at the Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) in Novi is helping a group of Parkinson's patients to make fuller use of their physical endurance and agility.

"We've designed this program to meet the specific needs of patients diagnosed with Parkinson's," says Shel Levine, M.S., a certified exercise physiologist at TRACC. "Although exercise cannot reverse or delay the Parkinson's symptoms, the moderate exercise program we've designed certainly can help prevent the wasting away of muscle fibers and complications

caused by under-utilized joints."

Participants in TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Program (PEP) are evaluated in the areas of cardiovascular conditioning, body composition, flexibility, and strength at the beginning as well as the end of the 12-week class. The regimen includes a full range of cardiovascular and weight training, as well as a variety of endurance and balance exercises.

The current class is composed of individuals who range in age from their mid-60s to late 70s. All are considered "mid-range" Parkinson's patients because, although symptoms such as slow, shuffling walk and tremors are noticeable, they are still able to function independently. However, any age group and early-to-mid stage patients are accepted into the program.

The TRACC program clients, each of whom is carefully monitored, report an increase in their

endurance, flexibility and balance. But Levine sees more than just physical benefits in clients attitudes toward the TRACC program.

"Parkinson's affects the activities of daily living," notes Levine. "It is an emotionally draining condition for patients, who are prone to bouts of depression. Participating in a mild exercise regimen — such as the one we've developed here at TRACC — enables them to, in a very positive way, make full use of their physical potential."

Registration is now underway for the next session of TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Program, which runs from Jan. 18 through April 8. Held at TRACC's facilities in the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at 39750 Grand River in Novi. The 90-minute class meets at 11 a.m. three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Call (248) 473-5600.

# Hope from page B5

Isolated from the general population of the hospital, Riethmiller spent three days with restricted human-contact due to the extremely high levels of radioactivity injected into his system.

"There were lead plates on the sides of the beds and hospital clothing worn by the staff that did have contact with me, were tagged radioactive," said Riethmiller. He says he spent another week at a relative's home so as not to expose his young child at the time to the radioactivity.

Good news  
One month after the injection, Riethmiller underwent a nuclear scan (similar to an X-ray) and a

bone marrow biopsy. There was less than 1 percent of his original tumors left. In October, he underwent the same testing and the tumors were considered completely gone.

"It's a one-time deal," said Riethmiller. "That's why it's so different than chemotherapy that you have to keep going back for."

It has been eight months since the treatment and Riethmiller still reports no side effects from the radioactive antibody and he remains in remission - tumor-free.

"I'm feeling pretty confident," said Riethmiller, who will return to the University of Michigan Cancer Center in January for a CAT scan to evaluate his progress. "I'm so pleased. In 1994, I thought there was no hope. Today, I know there's something out



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Quality time: Riethmiller doesn't take for granted the quality time he spends with his two daughters (from left) Megan, 4, and Amber, 22 months. Decorating the tree together is just one of the things he's able to do as a stay-at-home dad.**

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## MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

### Physician inducted

Frank Winters, D.O., of Livonia, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) during the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) 103rd Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar. Winters is the director of the family medicine residency at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital as well as a member of the hospital's board of trustees.

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

### TUE, DEC. 15

**STROKE/ANEURYSM GROUP**  
For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet Dec. 15 at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4396.

**FIBROMYALGIA & NUTRITION**  
Dr. Martin Tamler of Beaumont Hospital will host a seminar on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia. The focus will be on a 40-30-30 diet. The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. at the Beaumont Auditorium, at the south end of the hospital. For more information call Sharon at (248) 344-0663.

### WED, DEC. 16

**BREATHERS CLUB**  
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom 3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3481. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

**OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING**  
Oakwood Healthcare Center in Livonia will host a bone density screening from 1-5 p.m. at 37650 Professional Center Dr. To register call (800) 543-WELL.

### THUR, DEC. 17

**BREASTFEEDING CLASS**

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

St. Mary Hospital is committed to providing education and support to area mothers who decide to breastfeed their babies. A class is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

### MON, DEC. 21

**SPORTS SAFETY**  
Course trains individuals to become instructors to teach coaches and other interested individuals basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, choking and CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee includes course cost and materials, \$50. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

**CPR REVIEW**  
Individuals with current CPR certificates can be recertified in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Certification and text is required to take this review course. Course runs from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$22. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

### JANUARY

**MINI FITNESS CLASSES**  
Schoolcraft College offers almost 60, four-week mini physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.

### MON, JAN. 4

**CARDIAC SUPPORT**

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. From 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-3242.

### WED, JAN. 6

**DIABETES SUPPORT**  
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

### JAN. 7-19

**STOP SMOKING CLINIC**  
The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates include: Jan. 7, Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 for information.

### FRI, JAN. 8

**REDUCING RISK**  
Dr. Marcella Salib will host a discussion on high blood pressure (hypertension) and stress at the Leather Bottle Restaurant. Guest speaker James Mikrut, R.P.T. will be featured. The program will run from 1-2 p.m. (health-o-rama/2-3 p.m.). Subtopics will include cause/effect of hypertension, controlling and treating heart attack and coping and preventing complications of heart disease. The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of 8 Mile and Farmington roads.

### TUE, JAN. 12

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**

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P.S. Aside from in-the-bone implants, there are on-the-bone implants that involve placing a sort of metal frame over the jawbone, which adheres to it.

## LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.  
Attorney at Law

### CRIMINAL EFFECT

Victims of crime who are weighing the possibility of filing civil suits against those who caused them injury should know that filing a civil suit is independent of the status of any criminal proceeding. The victim can file a civil suit while a criminal proceeding is under way. He or she can also sue if no criminal charges are filed or if the defendant is found not guilty.

Let's you think that a civil suit would be just a rerun with the same conclusion as the criminal trial, that is not necessarily the case. In a criminal case, a defendant cannot be forced to testify or incriminate himself; in a civil suit, the defendant may be compelled to testify. Furthermore, the burden of proof is considerably lower. Criminal cases must be proved "beyond reasonable doubt," but in civil suits, one need only tip the scales slightly to win - "by a preponderance of evidence."

HINT: Even though O.J. Simpson was not found guilty in a criminal court, the Browns and the Goldmans were still able to prove their civil case against him by a preponderance of the evidence.

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## Help speed up Web access



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**M**aking the Internet work faster is something high on everybody's wish list this holiday season.

The problem is, unless we live in one of the still limited areas served by cable TV Internet access or the new DSL service from Ameritech, we're mostly stuck with clunky old modems that all too often turn the World Wide Web into the World Wide Wait.

But there is some good news. There are some handy new programs that ... pretty painlessly ... can let you get a major speed boost as you surf the net.

They're called net "accelerators."

If you go to one of the free download sites like [download.com](http://www.download.com) ([www.download.com](http://www.download.com)) and do a key word search on "Internet Accelerators," you'll find plenty of offerings.

But I have two that I can recommend.

The first is my favorite, something called NetSonic, available from the [web3000](http://www.web3000.com) site (<http://www.web3000.com>).

It works this way: Since most Internet surfers return to the same pages again and again, NetSonic stores the main graphic elements of each page and only retrieves the content that has changed, cutting download time. Now that's good. And you can get it from the Web site for free.

But a \$30 version of the NetSonic program does something else. Something much better. It ... excuse the geek speak here ... offers "a maximum transfer rate optimizer."

That's a very nerdy way of saying it fine tunes the way your Internet connection is configured, and then it ekes out more efficiency ... often very noticeable efficiency. I've been very

impressed. I'm regularly noting a 30 to 40 percent improvement in accessing certain Web sites. And I'm not alone. More than 700,000 other surfers are using NetSonic, too.

If you regularly check in to certain sites that are updated a lot, there's a feature that allows you to exclude them from pulling up the old graphic elements. My page, [www.pcmike.com](http://www.pcmike.com), for example, is updated a couple of times a day. So I excluded it from NetSonic. That means that it automatically refreshes it every time I log on, instead of first loading the old, stored images.

There's a similar program with an even nerdier name ... Tweak-Dun (<http://www.patterndesigns.com/tweakdun>).

It's available for download on the web, too, and claims it can double your download speed by eliminating fragments of data packets... that's that same optimizing your internet connection whatchamacallit thing that NetSonic does. Tweak-Dun is shareware ... meaning you can get it for free but, if you use it, they want \$15.

But hey, you wouldn't use it if it didn't work so... if you get faster net access... it's worth it.

As I said, it's been my experience that these web accelerators really do work. You try it and be the judge.

The e-mail I've received since talking about these on my radio show have convinced me that the programs are solid and not apt to cause conflicts with other parts of your system.

Real Audio Updates: Meantime, have you checked out my Web site ([www.pcmike.com](http://www.pcmike.com))? I've added a new daily briefing in Real Audio. You log into the site, and, with just a mouseclick, you can hear me reporting the top tech news stories of the day. Thanks to Altimedia ([www.altimedia.com](http://www.altimedia.com)) and the BigNet ([www.bignet.net](http://www.bignet.net)) for making this service available.

Bottom line shopper: There's another free service on my site

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that's worth mentioning. It's called the Bottom Line Shopping Agent. Type in a keyword of something you're interested in buying, be it a book, music or computer hardware or software. The agent then searches the Internet and returns you a list of every online place that sells that item, arranged by price... thus allowing you to immediately see where you can get the best price.

Congrats to WDIV online - It's with a sense of real pride that I congratulate my friends at WDIV ONLINE ([www.wdiv.com](http://www.wdiv.com)) for being voted the "Best in the Industry" broadcast television Web site by the Web Marketing Association.

I founded WDIV ONLINE almost five years ago and helped nurture its growth until I left the station this past September. Among those who have worked so hard to make the site so great over the years is Adam Miller of Webcrossings ([www.webcrossings.com](http://www.webcrossings.com)); Paul Manzella, now of Mort Crim Communications, and Bill Young, who currently runs the site.

*Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>*



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### BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

**Business Marketplace items are welcome regarding mergers, changes, initiatives or announcements from companies in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Marketplace, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or fax (734) 591-7279.**

#### Grand reopening

Dalley Carpet recently unveiled a newly designed store at 31745 W. Eight Mile Road in Livonia becoming the first Mohawk Floorscapes retailer. "By adding the Mohawk Floorscapes name to ours, we're building on our reputation for quality and service by offering customers the latest concepts in flooring fashion, style color and performance," said store owner Michael Riley.

#### Wireless launch

Omnipoint Communications recently launched initial service of its advanced wireless telephone network in the Great Lakes region, including Detroit. The person communications services provider is the area's first and only carrier to offer GSM (Global System for Mobile).

Omnipoint's headquarters are located in Livonia on Merriman.

#### Anniversary celebration

The Little Guys & Dolls Learning Centers of Livonia recently celebrated their 20th anniversary according to Executive Director Gordon Rutherford. The Center would like to thank their employees, customers, suppliers and friends for their continued support.

#### Downsizing

Simpson Industries Inc. of Plymouth recently announced it will reduce its worldwide salary workforce by approximately 10 percent through position eliminations, retirements and organizational changes. The company will take an estimated pre-tax charge of \$2.5 million in the fourth quarter to primarily cover the expenses of severance related payments.

#### Web conference

Compuware Corporation announced it will host a web conference to examine how its Automated Touchpoint Testing Solution accelerates Year 2000 compliance testing. This unique service allows organizations to

accurately forecast the scope of testing efforts, increase the throughput of code conversion and shorten the testing process. The web conference will be broadcast on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Conference participants will learn how Automated Touchpoint Testing will allow them to perform compliance testing on most of their mission-critical applications before the Year 2000.

#### Superior work

Fourteen Chrysler suppliers were recently honored with the 1998 Platinum Pentastar Award at the Daimler Chrysler Technology Center. Livonia's own J. S. Alberici Construction Co. was recognized along with LucasVarty Automotive - Livonia as a 1998 Role Model Award winner.

Platinum Pentastar awards represent achieving outstanding overall performance as measured by the former Chrysler corporation's supplier rating systems and Role Model awards are presented to suppliers that exhibit exemplary performance in a specific rating category of ratings systems.

### BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

**Items for Business Professionals are welcome from area corporations, companies and firms whose employees are active residents in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Professionals, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail: [knorton@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:knorton@oe.homecomm.net); fax (734) 591-7279.**

#### Director appointed

Clean Air Management, Inc. (CAM) recently appointed Jon Dattilo of Redford to the position of Indoor Air Quality Division Director. He will be responsible for supervising all laboratory and field operations, including performing and supervising IAQ prevention profiles, diagnostic analysis and laboratory processes. CAM is located in Plymouth.

#### New project manager

DeMattia Group of Plymouth, a southeast Michigan producer of commercial and industrial real estate projects, has named Bill Richardson senior project manager. Richardson brings 13 years of industrial, commercial and health care construction experience to the job. He was project manager for Walbridge Aldinger in Detroit before joining DeMattia.

#### New controller

DeMattia Group of Plymouth, a Southeast Michigan producer of commercial and industrial real estate projects, has named Joseph Vanden Bossche controller. Vanden Bossche brings nearly a decade of experience to the job, most recently as an independent tax consultant. Before that, he served five years as a tax consultant for Doeren Mayhew in Troy and two years with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit.

#### New development manager

DeMattia Group of Plymouth has named Doug Forman development manager. Forman comes to DeMattia from WMF Proctor, a commercial mortgage banking firm in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he served four years as an investment officer.

#### New store manager

Maureen O'Brien of Plymouth has been appointed as the store manager of Hudson's West Lansing. She has worked as assistant store manager at Hudson's Lakeside and Hudson's Westland as a cosmetics selling manager, assistant human resources manager and human resources representative.

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St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

## WED, JAN. 13

**EXERCISE**  
This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne

from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

## ADULT CPR

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## THUR, JAN. 14

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Madonna University will offer the course "Psychological Components of Hospice Care" on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. Non-credit fee \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

## JAN. 29-FEB. 26

### GERONTOLOGY COURSE

Madonna University will offer the gerontology course for the winter term, "Helping Dementia Families," on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5364 to register.

## ONGOING

### CAT SCAN TECHNOLOGY

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# BUSINESS CALENDAR

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## MON, DEC. 14

**BOOKKEEPING, PAYROLL**  
Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll reporting workshop, Dec. 14 in the Jenkin Meeting Room on the 3rd floor at the Livonia Library, Five Mile Road from 5-8 p.m. Participants will learn how to track worth of income and determine profits. Cost is \$59 per participant. Call (734) 462-2727.

## TUE, DEC. 15

### CAREER WOMEN

The featured speaker at the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter will be Jo Peterson, national president of NACW. She will discuss improved networking. Meet at Ernesto's Restaurant at 11:45 a.m., 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. For reservations, call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

## WED, DEC. 16

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
BNI, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

## FRI, DEC. 18

### BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

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## THUR, JAN. 7

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Firms considering entering the international marketplace can receive comprehensive training and customized assistance on exporting at a Schoolcraft College program Jan. 7 through April 1. Sessions will examine the market, rules, regulations and cultural issues; trade finance and international logistics. For information, call the College Export Resource Center at (734) 462-4438.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Cubans capture images of revolutionaries

Three years ago, Jack Kenny took his first trip to Cuba. He was fascinated by the country's revolutionary history and its people. While visiting Cuba at the invitation of friends who were shooting a documentary, Kenny was introduced to photographer Roberto Salas. The two became friends almost instantly.

Kenny, a fine art photographer, and owner of Quicksilver Photo in Plymouth, purchased an image that Salas' father Osvaldo had taken of Fidel Castro, showing the revolutionary with fist raised and clenched in the early days of his regime. Not long after arriving home Kenny hung it in his office. Business associates and friends began asking where he bought it. Now four times a year, the Ann



PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**First meeting: Osvaldo Salas took this photo of Ernest Hemingway and Fidel Castro rapt in conversation in 1960.**

Arbor resident travels to Cuba to photograph the people and bring back images of Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara taken by the Salases in the 1960s.

Salas' work and that of his late father Osvaldo is currently on exhibit at Frame Works in Plymouth. Kenny hopes the images will create an awareness of Cuba, then and today.

"Cuba is so close to us and people know very little about it," said Kenny. "My interest is the revolution, primarily the roles Fidel Castro and Che Guevara played but I also feel a connection to Roberto. I was in Vietnam as a soldier when Roberto was taking photos for the North Vietnamese as a war correspondent. That's where the picture of Ho Chi Minh is from. But most of the people who buy the photos are familiar with these events in the 1960s."

Beginning in December of 1956, Castro led a guerilla war with Che Guevara and others forcing dictator Fulgencio Batista to flee the country in January of 1959. In several of the photographs at Frame Works, Osvaldo captures the early years of Castro's rise to power. Since his father's death in 1993, Roberto has continued to print from the original negatives. The photos on display show Castro smoking a cigar, playing baseball, harvesting sugar cane in the fields, and playing with his German Shepherd. Many of the photos are published in Osvaldo and Roberto Salas' book, "Fidel's Cuba," scheduled to arrive in the U.S. in December. Roberto will exhibit his work

in New York and Los Angeles in January.

**Candid shots**  
"The photos are so personal," said Kenny. "None of them are posed. They're candid shots; they're caught in action. Che is revered in Cuba. He was killed in Bolivia in 1967 and just

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## In search of...

# THE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAYS

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

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Ten minutes to 10 on a chilly Monday morning. A long line of shoppers wait stoically for the doors to open at a nearby Best Buy — another of those modern-day bees' nests for gadgetry and fun.

No signs of snow, but there's no doubt that the shop-until-you-drop season of conspicuous consumption is under way.

At 10 a.m., shoppers pass through the electronic doors at Best Buy as if solemnly traversing a spiritual threshold.

Indeed, they may be. In these days of "buy now pay sometime in the 21st century," the final weeks of the year blend unbridled consumerism, ritual and religion into a tightly wound knot called the holidays.

Perhaps a bit of perspective is in order. "This is the time of the year when the greater mysteries are reflected," said the Rev. Stephen Petty, pastoral associate at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Southfield.

Somewhere beyond the din of commercial jingles and the resignation of incurring debt lies the origins of the annual celebration whereby Christian, Jewish and African cultures coalesce.

A symbolic time when hopes ride high in the name of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza.

Of course, a shot of egg nog and mumbling through a sing-along or two can't hurt to resurrect the spirit.

### Holidays, healing & the arts

During this time of year, for many, the arts play a central role in expressing the eternal principles of faith, hope and charity.

Typically, as certain as crowded malls in December are renditions of "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol," or a performance of Handel's "Messiah."

Some might be surprised that the Detroit Oratorio Society chose an eclectic program for this year's holiday concert after five years of stirring perfor-



**Celebrating:** (Top left, clockwise) Christ Church Cranbrook choir with orchestra; Santa with awestruck children on his knee; shoppers crowding the mall; the Troy Community Chorus directed by Steve Kosinski.

### See listing of holiday events inside.

mances of Handel's ethereal masterpiece.

The decision, according to DOS executive director Christine Bonner, was based on economics. Approximately half of DOS' annual revenue came from the "Messiah" concerts. Last year, however, their performances incurred unexpectedly high expenses.

Because of competition with other holiday concerts, DOS has scaled down and broadened its program to include Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Beethoven's "Ave Maria," and Vivaldi's "Concerto in D for flute."

"We're competing with community choirs for audiences," said Bonner, noting that DOS is one of the area's professional classical music choirs.

The ultimate competition, however, might be for audiences' attention at a time when most people's schedules fall between busy and frenetic.

"We call our concert a 'musical massage,'" she said. "It's a time to slow down, to find time to let go of stress."

### Mood of the season

Without a doubt, the Southfield Symphony's upcoming concert will be their highest attended for the year. The program of traditional and light classical music has a distinctive multicultural appeal, said Charles Marks, managing director of the 105-member symphony with members from 38 communities.

How else could you explain selections from "The Nutcracker," Brahms' "Ave Maria," Strauss' "The Blue Danube," and pieces from Cole Porter? And, performances by soprano Jennifer Roberts, the

Women's Chorus of the Japanese Society of Detroit, and a symphony conducted by maestro Valery Leonov, a graduate of the Kimsky-Korsakov Conservatory of Music in St. Petersburg?

While multiculturalist programs are certainly timely, holiday concerts are ultimately about setting the mood of the season.

"Our concerts convey the joy and excitement of the month for all faiths," said Charles Raines, director of music at Christ Church Cranbrook, which attracts their largest audiences during their month of holiday concerts in December.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Christ Church Cranbrook will perform its annual hand bell concert of holiday classics. Raines expects a near capacity crowd at the majestic venue adjacent to the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills.

### Mysterious ways

Annual holiday concerts provide a way for the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings to introduce themselves to new audiences, said Maury Okun, executive director of the Troy-based group of musicians.

"Music is central to the season of Christmas and Hanukkah," said Okun.

"People love traditional music. Our appeal is to set the music to clever arrangements."

Being clever, however, might have its limitations for anyone looking to grasp the deeper meanings of the holidays.

"There's a difference between Handel's 'Messiah' and 'Santa Claus Is Coming to Town,'" said Petty of St. Michael's.

Look around, stand in line, reserve your seat. The spirit moves in mysterious ways.

## MUSIC

# Musicians swing to Big Band music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Duncan Jones grew up listening to Big Band music and the jazz piano played by his father Norm "Stompy" Jones who led a band in Long Beach, Calif. Early on, his father's music, and that of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, inspired the young boy to learn piano. By age 14, Jones was playing keyboards in a country bar in the backwoods of Ohio.

After studying composition at DePauw University, Jones began passing on his love of music to students in Bloomfield Hills and Dearborn Heights public schools. He joined the Plymouth Canton School District 21 years ago. By day, he teaches vocal music at Fiegel and Miller Elementary Schools, but nearly every weekend night he performs with The Couriers, a nine piece Big Band which released the CD "Now a Memory" in 1996.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is inviting all Big Band lovers to its annual dinner/dance fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 13 to kick up their heels to The Couriers' swing era music.

"Playing live music was fun," said Jones, a Lathrup Village resident who played with Johnny Trudell's band and with The Executives from the mid-1970s to 1990s. "I like the energy and the power of all those horns and all the colors you can get from the sounds by combining all those different instruments. I play the music because I like the music not for the money. Like me, most musicians have a day job. I'm lucky to teach music. I work to get the students to like music



PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Jumpin' at the Woodside: The Couriers revive Big Band music in their CD "Now a Memory."**

### "In the Mood"

What: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/dance fundraiser with silent and live auctions, and music by The Couriers.

When: 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 13.

Where: Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth.

Tickets: \$55 per person, \$50 before Wednesday, Dec. 30, call (734) 416-4ART.

and enjoy different kinds of music."

Several of The Couriers teach, although not all of them teach music. Trombonist Al Townsend, who formed The Couriers four years ago for clients who couldn't afford his 19-piece Ambassadors group, taught music, and was formerly director of the Ypsilanti High School band program. He played with the Gene Krupa Band from 1948 to 1950. At age 72, Townsend is ready to slow down. Although he retired from The Couriers after their appearance at Plymouth's Fall Festival in September, Townsend continues to arrange The Couriers' music and plays with them occasionally when needed.

### Trombonist

Michael Hall, a brass instructor and director of the jazz ensemble at Eastern Michigan University, replaced Townsend as trombonist with The Couriers. He's played extensively throughout the U.S., Mexico, Europe, and China with jazz bands and symphonic orchestras including the Detroit Symphony. He took first place in the 1991 Tucson Jazz Society Competition and is a three-time winner of the Eau Claire Jazz Festival Combo Competition.

"Al Townsend was an arranger in the Big Band era and lived in that era," said Hall. "He was lead trombone with the Gene Krupa Band. He's arranged nearly all of The Couriers music. He just has so many of those sounds from the 40s and 50s and knows how to write those voicings to make us sound authentic."

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reburied in Cuba last year." Osvaldo was born in Havana but lived in New York City in the late 1940s and 50s. As a photographer for the magazine "Camera over Broadway" he met and recorded the achievements of many of America's most important celebrities including Louis Armstrong and Rocky Marciano. A photo of Salvador Dalí in 1954 shows the eccentric surrealist and his trademark mustache. Osvaldo's work also appeared in "Life" magazine and the "New York Times." In 1958, Osvaldo returned to Cuba after an

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*Jack Kenny*

invitation to photograph Castro and Guevara during the final days of the Revolution.

Born in New York, Roberto joined his father in photographing historical

events after the Revolution including the counter revolution in Cuba, Bay of Pigs invasion, Cuban Missile Crisis, and Castro's and Guevara's trips to Argentina, Venezuela, Washington, D.C. and New York. By 1960, Osvaldo directed the photographic department of Granma, Cuba's leading newspaper. After returning from Vietnam Roberto and Osvaldo shot photos of the embargo's effect on the Cuban people in the late 1970s. One photograph shows Castro addressing a crowd of thousands in Revolution Square.

## Cuba today

Kenny, who bought his first camera in Vietnam in 1967, is taking photographs for a book of his own about the life of the Cuban people living under Castro's control today. During his quarterly trips, Kenny delivers photo equipment and supplies to Roberto which are unavailable in his country.

"I'm fascinated by the architecture, the people, the old cars from the 50s," said Kenny. "It's like a time warp in Cuba where everyone earns \$15 to \$20 a month but my main interest is

the people. Last year, I photographed open heart surgery after meeting a cardiologist, and a voodoo ceremony where they sacrificed a goat. But it's all networking and that takes time. There's no phone directory. You walk to people's homes to find out if they're home."

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# Music from page C1

Hall, also a member of the Galliard Brass Ensemble based in Ann Arbor, thinks Big Band music is on the way back in but admits the arrangements are a challenge to play.

"I love it," said Hall. "Young people are getting turned on to it and dancing to it. There's this jump scene going on these days with 18- and 19-year old kids going to the clubs to dance to Swing music. There's even a swing Dance Club at Eastern. But it's hard to play because The Couriers is just a nine piece group being asked to function as 18."

## Following dad

Lynne Raglin is following in her father Al Townsend's footsteps. A fifth-grade teacher at

**'There's this jump scene going on these days with 18- and 19-year old kids going to the clubs to dance to Swing music.'**

*Michael Hall*

Chapelle Elementary in Ypsilanti, Raglin sings with the band. Since age six when she started taking piano lessons, she's loved Big Band music and hoped one day to sing with her own

group. Ten years ago, at the request of Townsend, she sang solo with The Ambassadors and a quartet, The Diplomats, before joining The Couriers. Influenced by artists such as the Manhattan Transfer, Diane Schuur, Linda Ronstadt and Patti Austin, Raglin's developed a style that's hers alone.

"My father played music all the time," said Raglin, an oboe and harp player during high school and at Eastern Michigan University where she studied with Anthony Iannaccone. "He was having rehearsals all the time, musicians coming and going. I remember sneaking in and being curled up on the floor to be part of that. I love the melodic line and the music is a means of expression. Especially in jazz numbers

when the improvisation goes on, I'm still astounded."

Teaching full time and playing as many as 45 weekends a year can be hard on a marriage and family. Raglin's husband Dan is always close though. He manages the band, booking their dates and sets up and takes down the equipment.

"It's a family affair at this point. We work more weekends than we don't," said Raglin. "I have a lot of support at home. My kids are teenagers. They joke with their friends that they're the only teenagers who know the words to 'Sunny Side of the Street.'"

For more information about The Couriers or their CD, call (734) 482-0045.

# ART BEAT

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## HARMONY AND HYMNS FROM UKRAINE

The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus performs a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and M-59, Clinton Township.

Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$21 students/seniors, and available by calling (810) 286-2222 or (810) 757-1980.

Take a trip to Ukraine to celebrate the Christmas spirit with the lyric tenors and thunderous basses. The male musicians play

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Formed in Kiev in 1918, the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus today consists of second and third generation Americans and Canadians.

## EXHIBIT CONTINUES

Jeanne Poulet of Livonia displays a variety of landscapes, florals, children's illustrations, and etchings and paintings from her exhibit in Paris through Jan. 12 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon Road at Junction.

Poulet hosts a luncheon as well demonstrates the art of etching 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 6, and Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9. Poulet will also show the videos "Past, Present & Future" and "Etching/Engraving Studio." The luncheon and related activities are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

## FOR KIDS ONLY

D & M Studios holds its "Kids Only" Fine Art Workshops for ages three and up through Dec. 22 at 8691 North Lilley Road at Joy, Canton.

Kids can create a range of gifts from plastercraft to ornaments, felt designs, wood and more.

In addition, there will be all day paint workshops 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 29-31. The cost is \$15. To register for any of the workshops, call (734) 453-3710.

## FREE LIFE DRAWING CLASS

The Swann Gallery, as part of its nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to support of the arts in the Detroit area, offers free children's art classes and life drawing sessions at 1250 Library Street, east of Woodward, Detroit.

Children's art classes for ages 8 to 18 take place 1-3 p.m. Saturdays. Space is limited. Call (313) 965-4826 to register.

Therese Swann, a Wayne State University graduate, teaches how to draw the human figure from life 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Media include oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastel, and sculpture.

J.L. Hudson Building artifacts are available in the gallery to benefit free art classes. The photography exhibition, "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building" and an All Member Invitational opens Friday, Jan. 8 with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of the photographs benefit the nonprofit Swann Gallery Educational Corporation. The exhibit runs to Saturday, Feb. 6.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

## "SONGS FOR SURVIVAL" CD

"2 Guitars, Bass & Drums...Songs for Survival," a 17-track compilation CD has been released by Blue Boundary Records.

Proceeds from the CD benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation.

The rock/pop record is an eclectic collection, featuring songs from regional songwriters, including Francke, Jill Jack, Billy Mann, and Karen Newman.

The CD was mastered in Detroit, and is available exclusively at Harmony House stores.

## CD BENEFITS FOCUS: HOPE

Local jazz musicians have put together "Hope for the Holidays," a CD to benefit community arts programming at Focus: Hope.

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# LECTURE READING

**BBAC**  
Portrait painter Jo demonstrates two paintings. 6:30 p.m. 17. A studio course painting will be taught. Maniscalco on Macomb. BBAC, beginning Cranbrook Road. (248) 644-0866.  
**BROWN BAG SERIES**  
"Behind the Scenes of the Institute of Arts." Kristy Everett. 6:00 Noon Thursday. Detroit Information Technology Center. 1200 N. Telegraph. 0415.  
**CRANBROOK ARTS**  
"Betwixt the Holidays with LaRon Williams." Sunday, Dec. 27. Woodward Ave. (248) 645-3323.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**FAR CONSERVATION**  
Needs volunteers for leisure, creative...

# Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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

## AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

**FINE ARTS COMPETITION**  
Call for entries for the 1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, March 5-26. Open to artists at least 18 years old living and working in Michigan. Works in all media accepted. Cash prizes total \$9,000. Submit 35 mm color slides by Jan. 4, 1999. For details, contact Lizbeth Spink, (248) 644-0866, Ext. 103.

**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**  
Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, room 530 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or the college (734) 462-4435 to schedule an appointment.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER**  
Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY**  
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 334-1300.

**KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES**  
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

**LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES**  
Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels; by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 16; fee: \$210. 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

**PEWABIC POTTERY**  
Winter classes, including tile making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

## LECTURE / READING

**BBAC**  
Portrait painter Joseph Maniscalco demonstrates two approaches to painting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. A studio course on portrait painting will be taught by Maniscalco on Mondays at the BBAC, beginning Jan. 11, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866.

**BROWN BAG SERIES**  
"Behind the Scenes at the Flint Institute of Arts," a lecture by Kristy Everett, curator of exhibits. Noon Thursday, Dec. 17. Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, (248) 858-0415.

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Betwixt the Holidays," storytelling with LaRon Williams, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, 29-30, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3323.

## VOLUNTEERS

**FAR CONSERVATORY**  
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic



**Concert: The Detroit Oratorio Society will present "A Winter Solstice Concert: Carols and Celtic Melodies in Celebration of the Season," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Tickets are \$25 reserved, \$18 general admission, \$10 students, call (248) 650-2655.**

# Enjoy the holiday spirit

See related holiday story on Arts & Leisure front. Here are some ways to practice the art of celebrating holidays.

## ART GIFTS

**BBAC**  
Winter pottery sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all media, from glass ornaments to paintings and prints, through Jan. 2. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

**DETROIT ARTIST MARKET**  
Holiday Sale, featuring work of 170 artists. Through Dec. 23. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit, (313) 393-1770.

**HANDCRAFTERS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**  
Over 70 juried artisans display their works, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., (734) 459-0050.

**MICH GUILD OF ARTISTS & ARTISANS**  
Holiday art fair of 130 artists, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Oakland Community College Bldg. H, Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hills.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
"Holiday Gift Gallery," features works of 51 artists, through Dec. 23. 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

**PEWABIC POTTERY**  
Annual Holiday Invitational Show, "Earthy Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

**SWANN GALLERY**  
Holiday show featuring the multimedia works of Gloria Dunn through Dec. 31. 1250 Library St., Detroit, (313) 965-4826, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.

## CONCERTS

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
"Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," sung by choir of All Saints Church, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac, (248) 334-4571.

**BBSO**  
Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents "Jazz Up Your Holidays," with guest artist Larry Nozoro, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-BBSO.

**CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK**  
Choir performs J.S. Bach's cantata, "Sleepers Wakel," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13; "A Concert of Christmas Bells," 3:15 p.m.

arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

**LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburg, Livonia, (734) 477-7375.

**MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND**  
Seeks volunteers to help with non-

Sunday, Dec. 20. Lone Pine Road, one mile west of Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-5210.

**DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS**  
"Holiday Brass," a seasonal celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, just south of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 362-9329.

**DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS**  
"Colors of Christmas," Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of holiday hits 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 18-19; "New Year's Eve Gala," featuring program of Weber, Strauss conducted by Neeme Jarvi, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, (313) 576-5130.

**DSO'S POP CONCERT**  
"Holiday Festival" concert 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
"Once Upon a December," 19th annual winter concert featuring traditional holiday favorites by 80-voice chorus, 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile & Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills. Tickets: \$8, adults; \$6, seniors/students, (248) 788-5322.

**LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
"Sacred Scenes from Opera," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Christ Church Detroit, (248) 357-1111.

**MARYGROVE COLLEGE**  
Annual Christmas Concert, featuring Marygrove College Choral and Chamber Singers, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Donations accepted, (313) 927-1252.

**NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"Detroit Concert Choir," in a program of holiday music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$5, (248) 476-8860. 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

**RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR**  
"Messiah," conducted by Suzanne Acton, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, E. Jefferson at St. Antoine, Detroit. "Gloria" with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, (734) 341-3466.

**ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Many Moods of Christmas," featuring choirs from Adams and Rochester high schools, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. St. Andrew's Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester, (248) 651-4181.

**SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Holiday Celebration," a mix of traditional holiday favorites and light classical music, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Southfield Civic

Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 Mile and I-696, (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

**ST. HUGO OF THE HILLS**  
Cantata Academy presents "Holiday Favorites," music of the season including the Robert Ray Gospel Magnificat and works by John Rutter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets: \$15, general; \$12, students, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE/ORCHARD LAKE**  
Jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic in a holiday concert, featuring Ervin Monroe, Margaret Kapasi, Peggy Dwyer and Barbara Ogar's Student Flute Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$15-\$25. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (248) 683-0521.

**TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
"Christmas Is," selection of popular carols, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Troy High School, Long Lake Road at Northfield Parkway, (248) 363-1024.

**UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS**  
Accompanied by musicians with period instruments 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 at Garfield, Clinton Township. Tickets: \$23, adults; \$21, students, (810) 286-2222.

**UNITY OF LIVONIA CHURCH**  
Gospel singer Ortheia Barnes-Kenney, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$15, (734) 421-1760. 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

## DANCE

**DSO'S "THE NUTCRACKER"**  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra's all-new production of Tchaikovsky's ballet, "The Nutcracker." Features Ballet Interationale and choreography by former Kirov Ballet star Eldar Aliev. Dec. 13 & Dec. 17-20. Tickets \$12-\$53, (248) 645-6666 or (313) 874-SING. Detroit Opera House, (corner of Madison Ave. and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Ave.), Detroit.

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
"Holiday Dance Extravaganza," from classical to contemporary dance, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion Tickets \$10, (248) 693-5436.

**MOORE & MORE**  
"Holiday ExtravaDance," featuring a Livonia-based modern dance company 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Azar's Rug Gallery, 670 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 626-7004.

**ROMANIAN DANCE**  
2000-year-old folk dances performed by authentically costumed dancers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

## MUSEUMS

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
Through Jan. 3 - "The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary of the African American soldier into the U.S. Army during 1866-1912. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, (313) 494-5800.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land," 5:00 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 833-7900. First Friday programs on

Dec. 4 continue to 9 p.m. Call for details. Fashion historian Sandy Schreiber speaks about her new book "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 in the lecture hall.

## GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

**DAY OF THE DEAD EXHIBIT**  
Through Dec. 18 - Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Meida Center pre-

sents, "Remembering Detroit," by Alma Rosa Villalobos. 1920 Scotten, Detroit, (313) 843-9598.

**SISSON ART GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 18 - Mixed media artwork of Lisa Olson, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn; (734) 845-6490.

**FOUNDATION GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 19 - "Audience Factory," David Whitney Building, 1553 Woodward, Ste. 308, Detroit, BBAC.  
Through Dec. 23 - Wall drawing by Sol LeWitt, "Bands of Lines," Robinson Gallery, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

**LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 23 - Group show by the Creative Arts Council, 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 334-6716. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
Through Dec. 23 - Jack Keeve: Pedestrian Micro-Landscapes, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

**SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 24 - An exhibit of jewelry by Darcy Miro, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

**ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 26 - "The Art of the Brothers Hildebrandt," 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

**MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 27 - "Private Nature," watercolors and pencil drawings by Karen Anne Klein, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

**LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Through Dec. 29 - Calligraphy exhibit by Linda McVicar of Novi, and watercolors by Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor, 32777 Five Mile Road, Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.

**GALLERIA**  
Through Dec. 30 - Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists at the Oakland County Galleria as they celebrate area talent in a group of exhibitions. Galleria is on the second floor of the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, (248) 858-0415.

**ARIANA GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - "Put a Lid on It," an invitational show based on the idea of containment. Through Dec. 31. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

**BARCLAY GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," collection of Japanese prints, and rare wood-blocks by Hiroshige, Yoshida, Yoshitoshi, N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-5430.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Through Dec. 31 - Student and faculty show, 47 Williams St., Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

**HABATAT GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - New work by Jose Chardiet, and a holiday jewelry exhibit featuring work by Elizabeth Carey, Leslie Genninger, and Aviva Robinson, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

**HALSTED GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - Photographs of Michael Kenna and Camille Solyagua, 560 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

**MOORE'S GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - From Zimbabwe, "Soul in Stone, and Africa on Canvas." Sculpture by Mteki, Chikumbirike and Dongo. Paintings by Bill Murcko, Joe Grey and C. Bruce Unwin, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

**REVOLUTION**  
Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions: Caravaggio's Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gilje and Joseph Grigely; and, "Text (Rhopography Series)" by Tony Hepburn, 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE**  
Through Dec. 31 - Metallic angel prints by Ronald Pavsner, Indian Trail Road at Orchard Lake.

**TROY LIBRARY**  
Through Dec. 31 - Works of elementary, middle and high school students from Troy School District, 510 W. Big Beaver, Civic Center complex; (248) 524-3538.

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# GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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What did you think? Contemporary Books discussion group members at the library in Plymouth take some time to discuss the Charles Frazier book, "Cold Mountain."

## Novel approach Groups open their books to discuss points of view

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Let's say you read a good book and want to discuss it. The answer may be as close as the local library.

The Redford Township District Library, for example, offers a women's book discussion group. The 10-12 members take turns picking a book each month, said Brooke Somerville, reference librarian.

The group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month, has been active for about a year. Recent titles read include "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi, an Oprah's Book Club book, and "Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving.

"I think they get the chance to meet other people who have interests the same as their own," said Somerville. "It's a nice hobby where they can get together and meet other people."

The group she coordinates at Redford (631-5960) has a mix of ages. If a man were interested in joining, Somerville would first ask the group. "I can't imagine they would turn anybody away."

Over at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, men and women are reading up a storm. "They kind of choose their own topics," Marney Cooley, outreach librarian, said of the Westland group (326-6123).

The group has been working on "Regional Reads," fiction in which the locale plays an important role. It has been meeting for at least a year. In January, members will start in on science fiction mysteries.

The Westland group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Cooley generally gets about 10 paperback copies of each book, and provides reviews and author information. "It's a small group right now, but they're really articulate."

The mix of age and gender surprised Cooley. "We're always welcoming new people." Occasionally, someone comes to a meeting without having finished the book, which doesn't lead to stern lectures.

### Worth the effort

Retired attorney Marvin Skupski has been involved with the Westland group for a year or less. "I'm kind of the substitute moderator," said Skupski, giving credit for organizing the group to Cooley and Cathie Wallace. "Sometimes, you don't even need a moderator."

Skupski, a Westland resident, enjoys reading books such as "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx that he wouldn't otherwise read. He'd started that one, gave up, and came back to it when the group picked it.

He likes mysteries the best, noting that mysteries don't necessarily have to be set in the 20th century United States. Skupski likes books about medical and political intrigue.

Many in school find literature



**Leader of the pack:** Moderator Cindy Marriott leads the discussion on "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier at the Plymouth District Library. Information on the Contemporary Books group in Plymouth is available by calling 453-0750.

the third Monday of the month. "They're pretty self-directed," Barker said of the group, in which members recommend books to read. "The group pretty much takes care of itself and has a wonderful time." Sessions draw six to 20 people.

Canton also has a lunchtime group which meets 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, with the library providing coffee and tea. There's off-site book discussion with seniors going on, as well as programs for young people.

For Contemporary Books in Canton, recent titles have included "The Giant's House" by Elizabeth McCracken and "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr. The group has more women than men, Barker said, but does get a mix in age and gender.

"We get interesting groups," all of which have met for some time. "There are some who have been there from the beginning. The group kind of ebbs and flows."

"Reading is such a solitary activity," Barker added. "It makes it a group effort. It's companionship, it's sharing ideas." Readers may try a book they otherwise wouldn't, she said.

That's part of the appeal for Zach Holmes of Plymouth Township, who participates in Contemporary Books at the library in Plymouth. He's been involved for about five years.

"It makes it more enjoyable to share with other people," said Holmes, a professor who teaches accounting at Oakland Community College. "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson was a favorite.

"I just thought it was a real good story. Just an interesting story." The book, set in post-World War II America, deals with differences between people. Holmes also liked "The Shipping News."

"The more I talk, the more I might even change my mind. Both were good," said Holmes, who added "You don't have to understand 'King Lear' to enjoy a good book."

**Busy in Canton**  
Book discussion is popular at the Canton Public Library (397-0999), said Marcia Barker, Friends/volunteer coordinator. The Friends sponsor Contemporary Books, which meets 7 p.m.

## 'A C'

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village with the Wild West present "A Crick in the Square." The annual holiday play is performed at the Anderson Center Theater. American Sign Language interpretation for deaf and hard of hearing audience members. Seating for the blind and visually impaired individuals available when arranged by calling (313) 982-3600. Show runs Saturday, Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m. For tickets call (313) 982-3600. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

## Weigh

Show dates for Dec. 13, Dec. 16-30-Jan. 3. Times: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8 p.m. matinees. Additional Wednesday, Dec. 16, the Aaron DeRoy of the JCC, 6600 (corner of Maple Bloomfield). Tick more information at <http://1.com> chase tickets call

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# 'A Cricket in Times Square' delightful show

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in collaboration with the Wild Swan Theatre present "A Cricket in Times Square." The annual children's holiday play is performed in the Anderson Center Theatre in the museum. American Sign Language interpretation is provided for deaf and hearing-impaired audience members. Special services for the blind and visually-impaired individuals are available when arranged in advance by calling (313) 982-6044. The show runs Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 2. For tickets call (313) 982-6176. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

"The Cricket in Times Square"

is a fast-paced children show with delightful animal characters and a cricket-sized set that young and old will enjoy.

When Chester, a Connecticut cricket, arrives in Times Square via a picnic basket, he is discovered by Mario Bellini, a young Depression-era boy whose parents run a struggling newsstand. With the help of a friend cat and mouse, Chester the Cricket gets in and out of scrapes, and uses his unique musical talent to help the newsstand prosper.

The useful rotating set defines the play. Half of it is a human-sized newsstand, while the other half is on a cricket-sized portion of the same set: a giant box of Ohio Blue tip matches, a cricket

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cage the size of an elevator, a towering radio, and an imposing cash register. The scenes switch back and forth between the humans in the story and the animals, offering a unique perspective. The actors move things along quickly by rotating the set 180 degrees for each scene change.

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lively and quick, holding its young audiences' attention.

Aaron Toronto plays the lively cricket Chester, and delights audiences with his energetic high-jumping bounces. Chester is a good role model, too, choosing right over wrong even when the consequences are tougher.

Sandy Ryder plays the delightfully eccentric mouse Tucker, the richest rodent in New York City. Ryder's Tucker struts about with

enthusiasm and energy, evoking giggles from the youngsters with his unusual habits.

The mischievous mouse has an unusual friendship with the resident cat, Henrietta, his partner in crime, played by Michelle Trame Lanz.

Henrietta looks like a mouse at first, since the relationship lacks the normal cat and mouse adversarial edge, and since both actors are the same size and wear furry costumes with large floppy ears. Some meowing mixed with the dialogue might clear things up.

The three animal actors double as humans in the alternating scenes, and manage their quick

costume changes cleverly and completely; one wouldn't know they weren't double cast if not for the program.

Ryder plays Mama Bellini, Toronto plays the wise Chinese neighbor who conveys cricket lore, and Lanz plays a newsstand customer. Don Donnelley is full of boyish charm as Mario, the excited youth who discovers Chester, and Jackie Marns is a likable father-figure as the forgiving and optimistic Papa Bellini.

Chester the musical cricket's foot-tapping tunes, including Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" add a fun touch to the show.

# Weighty and funny, 'Resident Alien' out of this world

Show dates for "Resident Alien" are Dec. 13, Dec. 16-20, Dec. 23-27, Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; Saturday 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. Additional matinee 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the JCC, 6600 West Maple Road (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$13-\$23 for more information visit their Web site at <http://comnet.org/jet> or to purchase tickets call (248) 788-2900.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Does God exist? What is the nature of true love? Are angels metaphysical? What do you do when you can do

■ Imagine 'Northern Exposure' experiencing 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.' Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with 'Space — the final frontier,' and you'll get at least a part of the picture.

nothing? Who reads Kierkegaard? And what's the correct pronunciation of "Buddenbrooks."

These are just a few of the weighty questions under discussion in Stuart Spencer's fantasy-comedy, "Resident Alien," now onstage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. The play was orig-

inally produced by Actors Theatre of Louisville for this year's Humana Festival.

"Resident Alien," here directed by John Seibert, is the story of two men, each born on different planets, and each feeling as if his home planet isn't really where he belongs. One day, one of these men is dumped on Earth, in a kind of temporary exchange program for the other man's young son.

Soon after the cosmological kidnapping, the two men meet. Then, the boy's mother enters the action (and, of course, she's not buying any story about little green men kidnapping her son), her not-too-bright husband thickens the plot, and the town sheriffs tries to keep everybody and everything from falling apart. Imagine "Northern Exposure" experiencing

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with "space — the final frontier," and you'll get at least a part of the picture.

Sounds like it could/should be fun, maybe. But the production falls short.

Perhaps part of the reason for this is that the play is trying to be too many things at once. Part comedy, part romance, part suspense, flavored with philosophy and techno-thrills, it seems to get bogged down sometimes in its own mixed signals. (Also, even though some of Spencer's lines and situations are screamingly funny, some play-goers may wonder why he chose to build comedy around the disappearance of a child — a distinctly unfunny event, especially to those who have directly experienced it).

Generally, the six-member cast does a good job, although they all seem a little under-inspired at times. Scott Screws as the erudite, earthbound Michael, and Greg Trzaskoma as the rather bilious-looking Alien are charged with some of the funniest lines in the play, which they usually deliver with aplomb.

Rounding out the cast, Scott Goci makes a brief, enthusiastic appearance as the kidnapped boy, Billy.

Settings, which include a definitely unpretentious kitchen, an equally unpretentious bar, a Kmart (where the blue light is almost always on-the-blink), and several other spots in and around a small Wisconsin town, have just the right mundane-but-cartoonish flavor.

Special effects are first rate.

# 'Fabio Man of Comedy' returns to Joey's, Dec. 17-19

Kirk Noland known as the "Fabio Man of Comedy" brings his one man comedy assault back to Joey's Comedy Club, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets (\$14), call (734) 261-0555.

Armed with a quick wit and an arsenal of sound effects, Noland brings to the stage a snappy and

stylish look at family life, childhood, adulthood, and everything in between. A captivating storyteller, he ricochets across the stage, recounting the intricacies of his peculiarly eventful life, be it as simplistic as a moment in his life as a father or as bizarre as a trip to the emergency room as a kid.

He pushes the boundaries of a live comedy show by including "live" phone calls and bringing his audience in on the fun for

show that is always spontaneous and never ever predictable.

Calls to audience members babysitters, to having pizza delivered to the stage and even

phone calls to the White House have made this show exciting and one of a kind.


Noland's TV appearances include A&E's Comedy on the

Road, Comedy Central and CBS 48 hours. His stand up career as taken him all over the world. In 1997 he was one of the featured performers at the Theatre for the

Performing Arts in Hong Kong, China. He has also performed for companies throughout out America including Ford Motor Company.

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## Gift baskets weave elegance and attitude



**Dream weavers:** Janet Migliaccio and store owner Judy Palazzolo show off a custom Golfer's Basket from La Strada d'Eleganza in Birmingham.

BY LINDA BACHRACK  
STAFF WRITER

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Esther Ziegelman never imagined running a successful cottage industry from the basement of her Birmingham home. But Ziegelman's life has never been what you'd call prescribed.

"I sold advertising for years," she says, "until I realized I was leaving my integrity at every place I stopped." It was her sons who talked her into starting her own business. They knew a man who was selling his basket business and, though she didn't buy his wares, she thought baskets might be fun.

Thus, Bountiful Baskets was incorporated and Ziegelman set up shop in the basement, turning the space into a veritable warehouse of gourmet foods and candies, straw containers in all shapes and sizes, and bolts of French-wired chiffon ribbons.

Ziegelman's creativity and flair for design are evident in the unique baskets she builds for her mostly corporate clientele. Corporate clients include Arthur Andersen, Doubletree hotels, Deloitte & Touche and Dean Witter. The City of Birmingham contracts with her to make get-well baskets for its employees. She does move-in baskets for apartment complexes and personalized birthday baskets for Price Waterhouse.

As she assembles 60 breakfast meeting baskets for Syntel - Elwin's scones, Michigan apple cider, Bella Vista Farm jam, Stash tea, honey, cocoa mix and a mug with the company logo - she talks about some of the

other goodies that she uses in her work.

"I like using Michigan products," she says, "including Cherry Republic candies and dried fruit, Brownwood Acres mustard, Sweet Elyse rice pudding and Benjamin Twigg's jam."

Damask boxes of DeBrito chocolates are exclusive to Ziegelman in Michigan. She also likes Pandora's Confections from San Francisco. Its product line includes a foil-wrapped dinosaur egg with miniature chocolate dinosaurs inside and a chocolate Chanel bag filled with candy keys, a phone, sunglasses, a watch and perfume. Ziegelman's fruit baskets feature a mix of fresh rosebuds with fresh fruits and a foiled chocolate peach. She personally shops local markets for all of her fresh fills.

The holidays find Ziegelman assembling candy-filled party trays and hostess baskets. Her business has grown by word of mouth and referrals from clients. She can do everything from a tiny "new baby" welcome basket to an electric Jeep filled with the customer's requests. (A real estate agent placed this \$350 order.) Just give her a price range and any personal preferences.

When she's not in her basement workplace, you can find Ziegelman making bows in front of the TV. That's the beauty and the downside of a home-based business - you're always in the office. And Ziegelman's office surrounds her with mounds of sugar



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"A dream come true," is how Judy Palazzolo describes her newly opened Birmingham shop, La Strada d'Eleganza. After 36 years with Ford Motor Co. and a year selling specialized custom gift baskets from her home in Milford, Palazzolo found a multi-room storefront that she shares with floral designer Sandy Parmenter.

"I wanted an old house with lots of individual room settings," says Palazzolo, "but when Sandy showed me this space, it was perfect." The shop on North Old Woodward is divided into little nooks and crannies that remind Palazzolo of an older home. It came complete with a fireplace and a grand entry. Within the themed rooms, Palazzolo displays gift items from all over the world, including pottery and ornaments from Italy and Poland, silver pieces from the Victoria & Albert Museum in London and handmade French and Belgian linens.

The centerpiece of every room vignette, however, are the custom gift baskets, tailored to the needs and interests of friends and clients. Popular baskets include the "Buon Appetito - Italia," "The Golfer," and "A Day at

the Spa." The Italian gourmet wire baskets are filled with vinegars and oils, mustards, pasta and other imported foods, including the traditional Panettone. Spa baskets contain French lotions and potions for women and wooden Italian grooming accessories for men.

Other unique basket ideas include a wire pram baby basket stuffed with a needlepoint pillow, silver keepsakes and a collectible ceramic pacifier. For pets, Palazzolo does a ceramic bowl filled with treats. Tea and coffee baskets are built atop silver trays or inside giant wire coffee pots. There's a fun wire briefcase for the executive, brimming with chocolate cigars and a chocolate humidifier. The baskets are built to look good from all angles and the piece de resistance is the elegant French-wired silk ribbon that tops every creation.

When the holiday season is over, a bed and bath boutique will fill one of the shop's rooms, along with some small furniture pieces.

"We want people to visit us as they would a neighbor, to feel comfortable and have fun," says Palazzolo whose right-hand woman is her dear friend Janet Migliaccio. "We'll make the shopping experience as pleasurable as possible."

La Strada d'Eleganza, 708 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 539-9065.



**That's Italian:** La Strada d'Eleganza's Buon Appetito basket.

"It's been tough to sell winter apparel and we may see markdowns before Christmas. On the other hand, jewelry sales are strong and computer sales are rebounding."

Warm weather also encouraged destination and downtown shopping, says Meyer. "The tendency in the weeks since Thanksgiving was to drive to shopping destinations like Birch Run."

The fundamentals are still in place for a successful holiday season. Meyer points to low unemployment, low gas prices, lower-than-average heating bills, consumer confidence and our region's strong economy.

Certain segments have experienced phenomenal growth. Outdoor holiday lighting sales were through the roof, according to managers at English Gardens.

Retailers have pulled out all the punches to attract their desired consumer base. According to Arthur Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck Michigan, "Additional sales promotions, including one-day credit card discounts and reduced prices on upscale items, will keep the momentum going throughout the holiday

season. My predictions are for sales increases in the 5-7 percent range this year." According to industry sources, Americans say they plan to spend an average of \$814 on gifts - 4.5 percent higher than average spending last Christmas.

Stephen Epstein, a partner with the Detroit office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, agrees with the optimistic predictions. "Shoppers are responding to the pace of promotional events, as merchants attempt to book as much business out in front of what has been an increasing '11th hour' crush the days before Christmas," he says.

The E-commerce channel of distribution also is having an impact this season, says Meyer. Internet shopping sites are most helpful for niche-oriented, established stores with unique products. It expands their universe. "E-commerce will impact catalog shopping more than storefronts," says Meyer. "It will not swamp the market, but will get its proportional share."

- Linda Bachrack

## How's retail weathering the holidays?

It's not the economy. It's the unseasonal weather that's discouraged consumers from buying traditional holiday apparel gifts like wool sweaters, winter boots, scarves and coats. However, this week's temperature plunge might precipitate renewed interest in warm woollens, says Larry Meyer, chief executive officer of Michigan Retailers Association in Lansing.

"The weather is the story this year," Meyer says.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

**HOLIDAY ANTHEMS**  
Borders Farmington Hills presents a live performance and CD signing with Karen Newman, national anthem singer for the Detroit Red Wings. Newman's new CD of holiday music, titled "What Christmas Means to Me," is a mix of standards and original Christmas songs produced in Detroit. All proceeds from sales go to the Vladde/Sergei Family Trust Fund. 7:30 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

**IN CONCERT**  
The Livonia Civic Chorus entertains shoppers at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. 7 p.m. Parisian Court.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

**CAROLING**  
The Garden City High School Choir performs in

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

front of the fountain court at Livonia Mall. 5-7 p.m. Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

**KICKS FOR A CAUSE**

Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents WOMC's Christmas is for Kids, a live broadcast to raise money for the Research Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Entertainment throughout the day, including a visit from the Rockettes and Sesame Street Live! characters. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

**ALL DOLLED UP**

The American Girls Club celebrates with a Victorian-era holiday party. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while making a gingerbread house craft. Bring a new toy, book or coat to donate to needy children. Ages 6-11. 7-8 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

**ANGEL GEMS**

Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the Andy Lakey Collection Show of sterling and 14k gold inspirational angel jewelry. Continues on Sunday, Dec. 20. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**IN FASHION**

Figaro, a beauty salon in downtown Birmingham, presents "Saturdays at Figaro." Live mannequins model the season's hottest looks from Lotus Imports, Lilith and Tender, while showing off festive holiday hairstyles. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 N. Old Woodward.

**MOTOWN MIRACLE**

The Miracle in Motown Foundation hosts its fourth annual charity party to benefit Focus:HOPE. Westin Hotel Renaissance Center, Detroit. 8 p.m.-2:30 a.m. The black tie-optional event hopes to raise \$150,000. Music by The Imperial Swing Orchestra. \$55, \$75 at the door. Tickets available at Ticketmaster locations.

**ALBOM SIGNING**

Mitch Albom signs copies of his bestseller, *Tuesdays with Morrie*. To reserve a signed copy, call Borders Downtown Birmingham at (248) 203-0005 before 5 p.m. Dec. 19. 5-6 p.m., 34300 Woodward.

## Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**

For the person who called in to say that the Special Olympics would take old bowling and golf trophies, we need a contact telephone number and address, as we have many people who would like to donate.

We need the toll-free number for Makeup for You. The company makes custom lipstick shades.

Linda called from Consignment Interiors on 43235 West Seven Mile in Northville (248) 347-4731. They carry china patterns, pictures and glassware, anything for the home. They call it their Wish List.

Eucalyptus oil can be found at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. The kiosk in the mall carries different oils for light bulbs. Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, F&M in Livonia and Good Food Company in Canton also carry eucalyptus oil.

We found the words and music to 50 Nifty United States and also an appraiser for salt & pepper shakers.

For Mary, plastic bags can be taken to Taylor Elementary School in Livonia on Curtis, west of Levan. Bring them to the school in bundles.

The game Rock EM Sock EM Robot can be found at Dave's Comics in Royal Oak.

Aluminum Christmas trees can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge in Royal Oak.

Mon Classeque de Morabita can be found at Levin Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7323.

Della Lutes books can be found through John King Books in Detroit, (313) 961-0622, or on the Internet at www.biblioind.com

I found a silent butler or a table cleaner (it has a silver mini whisk broom with a mini silver dust pan) at On Fifth at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, and at Saks at Fairlane for \$9.90.

Dottie called to say that Pee Wee's Playhouse could probably be found at antique stores in Royal Oak.

There is a store in that has hats and supplies. Call the Commerce in Clark store number and name.

**WE'RE STILL LOOKING**  
A company that has a hard-top for a Miata.

Bob is looking for disassembled Harley motorcycle to reassemble (sonably in contact) project.

Eleanore of Warsaw for Zoya nail polish color Coretta.

Noreen wants to new/used 1998 Ford High yearbook.

Doris is looking for children's book (hardcover) Wiener.

Judy wants Even cologne.

Norma is looking for Park & Shop, and T-shirt/sweatshirt silver logo.

Shelly is looking for old kitchen sink with backsplash and boards, in porcelain from the 1800-1920.

Pat wants child dishes from the 1950s, gardenia scent.

A Fisher Price flashlight from the 1950s.

Doris is looking for Cheek Base in Peppermint.

Carrie is looking for Santa in a (animated) suit.

Elsie wants Hair Conditioner.

Joan is looking for um soup bases.

Erma is looking for mint/aloe alcohol toner and St. Ives ture firming hyd.

Vonda wants Christmas by Tubachet.

Lisa wants a metal wallet made from the game of Football.

Darryl is looking for Potato Chips, Soda and Apple.

Jenny is looking for Choice Hazelnut Nite Cap Stocking.

Jerry is looking for cologne: Faber, ac, Woodhue, N Colton Company.

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There is a store in Charlevoix  
that has hats and millinery  
supplies. Call the Chamber of  
Commerce in Charlevoix for the  
store number and name.

**WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:**  
A company that has a red fac-  
tory hard-top for a 1996 Mazda  
Miata.

Bob is looking for a completely  
disassembled Harley Davidson  
motorcycle to reassemble (rea-  
sonably in contact) for a winter  
project.

Eleanor of Warren is looking  
for Zoya nail polish #0192  
color Coretta.

Noreen wants to purchase a  
new/used 1998 Farmington  
High yearbook.

Doris is looking for the child-  
ren's book (hardcover) "Little  
Wiener."

Judy wants Evening In Paris  
cologne.

Norma is looking for the game  
Park & Shop, and a black Lions  
T-shirt/sweatshirt with blue &  
silver logo.

Shelly is looking for a large  
old kitchen sink 4-5 feet wide,  
with backsplash and side drain  
boards, in porcelain or cast iron  
from the 1800-1920s.

Pat wants children's metal  
dishes from the 1950s with an  
Oriental theme and individual  
packets of bubble bath from the  
50s, gardenia scent.

A Fisher Price alligator  
flashlight from two years ago  
for Pat.

Doris is looking for Clinique  
Check Base in Peach Soft.

Carrie is looking for a Sleep-  
ing Santa in a Wooden Bed  
(animated).

Elsie wants Helsha sham-  
poo/conditioner in chamomile  
scent.

Joan is looking for Low Sodi-  
um soup bases.

Erma is looking for St. Ives  
mint/aloe alcohol-free facial  
toner and St. Ives collagen mois-  
ture firming hydra-gel. Meijer  
and F&M carried it.

Vonda wants Carva perfume  
by Tubachet.

Lisa wants a man's back pock-  
et wallet made from eel skin.

The game of Flinch for Bar-  
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Darryl is looking for New Era  
Potato Chips, NeHi Creme  
Soda and Apple Easy Dessert.

Jenny is looking for Taster's  
Choice Hazelnut Coffee and a  
Nite Cap Stocking.

Jerry is looking for four  
colognes: Faberge's Aphrodisi-  
ac, Woodhue, Nine Flags by  
Colton Company and Russian  
Leather.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

### GIFT ARTISANS

If you're looking for artful gifts  
this holiday season, Gallery  
Nikko features scarves and  
Christmas stockings by Crispina  
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and The Phoebe Foundation are  
raising funds to purchase wigs  
for children undergoing cancer  
treatment at Beaumont Hospi-  
tal. Shear Devotion, part of the  
Phoebe Foundation's hospital  
programs serving seriously ill  
children, focuses on helping  
pediatric patients make the diffi-  
cult transition of hair loss during  
treatment. Purchase a \$5 raffle  
ticket through Dec. 31 at Red,  
and proceeds go toward the pur-  
chase of six wigs. A \$650 Beauty  
Basket will be raffled. 470 N.  
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### NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Koochie Koo children's cloth-  
ing store announces its move to  
The Boardwalk shopping center  
at 6898 Orchard Lake Road in  
West Bloomfield.

### SPORTS ART

The Sports Gallery in Birm-  
ingham offers a limited-edition  
collector's item this season - a  
Steve Yzerman lithograph. The  
original lithograph features the  
Detroit Red Wings captain's  
locker, where his jersey hangs  
waiting to be worn. Each piece is  
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artist Bill Williams. \$295. 269 S.  
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### MINI DEPARTMENT STORE

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Door Store at the Somerset store  
in the Kid's Department. The  
miniature castle made of chil-  
dren's building blocks is a place  
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### SKI BUNNIES

Hudson's Summit Place and  
Hudson's Somerset presented  
holiday fashion shows on Nov.  
14-15, highlighting current  
trends to welcome in the New  
Year. Included was (left) a red  
quilted jacket and fleece V-neck  
by Tommy Jeans, black polar  
fleece pants by DKNY and  
(right) a ski jacket by Pacific  
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# Sea kayaking can show struggles of nature

(Former Birmingham resident Josh Gerak, son of Birmingham Eccentric Suburban Accents writer Sally Gerak, is an avid adventurer. He moved to the Pacific Northwest and took up sea kayaking, now one of his favorite pastimes.)

BY JOSH GERAK  
SPECIAL WRITER

Autumn is one of the better times to explore the San Juan Islands, one of the best kayaking areas in the lower 48 states. No crowds, often stable weather and as this diary entry will attest, the occasional animal encounter.

This autumn we sea kayaked in the San Juan Islands with eight friends. We had many new wilderness experiences including an astounding encounter with a cephalopod, locally known as the Giant Pacific Octopus.

We established our comfortable campsite on Jones Island and set out to a day trip to Waldron Island, a challenging, five-mile open water paddle. Upon reaching the island, we needed a break, so we beached ourselves on the rugged and rocky south shore, and carefully hoisted our kayaks onto the rocks.

Although where we landed was not an official landing site, we found ourselves on a secluded shore surrounded by cliffs, some of which plunged into the water. The nautical map showed a sea wall dropping 600 feet at this shore. A diving boat arrived later, near high tide, confirming the potential richness of sea life and enticing prospects for wall diving. The current was swift, but we were able to maneuver our nimble boats to a site where few others would venture, much less land.

Our unlikely lunch stop was an old fishing camp. There were hooks and gaffs hammered into the vertical rock walls to hold gill nets that would have been strung out to snag passing salmon. The foundation of an old shack contained scattered coal and, near shore, a graded area, possibly for salmon drying racks. Standing on the steep shore peering into the swift current, I could imagine the bustle of netting thousands of fattened Chi-



Look ma: Josh Gerak gives the no hands sign as he kayaks in the San Juan Islands.

nook on their spring spawning runs on misty mornings of long ago.

As our friends explored the interesting lunch site, Gil, Greg and I admired the purple starfish and colorful sponges from atop a six-foot-high rock wall that sheltered a small pool before the seawall dropped off into the dark abyss. Greg offered to pluck a starfish from the pool below for examination. He climbed down and returned with the five-legged creature.

The purple starfish has a tough hide, but underneath has hundreds of tiny tentacles for gripping rocks and capturing its food. Our starfish was busy digesting several small barnacles and some goosy matter that may at one time have been a sea anemone. As Greg held the startled starfish, its arms slowly recoiled at being out of its environment.

Before returning the starfish to the water, we jokingly suggested to Greg that when he dropped the starfish back into the water he should make sure it landed face down so it could safely reattach itself on the rocks.

"I heard somewhere that an octopus will have that starfish for lunch if his soft underbelly is left exposed," Gil said.

Greg cautiously tossed the slowly curling starfish into the water. Sure enough, when it landed it flipped to rest upside down in two feet of water.

"Now look what you did! Greg! He's octopus bait for sure," we chided.



Star man: Josh has a close encounter with a starfish while snorkeling in Washington waters.



Calm waters: Mary Ellen and Josh Gerak find paddling easy going.

We had just made the octopus prediction when an ominous shadow crept on the wall opposite our little protected pool where the upended starfish lay six feet below us. An octopus was moving with deftness along the wall, then across the floor of the pool towards our helpless starfish.

"Good God! It's as if the octopus heard the starfish screaming for help," I said.

The octopus moved like flowing water, masking itself by changing colors when it passed over rock or seaweed. It squeezed into narrow rock crevices, then expanded to full size when gliding over the rocks. It covered 15 feet in about 30 seconds, checking other, more secure starfish on the way.

This was no apparition - the octopus was over two feet long from tip to tip with a head six inches in diameter. We watched transfixed as the octopus scampered directly beneath us to the helpless upside-down starfish.

We could not move to help the starfish - this was nature in live, cinematic magnificence. We were paralyzed, spectators to a struggle we know little about.

Was this our punishment for upsetting the natural balance of the tide pool? A karmic reminder that we are but food in the chain of life?

"Somebody must have been listening to us," I said as the octopus hurried to position itself atop our doomed starfish.

We quickly waved over the rest of our party, who had been exploring other parts of the shore, to witness this extraordinary octopus encounter. But no sooner did the others approach than the octopus moved away to the edge of the tide pool and disappeared into the depths.

Josh Gerak, 37, lives in Seattle, Wash., where he and his wife, Mary Ellen, import handmade products from Central America. Josh is a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School and the University of Michigan. In addition to operating his import company, Josh leads mountain bike and hiking tours in Southeast Utah.

## GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads, story ideas or your own travel adventures to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor for features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150 or fax to (734)591-7279 or e-mail to hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

### Nordic ski lessons

Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council members will offer free beginner lessons and trail passes to the entire family Sunday, Jan. 20, and Sunday, March 7.

Ski Fest, a learn-to-ski festival program teaches kids and adults the joys of skiing, aimed at making their Nordic experience a positive one. Newcomers to cross-country skiing can choose from a variety of Great Lakes Ski facilities that take part in the program.

Member facilities are Boyne Nordican at 1-(800)-GO BOYNE, Corsair Ski Trails in Tawas at 1-(800)-55-TAWAS, Crystal Mountain at 1-(800)YOUR-MTN, Vasa Trail in Traverse City at (616)938-4400, Garland in Lewiston at 1-(800)968-0042, Lake View Hills at (517)786-2000, Marsh Ridge in Gaylord at 1-(800)743-PLAY, McGuire's Resort in Cadillac at 1-(800)632-7302, Searchmount at 1-(800)663-ALGOMA, Stokley Creek in Sault Ste. Marie at (705)649-3421 and Shanty Creek at 1-(800)678-4111.

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## Madonna signs 5

Madonna University women's soccer coach Rick Larson has announced that five high school seniors have committed to attend, and play soccer at, Madonna University next fall.

Among those who has decided to join the Lady Crusader ranks is Plymouth Salem's Emily Neitendam. Others include Rebecca Guibord of Dearborn HS; Jill Gibson of Novi HS; Megan Thiry of Harper Woods Notre Dame; and Jessica Pidek of Clinton Township.

The Crusaders were 3-12-1 in their initial season of intercollegiate soccer last fall, finishing sixth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

## NJCAA All-Americans

A pair of Schoolcraft College soccer players have been honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as All-Americans.

SC men's keeper Eric O'Neil, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, and women's midfielder Lisa Tolstedt, from Northville, were selected in the National Junior College Athletic Association division. The formal presentation will be at the NSCAA convention, which runs Jan. 19-24 in Philadelphia.

At the SC women's soccer awards banquet Dec. 1, several Lady Ocelots were honored. Kerri Bremner, a midfielder/forward from Woodhaven; Annie Hagenah, a forward from Lakeview HS; and Julie Majewski, a midfielder from Plymouth Canton HS; shared the top offensive player award. Each scored 12 goals, tying for top honors on the team.

Tolstedt was selected as SC's top midfielder, and Dianna Dean, from Dearborn Edsel Ford HS, was named the team's top defender for the second-straight year. Marina Vazquez, a midfielder/forward from Farmington, received the most improved player award.

The team's most valuable player was Majewski.

## Chiefs lose 2

Plymouth Canton's wrestlers battled but could not win either of its dual meets Wednesday at Novi, losing to the host team 49-25 and to Ann Arbor Pioneer 37-33.

"We knew we were coming against two tough teams," said Canton coach John Demsick, his team 1-3 in duals. "We came close, but fell short. We have some things we can go back to the room to work on to move us onto the next stage. We will be working."

Canton and Novi were tied at 25-25 before the Wildcats assumed control in the upper-weight divisions. Double-winners for the Chiefs were Greg Musser, Rob Demsick and Kevin Stone. Derek Miller also won by pin in his second varsity match.

## McKian leads Saints

Dan McKian, a senior forward from Plymouth Salem, scored 13 points, tying teammate Sam Lofton for team-high honors, but he could not save Siena Heights men's basketball team from a 94-74 loss to St. Xavier in the championship game of the St. Xavier University Tournament in Chicago last weekend.

Both teams were 10-2 following the decision. Siena Heights was ranked sixth in the NAIA prior to the tournament.

McKian also led the Saints in rebounding, grabbing eight. He is averaging 6.7 points and 4.9 rebounds a game.

## Soccer champs

The Michigan Wolves '85, an under-14 boys soccer team, captured the Little Caesars division outdoor championship with an undefeated record, allowing just eight goals.

Coached by Lars Richters, the Livonia Stevenson HS coach, members of the Wolves are John Haczebrouck, Brian Popeney, David Williams, Mike Borowiak, Brian Emerick, Pat Kelleher, Nik Djokic, Dan Lentz, Josh Churella, Jason Tillman, Steve Dempsey, Brady Crosby, Ryan Busse, Dutch Morrell, Keith Mullins, Charlie Knoll and J.T. Katikos. Team managers are Sandy Popeney and Jan Haczebrouck.

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# Rocks wreck Rats

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Taking command is one thing. Keeping it is another. Plymouth Salem's boys basketball team did both Friday in disposing of visiting Ann Arbor Huron, 54-46. And the Rocks needed to; they didn't have to look any further than last year's second game of the season — at Huron — to find an example of the bad things that can happen.

Salem took an 11-point lead into the final quarter at Huron a year ago, then frittered it away in a 60-54 loss. On Friday, the Rocks just kept inputting until it didn't matter anymore; the River Rats scored the game's last 11 points, which just narrowed the gap to less than 10.

"I thought we kept them on their heels most of the game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We kept changing up our defenses, our (man-to-man) match-ups, and they couldn't get into a rhythm."

Huron never did get anything going consistently on offense, at least not until it didn't matter. The River Rats made just 11-of-32 shots through the first three quarters (34.4 percent); it should be noted that almost all those shots came from outside the paint.

Salem simply dominated inside, both on offense and defense. Tony Jancevski, the Rocks' 6-foot-9 senior center, was the main catalyst, but not the only one. From the game's opening moments, when 6-1 forward Rob Jones' drives to the basket earned Salem its first five points, it was apparent the Rocks were going to challenge inside.

"We had too much size and power for them," said Brodie, his team now 2-0. "One of our objectives, coming into the game, was to keep them off the glass."

"We still had some errors. But we had three goals coming into the game: Keep them off the glass, don't commit turnovers against their pressure, and keep them on their heels. And we did those things."

What Salem did was take control early and never relinquish it. The game was tied twice, at 4-4 and 7-7; after the first two minutes of the game, Huron never had the lead. A six-point Salem run late in the first period allowed the Rocks to take a six-point lead into the second period.

They never trailed again.

In the middle two quarters, Salem exerted itself by outscoring Huron 30-16, allowing the Rocks to carry a 20-point advantage (48-28) into the final stanza. The third quarter, in particular, was damaging to the River Rats' chances. Salem converted 6-of-7 floor shots in the period

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Reach for it! Salem's Rob Jones (21) outrebounds Huron's Scott Dow. Jones led the Rocks in scoring with 15 points.

STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CAROBBE

## BASKETBALL Canton can't stop Monroe; PCA cruises

The good news is, Plymouth Canton never gave up.

The bad news, unfortunately: The Chiefs' efforts came up short in a 57-49 boys basketball loss at Monroe Friday. The defeat evened both teams' records at 1-1.

"They got after us right away," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They're very athletic. Overall, they pretty much handled us. We never got into a flow all night."

"They put pressure on us and we struggled to score."

That's not an unfamiliar problem for the Chiefs. They had trouble with pressure teams last season, and last Tuesday Wayne Memorial hurt them with it as well.

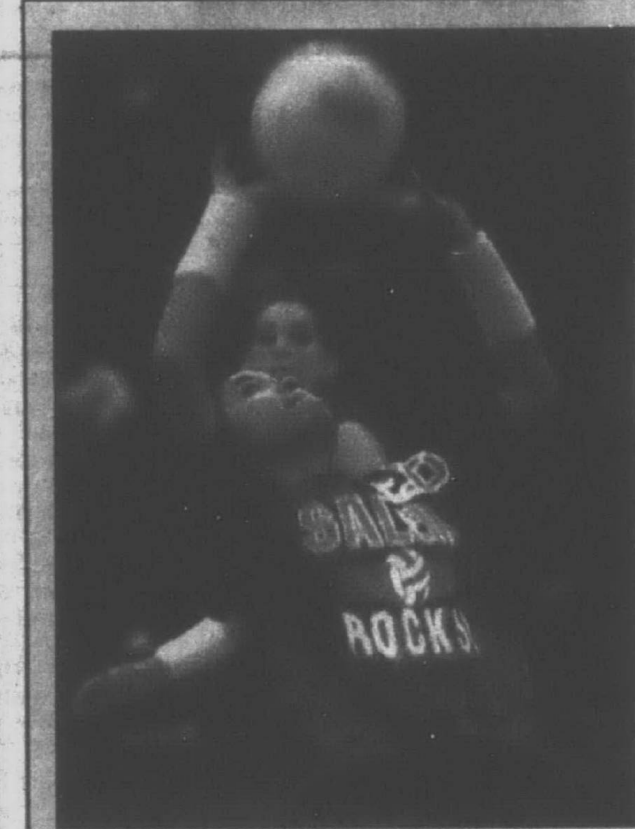
"I know we're better against pressure than we were a year ago," said Young. "This team can handle it, but we just have got to continue to work on it."

The Trojans did indeed start fast in their home opener, outscoring Canton 18-8 in the opening quarter of their home opener. It got a bit better for the Chiefs in the second quarter, but not much — Monroe took a 31-18 advantage into the half.

Still, as Young described it, "We hung in there. We were still in the game (in the final quarter) — that's the good news."

Indeed, after trimming Monroe's lead to 11 (39-28) after three quarters, the Chiefs pulled to within five and had possession of the ball out of

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Setting it up: Laine Sterling, a returning senior for Salem, will be one of two setters used by new coach Tom Teeters.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

# New Salem coach has the tools to build a contender

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Certainly not a bad situation, as first years go.

Not for Tom Teeters, who takes over as Plymouth Salem volleyball coach for Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety, who resigned after last season.

And not bad for Salem, either, which gets a coach for their already well-developed, championship-level program who has three high school state championships and one NJCAA title to his credit.

It will take Teeters some time to put the pieces in the right spots, but the ingredients are there — the Rocks should be able to keep pace with their illustrious past.

And illustrious is the only way to describe it. In nine years, Gilles and Suffety built Salem into a Western Lakes Activities Association powerhouse in volleyball. The Rocks won their third outright title in the last six seasons last year, posting an 11-0 WLAA match record. Overall, they set school records for wins in a season, finishing 47-6-1 after losing in the state regional final. In the past six years, Salem has an almost incredible 63-3 record

in WLAA matches.

Ironically, the team that has been Salem's nemesis the last few years in state tournament competition, and the team that eliminated the Rocks last season, was Livonia Ladywood — coached by Teeters. A disagreement with school officials in the make-up of his coaching staff led to Teeters' dismissal from Ladywood last summer.

Ladywood's loss, Salem's gain.

Still, there are holes to fill. The key losses from last season's Rocks' team are Jenny Trott, whose serious knee injury early in the regional final loss to Ladywood was devastating; Amanda Abraham, a middle hitter now playing basketball at Holy Cross University; and Kelly Street, an outside hitter.

"We lost our three most consistent players," said Teeters.

The toughest loss was Trott, who was signed by Central Michigan prior to suffering her injury. Trott is still on scholarship at CMU, although she red-shirted this past volleyball season.

But there's still a lot for Teeters to build with, starting with Angie Sillmon, a 5-foot-10 senior mid-

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## ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Rocks, Chiefs lead the way

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Losing has become a thing of the past in the Farmington Harrison girls basketball program.

The one person most responsible for changing that is coach Pete Mantyla, who took over a struggling program in 1991 and turned it around.

In Mantyla's first season, the Hawks were 8-14, which was a great improvement for a team that had suffered through a record losing streak just a few years earlier.

Harrison teams have posted winning records ever since, never failing to win less than 12 games. The best year, strictly in terms of victories, was 1994 when Harrison was 17-5.

The Hawks were 14-7 this year and co-champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association with perennial power Plymouth Salem.

For his work in reviving the program and the job he did in guiding

Harrison to the first basketball title for a Farmington public school team in more than a decade, Mantyla has been named Observerland Coach of the Year.

"I feel very fortunate to have the job I do; I really enjoy teaching and coaching," said Mantyla, who teaches sixth grade at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills.

"It combines two things I love. I love basketball and working with kids, being part of a team and being able to do it with close friends. Having the support of wife, Amy (who keeps the scorebook at every game), has really helped in the last couple years."

Mantyla is known among fellow coaches as a hard worker, coaching players during the AAU winter season and the summer high school circuit.

"I think we've established a tradition of working hard the year round," Mantyla said, "and I've been lucky to have had good relationships with the

players who've gone through the program."

Mantyla also gives credit for Harrison's success to longtime friend and assistant coach (for the last five years) Tom Negoshian.

"Tom said he thought this team would have a chance to win something, because the kids are so competitive," Mantyla said. "If we had one outstanding trait as a team this year, I think that was it."

The coach also credits assistant Pat Henderhan, who guided the freshman team.

### FIRST TEAM

Tiffany Simon, Sr., Bishop Borgess: Simon was a three-year starter and a four-year letter-winner for the Spartans but she truly stood out as a senior.

The only senior on the Borgess roster, Simon averaged 14.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 4.5 steals and two blocks per game. She made 46 percent of her field goal

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Team leader: Janell Twietmeyer led Canton to a 16-win season, averaging 13 points a game.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

# Lady Crusaders wallop Wayne State

Anesthetically speaking, it was not.

But Thursday's trip to Wayne State University did pay the kind of dividends Madonna University's women's basketball team treasures: a victory.

The Lady Crusaders pulled away from a five-point halftime lead to a 80-51 triumph. That pushed their record to 8-1; WSU fell to 1-7.

The game featured a match-up of former teammates: Plymouth Canton's Kristi Fiorenzi, a junior forward at Madonna, and Sarah

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Warnke, a junior forward for WSU.

The Lady Crusaders' shooting, which had been strong in the past few outings, was off against the Tartars. Madonna made just 20-of-54 floor shots (37 percent), including an 8-for-26 second-half performance (30.8 percent).

But WSU was even worse, converting just 20-of-64 shots (31.3 percent) in the game. Neither team shot three-pointers well,

either — Madonna made 3-of-14 (21.4 percent) while the Tartars were 4-of-15 (26.7 percent).

The difference came at the free-throw line. The Crusaders hit 17-of-19 (89.5 percent), including 16-of-17 accuracy in the second half, to WSU's 7-of-12 (58.3 percent).

Chris Dietrich paced the Madonna offense with 15 points. Kathy Pangnis added 14 points, 10 rebounds and two steals, and Lori Enfield had 12 points, eight boards and three assists.

WSU was led by Liz Beach's 17 points. Warnke and Fawne Allossery added eight points apiece, with Warnke grabbing 12

rebounds. Nichelle Hunter chipped in six points, six steals and five assists.

## Madonna men fall

On a rare stop at home for the Madonna University men's basketball team, Wayne State proved an unwelcome visitor by battering the Crusaders 80-57 Wednesday. It was the only home game for Madonna's men in nearly a two-month span (Nov. 18-Jan. 13).

WSU improved to 7-1 for the season; Madonna fell to 2-8.

Again, rebounding was a problem for the Crusaders — they were outboarded 38-25 by the

Tartars. But so was just about everything else.

Madonna trailed by four at the intermission (33-29) after leading by as much as 11 (24-13) with 11:37 to go in the half. The Crusaders kept it close to start the second half, narrowing the gap to 39-37 with 16:26 left on a Narvin Russaw dunk. But WSU took command after that with a 21-5 run to go up 60-42 with 9:01 to play. It was never closer than 15 after that.

WSU hit 17-of-31 floor shots in the second half (54.8 percent) to the Crusaders' 10-of-28 (35.7 percent). The Tartars were also 15-of-19 from the free-throw line

(78.9 percent) to Madonna's 7-of-10 (70 percent), and forced 19 turnovers while committing just 13.

Russaw led the Crusaders with 14 points, but foul trouble limited him to less than 22 minutes of floor time. John-Mark Branch added 10 points. Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) had four points, seven assists and three steals, and Mike Maryangi totaled nine points, six boards and two steals.

Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) topped Glenn with 19 points. Tom Pauly had 12 (and three steals) and Brandon Johns 11.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WAYNE CO. REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES INVITATION FOR HEAD START GRANT APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of \$16,483,915 in federal Head Start funds to serve preschool children in Wayne County, Michigan for all areas outside the City of Detroit. This solicitation is to replace the Regional Educational Services Agency, the grantee that previously operated the program. Grantees must provide a 20 percent local match/non-federal share. The non-federal share is computed on the amount of the Federal funds by dividing the Federal funds by 4. The non-federal share may be met by cash and/or in-kind contributions in the form of plant, equipment or services which has been fairly evaluated.

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Richard Pfaff, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments  
660 Plaza Drive - Suite 1900  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hitting camp

The Double Diamond Baseball School will hold a winter hitting camp from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 20-21 (ages 8-13), and from 4-7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 20-21, at Madonna University.

The two day camp will focus on developing proper swing mechanics, increasing bat speed and power. The camp features two full-length batting tunnels, tee work, short-toss drills and instruction from top high school and collegiate coaches (videotaping for each participant).

The cost is \$90 per player. Payment is due no later than Dec. 16 to guarantee a spot (enrollment limited).

For more information, call Madonna head baseball coach Greg Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

### Baseball camp

Barbaro Garbey, a member of the 1984 World Champion Detroit Tigers, will be an instructor for the '98 Put One In The Upper Deck Christmas Camp (ages 8-12 and 13-16) Monday through Thursday, Dec. 28-31, in Northville.

Instruction in hitting, pitching, throwing mechanics, fielding and base running will be offered four days, two hours per day.

The cost is \$120. For more information, call (248) 349-0008.

### Drop-in hoops

The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will offer open gym for basketball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays at Central Middle School beginning Jan. 4. Cost is \$4 per person. City of Plymouth residents will receive

a \$1 discount with identification. For further information, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

### AAU hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the West Metro Cougars, a girls 14-15 AAU girls basketball team, will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at St. Anselm School, located at Outer Drive and Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call John Maloney at (248) 349-1122 or (248) 478-7681.

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de hitter who has verbally committed to Western Michigan. Last season, Sillmon had 205 kills, with 52 solo blocks and 52 block assists. She also had 152 digs, third-best on the team.

Sillmon will share the team captaincy with 5-2 senior setter Laine Sterling. "She's a very good setter, and a good defensive player," said Teeters.

Another returning senior starter is Andrea Pruet, a 6-1 right-side hitter who will play basketball next fall for the University of Miami (Ohio).

Other seniors on the team, which opened its season Saturday at the Midland Invitational, are Erica Stein, a 5-9 outside hitter; Wendy Donica, a 5-5 defensive specialist; Maureen Buchanan, a 5-5 setter; Aleshka

Marquez, a 5-2 defensive specialist; and Jana Doroshka, a 5-10 outside hitter who is an exchange student from Estonia.

There are some impressive underclassmen on the squad, too, such as 5-6 junior outside hitter Amanda Suder. "Right now, she's the most consistent player on our team," said Teeters. "She's got a great arm swing."

Others to watch closely are Jill Dombrowski, a 5-9 sophomore middle hitter/setter who has "a lot of potential," Teeters said; and 5-8 junior outside hitter/middle hitter Michelle Ginther. "She's consistent," the Salem coach said.

That, however, is not all. There's also Elizabeth Gizica, a 5-2 junior defensive specialist;

Sarah Jensen, a 5-8 sophomore outside hitter; and Denise Phillips, a 6-0 junior middle/outside hitter.

At present, Teeters plans to run a two-setter lineup, with Sterling and Dombrowski sharing the setter duties.

"We're a little inconsistent, but we've got some good athletes and some consistent players," he said. "We've just got to find the right combinations."

Speaking of combinations, Teeters has brought a successful one with him. Assisting him will be Dale Hartzell, who has been part of Teeters' staff at Schoolcraft for the past five years and was with him for the last four at Ladywood, and Joe Barberio, a former Ladywood volunteer assistant coach in soccer.

The Rocks' goals remain the same: "Repeat as conference champions," Teeters outlined. "And that might be a bit difficult this year. Second, do well in our tournaments, see some improvement through the season. And third, demonstrate improvement in the (state) district and regional tournaments."

Teeters is familiar with the WLAA. He figures the biggest threats to Salem's supremacy are Walled Lake Central, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Northville.

Beyond that, the question is — with the former Ladywood coach guiding them, can the Rocks get past the Blazers in the state tournament?

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bounds midway through the final period. But the Trojans forced a turnover and scored, and Canton never got closer.

Carl Ford did most of the damage for Monroe, scoring a game-high 18 points. Nine Trojans scored, nobody else with more than seven.

Canton was led by Jason Waidman with 12 points and Joe Cortellini with 11 — nine of

those coming in the fourth quarter. Mike Major added 10.

"I think there were some positives in this game," said Young. "They just had more of them than we did."

**PCA 73, Detroit Westside 42:** Junior forward Derric Isensee was nearly unstoppable as Plymouth Christian Academy rolled into the finals of its own Eagle

Classic Tournament.

PCA played Academy of Detroit in Saturday's tournament championship game.

Isensee had 20 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and four steals as the Eagles raced out to a 20-5 lead after the first period and cruised to the win.

Michael Huntsman, a 6-foot-4 junior center, scored 11 points and had 13 rebounds; junior

point guard Jordan Roose scored 10 and dished out six assists; and junior forward Dave Carty had 10 points. Guard A. J. Sherrill and forward Evan Gaines added nine points each for the Eagles.

Senior guard Leon Johnson paced Detroit Westside with 25 points, including four triples, but was held to just one point in the fourth quarter.

## Salem hoop from page D1

and outscored Huron 10-3 in the final 2:36 to expand its 33-19 halftime lead.

"It seems that we controlled the tempo," said Brodie. "And we didn't lose much when we changed our lineup and went to the bench. It doesn't seem to matter who we have in there — they're all playing well."

Four Rocks reached double figures in scoring, led by Jones' 15 points. Aaron Rypkowski had 11, and both Adam Wilson and Jancevski netted 10.

Ryan Sidney scored 15 to lead Huron — eight of those coming in the final 3:35.

Andrew Walton scored 11 and Amir Kasham totaled nine.

Three-pointers certainly helped the River Rats; eight of their 17 baskets were triples. Salem nailed four treys.

But the Rocks hit 21-of-49 floor shots (43 percent) to Huron's 17-of-46 (37 percent), and Salem was 8-of-12 from the line (67 percent) to the Rats' 4-of-8 (50 percent).

It was satisfying for the Rocks to better their start of a year ago, when they lost their first two games. Of course, they like nothing

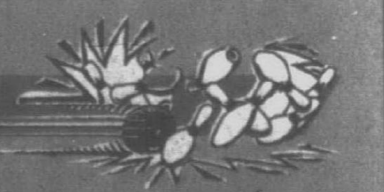
better than matching the finish after that slow start — 19-2, with a Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

But staying unbeaten really becomes a challenge starting Tuesday, when Salem travels to Belleville — the team that reached the Class A state final last year. After that, the Rocks take a break until Dec. 28, when they play Detroit Northern at University of Detroit Jesuit as part of the Roundball Classic.

"There's no rest," said Brodie.

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attempts, including 35 percent from three-point range, in leading the Spartans to the Class C Final Four where they lost to eventual state champion Freeland in the semifinals.

She also shot 65 percent at the free throw line.

"Tiffany developed from a role player to our go-to player this year," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "In years past she just had to defend and score on layups. This year she defended, scored from everywhere, played the point, rebounded the ball, made sure kids got to practice. She would have driven the bus if we asked her to. For her to take 13 underclassmen to the state semifinals is quite an accomplishment."

**Samantha McComb, Soph., N. Farmington:** McComb overcame a summer injury to the ring finger on her right (shooting) hand to have an outstanding sophomore season, leading the Raiders to the district final for the second straight year.

She was the second-leading scorer in Oakland County behind Milford's Christine Schumacher, averaging 21.1 points and scoring a total of 443 in 21 games. She has scored 729 points in two years and is on pace to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

A complete player who excels in all phases of the game, McComb also averaged four-plus assists, four steals, two blocks and eight rebounds. She made 88 percent of her free throws; she shot 51 percent from the floor overall and 39 percent from three-point range.

"She's very much a team player and highly respected by her teammates," North coach Linda Perkins said. "Her leadership this year was better than I've seen in my entire coaching career. She had an exceptional, stellar season and, if she continues at this pace, which I expect, it will be better and better every year."

"She has such a tremendous work ethic, self-discipline and personal drive to rise above something and be the best, and you wouldn't even know it to talk to her. She has the same face and demeanor all the time, but she steps up when it's time to get on the court."

**Tiffany Grubaugh, Jr., Ply. Salem:** When Plymouth Salem's offense was in high gear, it often went through this 5-9 junior.

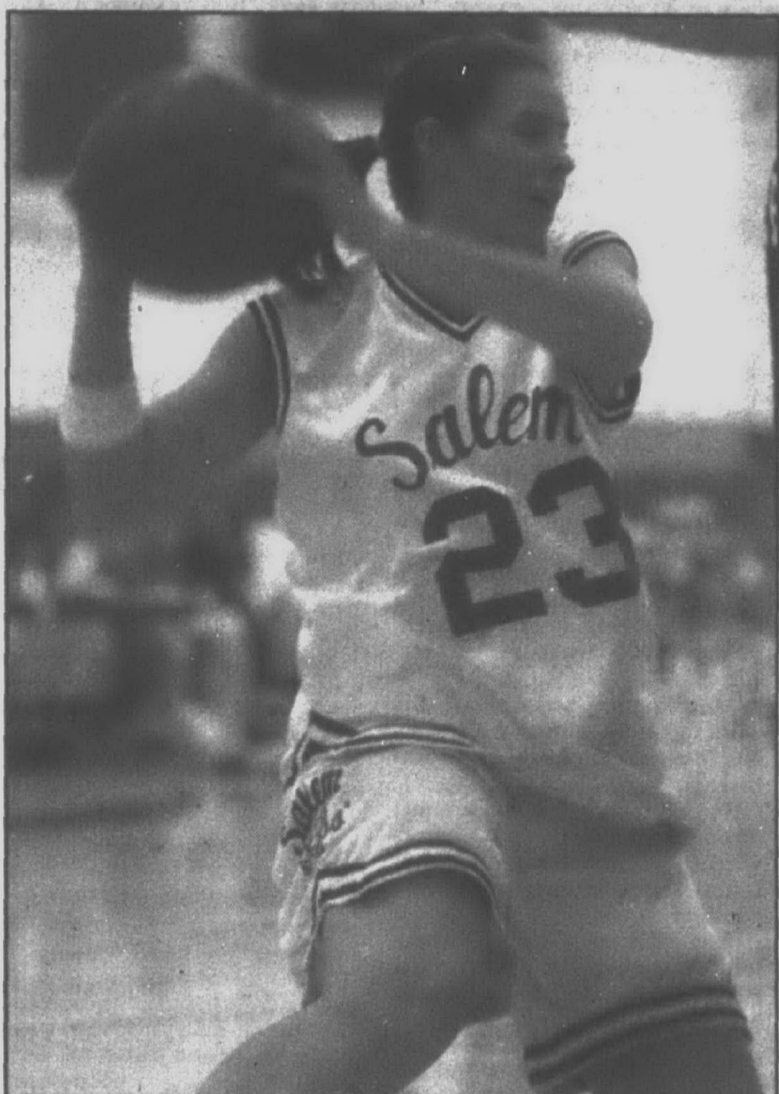
Grubaugh exhibited all phases of an offensive game, with deadly three-point range, a well-developed ability to drive to the basket, and an adept passing talent. She averaged a team-high 16.7 points for the Western Lakes Activities Association co-champions, as well as 5.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists.

"Tiffany's a dominant offensive player," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She can shoot from long range and has great court vision."

"She's really got a nice package. She'll definitely be a recruited player at the Division I level next year, and she'll be a good player to build our team around. It's going to be fun."

**Janell Twietmeyer, Sr., Ply. Canton:** The 5-9 senior forward led the Chiefs in scoring, averaging 13 points per game. She was also second on the team in rebounding, averaging 8.5 to go along with four assists.

"Janell was solid — that was her strength," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "She was a hard worker, very dependable. She was real versatile. If they took away the inside, she could go outside and score."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Scoring star: Tiffany Grubaugh proved to be Salem's go-to person on offense, simply because she could score from anywhere. She averaged 16.7 points a game.

"But if she went outside, that took away our chances at getting a second shot."

Twietmeyer is undecided about her college choice.

"Coaches are always looking for a player who can shoot, and she can," Blohm said of Twietmeyer.

**Jessie Brennan, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy:** Brennan was a four-year starter and one of Mercy's leading scorers every year. In 18 games this season, she averaged 13 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three-plus steals. She shot 31 percent from the floor and 78 percent at the line.

In her high school career, Brennan scored almost 1,000 points and averaged 12 per game, as well as six rebounds, nearly three assists and more than three steals.

Brennan switched from shooting to point guard without a hitch this season. According to coach Katie Vokal, she excelled at playing the point.

"She's an excellent passer," she added. "She has great court vision."

With only three seniors on the squad, it was often up to Brennan to play the role of leader.

"She's a quiet individual," Vokal said. "But she led by her actions."

The coach thinks Brennan can play Division I college basketball. Being 5-foot-10 gives her an advantage playing point guard, Vokal said.

SECOND TEAM

Erin Hayden, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The 5-8 senior point-guard averaged 12

points, four rebounds, six assists and three steals per game as the 13-11 Blazers qualified for the Catholic League playoffs and won their third straight district championship.

"Erin was probably our most important player on the court," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "She rarely came out of the game."

"She was the main reasons other teams were not successful in pressing us. She did a good job of handling the ball."

**Tera Morrill, Jr., Liv. Franklin:** Despite the team's 3-16 record and being double-teamed, the 5-10 junior averaged 14.7 points and nine rebounds per game. She shot 53 percent from the field.

"Tera was the nucleus of the team, a good all-around player," Franklin coach Gary Warner said. "We expect good things from her next year. She's one better player I've seen play."

Morrill also made All-Western Division in the WLAA.

**Latonya Crawford, Sr., Wayne:** The 5-10 forward was a unanimous All-Mega Conference (Red Division) selection for the second straight year.

A three-year starter, Crawford capped her senior year by averaging 15.9 points and 15 rebounds per game.

"Latonya could be a great basketball player when she wanted to be," Wayne coach Matt Godfrey said. "There's not a better athlete in the area."

Godfrey said Crawford has drawn interest from several Division II schools.

**Andrea Pruett, Sr., Ply. Salem:** Pruett, a Salem co-captain and a four-year

starter, averaged in double figures in scoring all four of her seasons playing for the Rocks. The 6-1 forward averaged 11 points and 9.8 rebounds this season.

"The greatest asset to a team is a great team player," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Andrea's just an excellent player, and a great defender."

"We used her both inside and outside. She has a unique ability to guard people. She's just good at all facets of the game, a consummate basketball player, a good team player."

Pruett has verbally committed to attend and play basketball at University of Miami (Ohio) next fall.

**Ari Ault, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison:** Ault started at point guard since midway through her freshman season and was a key player in Harrison's drive to gain a share of the Western Lakes championship this year.

The 5-foot-4 senior averaged 10 points, three assists and two steals. Ault shot 30 percent from three-point range, 31 percent from the floor overall and 57 percent at the line. She missed the last nine games because of a knee injury.

In her varsity career, Ault played in 60 games and averaged seven points, three assists and two steals. She made 26 percent of her three point attempts (69-of-264), 52 percent of her free throws (78-of-149) and 30 percent of her field goals (133-of-445).

"She's very feisty and brought a competitive edge to the gym with her every day," coach Pete Mantyla said, adding Ault wasn't a great scorer but helped the team in less tangible ways.

"It didn't matter if we were playing for the league championship or for pride in practice. She's just an unbelievable competitor, and I think it rubbed off on all her teammates."

"It's hard to find people who care that much and play that hard every day. For only being 5-4, she never backed down from anybody. She has a strong will to win."



Ari Ault, Farmington Harrison; Tonya Crawford, Wayne Memorial; Pete Mantyla, Harrison Coach of the Year

1998 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM	COACH OF THE YEAR
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<b>FOURTH TEAM</b>	
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# A rare development: Glenn beats Wayne

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

The neighborhood trophy went to Westland John Glenn this year.

Ty Haygood muscled his way to 18 points and Eric Jones made a key bucket in the last two minutes Friday night to lead John Glenn to a 56-54 victory over Wayne Memorial.

It was only Glenn's third win over Wayne since 1981.

"It was pretty good, for a backyard brawl," coach Mike Schuette said after his Rockets gained their first victory in two tries this season. "And for two teams that respect one another and just want to go out and play."

"That was high school basketball at its finest."

Not its technical finest, after all it was only the second game of the season, but surely it was prep basketball at its emotional best and the neighborhood

rivals battled for bragging rights.

"We did a better job of handling the ball," said coach Chuck Henry, whose Zebras are now 0-2 by the margin of four points. "We shot the ball well in the first half, which is how we were able to build a nice lead."

"But they toughened up their defense in the second half and we didn't execute as well offensively."

Wayne cut a 51-45 deficit with 5:26 down to 53-52 on Nathan Wade's baseline drive with 2:08 to play.

But Jones responded by driving through the paint to score on a bank layup with 1:47 left. Neither team scored until after Wayne called timeout under its basket with seven seconds left.

Needing a try to tie, the Zebras inbounded the ball and Shane Nowak's triple try was slightly blocked. A tip was short and Robert Price did the only

thing he could do, rebound the ball in with two seconds left.

The Zebras fouled on the in-bounds pass by the Rockets and Bill Foder made a free throw with one second left. A desperation heave at the buzzer was no good.

"At the start of the second half," Schuette said, "we put Eric (Jones) at the high post and he created a whole bunch of action. Down 33-28 at the half, the Rockets tied the score at 39 midway through the third quarter and took a 46-41 lead by period's end."

Foder scored half his 14 points in the third quarter, Jones had five and Haygood six. Foder and Jones wound up with 14 points apiece.

"Foder is a smart player, a quarterback," Schuette said. "He can play any of the positions. He's not our point guard because Reggie (Spearmon) does such a good job. But he could."

John Glenn did a nice job in its high-speed game, sometimes getting a little out of control but mostly looking like one would expect a team to look this early in the season.

The Rockets made just eight turnovers, although they were turned into 14 points. Haygood did a nice job in the middle both ways.

"Based on last season, you'd have to say the strength of our teams is our guards," Schuette said. "But we've got a nice inside game with Haygood and Ben Harris. People are going to have to wake up and take notice of that."

Turnovers hurt Wayne in its opening game loss to Plymouth Canton but they weren't as critical in Game No. 2. The Zebras made 14 turnovers but limited them to 14 points worth of damage.

Four in a row late in the third quarter, with one shot taken, turned a 39-37 Wayne lead a 42-39 deficit. Westland

had an 18-8 margin in the quarter.

Wade led Wayne with 17 points, Justin Goins added 13, Price had 10 and Nowak eight. Taron Smith had 11 rebounds.

"Wade had another very good game," Henry said. "He almost had a triple double against Canton. He had 17 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals."

Westland wasn't sharp at the free throw line, making just 7-of-18, but Wayne only got to the line twice, making one free throw.

Wayne again felt the loss of Jamar Davis, who suffered a broken arm in a practice just before the season started. The Zebras also need some players to get their grades up.

"We'll try to hang in there until the kids get back," Henry said. "We've got a tough schedule."

## Bennett's burst boosts Churchill

If Livonia Churchill can stop all its losing streaks this quickly the Chargers could wind up with a decent season.

Churchill, a loser in its season opener, rebounded Friday night to trim visiting Redford Union, 70-60, and square its record at 1-1.

John Bennett scored 10 of his game-high 25 points in the second quarter to keep the Panthers at bay.

Ryan Vickers joined Bennett in double figures with 13 points while Avery Jessup and Eric Lightle scored eight each for the Chargers.

Jason Patterson led RU, which fell to 0-2 overall, with 13 points. Eric Newton and Mike Macek had 11 and 10, respectively.

Coach Rick Austin's team led 16-10 after one quarter and 34-29 at halftime. A 15-11 advantage by the Chargers in the third quarter raised the lead to 49-40.

"FORDSON 56, STEVENSON 49: A little more stinginess on defense Friday night might have bought the Sparans a two-game winning streak.

Dearborn Fordson "did a better job of bringing the ball inside our defense,"

### ROUNDUP

Coach Tim Newman said after host Livonia Stevenson and the visitors left the game with 1-1 records. "They did a better job of breaking down our defense."

"We didn't shoot well enough from outside to win the game."

Marty Kennedy and Keshay McChristie scored 10 points apiece to lead the Spartans. Paul Bowers and Harland Beverly each scored eight.

Bassen Salameh and Mo Bazzi scored 13 each for Fordson while Rojelio Grady added 10.

Livonia made 6-of-11 free throws while Dearborn got 8-of-14 from the line. Stevenson was outscored by five, 15-10, in the second quarter to trail by five entering the third period. Fordson held a 17-14 margin in the third quarter.

"CC 98, NOTRE DAME 34: Junior guard Rob Sparks made four three-point baskets and scored a game-high 18 points Friday as Redford Catholic Central won its season opener over visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Center Chuck Cash added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Shamrocks. Kyle Weaver led Notre Dame Prep with 16 points.

### ST. AGATHA 68, CLARENCEVILLE

56: Redford St. Agatha beat Livonia Clarenceville on Friday night in a non-league game that featured nearly half of the points in the fourth quarter.

The Aggies led 38-30 through three quarters and outscored the Trojans 30-26 in the fourth to seal the victory in their season opener. Clarenceville fell to 0-2 overall.

Senior guard Wesley Shaw scored 20 points to lead the Aggies. Senior guard Johnny Lombao had a career-high 16 and senior guard Gelano Miles added 12.

Freshman forward Dan Boulder scored eight points and collected 10 rebounds and junior forward Greg Russell had eight points and eight rebounds.

Clarenceville was led by Rick Burack with 17 points. Sophomore forward Scott Wion added 11.

"We didn't play smart at times but we played hard all the time and that makes up for a lot of mistakes," St. Agatha coach John Fenbert said.

The Aggies led 17-9 after one quarter and settled for a 23-21 halftime lead after being outscored 12-6 in the second quarter.

St. Agatha regained the momentum by outscoring Clarenceville 15-9 in the third quarter for a 38-30 lead.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 14

Greater Life at Agape, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Det. Urban at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Adrian, 7 p.m.

Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Divine Child at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Brighton at Harrison, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Andover, 7:30 p.m.

Cabrini at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.

Ply. Christian at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.

Farm. at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

Huron Valley at Mt. Carmel, 7 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 7 p.m.

Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Lincoln Pk., 7 p.m.

Milford at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

St. Mary's at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Agatha at Bish. Gallagher, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Dec. 14

Greater Life at Agape, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Ply. Christian at Bethesda, 6:30 p.m.

St. Alphonsus at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Wayne, Glenn at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Crestwood at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Taylor Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Allen Park Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Delta College Invitational, 9 a.m.

Portage Northern Tourney, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Franklin vs. W.L. Central, Churchill vs. Trenton at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Redford CC at G.P. North, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Franklin vs. Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Compuserve Arena, 4:30 p.m.

Redford Unified vs. Dearborn

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Dec. 18

Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 14

Madonna at O.L. St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

Madonna at K'zoo Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Madonna at K'zoo Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.

Lake Mich. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 14

Central St. at Madonna, 7 p.m.

(OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney)

Owens Tech vs. Henry Ford, 1 p.m.

Lake Mich. vs. Lakeland, 1 p.m.

Sinclair vs. Alpena, 6 p.m.

Oakland vs. St. Mary's (Ind.), 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney, TBA.

(Madonna Tournament)

St. Francis vs. IU-South Bend, 6 p.m.

Madonna vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Schoolcraft at Lansing, 1 p.m.

Madonna Tournament, 1 & 3 p.m.

OCC-Highland Lakes Tourney, TBA.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL OUTLOOK

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
 •Head coach: Mike Hughes, 24th season.  
 •League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).  
 •Last year's overall record: 19-17-7.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Jennifer Laidler, Jessica Sherman, Jerry Duran, Lisa Fabrykiewicz, Beth Rutkowski, Susan Hill.  
 •Leading returnees: Luba Steca, Sr. OH 5-6; Megan Sheehan, Jr. D/OH 5-5; Shannon Munn, Jr. MH 5-9; Kristin Leszczynski, Jr. S 5-8; Lauren Ruprecht, Sr. MH 6-0; Jessica McKay, Sr. S 5-7; Courtney Lim, Sr. D 5-5.  
 •Promising newcomers: Mars Phillips, Jr. OH 5-7; Colleen Guardiola, Jr. S 5-2; Sarah Hennessey, Jr. OH 5-9; Amy Cadovich, Jr. MH 5-9; Becky Weber, Sr. MH 5-8 (did not play in 1997-98); Fernanda Leite, Sr. OH 5-9 (exchange student from Brazil).  
 •Hughes' 1998-99 outlook: "We're going to be a little more athletic than we were last year. We'll have a little less experience.  
 "A key for us will be to develop the starting setter. We have three who are close, but we need one to take the bull by the horns and run things.  
 "A key will also be how much of an impact Fernanda will have. We know she can play.  
 "Our goal is play the best defense in the conference, which we're going to have to do because we're not as big as most people."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
 •Head coach: Mary Helen Diegel, first year.  
 •League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).  
 •Last year's overall record: 26-16-7 (Western Division champions).  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Brooke Hensman (first team All-Area), Danielle Wensing (second team All-Area), Jackie Ziem, Sarah Gush.  
 •Leading returnees: Nicole Boyd, Sr. OH 5-10; Lindsay Duprey, Sr. Setter 5-5; Lindsay Sopko, Jr. Setter 5-10; Andrea Kmet, Jr. MH 5-10 (third team All-Area); Tera Morrill, Jr. R. OH 5-11.  
 •Promising newcomers: Alexis Bowman, Jr. OH 5-8; Rachel Bramlett (transfer from Imlay City), Jr. OH 5-9; Jamie Linden, Jr. MH/OH 5-

9; Monica Little, Jr. OH/MH 5-9; Daniela Gapp, Jr. DS 5-4; Lisa Widrosky, Jr. OH 5-7; Kristin Marshall, Soph. MH 6-0.  
 •Diegel's 1998-99 outlook: "The team looks good. We had a scrimmage and tried a lot of combinations and for the most part they were successful.  
 "Sopko and Duprey have looked good as setters.  
 "And the best part is that the newcomers have come in and become part of the program. They're filling our voids beautifully.  
 "So as long as we can maintain our intensity and positive work ethic, we'll be O.K."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
 •Head coach: Kelly Graham, sixth season.  
 •League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).  
 •Last year's overall record: 34-11-4.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Lindsay Pfeifer, Dawn Krol, Irena Bicanakova.  
 •Leading returnees: Stephanie Dutz, Sr. MH 5-10 (first-team All-Area); Kristi Copi, 5-8 OH Sr.; Brenda Pedersen, 5-4 Def. Specialist Sr.; Kate LeBlanc, Jr. MB 5-11.  
 •Promising newcomers: Cary Wadsworth, Jr. OH/MB 5-8; Cassie Ehiendt, Jr. OH 5-9; Kelley Hutchins, Soph. setter 5-6; Beth Moody, Jr. OH 5-4; Julie Pfeifer, Jr. DS 5-4; Megan Urbats, Jr. OH 5-8; Janice Tanzo, Jr. DS/OH 5-3; Sara Derefaik, Sr. MB 6-0 (Swedish exchange student).  
 •Graham's 1998-99 outlook: "The key to our season is communicating on the court. We hope with our sophomore setter (Hutchins) that we can gain quick transition to our experienced hitters and utilize our power.  
 "We hope Stephanie (Dutz) can come close to what she did last last, which was one of the top middle hitters in the conference. We hope she can communicate with Kelley and everybody can work together."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
 •Head coach: Stacy Graham, fifth season.  
 •League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).  
 •Last year's overall record: 7-21-3.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: None.

•Leading returnees: Amanda Bell, Sr. DS 5-2; Kristen Krohn, Sr. OH 5-6; Jessica LeYonreau, Sr. Setter 5-5; Jamie McLeod, Jr. OH/MB 5-9; Melanie Panyard, Sr. OH 5-8; Noelle Swartz, Jr. (lost for the season with knee surgery).  
 •Promising newcomers: Jessica Sanchez, Jr. Setter; Nicole Panyard, Jr. MB; Holly Deedler, Soph.; Samantha Dean, Jr.; Lacey Catarino, Soph.; Lindsay Beard, Soph.

•Graham's 1998-99 outlook: "We're going to miss Noelle being out of the middle. She tore an anterior cruciate ligament during soccer season in the fall and will have surgery Jan. 21.  
 "We're going to try to be aggressive, play tough defense and never give up."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
 •Head coach: Laura Fisher, third season.  
 •League affiliation: Mega Conference (White Division).  
 •Last year's overall record: 12-17-6.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Kristen Bull, Erika Haley.  
 •Leading returnees: Rachel Raines, Sr. OH 5-7; Kristin Kehrer, Sr. MH 5-10; Bethany Molitor, Sr. MH 6-0; Stacey Long, Sr. MH 6-0; Jennifer Wojie, Sr. Setter 5-5; Natalie Tillman, Sr. OH 5-7; Bridget O'Rourke, Sr. DS/Settler 5-5; Melissa Jones, Jr. DS 5-5; Nicole Suchan, Sr. DS 5-4.  
 •Promising newcomers: Melissa McKenzie, Sr. OH 5-8; April Coats, Jr. OH 5-9; Julie Gunther, Sr. OH 5-8; Amy Palling, Soph. setter 5-6.  
 •Fisher's 1998-99 outlook: "If there is ever a year we're really going to be successful, this is the year.  
 "We have real cohesiveness. They get along well. It's the most talented team I've coached. I've been with these girls since the ninth grade. They've taken time to play and mature together.  
 "Raines, skill-wise, is our strongest and most consistent player. She's our No. 1 passer."

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
 •Head Coach: Larry Wyatt, first season.  
 •1997-98 record: 53-9-1 (CHSL champions, district champions, regional champions).

•Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Pogits (first team All-Area); MaryLu Henne (first team All-Area); Katie Bagan (second team All-Area); Jerry Lachapelle (second team All-Area).  
 •Leading returnees: Jerry Young, Sr. OH 6-1 (first team All-Area); Donna LaButa, Sr. OH 5-10; Tracey DeWitt, Sr. R-OH 5-7; Rebekah Thornton, Sr. Setter 5-7; Patty Horst, Jr. MH 5-8.  
 •Promising newcomers: Erin Burtoe, Soph. MH 5-10; Jessica Tilton, Jr. OH 5-11.

•Wyatt's 1998-99 outlook: "We should do well. We should be able to compete with the area teams and do well in the Catholic League.  
 "I'm optimistic but at the same time realistic.  
 "We're inexperienced at the setting position but everywhere else we're looking pretty good."

**HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN**  
 •Head co-coaches: Grace Mattek and Tom Schwartz, first season.  
 •League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.  
 •1997-98 record: 8-13-3.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: None.  
 •Leading returnees: Stephanie Graves, 5-11 Sr. MH; Stacie Graves, 5-7 Jr. setter; Rachel Zahn, 5-7 OH; Anya Day, 5-9 Sr. OH; Jessica Whitaker, 5-9 Jr. OH; Gretchen Groinske, 5-10 Jr. utility; Katie Orlandini, 5-8

Sr. MH; Danielle Jolly, 5-6 Jr. setter/back row; Cassie Zell, 5-5 Soph. back row; Regina Picumeri, 5-7 Soph. OH.  
 •Promising newcomers: none.  
 •Schwartz's 1998-99 outlook: "We just have to make things live if we work together. We're looking for a good season. As in a lot of teams our setter has to be the key player when you run a 5-1 offense.  
 "We have to develop a second setter. Zahn is a good all-around athlete."  
**LUTHERAN WESTLAND**  
 •Head coach: Joan Ollinger, fourth season.  
 •League affiliation: Metro Conference.  
 •Last year's overall record: 13-17-3.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Hoffmeier, Kristen Rae.  
 •Leading returnees: Anna Schwacka, Sr. OH 5-11; Bekah Hoffmeier, Sr. MH 5-11; Stephanie Lynch, Sr. OH 5-10; Katie Heiden, Sr. Setter 5-2; Karie Azzopardi, Sr. S 5-2.  
 •Key newcomers: Anna Rolf, Jr. OH 5-7; Heather Haller, Jr. Setter 5-2; Rene O'Brien, Jr. S 5-2; Jennifer Dash, Jr. OH 5-7; Sarah Marody, Jr. OH 5-10; Amanda Sales, Jr. OH 5-9.  
 •Ollinger's 1998-99 outlook: "I think it's a pretty unified team. They seem to work pretty well together, so I'm hoping for good things. And they seem to really want it. That's a good sign.  
 "Everybody wants to play and that's a good problem to have.  
 "We should do all right in the conference."

•Promising newcomers: Kristina Sireta, Sr. MH 5-10; Rachel Koernke, Jr. D 5-4; Jessica Sireta, Sr.; Nicole Kasperian, Jr. S 5-7; Vera Sireta, Jr. D/OH 5-6; Danielle Stedz, Jr. OH 5-7; Sarah McFellity, Soph. MB/OH 5-10; Ashley Pearson, Soph. OH 5-6; Michelle Moore, Soph. D. 5-5.  
 •Promising newcomers: Faye Cristeau, Fresh. OH 5-6; Sara Babcock, Jr. OH 5-7; Marijeta Prekeleza, Soph. OH/MB 5-8; Jessica Kennedy, Soph. S 5-5; Laura Neill, Fresh. OH 5-7.  
 •Love's 1998-99 outlook: "Our strengths are going to be serving and defense.  
 "We've lost the depth our team, as far as height and skills. Sledz and Sireta have played together for four years. So if we rally around them we have a chance to be even more successful than last year.  
 "We've got some heart this year. We're looking for more leadership this year. We think they'll lead us in the direction we need to go."

We'd like to finish second, like we did last year, or better."  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
 •Coach: Alois Love, eighth season.  
 •Last year's overall record: 38-11-4.  
 •Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Berry (second team All-Area), Melissa Berry, Jackie Kibicki (second team All-Area), Agnieszka Palusz, Kristin Jaber, Teresa Lathrop, Joana Sireta.  
 •Leading returnees: Kristina Sireta, Sr. MH 5-10; Rachel Koernke, Jr. D 5-4; Jessica Sireta, Sr.; Nicole Kasperian, Jr. S 5-7; Vera Sireta, Jr. D/OH 5-6; Danielle Stedz, Jr. OH 5-7; Sarah McFellity, Soph. MB/OH 5-10; Ashley Pearson, Soph. OH 5-6; Michelle Moore, Soph. D. 5-5.  
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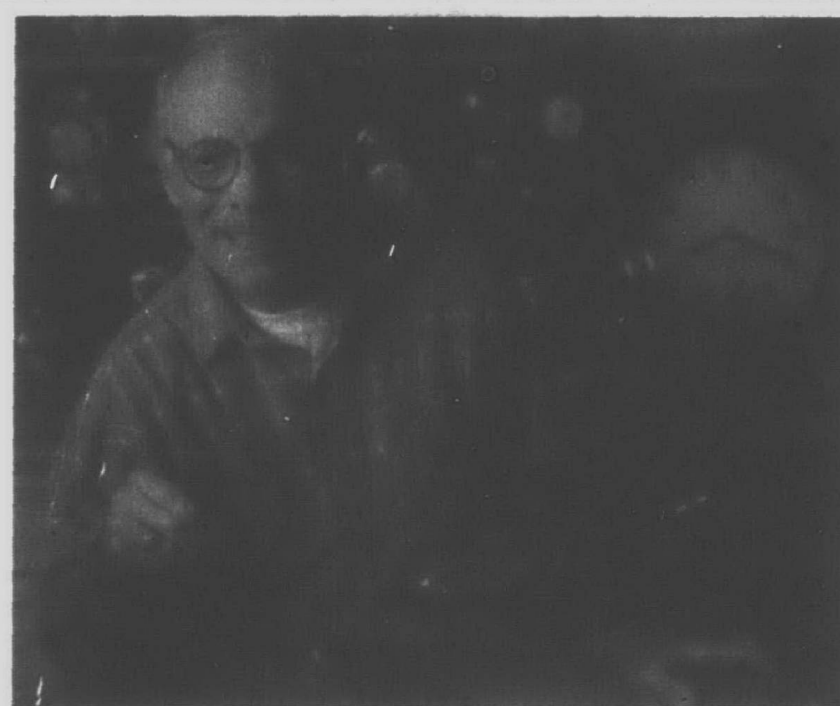
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# Deer harvest huge success

According to preliminary numbers issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, firearm deer hunters in Michigan enjoyed the second most successful season on record by harvesting an estimated 323,000 deer during the recently completed, 16-day firearms season.

The record harvest of 334,940 was recorded during the season of 1989.

Final figures won't be released until July, but DNR biologists feel the mild weather, an early corn harvest and good deer numbers statewide resulted in a higher than expected harvest.

"We recognized early in the season that the 1998 harvest

would be up from last year, and our figures confirm that this year's harvest was 20-percent greater than 1997," said John Urbain, big game specialist with the DNR. "We are especially encouraged by the harvest in southern Michigan, where we focused on increased antlerless harvest in areas of high deer numbers."

"We had an estimated antlerless harvest of 85,000 deer in the southern Lower Peninsula, which is a 28-percent increase over last year."

The preliminary numbers are a result of a survey of south-bound hunter traffic during the 16-day season and hunter data gathered throughout the season.

An estimated 750,000 hunters participated in the 1998 firearms season.

Hunters who missed out on bagging a deer so far still have an opportunity to put some meat in the freezer.

The muzzleloading season continues through Dec. 13 in

the Upper Peninsula and runs through Dec. 20 in the Lower Peninsula.

The second archery season runs through Jan. 3 statewide and a special antlerless firearms only season will be held Dec. 19-Jan. 3 on private land only in many areas of the state.

Check the DNR's 1998 Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

Success reports are still coming in from area hunters who tagged a deer this fall. If you, a friend or family member tagged a deer this fall let me know, then look for details in an upcoming issue of the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper.

My address, phone number and e-mail address are listed at the bottom of this column.

Tom Lewis, owner of The Town Locksmith in Plymouth, used a bow and arrow to take a huge buck in Hillsdale County on Friday, Nov. 6. The beautiful 12-point buck featured a 20-inch spread and 12-inch tines

and dressed out at 230 pounds.

Westland's Bill and Sheryl Sutherland each took an 8-point buck this fall.

Bill arrowed an 8-point with a 20-inch spread while hunting Wayne County farmland on Friday, Nov. 13th. Sheryl used a single-shot 12 ga. shot gun to drop an 8-point on Monday, Nov. 16, while hunting some farmland in Washtenaw County.

Kevin Bodner of Canton Township arrowed an 8 point buck at 3:20 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, while hunting in Gladwin Michigan.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 649-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

## Warm weather can't change nature ways

Animal activities can be likened to the Bell curve.

Most of the animals will exhibit the typical behavior at a time when they are suppose to, but there will always be some animals that show a more extreme variation to the standard, or typical behavior.

This concept came to mind when I saw the woodchuck feeding on corn at the feeders at the Lewis Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks County Park today.

Most woodchucks are down underground in a deep state of hibernation. Over time woodchucks have developed a mechanism that alerts them to enter hibernation in October.

By eating profusely in late summer and early fall, woodchucks are ready for winter by October.

Though the temperatures have been warm this fall, all the other woodchucks in the area, subjected to the same warm conditions, are now hibernating.

There are exceptions, however. Is he sick? Is it remaining active so it can eat more and thus add more fat for winter fuel? Or is it just on the outer limits of the Bell curve of woodchucks entering hibernation?

The appearance of robins is often associated with the arrival of spring.

That is because most of the robins, and there are a lot of them, move south to warmer climes in order to find food.

However, robins have been seen on practically every Christmas bird count in the Detroit area for the last 52 years.

By far the majority of the robin population moves south,

but some individuals on the ends of the Bell curve remain behind to feed on berries and fruits.

Bluebirds exhibit this same phenomena.

A few birds stay behind and spend the winter in the northern states, while most of the birds migrate south.

Recently though, due to the aggressive program of putting artificial bluebird nesting boxes, more bluebirds are raised here in summer.

If more individuals are raised, then the number of birds in the extreme of the Bell curve are going to increase. That is one reason we see more bluebirds in winter.

Variation in a population is actually a good thing. Imagine if all the individuals of a species did exactly the same things at the same time and a prolonged cold spell caused them all to starve. The entire species would have been affected.

Incorporating variation in a population allows some individuals of a population to survive when others may not, or start a new trend for the population.

This is exactly what happened in Europe when some birds called blackcaps established a new wintering location. Some of the migrating individuals in the extreme of the Bell curve went to England instead of Africa.

They found the climate very conducive for survival and returned the next year. Most of the population continues to Africa, but a successful group now migrates exclusively to England.

Some individuals on the extremes of the Bell curve may die because they were too extreme.

If they did not breed then they will not pass on that extreme lethal behavior.

Others, just short of the lethal extreme, can provide healthy variation.



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### OUTDOOR CALENDAR

#### CLUBS

- SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), 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) 988-8658 for more information.
- METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.
- MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club

- meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.
- FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information, call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.
- BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

#### SEASON/DATES

- DEER**  
The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.
- ELK**  
The late elk season will be held through Dec. 14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.
- GOOSE**  
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan

- Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.
- GROUSE**  
A special late season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.
- PHEASANT**  
There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.
- RABBIT/HARE**  
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.
- SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

## Helpful holiday shopping tips give buyers variety of options

There are only 11 more shopping days until Christmas, so let's think about what to buy for our favorite bowling friends and relatives.

A trip to the pro shop will be rewarding enough, for there is everything from expensive new balls on down to the little accessory items which are always needed.

Some shops, like David's Right Line at Cloverlanes even have a selection of instructional videos and books on bowling.

Many of the pro shops offer lessons for bowlers at all levels of ability, so a gift certificate for a lesson or two might be in order.

All bowlers would love to receive a brand new ball, but some of them are pretty pricey, however there are lots of special buys, or perhaps a gift certificate for a certain amount which could be redeemed as partial payment for a new ball.

Just for some stocking stuffers, there are plenty of good items on the rack, various cleaners and polishes for the ball, wrist supports of all types, therapeutic devices like Band-aids or Knead-its, as well as back supports or ankle braces of all types.

A new bag can make a terrific gift, especially the new ones with wheels, some of which are designed to carry two, three or more balls at once.

Bowling shoes also can make a timely gift if you know the size and which ones to get, as there is a wide variety available, some even have inter-changeable soles to accommodate different approach conditions.

One thing you cannot buy and gift wrap is strikes or spares, but many of the items available make make it a little easier for the bowlers on your list to do that on their own.

\*The big bowling show will be Jan. 15-17 at the Novi Expo Cen-

ter.

It will feature several manufacturers displays, distributor and pro shop booths with some bargain prices on balls bags and other related items.

It will be held in conjunction with the Health and Fitness Show, therefore enabling the bowling interests the opportunity to use this facility.

The advantage of the Novi locale is obvious, since it is easy to get to from any part of the metro area and outstate locations as well.

This is one event to mark down on your planner.

Not all of the details are in yet, so there will be lots more information in this column during the coming weeks.

The All-Star Bowlerettes have their fifth 300 game of the season as Pety Wray did it on Dec. 7.

Her series was 718 as she joins teammate Sandy Winbigger who had one earlier.

It was more unusual, since it was a low scoring night on these lanes except for a few including Sandy with 258-215-219/692 and another teammate, Kim Kopf, who rolled a 254 game.

Michelle Ewald was high shooter with 268-218-266 adding up to a 751 series.

Hats off to "Big Bill" as he is known to his pals, that is Bill Kandilian of the Wednesday

Senior Men's Classic League at Mayflower Lanes.

The 71-year-old brought in his newly drilled Storm El Nino and rolled a 801 series this week.

His games were 232-266-299 and he can make up a nice trophy or plaque for himself, since that is his trophy and awards business on Six Mile Road in Redford.

He will receive an 800 ring from the American Bowling Congress.

Today marks the start of the Team Bowl Off event at several participating bowling centers throughout the area.

All of the pertinent information is in the blue folder available at the counter. There is an estimated \$55,000 in cash prizes, based on entries.

Here is how it works: Teams of all abilities compete against each other during regular league play for 10 weeks. They are handicapped at 90 percent from 1100 using league sheet averages as of Dec. 1.

The championship for each bowling center takes place in a one-day playoff against teams from other leagues in the house.

The winning team then represents the center in the Bowl Off State Championship.

Team formation: five-member teams, all men or all women or mixed. All members must be from the same league.

Just complete the entry form and submit fee at the counter. The league qualifier ends Feb. 20, 1999.

You bowl in your own league for scores — \$50 per team (\$10 per person, only \$1 per person per week).

There are cash prizes and 50 percent of teams advance to the bowling center championship, held one day (March 6-April 18, 1999) at your center.

Top three teams advance to the State Championships, May 8, 1999 at Century Lanes in Waterford.

There are more cash prizes and a chance to bowl in the national finals in 2000. See folders for all the details. It is an ABC/WIBC sanctioned event.

### BOWLING HONOR ROLL

**CLOVERLANES (Livonia)**  
St. Aidan's Men: Dave Weber, 236-204/623; Rich Redak, 256-202/639; Joe Naujokas, 241-233/686; Tony Kaluzny, 226-224-296/686; Alan Polasky, 225-207-217/643; Scott Underwood, 247.  
FolioCo Thursday Night: Bill Crabtree, 299/747; Larry Frank, 254/689; Walt Johnson, 686; Bill Bundon, 258/672; Dave Walsh, 650.  
All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald, 268-218-266/751; Pety Wray, 225-200-193/718; Tracy Windbigger, 258-215-219/692; Tracey Wade, 248-230/655; Tina Barber-Judy, 229-223/685; JoAnn Carter, 207-223-225/656; Lisa Biehop, 237-221-228/684.  
Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic: Bill Collins, 218-216-232/664; David Jacob Jr., 229-234/648; Jim Barber, 209-254/635; Steve Bates, 239-214/608; Garrett Leonhardt, 202-220/608.  
PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)  
Waterford Men: Jon Danister, 236-268-227/731; Jerry Dasher, 255/685; Chuck Healy, 256/680; Ed Rondot, 279; Chuck Morris, 258/695.  
Powertrain Men: Pete Herman, 276.  
Boroughs Men: Rich Baker, 204/689; Bryan Schwartz, 268; Tom Colner, 252.  
St. Colettas Men: Mike Keiszek, 279/645; Bill Oatman, 264/724.  
Knights: Dan New, 269/738.  
COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)  
Metro Highway: Tim Troop, 257; Brandon Teddy, 233-222-210/685; Dave Walsch, 245-200/811; John Hirtzel, 242-200/833; Kevin Sandeen, 239-217/630.  
Sports Club: Kevin Kirms, 224; Brad Dawood, 224/605; Fred Noocha, 214; Ann Neiman, 213/538; Steve Hayco, 213/578.  
Sunday Goodwillers: Mark Silverstein, 242-225/689; Rob Feldman 194 pins o/a series; Ralph Davis, 215; Bill Vioa, 233; Todd Worthing, 234.  
Saturday Old Couples: Bob Nuznia, 240; Steve Karulak, 232/655.  
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Susan Burk, 209/517; Sue-Kin, 198/513.  
Loon Lake: John McCall, 234; Bill Mason, 222.  
Royaldale Bowlerettes: Cheryl Ruffalo, 216/533.  
Advanced Youth (Bowlers): Gordon Gregorff, 205/535; Fred Dallas, 199; Fred Piercy, 199.  
Wednesday Knights: Mike Kopolowski, 200/719; Bill Reed, 287; Frank Zagata, 673.  
University Men: R. Dennis Cunningham, 300; Jim Hayes, 268/717.  
Century Reglers: Dan Wyatt, 259; Mark Ulrich, 247; R. McSorley, 244; Gregg Welch, 243; Ron Ryan, 242/603.  
EVEN-7: Greg Cooper, 278/628; Matt McKeon, 245/625; Rob Roy, 245/682; John Spring, 245; Don Coughlin, 245; Dennis MacDonald, 244/640.  
Monday Nighting Men: George Kassa, 257; Chicago Stars, 247.  
All Star Mixed: Mark Tondreau, 253/622; Chris Rusk, 229; Maryann Asher, 203/513; Kathy Berke, 200/520; Shelly Smith, 200.  
Stingers: Ross Kessell, 209-203/584; Rita Dawood, 232/515.  
Striks & Spares: Terry Madhetti, 243/649; Eric Steudemann, 254; Tim Miller, 214/603.  
Monday Nite Men: Mike Pachman, 277; Ryan Micali, 268/726; Larry Frank, 268; Doug Moore, 225.  
Farmington School: Jesse Benalish,

235/574; Carl Borman, 202/551; Susan Zack, 148; Laura Lazar, 132.  
**WESTLAND BOWL**  
St. Mat's Men: Rex Kozinski, 257/628; Ed Gehinger, 237/635; Dennis Dobransky, 237/630; Doc Cirino, 256/692; Scott Grynath, 246/597.  
Monday 6:30 Men: Gregory Tachir, 244/696; Darrell Jones, 246/677; Jim Graves, 259/684; Francisco Rodriguez, 232/633; Ed Grimm, 227/602.  
Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Tom Tappan, 278/727; Rich Trullard, 268/743; Charlie Riffle, 278/726; Terry Tesar, 289/753; Jim Franklin, 267/736; Eric Arbogast, 285/743; Barry Tikey, 31; 285/710; Sean Collins, 284/702.  
Friday Twin Pariah: Bob Ostrowski, 268/684; Danton Ruel, 256/686; Jim Koppel, 244/600; Hamilton Martindale III, 268/723; Pete Villareal, 238/620.  
Thursday Men 8:00: John Pfeiffer, 246/726; Mike Pfeiffer, 213-214-215/642; George Salhaney, 268/657; Phil Gerhart, 225/651.  
Monday Morning Men: Jim Green, 279/751 (251 pins o/a); Randy Kline, 265/719; Lance Hoxey, 266/678; Rick Fair, 267/691; Dave Lusk, 267/705.  
Wednesday Ladies Classic: Paulette Hilde, 257/615; Bobbi Stopp, 225/809; Sandy Byars, 278/673; Lisa Keough, 233/606; Carl Seattle, 212/603.  
Tuesday Wags Invitational: Mike Reaktor, 278/642; Tom Earles, 279/727; Steve Engstrom, 267/679; Ken Paccas, 246/655; Rich Rushlow, 247/670.  
Youth Leagues: Coca Cola Majors: Scott Barnek, 265; Adam See, 234; Tim Goldwell, 223; Jesse Truost, 221/582; Christy Jablonski, 156; Crystal Trongo, 182.  
Coca Cola Juniors: Ryan Warner, 214; Aaron Manning, 235; Brett Shiemke, 194; Kristina, Fucilelli, 192; Stacy Vojtkotsky, 174.  
Coca Cola Preps: Mark Valentin, 145; Vinno De Luca, 240; Stephanie Beveridge, 174.  
Coca Cola Seniors: Troy Whalen, 108; Nicholas Walker, 94; Brooke Kilien, 101; Michael Holikinen, 97.  
13-90 Bumpers: Joshua Dupris, 102; Joey Day, 102; Maria Howard, 113; Taylor Gibson, 222; Brandi Pietruska, 105.  
Coca Cola Bumpers 10:35 a.m.: Joshua Daniels, 135; Andrew McMillan, 119.  
**TOWN 'n' COUNTRY (Westland)**  
Youth/Adult league: Jason Jesse, 269/699.  
Wayne Westland Schools: Bob Packard, 278; Bill Ingersoll, 656.  
Blitzme Ladies: Chris Brazzavola, 233/609; Kelly Rusnik, 224; Nancy Dempich, 221.  
Lady Strikers: Linda Fritz, 214/545; Mary Miller, 212/513; Claire O'Connor, 200/442.  
**NOVI BOWLS**  
Westside Lutheran: Keith Parker, 257/703; Mark Reitz, 682; Mark Zapoly, 625; Wil Gruka, 622; Bill Bryant, 619.  
**MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)**  
Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Bill Hamilton, 236-209-209/801; Jim Castel, 257-225-247/729; Jack Dahlstrom, 214-239-225/699; Mel Atkins, 335-222-227/694; Bob Striewicki, 244-203-247/694; Rich Fink, 287/823; Howard Davis, 247-229/844.  
Monday Bowlers: Paul Temple, 247/700; Frank Federico, 255-238/674; Jess MacCocco, 243/686; Travis Meyer, 266/636;

Art Hummel, 626.  
Good Neighbors: Alicia Wafer, 700; Annette Trider, 199; Jean Coban, 198.  
**SUPER BOWL (Canton)**  
Superbowlers: Cliff Spiker, 258-246/697; Tim Reahard, 243-219/665; Heath Barnett, 235-232/661; Mike Dietz, 209-213/659; Jeff Wieland, 225-218/657.  
Monday Nite Mixed: Bud Dimaggio, 233/684; Dave Papp, 224/602; Carrie McGraw, 199; Kevin Asst, 224.  
**WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)**  
Ted Pate: Larry Cooper, 279/744; John Fargo, 710; Joe Heim, 727; Dennis Wehner, 700; Jimmy Cooper, 698.  
Mingling Stars: Ann Lamott, 324.  
Sandy Blinks: Lou Scaly, 531.  
Gays & Dolls (Bowlers): Edwin Zdanowski, 225.  
Thursday Night Men: Dick Santoro, 288.  
Senior House: (Premium Bowling) William Adamcheski, 268/714; Bud LeBlanc, Jr., 279/719; Rob Schepke, 279/751; Mike Norris, Jr. 268/703; Craig Johnson, 269/712.  
Midnight Men: Paul McMurry, 709; Steve Zelenka, 659; John Hunt, 680; Bill Robertson, 699; Jim Hyatt, 658.  
Grandals: David Silverman, 246-268-289/803.  
Monday Seaters: Fred Swan, 212; Howard Fetherston, 212; Fred Welch, 212; Scotty Frelund, 203.  
G & G Ales: Tim McCarty, 656; Mike Rankin, 658; Scott Bugnell, 248/711; Randy Smith, 255/709.  
**MERRI BOWL (Livonia)**  
Rite on Time Jack Osborne, 276/770; Jim Good, 268/654; Grant Hamilton, 247/694; Brian Braunschweig, 268/680; Bob Spaw Jr, 259/673; Bill Funke, 267/762; Scott Abel, 279/731; Dean Carlson, 279.  
Early Bizers: C. Triszewski, 605; Rhoda Seltman, 510; Judy Stefan, 534.  
K of G: Jim Johnson, 727; Jim Stephens, 716; Wil Suokas, 712; Dave Michovitch, 701.  
Ladies Deables: Michele Lynch, 239/632; Carol Hooper, 222-222-206/682; Marilyn Frederick, 235; Georgia Dikshott, 225/596; Carol Jacobs, 235/631; Robin Lannon, 219-215/632.  
Senior Merry Bowlers: Herbert Lloyd, 239/656; Roy McMahon, 236-213/607/707; Al Dawson, 223/582; Adele Mansau, 210 (120 avg).  
Merri Bowlerettes: Sandi Smith, 266/646.  
Newburg Ladies: Nancy Smith, 205; Susan Unoman, 201; Kathy Duchene, 199.  
Men's Sailer House: Eric Gambrell, 288-241-278/807; Kerry Reetz, 259-248-278/786; Jim Jenson, 300-246-263/809; Bob Campbell, 290-207-213/710; Garrett Nagle, 243-267-236/746; Andy Raxin, 236-171-300/707; Gary Meyers, 222-231-279/728; Mark Konopatski, 227-300-192/719; Eric Tulley, 257-248-267/772.  
**WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)**  
Saturday Nite Live: Kala Rys, 245/694; Jim Hopkins, 242/689; Maggie Gilmore, 210/576; Claudia Dayas, 205/570.  
St. Sabina's Mixed: Mark Parise, 269/708; Mike Kane, 249/682; Lorne Green, 258/683; Brian Teifer, 21-7513; Fred McRoby, 627.  
Westside Senior Men: Fred Wodarski, 913; Jim Lemanski, 226/602; Floyd Morris, 231/582; Dick Kiehl, 577; Norm Webster, 672.

### Santa's hints

This week's professional is St. Nicholas, the gift-giving wizard of Santa Claus. He is considered to have a list of leading authority on gift giving.

Some common sense hints that you should consider on buying gifts for the holidays are:

- 1. Know the recipient's interests.
- 2. Know the recipient's personality.
- 3. Know the recipient's needs.
- 4. Know the recipient's preferences.
- 5. Know the recipient's budget.
- 6. Know the recipient's tastes.
- 7. Know the recipient's hobbies.
- 8. Know the recipient's favorite colors.
- 9. Know the recipient's favorite foods.
- 10. Know the recipient's favorite books.
- 11. Know the recipient's favorite movies.
- 12. Know the recipient's favorite TV shows.
- 13. Know the recipient's favorite sports.
- 14. Know the recipient's favorite games.
- 15. Know the recipient's favorite toys.
- 16. Know the recipient's favorite gifts.
- 17. Know the recipient's favorite experiences.
- 18. Know the recipient's favorite places.
- 19. Know the recipient's favorite people.
- 20. Know the recipient's favorite things.

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- AM/FM cassette
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- custom wheel covers
- body side moldings
- power steering
- power brakes
- rear defroster
- sport mirrors
- stock #1047X

**1999 GRAND PRIX SEDAN**

- 3100 V6
- four speed automatic transmission
- air conditioning
- power windows
- power locks
- power trunk
- cruise control
- tilt wheel
- stereo cassette
- stock #4075X

**RED'S LEASE \$273.47\*\* 36 MO.** \$619.88 DUE AT SIGNING

**GM LEASE \$253.86\*\* 36 MO.** \$574.09 DUE AT SIGNING

**ALL NEW '99 GRAND AM COUPE**

- rear spoiler
- air conditioning
- power steering
- power locks
- stereo cassette
- remote deck lid
- cycle control wipers
- rear defogger
- lamp group
- stock #2739X
- four speed automatic
- power brakes
- 2.4 engine
- sport mirrors
- gauges

**RED'S LEASE \$229.81\*\* 36 MO.** \$288.60 DUE AT SIGNING

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- power seats
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- aluminum wheels
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- power windows
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2.9% to 48 mo.  
4.9% to 60 mo.  
in lieu of rebate

— Was \$16,496 —

**SALE PRICE \$11,682\***

**GM PRICE \$11,122<sup>56</sup>\***

**LEASE FOR \$158.04\*\* 36 MO.**

\$361.52 due at signing

**GM LEASE \$141.23\*\* 36 MO.**

\$318.70 due at signing

**1999 JIMMY 4 DOOR**

Power driver & passenger seats, keyless entry console, stereo CD player, tilt, power windows & locks, lift gate. Stock #51330X

0.9% to 36 mo.  
2.9% to 48 mo.  
4.9% to 60 mo.  
in lieu of rebate

— Was \$29,255 —

**SALE PRICE \$25,795\***

**GM PRICE \$24,676<sup>80</sup>\***

**LEASE FOR \$346.63\*\* 36 MO.**

\$806.43 due at signing

**GM LEASE \$312.92\*\* 36 MO.**

\$745.70 due at signing

**1999 SUBURBAN**

Center & rear seat, running boards, locking differential, heavy duty trailer equipment. SLE decor deep tint glass. Stock #6240X

— Was \$35,389 —

**SALE PRICE \$31,395\***

**GM PRICE \$29,890<sup>11</sup>\***

**LEASE FOR \$405.33\*\* 36 MO.**

\$2599.35 plus tax due at signing

**GM LEASE \$357.53\*\* 36 MO.**

\$2488.60 due at signing

**1998 SAFARI**

V6, automatic, SLE decor, rear defogger, sliding doors, stereo cassette, deep tint glass, keyless entry. Stock #5125X

0.9% to 36 mo.  
2.9% to 48 mo.  
4.9% to 60 mo.  
in lieu of rebate

— Was \$23,631 —

**SALE PRICE \$21,485\***

**GM PRICE \$20,177<sup>10</sup>\***

**LEASE FOR \$283.53\*\* 36 MO.**

\$2335.24 due at signing

**GM LEASE \$258.90\*\* 36 MO.**

\$2259.13 due at signing

**1999 SAVANA CARGO VAN**

Air conditioning, automatic, power steering & brakes, tilt, cruise, V-6 & more. Stock #6243X

0.9% to 36 mo.  
2.9% to 48 mo.  
4.9% to 60 mo.  
in lieu of rebate

— Was \$22,274 —

**SALE PRICE \$19,151\***

**GM PRICE \$18,393<sup>21</sup>\***

**LEASE FOR \$265.18\*\* 36 MO.**

\$1654.79 due at signing

**GM LEASE \$241.94\*\* 36 MO.**

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**1998 JIMMY DEMO**

SLT trim, power sunroof, heated seats, locking differential, luxury rid package, stereo, CD. Stock #59655W

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— Was \$14,362 —

**SALE PRICE \$12,395\***

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All weather guard, value package, air conditioning, cruise, power windows & locks, alloy wheels, security system, convenience package, stereo cassette. Stock #9066X

— Was \$20,982 —

**SALE PRICE \$19,495\***

**LEASE FOR \$247.98\*\* 36 MO.**

\$1929.56 due at signing

**1999 COROLLA**

Value package, air conditioning, stereo cassette, all weather guard, rear defogger. Stock #8188X

— Was \$14,148 —

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