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Kicks and cans: Shito Kan Karate in Canton will hold rank promotions and a canned food drive 1-4:30 p.m. today at the center, 6724 N. Canton Center Road. Admission is two or more canned goods per person. Children's promotions are 1-2 p.m. Adult promotions are 2-4:30 p.m. For information, call 414-9342.

TUESDAY

Holiday crafts: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer a Christmas Craft Workshop/Visit with Santa 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$7 per child. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

WEDNESDAY

Radio days: The Canton Kitchen Band makes a special appearance on "Lemonade," the radio show for seniors hosted by Betty Smith. Air time is 10:30 a.m. on WSDP-FM

Rolling donations: Skatin Station II in Canton presents Toys For Kids Skate, sponsored by local service clubs, 7-9 p.m. at the rink, 8611 Ronda. Bring in a new or gently used toy and skate for \$2. Skate rental is \$2; premium is \$4 and in-line skate rental is \$4. For more information, call (734) 459-6401.

THURSDAY

Hoop it up: The Canton Chiefs host Ann Arbor Pioneer in boys' basketball 7 p.m. at Canton High School. Admission at the door is \$3 for adults, \$1 (eighth grade and younger) or \$2 for students.

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Court bids come in over bu



The low bid - among 15 general contractors for construction of a new 35th District Court-house was \$1 million more than officials had estimated last spring. The old courthouse was destroyed in a July 1997 fire.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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.

The court handles cases from five

communities, including Canton.

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 other items were estimated at \$1,451,000 ... purhing 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

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Shined and buffed: Zachary, a 10year-old cocker spaniel, is groomed by Joy Erickson of The Pampered Pooch in Plymouth.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER

Everyday they give us gifts - some left in the corner. Nonetheless, the holidays are the ideal time to pony up for the favorite dog, cat, bird or reptile in the

household. Though some scoff at the notion of giving gifts to animals, they shouldn't, said one pet shop operator.

"There's no excuse," said Donna Nickel, manager of Livonia-based Discount Pet & Supplies. "At least nothing I can think of. There's all kinds of stuff."

Cost? Not a problem. Even a Montgomery Burns-like miser could probably part with \$5-\$6 for a bird swing or new dog

Stymied on ideas? Most pet supply stores carry an array of toys, collars and treats for critters. Discount Pet & Supplies in Livonia even sells leather biker jackets for iguanas. Of course, the first way to a pet's heart is



through his stomach.

When it comes to treats, dog owners have a pick of the litter. Rawhide chews come in peanut butter and vanilla flavors, while a bag of dog biscuits feature chicken, beef, liver, and lamb and rice.

Canines like to clamp onto boiled pig ears, snouts and beef hooves, too. A three pack of those run \$2

At Pets Supplies Plus on Ford in Canton, they sell stockings stuffed with pig ears, rawhide chews and assorted munch and crunch.

Kitty gifts

Unlike their canine counterparts, cats are a tad more finicky. They'll lick their whiskers at the prospect of seafood-flavored

nuggets, like Kitty Bits. Pet Supplies Plus has cat stockings with ball with bells inside, balls of yarn and other toys.

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Look at us: Feline friends Annie and Katie take a rest atop a cat tree, available for cats at Backdoor Friends Shoppe in Farmington.



I'm fun: Savanna Exotic

Pets has animals for all

tastes, including a leopard

for exotic pets, including a

gecko. The store has gifts

hammock for an iguana.

Lonely: The Westland Humane Society has pets ready for adoption. But families who aren't prepared to give their time and love should find a different gift. Here is Sam, a 31-month-old kitty, who is litter trained.

Pets don't make good surprise gifts

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER

Puppies and kittens with a red bow on top

of their heads may look adorable underneath the Christmas tree, said a Michigan Humane Society spokeswoman. ... but they usually end up knocking

down the Christmas tree and chewing up the presents," added Jennifer Day, Humane Society community relations representative.

When the holiday warmth subsides, the glow turns to a glare toward the animal, which is a bundle of unwanted work and responsibility.

The Michigan Humane Society is littered

with what seemed like good gift ideas at the time. A few may be adopted but most aren't.

"I think the key word is a surprise present," Day said. "It should be a family decision with everyone in the household involved '

Someone who gets a puppy for a present should expect to make a 10- to 15-year commitment caring for the animal. Guinea pigs, rabbits and "even fish," Day said, "require work in caring for them.'

Canton Animal Hospital sees its fair share of exotic animals, including those mistakenly given as gifts. Those animals lizards, iguanas and snakes - are given

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Schoolyard jam: Police to cite speeding drivers

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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.

The most important thing are the kids who walk to school. They shouldn't have to cross the roads 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.

Please see SPEEDERS, A3

Township ready to close deal for softball center

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Santa is bringing diamonds to baseball- and softball-playing children this Christmas - a dozen of them, to be

The township is playing the part of St. Nick by purchasing privately owned Canton Softball Center on Michigan

We're hoping that it'll be finalized in a few weeks." Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said. "We should be signing the formal purchase agreement by late January

Canton agreed to buy the 70-acre facility from sole owner Aaron Jade in late August for \$4 75 million. The township will spend \$3 million from its general fund while the remaining portion will come from the sale of Building Authority Bonds

The board of trustees authorized a

bond sale on Aug. 25.

A September petition drive by Canton resident Mark Wira, who sought a public vote on the deal, failed to gain enough signatures to stop the sale.

Work at the facility is already under way Township workers started getting fields ready for next spring last week.
"It's in good shape," Durack said of

the center. "We're doing typical end of the season work on it now. We've aerated the fields, worked on the sprinkler system and trimmed grass in the outfields. Nothing major

Harry Hill, president of the Canton Junior Baseball and Softball Association, said the new ballfields are much

"It's going to help us tremendously." he said. "We're very excited I can't tell you how thankful we are to Canton

Please see SOFTBALL CENTER, A8

Cash settlement reached in suit against rep

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

Both sides in a defamation suit filed against State Rep. Deborah Whyman last year are claiming victory amid a cash settlement

On one side, the Triangle oundation, a Detroit-based gay, esbian and bisexual civil rights advocacy group, will get a cast settlement from the lawmaker.

On the other hand, Whyman won't have to apologize for defaming the group by distribut-ing campaign literature in 1996. Since Whyman will leave office in January because of term limits, the foundation dropped its equest for an apology.
The 1996 campaign literature

stated: "Leaders of the Triangle Foun-

engagement ring will make this a

to give your wife.

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dation have made large contribu-tions to (former Democratic state Rep. candidate Deborah) Nesbit. That group has proclaimed its support of sex acts between

grown men and boys!"

The suit alleged that after Triangle asked for a retraction of the statement, Whyman again libeled them - saying "ho ual acts between consenting second mailer, meant to be an apology, was sent out to con-stituents in the 21st District in late January 1997.

"We're happy we're finally able to come to an agreement with (Whyman)," said Jeffrey Montomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation. "It was just a matter of coming up with some amount for damages."

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Under the agreement, Whyman Under the agreement, Whyman will make a payment "for and on behalf of the Triangle Foundation but shall be made payable to the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan," according to court documents. This will prevent Whyman from having to write a check directly to the Triangle Foundation.

angle Foundation.
The Community Foundation will act as a pass-through, which means they cannot take any service fees or deductions before turning Whyman's money over to Triangle. If they decline to act as a pass-through, Whyman must find another charitable nonprofit organization to do it or write her check to the Triangle

"Judge (Susan) Borman and three mediators all agreed that Rep. Whyman was guilty of slander," said Rudy Serra, Triangle's attorney, referring actually to to spoken words and libel to



written words.

"The settlement allowed us to resolve the cash settlement without going to a jury," Serra said.

Montgomery called the settlement a "significant" amount but Whyman called it a "nominal" amount. The exact amounts were blacked out in copies of the

years ago. Whyman has until April 1999 court documents received by the

keep the bond issue low. Erdman

said excess revenue won't be

ingness to settle the suit implied the foundation was nervous

gomery said. You have a right to believe whatever you choose to believe, but when you publish about going to trial.

The homosexual extremists at
the Triangle Foundation knew they had a horrible case to pre-sent to a jury, so they agreed to settle this nuisance suit for a nominal contribution to a worthy claims of fact, you'd better get your facts right."
Whyman, who all along has dismissed the suit as a "nuicharity," Whyman said. "I will sance." is claiming victory make a small donation to a real because not one "thin dime charity, keeping Triangle from getting one thin dime from me." Whyman said she was relieved from her will directly go to the

"I feel pretty good," Whyman said. "I didn't have to apologize to settle the lawsuit.

"Whyman's loss sends a clear message to extremist anti-gay

groups and individuals," Mont-

"The Triangle Foundation has been trying to silence their critbe rid of one big nuisance."
Whyman described the Community Foundation as a "mainics by using the legal system as a weapon," Whyman said. "They want the freedom to say or do stream organization that does not support radical views such whatever they please, yet will attempt to bankrupt anyone who as same-sex marriage." Whyman speaks out against them. I hope has consistently spoken out against same-sex marriages and that the incoming members of the new Legislature will stand helped sponsor legislation against it, which passed two up to these homosexual bullies and pass legislation making it more difficult to file these mali-

Court from page A1

expected when the court building Erdman said the court will have nities the court serves to help authority meets Tuesday. It's approximately \$2.7 million of possible the authority will award 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 with its temporary facilities, as

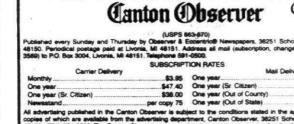
"I think we got very good contract bids," said Judge John courthouse. MacDonald. "I'm pleased and ready to move on, and move in."

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 well as furniture and computers that will be moved into the new

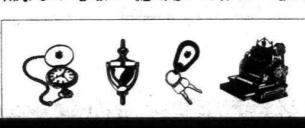
There will also be money from excess revenues that are gener-Court Administrator Kerry ally paid out to the five commucome from revenues that are generally paid out to the communities, which goes into their gen-

known until an audit early next Contractors were told to plan year, but did say "in past years, excess revenue was about a milfor a March 1, 2000, completion date. Plans call for four court-MacDonald noted the court authority planned to bond at rity area in the basement for least \$4.875 million over 20 prisoners, plus a security garage years to pay for the court. Payfor judges and court personnel. ing off the bonds won't come

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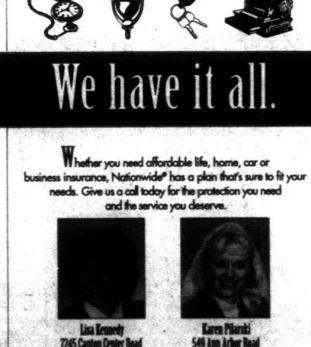
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Prosecution pieces together murder case

MARTELL TRIAL

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

A smelly chocolate milk carton encased in a paper sack. A Ford hubcap. Spent bullet casings. A Wu-Tang Clan compact disc. Photographs.

These items were among the dozens of pieces of evidence the prosecution presented and mentioned in its case Thursday against two Canton teens accused of killing corrections Officer David Martell last year. The teens, Matthew Leonard, 18, and Mark Edwards, 17, are standing trial on first-degree murder and each face a maxi-

mum of life in prison if convicted. Several Canton Township police officers testified Thursday n Wayne County Circuit Court, helping Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Coyle set a time for the shooting, which occurred shortly after 11 p.m. Nov. 19, 1997, in Westpointe mobile home park, on Old Michigan near Haggerty. A firearms expert from the Michigan State Police is expected to take the stand Monday.

Martell's family members were in the courtroom during the roughly four hours of testimony. Martell's mother, Victoria Riordan of Westland, cried at times while the police officers recalled details from that night.

Taking the stand were Canton patrol Officers Dan Traylor, Dan Torolski Mike Tulip and Randy Rankin and evidence technician Brian Schultz

Rankin testified that a Westpointe resident fingered Leonard as a possible suspect the night of the shooting. A .44-caliber handgun, reported as stolen, was recovered from his bedroom during a subsequent search. But spent gun casings found at the scene were from weapons of other calibers, not from a .44, according to testimony.

There's no .44 revolver in this case," said Leonard's attorney, Dennis Shrewsbury, who has said all along that his client has an alibi and was not involved in the shooting. Both Shrewsbury and Edwards' attorney, Evan Callanan, plan to focus on alibis during the defense, which is expected to begin Tuesday after-

"I think it's going well," Shrewsbury said of the trial. Leonard) is innocent. He wasn't there, he didn't do it. That was my opening statement."

Officers report in

All officers testified that they responded to the scene shortly ly were responding to an injury accident, but soon began investigating a shooting when they diswhat were believed to be bullet holes in the driver's side door.

Previous testimony revealed that Martell's car had crashed

ment will be tough. "When we put out the selective Santomauro. "The biggest hurenforcement, we'll issue tickets, dles will be to find someone to not warnings," he said. "We'll pay for the study and funding report the student tickets to any recommendations." school officials, who may then

"We will review the number of the parking lots could cost up to citations and the gravity of each \$60,000 apiece, and that doesn't situation," said Siegel. "We'll include other road improvethen look at what's in the best ments which might need to be interest of safety and security at made. the Park in deciding whether to Salem High School principal suspend or revoke a student's Gerald Ostoin is confident police parking permit."

ment is going to recommend to stop signs and stop lights, but a

study done which would address who don't obey the traffic laws "

Delta Phi Epsilon was founded bury and Danielle Voyles of Can- in 1917 at New York University ton. They were among 16 School of Law. Currently, there women who were initiated into are more than 80 chapters in the Delta Phi Epsilon International U.S. and Canada with some

into a parked car before eventu ally ramming into a mobile home, where it stopped. Traylor said when he arrived at the scene, he noticed Martell

slumped over toward the passen-ger side of the car with obvious head and facial injuries. Then he saw the evidence of a shooting. "I saw (bullet) holes in the door that appeared to be fresh," Tray-

lor said. "To me they appeared to be holes made by a bullet." Callanan argued that Traylor was merely speculating about how the holes were caused.

Traylor said that as a member of the Western Wayne Special Weapons and Tactics team, he is familiar with what bullet damage looks like.

Testimony revealed that Martell was unconscious when officers arrived. His vehicle was removed by the Canton Fire Department and he was transto Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy, observed by one of the officers, showed that Martell had been shot. Two bullet holes were found in the left side of his

Schultz, who was working as an evidence technician at the time, said he recovered several items during the investigation. Among them were five spent casings from .25- and .380-caliber firearms, though the exact calibers of some were disputed. Schultz testified some of the .25 casings were actually smaller than .25-caliber casings and said he was not a firearms or ballistics expert. Broken glass was also found at the scene.

"I wrote down what I thought they were," Schultz said of the Callanan asked Schultz

whether the shell casings might have been moved or kicked by residents walking through. "No, they did not appear to be,"

Evidence items

Other items recovered included a partially full chocolate milk carton, believed to be Martell's, and photographs and a videotape from his vehicle. No one testified as to the content of either. A hubcap, believed to be from Martell's car, was also found as well as a Wu-Tang Clan compact disc. The hubcap had what appeared to be a bullet hole in it, according to Schultz's testimony. The shell casings and glass were found south of the crash scene Numerous photographs were

The trial will continue Monday in Judge Cynthia Gray Hathcovered Martell's vehicle had away's courtroom in Wayne County Circuit Court's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, in down town Detroit.

Speeders from page A1

Santomauro said his depart- redesigning the roadway, si nage and signal lights," said

Costs could be high. Sandecide to take action of their tomauro said putting traffic lights at the entrances to each of

patrols will curb the problem Santomauro said his depart-"Students will drive through

the school's safety committee a patrol car waiting for them will study be conducted of the traffic definitely be a deterrent," he said. "We'll be ready to take "I would like to see a traffic action against those students

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Eagle Scout blazes new trail to earn his badge

Wesley Owen has traveled a long road to become an Eagle

The 16-year-old Canton resident has worked the better part of five years to attain the Boy Scouts of America's highest ranking. From earning numerous badges to completing a com-munity service project, Owen demonstrated his worthiness to become an Eagle over and over

"It means a lot," he said of the ranking. "It shows all my work and my time I've spent trying to accomplish this goal."
Owen was honored for his

achievement Nov. 17 at a gathering of Boy Scout officials and local dignitaries, including state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. The teen also received congratulatory letters from Gov. John Engler and former Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Gerald Ford.

"I'm very proud of him," said his mother, Mary Vawn Tinney. "He's an awesome kid." If that sounds like a biased

statement, it isn't. The Canton High sophomore carries a 3.5 grade point average and is enrolled in Spectra, a twoyear program that teaches math, science, English and social studies on an interrelated basis. Owen is also involved with the

He currently plays the mellophone, which is a similar to a and restore it for hiking. But the trumpet. Owen also plays the project wasn't as simple as just trumpet in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Symphony Band - a state champion-caliber

Scout leaders and a committee. Owen submitted a written proposal that outlined what, why and how he would do the project as well as materials and costs

After getting the green light, Owen and a host of other scouts worked for two solid days on the mile-long trail last summer.

Besides moving a portion of the trail, they added gravel and rocks to cut erosion, saved plants, moved dead logs and added wiring to a bridge overpass for safety. Owen came back a thi d day on his own to add

"It looked really good," he said of the trail. "It didn't look shabby anymore. You could tell where the trail was."

It took more than 150 hours to plan and make repairs to the trail. As hard as he had worked, Owen still had to earn several more merit badges before becoming an Eagle Scout.

"Merit" badges are awarded when a scout masters a particular skill, such as administering first aid. Owen had to have at least 21 such badges to become

an Eagle Scout. While he's proud of his achievement, Owen says his affiliation with scouting has made him a better person. He began as a Cub Scout at age 8. joined Boy Scouts at 11 and worked his way up the ranks to become an Eagle.

Ideals such of being loyal. Owen's project was to move the trail away from the river trustworthy, kind and friendly are things he has learned over deciding what to do then doing

"I apply those to my life," Wesley said. "I think it does make The teenager had to secure me a better person."

New Henry Ford medical center opens Monday

knows he wants the outdoors

Last summer, he and his

father went on a "dig" in Mon-

tana. He has found remains of

fossilized fish and trilobites on

Owen's interest in the out-

He decided to work on rerout-

ing a portion of a trail in Holli-

day Park, which runs through

eastern Canton and Westland.

"Ellsworth" Trail had been badly

eroded by time and also ran very

close to the Rouge River.

doors carried over to his Eagle

involved in some way. Paleontol-

ogy is another interest.

other digs.

The new Henry Ford medical center will be opening its doors to patients in Canton on Mon-

The 16,000-square-foot center offers services in the areas of Road, between Ford Road and imately four times," said Tom

to patients in Canton on Mon- pharmacy and laboratory ser-

internal medicine, family medi- Commerce Drive. It can be Groth, administrator for Henry cine, pediatrics, obstetrics and reached at (734) 981-3200. It Ford's western region.

our capacity to serve patients



Ordinance will restrict, not ban, smoking in eateries

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homec

Wayne County commissioners expect to act on an ordinance public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday that will restrict - but not ban - smoking in Wayne day, as originally reported.

County bars and restaurants. The ordinance still bans smok-

ness in Wayne County. A committee of the whole adult care or health care facility; meeting has been scheduled for retail tobacco stores; and public

Collectible Santas \$35 or 3/\$90.

10 a.m. Tuesday with the full 15- areas where bingo is held, where was amended at a meeting of the ness. The amended ordinance 15 member commission in Room at least 40 percent of the seating seven-member Committee on was forwarded to the full com-402 of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph in Detroit. A

But the ordinance, if approved, ing in most Wayne County pubwill still ban smoking in most lic and private facilities. Exempprivate and public places of busitions include private residences, Parker, D-Detroit, would have except when used as a child care, prohibited smoking in bars and

area is designated and maintained as smoke-free.

ference rooms would be exempt-

restaurants by March 1, 2000.

On Thursday, that ordinance

ed from this ordinance. The original ordinance proposed by Commissioner Bernard

Health and Human Services. mission on a 5-2 vote. Support-Commissioner Kim Cockrel, D-Only private functions in Detroit, called for an amend- Parker, and Commissioners restaurants, hotel and motel con- ment to allow for bars and

restaurants to house 25 percent both Democrats from Detroit, of seating capacity for smokers and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford.

distance of 10 feet from the busi-

Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park. Cockrel also amended the ordi-Commissioners did not add an nance to allow for smoking at a amendment that would exempt

eral people, most of who support ing that action were Cockrel. Dale Wofford of Westland said Edna Bell, Robert Blackwell, he once worked for the Department of Housing and Urban

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his bill. "We had two situations

where a relatively new building

just fell apart; and Flat Rock,

where there was no local control

to inspect a building of a public

"We should treat school build-

told the Senate Human

ings the same as others," Mans Senate calendar.

school academy.

Michigan Townships Association to seek local unit site and con-

struction plan reviews of both

public and non-public school con-

The bill had been eagerly

watched by Northville Town-

ship, which has had a long-

standing battle with the

building plans.

Michigan Municipal League, a former mayor and school board

which joi ed forces with the member, won House passage of

Northville School District over

Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton,

A legislative bill giving cities

and townships power to approve

school building plans has been

gutted by a Senate committee

Burial will be Dec. 31, when

"We'll be back next year," said

Don Stypu a, lobbyist for the

and is almost as good as dead.

all unpassed bills expire.

Senate kills bill to allow local control over school plans

in my district - Woodhaven, Affairs Committee - but the

STATE LEGISLATURE

Resources, Labor and Veterans

panel, headed by Mike Rogers,

The committee gutted the

Mans bill and sent it to the Sen-

ate floor Dec. 2 on a 3-2 party-

line vote. It is languishing on the

Mans' bill would have repealed

R-Brighton, disagreed.

a 1937 law placing school site went back to a uniform method and building inspection authoriof statewide review. School

ty in the hands of what is now authorities could voluntarily

the state Department of Con- submit their plans to local offi

sumer and Industry Services. cials, but wouldn't be required to

Local building and fire codes are do so. The Senate version keeps

inapplicable. It would also the House requirement that

and permits for a one-story threw Democrats a political

state-certified architects and

But Republicans on the panel

engineers approve construction

plans and be on-site.

amend part of the school code.

The Senate Fiscal Agency esti-

mated the Mans bill would add

Rogers' committee version

\$26,000 to the cost of inspections

without the proper information about how to feed and care for them. good deal of thought, Drake said. "The novelty wears off," he said. "They don't realize the

"That's where people really get in over their heads, and it can be a disaster," said Dr. Mark Drake, Canton Animal Hospital

'Cute, cuddly and seemingly ly, by the time you notice they're low-maintenance pets such as onnies and hamsters shouldn't be given as presents without a

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Many people confuse the term "overbite" with "overjet." Overbite refers to the degree to which the upper front teeth tover the lower front teeth when a child bites down. While it is considered normal for the uppers to cover 50 percent of the lowers, overbites greater than this are good candidates for orthodontic treatment. An overjet refers to how far the ipper teeth are in front of the lowers (measured in millimeters) when a child bites down. Children who have sucked their thumbs or fingers usually buck their upper front teeth forward to a point where they have an excessive amount of overjet. Once the habit that caused the

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Commission OKs master plan

amount of care and grooming Memories of the summer that is involved, and the animal breeze wafting through the trees gets shunted aside. while sitting on a wooden porch "We forget they're basically

in a village may have disappeared with suburban sprawl. esses very well. Unfortunate-Canton officials, though, hope to recapture some of that feeling with the Cherry Hill Area develsick, they are very very ill."

opment plan. Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner, says the idea is to get away from subdivisions and go forward with plans for three new developments, which will be built around the 150-year-old historic district of Cherry Hill Village, with classical-style housing, rear-entry garage access and village land forms, including activity venues, pedes-

trian walkways and bike routes. The Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended an rezoning to allow four to six not cut through Ridge and Cher-18-page master plan for the dis-

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE

deplorable." Lieberman said.

Melissa McLaughlin was hesi-

trict. If approved by the town-ship board of trustees, that plan would include specific housing homes, which Goulet said would standards for the developments at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The "New Urbanism" planning for a village look," he explained concept has been used in to develop towns such as Seaside, Fla., and has been adapted for individual projects in some southeastern Michigan commu-

Goulet said the planning commission has been working on the to create something that's Cherry Hill Village for a year. "Getting the master plan

adopted is a big step forward to tant over construction of a Denset forth the philosophical ton Road extension, between The master plan calls for lanes. The Denton extension will

The 27-foot-wide road, with 120 total feet of right of way, constitutes "a deep swath through a village area," she said.
"I don't think we should put in a big road right away."

help create the village style. Goulet said the road was the proper size "at this time." Commissioners Bob Wade and "We want to get away from the Lieberman both stated concern tried-and-true subdivisions." for traffic flow in the area.

Reaction from the commission It would be beneficial to the area if there is local traffic only, Ron Lieberman said he didn't not drawing the traffic to the want a developer to come in and area. Wade said. alter the plans. "We don't want Farmington Hills resident Terry West, who owns 5.5 acres

Monday he wished he had more time to study the area plans. The township has hired a Cherry Hill and Saltz roads. which could be expanded to five working on standard specifics

within the proposed district, said

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The Observer & Eccentric/ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998

Pet Supplies Plus in Canton. Then there is always cat nip, which sends feline's senses into nirvana. Farmington Hills-based Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe sells two varieties - in a toy or loose form - of the herb.

"The cat nip we sell is premium grade," said Anne Breneit's homegrown by a master gar- has T-shirts, sweatshirts and dener, a woman in Farmington

If the tabby is a tubby, Brenewith assorted clippers, combs the pets feel the burn. The No. 1 seller is the "Da

Bird," which simulates a live winged creature when turned with its feathers and string. The item is \$6.95.

"For a sedentary cat who doesn't get a lot of exercise," Breneman said, "it's a good toy Pooch and Redford's Pampered

"We have tons of stuff," said "We have tons of stuff,' says Joe Gasiewicz, Joe Gasiewicz, manager of the manager of the Pet Supplies Plus store in Canton.

units per acre, up from the cur- ry Hill intersection in the his-

around and get some exercise." There's also an assortment of breed dogs with equal aplomb. cat collars with bells or Christ- The Plymouth grooming busiman, Backdoor Friends owner mas stockings filled with toys ness also does cats. and cat lover. "It's stronger, and and treats. Backdoor Friends

nightshirts for cat lovers, too. Those who want to splurge. there are the increasingly popuman has some ideas, too. Along lar cat trees. The carpeted structures are made of real oak, birch and brushes, Backdoor Friends or ash limbs and range from 30 has plenty of cat toys that make to 72 inches in height. Prices range \$45-\$350.

> Shined and buffed Material goods are just one

option. If Scruff is looking shaggy, a mutt makeover might do Plymouth-based Pampered

to get them to jump and leap Pet Salon are two groomers who spiff up pedigree and mixed-

Prices range from \$20 for smaller dogs to \$100 for Bouviers and other hulking breeds. Dogs are bathed, blown dry, brushed and combed. Their ears are also cleaned, and they're bedecked with a bandana or

> around. You can tell they know they've been groomed," said Shirley Keller, Pampered Pooch

While the visit improves how the dog looks, there's also health enefits. Bathing and grooming the animal decreases the risk for skin disorders, said Tina Taylor of Pampered Pet Salon in RedAnother variety

Dogs and cats are not the only pets to think of at the holidays. Bird lovers can present their feathered friends with cuddle bones, swings and rolling bells to keep their beaks busy. Discount Pet & Supplies specializes in items for parakeets to macaws. Items can cost from \$5-\$6 for a plastic toy to \$200-\$500 for

Those who like their pets small and furry - guinea pigs, hamsters and chinchillas - can buy critter crawlers for their pens. Those, too, are sold at several pet supply stores.

"There's all kinds of stuff," said Nickel of Discount Pet &

Even owners of pets such as those sold at House of Pets in Garden City or Savanna Exotics are not wanting for gift ideas. Puzzled about what to give that favorite reptile? House of Pets sells hammocks for iguanas.

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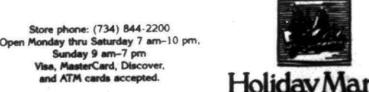
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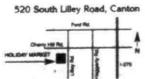
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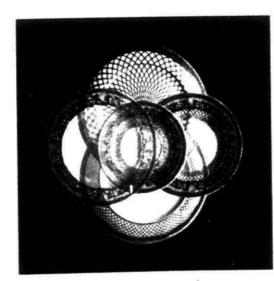
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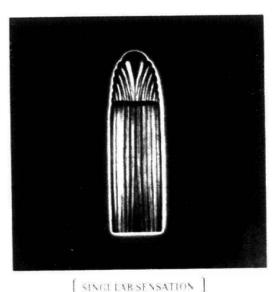
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Restaurant. The eatery's success

revenues, Durack said.

will be important in generating

Permanent concession stands

a pavilion, and a new sprinkler

system are amenities that may

be added to the center in the

next few years.

Canton Softball Center's first

season will begin in April. The

tentative plan is for youth games

to played in early evening with

softball leagues beginning at

about 8 p.m. and running past

Softball center from page A1

The softball center comprises 55 acres of the site. A dozen diamonds, a restaurant, batting cages and maintenance build-ings are also included.

The township is in the process of filling two full-time positions.

An "operations manager" will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the center, including accounting and scheduling. A A total of 15 acres of undevel-"sports coordinator" will run softball and baseball leagues. oped land, which fronts Michigan Avenue and is just east of the center, is also included. Durack said there are currently no plans for the parcel. they accepted a buyout from "It could be used for light Jade rather than become town-

industrial or recreation," he a food vendor to run Cleats

Canton will staff the facility.

5 chosen semi-finalists in 'Bug's Life' contest

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drawing contest centered around the movie, "A Bug's Life." They are: Mariel Collins, Mario DiNicola, Eric Marion and

school; and Joslyn DeVinney, a fourth grade student at Miller Elementary School.

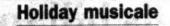
Kids age 4-12 were invited to

Jade had employed people

loing similar jobs. Durack said

Additionally, Canton will hire

Five Canton kids have been selected as semi-finalists in a grade at Gallimore Elementary draw their own unique bug, complete with name and personality description, in the contest sponsored by area McDonald's restaurants. All 100 semi-finalists received McDonald's prize packages and a certificate.





Newcomers dinner: Members of the East Middle School Chorus performed holiday selections for the Canton Newcomers this month during the annual holiday dinner at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The chorus is directed by teacher Shelby Holcomb.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Request for Proposal for Career Preparation System Consultant. Specifications and fee schedules can be obtained by contracting Dan Phillips, Purchasing Department, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, outh MI (734) 416-2746. Proposals are due on or before Monday January 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays on Thursday, Decemb 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.

Police ticket youths for drugs, tobacco

paraphernalia and marijuana, respectively. Early Tuesday morning, Canton police, while on homemade "bong," which was

A 14-year-old Canton male made from two-liter pop bottle was cited by police for possession and aluminum foil when he saw of tobacco. Another male and the police officers approach. All female, both of undisclosed ages, were released into their parents' were cited for possession of drug custody and given court dates. Appliances stolen

A range worth \$464, a bicycle patrol, reportedly saw microwave worth \$464, a double several teens near the football oven worth \$947, a \$135 dishfield entrance at Canton High washer and an \$850 furnace School smoking and noted a were reportedly taken from a strong odor of marijuana. One of home under construction in the the teens reportedly dropped a 47000 block of Madison Nov. 28.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TOWING SERVICES

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking sealed bids for Towing Services. Services are to include vehicle towing, impoundment and storage at the direction of the Plymouth Township Police Department. The contractor must operate and maintain two (2) tow trucks or equivalent (flat bed type) vehicles within one mile of the Township boundaries. Request for Proposal including complete specifications may be obtained at The Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due not later than 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 1999.

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apped employees - the asth-natics, Wofford said. "I would like to control the mount of nicotine in my lungs and in my blood," Wofford said. If I go into a restaurant, the okers are dictating that ount. I don't choose the dress-in their salad."

g in their salad.

But Robert Gifford, executive irector of the Michigan Restaurant Association, which represents 3,500 restaurants throughat the state, said most restauants provide at least 50 percent

Restaurants are already

curve when they further

amended the bill to remove a requirement that school dis-

tricts 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

DeBeaussaert, D-Macomb County, predicting the Democrat-con-trolled House would never agree

"This prevailing wage is alto-

gether a separate issue," said Sen. Mike O'Brien, D-Detroit.

"Get another bill," he told

Replied Rogers: "This (prevail-ing wage) adds costs. This takes

money from school kids for

O'Brien shot back: "All the

books and computers aren't

worth a darn if the roof caves

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring

Lake, who sponsored the pre-

vailing wage repeal, said the

requirement does nothing but

add to school construction costs. "It has nothing to do with con-

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struction quality," he said.

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books and computers."

Plans

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exceeding the requirement of is bad for the proposed casinos, state law," Gifford said. "To meet the demands of their customers it's bad for the efforts to build an entertainment center," Gifford - many of whom are non-smokers – 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 rechibit municipalities

added new air circulation sys-tems and set non-smoking per-centages 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, Cali-fornia and New York. "The ban

said. "One restaurant chain,

In favor of ban

question was what the commis-sioner do as legislators about something we know is harming

"We have speed limits to pro-tect others," Parker said. Commissioner O'Neil agreed that smoking was a health prob-lem, but moved to reject the ordi-nance, which was rejected by the

Mark Cooper of the Michigan
Citizens for Smoke-Free Air supand a decision that ought to be and a decision that ought to be and a decision that ought to be and a decision that ought to be a true in the smoker. There are in Wayne County - 25 per-

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 "The state can supersede any-thing we adopt," Boike said. O'Neil thought the county commissioners should not legislate

Cockrel asked "If not here, then where? I believe it's a good

rants. 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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Happy holidays begin with good planning

ears of human history and folklore have left it's 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 con-

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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 run-

■ 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.

BDAY 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 prepara-

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.

BAY 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

BDAY 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

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

Christmas is a true delight for the senses. The smell of a fresh Christmas tree, and cookies baking in the even. 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

Enjoying all our favorite foods this time of year is somethin ever, 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 wonder-

ful dishes don't

necessarily have

to be heavy in fat and calories. Every loves praise for ulous 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, indul-

E Stuffed mushroom caps

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

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

Hummus and tabbouleh stuffed

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 supermar-ket 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

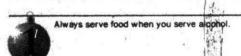
sparkling punch.

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

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See recipes inside.

THE TWELVE TIPS OF CHRISTMAS



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



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 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 saisa dips and stuffed mushrooms, cut up fresh fruits and juice-based purch. Dairy foods such as low-fat cheese cubes and yogurt-based dips and high quality protein like smoked saimon and deviled



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





Renlace 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 fat. For example, use 1/2 cup of pureed pr in place of 1 cup of butter. You may add a lespoon 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





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 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



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.

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

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

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

to relinquish to

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

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

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 por-

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 cook ing 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 "Eating 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

Please see BEEF, B2

Brussels

Expand your vegetable menu

platter or salad.

sautéed with broccoli florets in

a bit of olive oil, then sprin-

Look for Jerusalem arti-

chokes, whose knobby tubers

are starchy like potatoes, but

sweeter. Raw, they have the

crunch and mild flavor of

water chestnuts which make

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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 dis-

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

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

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



Delicious side dish: This simple recipe for orange-buttered brussels sprouts may become a new, easy favorite at

your house.

eaten raw, so it is a welcome them perfect for salads (try addition to any raw vegetable them cubed in a Waldorf

It's also popular in Italian cooking; try julienne slices sweet, nutty flavor that's great in stir-fries or stews. Try Jerusalem artichoke slices steamed tender crisp with kled with lemon juice and seasoned to taste with salt and sliced carrots, sautéed onion garlic and thyme, splashed with lemon juice.

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 table as the stage and the food

■ DAY 5 - Gather you china, erving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't tom of the pan and steam on the forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your mash, stir and bake. Get all kindred spirit for the New Year! favorite Christmas cards, cassettes and records.

■ DAY 4 - The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas and greens and store with a wet Eve is the grocery store. Go towel covering them. Clean today and buy your fresh pro- meat and season so it will be duce and dairy products. Don't oven ready. Set the table. forget the egg nog and cinna-

■ DAY 3 -Pick up your fresh Because you were a planner, meats and any special orders for you can leisurely roll out of bed

to enjoy the spirit of Christmas cakes that you may have placed. It's really not about food - it's Start processing vegetables, pick about enjoying your family and close ones. Your table is set, your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel your side dishes are ready to go, apples or potatoes in advance make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice. your silver clean, plates out, erages to be iced one hour ■ DAY 2 - OK, let's get cook-

ing! Go ahead and blanch your The only thing left to chance is vegetables and place them in re- to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with heating 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 the clean up.
The 2 Unique family and also put a little water in the botmyself wish you health, happi-

you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it! Clean lettuce Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the col ■ DAY 1 - MERRY CHRISTlege. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of

And to all a good night!

Beef from page B1

broiled tomato stuffed with read thermometer inserted in the spinach for raves for flavor, fiber and "good" eating.

BEEF TENDERLOIN ROAST

2-3 pound Tenderloin Butt

3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced 1 tablespoon olive oil 3 tablespoons crushed black

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

peopercorns

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-

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

stovetop for a few seconds. Boil,

your side dishes ready to go. If

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 mush

> Cook mushrooms until tender in wine-broth mixture. Remove

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

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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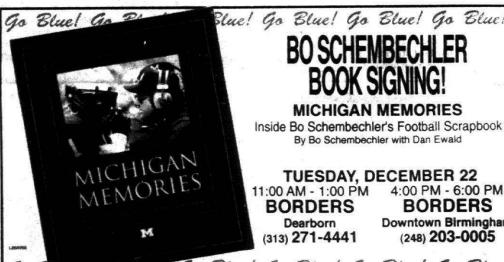
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Latkes a tasty favorite Festive treats sure to

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

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 peppe 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 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, press ing 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

PARMESAN POTATO LATKES

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

2 eggs 1/4 small onion, but into 3

1/4 cup matzoh meal 1/4 cup grated Parmesar

and cut into 1-inch chunks

2 tablespoons chopped fresh

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1/3 to 1/2 cup olive or veg-

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

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

Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large nonstick 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

please holiday guests

15-20 minutes. Makes 16.

ing: (2 mushrooms) Calories 40.

Protein 5g, Fat 0.60g, Sodium

158mg. Percent of calories from

CAPPUCCINO BISCOTTI

2 cups unbleached all-pur

pose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 large egg yolk

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

strong brewed espresso

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon

3/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted

skinned and chopped

1/2 cup semi-sweet choco-

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon

See Peggy Evert's story about stems, lemon juice and seasoning and cook for 1 minute. Mix this holiday entertaining on Taste with the chicken breast.

Recipes compliments of HDS Soon filling into 16 mushroom caps and place on lightly sprayed

Services.
STUFFED MUSHROOMS 16 medium mushrooms with stems removed and finely

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

1/4 pound cooked, skinless

chicken, finely chopped

1 cup sugar chopped 1/2 teaspoon baking soda A dash of curry powder 1/2 teaspoon double-acting Salt and pepper to taste baking powder

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

In the bowl of an electric mixer

fitted with the paddle attachmen blend the flour, the sugar, the bak ing soda, the baking powder, the baking sheets. Bake at 350°F for salt, the cinnamon and the cloves until the mixture is combined well Nutrition information per serv

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

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 bak ing 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 biscot ti, cut side down, on the baking

See TREATS, B4

Sweets make savory holiday gifts

See related 2 Unique Column Bake at 350°F for 35 to 40 minon Taste front. Recipes compliutes until lightly browned. Test ments of Kelli Lewton. by poking wooden toothpick into center of half sheet tray and see if

WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMIN BROWNIES

1 pound white chocolate 1 pound plus 2 tablespoons

unsalted butter 10 whole eggs

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon vanilla 1 teaspoon peppermint

extract 5 cups all purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder

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 travs.

it swipes clean which would indicate brownies being done. Makes about 5 dozen.

SPICED HOLIDAY COOKIES 3-inch cookies 1/3 cup butter softened

1/3 cup vegetable shortening 11/2 cups sugar

1 cup sour cream

1/2 cup molasses 1 teaspoon vanilla

5 1/4 cups flour 1 tablespoon ground cinna

2 teaspoons baking powder

2 teaspoons ground ginger 1 teaspoon ground all spice 1 teaspoon baking soda

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

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

1 teaspoon salt

2 eggs

Divide dough in two wrap in

ough 1/4 inch thick and cut with oliday shaped cutters Bake on greased or parchment prepared half sheet trays at 350°F

7-9 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen

plastic and chill for two hours. Roll

ALMOND APRICOT BISCOTTI

2 cups all purpose flour 1 cup whole wheat flour

1 1/4 teaspoons baking pow 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 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

and apricots. Divide dough in half and mold into a piece 3 inches wide and 8 inches long. Brush with Egg Wash made

Fold in dry ingredients, nuts

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

from 1 egg mixed with 1 table

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.

ble boiler, dip ends of biscotti in chocolate

Chef's tip: Melt 1 cup sem

sweet dark chocolate over a dou-

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 even-

ly on cookie sheet with parch

ment paper. Chill and break into

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CHAMPAGNE

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, tendercrisp diced kohlrabi with corn, tomatoes, scallions, garlic, parslev 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,

ORANGE-BUTTERED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

10-ounce package froze 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.

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

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Wrap up your shopping

Tasteful cookbooks make delicious gifts

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

"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; \$25) to form an angel's halo.

Chef Wolfgang Puck and his wife, Elsener is executive chef of London's

artist Barbara Lazaroff; and jeweler-sculptor Elsa Peretti. Each is repre-ters suggests a festive menu centered sented by recipes and photographs of

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 ovided by the artists, Lambeth said. "Many of them are cooks. ... Elsa Peretti and (architect Massimo) Vignelli created recipes specially for

Other recipes were created by James from artists' descriptions or state-

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,

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

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

with pecan nut and pine kernel stuff

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,

past the information on how to grow that this is "A Juicy and Authoritative potatoes to find recipes for charcoal Guide to Selecting, Seasoning, and baked potatoes and oven-roasted pota- Cooking Today's Beef, Pork, Lamb and toes with rosemary

Vegetables ranging from beans and This is not a large-format picture beets to melons and rutabagas are surveyed, with dozens of colorful images

and practical dishes.

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 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 Comflin, \$35) by Bruce Aidells and Denis

book, but there is plenty to read and

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.

Health facilities

Schoolcraft College Sunday

Health Club is offering convenient

up with 1999 resolutions to be fit

ual membership fee of \$32 or a

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La Leche League of Livonia

meets monthly for breastfeeding

support and information. Babies

and children are always welcome.

Next meeting on Monday, Decem-

Theresa (734) 261-6814, Vicki (313)

ber 14th. Please call for location

937-3011, or Michelle (734) 591-

The American Red Cross will

sponsor a Community Blood Drive

at St. Mary Hospital from 7 a.m. to

5:45 p.m. on Jan. 4 in the auditori-

um. This is an important time of

year to give blood as supplies are

low. To schedule a time to donate,

call (734) 655-2907. Walk-ins are

Handball, paddleball, racquet

able for evening play Mon.-Wed.

A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks beginning

the week of Jan. 4. Enrollment is

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for doubles play. Participants must

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Call (734) 462-4413 for informa-

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Learn how to choose the

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and well being is the emphasis of a

class sponsored by Botsford Health

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.

Retaining memory

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Sys-

tem 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

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hours during the New Year to keep

and trim. For \$4 a visit, an individ-

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 fullplete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mif- page color photos. Each is self-contained. Collectively, they could add up Kelly. The book's subtitle spells out to a cook's personal encyclopedia.

Festive orange-honey glazed chicken perfect for Hanukkah

AP - Orange-Honey Glazed ish cuisine such as prunes. Chicken with Matzo-Prune honey and matzo. Stuffing is a festive dish that meets the traditions of

The chicken is baked in Hanukkah meals, combining elements historically linked to Jew- to cook as a whole bird.

CHICKEN WITH MATZO-PRUNE

STUFFING 3 to 3 1/2-pound chicken.

Salt and pepper 5 tablespoons orange juice 3 tablespoons margarine

concentrate, thawed

2/3 cup chopped onion 2/3 cup sliced celery

14 1/2-ounce can chicken

1 1/2 teaspoons ground all-

1 medium carrot, shredded

1 1/4 cups pitted prunes,

Four 6 1/4-inch matzo

inch pieces

sheets, broken into 1/2-

1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme

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 pep-

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 mix-

ture; 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 overbrowning. 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

Treats

from page B3

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.

Nutrition information per erving: (2 slices) 188 Calories. g Protein, 7g fat, 80mg Sodium. og Carbohydrates. Percent of

Health & Fitness

MEDICAL A ray of hope BRIEFS

Clinical study brings remission to lymphoma patient

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON . STAFF WRITER

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

"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 devastat-

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

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

"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

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

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

"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 19 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 deter mined 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 ound 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

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

Drug wins FDA Fast Track designation

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

Anti-B1 Antibody are progressing with a single therapeutic dose" of Hodgkin's lymphoma has been are experiencing complete remission designation licensing can begin as "chemotherapy regimen."

accelerate the development and results based on the current months, reported Kaminski to the Late-stage developments of I-131 review of the drug as a commercial progress of the 60 NHL patient. American Society of Hematology. therapy. Coulter stated the designa- study with much success according to tion was awarded "because one of reported Monday that "more apy is a life-threatening unmet medpatients experienced remissions ical need" for which low-grade non-tumors shrink in size and 71 percent. Because of the Fast Track Product

months, and watch them grow up.

and Drug Administration, this past the University of Michigan Compre- remission of chemotherapy patients low-stage or low-grade non-

The significance of the designation - the results of the Phase III pivotal - remission in this trial with the I-131 means the FDA will take action to trial reporting unprecedented Anti-B1 Antibody is going at 17.3

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

The drug, also known as Bexxar. cal trial, Dr. Mark Kaminski, associ- body treatment is 6.5 months - entire filing is complete.

Patients participating in the study Of the patients who have received will have their progress tracked for Coulter Pharmaceutical, Inc. who the targeted indications for the ther- Bexxar, 100 percent of previously years to come as the FDA begins untreated patients have seen their processing a license application.

Presently the average length of elements of the package are submit-Principal investigator for the clini- remission following the single anti- ted, instead of waiting until the received designation from the Food ate professor of Internal Medicine at doubling the 3.4 month duration of ... The drug is being tested to treat

hensive Cancer Center, presented "Currently, the longest duration of Hodgkin's lymphoma patients only

Innovative program helps Parkinson patients cope

Over 35,000 Michigan residents live with Parkin-caused by under-utilized joints son's disease, a slowly progressive disorder that grad- Participants in TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Proually steals control of the part of the nervous system gram (PEP) are evaluated in the areas of cardiovas toward the TRACC program that governs movement, posture, balance and walk- cular conditioning, body composition, flexibility, and Parkinson's affects the activities of daily living."

Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center cardiovascular and weight training, as well as a virial Participating in a mild exercise regimen - such as TRACC in Novi is helping a group of Parkinson's etv of endurance and balance exercises patients to make fuller use of their physical. The current class is composed of individuals who them to, in a very positive way, make full use of their

program we've designed certainly can help prevent the wasting away of muscle fibers and complications fully manitored, report an increase in their Tuesday and Thursday: Call (248) 473-5600.

range in age from their mid-60s to late 70s. All are physical potential "We've designed this program to meet the specific considered "mid-range" Parkinson's patients because needs of patients diagnosed with Parkinson's," says although symptoms such as slow, shuffling walk and of TRACC's Parkinson's Exercise Program, which Shel Levine, M.S., a certified exercise physiologist at - tremors are noticeable, they are still able to function TRACC "Although exercise cannot reverse or delay independently. However, any age group and early to the Parkinson's symptoms, the moderate exercise mid stage patients are accepted into the program-

The TRACC program clients, each of whom is care

more than just physical benefits in clients attitudes

strength at the beginning as well as the end of the notes Levine "It is an emotionally draining condition Now an innovative program at the Botsford Total 12-week class. The regimen includes a full range of for patients, who are prone to bouts of depression the one we've developed here at TRACC - enables

> rons 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



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The web conference will be

ical applications before the Year

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Association.

Congrats to WDIV online - It's

Hope from page B5

Isolated from the general population of the hospital, Riethmiller spent three days with his original tumors left. In estricted human-contact due to October, he underwent the the extremely high levels of same testing and the tumors radioactivity injected into his were considered completely

sides of the beds and hospital clothing worn by the staff that did have contact with me, were tagged radioactive," said Riethniller. 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



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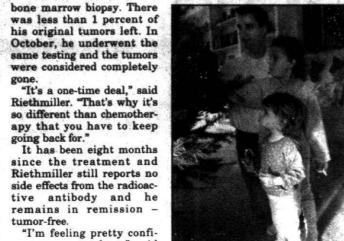
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dent," said Riethmiller who will return to the Univer Michigan Cancer Cen ter in January for a CAT scan to evaluate his progress pleased. In 1994, thought there was no

tumor-free



Quality time: Riethmiller doesn't take for granted the quality time he spends with his two daughters (from left) Megan, 41/2, and Amber, 22 months. Decorating the tree together is just one of the things he's able to do as a stav-at-home dad.

For more information on hope. Today, I Bexxar for the treatment of nonknow there's Hodgkin's lymphoma, call (800)

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Physician inducted

Frank Winters, D.O., of Livonia, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) 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 hospi-

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TUE. DEC. 15

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FIBROMYALGIA & NUTRITION

Dr. Martin Tamler of Beaumont

Hospital will host a seminar on

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

A support group for persons and

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.

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THUR, DEC. 17

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

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the south end of the hospital

For more information call

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WED, DEC. 16

BREATHER'S CLUB

the role nutrition plays in the

port 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 ten and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newsseventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmorton the benefits of breastfeeding son@oe.homecomm.net or for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-reg istration is requested, but moth ers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MON, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM GROUP For those who have had or have SPORTS SAFETY a cerebral aneurysm or stroke Course trains individuals to Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet Dec. 15 at become instructors to teach Garden City Hospital for a precoaches and other interested sentation and to promote a sharindividuals basic first aid skills ing interaction free of charge. for athletic injuries, choking and Garden City Hospital, 6245 CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee Inkster Road, Garden City. Call

includes course cost and materi als, \$50. Livonia Red Cross Ser vice 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 Professiona 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

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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

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

WED, JAN. 6

JAN. 7-19

STOP SMOKING CLINIC the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. the 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

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 prevent ing complications of heart disease. The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of 8 Mile and Farmington roads.



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TUE, JAN. 12 BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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By Mark Slavens, P.C.

CRIMINAL EFFECT

Victims of crime who are weighing the possibility of filing civil uits against those who caused them njury should know that filing a civil suit is independent of the status of any criminal proceeding. The riminal proceeding is under way. He or she can also sue if no criminal harges are filed or if the defendant

found not guilty. Lest 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 criminal case, a defendant cannot be forced to testify or incriminate him self; in a civil suit, the defendant may be compelled to testify victim can file a civil suit while a Furthermore, the burden of proof i 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."

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are welcome regarding mergers, changes, initiatives or announce Anniversary celebration ments from companies in the The Little Guys & Dolls Observer-area business commu-Learning Centers of Livonia mity. Items should be sent to: recently celebrated their 20th Business Marketplace, 36251 anniversary according to Execu-Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI tive Director Gordon Rutherford. The Center would like to thank their employees, customers, sup-

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Web conference

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).

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

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Director appointed

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

New project manager

DeMattia Group of Plymouth, a southeast New store manager 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 nanager for Walbridge Aldinger in Detroit before olning DeMattia.

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 offi-

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 repre-



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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-registra-tion is required. Call (734) 655-

WED, JAN. 13

This program is offered to car-diac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pres sure 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

Learn about risk factors, signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members from 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Call (800) 543-WELL.

THUR, JAN. 14

HOSPICE CARE

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

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.ll (734) 432-5364 to register.

ONGOING

CAT SCAN TECHNOLOGY Saint Joseph Mercy System has installed a Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scanner at the new Canton Health building. It is the only CAT in the Plymouth-Canton area. For more information call (734) 712-3418.

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

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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)

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BNI, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734)

THUR, JAN. 7

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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Arts & Leisure

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Cubans capture images of revolutionaries

hree year's ago, Jack Kenny took his first trip to Cuba. He was fascinated by the country's revolu-tionary 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



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

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

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 smok-

ing 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

ing a cigar, play-

in New York and Los Angeles in Janu-

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

In search of...

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

STAFF WRITER

minutes to 10 on a chilly Monday morning, ong line of shoppers wait stoically for the rs to open at a nearby Best Buy – another modern-day bees' nests for gadgetry and

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

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

Indeed, they may be

Perhaps a bit of perspective is in order.

This is the time of the year when the greater nysteries are reflected," said the Rev. Stephen etty, pastoral associate at St. Michael's Catholic hurch of Southfield.

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

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

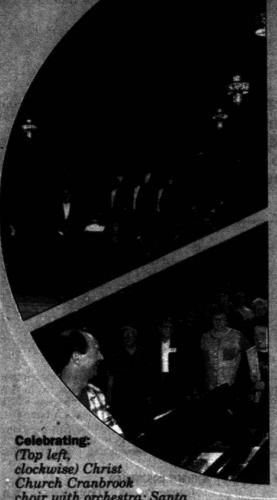
Of course, a shot of egg nog and mumbling brough a sing-along or two can't hurt to resurrect the spirit.

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.

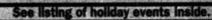
Typically, as certain as crowded malls in December are renditions of "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol," or a performance of Handel's

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



choir with orchestra; Santa with awestruck children on his knee; shoppers crowding the mall; the Troy

Community Chorus directed by Steve Kosinski.



mances of Handel's ethereal masterpiece. The decision, according to DOS executive director Christine Bonner, was based on economics. Approxi-

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," Biebl's "Ave Maria," and Vivaldi's "Concerto in D for

"We're competing with community choirs for audiences," said Bonner, noting that DOS is one 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

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 clas-sical music has a distinctive multicultural appeal, said Charles Marks, managing director of the 105-member symphony with members from 38 commu-

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 Rimsky-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 contents 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 Crambrook, which attracts their largest audiences during their month of holiday concerts in December.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Christ Church Crambrook

will perform its annual hand bell concert of holiday classics. Raines expects a near capacity crowd at the majestic venue adjacent to the Cranbrook Edu-cational Community in Bloomfield Hills.

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 musi-

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

ople 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 Staff Writer Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

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 Eementary 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 e 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



PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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 fund-raiser with silent and live uctions, 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 frombone 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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Alma Rosa Villalobos. 1920

SISSON ART GALLERY

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buried 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 chievements of many of America's nost important celebrities including Louis Armstrong and Rocky Mariano. A photo of Salvador Dal 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

'It's like a time warp in Cuba where everyone earns \$15 to \$20 a month but my main interest is the people.

Jack Kenny

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

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

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

per. After returning from Vietnam the embargo's effect on the Cuban "I'm fascinated by the architecture people in the late 1970s. One photothe people, the old cars from the 50s," graph shows Castro addressing a said Kenny. "It's like a time warp in crowd of thousands in Revolution 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

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or perform-ing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin. (734) 953-2145 or send e-

Music from page C1

Hall, also a member of the Galliard Brass There's this jump scene music is on the way back in but admits the going on these days with 18-Ensemble based in Ann Arbor, thinks Big Band

rrangements 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 19year 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

Townsend's footsteps. A fifth-grade teacher at music and hoped one day to sing with her own

and 19-year old kids going to the clubs to dance to Swing

Michael Hall

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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 newspa-

berto and Osvaldo shot photos o

Chapelle Elementary in Ypsilanti, Raglin sings with the band. Since age six when she started Lynne Raglin is following in her father Al taking piano lessons, she's loved Big Band

group. Ten years ago, at the request of when the improvisation goes on, I'm still 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, musiand being curled up on the floor to be part of to Sunny Side of the Street."

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 equip-

"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 cians coming and going. I remember sneaking in they're the only teenagers who know the words

that. I love the melodic line and the music is a For more information about The Couriers or means of expression. Especially in jazz numbers their CD, call (734) 482-0045.

ART BEAT

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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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

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

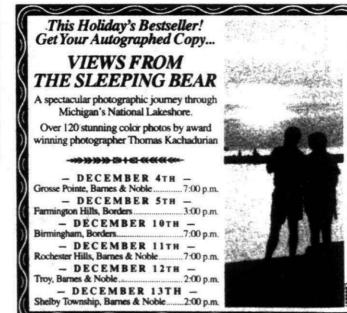
The rock/pop record is an eclectic collection, featuring songs from regional songwriters, including Francke, Jill Jack. Billy

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

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Local jazz musicians have put together "Hope for the Holidays," a CD to benefit community arts programming at Focus: Hope. The CD features music by Geri Allen, Marcus Belgrave, James Carter, Larry Nozero, Straight Ahead, Ursula WAlker and a duet

by Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe. "Hope for the Holidays" is available at Harmony House, Target, Arbor, English Gardens and Farmer Jack. To order, call (800) 338-0481.





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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 par ticipate 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 SIRMINGHAM 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. Eightweek 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.

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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-

PEWABIC POTTERY

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

LECTURE/ READING

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-CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM "Betwixt the Holidays," storytelling

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Sunday, Dec. 27, 29-30, 1221 N.

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ART GIFTS

Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, just south of Winter pottery sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the Cranbrook Educational Community, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19. Bloomfield Hills, (248) 362-9329. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (248)

> 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.

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 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Oakland Community

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Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

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DETROIT ARTIST MARKET

"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. Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony

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DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS "Holiday Brass," a seasonal celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church

DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS "Colors of Christmas," Detroit Symphony Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all

DSO'S POP CONCERT Holidaze Sale, featuring work of 170 artists. Through Dec. 23. 300 River Place, "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 & Middlebell roads, Farmington Hills, Tickets: \$8. adults: \$6, seniors/students, (248) 788-

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

MARYGROVE COLLEGE Annual Christmas Concert, featuring

Marygrove College Chorale 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

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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

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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-Kennerly, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$15, (734) 421-1760. 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

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DSO'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

Detroit Symphony Orchestra's all-new production of Tchaikovsky's ballet, "The Nutcracker." Features Ballet Intertaionale and choreography by former Kirov Ballet star Fldar 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 Darice 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

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208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester (248) 370-3005.

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Through Dec. 30 - Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists at the Oakland .-County Galleria as they celebrate Pontiac, (248) 858-0415

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> Club book, and "Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving. "I think they get the chance to meet other people who have AMC Livonia 20 interests the same as their own, said Somerville. "It's a nice hobby where they can get togethall theatre for Features and Time

librarian.

BY JULIE BROWN

Let's say you read a good book

and want to discuss it. The

answer may be as close as the

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

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

STAFF WRITER

er and meet other people." The group she coordinates at Redford (531-5960) 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 reach librarian, said of the Westland group (326-6123).

The group has been working has been meeting for approxion "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 Ursel said. p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Cooley generally gets about 10 paperback copies of each book, and provides reviews Bridges of Madison County" was 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 group members picking the 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 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 discussion and Great Books 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 medi-

"Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier at the Plymouth District Library. Information on the Contemporary Books group in Plymouth is

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a "down subject," he said. "A lot the third Monday of the month. of people never do get back into the swing of it." Even those who do don't necessarily get a chance to discuss books. "You get all manner of people," Skupski said. "It's a diverse a wonderful time." Sessions

draw six to 20 people. Diversity rules at the Ply mouth District Library as well. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier was the title for November's with the library providing coffee Contemporary Books discussion and tea. There's off-site book disup at the Plymouth library (453-0750). Darlene Ursel, adult

services librarian, said the group mately eight years. "There was a demand from the patrons in the library." The library had and still has a Great Books group, but readers wanted to read contemporary books,

Attendance is generally 10 to 12 in Plymouth, although when Robert James Waller's "The picked several years ago, attendance climbed in spite of the rapid approach of Christmas. Ursel provides guidance, with titles. Some are best sellers, books of a particular genre, such as mysteries, or award-winning

The Plymouth library aims for a multicultural approach. "A lot of people enjoy just fic-tion reading," Ursel said. Occa-

sionally, they want to discuss a Westland group for a year or book, and sometimes there's a less. "I'm kind of the substitute good Contemporary Books discussion on a book not well-liked. "It's not academic in its

approach. It's not like a class," The Plymouth group meets 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Ursel noted that other area libraries, including Livonia (466-2491), have book

Busy in Canton

Book discussion is popular at the Canton Public Library (397-0999), said Marcia Barker, Friends/volunteer coordinator. The Friends sponsor Contempo-rary Books, which meets 7 p.m. a good book."

"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 Canton also has a lunchtime group which meets 1 p.m. the

second Thursday of the month well as programs for young peo-

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

"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 "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

might even change my mind Both were good," said Holmes. who added "You don't have to understand 'King Lear' to enjoy

'A Cricket in Times Square' delightful show

Greenfield Village in collaborapresent "A Cricket in Times young and old will enjoy. Square." The annual children's museum. American Sign Language interpretation is provided audience members. Special services for the blind and visuallyimpaired individuals are availby 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

"The Cricket in Times Square"

with delightful animal charaction with the Wild Swan Theatre ters and a cricket-sized set that

When Chester, a Connecticut holiday play is performed in the cricket, arrives in Times Square Anderson Center Theatre in the via a picnic basket, he is discovered by Mario Bellini, a young Depression-era boy whose parfor deaf and hearing-impaired ents run a struggling newsstand. With the help of a friend cat and mouse, Chester the Cricket gets in and out of scrapes, and uses able when arranged in advance his unique musical talent to help the newsstand prosper.

> sized newsstand, while the other half is on a cricket-sized portion of the same set: a giant box of

Henry Ford Museum and is a fast-paced children show | Unlike last year's offering, 'The City Mouse and the Country Mouse,' this year's play is lively and quick, holding its young audiences' attention.

> 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 perspec-The useful rotating set defines

cage the size of an elevator, a lively and quick, holding its cricket Chester, and delights audiences with his energetic high-jumping bounces. Chester tive. The actors move things is a good role model, too, choosalong quickly by rotating the set ing right over wrong even when the play. Half of it is a human- 180 degrees for each scene the consequences are tougher. Sandy Ryder plays the delight-

Unlike last year's offering, fully eccentric mouse Tucker, the "The City Mouse and the Coun- richest rodent in New York City. Ohio Blue tip matches, a cricket try Mouse," this year's play is Ryder's Tucker struts about with

giggles from the youngsters with

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

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

ble as humans in the alternating scenes, and manage their quick a fun touch to the show

completely; one wouldn't know for the program.

Ryder plays Mama Bellini, Toronto plays the wise Chinese neighbor who conveys cricket lore, and Lanzi 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 Belli-

Chester the musical cricket's The three animal actors dou- foot-tapping tunes, including

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 pur chase tickets call (248) 788-2900.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Does God exist? What is the nature of true love? Are angels metaphysical?

■ 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 What do you do when you can do Ensemble Theatre. The play was orig-

Louisville for this year's Humana Fes-"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 sheriff tries to keep everybody and everything from falling apart. Imagine unfunny event, especially to those "Northern Exposure" experiencing who have directly experienced it)

inally produced by Actors Theatre of "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

some play-goers may wonder why he

chose to build comedy around the dis-

appearance of a child - a distinctly

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,

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-theblink), and several other spots in and around a small Wisconsin town, have just the right mundane-but-cartoon

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

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. Saturday. Tickets (\$14), call as a kid.

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

Kirk Noland known as the stylish look at family life, child-"Fabio Man of Comedy" brings hood, adulthood, and everything in between. A captivating story teller, he ricochets across the stage, recounting the intricacies of his peculiarly eventful life, be it as simplistic as a moment in Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 his life as a father or as bizarre p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and as a trip to the emergency room

his audience in on the fun for

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phone calls to the White House Road, Comedy Central and CBS Performing Arts in Hong Kong have made this show exciting 48 hours. His stand up career as China. He has also performed taken him all over the world. In for companies throughout out 1997 he was one of the featured America including Ford Motor performers at the Theatre for the Company.









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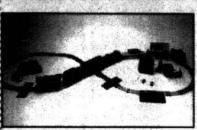
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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Malls & Mainstreets

The Observer

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All aboard: The Santa Fe Special from Lionel.

Classic trains create memories

ne early December day, about five years ago, my husband and I were reminiscing about

"What's the one thing you wanted more than anything else for Christmas when you were **SHOPPING** a kid, but never got," I asked him.

"A train set." he

to get him one that

year. Not only for



his sake, but mine too. There's just something Norman having a train under a Christmas

So, I went to a hobby shop to buy one, not knowing it would be so com-"Do you know what scale he'd like?" a salesman asked me, when I

told him I wanted to buy a mode train set for my husband.
"Scale?" I asked. "I'm not sure," I said, feeling dumb.

"Well, did he say what brand he'd like?" "Um, I think he mentioned some-thing about Lionel," I said. The

salesman and I both agreed, I needed more information before buying.

I went home and tried to get the information out of my better half without him catching on. He always wanted a Lionel train, he said. But

he didn't know what scale. I wound up buying him a Lionel -027-scale starter train set. I spent -more than I had planned, but it was worth it to see the look in his eyes when he opened it.

He always sets the train up under the Christmas tree, and every year l give him a car or some more track to

If you'd like to buy a model train set for yourself or someone you love, here are some things to consider.

First, think about where you're going to set up the train and how much space you have. That, along with cost and personal preference will help you determine what scale to get. Scale is the ratio in size between a model train and its prototype (a real train).

Model trains come in a wide variety of scales, which are set forth by the National Model Railroaders

Some of the more common scales, going from smallest to biggest, are N (1:160), HO (1:87.1), O27 (slightly smaller than O), O (1:48), and G (1:22.5), said Dave Herron, manager of the Plymouth Train Shop in The minimum amount of space

you'd need for a starter set in each scale is as follows, said Jeff Durling, a salesman at Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia: N, a 24-inch diameter circle; HO, a 38-inch by 38-inch oval; O or O27, a 4-foot by 6-foot area; and G scale, a 45-inch by 57inch oval.

HO is the least expensive. A starter set, which includes track, an engine, rolling stock (a variety of train cars), and a transformer, will run you around \$29.99 for a Bachmann HO set, \$44.99 for a Bachmann N set, \$129.99 for a Lionel O27 set, and \$199.99 for a Bach-

mann G set, Durling said.
Lionel (which makes O, O27 and G scales) and Bachmann are two of the most popular brands on the market and are usually available wherever model trains are sold (look under hobby shops in the yellow pages). Marklin (tiny Z scale through G scale) is another brand worth checking out. You can find Marklin trains at the Doll Hospi-tal and Toy Soldier Shop in

For more information about Lionel trains, which are made right here in Michigan, by UAW workers in Chesterfield Township (tours are available), phone (810) 949-4100 or visit its Web site at



Dream weavers: Janet Migliaccio and store owner Judy Palazzolo show off a custom Golfer's Basket from La

from the basement of her Birmingham been what you'd call prescribed.

"I sold advertising for years," she dried fruit, Brownwood Acres says, "until I realized I was leaving my mustard, Sweet Elyse rice integrity at every place I

his wares, she thought baskets might be fun.

kets 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

make get-well baskets ra's Confections and (A real estate agent apartment complexes

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Strada d'Eleganza in Birmingham.

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pudding and Ben

jamin Twiggs 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

dinosaurs inside and a

chocolate Chanel bag filled

sunglasses, a watch and

fruits and a foiled choco-

of her fresh fills.

Esther Ziegelman never imagined other goodies that she uses in running a successful cottage industry her work. "I like using Michigan prodhome. But Ziegelman's life has never ucts," she says, "including Cherry Republic candies and

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 Thus, Bountiful Bas-

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 & Sweet stuff: Ziegel-Touche and Dean Witter man's basket fillers The City of Birmingham include (top) Pando-contracts with her to include (top) Pando-the customer's requests.

for its employees. She (bottom) DeBrito does move-in baskets for chocolates. and personalized birthday baskets for preferences.

When she's not in her basement As she assembles 60 breakfast workplace, you can find Ziegelman meeting baskets for Syntel - Elwin's making bows in front of the TV. That's scones, Michigan apple cider, Bella the beauty and the downside of a Vista Farm jam, Stash tea, honey, home-based business - you're always cocoa mix and a mug with the compa- in the office. And Ziegelman's office ny logo - she talks about some of the surrounds her with mounds of sugar

Gift baskets weave elegance and attitude



plums and chocolate confections all tied up with shiny silk ribbons. To order, call toll free (888) 258-

"A dream come true," is how Judy Palazzolo describes her newly opened Birmingham shop, La Stra-

miniature chocolate da d'Eleganza. After 36 years with Ford Motor Co. and a year selling specialwith candy keys, a phone, ized custom gift baskets from her home in Milford, perfume. Ziegelman's fruit Palazzolo found a multibaskets feature a mix of room storefront that she fresh rosebuds with fresh shares with floral designer Sandy Parmenter.

late peach. She personally "I wanted an old house shops local markets for all with lots of individual room settings," says Palazzolo The holidays find Ziegel-"but when Sandy showed man assembling candyme this space, it was perfilled party travs and hostfect." The shop on North Old ess baskets. Her business Woodward is divided into has grown by word of little nooks and crannies That's Italian: La that remind Palazzolo of an Strada d' Eleganmouth and referrals from clients. She can do everything from a tiny "new plete with a fireplace and a za's Buon Apetitbaby" welcome basket to grand entry. Within the to basket.

themed rooms, Palazzolo displays gift items from all over the world, including pottery and ornaplaced this \$350 order.) ments from Italy and Poland, silver Just give her a price pieces from the Victoria & Albert range and any personal Museum in London and handmade French and Belgian linens.

The centerpieces 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 Apetitto - Italia," "The Golfer," and "A Day at

Imported del icacies from Bountiful Baskets. the Spa." The

Gourmet

goodies:

Italian gourmet wire baskets are filled with vine gars and oils mustards, pasta and imported foods. including the

Panettone. Spa baskets contain French lotions and potions for women can be found at Levin Beauty and wooden Italian grooming acces Supply on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7323. Other unique basket ideas include a Della Lutes books can be wire pram baby basket stuffed with a

needlepoint pillow, silver keepsakes and a col lectible 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 humidor. 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 furni

"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

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

"It's been tough to sell winter apparel and we may season. My predictions are for sales increases in the see markdowns before Christmas. On the other hand, 5-7 percent range this year." According to industry jewelry sales are strong and computer sales are sources, Americans say they plan to spend an average of \$814 on gifts - 4.5 percent higher than average

Warm weather also encouraged destination and 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 holiday season. Meyer points to low unemployment, book as much business out in front of what has been low gas prices, lower-than-average heating bills, con- 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 desired consumer base. According to Arthur their universe. "E commerce will impact catalog shopal sales promotions, including one-day credit card swamp the market, but will get its proportional

- Linda Bachrack

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 woolens, 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 & Main-

streets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805

East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publica-

Borders Farmington Hills presents a live performance and CD signing with Karen Newman, national anthers 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

nal Christmas songs produced in Detroit. All proceeds from sales go to the Vladdie/Sergei Family Trust Fund. 7:30 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

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

The Garden City High School Choir performs in

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

tion on Sunday.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

HOLIDAY ANTHEMS

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

sumer 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 Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck Michigan, "Addition- ping more than storefronts," says Meyer. "It will not discounts and reduced prices on upscale items, will keep the momentum going throughout the holiday

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

front of the fountain court at Livonia Mall. 5-7 p.m.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents WOMC's

money for the Research Center at Children's Hospi-

tal of Michigan. Entertainment throughout the day,

ncluding a visit from the Rockettes and Sesame

Street Live! characters, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Christmas is for Kids, a live broadcast to raise

Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

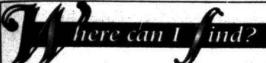
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ALL DOLLED UP

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.

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



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If you have not seen a response or motorcycle to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter **ard from us**, we were unable to Eleanore of Warren is looking

locate the item. Thank You. what we Found:
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to 50 Nifty United States and Cheek Base in Peach Soft. Carrie is looking for a Sleep also an appraiser for salt & pep-For Mary, plastic bags can be taken to Taylor Elementary

Carrie is looking for a Sieeping Santa in a Wooden Bed (animated).

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um soup bases. Erma is looking for St. Ives Comics in Royal Oak. Aluminum Christmas trees mint/aloe alcohol-free facial can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge in Royal Oak. Mon Classique de Morabita toner and St. Ives collagen moisture firming hydra-gel. Meijer and F&M carried it.

Vonda wants Carva perfume Lisa wants a man's back pocket wallet made from eel skin. found through John King Books in Detroit, (313) 961-0622, or on The game of Flinch for Bar-

Darryl is looking for New Era Potato Chips, NeHi Creme I found a silent butler or a Soda and Apple Easy Dessert. table cleaner (it has a silver mini Jenny is looking for Taster's Choice Hazelnut Coffee and a whisk broom with a mini silver dust pan) at On Fifth at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Nite Cap Stocking.

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Doris is looking for Clinique

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High yearbook.

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

Jerry is looking for four and at Saks at Fairlane for \$9.90. Dottie called to say that Pee colognes: Faberge's Aphrodisi-Woodhue, Nine Flags by Wee's Playhouse could proba-bly be found at antique stores in Royal Oak. Colton Company and Russian

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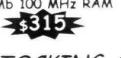
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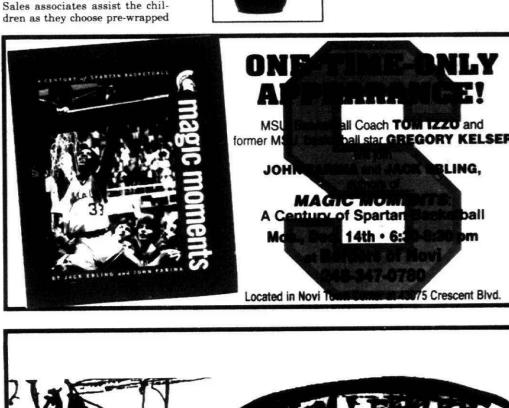




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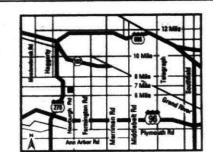
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Doctor-turned-author believes in magic

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

If you could have one wish, what would it be?

"That I could have three more

from "The Magic of Children"

With a casualness that has put many of his patients at ease, cardiologist Dr. Mark Freed leans over a table of half-filled mugs in

It's the first of many

His newest book, "The Magic of Children" written with colleague Dr. Robert Safian - both from Beaumont Hospital's cardiology department - isn't about heart disease, nor disorders of the circulatory system.

Freed has found a poetically compelling interpretation of the cardiac muscle that distributes oxygenated blood, and pounds furiously when pleased, threatened or overworked.

According to Freed, contained within the pages of photographs by Kendra Dew and children's responses to questions about the intricacies of their world lies the cure for an unforeseen but inevitable condition - adulthood.

"The book," said Freed, "is about the part of the heart that medicine can't reach.'

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Dr. Mark Freed

Nearly two decades after he

first performed as Kermit the

Frog, Freed has cut back on his

clinical practice to focus on

publishing company, which pub-

And within the last 18 months,

he has formed The Magic of Chil-

dren Foundation, a nonprofit

that will bring doctors and nurs-

es into classrooms nationwide to

"If you wait for the perfect

time to make a difference, you'll

realize, that time will never

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"It's sunny in my imagination

Freed and his book shouldn't

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ultimate idealist, Freed's views

Becky, age 4,

describing the weather

lished his recent book.

teach about health.

A Christmas tale

but it's cloudy for real.'

viewpoint of a child

At 42, Freed of Birmingham has the boyish appearance and his age. Actually, one-quarter of building his medical textbook a local coffeehouse to make a his age. Okay. Maybe oneeighth of his age.

He recalls a pivotal time in his life. A life-changing revelation while attending medical school at the University of Illinois. A circumstance that could find its way into an episode of "ER,"

Not unless the graduation certificate is endorsed by the Mup-

With the same assured manner that he's used to explain the cardio-catherization process. Freed slips into a dead-on imitation of Kermit the Frog. With a Robin Williams-like

catharsis he simulates how he entertained a roomful of kids at the summer camp where he worked while attending med

He recalls their instant laugh ter, their willingness to wonder and for a moment, Freed discards his scientific training and pursuit of empirical verification For him it's clear that the notion of "health" is inseparable from have come from a career of drathe unblemished and uncynical matic experiences.

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included in "The Magic of Children" serves as an anecdote for Freed's message.

While working in an emergen cy room on a Christmas day, Freed was overseeing the care of two patients who had suffered massive heart attacks. Both needed heart transplants to sur-

One patient was a hard-driving, successful executive. The other was a janitor at a nursery

The executive's room was empty. The ianitor's room was filled with family members and

Freed paused, and asked: Guess which patient succeeded

And then, the physicianturned-philosopher unabashedly gave his prescription: Riches are measured in human relationships. Learning how to express and appreciate relationships begins in the formative years of

Returning to a child's world, according to Freed, means relearning that the most impor

tant thing in life is love. A child's world, he said, is a place that many adults suffering from heart failure haven't traveled in years.

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Museum of African American History celebrates Kwanzaa

(PRNewswire) - The Charles
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annual celebration of Kwanzaa
Saturday, Dec. 26. Kwanzaa is

Dec. 26 - 1/4 to Midnight & New Year's Eve Committee and Wayne County Legal Neighborhood Services.

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A Darker Shade of Soul Brass
by which African Americans

Ouniversal Expression (Reggae)
and Jazz Head (Acid Jazz Band).
The evening will also include dancing, a complimentary champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres and annual celebration of Kwanzaa celebrates the set of principles an African American holiday that is celebrated Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 to reaffirm the as follows: Umoja (Unity), commitment to family, community and the Black struggle. The ation will kick off at noon with a daily Kwanzaa ritual and performances ending at 4

The tradition of Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairperson of the Department of Black Studies at California State University as well as the Director of the African American Cultural Center in Los Angeles. It was first celebrated by his family and

yester-year as Traditions of the

Season is celebrated from now

100 acres, the museum and vil-

lage will be decked out in his-

toric holiday splendor, certain to

please youngsters and those

Events and activities include:

Susquehanna Plantation, a

19th century southern home in

the Village, decorated for planta-

tion society's traditional Christ-

Adams House, a Victorian

Baptist parsonage, where a mid-

dle-class 1870s Christmas din-

ner will feature a frugal, imagi-

native theme with Mock Apple

■ Eagle Tavern, an 1850s

stage coach with dishes from

America's culinary past on the

Visitors shaking off the holi-

day chill, will be greeted by a

young-at-heart.

mas wedding season.

Pie for dessert.

These activities are free

should live, known as the Nguzo Saba. The seven princip tion), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). Each day one and Imani (Faith). Each day one of these seven principles is featured to focus on its significance. This year, the Museum will also celebrate by hosting "Kwanzaa Concerts: The Music of Our People," which will feature a different genre of music each day beginning at 7 nm. Concert

Museums abound with activities, events

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cial presentation of the first 200

whole new way with the opening

this month of Frontiers to Facto-

ries: Detroiters at Work 1701-

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manent exhibit that originally

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the public in December, in time

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Dec. 29 - Temptation ists & Misty Love and

■ Dec. 30 - The Hastings Street Blues Band & Sweet Claudette and SC Band
■ Dec.31 - Buster Williams
Quintet & Johnny Walker Quar-

et & Others (Jazz) ■ Jan. 1 - Men of Covenant, Ginyards Gospel Music Group, The Mims Family & The Whitfield Company (Gospel)
Also this year on the sixth day

of Kwanzaa, which is Dec. 31, the museum will serve as the host venue for a New Year's Eve celebration presented by the

"This new exhibit is a dramatic

improvement over what has

been shown previously. The best

of the old exhibit has been main-

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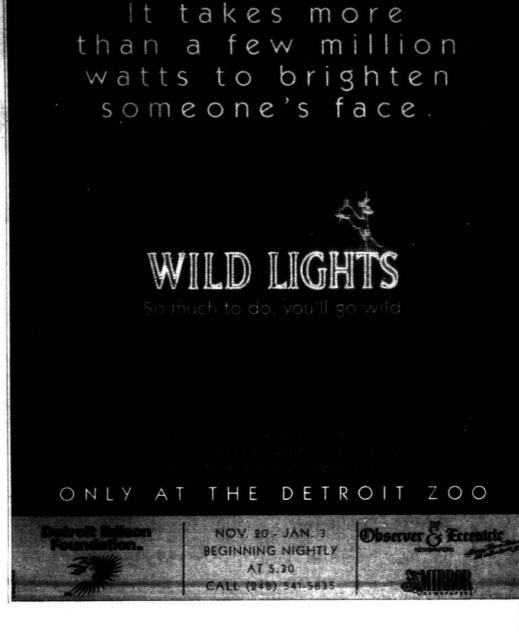
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party favors. Tickets are \$70 per Buster Williams Quintet (Jazz), The Johnny Walker Quartet (Jazz), Robert Penn Blues Band, person and \$125 per couple. VIP tickets are available at \$150 per

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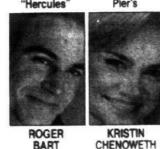
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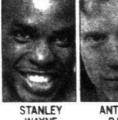
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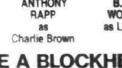


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Sea kayaking can show struggles of nature

(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.

Dur 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 gooey 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.

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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



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 definess 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.

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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.

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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 Neilendam. 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

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. Doubleinners 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 teamhigh 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

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.

Anyone interested in submitting items to orts Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 raft, Livonia, Mi, 48150, or may FAX m to (734) 591-7279.

Rocks wreck Rats

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

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 rhythym."

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 20point 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 Please see SALEM HOOP.D2



Reach for it! Salem's Rob Jones (21) outrebounds Huron's Scott Dow. Jones led the Rocks in scoring with 15 points.

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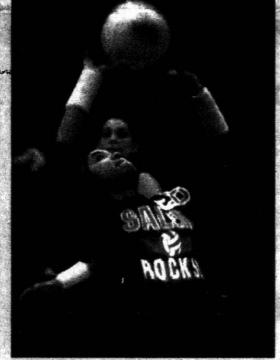
nt we just have got to continue

Trojans did indeed start fast eir home opener, outscoring in 18-8 in the opening quarter eir home opener. It got a bit for the Chiefs in the second ter, but not much — Monroe k a 31-18 advantage into the

ill, as Young described it, "We in there. We were still in the e (in the final quarter) — that's

ndeed, after trimming Monroe's d to 11 (39-28) after three quars, the Chiefs pulled to within five on of the ball out of

Please see CANTON HOOP, D2



Setting it up: Laine Sterling, a returning senior for Salem, will be one of two setters used by new coach Tom Teeters.

New Salem coach has the tools to build a contender

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, championshiplevel 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 Rocks should be able to keep pace with their illus-

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

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 JennyTrott, 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

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 BASKETBAL

Rocks, Chiefs lead the way

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

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

"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

Mantyla is known among fellow coaches as a hard worker, coaching players during the AAU winter season and the summer high school cir-

"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

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 Please see QIRLS BASKETBALL, D3



Team leader: Janell Twietmeyer led Canton to a 16-win season, averaging 13 points a game.

Lady Crusaders wallop Wayne State

But Thursday's trip to Wayne State University did pay the kind of dividends Madonna Univérsity's women's basketball elam treasures: a victory.

The Lady Crusaders pulled away from a five-point halftime lead to a 60-51 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

Warnke, a junior forward for

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, con verting just 20-of-64 shots (31.3 percent) in the game. Neither eam shot three-pointers well,

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(21.4 percent) while the Tartars were 4-of-15 (26.7 percent).

The difference came at the ree-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 Panganis added 14 points, ds 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

- Madonna made 3-of-14 rebounds. Nichelle Hunter Tartars. But so was just about 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

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10 (70 percent), and forced 192 turnovers while committing just intermission (33-29) after lead-

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) hadfour points, seven assists and three steals, and Mike Maryans, ki totaled nine points, six boards to play. It was never closer than and two steals.

Tony Goins (Westland John WSU hit 17-of-31 floor shots in Glenn) topped Glenn with 19 the second half (64.8 percent) to the Crusaders' 10-of-28 (35.7 percent). The Tartars were also three steals) and Brandon Johns

Hitting camp

The Double Diamond Baseball School will hold a winter hitting camp from noon to 3 p.m. Sun day 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).

Baseball camp

(enrollment limited).

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.

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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 9:45 p.m. Mondays at Central Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call Middle School beginning Jan. 4. Cost is \$4 per person. City of John Maloney at (248) 349-1122 Plymouth residents will receive or (248) 478-7681

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dle 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 Pruett, 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

Marquez, a 5-2 defensive specialoutside 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 bitter Michelle Ginther. "She's consistent," the Salem coach said.

That, however, is not all. There's also Elizabeth Gizica, a former Ladywood volunteer tournament? Buchanan, a 5-5 setter; Aleshka 5-2 junior defensive specialist;

Sarah Jensen, a 5-8 sophomore Phillips, a 6-0 junior middle/outside hitter.

At present, Teeters plans to

run a two-setter lineup, with

everything else.

Madonna trailed by four at the

ing 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

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15 after that.

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

Speaking of combinations, Teeters has brought a successful one with him. Assisting him will Livonia Stevenson and be Dale Hartzell, who has been part of Teeters' staff at Schoolcraft for the past five years and

The Rocks' goals remain the ist: and Jana Doroshka, a 5-10 outside hitter; and Denise 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 region-

> al tournaments." Teeters is familiar with the WLAA. He figures the biggest threats to Salem's supremacy are Walled Lake Central, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin

Northville Beyond that, the question is with the former Ladywood coach was with him for the last four at guiding them, can the Rocks get Ladywood, and Joe Barberio, a past the Blazers in the state

point guard Jordan Roose scored

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forced a turnover and scored.

and Canton never got closer. Carl Ford did most of the damage for Monroe, scoring a gamehigh 18 points. Nine Trojans scored, nobody else with more than seven.

bounds midway through the those coming in the fourth quarfinal period. But the Trojans ter. Mike Major added 10.

Cortellini with 11 - nine of

"I think there were some posi-

Canton was led by Jason was nearly unstoppable as Ply-

PCA 73, Detroit Westside 42: Junior forward Derric Isensee Waidman with 12 points and Joe mouth Christian Academy rolled into the finals of its own Eagle

Detroit in Saturday's tournatives in this game," said Young. ment championship game. Isensee had 20 points, nine "They just had more of them rebounds, seven assists and four steals as the Eagles raced out to a 20-5 lead after the first period

Classic Tournament

and cruised to the win. Michael Huntsman, a 6-foot-4 junior center, scored 11 points and had 13 rebounds; junior

10 and dished out six assists; PCA played Academy of 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

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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

Andrew Walton scored 11 and Amir Kasham

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 eight of those coming in the final 3:35. 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 Clas-

"There's no rest," said Brodie.

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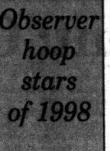


























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three-point range, in leading the Spartans to the Class C Final Four where they lost to eventual state champion Freeland in the semifinals.

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 bal, 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 semifinais is quite an accomplishment."

Samantha McComb, Soph., N. Farm-Ington: 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. "He 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 even

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

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 play er." said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She can shoot from long range and has great court vision.

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 ebounding, averaging 8.5 to go along

the Division I level next year, and she'll

be a good player to build our team

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.

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in practice. She's just an unbelievable

go-to person on offense, simply because she could score rom anywhere. She averaged 16.7 points a game.

away our chances at getting a second three steals per game as the 13-11

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 teams were not successful in pressing

*Coaches are always looking for a

every year. In 18 games this season, she averaged 13 points, seven ball, rebounds, three assists and three-plus floor and 78 percent at the line.

scored almost 1,000 points and aver- game. She shot 53 percent from the aged 12 per game, as well as six field. bounds, nearly three assists and more than three steals.

According to coach Katie Vokal, she better players I've seen play. She'll definitely be a recruited player at "She's an excellent passer," she added. "She has great court vision." With only three seniors on the squad, 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. Erin Havden, Sr., Llv. Ladywood: The

Blazers qualified for the Catholic League playoffs and won their third straight district championship "Erin was probably our most impor-

tant player on the court," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "She rarely came out of the game. "She was the main reasons other

us. She did a good job of handling the Tera Morrill, Jr., Llv. Franklin: Despite steals. She shot 31 percent from the the team's 3-16 record and being double-teamed, the 5-10 junior averaged In her high school career, Brennan 14.7 points and nine rebounds per

"Tera was the nucleus of the team, a good all-around player." Franklin coach Brennan switched from shooting to Gary Warner said. "We expect good point guard without a hitch this season. things from her next year. She's one

> 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.

Luxur

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

better athlete in the area. Sodfrey said Crawford has drawn interest from several Division II schools. Andrea Pruett, Sr., Ptv. Salem: Pruett

player when she wanted to be." Wayne

coach Matt Godfrey said. "There's not a

5.8 senior point guard averaged 12 a Salem co-captain and a four year





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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 excel

the game, a consummate basketbal

"We used her both inside and out-

lent player, and a great defender.

side. She has a unique ability to guard people. She's just good at all facets of

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

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

was a key player in Harrison's drive to

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 com-

petitive 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

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











Coach of the Year





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ton: Elise I Toman Kiessot; Plymouth Saless: Christina Katle Kelly; Plymouth Christian As Loura Clark; Canton Agops Christ

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row; Casie Zell, 5-5 Soph. back row; Regina

Schwartz's 1998-99 outlook: "We just

have to make things jive if we work together

We're tooking for a good season. As in a lot of

"We have to develop a second setter. Zahi

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

· Head coach: Joan Ollinger, fourth sea

· League affiliation: Metro Conference.

*Last year's overall record; 1.3-17-3.

· Notable losses to graduation: Sarah

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.

leather Haller, Jr. Setter 5-2; Rene O'Brien,

Jr. S 5-2; Jennifer Dash, Jr. OH 5-7; Sarah Mar-

ody, Jr. OH 5-10; Amanda Sales, Jr. OH 5-9.

.Ollinger's 1998-99 outlook: "I think it's a

well together, so I'm hoping for good things

And they seem to really want it. That's a good

"We should do all right in the conference.

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*Leading returnees: Anna Schwecke, Sr

teams our setter has to be the key player

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILL

Coach: Alisha Love, eighth ser

*Last year's overall record: 38-11-4.

Berry (second-team All-Area), Melissa Berry

Agnieszka Palarz, Kristin Jaher, Teresa Lati

·Leading returnees. Kristina Skrela, Sr. Mi

5-10: Rachel Koernke, Jr. D 5-6: Jessica Silve

Sr.; Nicole Kasperian, Jr. S 5-7; Vera Skrela,

Sarah McNeilly, Soph. MB/OH 5-10; Ashley

*Promising newcomers: Faye Croteau

jeta Prekelezaj, Soph. OH/MB 5-8; Jessica

are going to be serving and defense.

more successful than last year.

Kennedy, Soph. \$ 5-5; Laura Meili, Frosh. Of

neight and skills. Sledz and Skrela have

around them we have a chance to be ever

"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

Frosh. OH 5-6; Sara Babcock, Jr. OH 5-7; Mar

Pearson, Soph. OH 5-6; Michelle Moore, Soph

Jr. D/OH 5-6; Danielle Sledz, Sr. OH 5-7;

lackie Kibilko (second-team All-Area).

rop. Joana Skrela.

A rare development: Glenn beats Wayne

want to go out and play.

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.

Not its technical finest, after all it

was only the second game of the season,

but surely it was prep basketball at its

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Wayne cut a 51-45 deficit with 5:26 own to 53-52 on Nathan Wade's base-"It was pretty good, for a backyard brawl," coach Mike Schuette said after line drive with 2:08 to play. But Jones responded by driving his Rockets gained their first victory in

through the paint to score on a bank two tries this season. "And for two teams that respect one another and just under its basket with seven seconds "That was high school basketball at

> Needing a trey to tie, the Zebras inbounded the ball and Shane Nowak's of the positions. He's not our point triple try was slightly blocked. A tip was guard because Reggie (Spearmon) does short and Robert Price did the only such a good job. But he could."

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rivals battled for bragging rights.
"We did a better job of handling the ball," said coach Chuck Henry, whose with two seconds left.

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pass by the Rockets and Bill Foder 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 A desperation heave at the buzzer was

"But they toughened up their defense the second half and we didn't execute "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 layup with 1:47 left. Neither team third quarter, Jones had five and Hayred until after Wayne called timeout good six. Foder and Jones wound up with 14 points apiece.

"Foder is a smart player, a quarterback," Schuette said. "He can play any ter, with one shot taken, turned a 39-37 Wayne lead a 42-39 deficit. Westland

speed game, sometimes getting a little out of control but mostly looking like Justin Goins added 13, Price had 10 and Nowak eight. Taron Smith had 11 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 quar-

get their grades up. "We'll try to hang in there until the kids get back," Henry said. "We've got a tough schedule."

Wade led Wayne with 17 points.

Henry said. "He almost had a triple

double against Canton. He had 17

nts, seven rebounds, five assists and

Westland wasn't sharp at the free

throw line, making just 7-of-18, but

Wayne only got to the line twice, mak-

Davis, who suffered a broken arm in a

practice just before the season started.

Wayne again felt the loss of Jamar

Zebras also need some players to

Bennett's burst boosts Churchill

BOYS BASKETBALL Ply. Christian at Bethesda, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 St. Alphonsus at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m. Greater Life at Agape, 7:30 p.m Wednesday, Dec. 16 Wayne, Glenn at Churchill, 5:30 p.m Tuesday, Dec. 15 Det. Urban at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17

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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.r Lake Mich. vs. Lakeland, 1 p.m. Sinclair vs. Alpena, 6 p.m. Oakland vs. St. Mary's (Ind)., 8 p.m

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TBA - time to be announced

If Livonia Churchill can stop all its losing streaks this quickly the Chargers could wind up with

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

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 and 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 lit-

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Coach Tim Newman said after nost Livo nia Stevenson and the visitors left the game with 1-1 records. "They did a bet job of breaking down our defense. "We didn't shoot well enough from outside to win the game."

Marty Kennedy and Keshay McChris tion scored 10 points apiece to lead the Spartans, Paul Bowers and Harland Bev erly each scored eight. Bassen Salameh and Mo Bazzi scored 13 each for Fordson while Rojelio Grady

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

added 10.

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

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.ST. AGATHA 68. CLARENCEVILLE 56: Redford St. Agatha beat Livonia Clarenceville on Friday night in a nonleague 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.

eight points and eight rebounds.

Scott Wion added 11.

Clarenceville was led by Rick Buraci

"We didn't play smart at times but

The Aggies led 17-9 after one quarter

and settled for a 23-21 halftime lead

after being outscored 12-6 in the sec-

St. Agatha regained the momentum

by outscoring Clarenceville 15-9 in the

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we played hard all the time and that

makes up for a lot of mistakes." St

Agatha coach John Fenbert said.

third quarter for a 38-30 lead.

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with 17 points. Sophomore forward

Senior guard Wesley Shaw scored 20 points to lead the Aggies. Senior guard Johnny Lomibao had a career-high 16

and senior duard Gelano Miles added Freshman forward Dan Boulter scored eight points and collected 10 rebounds

and junior forward Greg Russell had

ing (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. F

ern Division

ern Division champions).

OH 5-8; Rachel Bramlett (transfer from Imlay

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

•Head coach: Mike Hughes, 24th season

·Last year's overall record: 19-17-7

Notable losses to graduation: Jennife

birkiewicz, Beth Rutkowski; Susan Hill

8; Megan Sheehan, Jr. D/OH 5-5; Shannon

8, Lauren Ruprecht, Sr. MH 6-0; Jessica

McKay, Sr. S 5-7; Courtney Lim, Sr. D 5-5.

aidlaw, Jessica Sherman, Jenny Duncan, Lisa

·Leading returnees: Luba Steca, Sr. OH 5

Munn, Jr. MH 5-9; Kristin Leszczynski, Jr. S 5-

. Promising newcomers: Marsi Phillips, Ja

ennessey, Jr. OH 5-9; Amy Cadovich, Jr. MH

. Hughes' 1998-99 outlook: "We're going

"A key for us will be to develop the starting

"A key will also be how much of an impact

*Our goal is play the best defense in the

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

conference, which we're going to have to do

Fernanda will have. We know she can play.

because we're not as big as most people."

• Notable losses to graduation: Brooke

Hensman (first team All-Area), Danielle Wens-

to be a little more athletic than we were last

year. We'll have a little less experience.

OH 5-7; Colleen Guardiola, Jr. S 5-2; Sarah

6.0 Backy Weber, Sr. MH 5-8 (did not play in

(exchange student from Brazil).

-Graham's 1998-99 outlook: 'The key t · Head coach: Mary Heien Diegel, first year We hope with our sophomore setter •Last year's overall record: 26-16-7 (West-(Hutchins) that we can gain quick transition

need one to take the bull by the horns and run Sr.; Kate LeBlanc, Jr. MB 5-11.

the of the top middle hitters in the conference. We hope she can communicate with mature together.

(Swedish exchange student).

Gapp, Jr. DS 5-4; Lisa Widrosky, Jr. OH 5-7

and positive work ethic, we'll be O.K."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Stacy Graham, fifth season

Monica Little Ir OH/MH 5-9: Daniela *Leading returnees: Amanda Bell, Sr. DS 5-2; Kristen Krohn, Sr. OH 5-6; Jessica Poglits (first team All-Area); MaryLu Hemm LeTourneau, Sr. Setter 5-5; Jamie McLeod, Jr. (first team All-Area); Katie Brogan (second

cer season in the fall and will have surgery

Kirstin Marshall, Soph. MH 6-0. · Diegel's 1998-99 outlook: "The team OH/MB 5-8; Melanie Panyard, Sr. OH 5-8; team All-Area); Jenny Lachapelle (second ooks good. We had a scrimmage and tried a Noelle Swartz, Jr. (lost for the season with lot of combinations and for the most part they

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 gram. They're filling our voids beautifully. tore an anterior cruciate ligament during soc-"So as long as we can maintain our intens

LIVONIA STEVENSON · Head coach: Kelly Graham, sixth season "We're going to try to be aggressive, play *League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes tough defense and never give up." **WAYNE MEMORIAL**

1997-98): Fernanda Leite, Sr. OH 5-9 Division ·Last year's overall record: 34-11-4. · Head coach: Laura Fisher, third season. · League affiliation: Mega Conference · Notable losses to graduation: Lindsay Pfeifer, Dawn Krol, Irena Bicankova.

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(White Division). ·Last year's overall record: 12-17-6 · Leading returnees: Stephanie Dulz, Sr. MH 5-10 (first-team Ali-Area); Kristi Copi, 5-8

· Notable losses to graduation: Krister Bull, Erika Haley. setter. We have three who are close, but we OH Sr.; Brenda Pedersen, 5-4 Def. Specialist *Leading returnees: Rachel Raines, Sc Promising newcomers: Carly Wadsworth,

5-7; Kristin Kehrer, Sr. MH 5-10; Bethany Jr. OH/MB 5-8; Cassie Ehlendt, Jr. OH 5-9; Kelley Hutchins, Soph. setter 5-6; Beth Moody, Jr. OH 5-4; Julie Pfeifer, Jr. DS 5-4; Sr. OH 5-7; Bridget O'Rourke, Sr. DS/Setter 5 Megan Urbats, Jr. OH 5-8; Janice Tanzo, Jr. 5; Melissa Jones, Jr. DS 5-5; Nicole Suchan DS/OH 5-3; Sara Derefalk, Sr. MB 6-0 Sr. DS 5-4.

Sr. OH 5-8; April Coats, Jr. OH 5-9; Julie Gun-•League affiliation: Western Lakes (West- our season is communicating on the court. ther, Sr. OH 5-8; Amy Paling, Soph. setter 5-6. .Fisher's 1998-99 outlook: "If there is eve a year we're really going to be successful

We have real cohesiveness. They get along well. It's the most talented team I've

ninth grade. They've taken time to play and "Raines, skill-wise, is our strongest and

most consistent player. She's our No. 1 pass-LIVONIA LADYWOOD

. Head Coach: Larry Wyatt, first season.

•1997-98 record: 53-9-1 (CHSL champions, district champions, regional champions).

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·Wvatt's 1998-99 outlook: "We should d

well. We should be able to compete with the

area teams and do well in the Catholic

"We're inexperienced at the setting posi-

tion but everywhere else we're looking pretty

5-10; Tracey DeWitt, Sr. R-OH 5-7; Rebekah

Thornton, Sr. Setter 5-7; Patty Horal, Jr. Mil

MH 5.10: Jessica Tilson, Ir OH 5.11

•1997-98 record: 8-13-3.

. Notable losses to graduation: Nor

11 Sr. MH: Stacie Graves, 5-7 Jr. setter;

Jessica Whitaker, 5-9 Jr. OH: Gretchen

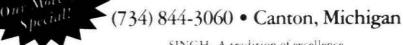
· Leading returnees: Stephanie Graves.

Rachel Zahn, 5-7 OH; Anya Day, 5-9 Sr. OH.

Grosinske, 5-10 Jr. utility; Katie Orlandoni, 5-8

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RECREATION & BOWLING

■ Westland's Bill and Sheryl

Sutherland each took an 8-

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 Coun-

■ Kevin Bodner of Canton

Township arrowed an 8 point

buck at 3:20 p.m. on Friday,

Nov. 13, while hunting in Glad

win Michigan.

point buck this fall.

Deer harvest huge success

According to preliminary numbers issued by the Michigan Department of Natura Resources. firearm deer hunters in Michigan enjoyed the second most successful sea-

son on record by harvesting an estimated 323,000 deer during the recently completed, 16-day firearms

The record harvest of 334,940 was recorded during the season

Final figures won't be er, an early corn harvest and good deer numbers statewide

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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 vest 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 southbound hunter traffic during the 16-day season and hunter data gathered throughout the sea-

released until July, but DNR hunters participated in the 1998 firearms season. Hunters who missed out on

resulted in a higher than an opportunity to put some

the Upper Peninsula and runs and dressed out at 230 pounds through Dec. 20 in the Lower

runs through Jan. 3 statewide with the DNR. "We are espe- and a special antlerless cially encouraged by the har- firearms only season will be held Dec. 19-Jan., 3 on private land only in many areas of the

> Check the DNR's 1998 Hunting and Trapping Guide for

> 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, bagging a deer so far still have used a bow and arrow to take a 1314, send e-mail to huge buck in Hillsdale County on Friday, Nov. 6. The beautibparker@oe.homecomm.net.o The muzzleloading season ful 12-point buck featured a 20call Bill Parker evenings at season that the 1998 harvest continues through Dec. 13 in inch spread and 12-inch times

Warm weather can't change nature ways

NATURE

NOTES

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 (Anglers and hunters are when I saw the woodchuck feedurged to report your success ing on corn at the feeders at the Questions and comments are Lewis Wint Nature Center in also encouraged. Send informa Independence Oaks County Park tion to: Outdoors, 805 E Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Most woodchucks are down Fax information to (248) 644

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 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 wood chucks entering hibernation? The appearance of robins is

often associated with the arrival That is because most of the robins, and there are a lot of

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 extreme, can provide healthy

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

of the Bell curve remain behind

Bluebirds exhibit this same

A few birds stay behind and

spend the winter in the northern

states, while most of the birds

Recently though, due to the

aggressive program of putting up

artificial bluebird nesting boxes,

more bluebirds are raised here

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

Variation in a population is

actually a good thing. Imagine if

all the individuals of a species

did exactly the same things at

migrate south.

to feed on berries and fruits.

conducive for survival and returned the next year. Most of the population continues to Africa, but a successful group now migrates exclusively to Eng-

Some individuals on the extremes of the Bell curve may them, move south to warmer die because they were too If they did not breed then they

will not pass on that extreme lethal behavior Others, just short of the lethal

meets at 7 p.m. the first and Goose Management Unit. Check SEASON/DATES third Wednesdays of each month the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, Call (810) 478-1494

The second archery season runs

through Jan.3. The muzzleload

ing 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

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.

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are always needed

for a new ball

and books on bowling.

expensive new balls on down to

the little accessory items which

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selection of instructional videos

Many of the pro shops offer

essons for bowlers at all levels

of ability, so a gift certificate for

a lesson or two might be in

some of them are pretty pricey,

however there are lots of special

be redeemed as partial payment

Just for some stocking

stuffers, there are plenty of good

items on the rack, various clean-

ers and polishes for the ball

wrist supports of all types, ther-

apeutic devices like Band-its or

Kneed-its, as well as back sup-

ports 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.

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 accomodate different approach

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-

Bowling shoes also can make

Some shops, like David's Right

HARRISON

receive a brand new ball, but had one earlier.

and relatives.

enough,

thing

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 There will be a special late (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

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This is one event to mark

Not all of the details are in yet

so there will be lots more infor-

mation in this column during the

have their fifth 300 game of the

season as Petesy Wray did it on

It was more unusual, since it was a low-scoring night on these

another teammate, Kim Kopf,

Michelle Ewald was high

shooter with 268-218-265 adding

■ Hats off to "Big Bill" as he is

known to his pals, that is Bill

Santa's hints

who rolled a 254 game.

up to a 751 series.

■ The All-Star Bowlerettes

other related items.

ty to use this facility.

down on your planner.

tions as well.

coming weeks.

All bowlers would love to teammate Sandy Winbigler who

buys, or perhaps a gift certificate lanes except for a few including

for a certain amount which could Sandy with 258-215-219/692 and

The late elk season will be held through Dec.14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

It will feature several manu- Mayflower Lanes.

It will be held in conjunction and he can make up a nice tro-

with the Health and Fitness phy or plaque for himself, since

Show, therefore enabling the that is his trophy and awards

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throughout the area.

rolled a 801 series this week. His games were 232-266-299

Hunting Guide for specific

A special late season runs

through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula

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 season runs through Jan. 1 statewide

Team Bowl Off event at several participating bowling centers All of the pertinent information is in the blue folder available at the counter. There is an estimeated \$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 Her series was 718 as she joins for 10 weeks. They are handicapped at 90 percent from 1100 using league sheet averages as of

> 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 repre-

sents the center in the Bowl Off State Championship. Team formation: five-member teams, all men or all women or

mixed. All members must be Kandilian of the Wednesday from the same league. Just complete the entry form and submit fee at the counter.

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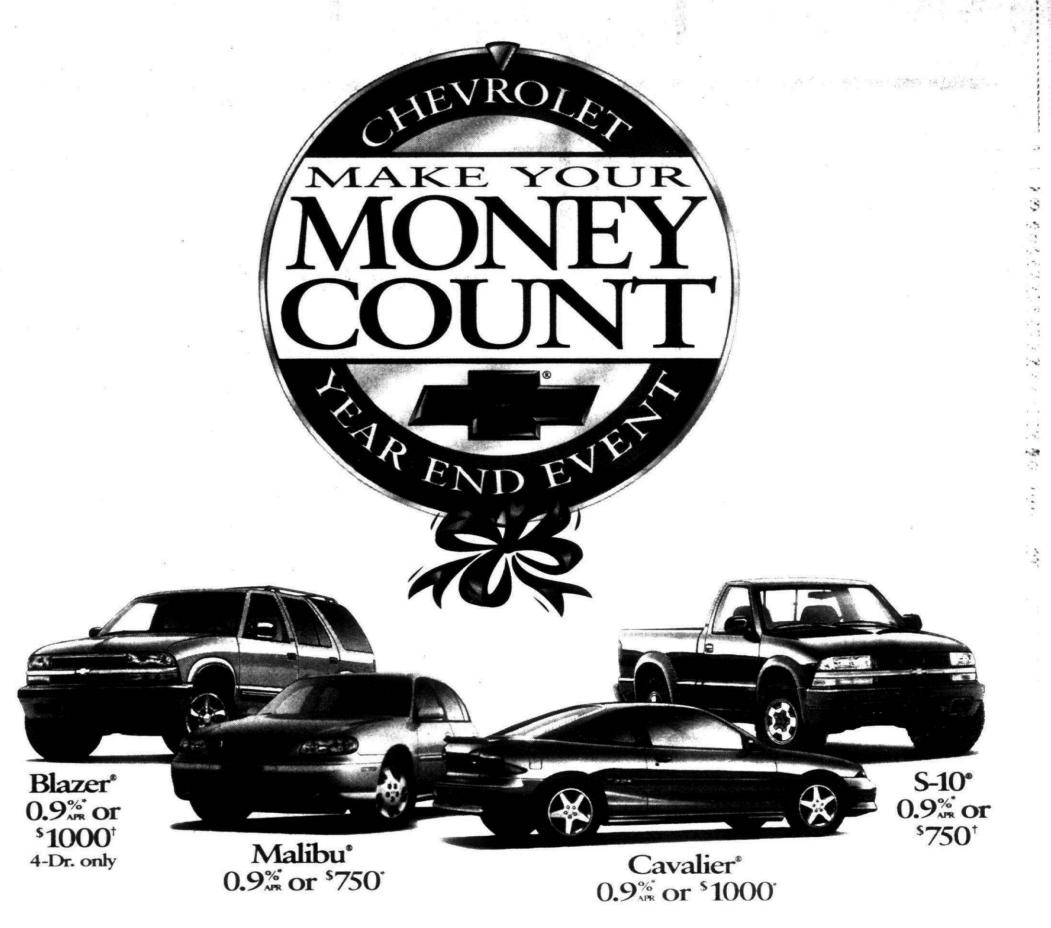
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