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Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Holiday closings:** Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

**Summit:** Administrative offices at Summit on the Park will be closed Thursday and Friday, but the community center will be open for swimming and other activities. Call (734) 397-5110 for hours.

**Library:** The Canton Public Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday and reopen 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

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## Report: Act now to save open space

■ A citizen's committee is recommending that township officials take a proactive stance to prevent Canton from becoming a "concrete jungle."

### ENVIRONMENT

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If Canton is serious about protecting its remaining natural environment, it must take a new, proactive stand on policy.

That's the word from a citizen's committee formed a year ago. The group recently finished its work and concluded that the township must act now to preserve sensitive areas.

"We know Canton is on the verge of becoming another concrete jungle," committee chairman Dave Thomas said. "So we're trying to save these areas as best we can."

About a dozen people served on the committee, which met once a month. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack thinks the group did solid work.

"I think they made a sincere effort to address the tasks before them," he said. "Their report has merit."

The environmental committee was charged with making recommendations on four goals laid out by the township, including:

■ Assisting Canton's government in identifying areas of environmental interest and concern.

■ Identifying approaches to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

■ Developing and implementing a tree program.

■ Developing and implementing environmental education programs.

While Thomas thinks his committee was successful in addressing those issues, he said government and business must work together to protect the environment.

"It's time to stop the war between developers and the environment," Thomas added. "We must do more to prevent these kinds of confrontations."

One way, he thinks, is to encourage land donations by developers.

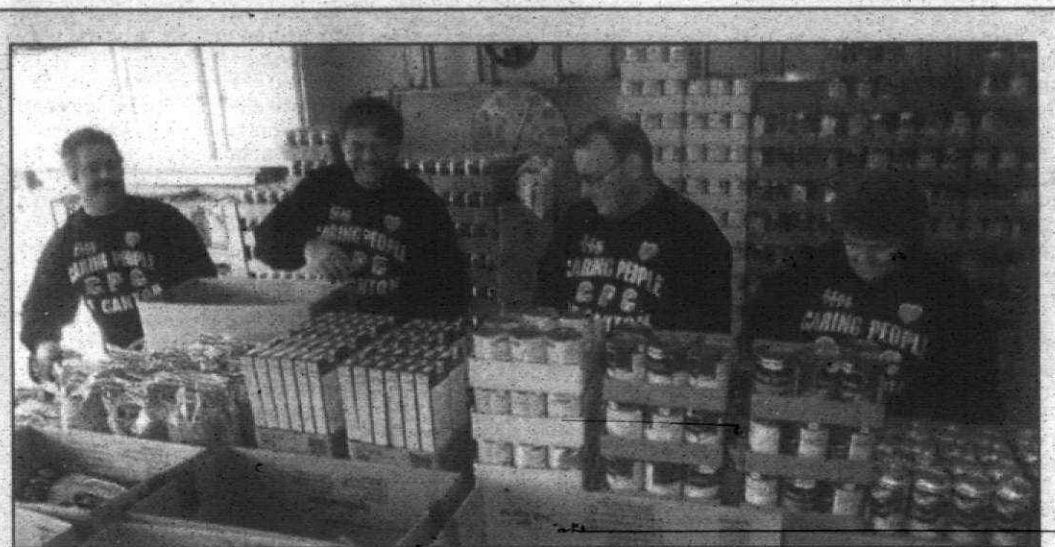
"We want more philanthropy," Thomas said. "There's zero philanthropy in Canton Township right now when it comes to land preservation."

As for the goals, the committee came up with several ideas for each.

In terms of identifying areas of environmental interest and concern, a map should be constructed by the township. The committee said it should denote all forests, wetlands, streams, parks, preserves and other sensitive areas in the township.

Further, the map should be used to prioritize the 10 most sensitive properties for preservation, purchase or

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Doing their share: Joe Donoghue (from left) Dave Lethbridge and Wayne and Sharon Hill, of Caring People of Canton, fill boxes with Thanksgiving foodstuffs for needy individuals. The Hills have stored the donated goods at their home in Canton in preparation for the holidays.

## 'Caring' group helps set 150 Thanksgiving tables

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Need knows no season for Bill Moritz.

As social services director for the Salvation Army, he helps people beat chemical dependency, coordinates medical and mental care as well as feeds homeless people.

But try as he might, Moritz can't do it all for the needy of Canton, Plymouth and Northville – especially during the holidays.

That's where folks like Wayne Hill come in. As part of Caring People of Canton, he'll help feed 150 families this Thanksgiving.

It's work that doesn't go unnoticed.

"It helps us tremendously," said Moritz. "They take a load of weight off my shoulders. We want to help everyone at Thanksgiving time, but we can't."

Food was distributed yesterday in the parking lot of B.J.'s Bowery restaurant in Canton.

"It's a great feeling to see the expression on their faces," said Hill. "I get teary-eyed sometimes."

Hill, a longtime township resident, began Caring People of Canton in 1995. His wife, Sharon, had just survived a serious illness, and he wondered how he could help those less fortunate than himself.

After speaking with the Salvation Army, Hill decided providing food for needy families at Thanksgiving would be his way.

Along with Sharon and friends Lynn Green

and Nancy Dargun, the organization helped 15 families that first year. That number jumped to 100 a year ago.

Hill said his goal was to add 50 families each year. He hit that mark this year.

"It feels great to help, and it's a challenge, too," he said. "Hopefully next year, we can do the same thing."

While not part of CPC, Moritz plays a critical role. He helps connect families in need with Hill.

"We've seen an increase this year in the need for food," said Moritz.

Changes in welfare allocations are one reason, he said. Other reasons are the "working poor," people who are working full time but making very low wages.

"It's hard for people to live on those kinds of wages," Moritz said.

What Hill and CPC does makes a big difference, he added.

"It really helps people out," Moritz said. "There's a need for extra money during the holidays and they just don't have it."

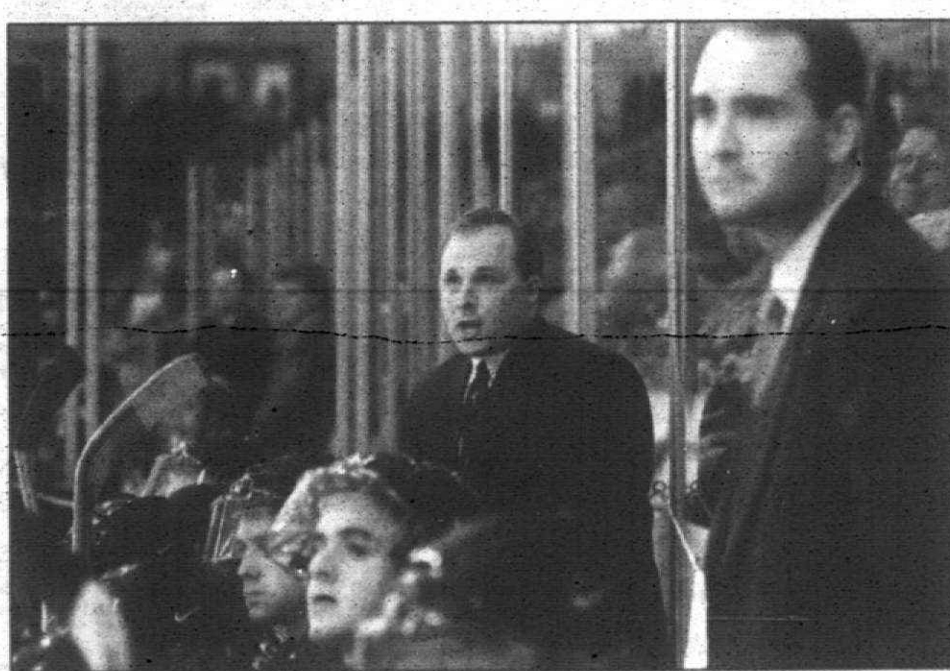
Caring People of Canton began working on Thursday's feast back in September.

Canned goods, for example, were bought from Meijer. Hill ordered more than 300 cans each of corn and beans. A similar number of boxes of macaroni and cheese were also bought.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

More than 1,500 pounds of potatoes were brought in from Alpena. "We washed and bagged

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

On the bench: Assistant Coach and General Manager Spott (left) watches the action while Whalers Head Coach Peter DeBoer (right) does likewise during a recent contest at Compuware Arena against the Kitchener Rangers.

## On the Spott Canton resident is Whalers' go-to guy

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If there was a definition of "jack-of-all-trades" in the dictionary, Steve Spott's picture would accompany the entry. As assistant coach and general manager for the Plymouth Whalers, the Canton resident's job duties range from directing the power play, scouting and trades to curfew checks, immigration and school liaison.

"It's 12 hours a day, seven days a week and a lot of travel," said Spott, a native of Toronto. "But I love it."

The 31-year-old is in his fourth season with the Whalers, one of the Ontario Hockey League's premiere franchises.

A total of 20 teams compete in the amateur organization. It's the top feeder program to the National Hockey League.

Players range in age from 15 to 20. Current NHL stars Bryan Berard, Todd Harvey and David Legwand are just a few of Plymouth's alumni.

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## Township officials say they're ready for Y2K

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With less than 40 days remaining, Canton appears ready for Y2K.

More than 80 township employees will be working New Year's Eve to assure essential services should problems arise. A presentation on Canton's readiness was made Tuesday in a Board of Trustees study session.

"We are as prepared as any governmental unit can be," said Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

ro. "Whatever mode we fall into, the goal is to provide essential services. We are prepared to handle any disruption of emergency services to our residents."

Planning for the millennium bug, which could cause any piece of equipment with a computer chip to malfunction or shut down when the clock flips to 2000, began almost a year ago at the township.

Canton has prepared for three scenarios. A "normal" response to New Year's Eve activities where no or minimal disruptions occur, a loss of essential services for three to seven days

and finally a major loss of essential services lasting up to 14 days.

"We are prepared to handle up to 14 days," Santomauro said. "Beyond that would become unrealistic."

Canton's "tactical" plan includes the following:

■ Staffing. More than 50 public safety workers including fire and police will be on duty. About 30 municipal, administrative, financial and information service employees will also be on hand.

■ Fuel. A seven-day supply has been secured for township vehicles and

equipment.

■ Portable water. The water supply will be augmented by wells at the Cherry Hill School and Travis House.

■ Food. Personnel on duty will have provisions for Dec. 31 through Jan. 1, 2000.

■ Medical supplies. All medical centers in Canton have reported that they are Y2K compliant, the report states.

■ Emergency Operations Center. Extended operations can be conducted from the EOC at fire station No. 1. Key

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modification. A parcel-by-parcel evaluation of trees for preservation should be made before developers come to the planning commission, the report states.

Thomas said the township still has a significant portion of open land.

"There's a huge parcel west of Canton Center," he commented, "that could still be preserved. That's why we're calling for philanthropy."

Goal number two included identifying approaches to protect environmentally sensitive areas. The committee believes public input, township land purchases and creative approaches to planning will hit that mark.

"If developers aren't going to voluntarily donate (land)," said Thomas, "we're going to have to buy it."

Enforcing Canton's forest preservation act would also help achieve the goal, he said.

"We tried to put a little more teeth in the document," Thomas said of the committee's revision to the act, "so that the public would have something left."

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Spott, a former physical education teacher, said there's pressure to win in the OHL. But he emphasized that player development is the focus.

"That's probably the most rewarding thing for me," Spott commented. "Seeing their development on and off the ice is very gratifying."

Whalers head coach Peter DeBoer said Spott's background in education and work with young people were reasons he hired him.

"We needed somebody that could run our educational program," he added. "It's a big part of what we do."

Spott, of course, knows his Xs and Os, too. Perhaps that comes from his extensive career as a player.

He played at all levels of youth hockey in Canada. Spott was drafted by the OHL's Toronto Marlboros in 1984 but opted for a scholarship to Colgate University a few years later.

A fast skating, high-scoring right winger, he was named the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference's rookie of the year in 1987.

The highlight of his college career came as a senior. Colgate played Wisconsin in the national championship but came up short.

"It was a great four years," Spott said, who doesn't regret passing up the OHL. "For me, it was the right decision."

He went on to play professionally for two seasons, one of which was spent in Holland.

"It was a cultural shock for me," Spott said of playing in

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**Game plan: Steve Spott, Plymouth Whalers assistant coach and general manager, talks to one of the players who just finished a shift on the ice.**

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Europe. "But it was a welcomed change. I loved the Netherlands."

He decided to call it quits as a player in 1992. Spott said he knew it was time.

"I retired on my terms," he added. "Nobody said I wasn't good enough. You know inside when it's your time and when you've done all you think you can do."

Spott jumped right into coaching. He started with a team of 9-year-olds. After a couple of seasons he landed the head coaching job at Seneca College in Toronto.

"We won an Ontario championship," said Spott. "That's the year I'm most proud of."

He didn't guide the team with an iron fist, a la Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman.

"I think I'm a good motivator," said Spott. "I communicate with the players well."

He was working full time as a teacher by the time he coached Seneca. Leaving both positions wasn't a tough decision when DeBoer asked, however.

"It was a no-brainer for me," Spott said. "It's in my blood. I always wanted to stay involved. It's a branch of teaching."

Much of that teaching comes with the Whalers' defensemen. He schools them on staying in position, blocking shots and moving the puck out of danger. Spott also makes sure Plymouth's power play stays crisp.

Doing that takes more than just on-ice work.

He spends countless hours

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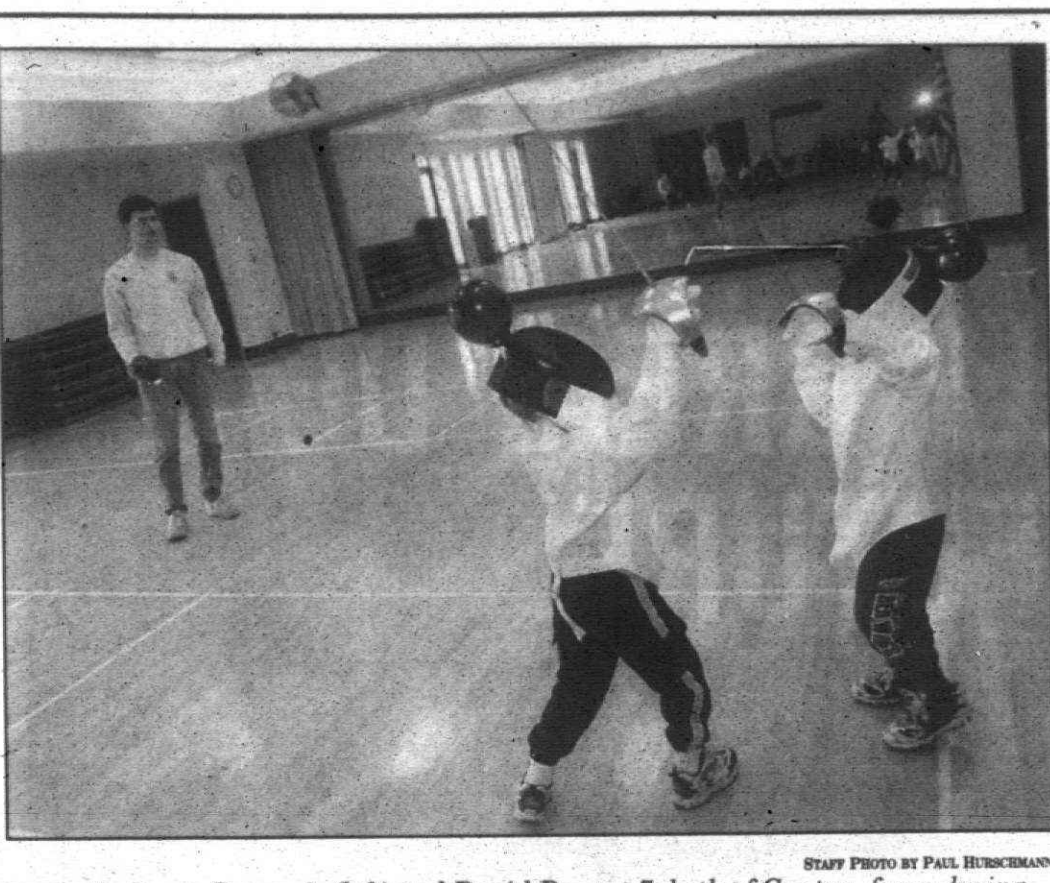
**LEGAL SENSE**

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En garde: Lucas Peters, 5, (left) and David Rogers, 7, both of Canton, fence during "Balloons Saber," a training exercise where the combatants attempt to pop the balloon attached to the crown of their masks. Instructor Bill Emerson, who will replace Mike Rappaport when Rappaport moves out of state at the end of the month, watches in the background.

**Sabering away**  
Fencers hone skills in Summit classes for kids and adults

BY SCOTT NEINAS  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Rappaport and Bill Emerson have helped people get to the point at the Summit on the Park this fall.

They're instructors for a new fencing program.

The gallant dueling sport is making its debut as a class offered at the township's recreation facility for adults and children.

"Parents were kind of hesitant about their children using weapons that have traditionally been used to hurt people," Rappaport says.

Rappaport will be departing Canton and the classes will be taught by Emerson beginning in December.

Students in the 10-week beginner class learn how to hold the sword, footwork, basic attacks and parries.

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personnel would work in 12-hour increments.

The Summit could be used for initial sheltering if needed or staff needs until the American Red Cross could establish shelters in schools, the report says.

Transportation. Canton has sufficient equipment to move staff and employees if required. If evacuation is required, the report states, the school districts' transportation department would be called upon to provide buses to evacuate residents to shelters.

Emergency operations plan. If "other" unplanned events should develop on New Year's, Supervisor Tom Yack will have authority to declare a state of emergency. The EOP would address those issues from limited disruptions to complete system failures, the report says.

Beyond Canton's tactical plan, township communication special-

Driver reports carjacking

**COP CALLS**

A 45-year-old Canton woman was the victim of a carjacking Wednesday.

According to township police reports, the woman was returning home after having dinner with a friend at about 11:15 p.m. She was southbound on Haggerty and stopped at the intersection of Palmer for a flashing light.

As she began to proceed through the intersection, reports said a car pulled up along side of her. A man then jumped out of the car and opened her driver's door. The man then yanked her out of the car and drove off, reports said.

The Canton woman called police but was unable to give officers a specific description of the man.

**Theft**

More than \$700 worth of equipment was stolen from a 41-year-old Saline man's car in Canton Tuesday.

The vehicle was parked at the Michigan Dek Hockey arena on Michigan Avenue between 9 and 10 p.m., reports said. A camera, clothing and wallet were among items stolen. Police have no suspects.

**Retail fraud**

A 39-year-old Redford woman and a 42-year-old Dearborn man were arrested for shoplifting early Tuesday morning.

Reports said the woman took an \$18 shirt from Meijer on Ford Road in Canton at about 3:30 a.m. She left with the Dearborn man, who minutes later tried to return the shirt at a Westland Meijer.

Westland Police apprehended both of them. The Redford woman was eventually turned over to Canton Police, reports said. She was issued an appearance date of Dec. 16 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

**Numbers**

A total of 238 calls for service were made in Canton for the weekend of Nov. 12-14. False alarms were the most numerous with 21 calls. Two traffic crashes with injuries were recorded, 10 larcenies and seven malicious destructions of property.

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them ourselves," said Hill.

Then there 160 turkeys, assorted juices, bread and at least one pie for dessert.

Food baskets are customized for each family. Sharon Hill estimates that she made 500 calls to families to discover their particular needs and desires.

"Some families get two turkeys," Wayne Hill added. "Some are vegetarian."

Baskets were made this year for single people up to a family of 12. Each food basket cost CPC \$20-25 to put together.

Hill said he's glad to help. "It's doing something to give back to the community," he said. "We get a lot of people that cry. We get a lot of hugs too."

CPC received help from a number of local people and businesses.

Shurgard of Canton was one. The firm rented a truck to CPC at half-price for food pick up and distribution.

"We don't get a chance to help charities much," Manager Daryl Rosowski said. "We thought this was a good way to help."

Other business making donations included: Merlin Cartridges, Pepsi, Static Control of North Carolina and Southern Aluminum of Alabama.

Ron Ponkey, Jeff and Mary Pat Petrillo, Jim Miller and Diane and Larry McDonnell were among those who pitched in.

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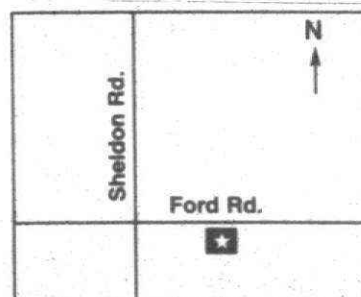
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## Western Wayne may lobby against motor carrier bill

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Western Wayne leaders may visit Lansing again, this time over a state bill one mayor says will give the literal green light to truck drivers to haul freight that violates weight restrictions.

Members of the Conference of Western Wayne may organize a journey similar to a bus trip that recently went from Farmington Hills to Lansing to protest House Bill 4777. Many mayor and township supervisors believed that bill would strip local officials of "home rule" powers, and this time motor carrier bills approved Oct. 28 by the state House are drawing the ire of many from the CWW's 18-member legislative consortium.

The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The House package would redistribute revenue derived from trucking violations for weight and equipment citations by local police agencies to county libraries. In October the CWW approved a resolution opposing the bills that was forwarded to

state lawmakers. Currently money collected from the civil fines is placed by communities into their general funds. In 1994 the Legislature passed bills to allow local units of government the option to create municipal ordinance violations bureaus and adopt by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code to better enforce the state's traffic laws. The laws allowed local law enforcement agencies to bring civil, rather than criminal, actions against people who violated local ordinances.

In October the revenue distribution derived from violations was revised in the proposed bill. Those changes would disburse 30 percent of the fines to cities, villages or counties for repairs and maintenance on local roads, 40 percent to the jurisdiction for library purposes and 30 percent to the courts.

The House bills were approved, 81-23, on Oct. 28 and eventually referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

### Critical of bill

Local officials criticize the move because that money is now used to help pay for officers to enforce those violations. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chairs the CWW, said many communities will not be able to afford the enforcement of police units

assigned to enforcement. "The bottom line is, if they do pass, it will be an open invitation to at least violate the laws of the state, if local governments check out (of enforcement)," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said the bills will not be on the "fast track" in the Senate as they were in the House. "They will not get as high of a priority," Kirksey said. Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack suggested the CWW take a leadership role for Senate hearings expected in February on the package. "The heaviest of trucks will only get heavier," Yack said. "Then there will be a plea for more money from the general public to fix our crumbling roads."

### Package supported

Last month state Rep. Thomas Kelly (D-Wayne) said he disagreed with an Oct. 8 resolution from the CWW opposing the bills.

Kelly, who sponsored one of the bills, said the package reverses what has gone on in the past seven or eight years. Nearly 50 libraries are funded by fines, Kelly said.

"What's happening is the communities are seeing treasure troughs with truck weights," Kelly said. "Some of the things they are getting written up for are silly, such as not enough

Band-Aids in safety kits. Sometimes they are cited three times, sometimes for the same thing, in the same community."

Kelly said all he was trying to do was put the system back to what it was. "They're pitting one department in municipal government versus another," Kelly said, that is libraries versus public safety.

Also, Kelly said garbage haulers hired by local communities are fined. Those fines can be sizable and add to the company's costs. "Who will pay for that? Not the communities, but the

people who live there."

### Chief opposes bill

But Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst said local enforcement was critical in curbing the problems and the dangers of overweight trucks. "They have a devastating crash potential," Kunst said.

Kunst said Livonia's motor carrier enforcement officer cited 138 commercial vehicles for 93 weight violations, 86 equipment violations and 56 document violations through September 1999. Costs for the officer include

\$70,000 to \$80,000 annually for salary and fringe benefits, while the vehicle costs \$25,000-\$30,000 amortized over five years.

Even with the legislative revisions, Kunst still opposed the bill. "I can't justify the budget (for enforcement) when a portion is going to the library system," Kunst said. "This is a traffic safety issue, this is an area where we can make an impact."

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The cost of the course is \$102. Fresh flowers will be provided. Students need to bring a knife, wire cutters, scissors, and a cutting board. For more information, to register for classes, or to obtain a catalog, call (734) 462-4448.

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## OBITUARIES

## JAMES W. HILLSBURG

Services for James W. Hillsburg, 87, of Canton were held Nov. 17 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

He was born Sept. 10, 1912, in Detroit and died Nov. 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was a retired foreman for Parks and Recreation for Wayne County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Hillsburg. Survivors include his son, James T. Hillsburg of Canton, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**WALTER F. DRABICKI**  
Services for Walter F. Drabicki, 83, of Canton were held Nov. 20 at St. Damian Catholic Church, Westland, with Fr. Lawrence Zurawski officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery.

He was born July 4, 1916, in Detroit and died Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior or Township. He was a retired worker for a maintenance company.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Drabicki, and one brother, Edward Drabicki.

**JAQUELINE A. ZAMBIASI**  
Services for Jacqueline A. Zambiasi, 60, of Plymouth were held Nov. 10 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born in 1939. She died in Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Survivors include her husband, George R.; two sons, Michael G. (Meagan) and Robert J.; one grandson, Thomas Michael; and one brother, Arnold (Eleanor) Rzepecki.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.  
Local arrangements were made by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

**JOYCE BLASHILL**  
Services for Joyce Blashill, 65,

formerly of Plymouth and Fairfield Glade, Tenn., will take place at 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at St. John's Episcopal Church with Father Bill Lupfer officiating. Burial will take place in Florida.

She was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Michigan and died Nov. 11 in Winter Haven, Fla. She was a former member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Crosville. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Haines City, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; one daughter, Kim H. Alberg of Spring Hill, Fla.; one son, Jeff Kelly of Norcross, Ga.; one brother, Jim Blashill of Farmington Hills; and two sisters, Ann Krinkel of Plymouth and Mary Pich of Sturgis, Mich.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, or the Michigan Heart Association.

**PHYLLIS C. HERIG**  
Services for Phyllis C. Herig, 74, of Brighton (formerly of Canton) were held Nov. 16 at UHT Funeral Home with the Rev. Rocky Berra. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery, Canton Township.

Mrs. Herig was born July 29, 1925, and died Nov. 11 in Brighton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, George Payzant and Robert Payzant. Survivors include her husband, Henry; one daughter, Mary Herig; one son, Henry William (Kathy) Herig; two brothers, Fred Payzant and David Payzant; one sister, Marvane Bower; one grandson, Henry Joseph Herig; and one granddaughter, Olivia Herig.

**HERBERT MARK SULLIVAN**  
Services for Herbert Mark Sullivan, 42, of Maine, formerly of Plymouth, took place at the Schrad-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 21 in Michigan and died Oct. 26 in Maine. Survivors include his son, Nicholas R. Sullivan of Maine; one daughter, Nicole O. Sullivan of Maine; two sisters, Helen O. Popper of Brighton and Connie L. Buchanan of South Lyon; one brother, Kevin Sullivan of White Lake; five nieces and nephews, Christopher Popper, Adam Popper, Brad Sullivan, and Jim Sullivan.

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## Plymouth Symphony League plans millennium home tour fund-raiser

The millennium will be the theme of the Plymouth Symphony League's fund-raising home tour planned for Sunday, Dec. 5, noon to 8 p.m.

"Millennium Moments for the Holidays" will feature three city houses and four township houses. Participants will be treated to holiday decorations and warm greetings from the seven host families.

On the tour:  
■ David and Linda McDonald's home is located at 1497 Penniman. The 1938 home has undergone renovations recently and the interior includes many paintings done by a local artist.

The formal dining room and chandelier will be highlighted by a Christmas display on the dining room table. Dave McDonald is Plymouth's new mayor, elected last week by the city commission.

■ Kevin and Karen O'Keefe's 1941 Cape Cod house at 419 Irvin includes a family room with French doors that open to a deck, and a Christmas tree adorned with hand-blown glass bulbs. Many antiques and traditional decorations will be featured.

■ Rosemary LaBorde's Tudor-style home was built in 1930 (299 Irvin) and features coved ceilings and a beautiful living room with fireplace, a restored kitchen with granite counter tops and original pine floors throughout. This home will feature Mr. and Mrs. Claus. You'll find Santa upstairs napping, and Mrs. Claus standing in the kitchen alcove preparing holiday baked goods.

■ Richard and Barbara Bray live at 10650 JoAnn Lane. Their home features a family room decorated with a Christmas tree, patchwork quilts, antiques and original paintings. Barbara likes to make gingerbread houses and has created one for the home tour raffle.

■ Jerry and Gloria Huil, 49041 Pine Bluff Court, own a large condominium that features



Just a doll: Mrs. Santa busily gets ready in the home of Rosemary LaBorde. Her house and six others are on a holiday home tour.

high ceilings in the dining room. A six-foot Santa will greet you as you enter, the first of many, many Santas throughout the home. In the great room a 10-foot tree will be decorated with special ornaments and popcorn and cranberries strung by family members. Many other decorated trees add to the holiday spirit.

■ The home at 45900 Ann Arbor Trail belongs to Michael and Lynn Armbruster and is a 1956, 1,400-square-foot ranch home that was recently converted to a 2,800-square-foot Victorian. The house is filled with examples of the homeowners' abilities - he in woodworking, she in stained glass. The home includes a two-story turret and custom-made furniture.

■ A Beacon Hill home is also on the tour, 11740 Beacon Hill Drive, and is owned by Barry and Barbara Turner. This house will feature more than 200 Santas. A walk through this home is

like a tour of the New England of the past. Teddy bears, birdhouses, villages and many other decor items get visitors in the mood for Christmas.

Tickets in advance are \$10, \$15 if you wait until the day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased at the Society's office on Penniman, Colonial Card and Camera at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, or Michigan Made Inc. in downtown Plymouth.

The Coffee Bean, The Cozy Cafe and Station 885 will all offer tour participants a reduction on their bill the day of the tour.

Leaders of the tour are K.C. Mueller and Carol Patterson, Remerica Realtors. Raffles will also help raise funds for the symphony. Prizes include a millennium print with highlights of the last 100 years, a gingerbread house (by Barbara Bray), a Boyd's Bear and Chair, a millennium ornament from Waterford

crystal that is a replica of the ball dropped in Times square New Year's eve, a millennium Hummel (first-day issue for 2000), and two tall Christmas figures, an antique red Santa and a frosted fruit Santa decorated in fruit garlands.

"The decorations are all done by homeowners, not professionals," Mueller said. The homes were chosen for the architectural or historic significance and the owners "willingness to decorate and to host visitors."

Special thanks go to Lynch's in Canton, for costumes; Ross Higgins for photography; Heide's Flowers and Gifts; Vanessa's Flowers of Plymouth; Pat Ribar, Ribar Floral; Jean Gurka of Calico Cottage Creations (Livonia); and Linda Askew of Bead Planet in Brighton.

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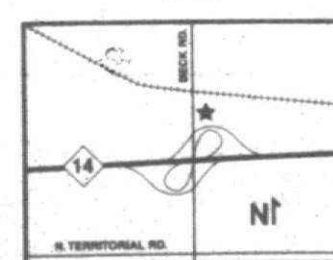
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## New Concourse A opens six gates at Metro Airport

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Ned Holmfeld was a happy man Thursday.

The president and founder of Spirit Airlines stood in Concourse A near the Smith Terminal of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, watching airline passengers in queues before boarding airplanes.

It was just as he imagined when Spirit and Southwest Airlines signed onto an \$10.8 million expansion project of Concourse A to add six gates, which officially opened that day for business. Spirit, a discount carrier based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., actually began flights from its

■ 'This is what our customers have been asking for. This is what we are working to provide.'

Edward McNamara

Wayne County Executive

two new gates on Nov. 8.

With the gates Spirit air crews can now operate without worrying about gate availability. Previously Spirit agents had to send other airlines to lend them gates on a flight-by-flight basis, leasing gates from three different carriers on three different concourses.

"We would spend hours and

hours to get a gate," Holmfeld said. Spirit Airlines now has consolidated operations.

Southwest Airlines has looked forward to occupying the four gates in the remodeled concourse, said Bob Montgomery, Southwest's director of properties. Montgomery also believed the gates will allow Southwest to continue to offer low fares and "excellent customer service" to Detroit travelers.

County officials believe the gates could handle as many as 40 additional low-fare flights a day. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said in every market Southwest has entered, fares have declined.

"This is what our customers have been asking for," McNamara said. "This is what we are working to provide."

Northwest Airlines maintains 60 of Metro's 103 gates. Other carriers include Mesaba with 12, Continental/America West (four), Delta (four), and now, Southwest with four. American, U.S. Airways and United each have three gates.

Northwest says it flies 70 percent of the passengers at Metro if connecting traffic is included,

but airport officials point out that out of originating and destination flights, Northwest controls 45 percent of that market and other carriers maintain 55 percent.

Holmfeld doesn't expect the new gates to take business travel away from Northwest, which uses Detroit Metro as a hub, but does expect customers to get good fares. "Our role is to come in as a low-priced carrier," Holmfeld said.

McNamara called it "simple economics. These guys go to Florida for \$100, and it drives the rates of the other carriers down," McNamara said.

David Katz, airport director, said the six additional gates could carry 10 flights a day with 150 people on a plane. "That's a lot of seats a day that people can choose from," Katz said.

Southwest Airlines acted as the construction manager on the Concourse A project. Spirit paid Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from Passenger Facility Charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne County.

McNamara said the project could be the "poster child" for the effectiveness of the passenger facility charge legislation, currently deadlocked over the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill, due to disagreements over PFCs.



Dedicated: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara speaks to reporters at a dedication Thursday of the recently expanded Concourse A at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, while Cornell Mays, deputy director of airports, looks on.

"If any member of Congress would like to see evidence that PFCs can be used by airports to stimulate competition, they only need to walk to the end of Concourse A at Detroit Metro Airport to see six brand new gates

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Holmfeld expects to expand service to more outboard destinations. Spirit currently flies to eight cities.

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# Engler, schools differ on Durant II

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The deadline for starting an appeal in the so-called Durant II lawsuit passed Wednesday, Nov. 10, without a filing.

But the fight appears far from over.

The plaintiffs in the case, 255 school districts across Michigan, believe the state government owes them \$428 million in the current school year as a result of an October decision issued by the Court of Appeals. School districts charge the state underfunded them for special education, lunch programs and transportation.

Gov. John Engler disagrees.

He interprets the Court of Appeals ruling to mean that while technically the state had violated the constitution, by not breaking special education money out from the remainder of the districts' school aid foundation grants, that it had provided enough money overall.

There will be no additional



Gov. John Engler

funds for schools, according to Engler spokesman John Truscott.

"There has been no change in the governor's position on this. The budgets are set for 2000 and

2001. There will be no additional money," deputy press secretary Susan Shafer confirmed Tuesday, Nov. 16.

John Schultz, chair of a committee of the school districts involved in the case, issued a statement Thursday, Nov. 11, calling on the Legislature to appropriate the additional cash.

"This is the first time in the history of the Durant litigation that the state has not challenged a decision of the Court of Appeals which concluded that the Legislature had violated the Michigan Constitution," he said.

"The fix clearly involves the restoration in full of the foundation allowance revenues for all children enrolled in our public schools, regardless of whether they are handicapped or entitled to special education services or not."

The Legislature is required by the Headlee Amendment to provide sufficient funding to meet the minimum percentages required for special education

services. And Schultz concludes it will take an additional \$428 million to meet that requirement.

"The suggestion of some people in state government that some new or more clever sleight of hand or 'technical change' in the school aid act will fix this problem is an ill-advised suggestion. It will only serve to further extend an already far too protracted dispute," he said.

The school districts filed suit against the state saying it hadn't adequately funded special education, transportation or school lunch programs. The Legislature over the summer put an extra \$7 million to lunch programs.

The Court of Appeals ruled in October in favor of school districts on the claim that the allocations violated Proposal A in the state Constitution. But the court disagreed with school districts about whether the foundation grants could be counted as covering the state's overall obligations.

## 13-hour telethon to benefit Arab community

DEARBORN, Mich. — On Sunday, Nov. 21, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) will kick off its 18th Annual Telethon, a live, 13-hour broadcast, airing from noon to 1 a.m. on MediaOne Cable in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Westland, Livonia, and Redford Township, Detroit's Comcast Cable, and other regional cable stations. More-

over, ACCESS's 18th Annual Telethon will be broadcast nationally during designated hours, thanks to the efforts of ANA Television.

For almost 31 years, ACCESS has provided much needed services to the Arab and non-Arab communities throughout the Metro-Detroit area, annually assisting over 40,000 people. Last year ACCESS, with the

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that every person that walks through its doors will get the best help provided. The Telethon will also help ACCESS to continue to provide many of its everyday services, including immigration, translation, education and family counseling services.

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## 1.5 million will travel on Thanksgiving Day

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians - 16 percent of the population - will travel during the 1999 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan, up from 1.3 million last year.

According to an Auto Club survey, 75 percent of all travelers will drive to their final destination. Forty percent of those traveling will be heading to a destination within Michigan. Popular

destinations outside of Michigan include Illinois (16 percent), Ohio (11 percent) and New York (11 percent).

Eighty percent of travelers intend to visit with relatives during their journey, however, only 55 percent plan to stay with relatives. The average trip will include four travelers and last five days. Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally one of the

busiest travel periods of the year, says AAA, prompting heavier-than-normal traffic volumes.

"Holiday travelers heading to airports should be prepared for crowds and travel lightly," says Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan Travel Vendor Relations Director. According to Dickens, some airlines may limit the size and number of carry-on items, especially during heavy travel peri-

ods when planes are at full capacity.

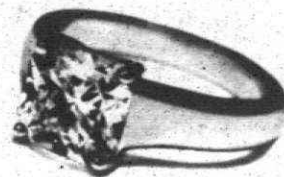
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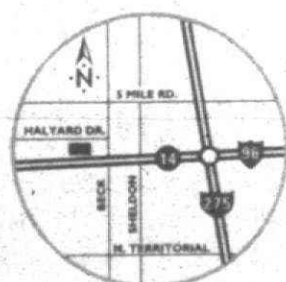
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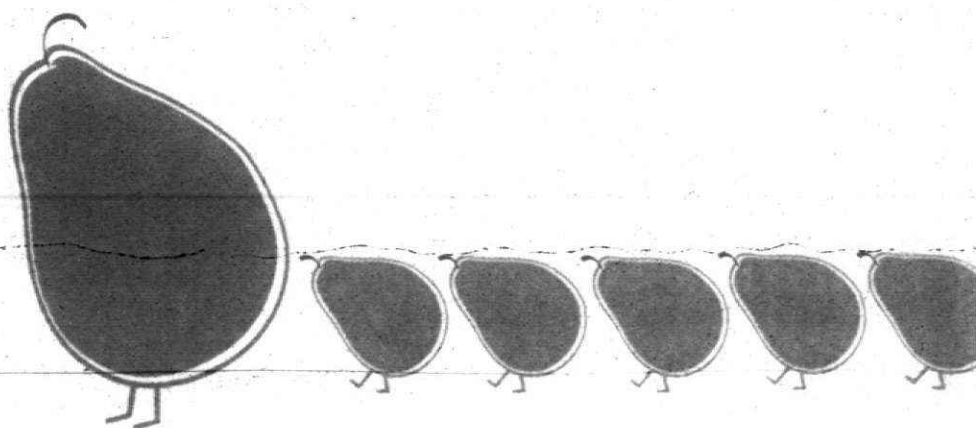
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Sudik shines

Andrea Sudik, a Canton resident and Plymouth Salem HS graduate, helped her Kalamazoo College women's soccer team reach national prominence this past season.

The senior midfielder scored three goals and assisted on two others for the Hornets, who finished the season ranked 19th in the NCAA Division III, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Kalamazoo was 16-3 overall and finished first in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with an 8-0 mark. Six of the Hornets' 11 shutouts occurred in MIAA play. Sudik scored all of her goals against conference foes.

Kalamazoo reached the final in the NCAA III Great Lakes Regional, where it lost 2-1 to Wheaton College Nov. 5.

### Wildcats perfect

The Plymouth Wildcats soccer team swept to the title in the under-14 boys Green Division of the Western Suburban Soccer League, posting an 8-0 record. Other league teams are from Livonia, Farmington, Northville and South Lyon.

The Wildcats outscored their opponents, 31-6. Forwards Justin Bailey, Casey Johnson and Roth Notebaert provided most of the scoring punch, combining for 17 goals on the season. Jason Burke, Mike Jahn and Eric Neimiec also contributed their share of goals.

The midfield was led by Nick Rowe, Jason Volstromer, Steve Hogg and Mike Shea. P.J. Sullivan was outstanding in goal, while defenders Nick Nazradi, Jason Cepela, Alex Grutter and Mark Pikulski kept opposing teams at bay. Marcus Jones and Matt Sullivan made valuable contributions at multiple positions.

The Wildcats were coached by George Shea and Pat Sullivan.

### Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

### Used sports sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present. Those who have had items sold can collect the money or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

For further information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

### Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

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

# Aggies oust Agape

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In the final analysis, Redford St. Agatha simply had more options to call upon. Bigger ones, too.

Canton Agape Christian tried to offset the Aggies' overwhelming size advantage with superior quickness, but the Wolverines simply couldn't win without an inside offense. St. Agatha prevailed in this Class D district final, 41-33, advancing to the regional semifinal against Adrian Lenawee Christian at 8 p.m. Monday at Potterville.

"Certainly, they were much bigger than us," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, his team finishing with a 19-3 record. "The first half was pretty good. Then Sara (Chrenko) got her third foul, and that hurt us."

St. Agatha, once-beaten champions of the Catholic League's C-D Division (22-1 overall), started a front line measuring 6-foot-3 (senior Krystol Dennis), 5-7 (senior forward Kerry Shivers) and 5-8 (sophomore Kim Dennis), with a 5-10 top sub (sophomore Jessica James).

Chrenko, a 5-9 senior, was Agape's only real sizable solution.

Indeed, through most of the first half, she was Agape's only solution. The Aggies got off to a fast start, hitting their first three shots (including a game-opening three-pointer by Kim Dennis) to build a 7-0 lead.

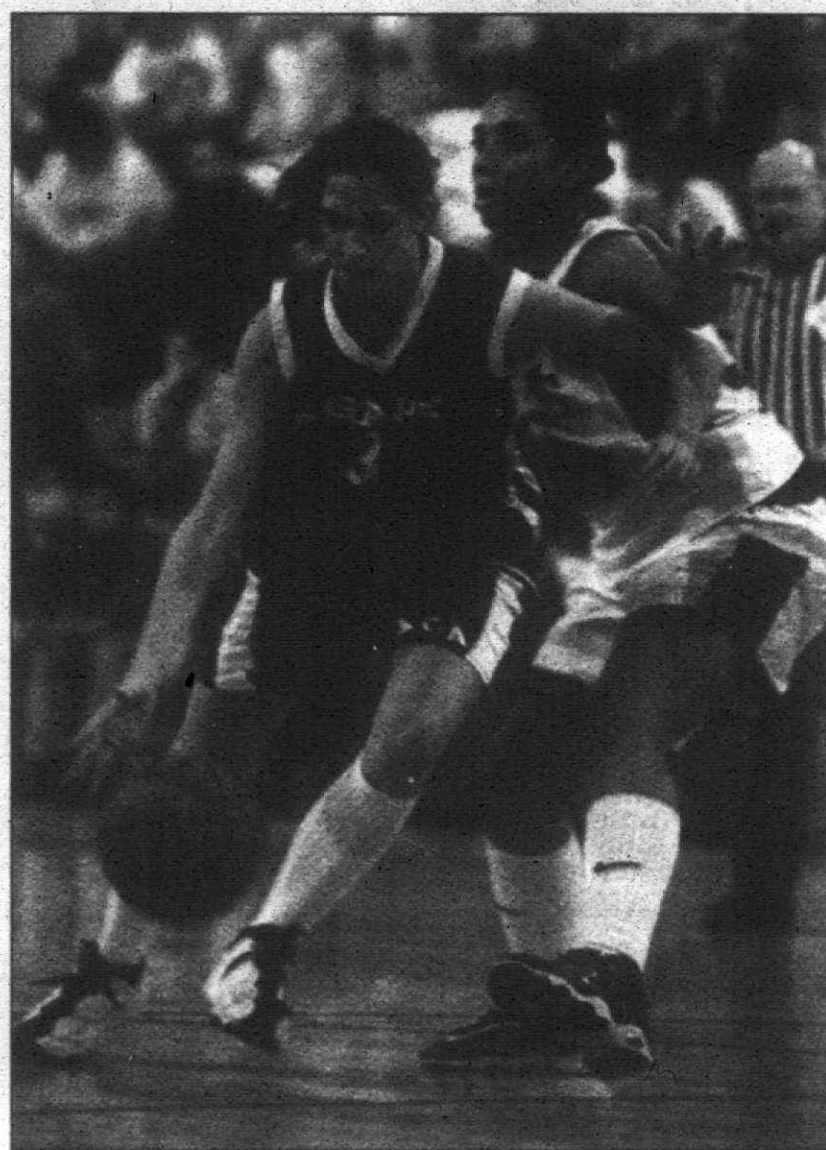
But the Wolverines stuck with it. With Chrenko scoring off the dribble, they closed the gap to 11-8 at the end of one quarter and pulled to within one three times in the second period.

The Aggies got back-to-back baskets from Krystol Dennis and James to pull in front by five with 2:37 left in the half, but Chrenko answered with two buckets in a 20-second span and the gap was one once again.

That's when the turning point came. Chrenko got her second foul with 1:34 left in the half, then got another on the in-bounds play, her third.

To the bench she went, taking with her 13 of the 17 points Agape had scored. St. Agatha jumped at the opening, getting four points from Krystol Dennis and three from James to close the period with a 7-0 run, making it 25-17 at the break.

"She was the one girl who could take advantage of them inside," said Henry of Chrenko's absence. "I really enjoyed



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Power move:** Canton Agape's Sara Chrenko (3) drives past Redford St. Agatha's Jessica James. Chrenko led all scorers with 17 points, but the Wolverines couldn't match the Aggies.

the way things were going in the first half until that time."

The third quarter was a nightmare for both teams. St. Agatha committed 11 turnovers and made just 3-of-16 shots in the period.

But Agape couldn't take advantage. The Wolverines hit just 1-of-6 from the

floor in the quarter and had eight turnovers of their own.

Trailing 32-20 entering the final quarter, and with Chrenko now saddled with four fouls, the outlook was dim for Agape. Adding to their troubles

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# Tri-fecta! Rocks win district

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Trey-mendous.

That's the word that best describes Plymouth Salem's offensive performance in Friday night's 44-36 victory over Northville in the Class A District Final game played at Novi High School.

The Rocks, who improved to 21-1, buried six long-range treys against Northville's sagging — and staggered — defense. Consequently, the barrage of three-pointers buried any chances the Mustangs had of advancing in the state tournament.

Fittingly, Salem's top gunner was senior guard Lindsay Klemmer, who fired in 18 points. Klemmer's uniform

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number is 3.

The Rocks' Tiffany Grubaugh also shined from behind the arc as nine of her 16 points were the result of three-pointers.

Salem will play Birmingham Marian in Monday night's Regional Tournament opener at Birmingham Groves High School. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. Marian defeated Oak Park, 55-51, in its district final Friday night.

"We've shot the three-point shot well all season, and tonight was no exception," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I think our good shooting was a by-

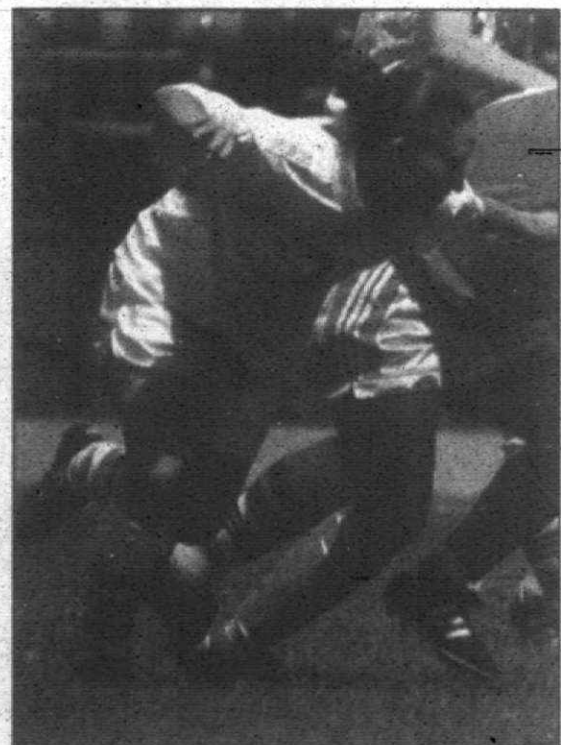
product of our strong defensive effort. We forced a lot of turnovers and got good looks at the basket as a result."

"Klem had an awesome district tournament for us. She has been on fire shooting the ball, and she hit the big shots for us tonight."

Salem's patented in-your-face defense was in rare form against the Mustangs Friday night. Once they crossed half-court, Northville's guards were greeted by a level of tenaciousness that would make any pit bull proud.

"I thought the pressure their guards put on our guards was the key," assessed Northville coach Pete Wright. "Their quickness makes it difficult to

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Madonna-bound:** Salem standout Christen Shull was a defensive demon for the Rocks last spring, earning a spot on the all-state team as a junior.

# Top recruit Salem's Shull signs with Madonna

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Success can be epidemic, spreading like a bad cold through a school room full of grade-schoolers. At least that's a theory coaches cling to.

At Madonna University, women's soccer coach Rick Larson is providing proof to that theory. In the first year of the program — 1998 — the team struggled, winning just three games. But in the just-completed 1999 campaign, the Lady Crusaders won 14 games and advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference final before losing.

Banking on that belief that success breeds success, Larson attacked the off-season recruiting period with one major goal: "We set out to bring in a couple of big-time players."

Last week, Larson figures he did just that when he signed Plymouth Salem senior Christen Shull.

A sweeper for most of her junior season at Salem, Shull was instrumental in guiding the Rocks to an upset of Plymouth Canton in the state district final last spring. Her efforts earned her all-state and all-Western Lakes Activities Association — as well as all-Observer — honors.

"She's the kind of player we need to take this program where we want it to go," said Larson. "She's the

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kind of player we need to get better."

And that would include any position. Indeed, Shull wasn't recruited to fill a specific need; indeed, according to Larson, "I don't even know if she'll play in back."

Shull has displayed an ability to play just about anywhere. At Salem last season, her skills at sweeper made the Rocks one of the best teams in the area defensively. But when needed, she also switched to marking back, frustrating scorers like Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Guskic.

As strong as Shull was defensively, Larson — who also serves as her Olympic Development Program coach — was equally impressed with her offensive skills.

"I think she'll help us the most with her ability to go forward," the Madonna coach said. "That's where we struggled the most, getting offensive support from our defense. Christen has speed and has shown an ability to strike the ball."

For Shull, going to Madonna means an opportunity

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# 4th-quarter rally lifts Jays over Blazers

BY BRAD EMOUS  
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When he coached at Detroit Cooley, Ben Kelso captured three consecutive boys state championships (1987-89). But Friday night's stunning 45-44 district final win at Livonia Ladywood probably brought a bigger smile to his face.

With his daughter Jennifer leading the way with 16 points and Safiyah Bibbins adding 14 points (all in the first half), the Blue Jays won their first district girls basketball title of the decade. "It's been a lot of years since this happened — over 12 years," said Kelso, whose team improved to 21-1 overall and will face Dearborn Fordson in the regional semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Ladywood. "The kids wanted it so bad and I wanted it so bad for them."

"You have to understand these girls all grew up in the same community and

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have known each other since they were 3 years old."

Ladywood, the Catholic League runner-up and winners of the last two districts, bowed out at 16-7 overall.

The Blazers led 17-9 after one quarter and didn't relinquish the lead until 5:26 left in the final period when Kelso, a 5-foot-11 senior, scored inside to make it 39-38.

Southfield then stretched the lead to five, 43-38, on basket by Bibbins (after a steal) and a short baseline jumper by freshman Kineta Taylor.

After a free throw by Jasmine Williamson put Southfield ahead 45-42, Ladywood drew back to 45-44 with 17 seconds remaining on an inside bucket by Liz Obrecht.

With 16 seconds to go, Ladywood fouled Moore, who missed the front end

of a one-and-one. But Blazers turned the ball back over on a steal by Bibbins. With 3.2 seconds remaining, Bibbins stepped to the line and missed the front end of another one-and-one.

Obrecht snared the rebound and passed the ball up court, but Kristen Barnes' desperation three-point attempt did not hit the rim, sending the Blue Jays' fans into a wild celebration.

"We had a three-minute drought where we missed wide-open layups and open jumpers that we normally make," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "When we didn't make those, it gave their team an opportunity to come back."

Ladywood shot itself in the foot with seven fourth-quarter turnovers, many unforgotten after getting Southfield to cough up the ball.

"When we needed to get the ball back, we'd come back down and throw it away, which is uncharacteristic of this team," Gorski said. "I think we pan-

icked. Maybe our heads weren't in it for some reason."

Melissa Harkas, who made the Blazers' only three-point shot of the night, led Ladywood with 13 points.

Sister Michelle, hampered by a sprained ankle and bloody nose, finished with 10. Obrecht, the 6-2 sophomore center, contributed nine points and 11 rebounds.

"During the season we were fortunate to hit those three-point shots in close games and tonight we got good looks, we just didn't make them," Gorski said.

Southfield, meanwhile, overcame some adversity of its own. Bibbins, a 5-9 senior, sprained her ankle just before the end of the first half, but later returned. Kelso also hit her head on the floor midway through the final quarter and was wobbly.

And to make matters worse, Moore, the team's primary ball handler, was saddled with four second-half fouls. That prompted Kelso to revert to a

semi-delay game with 5:16 to go. "We were hurt, tired and we wanted to get the game to the end," Kelso said. "I instructed who was going to shoot."

"Jennifer said, 'Don't take me out.' And Bibbins told me, 'I can hurt tomorrow, put me back in.'"

Each team had 17 turnovers. Ladywood shot 16 of 42 from the floor (38 percent), while Southfield made 17 of 39 (43.5 percent).

Victory, however, couldn't have tasted any better for Kelso and his girls.

"Because of my daughter, these girls have virtually lived at my house the last two years," Kelso said. "They spend a lot of time with each other and have parties together. We've tried to get a family-type attitude among the kids and it's been nice."

And asked if this victory was better than any of his three state titles at Cooley, Kelso put it simply: "You're right."

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were the defensive clamps applied by Kristen Rogers on the Wolves' standout point guard, Amy Henry.

"We knew coming in they had a couple of outstanding guards," said St. Agatha coach Tim Szakal. "Rogers just did a great job on their point guard, Amy Henry. She forced her to make some mistakes."

Indeed, Henry was scoreless through 3 1/2 quarters. Then, suddenly, without warning, the diminutive guard caught fire. She nailed a three-pointer from the corner to trim a 12-point deficit to 36-27 with 2:35 left.

Thirty seconds later, Henry was fouled on a three-point try; she made all three free throws, and the score was 36-30.

A miss by the Aggies gave the ball back to Agape, and Henry hit again from three-point range. With 1:40 remaining, the Wolverines were within three.

"We made it interesting," said Szakal. "It builds character, I guess."

The Aggies found an answer, and it was in the area they dominated. Agape fouled three times

in the final 1:07, and although the Aggies converted just one of the six free throws, twice they rebounded the misses, getting a basket from Kim Dennis on one of those.

"You take away the baskets they scored on free throws and out-of-bounds plays, and we outscore them," said Henry.

Szakal didn't argue. "We beat them off the glass," he said. "They were getting their shots in the first quarter, but they weren't getting any second or third shots."

"We controlled the glass."

Chrenko's 17 points led all scorers. Henry added nine for Agape, but no one else had more than three.

St. Agatha certainly enjoyed better balance. Krystol Dennis led with 14 points; James totaled 12 and Kim Dennis had 10.

Agape 42, PCA 31: After a low-scoring first quarter, Canton Agape Christian erupted to outscore host Plymouth Christian Academy 27-17 over the next two in advancing to the

Class D district final. Sara Chrenko led Agape with 14 points. Amy Henry added 10. Crystal Marti's 10 points and eight rebounds topped PCA; Laura Clark scored nine.

Their aggressive defense held us down," said Agape's coach Rod Windle. "Defensively they did a good job."

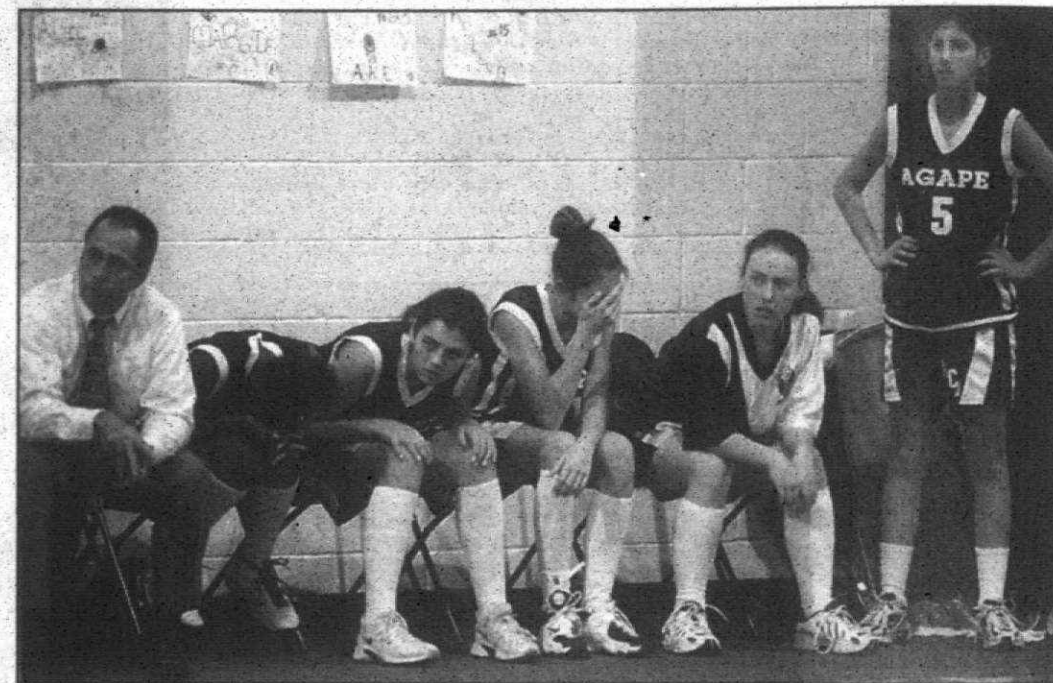
PCA finishes its season at 8-14.

On Tuesday, the Eagles got out of the gate quickly and rolled to a district-opening 50-24 victory over Dearborn Fairlane Christian at PCA.

Clark led PCA with 14 points; he also had five assists. Heather Vargo contributed 10 points and seven steals, and Kallie Gross scored 11 points.

Vargo nailed four-straight shots from the floor to pace the Eagles in the first quarter, as they outscored Fairlane 18-7. They increased their lead to 27-11 by halftime and to 41-17 after three quarters.

Latina Jones' nine points was best for Fairlane, which finished at 5-16.



Not this time: The Canton Agape bench, including coach Chuck Henry (left), reflects the feelings of frustration as a 4th-quarter comeback falls short.

## Poor 2nd half proves costly to Ocelots

Schoolcraft College is 1-1 after a pair of games in the College of Southern Idaho Classic.

The Ocelots fell Friday to the host school from Twin Falls, Id.,

122-93, as William Parker and Matt Sebrina scored 24 and 22 points, respectively. SC trailed 55-50 at halftime, then was outscored 67-43 in the

second half. Four Ocelots scored in double figures: Quentin Mitchell (18), Lamar Bigby (16), Robert Brown (15) and Reggie Kirkland (13).

Brown, the Central Michigan transfer, grabbed nine rebounds. On Thursday, Brown scored 20 points to lead Schoolcraft to a 93-85 victory over Casper (Wyo.) in the opener.

Bigby added 16, Mitchell had 13, while Kirkland 12 and Mike Williams came off the bench to score 12 apiece.

Brown also had 15 rebounds and three assists. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Bigby had four assists each.

Schoolcraft held a 56-45 half-time lead on 51 percent shooting. The Ocelots shot just 37 percent in the second half.

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## IV Super Bowl champs



The winners: The Canton Lions junior varsity captured the Western Suburban Junior Football League championship last Sunday with an 18-6 win over the Ypsilanti Braves. The Lions finished their season at 10-0. Dominique Fischer ran for two first-half touchdowns and Julian Smith added one in the second half. David Scherbaty and Erik Fishwick had interceptions to lead the defense. Other team members are Chris Drabicki, Johnathon Wood, Tom Freeman, Nathan Rzeppa, Sean Downey, Ryan Kilgore, Konrad Konsitzke, Michael Gore, Fred Keena, Mark Houy, Shawn Clark, Michael Edwards, Joe Clark, Josh LeDuc, Jeff Coogan, Joel Cieslak, Kirk Sadek, Joe Sanders, Johnny Groat, Rory Kind and Matt Farmer. The team is coached by John Germain, Ron Rzeppa and Mike Scherbaty.

## Falling just short



A touchdown away: The Canton Lions varsity saw their unbeaten string end at nine games with a 14-6 loss to the Belleville Cougars in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl played last Sunday at Farmington HS. The Lions' only touchdown was scored in the third quarter on a 26-yard run by Drew Amble. Amble also recovered two fumbles and Brian Clark had an interception for the Lions. Other Lion team members are Aaron Bachand, David Thomas, Eric Mitchell, Brian Guido, Matt Sammut, Bobby Pollard, Tom Lucas, Colin Murphy, Brian Snygg, Jason Kenison, Jayce Ostrowski, Eric Northrup, Bobby Groat, Ben West, Kris Whipple, Ryan Lewis, Mark Kersten, Dave Kersten, Jensen Killgrove, Matt Kappler, Brandon Kilgore, Henry Haddad, Dustin Steiner and Matt Deane. The team is coached by Ron Bradley, Bruce Amble, Bob Peterson, Joe Pollard and Dave Thomas.

## 1st-place Rangers



League champs: The Canton Rangers under-12 boys select soccer team won their division in the Western Suburban Soccer League. Team members are Pete Bartlett, Matt Duprie, Richard Fatyma, Kevin Frusti, Kevin Greening, Jared Johnson, Britton Keep, Chris Kosbe, Ben Krause, Dave Lewandowski, Joe Matlese, Jordan Payne, Brandon Sykora, Jim Wilbur and Eric Wilt. The team is coached by Doug Morrison, Mark Kosbe and Ross Wilt.

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## Whalers lose road-trip opener

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scored all four goals Friday night, three of them in the final period, to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 4-3 victory over Grosse Pointe North in a Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contest at Fraser.

The score was tied, 1-1, after one period but North scored the only two goals of the second period to take a 3-1 lead into the final session.

Mickie Fallon had two assists, as did Sarah Sharp, as the Blazers won their opener. Megan Shefferly was in goal for the Blazers.

O'Dea sparks Blazers

Senior center Katie O'Dea

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to play in a winning program right away, one that's building rapidly toward national prominence.

"They have a great program," she said, "and they have a great coach. They've been getting bet-

ter, that's for sure."

Most important, the school offers something Shull is very interested in. "They have a very good physical training program, which is what I want to study," she said.

"They're just doing some great things."

Larson hopes with Shull's addition, and perhaps a few others close to her ability, Madonna will be doing even greater things in the not-to-distant future.

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get the ball inside."

Waiting for the ball inside for the Mustangs were six-foot-plus forwards Meredith and Janel Hasse, and 5-foot-11 center Kate Hammond. True to Thomann's pre-game strategy, the triple towers didn't touch the ball as often as Wright would have liked.

"Our plan going in was to try and take away the passes over our guards' heads, and to front their post players," Thomann said. "I think we did a good job of that."

The Rocks' rotating guard quartet of Klemmer, Kelly Jaskot, Katie Kelly and Monica Mair was instrumental in forcing 21 Northville turnovers and holding the Mustangs without a point in the game-deciding third quarter.

A Klemmer steal and layup

gave Salem its biggest first-half lead, 23-15, with 3:15 left. However, just when it looked like the Rocks would take a semi-comfortable lead into the intermission, the Mustangs, led by Janel Hasse inside and Emily Carbutt outside, cut the deficit to 23-22 with 25 seconds to go.

Salem milked the first-half clock down to two seconds before Dawn Allen took a perfect pass from Jaskot in the lane and hit a soft 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer to give the Rocks a slim 25-22 halftime lead.

Salem's defense shined in the third quarter, an eight-minute period in which Northville chalked up more turnovers (six) than shots (five).

Klemmer sank one of two free throws with 3:48 left in the game to give Salem its biggest lead of the night, 37-28.

Salem played keep-away over the game's final three minutes, forcing the exasperated Mustangs to commit a series of clock-stopping fouls. The Rocks were up to the task, however, sinking 11-of-16 free throws in the final quarter.

Jaskot scored only two points — both free throws — but she hauled in five rebounds and had four assists.

Salem's effort was especially impressive considering one of its main components — senior Bree Pastalaniec — sat out most of the game due to foul trouble.

Janel Hasse led Northville with 17 points, 12 of which came from the line. Carbutt added nine and Meredith Hasse contributed seven.

Salem converted 13-of-27 shots from the field. Northville made just 10-of-31 field goal attempts.

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# Rockets no match for Belleville

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

It was hard to tell it from the scoreboard but Coach Joel Lloyd feels the Westland John Glenn girls basketball program is making excellent progress.

John Glenn made a reluctant exit from the state high school girls basketball tournament Friday night by a 66-27 margin by Belleville.

Remember, though, the Tigers have three Division I college players in their starting five and have a decent chance to get through the regionals for the second straight year. Provided they can avenge their only loss of the season, to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"This team came an awful long way this year," Lloyd said after the Rockets finished 12-11. "We finished with two more wins than we had a year ago, we were over .500 and we got to the district championship game."

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"Getting to the finals was a wonderful experience. We'll learn from this and go to work on next year."

The Rockets played the Tigers at the start of the season and were mauled, 63-21, so on the surface the finish wasn't much better.

But John Glenn actually held a 10-4 lead in the first quarter of the district championship game at Romulus and trailed by only a 23-17 margin at half-time.

"I was talking to the girls at halftime about coming out and playing defense," Coach Kevin Edwards of Belleville said. "We wanted to come out and play hard defense."

It did. To the tune of a 21-6 third quarter and a 22-4 fourth.

"We didn't start out very well,"

Edwards said. "I keep telling the girls you can't do that. You have to play hard right from the start."

Samantha Crews made the first basket of the second half to cut the lead to 23-19 but Belleville turned up the defensive pressure and John Glenn turned the ball over on seven of its next eight possessions.

The Tigers went on a 10-0 run, then outscored the Rockets 11-2 in the final 4:23. They stole everything but the John Glenn players' sneakers.

"For a half we were right in the thick of things," Lloyd said. "The first 12 minutes we played pretty well. We were taking the fight to them."

John Glenn outshouted and outscraped Belleville. But the physical play took its toll. The Tigers were quicker, deeper and stronger, which eventually made the difference.

Providence College-bound Ryan Kil-

gore scored 17 points while her junior sister Kristen, being heavily recruited by both Michigan and Michigan State, scored six of her 16 points in the final five minutes of the game.

The girls' father, Bill, was a prep star at nearby River Rouge and played college ball at Michigan State.

Guard Jenetria Harden, going to Loyola of Chicago, scored 10 points while Crystal Steward had eight and Courtney Ivan six.

LaToya Chandler led John Glenn with seven points but sprained her left ankle with 2:10 left in the first half and didn't return until late in the third quarter.

"In the second half they took control of the boards," Lloyd said, "and not having LaToya Chandler hurt a little bit, too. She can jump with the best of them."

"But give them credit. When a shot goes up, they crash the boards like a

tidal wave. You can't jump with them, you've got to box them out."

Samantha Crews scored six points in her final high school basketball game while her sophomore sister Stephanie scored four.

"We wanted to slow things down," Lloyd said, "but not to a crawl. We didn't want to run up and down the floor with them."

"But nonetheless, we did get some fast-break points. And when you're running and getting good shots, you hate to rein your kids in."

John Glenn bothered Belleville early with its tight defense. The Rockets contested most of the shots, anticipated the Tigers' passes well and did a nice job of stripping the ball in the paint if it wasn't shot right away.

But the second half was just the opposite. And once the basketball got rolling downhill, it didn't stop.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS</b>	Patrick, 6 p.m.: Redford St. Agatha vs. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 8 p.m.	Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.
<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24:</b> Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Allegan vs. Centerville regional champion.)	<b>Thursday, Nov. 25</b>
<b>at LIVONIA LADYWOOD</b>		Whalers at Brampton, 7:15 p.m.
<b>Monday, Nov. 22:</b> Detroit Murray-Wright vs. Detroit King, 6 p.m.; Dearborn Fordson vs. Southfield, 7:30 p.m.		<b>Saturday, Nov. 27</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24:</b> Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Ferndale High School vs. Ulica regional champion.)		Whalers vs. Peterborough at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
<b>at BIRMINGHAM GROVES</b>		<b>Sunday, Nov. 28</b>
<b>Monday, Nov. 22:</b> Detroit Northern vs. West Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Birmingham Marian, 7:30 p.m.		Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24:</b> Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Berkley High School vs. Port Huron Northern regional champion.)		
<b>CLASS D</b>	<b>PREP HOCKEY</b>	<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>
<b>at POTTERVILLE</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 22</b>	<b>Tuesday, Nov. 23</b>
<b>Monday, Nov. 22:</b> Reading vs. Portland St.	Farmington at W. Bloomfield, 6 p.m.	St. Mary's at Madonna, 7 p.m.
	<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24</b>	
	Franklin vs. Lapeer West, Stevenson vs. Redford Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.	<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>
	Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at B.H. Cranbrook, 7 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, Nov. 23</b>
	<b>Sunday, Nov. 28</b>	Lansing CC at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.
	Redford CC vs. St. Joseph (N.Y.) at B.H. Cranbrook, 1:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, Nov. 26</b>
	<b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b>	S'craft at Durham (Ont.) Big 8, TBA.
	<b>Sunday, Nov. 21</b>	Madonna at Taylor (Ind.) Tourney, TBA.
	Whalers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.	<b>Saturday, Nov. 27</b>
	<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24</b>	S'craft at Durham (Ont.) Big 8, TBA.
		Madonna at Taylor (Ind.) Tourney, TBA.
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## SEASON/DATES

**DEER**  
Archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzelozing season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

**DUCK**  
Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

**ELK**  
Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

**GROUSE**  
A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**PHEASANT**  
A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

**RABBIT**  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

## CLASSES/CLINICS

**FLY TYING**  
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 650-0440.

**ARCHERY**  
Livonia Range  
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday

814-9216 for more information.  
**ROD BUILDING**  
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

**FLY TYING**  
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

**MORE FLY TYING**  
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

**CLIMBING CLASS**  
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

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and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 446-2640 for more information.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**JUNIOR ARCHERS**  
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

**SPORTING CLAYS**  
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

## CLUBS

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
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**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
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**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
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**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

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Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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**SOLAR**  
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ship, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**FLY TYING**  
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other Tuesday in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

**1999 PERMITS**  
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metroparks offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**PERMITS**  
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

**FRIENDS OF FEATHERS**  
Join the nature center's new club for ages 8-12. Each meeting includes indoor and outdoor nature activities. Cost is \$4 and advanced registration is required. The next meetings will be held 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday Nov. 27, at Independence Oaks. (To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@home.com.net)

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## Wanted: deer heads

As an estimated 750,000 hunters make their preparations for the 1999 firearm deer season, which began Nov. 15, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a simple message for deer hunters who will be hunting in the northern Lower Peninsula: "We need deer heads."

The request is part of the state's overall strategy to eradicate bovine tuberculosis from Michigan.

So far during the 1999 hunting season, seven deer, all females, taken in Alcona, Alpena and Oscoda counties, have tested positive.

All the animals were taken in the original five-county TB management area (now Deer Management Unit 452), established after the disease was found in a 4-year-old male whitetail shot in Alpena County in 1994.

This year, TB surveillance has been expanded to include Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties.

"If you hunt in the 20-county area listed, bring your harvested deer to a DNR check station for a free examination that will be performed at our Rose Lake Laboratory in East Lansing," said Rebecca Humphries, DNR Wildlife Bureau chief.

"We're hoping to examine the heads of between 300 and 1,000 deer from each county."

Heads of bucks and does are needed for laboratory examination because the lymph nodes located in the head near the base of the neck are used to determine if the deer has TB. Half-year-old deer will not be tested.

Before traveling to a specific field office or check station, telephone first to confirm the location and hours. The schedule is available on the DNR Web site at [www.dnr.state.mi.us](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us).

For more information regarding the TB testing program, call the DNR Rose Lake Laboratory at (517) 373-9358.

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## RECREATION AND BOWLING



**NATURE NOTES**  
TIM NOWICKI

On field trips with students I often stop at some of the wild flowers that have turned to seed and discuss the number of seeds produced and how the seeds disperse.

One technique that young students enjoy is blowing the seeds through the air after I drop them from above. Some students chase the seeds down the trail to keep them from landing on the ground.

Many seeds develop parachute like structures which allow them to be transported by the wind.

Milkweed seeds, for example, develop inside an enclosed pod. After the seeds mature, the dried pod splits open and each seed is

attached to fluffy, white, silky strands that serve as a parachute when caught by the wind.

Swamp milkweed and butterfly weed, other members of the milkweed family have the same kind of seed dispersal structures.

Milkweeds have very large sailing structures, but the same principle is true with the seeds produced by goldenrod.

Not too long ago the fields were spotted with yellow goldenrod of many different species. Monarch butterflies depend on their nectar as a food source during their migration.

Goldenrod is also the plant often accused of causing hay fever. It is not the culprit.

Now that the goldenrod seeds have matured, the flower remains have a very fuzzy look to them.

That fuzzy appearance comes from the small parachute structures attached to each seed. As

the wind blows through the fields, it dislodges these seeds and may carry seeds from field to field.

Not all will germinate into a new plant, but the chances of some seeds surviving to grow is very good. Plants produce excessive numbers of seeds in the hopes that a few will survive.

My son and I walked off the beaten path this past weekend and walked through some goldenrod and queen-anne's lace.

Though the goldenrod seeds may not be designed for sticking to clothing, the fleece we were wearing was soft enough for the seeds to get stuck in.

Queen-anne's lace seeds have tiny spines on them and easily attached to our soft coats. It took a lot of vacuuming to get most of them out of the material.

Birds feeding on the seeds of queen-anne's lace will get some seeds stuck in their feathers.

Deer walking through the

fields will dislodge goldenrod seeds for the wind to carry and they will have some seeds stick to their fur. Some of these seeds will be deposited in an area suitable for growth, but many will be eaten.

Finding tiny plant seeds on the ground is almost impossible for you and I, but small mammals and birds have senses and structures that allow them to find and feed on these seeds.

Both birds and mammals are much closer to the ground to see some of the fallen seeds. Many birds perch directly on the old flower head and eat the seeds before they leave the plant.

Even mice can climb onto some plants, but get most seeds after they have fallen to the ground.

Next time you leave the beaten path, be careful not to wear clothes that are too soft and fuzzy, and think about all the seeds produced from the profusion of plant you walk through.

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# County studies giving youth programs to Growth Works

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Wayne County's Department of Community Justice and local service agencies are embarking on a brave new world of juvenile justice and intervention.

On Tuesday, Wayne County commissioners will discuss and possibly approve an eye-popping \$288 million in contracts for six care management organizations which then can subcontract community-based services to service providers.

Western Wayne communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, would be serviced by Growth Works of Plymouth through a \$37.5 million proposed contract with the Department of Community Justice. This week, like the other five CMOs, Growth Works' contract is under study by the commission.

Wayne County wanted to initiate the CMO approach for juveniles instead of using the state's Family Independence Agency because county officials believe they can conduct the program for less money and with better results.

In western Wayne County, Growth Works will oversee programs by service providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, case management and educational and employment options. The contracts provide incentives to award agencies for rehabilitating children and stopping recidivism, and impose financial penalties to those who do not.

On Thursday, commissioners still wrestled with the juvenile court's role in overseeing the youths and some were wary of approving that dollar amount without some emphasis on prevention and programs for at-risk youths.

The issue was considered so critical, that Thursday's regularly scheduled commission meeting was postponed until Tuesday, so commissioners could spend the morning discussing the CMOs with Jeriel Heard, director of the Department of Community Justice, and court administrators.

"This is one of the most important things to ever come before the Wayne County Commission that involved young people," said Ricardo Solomon, commission chair.

## Who's in charge

Administrators from the Wayne County Circuit Court's family division told commissioners the court would maintain oversight responsibility, but not management responsibility.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, asked whether the courts would turn over the program to Wayne County. "The intent of the court is to oversee the rehabilitation of youths," said Jane Varner, an adminis-

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trator of the family division of the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

Parker was concerned about the time element for the placement of youths. "The whole idea of the CMOs was to respond to the needs of the child, rather

than go back to the courts which can take two or three months," Parker said. "That was the problem before and it seems to be the problem of the future."

Alexander Luvall, court administrator for Wayne County Circuit Court, said no agreement

was in place between the court and the Department of Community Justice, but assured Parker the court wanted "accountability and performance evaluation."

Judges will conduct "business as they see fit," Luvall said. "If we offer them good programs, I'm sure they will be utilized," Luvall said.

## Financial concerns

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she didn't want a similar situation that happened with county's Department of Mental Health a few

years ago. Budget deficits were reported after cash was advanced, Beard said.

"Some (providers) were able to make payments and some went bankrupt," Beard said. Beard was "concerned on how the advance will be spent and whether the county would be put in a similar situation." She encouraged her colleagues to ensure audits were completed by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Parker introduced amendments to the CMO contracts outlining prevention services, pay-

ment schedules, a documentation provision and add \$1.5 million for prevention programs. That was referred for committee study.

Solomon commended Jeriel Heard, the director of the Department of Community Justice, for doing an outstanding job.

Heard said the CMO program was a partnership with the commission.

"We will resolve every issue that this commission has raised today and we'll get it done for you," Heard said.

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## MADD plans vigil for Dec. 7

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will hold its annual candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph at Northline, in Taylor.

The event is an opportunity for people who've lost loved ones or who've been seriously injured in a drunken driving crash to join together.

Call the MADD office at (734) 721-8181 to have names put into the program. A bell will be rung as each name is remembered at the vigil.

MADD organizers ask that participants have a slide made of a favorite photo of the loved one so that it can be shown at the vigil. Mail them to MADD, P.O. Box 85570, Westland, MI, 48185.

The Wayne County chapter also has extended an invitation to its new victim support groups.

The groups will meet at the Michigan State Police post located at 12111 N. Telegraph in Taylor at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

The first support group began on Oct. 20. For more information call the above-listed MADD number.



## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Encouraging participation in art praiseworthy

**T**he Livonia Arts Commission and Westland Chamber of Commerce deserve praise for encouraging participation in the arts.

In addition to nurturing young talent by awarding scholarships, the arts commission regularly showcases art works and musical programs. On Sunday, Nov. 7, the commission installed a new bronze work at the Livonia Civic Center Library to help develop a sculpture garden. It was an anticipated event, after all, promoting art is what the commission is all about.

And while I don't want to seem as if I'm discounting

their achievements, I do want to applaud the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which chose arts as the theme of its fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The chamber could have chosen any topic for a fund-raising theme. Choosing the arts as a theme required extra work and coordination. The Westland Chamber of Commerce worked to develop relationships with local artists and art teachers to create the event.

#### Tasty event

"Taste of the Arts" will feature samplings of food and beverages from more than 20 local businesses including Chimento's Italian Market, Max & Erma's and the Fire Academy Brewery and Grill. Art works by students from Wayne-Westland Schools will be exhibited and will be for sale. During a silent auction, you can even place a bid on works by a number of local artists, including Norma McQueen and Mary Brittain. A string quartet will provide entertainment for the evening.

Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the event benefits the chamber and the Family Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that helps families in need.

"I'm excited," said Lori Brist, the chamber's executive director. "We'll have delectable cuisine from the area's best restaurants, in addition to the more-than-100 pieces of art on exhibit by students from Wayne-Westland elementary and high schools. There will be a donation box for anyone wanting to take home one of the pieces of student art."

A mystery prize drawing offers more than 180 items donated by Westland businesses, including a VCR.

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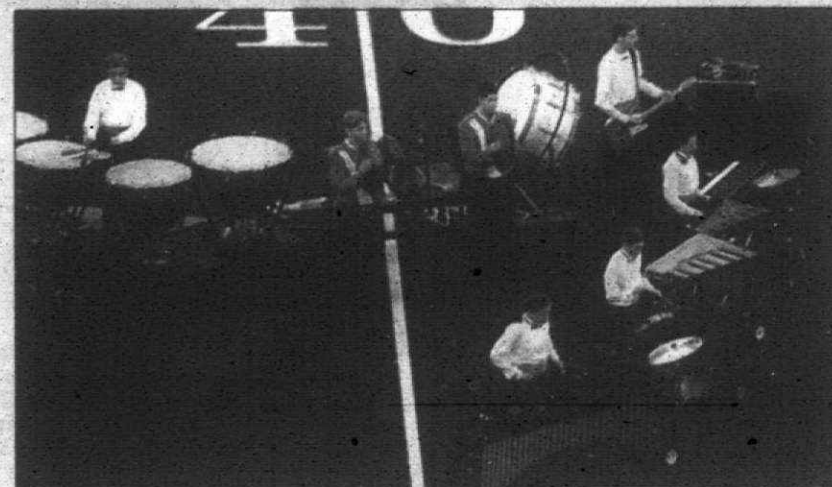
**Public art: Ferenc "Frank" Varga created this sculpture titled "Birds in Flight."**



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**Marching along:** Members of the Livonia Stevenson High School Marching Band keep in step with the music.

## The season ends but the music goes on for area marching bands



**Competitive spirit:** Franklin High School Marching Band members Chris Koluccelli (left to right), Mark Wholihan, Devin Maxwell, Pat Carden, Laura Evens, Jay Franklin, and Kelly Carroll competed in the nationals in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.



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**Talented beauty:** Homecoming Queen Marrisca Wanderski performs with the Redford Thurston High School Marching Band.

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**K**risti Jasin's enthusiasm for marching bands remains as ardent as ever, even though silence has descended over fields once filled with sound and color.

This cold November day finds the Livonia Franklin High School Band director indoors rehearsing students for their final performance of the season at Livonia's Holiday Parade. Jasin's passion for the music goes back to the days when she was marching with bands at Plymouth Canton Educational Park and Michigan State University.

"I always loved marching band," said Jasin, pointing out that although the season has ended students continue to play in the concert, symphonic and jazz bands. "I hear the drums and it does something for my heart. The nostalgia, hearing the cadence, you want to march."

The Franklin Marching Band officially ended their season by competing against 79 bands in the nationals presented by Bands of America on Nov. 13. Jasin said she was proud of her students who didn't seem to mind placing 13th because the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, under David McGrath, took first place home to Michigan.

"They were very happy for Plymouth Canton," said Jasin. "They cheered for them even though they competed against them in the state competition."

Jasin values the feedback she receives from judges at competitions. It helps the 79-member Franklin band grow.

"They put on a very good show," said Jasin. "It was the first time, they played in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and just going there was such a thrill. We didn't go there to win. The goal is musical growth. The kids learn a lot by not making it because they learn this is what we need to do better. Being in marching band is about loyalty to the group, responsibility, decision making, leadership. It's teaching them skills that transfer into life. It's teaching them to be the best they can be. The process is more important than the end product."

Even though marching band season is over the lessons go on for the Franklin students who frequently play at events ranging from the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit to ice cream socials at elementary schools. Community involvement is important for marching bands at Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Thurston High Schools because students receive experience while providing pleasure for an audience.

Franklin's symphonic, concert, and jazz bands are presenting a holiday concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, that's open to the public. It's part of their plan to invite the community into the school to see what they're doing.

Franklin participates in the community in other ways as well. For the 21st year in a row, it will host the Solo Ensemble Competition on Jan. 29 and Feb. 6. It is the largest solo ensemble competition in the state and run by students and parents, including the Band Boosters directed by Jim Hatten.

"One of our goals is to share our music and love of performing with the community," said Jasin. "I think performing in public is a very important part of music ensemble growth."

Drum major Anne Darket, in addition to playing flute in the symphony band, has led the marching band for four years. She started playing flute in fifth grade and feels she's matured as a musician since joining the marching band.

"I like marching band because the people are like a second family to me," said Darket, a Westland resident. "As far as the nationals, I wasn't really nervous because we pretty much have the show under our feet by then and it's a good experience seeing the better bands like Plymouth."

Sara Knopsnider, drum line captain in charge of percussion for Franklin, agrees with Darket. She's stayed in marching band because of the growth and camaraderie. As a junior, she also has the opportunity to recruit students from elementary schools during the upcoming winter. Last year, Darket and other Franklin juniors were able to recruit 30 new members for marching band.

"It's like one big family," said Knopsnider, who also plays drums with the jazz band.

#### Winning attitude

Thurston High School, along with Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, took part in the state competition presented by the Michigan Competing Band Association. Director Edward Lucius is proud of the fact that

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## THEATER

### Lively 'Flanagan's Wake' provides hearty laughs

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The crowd filed in dutifully at the makeshift parlor at Baci Theatre in Pontiac where a wake was being held for a friendly fellow named Flanagan.

First stop: the bar to fill up with spirits, limericks and fabricated tales about the recently departed. There's plenty of raucous encouragement for audience members to get two drinks — one for each kidney.

Irish wakes, as the roaming cast of "Flanagan's Wake" reminds, is an ritualistic exercise of drinking, dancing, and between bouts of storytelling and eulogies, a fair amount of fighting.

Somewhere along the way to depositing the wooden casket six feet under, a sermon gets mangled and an Irish culture that cele-

brates life at a ceremony of death gets honored and insulted.

It's the type of irresistible fun of family reunions, comedy clubs, and well, Irish wakes.

Like its interactive cousin "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" that plays upstairs at Baci's, "Flanagan's Wake" proves that the theatrical experience can indeed transform an audience of strangers into a community where the common interest is a good laugh and a sing-along.

There isn't any resisting the current production of the hilarious interactive play. In about two hours, the charming cast demonstrates the appeal of dissolving the traditional fourth wall of theater and inviting the audience to participate in a 50-percent scripted play and a 50-percent free-for-all.

For Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills, who portrays the howling mystic Kathleen Mooney, "Flanagan's Wake" is a play of scripted spontaneity that draws in the audience in the actor's unfolding craft of storytelling.

Being "in the moment," said Dorrington, extends beyond the stage. Audience members are encouraged, provoked, and drafted into partici-



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pating in putting flesh on the skeleton story about Flanagan's dreams, demise and foibles.

The collaboration with the audience requires a balance of wit and respectful distance — not easy when the cast is on the prowl for a quick laugh. But with this endearing cast, there is a near-instant comfort.

While actor appear firmly grounded in their respective characters, it's when they let out their personalities and demonstrate their improv skills that they shine.

At various times, the spotlight shines on Dorrington, Tony Lawry of Garden City, Dejan Ravich of Livonia, Charles

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**Liberated:** The cast of "Flanagan's Wake" puts audiences at ease, but not without a good deal of prodding.



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McGraw of Hamtramck, Tom Whalen of Royal Oak, Pat Caporusio of Richmond and Courtney Jo Demsey of Grosse Pointe.

All have their fair share of dramatic and comedic theater credits and stints in improv.

Together they take audiences on a journey through an Irish wake without hitting any insulting bumps. Well, then again, that depends on whether you're open to sparring with the likes of Flanagan's angry fiancée or his babbling, iron-fisted mother.

After six years of performances in Chicago, the play opened in Pontiac in early October. Several weeks later, however, the original producer, Joe Nederlander,

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Thurston's 117-member band has made the top 10 in state finals the last four years. They placed seventh in Flight III in 1999.

"The kids work hard all season long," said Lucius. "At state, there's 6,000 to 9,000 people staring at them. The kids do get nervous. What's special about state is our kids had their best performance of the year."

Like Jasini, Lucius believes that there's more to competition than winning.

"We're teaching kids that there's no winners or losers," said Lucius. "We're not competing with other bands. It's not a sport but for kids to do the best they can do."

In addition to performing at competitions held throughout the fall, Redford Thurston plays concerts for the community. Their winter concert by the wind ensemble, honors band, concert band, and jazz ensemble takes place 7:30 p.m.

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The Livonia Arts Commission's latest sculpture is a welcome addition to the landscape of the Livonia Civic Center Complex where an environmental work by Andrea Blum invites the public to interact with art.

Installed on Nov. 7, the bronze sculpture by Ferenc "Frank" Varga, "Birds in Flight," cost

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"We compete because bands here have always striven for excellence," said Lucius. "We're still able to participate in the community and play at home games."

**Top honor**  
Tiffany Labon joined the Redford Thurston Marching Band as a requisite for performing in the honors band at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 19. The Redford Thurston band was one of nine chosen from 77 bands which applied for the honor of performing at the National Concert Band Festival. As at other schools, the group making all of the performances by all of Thurston's bands possible is the Band Boosters led by Pat Bilicki, Bruce and Debbi Bovee and Chuck Litvin.

"Once I joined marching band, I really liked it," said Labon, a freshman percussionist. It's a lot of fun especially when you can finally put all the drill moves together."

**Community connection**  
As director of Lawrence Stevenson's 107-member marching band for the last 14 years, David Booker chooses not to compete in the state or nationals but instead concentrates on community performances in the Holiday Parade and nursing homes in addition to playing at football games.

"We're one of the few bands that makes a community commitment," said Booker. "Other schools don't do as much for the community because they spend all their time marching. I choose not to compete in state or national because I want to develop the jazz and symphonic programs. Students should have a balanced program. Ours offers a total musical experience."

apprenticed under his father, Ferenc Varga.

"After the lighting is installed in the garden of sculptures area we hope to invite sculptors to send their proposals for works to be included," said Sheridan. "We hope on a yearly basis to add another piece and that these could be enjoyed for many generations. They'll know we did something for the arts. We'd been there."

Varga worked closely with the commission on the design for the sculpture after the commission chose birds as the subject.

**Spirit of flight**  
"Man's interest has always been the spirit of flight," said Varga from his home in Delray Beach, Fla. "I wanted to represent the spirit of man and his interest in flight in a figurative, modern way. It's recognizable that they are birds but is stylized. The composition is angular so when the sun shines on it you always have a different movement. The composition begins to change in movement with the sun."

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All performers (experience not necessary) as well as technicians are welcome to try out for this Off Broadway-style show. For more information, call (313) 531-0554.

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Native West celebrates its 10th anniversary with the annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-4 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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**ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS**  
**ANN ARBOR ARTISANS MARKET**  
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Regular market hours Sundays through December at Farmers Market in Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER**  
Weekends of special holiday sales starting Thanksgiving weekend. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, Dec. 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28. The fiber sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 4 and the pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

**FINE ARTS AUCTION**  
The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies is holding its first arts auction from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Botsford Inn Coach House in Farmington Hills. (248) 557-4522.

**GALERIE DE BOUQUART**  
Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts on sale until Dec. 25, 251 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 723-5680.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT MERCY**  
19th annual Christmas arts & crafts show 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 at Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8020.

**KAIROSI INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE**  
Ksenija Sevic's artwork is on exhibit it 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the office of Dr. Gary Rendell, 555 Barclay Circle #150, Rochester Hills.

**MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK**  
View "The French Collection" at the hall's 29th annual walk Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 5 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. (248) 370-3140.

**CLASSES**  
**ART CLASSES**  
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adults. Classes held at three locations: 8631 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

**BELLY DANCE INSTRUCTIONS**  
An eight week instruction with Naomi Handelman from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC**  
Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

**DETROIT BALLET**  
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Adult art classes every Monday. Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Ballroom dance begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. East Coast Swing Class begins 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. A Pre and post bar and bat mitzvah dance class begins 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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

**NAVEL ACADEMY**  
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly. 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m. to noon every third Tuesday of the

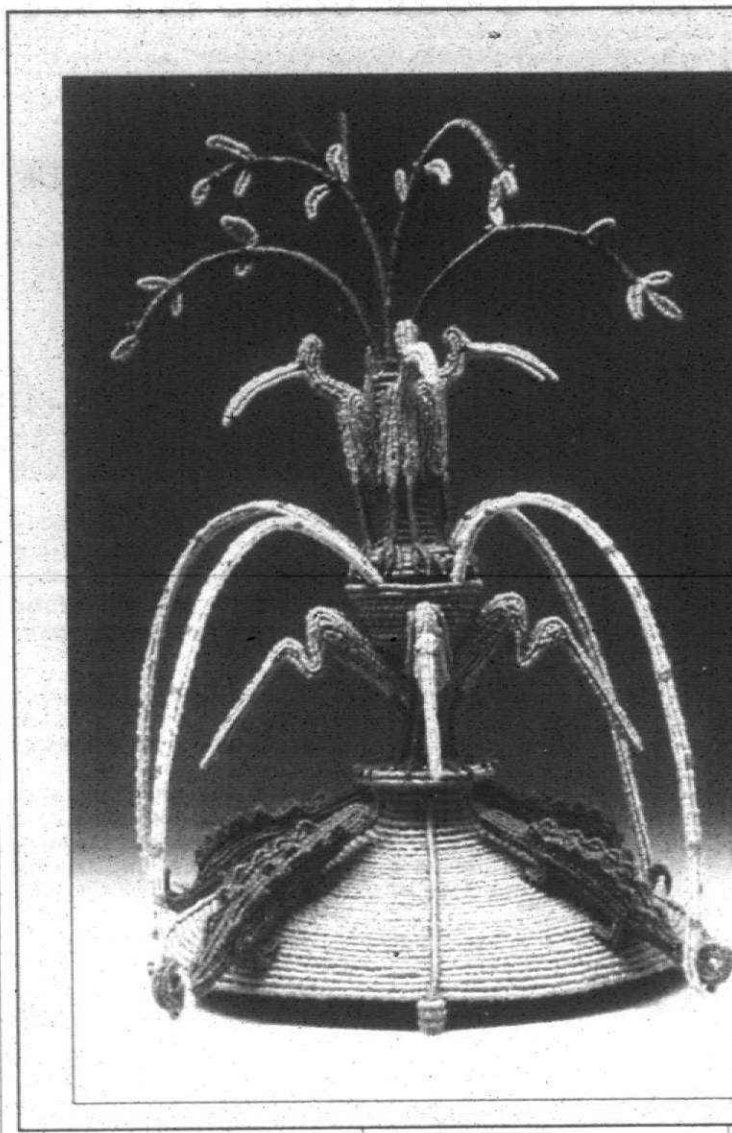
**AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
**NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS**  
Auditions for "Oliver" 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 for children and adults at the Jewish Community Center in Room 107A. For more information, and to make an appointment for audition, call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 or (248) 352-2797. Children are prepared both a ballad and up tempo song. The show will open 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center and run week-ends through Sunday, Feb. 7.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
The Creative Arts Center is seeking artists in all media for its January 2000 show whose theme is "Visions of Peace and Evolution for the next Millennium. Slides or photos and resume should be submitted by Dec. 1. Selections made by December 15. Send materials to: Exhibit Coordinator, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
"Seasonal Sensations." The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show. 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660, Ext. 270.

**LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC**  
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

**METROPOLITAN SINGERS**  
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000



Evergreen Road, Southfield. (734) 416-4278.

**MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION**  
A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3, cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

**CONCERTS**  
**CIVIC ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS**  
Performs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. (313) 833-7969.

**DEHAVEN CHORALE**  
Bach's Magnificat and the Brandenburg Concerto IV, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. (810) 323-2895.

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**DRAMA**  
**MUCH ABOUT NOTHING**  
The Marian Rice Players present Shakespeare's classic play at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at Marian High School, 7225 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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**Contemporary works: "Crocodiles & Serpents," a sculptural basket by Carol Eckert, is on display at the Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak, through Saturday, Dec. 4. Eckert's work is part of an exhibition of sculptural baskets, which also features works by Ferne Jacobs. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 544-3388 for more information.**

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Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - paintings by Michael Rollins from his "Tucker series" presented by Gallery: FunctionArt at Uzelac Gallery. Artist reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Oakland Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw. (248) 957-2357.

**GALLERY: FUNCTIONART**  
Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - Furniture/Functional Art Design Competition. More than 30 works by area students will be on display. Friday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 18. 21 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

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State University in Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

**ROBERT KIDD GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 7 - Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

**ELLEN KAYROO GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 30 - Watercolor artist, Carol LaChiusa. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

**DAVID KLEIN GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 27 - Presents an exhibition by Robert Gnielaw entitled "Detroit Theaters Past and Present," and a solo exhibition by Victor Rodriguez. 183 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

**ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

**LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 30 - The works of Lauren Finn, Pat Pearce-Martin, Sue Schultz and Chris Trombley. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

**LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION**  
Through Nov. 30 - Fabric art by Michigan Weavers Guild in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Nov. 30 - Wood block prints by Michael McCullough. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Through Nov. 30 - Watercolors by artist Kathy Phillips. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

**MANISCALCO GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

**MASTERPIECE GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 18 - Carlos "Dzine" Rolon: New Works and Constructions. 137 West Maple, Birmingham. (248) 554-9470.

**MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 9 - Collars and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion on European Portraiture. 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

**MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART**  
Through Dec. 20 - Document USA: a survey of art at the end of the millennium. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

**NETWORK**  
Through Nov. 23 - Maureen McCabe. Abstraction. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911.

**OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA**  
Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush painting. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
Through Dec. 23 - Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Through Nov. 23 - Torn paper collage by E. Lynne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke. 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

**PRINT GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 5 - Mona Lisa Maria. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

**REVOLUTION GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 27 - Howard Kottler: Howler! 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

**SPLASH GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 28 - Kpi. Color - out side the lines. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

**ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 30 - The art of Thomas Locker. 536 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

**JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 30 - El Caminovie. a project by Mike Rogers. 2000 Bonsteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN**  
Through Nov. 30 - Gesture and Contemporary Painting. Through Nov. 30 - "El Caminovie." 2000 Bonsteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

**UZELAC GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 27 - Marko Spalatin. Geometric Abstractions. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

**WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY**  
Through Nov. 27 - Norma Pencansky-Glasser: The figure in Motion. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.



# Books

## 'Not a Word of a Lie' in book about rural Irish

BY M.B. DILLON  
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Hynes sisters of Redford and Livonia ever want to relate in detail what it was like growing up in rural Ireland on a Galway Bay peninsula, all they need do is recommend the reading of "Not a Word of a Lie," a newly published book penned by their childhood friend, Bridie Quinn-Conroy of County Galway, Ireland.

In town to visit Teresa Hynes Misener, Peggy Hynes Boland and Delia Hynes Melvin and attend the wedding of a family friend, Quinn-Conroy "has immortalized the wonderful Irish people who survived with very limited resources during World War II," said Misener.

"Those people's dreams came true and became our inheritance. Bridie shows the caliber of people they were in a way no 'blow-ins' possibly could."

Chicago-born Jeff O'Connell — a writer now living in a thatched house in the farming community of Duras where Quinn-Conroy and the Hynes girls came of age — acknowledges as much in his foreword in "Not a Word of a Lie."

"No matter how deeply 'blow-ins' like myself might dig in bringing to light aspects of history and folklore, we will always lack something essential that no amount of reading and research could make up for," writes O'Connell. "We were not born here. But Bridie Quinn-Conroy, currently the mayor of her adopted hometown of Craughwell, 15 miles east of Duras. Children also helped plant crops, build barns and save barley, hay and oats."

Women ran households without the benefit of running water. There were no bathrooms, no refrigerators, no washing machines, no electric irons, toasters or appliances. They were hard times, but the best of times, said Quinn-Conroy, who is married and has four children and nine grandchildren.



Reunited: Teresa (Hynes) Misener (left), Maryagatha (O'Grady) Savage, author Bridie Quinn-Conroy and Delia Hynes Melvin, who grew up together in a rural area in the west of Ireland, were reunited at the wedding of Mrs. Savage's son.

"Perhaps the younger generation has more, but I doubt they have such simple, carefree happy days," she said.

Misener agreed. "They were hard times, but we survived, and our characters are all the better for enduring the rainy days and coming out the other side," she said.

The people of Duras supplied their own entertainment. "During the long winter nights, our kitchen seemed a haven for many of the villagers. They could be sure of a warm seat around a turf fire, a good discussion, and tea and current cake. They made predictions about the rise and fall of prices of beef, spuds, cattle, hay, sheep, pigs, barley, wool, or a pint, and were often right. They talked about the weather and were never satisfied."

The Quinns made good hosts. Michael was noted for his knowledge of history and folklore, and for his political involvement in Duras. Before her marriage, Julia had lived in the U.S., where she visited 47 states. A strong advocate of education, Julia walked three miles to her job at Seamount College, where she taught the Irish language. All the Quinns, Hyneses, and their neighbors spoke Gaelic fluently.

The rural Irish cherish their memories of ceils — dances held in the home in which all generations participated. Family members or friends played the instruments. "Not a Word of a Lie" evocatively portrays interesting villagers, as well as local folklore

# Theater

## Gem Theatre 'yoops' it up with Jeff Daniels' play

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, runs through Feb. 13 at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Performances: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets: \$29.50 - \$36.50. For information call (313) 963-9800.

BY ALICE RHEIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sure, there are thick breezes of flatulence jokes and a profusion of politically incorrect "yooper" convention, but what's not to love in "Escanaba in da Moonlight?"

Not much. In fact, fewer folks leave the show with a frown on their face than there are men walking the streets of downtown Menominee on opening day of deer hunting season. In both cases, there are sure a plenty.

Jeff Daniels' comedy offers a constant array of manly merriment regulated by practical wisdom.

"If you're looking back at the things that you missed, you won't know what hit you," is just such a truism.

Yet this story does look back, to opening day 1989 at the Soady deer camp, "the world famous Soady deer camp," outside Escanaba.

In a log cabin decorated with

animal hides and cases of Gobel beer, Albert Soady (Jim Porterfield) talks up the Superior State while he rips on the "flatlander fudge-sucking, beer-drinking trolls" who drive up north in their Winnebagoes.

"If we wanted company we would have built a bridge sooner."

He's awaiting the arrival of his sons, Ruben (Phil Powers) and Remnar (Joseph Albright) who, he candidly explains, are not "the sharpest tool in the shed."

Ruben, at 35, is about to become the eldest "buckless Yooper" in Soady family history.

So this year, he's breaking with tradition. No parties. No Spam and mayo sandwiches in the blind. He's trusting that the concoctions and incantations from his full-blooded Indian wife Wolf Moon Dance (Sandra Birch) will guide his aura (that's air-a in "the air around ya") and break the curse that has forever denied him a buck.

Naturally, the Soady men and friend Jimmer (Wayne David Parker), whose speech was rendered unintelligible after an alien abduction, are reluctant to stray.

Remnar offers evidence to that with the tattered, duct-taped flannel shirt he's worn since he was 9. "Does it smell?" he asks rhetorically. "Most certainly."

But it's tradition. And the Soady men don't mess with ancestral forces.

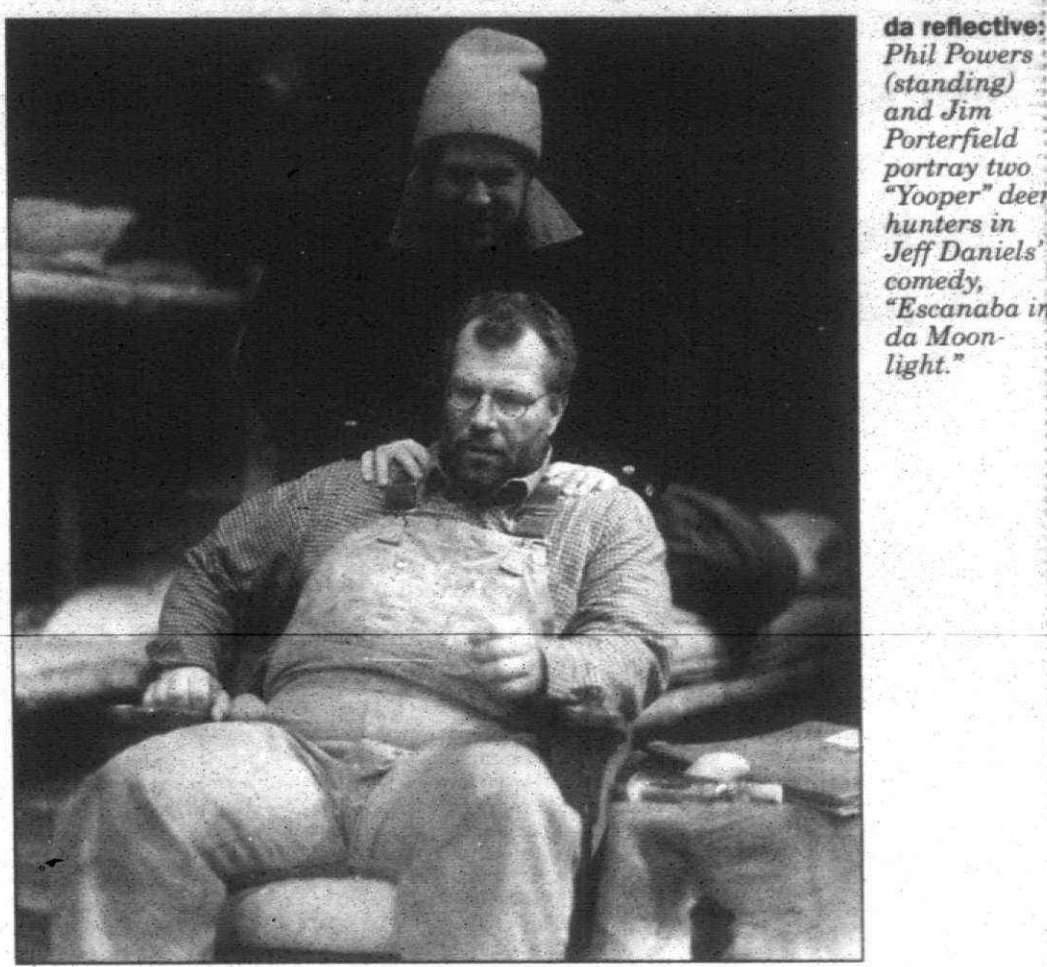
Hilarious happenings ricochet as the plot charges through visions of God, mishaps with porcupine pee and a surprise visit from DNR Ranger Tom Treado (Randall Godwin), who has a penchant for teddies.

But there are moments of "Blair Witch" suspense, as when the men confront a "bear walk," which, according to their knowledge of Indian lore, requires a sacrifice far beyond going without whisky for the duration of camp.

Under Guy Sanville's direction, the cast hits their comedic marks dead-on. And though pretty much the same group has been performing since it first opened at the Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre in 1997, they still have the ability to make rehearsed material sound — and appear — spontaneously funny.

Daniels has plans to take his gem to the silver screen and is currently working on the movie screenplay. But you'd be wise to see the Gem's production.

Get ready for a facial muscle workout because "Escanaba in da Moonlight" will keep you little "flatlander fudge-suckers" grinning ear-to-ear, from da start to da end.



da reflective: Phil Powers (standing) and Jim Porterfield portray two "yooper" deer hunters in Jeff Daniels' comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight."

# Hilberry Theatre's 'Merchant of Venice' a treat to watch

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" through Dec. 9 in rotating repertory. The Hilberry is on Cass near Forest on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SU SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry Theatre's production of "The Merchant of Venice" is a quick paced, easily

understood and well-acted rendition of one of the immortal bard's better-known works.

Directed by Gillian Eaton, the play is a treat to watch. The undercurrent of anti-Semitism, with which the play is generally associated, is used to highlight intolerance between cultures, not to indict Shakespeare for holding similar beliefs.

Despite its serious moments, "The Merchant of Venice" is a comedy of attitudes that explores the lifestyles of the merchant

class in Venice 500 years ago. Antonio, a merchant, borrows money from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to help his friend Bassanio win the hand of the beautiful and noble Portia.

Shylock, who had been treated like an outcast for much of his life, grants the loan with a notarized condition that he receive a pound of flesh if the bond is forfeited. Antonio, whose fortunes depend on a fleet of his ships traversing the globe, carelessly assumes his money is assured.

Romantic escapades enliven the plot. Portia's potential suitors attempt to solve the riddle of her late father's will, which would grant them Portia's hand in marriage, while Shylock's daughter Jessica elopes under cover of darkness with a Christian, lining her pockets with much of her father's wealth.

Gavin Lewis is a convincing mixture of wounded pride and burning revenge as the bitter Shylock. It is through Portia's wisdom that Shylock learns that cruelty can not be repaid in kind. Sara Wolf performs the role of Portia with polish and finesse. She captures the spirited nature of Portia while cloaking the character with the sophistication of

her station and a wellspring of intelligence and insight. The scenes with her lady-in-waiting Nerissa, played by Trisha Miller, were light-hearted yet key to the plot. Miller, a first year student appearing in her second show of the season, exudes talent and charisma on stage.

Christopher Gilbert portrays Antonio, the merchant with stubborn pride and quiet dignity. More passionate that practical, Antonio's heroism is dimmed only by his anti-Semitic attitude, which was as acceptable in that era as it is disturbing today in a century scarred by the Holocaust.

Erik Gratton is a charming, sincere and moony-eyed success-

ful suitor to Portia. Jessica, the eloping daughter of Shylock, is played with lustrous enthusiasm by Cat Shoemaker.

Dallas Henry played Launcelot Gobbo, the comic relief and lower class clown, with a convalescence of amusing accents, the most disconcerting of which was a red-neck twang. Though funny, it broke the otherwise historical continuity of the production.

The entire cast poured enthusiasm into the production. Costumes, designed by John D. Woodland, and created by Mary Lyendecker, were elegant and superb. Charles Moser's multi-level set, accomplished the numerous shifts in scene easily.

# Art Beat

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. Call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435 for information about either concert.

**HOLIDAY ART SHOW**  
The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Art Show and Sale Dec. 11 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, west of Middlebelt, Garden City. An awards night and opening reception will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. Original works

of art by the members will be on display. Call (734) 513-4044 for more information.

**ADVANCED TICKET SALE**  
The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to escape to the Caribbean at its annual fund-raiser dinner auction 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are \$55 per person, \$50 if purchased before Dec. 31. Call (734) 416-4278. Auction items will include vacation trips, dining certificates, clothing, furniture and all kinds of art.

**ART EXHIBIT**  
Madeline University spotlights the work of Holly Branstetter, an adjunct instructor in the art department, Dec. 2 to Jan. 3 in the second floor gallery of the Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The exhibit includes everything from paintings to drawings. Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call art department chairman Doug Semwan at (734) 482-5710.

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## Smoky eyes, golden lips are key to a fab party face

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

If there were ever a time to splurge on a fabulous dress, an outrageous pair of shoes, a long-awaited appointment with your hair stylist, and a shopping bag full of the newest make-up, this is it!

This New Year's Eve, being what is now popularly accepted as the beginning of the new millennium, is reason enough to make sure you look just as put together as your New Year's celebration plans.

This Y2K demands a little more effort in the makeup area. This is the evening when you need to jazz up your evening makeup a bit.

The easiest way to glamorize your dewy skin, smoky-eye look is to sparkle. Sprinkling finely milled sparkled talc gives a delicate glow to cheekbones, shoulders and décolletage.

But a heavier hand applied to these areas screams "Happy New Year" in no uncertain terms.

This is also a time when you bring out your color palette. Use your dark jewel tones to accent your dark eyes. Add a little of Sebastian's Blue Dusk shadow to the already darkened socket of your eye.

This enhances the smoky eye with translucent color which will put the attention to your eyes rather than the dark circles that could appear when you're dancing until dawn.

Another way to richen your looks is to keep the dramatic smoky eyes accentuated with gold-burnished cheeks, lips and nails. This is also the time to experiment with color and texture. Pick a burgundy lip or pale, shimmery eyes and lips balanced with pink cheeks.

Even if you're going to a low-key event or this just fits your personality, this New Year's still calls for a definite glamour factor.

For you makeup minimalists, we know that "nature" doesn't mean bare face but rather a well-defined glowing face able to withstand a serious night of partying.

In order to keep things from getting messy, make sure you use waterproof mascara and a little bit of extra glue on those long, lush false lashes.

Also, I found a product that saved my life when working long hours on a location shoot called She Lac by BeneFit, which is resistant to water, tears, humidity, smudging and all of those beauty disasters.

It's a liquid sealer for eyes. This is similar to Lip Chic, which I've used for years as a sealer to keep a stain of color on lips. No matter how many New Year's kisses you give away, your lips will stay on.

Accenting the eyes is the surest way to have a low maintenance makeup. Use a soft lip color with a strong eye to ensure that you won't have to worry about touching up your lips.

With all the running around from party to party, things can get heated up, so you may want to make sure your foundation is minimal and well set with translucent or sparkled powder. Then you can run around achieving a glow but without exposing any beauty flaws.

So whether you're dancing until dawn, hopping from dinner to club, or laying low with loved ones, I'm sure you'll look amazing for the entry of the new century.

Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday. I'll talk to you next month.



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With so many millennium and New Year's Eve party goods already in stores, shoppers might be thinking manufacturers and retailers have contracted another case of, "if we build it, they will buy."

But retailers don't think so: Consumers, and not just the retail industry, are excited about the celebrating the millennium and are likely to purchase merchandise to commemorate the event, they say.

"People recognize that the millennium is special, and it's not just another novelty approach retailers have taken to drive sales," said Ron Rademacher, a divisional merchandise vice president with Jacobson's. "They realize that this is a very special time period that we're living in and they're tuned into celebrating it."

Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association, agreed, saying, "I think the millennium is going to be a real boost in retail sales."

After all, retailers are in the business of predicting consumers' needs and wants.

So far, Jacobson's customers have responded well to the store's millennium merchandise, said Rademacher, adding, "It has clicked for them that I need this to make my millennium celebration more complete, special and exciting."

The sheer number and range of products currently sitting on store shelves might leave some shoppers wondering how many millennium party trinkets one person can own.

From special tuxedo shirts to time capsule kits to Year 2000 cocktail blenders, the availability and range of millennium party gear is

## Millennium madness

### There's no end to the New Year's Eve merchandise retailers have in store

positively overwhelming.

However, manufacturers and retailers aren't working together to market these goods; they're competing to sell them, noted Mohan Pisharodi, associate professor of marketing at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

"Competition is intense," said Pisharodi. Thus, retailers are putting these goods on the market in hopes of selling what they can, they're not worrying consumers might find the choices dizzying, he said.

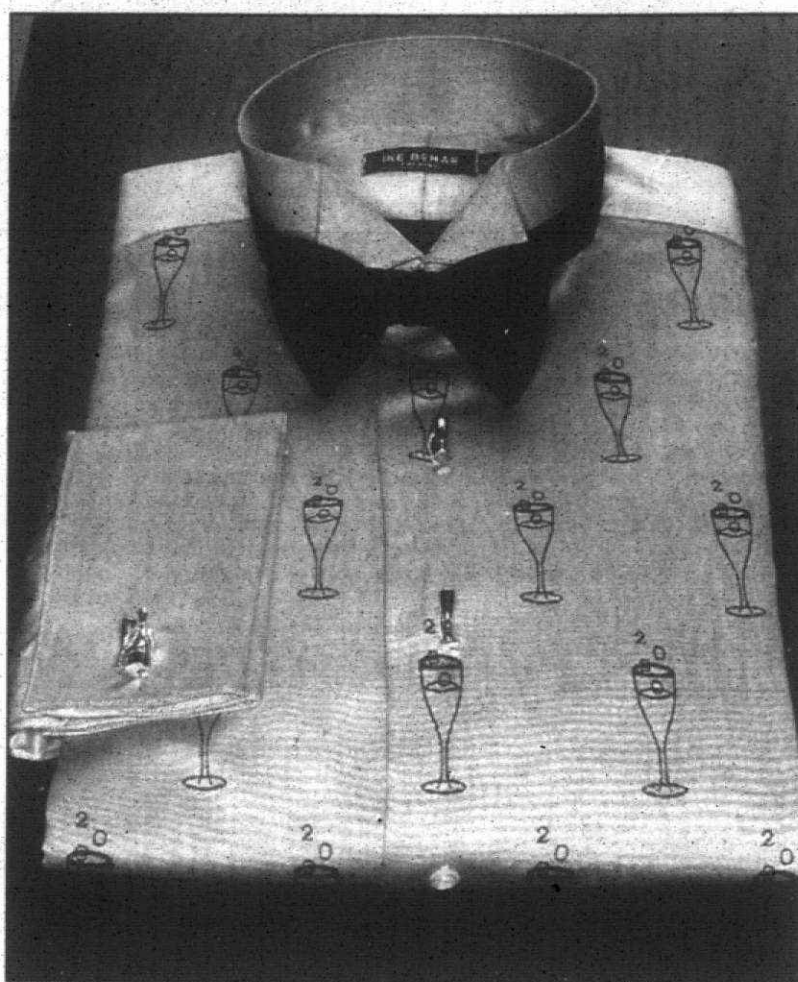
The oddity of some millennium party baubles is probably an attempt to attract attention and differentiate a particular product from the range of others, said Pisharodi.

Besides, there has always been a segment of the consumer market that purchases innovative products and novelty items, he said. Also, different types of consumers buy different types of products, so the plethora of millennium goods on the market reflects that range, said Pisharodi.

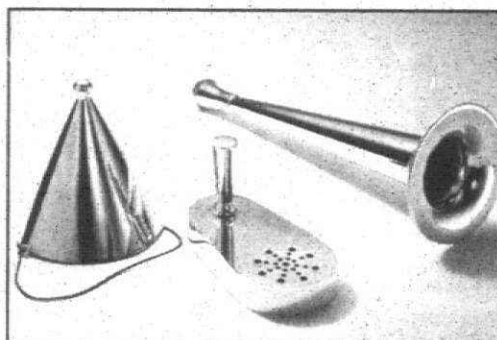
At Jacobson's, for example, the focus has been on millennium offerings geared to entertaining, said Rademacher. "As a company, our customer base does a lot of social events. We have tailored not only our apparel but our home furnishings items to the party season."

While stores like Jacobson's already have plenty of millennium merchandise on store shelves, there's more to come, said Rademacher, adding Jacobson's is carrying at least twice as much New Year's Eve and holiday merchandise this year than in the past.

"These products have value to different people, and, in retail, you serve the customer," said Meyer of the trend. "I think we're going to see more and more products with a millen-



Champagne shirt: Even tuxedo shirts have been tailored to celebrate the millennium. Jacobson's sells one with a champagne glass print and another printed with "2000," about \$165.



Sterling celebration: Even Tiffany & Co. is selling New Year's Eve party favors. The company's sterling silver party hat, \$225, noise maker, \$300, and horn, \$350, will cost party givers a bundle.

## Great Lakes Crossing creates unique, half-hour television ad to boost holiday traffic

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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Television ads can be entertaining, but how often do they have a story line and run 30 minutes in length?

If Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is on to something, more plot-driven retail advertising may be on the horizon.

The value and entertainment shopping center, owned by Taubman Centers, recently filmed a 30-minute television ad comedy program hybrid aimed at encouraging viewers to head to Great Lakes Crossing to do their holiday shopping.

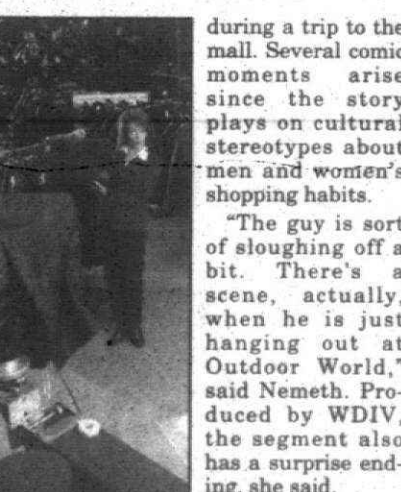
The segment is slated to air Thanksgiving Day on WDIV Channel 4 following the station's broadcast of downtown Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"I think it will be very effective because it is entertaining," said Mort Zieve, of Simons, Michelson, Zieve

Advertising, the Troy firm that created the segment.

While the program showcases the mall's offerings, a holiday shopping guide, new computer coupon service and recently launched national gift certificate program, viewers will be entertained, said both Zieve and Julie Nemeth, Great Lakes Crossing's marketing director.

The program follows two friends, a man and a woman, who have challenged one another to complete their holiday shopping



STAFF PHOTO BY LARRY MCCOY

On location: Producers film Great Lakes Crossing's innovative, 30-minute ad on location at the Auburn Hills mall.

during a trip to the mall. Several comic moments arise since the story plays on cultural stereotypes about men and women's shopping habits.

"The guy is sort of sloughing off a bit. There's a scene, actually, when he is just hanging out at Outdoor World," said Nemeth. Produced by WDIV, the segment also has a surprise ending, she said.

"What we're trying to do this holiday season is make the shopping experience a lot easier," said Nemeth. Shop-

per's schedules are packed and hectic, so making holiday gift-buying easier is a competitive necessity for any mall, she said.

Great Lakes Crossing's holiday shopping guide, for example, not only lists gift ideas for mothers, fathers and other loved ones but also tells shoppers where specific merchandise can be purchased. The company's new gift certificates are redeemable at any Taubman mall in the country, meaning the certificates can be mailed to friends and family in other states.

Great Lakes Crossings' new coupon service allows visitors to learn about and obtain retail discounts at computer kiosks in the mall. The computers also register regular users of the system into a monthly drawing for a cruise.

"We hope the results will be that the consumer will understand that their holiday shopping can be done here at Great Lakes Crossing," said Nemeth of the mall's marketing tact and new services. We're a new mall.

jewelry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, November 26 and tomorrow, Jacobson's, Livonia.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MICHAEL CASEY APPEARANCE  
Meet the designer today, November 22 and tomorrow, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus Couture Salon on 3.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BORDERS SING-ALONG  
Musician and ecologist Lisa Hunter sings for kids and adults at 7 p.m. at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BLAIR DELMONICO FALL COLLECTION  
Holiday collection show featuring Austrian crystal

### a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

**Millennium magic:** Hudson's Santabear hears back to Camelot as Merlin the Magician, \$38, wearing a blue velvet robe and blue satin hat with yellow moons and stars. He carries a full-size magic eight ball. Miss Bear, Santabear's companion, is Lady Guinevere, \$32. Available at area Hudson's beginning Friday, November 26 while supplies last.

**Silver belle:** She'll look stunning in a three-piece silver ensemble from Nicole Miller. Includes a cardigan with embroidered lace collar, tank and embroidered lace skirt with undershirt. Girls' sizes 7-14, \$205, at Jacobson's.

**Handcrafted gifts:** Jewelry, including these necklaces by Barbara Sucherman, is for sale at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's Holiday Jewelry Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27 and noon - 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

## WHERE CAN I FIND?

- This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.
- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- Sander's Bumpy cake can be bought at 10930 Farmington Road, one block south of Plymouth Road in Livonia.
  - FIND A SEARCH NOTES:**
    - The Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action Organization has a Monopoly game about Birmingham for sale as a fund raiser. Call (248) 642-2458 for more information.
    - One reader has the Dykes Automotive book.
    - Another reader has an Apple IIc to donate.
    - A reader has a computer to donate.
  - A reader has many Santa Bears to sell.
  - WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
    - A store that sells white shelf paper without adhesive backing for Mary.
    - A Mackintosh of New England jacket for Angie.
    - An old record of the song "Yellow Bird" by Martin Denny and "Quiet Village" for Mary.
    - Dishes sold at A&P in 1977-78, pattern "Diane" for Dell.
    - The "Jesse" doll from the Babysitter Club for Gloria.
    - A 1988, 1990 Farmington High School yearbook for Melissa.
    - The words to the song "My Little Buckaroo" for Teresa.
    - A doll that moves its arms and head when you pull a string in its back (8-12 inches) for Sandy.
    - A "Helix" plastic spiral spinning called Barb.
    - A store that sells Arpege perfume for Martha.
    - A Waterford Crystal 1980 Christmas ornament for Mike.
    - The Video "Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit" for Delores.
    - A 1984 Benedictine High School yearbook for Corinne.
    - A "Little Tyke" Mountain Raceway for hot wheel cars for Olivia.
    - A 1943-44 Fordson High School yearbook for Frances.
    - A Roy Rogers lunch box for Cleo.
    - The card game Mill Bourne for Janet.
    - A Churchill High School Varsity jacket for Anne.
    - A Bentley High School Varsity jacket for Ann.
    - A 1944-45 University of Detroit High School yearbook for Linda.
    - A Halloween game (it is in the form of a poem) "Once there lived a Man named Smith" for Ruth.
    - A musical birthday cake plate for a child for Barbara.
    - A 1969 Cooley High School yearbook for John.
    - A full size female mannequin on a stand in good condition for Carol.
    - A store that sells Coty dry lipstick at another brand of the kind for Lynn.
    - A Big Ben windup clock with two bells on the top (no batteries) for Charlene of Canton.
    - The stainless silverware by Onieda Deluxe "Village" Plating for Pat.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

### Hilton

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Hilton Suites Detroit Metro Airport 734-728-9200 \$79	Hilton Toledo 216-447-1300 \$74
Hilton Toronto 416-869-3456 \$155-\$195 (Canadian)	Hilton Toronto Airport 905-677-9900 \$115 (Canadian)
Hilton Windsor 519-973-5555 \$129-\$139 (Canadian)	

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Little Door Store Opens**

For the second holiday season, Hudson's Somerset welcomes children to a place of their own to shop for gifts. Constructed from building blocks, the store is a replica of a miniature castle with two doors only 4-feet high. Parents may accompany children through the little doors which open on November 26 at Hudson's Somerset, third floor in the Kid's department.

**DESTINATION CRANBROOK**

Max the Museum Mutt, created by staff designer Lisa Babbitt, has been "spotted" on T-shirts, plush animals, pencils, cups and in a new activity book at the Institute's Science Shop. Check out the lovable Max merchandise for the holidays at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

**WILD LIGHTS AND GIFTS GALORE**

From now until Sunday, Jan. 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. the Wild Lights will illuminate

**SANTA BEAR ARRIVES**

Hudson's own millennium Santa Bear will greet guests at Northland Center Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 28.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING PACKAGE**

The Hotel Baronette in Novi is offering a shopping package for \$109 which includes weekend stay, VIP cards to stores at Twelve Oaks, complimentary breakfast buffet and a beverage reception now through December 19. For reservations call (248) 349-7800. The Hotel is located at 27790 Novi Road in Novi.

**JEWELRY COLLECTION**

Kathrine Baumann will be at Orin Jewelers in Garden City on Sunday, Nov. 21 from noon-5 p.m. with her whimsical collections of crystal minaudières and handbags. Orin Jewelers is located at 29317 Ford Road. (734) 422-7030.

**GIVING TREE BENEFIT**

Boy Scout Troop 188 will be decorating a Christmas tree at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills with the names of 400 children served by the Oakland County Family Independence Agency. Patrons are asked to purchase items and return the unwrapped gifts to the mall office or the mall's Waldenbooks store by Sunday, December 19. Meadowbrook Village is located on the corner of Walton and Adams in Rochester Hills.

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TRAVEL

# Plan a special New Year celebration near or far away

BY CORINNE ABATT  
SPECIAL WRITER

Where will you be when the new millennium rolls in? In some faraway place of wonder and excitement? At a party to end all parties? At your favorite watering hole? Having a glass of champagne with a few choice friends? Sitting on your old couch watching the Times Square celebration on the boob tube? In a basement closet waiting for doomsday surrounded by canned food and jugs of water, just in case...?

If you like any of the first three, but haven't finalized your plans, it's time to get cracking.

There is still space in some choice vacation spots, according to Linda Munson, director of marketing at Royal International Travel Inc. of Birmingham.

"Sure," she said, "some people are concerned about Y2K problems and are staying in their own backyard, but there's plenty of space for those who want to travel...people are going on safari in Africa, to Mexico and Disney in Florida."

She said some of the space is a result of the sharp rise in prices early on as Y2K came into focus.

"Hotels raised their prices. They're coming down now. Cruise companies got carried away and extended their cruises to 21 days. Now, they're offering 10-day cruises."

She said a year ago, Renaissance Cruises demanded a \$5,000 per person deposit.

"That's outrageous," she said. "While much of this has since changed for the better, Munson

cautioned, "Hotel rooms are very high in New York — for those who want to see the ball drop."

Rochelle Lieberman of Gateway Travel of Southfield and Troy said, "Not too many are worried about Y2K. A lot of people are looking for the exotic — they want to be by the Eiffel Tower in Paris or Tahiti for the millennium. For a while prices were very high. Now (as of mid-October) there was lots of space available because people were waiting to see if prices will come down. For those who like a warm climate, there's a lot of big New Year's Eve parties on cruises."

Chuck Supnick, regional manager for Your Man Tours of Dearborn, said his company is offering a package trip to Los Angeles and the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

"We're not even offering Hawaii. We couldn't get the airlines to commit on fares." As of last month, there was still room on the L.A. trip.

## Cradles of history

Yearn to celebrate this momentous night in one of the cradles of American history?

Washington D.C. rolls out the red, white and blue carpet with a three-day, family-oriented celebration on the National Mall. The White House Millennium Council and Smithsonian Institution are planning this event.

The President and Mrs. Clinton will host the New Year's Eve gala at the Lincoln Memorial against a background of music by marching bands, a concert by



Quincy Jones and a world premiere film by Steven Spielberg on a super-size screen. All this will be capped off by a midnight fireworks display over Washington Monument. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Two of the five downtown Washington D.C. hotels I contacted still have rooms available for millennium weekend — Best Western Capitol (800) 242-4831 and Washington Park Terrace, owned by Doubletree Guest Suites, (800) 333-TREE. You can find a complete listing of hotels on the Web at [www.Washington.org](http://www.Washington.org)

Boston is making its traditional First Night even livelier.

Many of the big hotels are holding black tie galas with a special overnight package. For the biggest, and best of these, the bill could run well into four figures. Among the overnight/black tie party deals are those at the Boston Park Plaza (\$900 per couple, (617) 426-6000) and the Hyatt Harborside (\$809.59 per couple, (800) 233-1234). For a complete hotel listing on the Web, go to [www.Boston.org](http://www.Boston.org) Boston hotelguide.net

For the budget-minded, jeans crowd, there's Boston's International Youth Hostel, \$20 for members, \$23 for others, call (617) 536-9455 for information.

As for restaurants, from the

most elegant to the ubiquitous street corner cafes in Cambridge, festive big night celebrations will be going full blast. You'll need reservations for elegant dining at the city's finest restaurants such as Clio, Les Zygomates and Maison Robert. Walk-ins will have the best shot for seats at small ethnic eateries around Harvard and Central squares in Cambridge.

In the mood for something less hectic? How about a Y2K dinner cruise? Boston offers three. Call Boston Harbor Cruises, (617) 227-4321, Massachusetts Bay Lines, (617) 542-8000 or Spirit of Boston, (617) 748-1450 for prices and reservations.

Colonial Williamsburg, celebrating its 300th birthday in the millennium, will have New Year's Eve fireworks and a First Night celebration. For information, call 1-(800) HISTORY. The holiday atmosphere and decorations at Williamsburg have few equals. Sunday champagne brunch at holiday time in the lap of history is memorable.

Lois Kozlow of Birmingham's Lark Tours canceled a trip to Egypt to watch the millennium unfold over the cradle of civilization because of uncertain costs.

"The suppliers were holding us up, tripling, quadrupling expenses. They were pricing themselves out of the market. Now, they're coming around because they have space."

Kozlow opted instead to plan what she calls "two spring trips." The first, to Tunisia and Malta, will be next April. The second, to South America — Brazil,

Uruguay, Patagonia and Chile — is slated for October, springtime in the Southern hemisphere. For information, call Lark Tours, (248) 644-3335.

## Michigan getaways

If you plan to celebrate, but would rather not stray too far afield, there will be lots to do in Michigan. Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, is offering a three-night and a seven-night New Year's Eve package, featuring a Governor's Hall New Year's Eve party as well as activities for youngsters and adults. For information, call (800) 748-0303.

New Year's eve parties for all ages are in the works at Shanty Creek in Bellaire. For more about these, call (800) 678-4111.

If you decide to stay home and enjoy the holiday season with friends, there are many ways to make it special. For instance, see the Wayne County Lightfest, four miles of lights along Ann Arbor Trail in Westland or the special exhibit, "Your Place in Time" at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. It opens Dec. 15 and runs for a year, illustrating how technology has changed our lives over the past century.

If your destination for ushering in the new millennium is a favorite local haunt, make reservations now. Julia Reyes, manager at Peabody's of Birmingham, said they already have reservations (eight or more only) for their always festive New Year's Eve with live music and lots of space for dancing.

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## SKI HOTLINE

AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan offer a guide to services at all of Michigan's ski area and it is available free at all Auto Club offices. Also, the ski phone line will start up in December; call (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328) for daily ski conditions. The same number will get a free copy of AAA's Ski Michigan booklet which contains a two-for-one coupon for mid-week skiing at participating ski runs. In southeast Michigan, Alpine Valley

near Milford will use a water-cooling tower to help make dryer snow earlier in the season. They have remodeled their lodge and will be offering Sunday night lift tickets at 40 percent off for their 40th anniversary. At Pine Knob in Clarkston they have increased snowmaking capacity, lengthened the race hill by 25 percent, and upgraded the lodge and cafeteria.

## CEDAR POINTERS

The Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park received two honors. The National Amusement Park Historical Association voted the park's Magnum XL-200 the favorite steel roller coaster in the world. Readers of Family fun magazine rated the park the top amusement park in the Midwest for families.

## FLY FIRST CLASS

"Ninety-five percent of people traveling first class get there by asking, not by paying first-class

prices," says Joel Widzer, travel expert and author. He reveals how to fly first class on a regular basis, stay at the world's best hotels at a fraction of the cost, and drive a luxury car at subcompact prices in his new book, "The Penny Pincher's Passport to Luxury Travel" (Travelers' Tales, \$12.95). Widzer's techniques are based on the simple premise of asking. Knowing who to ask and what to say are key to becoming a first-class traveler.

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## CHRISTMAS ON RAILS

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will sponsor December trips to Frankenmuth and Crossroads Village. Once at the village, participants will ride on the Huckleberry Railroad. Tours also include a trip to Bronner's, dinner at the Bavarian Inn (both in Frankenmuth) and a

trip to Crossroads and a train shop tour. Buses leave from Dearborn's Bicentennial Library (Dec. 4), Royal Oak's Amtrak bus station (Dec. 11), and Livonia's Ford Field (Dec. 18) at 11 a.m. and you can expect to be back by 11 p.m. For tickets and more information, call Bluewater at (248) 541-1000 or (800) 594-5162.

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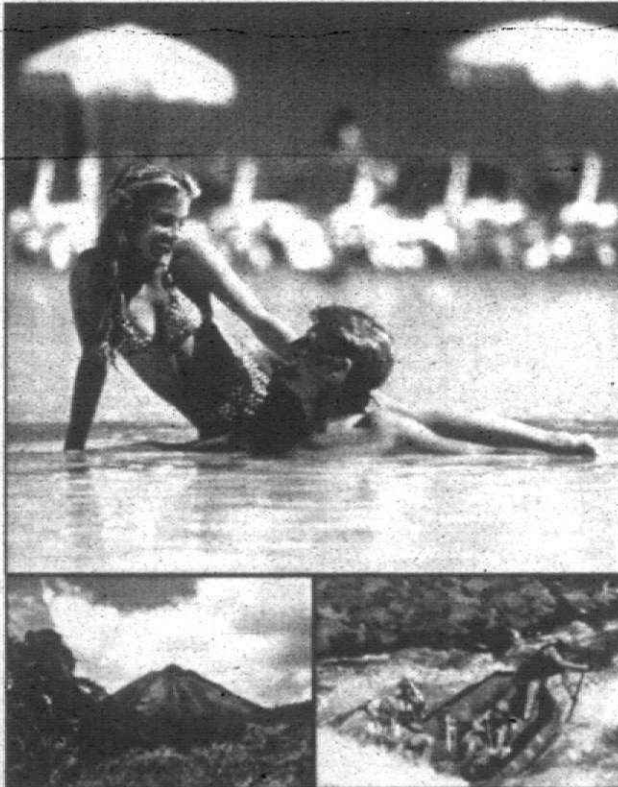
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## FOCUS ON WINE



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## Flavorful wines for Thanksgiving

A treasure trove of food flavors find their way to the traditional Thanksgiving dinner table. No one wine is perfect with both white and dark turkey meat, your special homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, or whatever else you may serve.

So, we're offering a bounty of flavorful wine suggestions in a broad price range. Using our suggestions in each wine category below, you should find a few bottles that will please adults gathered around your Thanksgiving table.

Wines are listed by price and you may wonder, how can we recommend a \$40 wine with the same enthusiasm as an under \$10? That's easy. High-end recommendations are serious wines of complexity and depth. Lower-priced are simple, pleasant drinking.

### Pinot grigio

Today's new and hot white is pinot grigio. It's a superb aperitif pour. Go right to its Italian origins and choose some dynamite values from among:

- 1998 Kris Pinot Grigio \$11.50
- 1998 Zenato Pinot Grigio \$10
- 1998 Stella Pinot Grigio \$7

### Favorite white wine

Chardonnay, America's favorite white wine, is well suited to the Thanksgiving feast. Oakier, more complex styles are not overwhelmed by seasonings in the dressing or gravy. They aren't beat up by sweet potatoes or cranberries. Oranges in a cranberry relish actually showcase the bright tropical fruit of California chardonnays. Oakier styles cost more to produce and the price for the best are above \$20, but you'll find some price surprises.

- 1997 Matanzas Creek Winery Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley \$31 bested any chard in our tasting.
- 1998 Edna Valley Chardonnay, San Luis Obispo \$18.50 was number two, so we placed it here instead of by price to get your attention.
- 1997 Penfolds Adelaide Hills Chardonnay (Australia) \$27
- 1997 Beaulieu Carneros Reserve Chardonnay \$27
- 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay, Sonoma County \$22
- 1997 Acacia Chardonnay, Carneros \$21
- 1997 Venezia, Regusci Vineyard Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$20
- 1997 Belvedere Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$19
- 1997 Franciscan Oakville Estate Chardonnay \$17
- 1997 Byington Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountain \$17
- 1998 William Hill Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$15
- 1997 Chateau Ste Michelle Chardonnay \$13 - none better under \$20 from Washington
- 1998 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Chardonnay \$10 - best buy

### Light red

- Beaujolais Nouveau from France is best bet light red.

Please see WINE, D2

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Visit Awrey Bakery
- Hanukkah recipes

# TURKEY

## Do's & Don'ts

### HOME ECONOMISTS OFFER TIPS

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Plan ahead - that is the secret to making a memorable Thanksgiving dinner.

Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County, has lots of tips to share.

"When buying a turkey, it is generally suggested that for every adult plan and buy 1 1/2 pounds of turkey," said Thieleke. "There is a lot of waste on a whole bird and you certainly want leftovers."

"What's the best way to thaw a turkey?" is one of the most frequently asked questions this time of year. Last year, 13,276 people called the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (800) 323-4848, or [www.butterball.com](http://www.butterball.com), to find out.

Refrigerator thawing is recommended both by the 48 home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line, and by Sylvia Treitman, director of the MSU Extension-Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

Thaw your turkey breast-side-up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

If you forget to take the turkey out of the freezer, you can use the cold water method - place the turkey breast-side-

down in its unopened wrapper in cold water to cover. Change the water every 30 minutes to keep the surface cold. Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound for the whole turkey.

"Give your turkey a bath," said Treitman. "Remove the neck and giblets. Rinse inside and outside in cold water, drain well."

Some people like to stuff their turkeys, some don't. I like to cook my stuffing in a separate casserole dish. For flavoring, I fill the cavity of the turkey with quartered fresh apples, a bay leaf, two cinnamon sticks, and a sprinkle of nutmeg and ginger.

"Do not stuff the turkey the night before," said Thieleke. Home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line say to allow 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. Pack the stuffing lightly in the turkey.

Roast your turkey at 325 degrees F, and use a meat thermometer to check for doneness - 180 degrees F in the thickest part of the inner thigh, or 170 degrees F for the white meat.

"Even if your turkey comes with a pop-up thermometer, check the temperature with a meat thermometer," said Thieleke. "Use a meat thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees F."

"Do as many things ahead of time as



BUTTERBALL TURKEY COMPANY

**Holiday feast:** Golden, roasted turkey, and sumptuous side dishes such as orange candied sweet potatoes and string beans with browned butter and almonds, make Thanksgiving dinner a memorable meal.

you can," said Marion Mahoney, administrator of Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program, which developed a Turkey 101 class for novice cooks. Timing is important.

"Be sure to let your turkey rest 20 minutes after roasting. If your turkey tastes dried out, you probably carved it too soon," she said.

When you're shopping for potatoes, Thieleke recommends a russet potato for mashing or baking. For boiling or roasting buy red potatoes. For mashed or scalloped buy Yukon gold.

For a truly traditional Thanksgiving,

don't forget the cranberry relish.

"Cranberries are one of only three major native North American fruits," said Thieleke. "The others are concord grapes and blueberries. Cranberries are very tart so sugar is generally added to make them sweet. Cut the calories when cooking cranberries for sauce by using apple juice for the sweetener. Bring one cup frozen apple juice concentrate to a boil in a saucepan and add four cups cranberries, reduce heat and simmer until thickened."

Please see TIPS, D2

## Be thankful for the Internet

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you are looking for recipes to update your traditional Thanksgiving dinner fare, the Internet is invaluable. Start a new tradition as we head toward the millennium - surf for your supper.

Thanksgiving recipes, a reader exchange, glossary of cooking terms and more can be found at [www.thanksgivingrecipe.com](http://www.thanksgivingrecipe.com)

Turkey cooking and carving instructions are available, as well as vegetarian fare. You can print recipes on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper, 3 by 5 or 4 by 6-inch cards. Recipes are sorted by category or alphabetically.

Lots of interesting vegetarian recipes for Thanksgiving can be found at [www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm](http://www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm)

Visit the home page [www.vegsource.com](http://www.vegsource.com) for links to more than 5,000 recipes.

You'll find more than 200 holiday recipes, home brewing tips and more at the Home Arts Web site <http://homearts.com/depts/toc/thanksc2.htm>

Visit any or all of these sites for recipes, you'll be thankful.

### MAPLE AND TARRAGON SWEET POTATOES

Makes 8 to 10 servings

4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick

1/3 cup maple syrup

1/4 cup soy margarine, melted

1/4 cup orange juice

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons dried tarragon

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Arrange the sweet potato slices in overlapping rows in an oiled shallow 2-quart casserole. In a small bowl, combine the syrup, margarine, juice, cinnamon, and salt. Pour evenly over the potatoes.

Sprinkle the tarragon over the top. Cover with lid or foil and bake, covered, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until readily pierced with a fork but still firm. Bake another 20 to 25 minutes uncovered, or until glazed and golden around the edges.

Recipe from [www.vegsource.com/thanks1.htm](http://www.vegsource.com/thanks1.htm)

Maggie Boelyn is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and enjoys surfing the Internet for food and nutrition information.

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# You'll want to pass these festive holiday side dishes

See related story on Taste front.

## ORANGE CANDIED SWEET POTATOES

4 large sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup water  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup orange marmalade  
1/2 cup (4 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate

Wash sweet potatoes, place in large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and then simmer until potatoes are not quite tender when pierced with a knife in the center, about 20 to 25 minutes. Drain potatoes and cool until easy enough to handle.

Using hands and/or paring knife, remove skin from potatoes. Then cut potatoes in half lengthwise and widthwise to make quarters.

Arrange potatoes in a single layer in large saucepan or skillet. Combine water, sugar, marmalade and orange juice concentrate. Pour mixture over potatoes. Bring to a boil and then simmer uncovered for 2 hours over very low heat. Using a large spoon, carefully turn potatoes occasionally to cook evenly and coat with glaze. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe from Butter Ball Turkey Company

## STRING BEANS WITH BROWNED BUTTER AND ALMONDS

1 1/2 pounds fresh string beans, trimmed  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup slivered almonds, chopped  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
Salt to taste

Bring large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat, add a large pinch of salt, and stir in beans. Cook until tender, 4-5 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter over medium heat in

large skillet. Add almonds and cook until both almonds and butter begin to brown lightly, about 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Drain beans very well and add to skillet, tossing to coat with butter and almonds. Salt to taste. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe from Butter Ball Turkey Company

## MASHED POTATOES WITH GREEN ONIONS

5 1/2 pounds Russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 2-inch pieces  
2 cups hot milk, reserve 3/4 cup  
1/4 cup unsalted butter, reserve 1 tablespoon  
2 bunches green onions chopped (about 2 1/2 cups total)

Salt and pepper to taste  
Prepare the day before Thanksgiving

Cook potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until just tender, about 30 minutes. Drain.

Process the potatoes through a potato ricer. Gradually add milk (only 1 1/4 cups), stirring until blended. Season with salt and pepper.

Now pile the potatoes into an oven-safe casserole dish. Smooth the top and coat with tablespoon of melted butter.

Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of milk on top. Cover lightly and refrigerate.

The next day, place the casserole in a 325°F oven and heat for 45 minutes or until heated through. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes.

Combine the onion mixture with the heated potatoes and stir to fluff and serve.

Recipe compliments of Land O'Lakes and Marion Mahoney, administrator, Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program. Recipe from Turkey 101, a class recently offered at metro Detroit Hudson's stores.

# Wine from page D1

Tops here is the 1999 Georges Dubouef \$10, but a winner at a reasonable price from California is:

■ 1999 Beringer Nouveau \$8  
■ Pinot noir, merlot, and sangiovese match juicy turkey meat. They have less overt fruitiness than Beaujolais and are more complex. Their mellow finish works well with mashed or sweet potatoes, gravy, and dressing.

Tops here are:

■ 1997 Atlas Peak Reserve Sangiovese \$30  
■ 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Merlot \$30  
■ 1997 William Hill Merlot, Napa Valley \$22  
■ 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot, Sonoma County \$20  
■ 1996 Colli Amerini Carbio \$19, seductive and delicious blend of sangiovese, merlot, and other Italian reds  
■ 1997 Chateau Souverain Merlot, Alexander Valley \$17  
■ 1997 Buena Vista Pinot Noir, Carneros \$17  
■ 1998 Di Majo Sangiovese

(Italy) \$8

## Syrach

Then there's syrach or as most Australians call it, shiraz. Lots of character, abundant flavor and complexity with delicious fruit and low tannins. Best bet:

■ 1996 Rosemont Balmoral Syrach, McLaren Vale \$43  
■ 1996 Robert Mondavi \$40, a blend of syrach, grenache, and mourvedre

■ 1997 Waninga Shiraz, Clare Valley \$26

■ 1997 Morgan Syrach, Monterey \$20

■ 1996 d'Arenberg "Footbolt" Old Vine Shiraz-Australia \$19

■ 1997 R.H. Phillips EXP Syrach \$12.50

■ 1997 Durand Syrach, Languedoc \$9 - incredible value

■ 1997 La Vieille Ferme Red \$8 - best buy

**Grand tradition**

Because this is the American Thanksgiving, go right to the roots of our wine industry and choose a grand tradition, zinfandel.

■ 1997 Quivira Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley \$25  
■ 1997 Gundlach-Bundschu Zinfandel, Sonoma Valley \$16  
■ 1995 Ballentine Zinfandel, Napa Valley \$15  
■ 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Clone Zinfandel \$15  
■ 1997 Clos du Bois Zinfandel \$14

## Vegetarian options

You don't like turkey, and you're having seafood or eating vegetarian? These are for you.

■ 1997 Pouilly Fumé Les Pentes \$15.50

■ 1997 Reverdy Sancerre "La Cote" \$17.50

■ 1998 Fouquet Vouvray \$13.50. Serve it with lobster!

■ 1996 Chateau de la Grefiere Macon La Roche Vieilles Vignes \$10.50 - for meatier, textured fish, such as swordfish

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Herald, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

# Tips from page D1

"Make an uncooked cranberry relish by combining cranberries with orange slices (skin on) and apple slices in a food processor. Chop to a medium texture. Tame the tartness of the cranberries by adding sugar to taste."

Linger over dessert, but put the food away. "Remember the two-hour rule for food safety," said Thieleke. "Don't leave food out for more than two hours. Separate the meat from the bones before refrigerating."

And what about that first

Thanksgiving dinner the pilgrims enjoyed in Plymouth, Mass., in 1621?

"The pilgrims had few resources to draw from, and a limited number of foods," said Richard Ford, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

"At that time, the domesticated plants known to Native Americans were corn, beans and squash, while the Europeans brought over wheat, barley for

beer, and peas, although they may not have produced much of a crop that year."

The meat at the feast included deer, wild turkey and other fowl and fish. The dinner probably also included berries, but not cranberries because there was no sugar to sweeten them.

Thanksgiving didn't officially become a holiday until 1863 when President Lincoln issued a declaration.

# Stuff squash with figs and nuts

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This savory and colorful side dish, Honey Fig Acorn Squash, is

a natural for your Thanksgiving table. The squash halves are filled with honey-glazed, lightly spiced dried figs and almonds, and are baked for 50 to 55 minutes.

In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in honey, figs, almonds, cinnamon and nutmeg. Turn squash cut-sides-up and fill with fig mixture. Bake, uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes longer, until squash is tender and the filling is bubbly.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 394 cal., 5 g pro., 15 g fat, 67 g carbo., 23 mg chol., 8 g fiber, 14 mg sodium.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board.

pan. Add boiling water to a depth of 1/4 inch. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes, just until cooked through but still firm. Carefully remove foil and pour off water.

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# Mushroom or minty, choose Pumpkin-ricotta cheesecake low in fat stuffing to suit family taste

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The recipes for Mushroom and Cashew Stuffing and Minted Fruit Stuffing start with a traditional base of bread, then each adds tasty extras for a distinctive flavor lift.

The recipes give instructions for the stuffings to be baked alone, not inside another item, so they are easy to adapt for menus to suit different family tastes. The stuffings can accompany a festive entree such as turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner, be part of a party buffet, or serve as a nourishing comfort-food item for a lighter supper.

**MUSHROOM AND CASHEW STUFFING**

3/4 pound regular sliced white bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 8 cups)

1/4 cup butter

1 large red onion, chopped

1 large red pepper, chopped (about 2 cups)

1/2 pound button mushrooms, sliced

3 celery stalks, chopped

1 1/2 cups roasted, unsalted cashews, halves and pieces

2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried thyme

2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

3/4 cup canned chicken broth

2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place bread cubes on large, shallow baking pan and bake until golden, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Transfer to large mixing bowl.

Turn oven down to 350 F.

Melt butter in a large, heavy skillet. Add onion and cook until clear, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Add red pepper, mushrooms and celery; cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Combine with bread in a mixing bowl. Add nuts, seasonings, broth and beaten eggs. Stir well and pour into an 8-by-8-inch greased baking pan or one of similar size. (Can be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated.) Bake, covered, for about 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 355 cal., 10 g pro., 35 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 63 mg chol., 554 mg sodium.

Recipe from: Wheat Foods Council.

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## MINTED FRUIT STUFFING

12 slices honey wheat bread, cubed

11/2 cups apple cider or apple juice

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1 large onion, diced

2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced

1/2 cup diced dried apricots

1/2 cup yellow raisins

1/2 cup minced fresh or 4 teaspoons dried mint

1 tablespoon minced fresh lemon thyme

Salt and pepper to taste

Mint sprigs for garnish, optional

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large mixing bowl, toss together the cubed bread and cider, set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet, melt the butter. Add the onion and saute over medium heat until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the apple, reduce the heat to low and cook until the apple is tender, about 4 minutes. Stir in the honey. Stir the apple mixture, dried apricots, raisins, mint and lemon thyme into the moistened bread. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Spoon the stuffing into a 2-quart baking dish. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, until golden brown on top. Garnish with fresh mint and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 297 cal., 6 g pro., 58 g carbo., 6 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 10 mg chol., 3 mg sodium.

Recipe from: Wheat Foods Council.

# Pumpkin-ricotta cheesecake low in fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pumpkin-Ricotta Cheesecake will not leave Thanksgiving diners feeling deprived, even though a serving contains only about 1 gram of fat.

The festive dessert fits in well with meal plans and advice given by Weight Watchers International. The advice includes: Do not starve before a feast, so you're less likely to overeat; serve yourself plenty of vegetable side dishes; cut off turkey fat; make your own low-fat, low-sodium gravy - and go out to play or walk briskly after you have eaten!

## PUMPKIN-RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

Nonstick cooking spray

12 2 1/2-inch-square honey graham crackers, made into crumbs

1 and 1/3 cups instant nonfat dry milk powder

3/4 cup part-skim ricotta cheese

3/4 cup egg substitute

2/3 cup low-fat (1 percent) cottage cheese

1/2 cup canned pumpkin

1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle bottom of pan evenly with graham cracker crumbs.

In a blender or food processor, puree remaining ingredients until smooth; pour mixture into prepared pan, reserving 1/4 cup of the batter. Drizzle the reserved batter in 3 concentric circles over the batter. With a knife, lightly draw a line through the batter from the outer edge toward the center. Repeat lines around the pie, alternating directions to make a decorative web pattern.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on rack. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 160 cal., 12 g pro., 1 g fat, 24 g carbo., 3 mg chol., 263 mg sodium.

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Restless leg

The American Sleep Apnea Association, A.W.A.K.E. (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) group will host a discussion on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Restless Leg Syndrome and Periodic Limb Movement Disorder," from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. Dr. John H. Morrison, Jr., D.O., the medical director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Garden City Hospital will be the guest speaker. Meetings are free of charge and open to the public. Classrooms 3 & 4, Garden City Medical Office Building (basement level), 6255 Inkster Road in Garden City. For information please call (734) 458-3330.

### Immunizations clinic

Providence Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia will host an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Fee, \$5 per child includes all vaccines your child needs (except chicken pox). Don't forget to bring your immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

### Blood pressure test

The Maplewood Community Center in Garden City offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every Wednesday. The next test is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24. The community center is located on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

### Menu planning

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### Cardiac center

The Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiac Center Open House is scheduled from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Free of charge. Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center is located at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, second floor overlooking the Atrium.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/news briefs in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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## Natural therapies

### Oakwood offers Healing Touch sessions to patients

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In the midst of a hi-tech revolution in the health care industry, some hospitals and independent health centers are getting back to the basics by focusing on "wellness" not "illness" based treatments.

When it is estimated that Americans are spending an average of \$20 billion a year on alternative health care, hospitals are finding it necessary to make radical changes in the current health care system. Changes include training nurses and nurses assistants in therapies such as Healing and Therapeutic Touch.

Healing Touch is an energy-based therapeutic approach to promoting and accelerating the natural healing process of the human body through a series of techniques the practitioners use, with their hands, to assess and influence the inherent energy system within.

Oakwood Healthcare System now offers Healing Touch sessions, as a complement to current medical treatments, on the third floor of Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne.

According to Registered Nurse and Healing Touch Practitioner Barb Welcher, Healing Touch is a certificate program developed by Colorado native Janet Mentgen, R.N., B.S.N., through the American Holistic Nurses Association more than 10 years ago.

Welcher provides Healing Touch treatments two days a week at the Oakwood hospital in addition to maintaining a private practice from an at-home studio. Certified by Healing Touch International Inc. of Colorado and endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association, Welcher has been practicing Healing Touch for the past six years.

"Healing Touch is heart-centered work performed by someone who has a genuine interest in caring for people and helping them heal," said Welcher. "By using on and off the body movements and light touch, a practitioner assesses the energy field of the patient then smooths and

balances the patient's energy so that the body can do its own self-healing. It puts a patient in their best state of healing and almost always induces the relaxation response."

Welcher said it also works to increase the immune system and decrease pain. Patients are fully clothed during the session and can either lie down or sit from five minutes to more than 50 depending on the treatment and the state of their energy field.

Welcher notes that Healing Touch isn't a miracle remedy that results in "vast improvements" directly following sessions, but it has been attributed to increasing the healing process of wounds and fractures, alleviating anxiety and inducing the relaxation response by awakening the body's ability to heal itself.

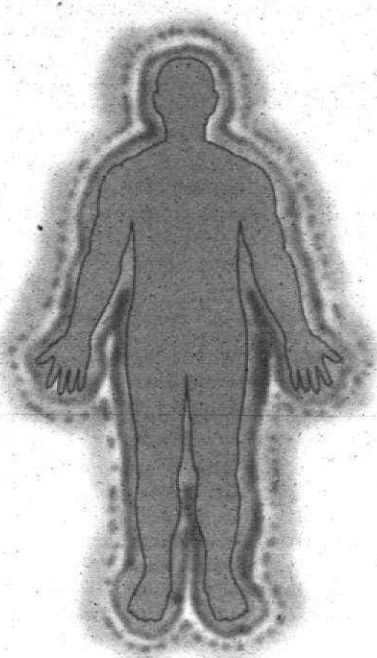
#### How can it help?

The list of conditions in which Healing Touch can be used is long and varied, including pain management, hypertension, spiritual enhancement, migraines, side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, pre and post surgical procedures, rehabilitation and maintaining wellness.

Welcher says among the many benefits of HT is that "any one can perform the work," whether you are a trained professional or a layman. She offers informational sessions to patients, family members and staff once a week on how it can be used in concert with medical treatments.

"Because this is heart-centered work you have to want to do this and not everyone does," said Welcher. "Not all the nurses on this unit are interested or comfortable with Healing Touch."

To date though, Welcher has offered basic Healing and Therapeutic Touch classes to staff members since July. Approximately one dozen employees have participated in the training and future classes are being planned. While two of the staff members have completed the Level I class and possess the basic skills to provide Healing Touch, Welcher said she will continue to collaboratively practice HT with staff members



until they are fully comfortable working alone.

Healing and Therapeutic Touch also meet the intrinsic need humans have to be touched. The skin-to-skin contact has been shown to provide comfort, warmth and solace for an individual whether they are ailing or in good health.

Bertha Miller, a 79-year-old Wayne resident and patient at Oakwood Hospital, received a Healing Touch treatment while on the third floor unit where she was being treated for cancer.

"It was beautiful," said Miller. "It was peaceful and it felt so good."

Miller said she would recommend it to others both for the healing and calming effect the therapy provided. The Wayne senior, who was about to be transferred to Arbor Hospice in Washtenaw County, was hoping the therapy would be provided at the Ann Arbor hospice as part of her care.

"I would really like that. I loved it," said Miller.

Barb Welcher, RN, BSN and certified Healing Touch practitioner, can be reached for Healing Touch sessions at her in-studio home by calling (248) 348-7271. On special request she will provide treatments at the hospital or at your home. A reduced rate is offered to seniors.

### BodyWorks focuses on mind, body connection

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A growing practice in Plymouth's Old Village, founded on the concept of holistic healing, is meeting the needs of clients through neuromuscular therapy, cranio sacral therapy, Reiki, astrology, numerology and psychotherapy.

According to BodyWorks Healing Center owner, Pat Krajovic, the Plymouth business recently observed its first anniversary since the change in ownership from Heartlight.

"The services and retail products we offer support the natural healing process," said Krajovic. "There is an emphasis on caring for the body, mind and spirit through bodywork and not just traditional massage but the use of energy healing and spiritual interaction."

Krajovic, a certified massage therapist through the American Massage Therapy Association, took over the Plymouth business in 1998 from Heartlight owners who wanted someone who shared their vision and would be equally supportive to their loyal clientele.

"We continue to provide a safe and comfortable environment based on unconditional love without judgment," said Krajovic. "We have enhanced the retail product line and now include intuitive counseling, crystals, psychotherapy, chakra balancing, and we've expanded the bodywork modalities."

Krajovic and her husband David, who professes to be "dabble" in a little bit of everything at BodyWorks from Bach Flower remedies to maintaining the financial aspect of the business, both say they are witnessing a "renewal" in peoples interest in the body, mind and spirit.

"This country is experiencing a spiritual revival," said David Krajovic. "People have this sense of emptiness in their life and they're starting to turn to other sources for answers. They're asking themselves what's missing? They want to some how reconnect with the earth and be in control of their well being."

#### Collaborative effort

Krajovic says the BodyWorks Healing Center can help them uncover what may be troubling them whether it's physically, emotionally or spiritually and provide them with the tools and guidance to heal.

"People are tired of taking pills to

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### Rocks, crystals hold inherent energies

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That pretty blue gemstone set in gold on your right hand may be more than an accessory to your wardrobe, it could also be a healing aid that's working with your body's own magnetic field.

According to Pamela Zuch of BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village, rocks and crystals are the tools she uses to help calm chaotic energy, promote healing, turn negative emotions into positive ones and induce inner peace among others.

"Stones and crystals have immeasurable powers to influence and enhance the healing process," said Zuch. "I wear a lot of them for their different effects, because I'm drawn to others and as a support buffer."

Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as "a Jili of all trades," also is knowledgeable in herbology, Tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitive healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye — a person's health and disease status can be diag-

### Healer uses astrology to empower, educate

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Did you know that the very moment you were born a virtual road map of your existence could already be charted that illustrates "the hand you've been dealt" in life? This blueprint is known as your birth or natal chart.

"Knowing how to interpret your birth chart arms you with the knowledge to help you steer your boat, so to speak, through life's uncharted waters," said Susan Austin. "And we all know — knowledge is power."

Austin, a metaphysical reader, has been working at BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village since 1993 yet honing her psychic and astrological skills for the past 22 years. She said when she first began studying astrology in the late 1970s it wasn't as widely accepted as it is today.

"I got a lot of criticism and strange looks from people when I told them about what I did and what my interests were. People thought I was crazy," said Austin.

Having had visions as a child and a strong attraction to astrology, Austin says she uses her natural abilities to help people seek greater knowledge about themselves. She uses astrology, reads star and tarot cards, chakra scanning and intuitive healing and guidance.

"I basically help them troubleshoot," said Austin. "It's terribly difficult to be objective about ourselves. Lots of issues can get in the way, like our ego and our emotions. I don't predict events but I

can interpret the natural cycles people are inclined to encounter and I know what areas to look out for."

#### Interpreting the signs

Astrology is based on a two-dimensional chart showing the position of the sun, the moon, and planets at the precise moment of your birth.

According to Austin, a skilled natural healer understands "what reflects back" from your birth chart and can help you comprehend lessons you have to learn, issues to be faced, and problems to be solved.

Austin says she can't force people to make changes — that's up to the individual and the choices they make once they possess the knowledge their birth chart holds.

"I can offer people the insight into why they may make the choices in life they do or behave a certain way, but to be perfectly honest there are no cut-and-dry answers that come from astrology. Howev-

er, understanding where you're coming from will help you begin the healing process."

Austin says not only has the acceptance of her talents changed dramatically in the last two decades, but so has the way in which she's able to develop an individual's birth chart. Thanks to technology, Austin simply enters your birth date, day of the week, time of the day and year and a computer program provides a printout that Austin uses as a guide. In the past, she said everything was written out by hand and involved a great deal of mathematical calculations.

"One wrong number and the whole chart would be in error," said Austin.

The chart includes information about the sun and the moon and the planets in signs; the houses, planets in the houses (behavior influences) and your ascendant, or rising sign (impacts personality).

Austin does initial readings once she's developed your "blueprint" and each reading is recorded on cassette tape so the individual may refer to them later. Other readings typically follow.

#### Twelve houses

The 12 houses of the horoscope define 12 areas of your life. The beginning of each of the houses is called its cusp. Each house has what is called a natural ruling sign and natural ruling planets.

That is the sign and planet associated with each house that begins with Aries and ends with Pisces. The 12 areas of our life that are depicted include

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### WED, NOV. 24

#### NEWBORN CARE

A two-session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

### WED, DEC. 1

#### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

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#### SIBLING CLASS

A night devoted to siblings that will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is 1.5 hours and is recommended for children 3 to 8 years of age. Call 458-4330 for class dates and registration.

#### CHILD/INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three-hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call 458-4330 to register.

#### MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

Ellen Stephens, a Karmas Cancer volunteer, will discuss "The Gift of Giving" from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital, West Addition B (South Entrance off Levan, (36475 Five Mile). No charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

#### BEAT GOES ON...

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### SAT, DEC. 4

#### VIBRATIONAL MEDICINE

Learn why our present views of health and disease will radically change in the new millennium, and how the use and acceptance of alternative therapies will accelerate over the next decade. This course, "Principles of Vibrational Medicine," will present how medicine is beginning to evolve away from the body as a machine and toward the bioenergetic perspectives of health and disease. Course is transferable into the Holistic Health Practitioner Diploma program leading to Board Certification in Holistic Health. To register call the Serenity School of Holistic Health in Livonia at (248) 474-0368 or (734) 513-0868.

## MEDICAL DATABOOK

### SUN, DEC. 5

#### PUBERTY/GROWING UP

"A Heart to Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up." This class provides mothers with daughters ages 9-12 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes that girls will experience as they enter puberty. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor from 1-5 p.m.

### MON, DEC. 6

#### HEART PALS

Support for cardiac patients and/or their significant others will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-3242 for information.

### TUE, DEC. 7

#### EATING DISORDERS

A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for person who are in need of peer group support at 7 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Open to both men and women. Call (734) 458-3395 for additional information.

#### BREASTFEEDING

A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many aspects of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

### WED, DEC. 8

#### ESTATE PLANNING

St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carlink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubinski, J.D., will discuss what a will, trust and power of attorney is as well as the advantages and differences. There is no charge for this lecture but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Free, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

#### BREATHERS CLUB

A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free. Call 458-3481 for information.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

"Value Yourself in Relationships." This presentation will focus on relationship dilemmas that are particular to women and show how you can enrich relationships for yourself and others. From 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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### WED, DEC. 11

#### LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP

Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St. Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recount indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 CEUs available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single; \$90 couple.

#### WED, DEC. 15

#### LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT

For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call (734) 458-3381.

#### ADULT CPR

Three-hour evening class conducted at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-4330.

#### BEAT GOES ON...

"And the Beat Goes On..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Integrating Exercise Into Your Lifestyle." Location: Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.



## MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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## Meeting a need

**Magic Medical** of Canton, a local supplier of adult diapers over the Internet, carries all major brands of adult diapers. Visit their Web site at [www.adultdiapermagiced.com](http://www.adultdiapermagiced.com). According to owners Craig and Kathleen Van Vleet, more than 250 customers are visiting their Web site every day. For more information or to place an order call toll free (877) 245-7148. Magic Medical ships UPS and parcel post.

## Surgeon appointed

Vascular surgeon **Gerald B. Zelenock, M.D.**, has been appointed chairman of the department of Surgery and chief of Surgical Services at William

Beaumont Hospital. As chairman, Zelenock oversees the state's highest-volume surgical service. More than 40,000 inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures were performed at Beaumont in 1998. The Royal Oak physician is certified by the American Board of Surgery (ABS), and holds additional certification of special competence in general vascular surgery and certification of added qualifications in surgical critical care, both from the ABS.

## Dentist welcomed

**Dr. Nancy Highland** recently joined the staff of Dr. Richard Stec of Canton. Stec will be seeing patients on Wednesdays and Thursdays and practices general dentistry, root canals, extractions, children's dentistry and cosmetic dentistry.

With the addition of Highland, Stec will now be offering more extended hours to patients including evening appointments Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For information call (734) 981-1800.

## Elected position

**Judith Caroselli**, director of

Operations at Westland Convalescent Center was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Health Care Association of Michigan at the Health Care Association of Michigan's annual convention. Her term of office as a director is 1999 through 2000.

## Benchmark status

General Motors Corporation designated Health Alliance Plan (HAP) a "Benchmark" HMO for the salaried employees and retirees' health care program. HAP meets the highest quality, service and cost standards GM has for the HMOs it offers. HAP is one of only 13 premier GM Benchmark HMOs nationally, and Michigan's only Benchmark HMO for the year 2000.

"HAP commends General Motors' leadership in holding health plans accountable for customer satisfaction, value and quality," said HAP president and CEO Cleve L. Killingsworth. "The GM Medical Plan Guide enables consumers to make an informed choice among local health plans by sharing meaningful, comparative information during open enrollment. Achiev-

ing the GM 'Benchmark' standard reflects the high quality of HAP-affiliated physicians and employees and their dedication to excellence in quality health care and service."

HAP, with approximately 6,000 contracts, will be the largest GM Benchmark HMO in the country offered to their salaried employees.

"Now that HAP attained Benchmark status, the monthly contribution paid by GM salaried employees and retirees enrolling with HAP will be the lowest of any HMO offered. GM employees will appreciate the contribution advantage and will recognize the value implied by the 'Benchmark' designation," said Joan C. Rodney, regional director — Southeast Michigan Health Care Initiatives.

GM devoted considerable effort to ensure that health plans offered meet our expectations in terms of quality of care. We look forward to building on HAP's strengths to ensure an increasing level of health care quality, value and service offered through the HAP program."

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## Chakra system

**Chakra One: Earth, physical identity, oriented to self-preservation**

Located at the base of the spine, this chakra forms our foundation. It represents the element earth, and is therefore related to our survival instincts, and to our sense of grounding and connection to our bodies and the physical plane. Ideally this chakra brings us health, prosperity, security, and dynamic presence.

**Chakra Two: Water, emotional identity, oriented to self-gratification**

The second chakra, located in the abdomen, lower back, and sexual organs, is related to the element water, and to emotions and sexuality. It connects us to others through feeling, desire, sensation, and movement. Ideally this chakra brings us fluidity and grace, depth of feeling, sexual fulfillment, and the ability to accept change.

**Chakra Three: Fire, ego identity, oriented to self-definition**

This chakra is known as the power chakra, located in the solar plexus. It rules our personal power, will, and autonomy, as well as our metabolism. When healthy, this chakra brings us energy, effectiveness, spontaneity, and non-dominant power.

**Chakra Four: Air, social acceptance, oriented to self-acceptance**

This chakra is called the heart chakra and is the middle chakra in a system of seven. It is related to love and is the integrator of opposites in the psyche: mind and body, male and female, persona and shadow, ego and unity. A healthy fourth chakra allows us to love deeply, feel compassion, have a deep sense of peace and centeredness.

**Chakra Five: Sound, creative identity, oriented to self-expression**

This is the chakra located in the throat and is thus related to communication and creativity. Here we experience the world symbolically through vibration, such as the vibration of sound representing language.

**Chakra Six: Light, archetypal identity, oriented to self-reflection**

This chakra is known as the brow chakra or third eye center. It is related to the act of seeing, both physically and intuitively. As such it opens our psychic faculties and our understanding of archetypal levels. When healthy it allows us to see clearly, in effect, letting us "see the big picture."

**Chakra Seven: Thought, Universal identity, oriented to self-knowledge**

This is the crown chakra that relates to consciousness as pure awareness. It is our connection to the greater world beyond, to a timeless, spaceless place of all-knowing. When developed, this chakra brings us knowledge, wisdom, understanding, spiritual connection, and bliss.

Source: Sacred Centers (www.sacredcenters.com)

For information or to schedule an appointment call, (734) 416-5200. Classes at the Healing Center include Tarot; Reiki I, II and Reiki III Master certification; Astrology - Level I and II; talks on rocks, crystals, gems and other minerals; and intuitive Feng Shui.

make themselves feel better," said Krajovic who practices relaxation and therapeutic massage, neuromuscular therapy, visceral massage, polarity, Nut Thai massage, Shiatsu, Jin Shin Do and other energy healing modalities.

Her colleague, Rob West, a certified massage therapist who previously taught at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy, practices advanced structural neuromuscular therapy, of which he is certified in, as well as myofascial therapy, cranio-sacral therapy, reflexology, and Reiki. His clients range from individuals suffering from a variety of ailments and injuries including trauma from a blow to the head, fall or accident; lower back pain, postural

distortion, migraines, TMJ, and fibromyalgia to people seeking to maintain overall health and wellness.

West says he also receives referrals from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor primarily treating head and neck injury victims.

When treating chronic pain patients, West says it's a matter of treating not just the afflicted area but the "whole neurological system," in order to correct the distortion. "Muscles have memories," said West. The BodyWorks therapist says he and his client will work toward strengthening the injured muscle — not just manipulating the tissues and muscles.

Initially a complete history of the patient is taken including cranial measurements, past medical conditions, active diseases, prescription medication, prior injuries and symptoms. Then West and Krajovic work with their client toward addressing the physical and emotional issues they hope to resolve, and focus on helping the body learn to heal itself through their guidance.

"People want to gain control of their lives and are tired of feeling bad and living with pain. We offer natural healing options for them to shed all the emotional and physical baggage many of us carry around," said Krajovic. "We encourage people to come in and see what's here. Some people just stop in and spend a few minutes here because they say they feel better after they leave."

Jama Cuellar, a clairvoyant consultant, is also on staff at BodyWorks Healing Center. She began psychometry and clairvoyant readings in 1984. She teaches Tarot, ESP and conscious awareness classes.

BodyWorks retail hours are 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Friday and Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Readings are available on a walk-in basis during retail hours as well as by appointment. Massages are by appointment only. BodyWorks Healing Center is located at 819 N. Mill Street, Old Village, Plymouth.

For information or to schedule an appointment call, (734) 416-5200. Classes at the Healing Center include Tarot; Reiki I, II and Reiki III Master certification; Astrology - Level I and II; talks on rocks, crystals, gems and other minerals; and intuitive Feng Shui.

## Astrology from page D4

- Behavior, health, appearance.
- Material side, financial condition.
- Early childhood, siblings, early education.
- Family life, domestic affairs, home, end of life.
- Love affairs, children, creativity.
- Work, health issues.
- Marriage partner, business partners.
- Attitudes about life/death, legacies, sex.
- Religion, higher learning, travel.
- Social status, fame, reputation.
- Friends, social associations, goals, wishes.
- Hidden resources, subconscious, hidden problems.

Austin teaches Level I and Level II Astrology classes for beginners and intermediate students. The next six week class starts Feb. 12, 2000. For more information call (734) 416-5200.

## CORRECTION NOTICE

In our November 21 insert, we advertised The Source Presents: Hip Hop Hits Vol. 3 by various artists, as available Tuesday, November 23. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Tuesday, November 30. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.



## Retailers worry over Internet, e-commerce boom



MIKE WENDLAND

The e-commerce shopping season officially starts Friday, right along with the regular retail season. But already, signs are strong that this year, shopping on line may actually start to put a dent in some traditional store shopping.

"You owe a loyalty to your local retailer," read an angry e-mail I received this past week from a merchant whose store in an Oakland County suburb's "downtown" is fairly well known. "Every time you promote shopping online, you're shooting us in the back and causing prices to rise."

I'm not promoting anything. But I'd sure be remiss if I didn't point out what's happening out there in cyberspace.

For the past two weeks, so many people have logged onto the huge Toys R Us Web site ([www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com)) that, if you do get through, you're greeted with this message:

"...we have been getting millions of visitors to our Web site over the last few days. Right now, we are processing thousands of new orders every hour! Because of the high demand, we are at full guest capacity and are therefore

currently unable to process your request to enter our site right now."

And the real season has yet to start. Last week, according to a survey commissioned by the investment banking firm Goldman Sachs, Internet shoppers spent \$222 million. Just last week. That's up \$21 million over the week before. And, according to the survey, the vast majority of those who bought online said their spending had nothing to do with holiday shopping. That, they said, was yet to come.

Last year, some \$3.1 billion was spent online during the holiday season. This year, estimates range from \$10 billion to \$12 billion.

Cameron Meierhofer is an online analyst for PC Data Online. He told Out News ([www.outnet.com](http://www.outnet.com)) that the data doesn't suggest that brick and mortar retail stores will be completely neglected. Indeed, while 90 percent of those online shoppers polled said they immensely enjoy Internet shopping, 60 percent of them still intend to buy their gifts from real stores.

But the trend is clear. Retailers will feel the competition from e-commerce. "Each week (Internet shoppers) spend a little more time online," Meierhofer says.

Meierhofer isn't alone. "Books, CDs, and computer sales are still the drivers, but apparel is the fastest growing segment," says Brett

Azuma, vice president for electronic business at DataQuest, a unit of Gartner Group ([www.info-edge.com/gartner.htm](http://www.info-edge.com/gartner.htm)).

## Shop till you drop

Azuma says the growth rate simply shows no sign of tapering off. "This is not a niche market, this is not an emerging market, this has become a mainstream market," he contends.

Jupiter Communications ([www.jup.com](http://www.jup.com)) is another online marketing firm that is trying to chart this trend. Jupiter predicts that there will be 10 million new online buyers this holiday season. Those shoppers will be spending more — from \$412 per person last year to \$519 in 2000.

Allen Weiner, a vice president for Nielsen/Net Ratings, says his company has started a special Internet holiday e-commerce index. "We anticipated that shopping would start earlier this year, but not this early."

Convenience is cited over and over as the main reason folks buy online. People like clicking a mouse instead of hoofing it through a mall.

And the so-called "dot-com" folks are also undoubtedly helped along by a blitz of advertising. I watched the Lions game the other day on TV and was amazed to note that during one commercial break, literally every advertiser was an Internet shopping site. This

coming Tuesday, I'll be in New York doing a coast-to-coast satellite TV tour, reporting from more than a dozen stations from California to New York about the coming online shopping season.

Everyone, it seems is ecstatic over e-commerce.

Except most retailers. And the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Governors' Association.

Last week leaders from both groups called for taxes to be collected on all those billions being spent online. All the paranoia and hand wringing is going to increase as the Net becomes still more pervasive. The smart retailers, of course, will realize that there is still a need to physically inspect the things we buy, to try them on, kick the tires, smell the perfume, look at the jewelry sparkle. And they'll figure how the Internet can be used to turn Net surfers into face-to-face buyers.

So the smart ones will open up their own Web sites to showcase their wares and attract the eyeballs of Net surfers. A good example: The Toy Soldier and Doll Hospital in Berkeley ([www.Toyshoppe.com](http://www.Toyshoppe.com)).

Jack Zagrodski, vice president of marketing, has put together a very creative and compelling Web site that showcases the store's emphasis on non-violent, old fashioned toys, classic playthings and learning aids.

"We decided to move forward with

technology," Zagrodski wrote me in an e-mail. "The Internet is not going away."

Instead of finding the Internet a threat, Zagrodski has found it to be a great opportunity. While his store's Web site builds loyalty and strong relations with local customers, it opens up the store to a worldwide audience, who never would have heard of the place were it not online. And online, it's of course open 7-by-24.

This shopping season will be pivotal, I predict, in the Internet's evolution. Online shopping will truly mainstream this year.

And, I also predict, the response of retailers to this trend ... as a threat or an opportunity ... will seal their fates within a few years.

What do you think? How has the Internet impacted your shopping habits? E-mail your response to me. And also send along Web sites from local retailers you think have done a good job using the Internet to draw people to their bricks and mortar stores.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at [www.pcmike.com](http://www.pcmike.com).

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

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## WED, DEC. 1

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia. The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

## FRI, DEC. 3

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

## WED, DEC. 15

**AAI INVESTOR MEETING**  
The AAI Eastern Michigan Chapter will meet

## JAN. 10, 2000

**CANTON BPW**  
The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring.

## Read Observer Sports



HERBERT M. GARDNER

**Dentistry in the 90s**  
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

## LEFT HIGH AND DRY?

Dry mouth is a common symptom before and during menopause and a side effect associated with more than 400 medications. As such, it poses a problem for many people. According to researchers at the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, older adults with reduced saliva flow were about 50% more likely to lose at least one tooth during the course of the three-year study than those with normal flow. The fact is that saliva helps to significantly reduce the risk of cavities by neutralizing acid in plaque and removing germs and food residue. It also helps provide a mineral barrier that protects the tooth's surface. If dry mouth is a problem, consult your dentist.

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## Rocks from page D4

nosed from the color, texture, and location of various pigment flecks in the eye).

## Intrinsic value

Individual rocks and crystals have various healing powers and each of the seven chakras in our body have their own healing energy systems that correlate to a major nerve in our spinal column. Using the correct stone, the object is placed on the appropriate chakra to focus its energy to the area that needs healing.

Zuch says if she can't get a feeling for the kinds of rocks and crystals people need she'll often lay them out and ask the person to choose which ones they're drawn to, for whatever reason.

■ **Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as 'a Jill of all trades,' also is knowledgeable in herborology, tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitive healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye).**

"The vibrational energy of the stones have a luring power unto themselves," said Zuch.

There are literally hundreds of different rocks, crystals and gemstones in existence. Listed below are a few, along with their natural healing powers:

■ **Malachite:** Cleanses the emotional body, releases old trauma of past lives.

■ **Lapis lazuli:** Cleanses the mental body, changes negative views of reality into positive ones.

■ **Rose quartz:** Promotes the healing heart through self love, self esteem and body image. Fosters inner peace.

■ **Citrine:** Useful to balance energy.

■ **Green fluorite:** Aids ability to meditate, brings healing to emotional body and heart chakra.

Zuch said crystals are more than ornamental accessories in our homes or articles that we wear as a trendy fashion statement. "Stones and rocks are natural objects that emit their own electrical frequencies. It's important for people to know the healing powers they possess and use them appropriately."

If you would like to meet with Pamela Zuch, contact BodyWorks Healing Center of Plymouth at (734) 416-5200. She teaches classes in Tarot and in the use of crystals in healing.



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These special messages will appear on the pages of the January 1st edition of your hometown Observer on January 1, 2000 and you can deposit the entire issue in your own time capsule, so that when you look at it again in the years to come, you'll enjoy remembering or telling your grandchildren what was going on in your hometown!

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4. Compose your message of 25 words or less.
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