

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TUESDAY

**School board:** The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is expected to name its top choice for district superintendent in a special meeting at 7 p.m. at the McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

### SATURDAY

**Holiday Open House:** The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Holiday Open House and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the museum on Canton center Road at Heritage Drive. Call (734) 495-0811.

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## There's still time to join Cheer Club

Florida Vacation Barbie, Elmo's Express, the board games Sorry and Clue and a small-sized cupboard full of canned and boxed foods.

Those are some of the donations we've already received for the Plymouth-Canton Observer's Cheer Club.

Here are some of the generous people who have stopped by our office with donations during the first week of our annual Cheer Club campaign:

Terry and Susan Gronau, Paul and Bette Bieritz, Emerson and Diane Coates, and Al and Joyce Thuernam,

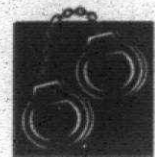
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# Trial ordered for 3rd defendant



The last of three men charged in the murder of Canton resident Gary Urban was bound over for trial Wednesday. The restaurant manager was shot and killed during a Nov. 10 robbery outside a Dearborn Heights steak house.

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A third Detroit man will stand trial in the Nov. 10 shooting death of Canton resident Gary Urban.

Vernard Meadows, 20, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday by 20th District Judge Mark Plawewski. Meadows is charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed

robbery.

Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, and James Erick Lee, 21, face similar charges. Rodgers, who police contend shot Urban seven times, is also charged with one count of felony firearm.

Circuit Court arraignment for Rodgers and Lee is scheduled for Wednesday. Meadows will likely be arraigned Dec. 15.

The three men face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony

charges.

A trial date will be three to six months down the road, said Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Joe Jansen. He was unsure whether a plea agreement would be reached before then.

"That's not my call," Jansen said.

Urban was killed Nov. 10 outside a Dearborn Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a manager.

He was shot seven times, including

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I want: Julia Ryan, 4½, shares her wish list with Santa Wednesday.

## Light it up Hundreds cheer tree ceremony, Santa's arrival

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A December nip was in the air outside of Canton's Fire Station No. 1 Wednesday.

Cheeks were red, noses cold and the breath of hundreds could be seen. But the arrival of jolly St. Nick, a.k.a. Santa, warmed the hearts of both young and old.

Mr. Claus traded in Rudolph, Blitzen and Donner for a ride in a shiny red fire truck. He didn't disappoint a crowd of more than 300 that showed up for the township's annual tree lighting ceremony.

"I'd like to thank the people of Can-

ton for inviting me back this year," said Santa, who looked as robust as ever. "My elves at the North Pole are busy right now making all of your presents."

The holiday season got an official start as Supervisor Tom Yack lit the large, highly decorated evergreen adjacent to the Canton Historical Society's museum. Of course, he had a little help.

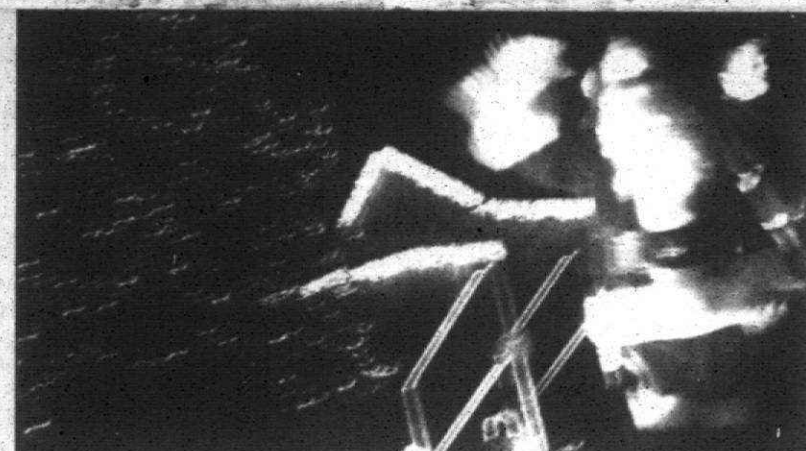
"Five, four, three, two, one," yelled a group of enthusiastic youngsters prior to the flipping of the switch.

Hay rides, choir singing, ice sculpting, pictures with Santa, stuffed ani-

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Wow! Jack Spencer, 3, gazes with wide-eyed wonder at one of the two clowns as they tied balloon hats for the children during the annual Christmas Tree lighting Ceremony at Fire Station No. 1 in Canton. Below, Santa waves to the crowd after arriving on the podium.



# Canton Police crime lab set for remodeling

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From the dark ages to modern times.

That's where Canton's Police Department is hoping to take its evidence processing lab over the next few months. According to Public Safety Director John Santomauro, few changes to the facility have been made since the building opened in 1985.

"We want to bring it up to the level of technology it should be at," he commented. "We want to bring the technology up to the capabilities of our people."

Township trustees recently approved a pair of funding measures to do just that. About \$25,000 will be spent on

improvements.

Santomauro said the current lab is too small and poorly equipped to allow for continued efficient police work.

Examination of physical evidence, body fluids and fibers as well as fingerprints are typical kinds of processing done in the lab. A total of 14 officers, two sergeants and a lieutenant use the facility.

"The room has outlived its usefulness," Santomauro said. "It's not properly laid out and ventilation is poor."

The lab will be outfitted with a fuming chamber. Many chemicals that produce harmful gases are used in processing evidence. The chamber will protect technicians by whisking fumes away. It will also make their work

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—John Santomauro,  
public safety director

more efficient, according to Santomauro.

Some evidence, such as fingerprints, must be processed without being disturbed in a vacuum setting. Without the fuming chamber, the department has actually used a fish tank for some print work. The new equipment will speed up the job, Santomauro said.

"State-of-the-art facilities will cut time and expense," he added.

The chamber unit will cost just under \$9,000. New cabinets will be the department's other major expenditure at \$16,750.

Santomauro told trustees the lab's current cabinets couldn't be saved.

"There's no way to renovate what we have," he said. "They've got to be taken out."

Many of the existing cabinets are made of metals not compatible with chemical processing, for example. New cabinets will have a Formica finish.

A computer work station, stainless steel counter tops, refrigerator for chemical storage, tile floor and eye cleaning station are among other renovations scheduled for the lab.

## Township, county brace for winter

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While winter doesn't officially begin until Dec. 22, Canton and Wayne County are preparing for snow and ice now.

The two governments took a step in that direction late last month. Canton Trustees approved an agreement that calls for the county to plow and salt nearly nine miles of township roadway.

The roads, which include sections of Sheldon, Lotz, Warren and Lilley, are considered local streets, township

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Positive outlook: Economist David Sowerby addresses the Canton Economic Club Wednesday at Summit on the Park.

## Sowerby: Economy should chug along

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For those who think there's no end in sight for the meteoric rise of the stock market, David Sowerby has news for you.

The great bull market ended nearly two years ago, the vice president and portfolio manager for Loomis Sayles & Co. told an audience of about 125 Canton Chamber of Commerce members and guests Wednesday at a Canton Economic Club Luncheon.

But that's no reason to be bearish about Michigan's economy, which should continue its stellar performance of the past

decade right through the new millennium, said Sowerby, formerly an economist with Comerica Bank.

"At the end of the day, for Michigan businesses and investors, it's still a positive environment," said Sowerby, a Farmington Hills resident.

He added that the economic expansion of the 1990s, particularly in southeastern Michigan, has dispelled a number of myths. Among them:

■ A need to follow the Asian economic miracle of the 1980s for Michigan to succeed.

Please see **ECONOMY, A3**



# Defendant's home hit with firebomb; no one injured

The home of a 20-year-old Canton woman charged in the death of a friend was firebombed early Thursday morning.

According to township police reports, a bomb made of a beer bottle filled with gasoline and a yellow dish rag stuffed inside was tossed through the kitchen window of Sarah Cappuccitti's home about 12:30 a.m.

No injuries were reported. The bomb, which reports said had been lit, apparently blew out before crashing through the window of the Copeland Circle home.

Police discovered the bomb on the kitchen floor of the home in several pieces. Reports said a strong odor of gasoline could be present throughout the home.

Cappuccitti is charged with manslaughter in the Sept. 20 death of Canton resident Alisha

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Roberson. She was behind the wheel of a Ford Tempo that crashed into a tree near I-96 and Levan roads, according to witnesses.

Police have no suspects in the bombing of Cappuccitti's home. About \$250 worth of damage was done to the home, reports said.

## Larceny

More than \$2,000 worth of payroll checks were stolen from Masco Tech on Haggerty Road Thursday morning, according to reports.

Two workers saw a 34-year-old former employee, a Detroit man, near the desk of a secretary where the checks were kept at

about 9:40 a.m., reports said. Canton police are investigating the incident.

## Retail fraud

A 50-year-old Canton woman was charged with retail fraud after attempting to steal more than \$100 worth of compact discs from Meijer Thursday.

Reports said the woman removed a small kitchen appliance from its box, then tried to pay the price on the box. Canton police issued her an appearance date of Jan. 3, 2000 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

## MDOP

A 45-year-old Canton woman's 1999 Ford Taurus suffered \$150 worth of damage Wednesday. The vehicle, which had a rear window busted out, was parked on the shoulder of Ridge Road south of Cherry Hill at the time of the incident, between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Reports said the woman was attending a prayer session. Police have no suspects.

## Trial from page A1

five times in the back. Urban was leaving the restaurant at about 10:25 p.m. on his way to make a bank deposit.

He was carrying \$1,307 in cash as well as gift certificates. Urban called 911 after being shot.

He talked with a Dearborn Heights officer at the restaurant, giving him details of the incident before passing out. He died a short time later at Garden City Hospital of multiple wounds.

Wednesday's preliminary examination was held to determine if probable cause existed that Meadows killed Urban.

As with Rodgers and Lee, Jansen used a taped interview between Dearborn Heights Police and Meadows to establish probable cause.

Detective Sgt. Mike Petri began the interview by telling Meadows he knew he had helped set up the robbery of Urban. He added that Lee and Rodgers pointed the finger at him as coming up with the idea and planning it.

"They lied when they told you

**'Neither me or James didn't know (Rodgers) shot the guy. I didn't know Gary was dead until the next day.'**

**-Vernard Meadows, in statement to police**

I planned the robbery," Meadows told Petri, according to Wednesday's testimony.

He told the officer that he had met with them the night before, however.

"It all started from there," Meadows said on the tape. "They brought it up, Boo (Rodgers) and E (Lee)."

Meadows later admitted to being in the car with Lee near the Ponderosa before, during and after the shooting.

"Neither me or James didn't know (Rodgers) shot the guy," said Meadows. "I didn't know Gary was dead until the next day."

Meadows was an employee of the restaurant at the time of the shooting.

As the 40-minute interview progressed, he seemed to admit

to more and more involvement in the crime.

Meadows told Petri he helped open Urban's bank bag the next day but still maintained that he wasn't the mastermind.

"I didn't plan the robbery," he said.

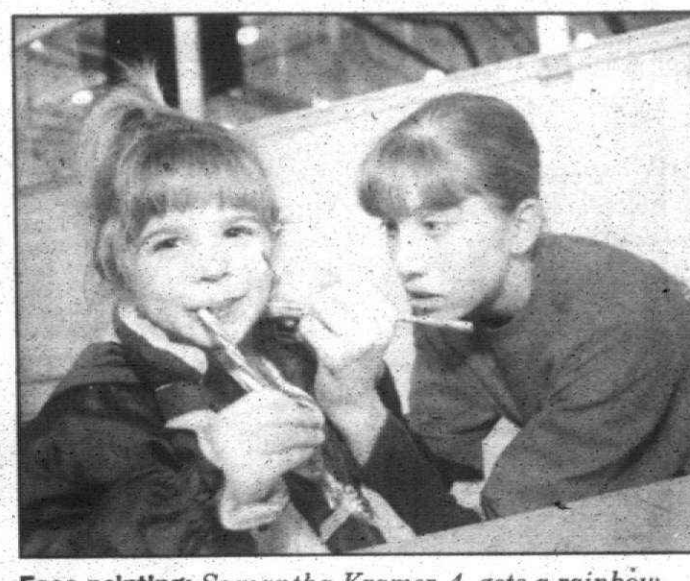
Meadows' attorney, Craig Daily, argued that the taped interview shouldn't be admitted into evidence because his constitutional rights were improperly read.

Judge Plawewski overruled him. Daily then argued that because Petri had lied to Meadows about various facts of the investigation during the taped interview, it shouldn't be admitted.

The judge again overruled him. Plawewski then ordered Meadows bound over for trial.



Clowning around: Clowns Buster and Elmo make balloon hats for the children.



Face painting: Samantha Kramer, 4, gets a rainbow painted on her face by Katy Tucci, 14, of D&M Studios of Canton.



Sing-along: Ashlee Gillikin (from left) Alexandra and Lorraine Warner, all 8, sing along with members of the PCEP choir prior to the tree lighting. Below, Sean Lee, 7 months, takes in all of the excitement inside the fire station, as he sits on grandpa Len Jamiga's lap.

## Tree lighting from page A1

mal giveaways, face painting and lots of hot chocolate highlighted the two-hour event.

"I wanted to bring my son to something special," said Canton resident Lorraine Yoneda. "My son wants to see Santa."

Debbie Zevalkink, Yack's administrative assistant, co-chaired the event. She was pleased with how the evening went.

"We seem to have a nice turnout every year. I think we're close to that tonight," Zevalkink said. "It's a tradition."

The tradition, however, almost perished a few years ago because of low attendance. Along with Bob Dates and Mary Ann Stewart, she recently helped inject new life into ceremonies.

"It really took off about three

**■ 'There seems to be a lot of things that go on (in Canton) for families. This is a really nice time for my family.'**

**-Lorraine Yoneda, township resident**

years ago," Zevalkink said of the tree lighting. "We had about 400 people last year. I think we're close to that tonight."

Judging from the smiles of kids and parents, the event was a success.

Michelle Staber, a 14-year Canton resident, attended for the first time. She brought a small troop of Boy Scouts.

"It's good to keep the boys out-

side and active," she said, noting the train and hay rides that took place near the fire station.

Yoneda, a relative newcomer to Canton, is pleased with the community's spirit.

"There seems to be a lot of things that go on for families," she added. "This is a really nice time for my family."

Lots of volunteers chipped in to make it a nice time for every-

one. Diane Krzeminski was one. She worked as Santa's helper as he posed with kids for pictures. "My job is to pass out the candy canes," she said, adding that working conditions were pretty good. "Santa is the best boss."

But the real attraction for her was seeing all the smiling little faces.

"I work with kids all the time," Krzeminski said. "I just love them."

"Elmo" the Clown was on hand to help entertain children. He made numerous balloon animals ranging from bears to snakes.

"I've been a clown for about five years," said Elmo. "Every-



## Former congressman Pursell retires as EMU regent

Carl Pursell, vice chair of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents, announced his retirement Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the regents meeting in Livonia.

"Everything comes to you at the right time in life," said

Pursell, who was appointed to the EMU Board of Regents by Gov. John Engler in 1993. "It's time to pass the baton."

Pursell, of Plymouth, said it felt good to announce his retirement in Livonia because he was once a

representative for the area. During his seven years on the board, Pursell has served as its vice chair and as the chair of the educational policies committee.

His appointment was through Dec. 31, 2000.

"He has watched out for the interests from all of his positions," said Philip Incarnati, current chair of the board. "Because of him the University has benefited economically and professionally."

## Economy from page A1

■ You can't grow the economy without experiencing inflation.

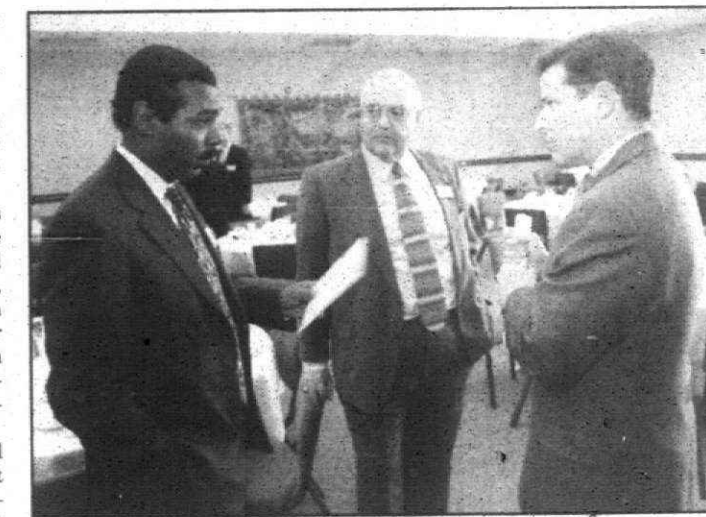
■ The tradeoff for low unemployment is rampant inflation.

■ The stock market couldn't duplicate its bull run in the 1980s with an equally spectacular rise in the '90s.

The next year to 18 months looks average or above average in terms of the Michigan and U.S. economies, Sowerby said, especially if inflation is kept in check. "There is no bigger killer to Michigan business than high inflation. This is still a capital-intensive, manufacturing economy."

But Sowerby said the overall performance of the stock market - in contrast to the economy - has actually been tepid for at least the last 18 months. Record highs on the NASDAQ exchange this month and a near-record close Friday in the Dow Jones Industrial Average are the result of a few sectors - or even individual companies - driving the entire market. For example, while the top 15 stocks in the Standard and Poor's 500 index all gained 26 percent or better during 1998, the median return was 7 percent. This year to date, the median is 1 percent and half the stocks in the index have actually declined in value, he said.

Sowerby joked that the Y2K computer glitch will likely have little effect on the local or



Insight: Jonas Hood (from left) of the Edward Jones Company and Canton Chamber of Commerce President Tony Kuilos talk with speaker David Sowerby, an economist, following his presentation.

national scene - with the exception of a couple of bad TV movies."

He was also critical of the media coverage of the economy, saying it sensationalizes day-to-day coverage to the point that people can't get a true and accurate long-term picture.

Following his 25-minute talk he answered questions on topics ranging from the impact of demonstrations and disruptions at the World Trade Organization

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engineer Tom Casari said. "The county has a program that treats them like primary roads if we pick up 50 percent of the cost," he added.

"Primary" roads, such as Ford and Canton Center, receive first attention from snow plows and salt trucks during storms. Traffic volume dictates such designations, according to Casari.

It's the fourth year Canton has participated in the program. The township's share of maintenance costs will be \$37,367 this winter.

The largest portions of coverage come on Sheldon and Lilley. County crews will keep both clear from Michigan to Ford. Lotz will be plowed from Michigan to Palmer and Warren from

Beck to Ridge. Wayne County officials, meanwhile, are intent on providing more efficient service this winter.

Public Services Director Cameron Pribe recently said the county "dropped the ball" last winter. Canton, in particular, was one of the last communities dug out from a major storm that hit in early January.

Since then, the county has taken steps to beef up service.

More than \$60,000 was spent on radios to equip all vehicles and provide better communications. New phone lines were also installed at county yards for local governments to contact during storms.

A fleet of new trucks has also

been ordered. A total of 14 high speed plows were among the vehicles purchased.

Pribe said truck routes have also been fine-tuned. Roads with close proximities to hospitals and fire stations will take priority, he added.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack expects improved service this winter.

"I think they learned a valuable lesson," he said. "We feel confident they'll do a good job."

Yack felt the county improved on plowing and salting times as last winter progressed.

"I think they went back to a level of service we were all used to," he said. "I think they recovered nicely."

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## Train derailment ties up area traffic

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Traffic in Plymouth was held up for about an hour and 15 minutes Friday afternoon when more than a dozen CSX railroad cars derailed, blocking two of the city's nine railroad crossings.

CSX spokesman Bob Sullivan said the train of two locomotives and 99 cars was heading from Saginaw to Grand Rapids when the derailment occurred. A total of 14 cars derailed, but all were upright and inline, meaning none totally flipped

over," said Sullivan. "Nothing spilled and clean-up crews are being called in to fix the problem. Thus far we don't have a cause for the derailment."

Another CSX worker said all the cars derailed in the CSX yard. Sullivan said the "impact on CSX operations is minimal. We'll be able to work around the problem."

The biggest impact of the derailment was on motorists trying to pass through Plymouth as the Farmer Street and Main Street crossings were blocked during the entire noon hour.

## Students sought for challenge

Duracell and the National Science Teachers Association are inviting sixth through 12th grade students nationwide to participate in the 18th annual Duracell/NSTA Invention Challenge. The Millennium Challenge will reward 100 entries with \$160,000 in savings bonds. To enter, students must design and build a battery-powered device and submit an official entry form, wiring diagram and photos of the invention by Jan. 12. Entry forms are available by calling the NSTA at 1-888-255-4242 or on the world wide web at [www.nsta.org/programs/duracell.shtml](http://www.nsta.org/programs/duracell.shtml) and at [www.duracell.com/Fun\\_Learning/index.html](http://www.duracell.com/Fun_Learning/index.html).

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By Mark Slavens, P.C.  
Attorney at Law

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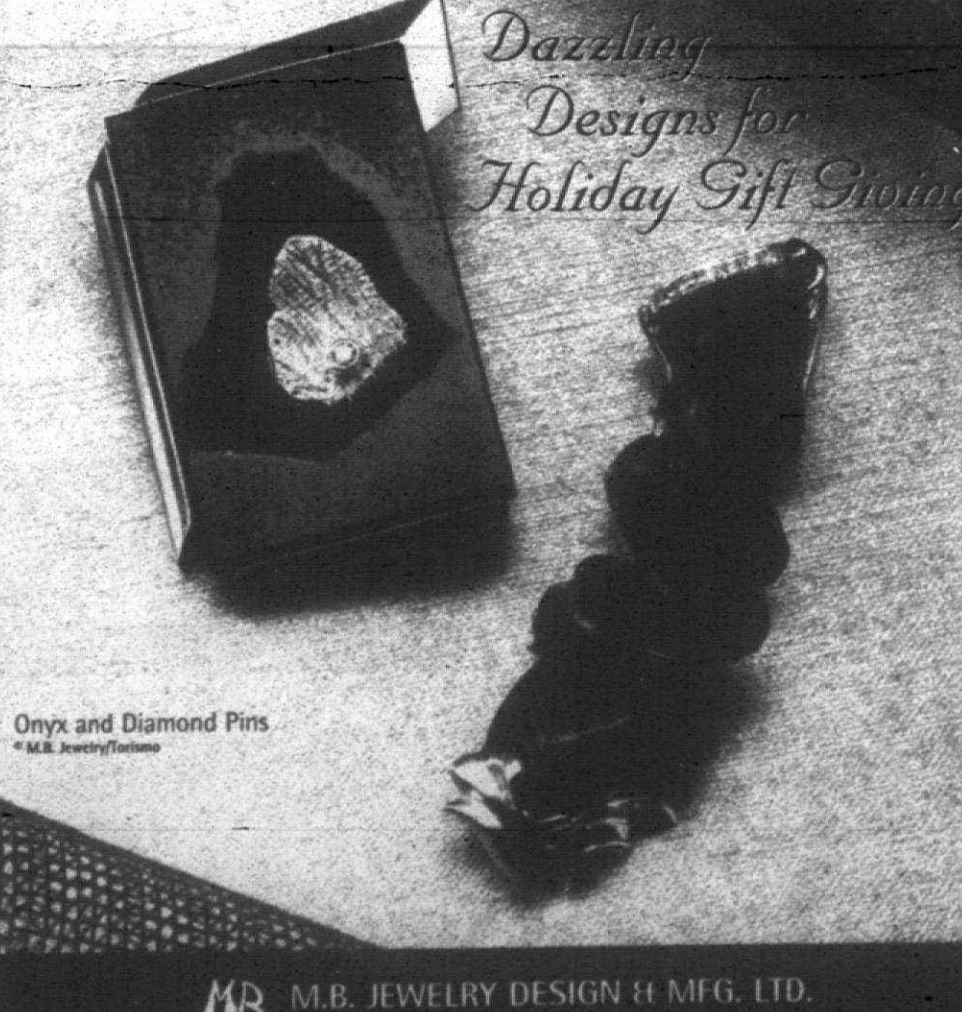
bringing suit for intentional wrongs. Whenever you have suffered injury as the result of another's actions, whether intentional or not, consult an attorney about your rights.

In the case of some willful torts, the perpetrator may also be prosecuted criminally. If you state indictments and tries the person who injured you on criminal charges, it does NOT mean that you are not also able to sue him or her for damages in a civil suit. When in doubt, please ask your attorney.

**HINT:** The intentional infliction of emotional distress is a willful tort that involves outrageous conduct, which causes severe emotional pain or discomfort.

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## A Christmas-time concert for the Newcomers



**Spirited performance:** The East Middle School Eighth Grade Chorus performed Wednesday at the Canton Newcomers annual holiday meeting. Pictured (from left) are Monica Mukerjee, Lester Booker Jr. and Christine Denstedt during "The 12 Days of Christmas."

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**Role players:** Newcomers Karen Linnen and Jill Zoz play turtle doves during "The 12 Days of Christmas."



**A little help:** Student chorus member Stefanie Malasche nabs a Canton Newcomer, Chris Kuhn, to sing "Up on the Housetop."

## Rouge advocate wants restriction on flood plain permits

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Michigan residents may remember the television footage from this fall of the North Carolina floods, where heavy rains created overflows of millions of gallons of pig waste housed in basins.

Bill Craig does. Craig, a Livonia resident who chairs a habitat committee on

the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, expects to introduce a motion at the next council meeting on Dec. 15 to advise the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to restrict approval of flood plain permits, specifically in the Rouge River watershed, and only in the "necessity of public safety."

The council is a public advisory body established by the DEQ that is comprised of citizens, city

or township representatives, businesses, environmental advocates and academia. It makes recommendations to the DEQ.

"The flood plain issue is an issue that is happening nationally," Craig said. "The Mississippi flooding a few years ago exposed the flood plain problems there. In North Carolina, they had absolutely terrible consequences from building on a flood plain."

Craig said the council should

follow the trend that "you don't mess with the flood plains."

Craig expects the council will study the motion, which the habitat committee members wanted introduced because they want the flood plain issue discussed in light of the council's work in developing the Remedial Action Plan to clean up the Rouge and improve water quality, including stormwater runoff. He hopes the DEQ can provide

input as well.

The RAP was developed after the Rouge was identified as an "area of concern" by the International Joint Commission, a binational organization charged with water quality oversight in the boundary waters of the Great Lakes. U.S. District Judge John Feikens also oversees the cleanup progress through updates at court hearings every other month.

Craig isn't sure how his motion will be received by the council, community leaders or the state.

"They may say 'we don't want you to mess with the 100-year (storm) event,' but right now, we don't have anything," Craig said. Land is characterized by surveyors and engineers with elevations categorizing flood plains according to the frequency and severity of storm events.

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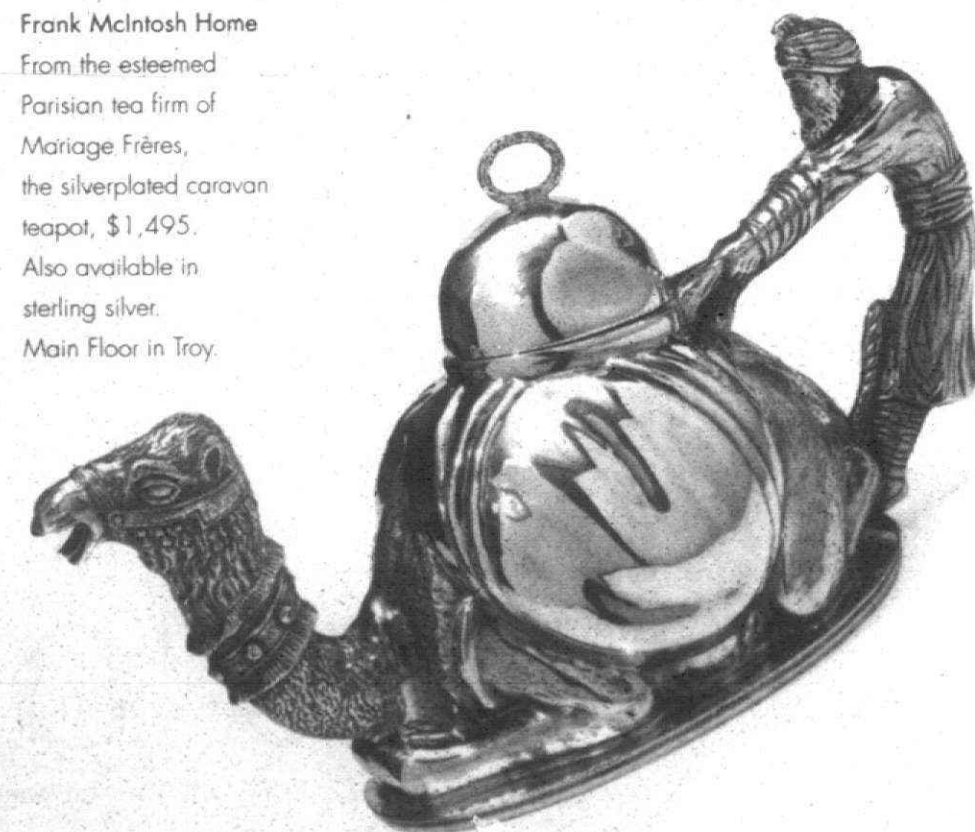
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## DEPLOYMENT

Marine Cpl. Timothy L. Sutton, the son of Edward F. and Linda R. Sutton of Plymouth, is one of more than 170,000 active duty Marines celebrating the Marine Corps' 224th birthday this month. Sutton is currently on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 1st Battalion 2nd

Marines, home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1995 graduate of North Farmington High School of Farmington Hills, Mass., joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

## ARRIVED

Air Force Senior Airman Kenneth S. Paquin has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. Paquin is a ground radio communications apprentice with the 374th Communication Squadron. He is the son of Scott M. Paquin of Canton and a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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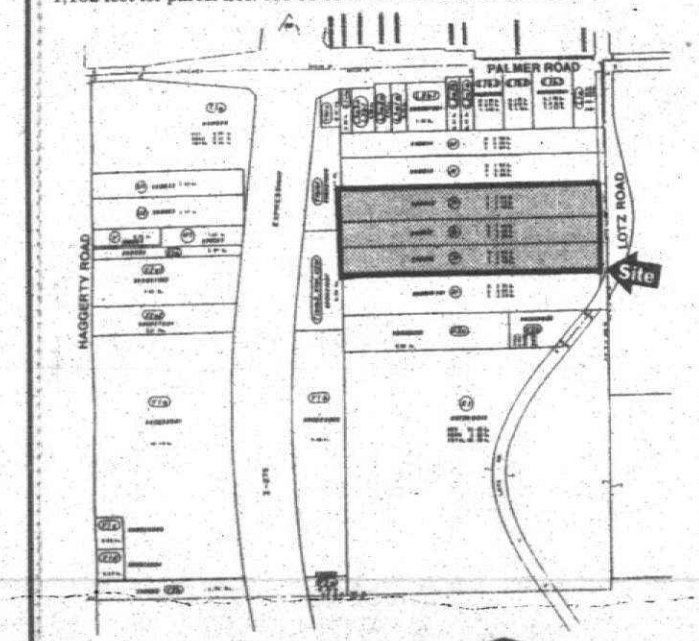
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE NO. 138 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as ROSEWOOD ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS located on the west side of Lot 2 Road south of Palmer Road.

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Article 4, Design Standards, Section 4.1A4, Street and Alleys, Cul-de-sacs, to exceed the maximum 1,000 feet in length for the interior street by 162 feet for a total of 1,162 feet for parcel nos. 086 99 0016 000 and 089 99 0017 000.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission may be submitted to the above address up to the time of the meeting.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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## OBITUARIES

## ANNA E. SABO

Services for Anna E. Sabo, 96, of Tucson, Ariz., (formerly of Plymouth) were held Dec. 4 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township.

She was born June 1, 1903, in Pennsylvania and died Nov. 29 in Tucson. She retired in 1966 after 35 years with GM in Detroit. She was very involved and enjoyed being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Ann McNamara. Survivors include her son, William A. (Connie) Sabo of Tucson; son-in-law, Michael William McNamara of Plymouth; six grandchildren, Dr. Michael (Nancy) McNamara of South Lyon, Peggy (Gerry) Mato of Farmington, Martha (Danny) Braun of Mio, Mich., Kevin (Kelly) McNamara of Brighton and Patrick McNamara of Wyandotte; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

HARRY CARL HAAXMA Private services were held for Harry Carl Haaxma, 85, of Plymouth.

## MR. HAAXMA

Mr. Haaxma was born Aug. 29, 1914, in New York and died Nov. 27 in Ann Arbor. He was a retired plastic engineer for Haaxma and Associates of Plymouth. Haaxma and Associates is a consulting company.

Mr. Haaxma came to the Plymouth community 24 years ago from Redford Township. He was a member of the Michigan S.S.C.A. sports car club. He enjoyed flying planes and racing sports cars and raced cars at Waterford and Watkins Glen, N.Y., among other tracks. He was a past member of the South Redford school board. He attended Lawrence Technological University.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Juliana. Survivors include his wife, Olive M. Haaxma of Plymouth; two daughters, Deborah Teichman of Northville and Kristina (Kenneth) Black of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## HELEN A. STEVENS

Private services were held for Helen A. Stevens, 98, of Plymouth. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

She was born Aug. 17, 1901, in Dundee, Mich., and died Nov. 29 in Novi. She was an English teacher at Plymouth High School after her graduation from Michi-

gan State Normal College in Ypsilanti in 1923. She began teaching in the 1920s and taught until the late 1930s.

Her late husband owned and operated Harold E. Stevens Heating and Air-conditioning in Plymouth.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and was a charter member of Chapter Al P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1936. She enjoyed knitting and made sweaters and hats during World War II. She also worked with the Red Cross and enjoyed making crafts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Stevens. Survivors include her son, James H. (Donna) Stevens of Plymouth; one grandson, Craig (Mary Leslie) Stevens of Alexandria, Va.; one granddaughter, Nancy (Richard) Meyers of Highland Park, Ill.; and two great-grandchildren, Ellen Elizabeth Stevens and Samuel Casson Stevens.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or to the Chapter Al P.E.O. Sisterhood.

## CHARLES W. SPRATT

Services for Charles W. Spratt, 75, of Canton were held Dec. 2 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan of St. John Neumann Church officiating.

He was born June 5, 1924, in Detroit and died Nov. 29. He

worked as a sheriff in law enforcement.

Survivors include his four daughters, Sharon L. (Carl) Doolittle, Vicki L. (Phillip) Goldsmith, Kathleen M. (Dennis) Zuccaro and Deborah J. (Donald) Flath; one sister; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## FREDERICK A. SMART IV

Services for Frederick A. Smart, 54, of Bloomfield Hills were held Dec. 1 at St. Ives Catholic Church, Southfield, with the Rev. William D. Sinatra officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born April 23, 1945, in Chicago and died Nov. 27 in Veteran's Hospital, Detroit. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War with the First Field Maintenance Squadron until his honorable discharge in April 1966. He graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham and attended Henry Ford Community College.

Survivors included his mother, Ann M. Smart of Bloomfield Hills; one sister, Lee Ann Kich of St. Paul, Minn.; and one brother, Charles O. Smart of Canton.

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## Public Service Commission gets an earful on outages

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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We'll do the best we can. That, in effect, was what the Michigan Public Service Commission said Monday night in Farmington Hills after hearing a barrage of complaints from elected officials and residents about ongoing problems with Detroit Edison's electrical power service.

The three-member commission came from Lansing to the William Costick Center in the Hills to conduct the second of three metropolitan-Detroit fact-finding sessions — the first took place earlier Monday in Dearborn, the last is slated for Thursday in Rochester.

The hearing's focus: The long-standing and well-documented consumer problems with the big utility regarding continuing power outages, poor customer service and complaints about poorly trained repair crews.

"We will try to get some things resolved," said PSC Chairman John Strand.

He noted, however, that while the PSC's purpose is to regulate the state's utilities, it is governed by state law and by interpretations of those laws by state courts.

In view of that, Strand said, he and fellow commissioners David Svanda and Robert Nelson and their staffs will study the information, then "sit down with Edison and see if we can reach some kind of settlement."

"If not, it will become a contested case" that will go to the Appeals Court and likely will take several months to resolve. Seemingly, "The Courts of Appeals are always trying to figure out where our authority ends and where it begins," he said.

In fact, "The Michigan Supreme Court told us last year that we are 'creatures of the Legislature,'" Strand said.

"Being that, if the state says

we have the power" to do something, then "we do."

The roughly 2 1/2-hour hearing in the William Costick Center — the second PSC session there since 1998 on the same subject — drew about 80 people, including present and former elected officials and a contingent of some 20 Edison executives and staffers.

Among the officials were Hills Mayor Nancy Bates; her predecessor, Aldo Vagnozzi; county commissioners David L. Moffitt and Terry Sever, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Heading up the group from Edison — now known as DTE Energy — was Robert Buckler, president and chief operating officer of the firm's power-transmitting division.

Bates, the Hills' recently elected mayor, turned up the heat on Edison at the outset.

## Quality of life

"Our private citizens' quality of life is being challenged" and Hills businesses are threatening to leave due to DTE's failure to provide reliable electric power service, the mayor charged in opening the hearing.

"This is simply not acceptable and it cannot continue," she said. "We are past public relations and feel-good talk. It is time this issue be resolved."

One way, Bates told the PSC, is for Edison to "be at least as inconvenienced" as its customers. Make it pay during power outages for electric generators and dry ice to prevent food spoilage.

"Until it hurts Detroit Edison as much as it hurts citizens, nothing will happen," she said. Vagnozzi said though there's a new Hills mayor, there's "no change in the intensity" of the quest for a resolution.

He suggested the establishment of a PSC citizens advisory

committee so the PSC could "get input from the average citizen — the one whose electricity goes off at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, just when they're putting the turkey in the oven."

Strand told Vagnozzi the PSC can't, under existing law, buy the dry ice and bill Edison, but that a proposal by Sen. Matt Dunaskiss may change that.

DTE's Buckler didn't surprise him because another top executive came to last year's hearing. Moffitt (R-Farmington Hills) said DTE needs to be pushed into using underground lines for "more reliable delivery" of power. He also urged the company to spend more to keep up with Oakland County's growth.

## 'Nitty-gritty answers'

Sever (R-Farmington Hills), who pushed for and got a county commission task force on Edison, called for "some nitty-gritty



Listening: David Svanda, John Strand and Robert Nelson sit on the Michigan Public Service Commission. They were at the Costick Center to listen to residents' comments about Detroit Edison and local power problems. Hours later, parts of north-west Detroit and Oakland County lost electricity.

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# HEAT advises care to prevent a holiday auto theft

Area malls have kicked off the busiest shopping season of the year. It is also the prime season for auto thieves who prey on shoppers who are preoccupied with packages, parking and gift lists, so shoppers should think about safety during the holidays, says Terri Miller, director of Help Eliminate Auto Theft, a statewide auto theft prevention program.

The HEAT program, funded by Michigan auto insurance companies, operates a toll-free, confidential hotline at (800) 242-HEAT, offering cash rewards for information on auto thefts, chop shops, auto-theft related insurance fraud and carjackings.

"This time of year people become distracted by hectic schedules, revving up to a fever pitch as the holidays approach," Miller said. "These holiday safety tips are to remind shoppers to stay alert and not forget about safety concerns, so that everyone has a happy and safe holiday."

HEAT offers these 10 holiday safety tips:

■ Park in well-lit areas near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near Dumpsters, large vans or trucks. These obstacles decrease the ability to see clearly

around vehicles, where carjackers could be hiding.

■ Consider using the valet services offered at some malls if out shopping alone at night. Leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Identification pieces, including car registration and proof of insurance, should be left in wallets or purses and taken into the mall.

■ If you shop late at night and park in the lot, ask the store clerk if it is possible for store

security to escort you outside.

■ If purchases and gifts must be left in the car, place them in the trunk and out of view.

■ Even if burdened with packages, try to keep one hand free with the ignition key in hand. Look around and inside the car before getting in.

■ If threatened by a carjacker with a gun or other weapon, give up the car. Don't argue. A life is more important than any car.

■ If you are carjacked or witness a carjacking, try to remember what the carjacker looks like - sex, height, build, race, age, hair, eye color and special features.

■ When driving in traffic, always leave room between you and the car in front, so that if you sense trouble, you can maneuver quickly and get away easily.

■ Report the crime immediately to police.

■ If you witness a carjacking

or an auto theft, call the police immediately. If you have information on a carjacking or auto theft, call the HEAT tip reward line at (800) 242-HEAT, or if you have an Ameritech cellular phone, dial "H-E-A-T" to be automatically connected with HEAT law enforcement officials.

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## CMU holds open house

Central Michigan University is hosting an open house 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday for prospective students, area chamber of commerce members and human resources professionals at its new Livonia center, 38695 Seven Mile Road.

The CMU center, in one of three office buildings behind Cookers, offers a variety of programs for bachelor degree completion, master's degree and certificate programs in metro Detroit for more than 25 years.

The university annually has about 1,200 enrollments in Livonia.

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answers ... The wait is long enough."

Keen McCarthy, vice-chair of the Conference of Western Wayne County, which represents 600,000 residents, said she learned Edison "is playing one community off against the other" by telling each that the other has more pressing problems.

Now that communities are comparing notes, "we're getting worried," she said.

Dana Whinnery, Hills assistant city manager, told the PSC the power outages stretched across Farmington Hills.

"Buckler looked pained following the hearing."

"They are not the company I know," he said of the DTE employees Edison customers described Monday night as rude, indifferent and poorly trained.

But he also acknowledged, "A lot of customers (in the Hills area) have too many power outages."

And even though DTE spends \$500 million on transmission and distribution of electrical power and is rated among the best in the country in general reliability, "that does not mean anything to the people here."

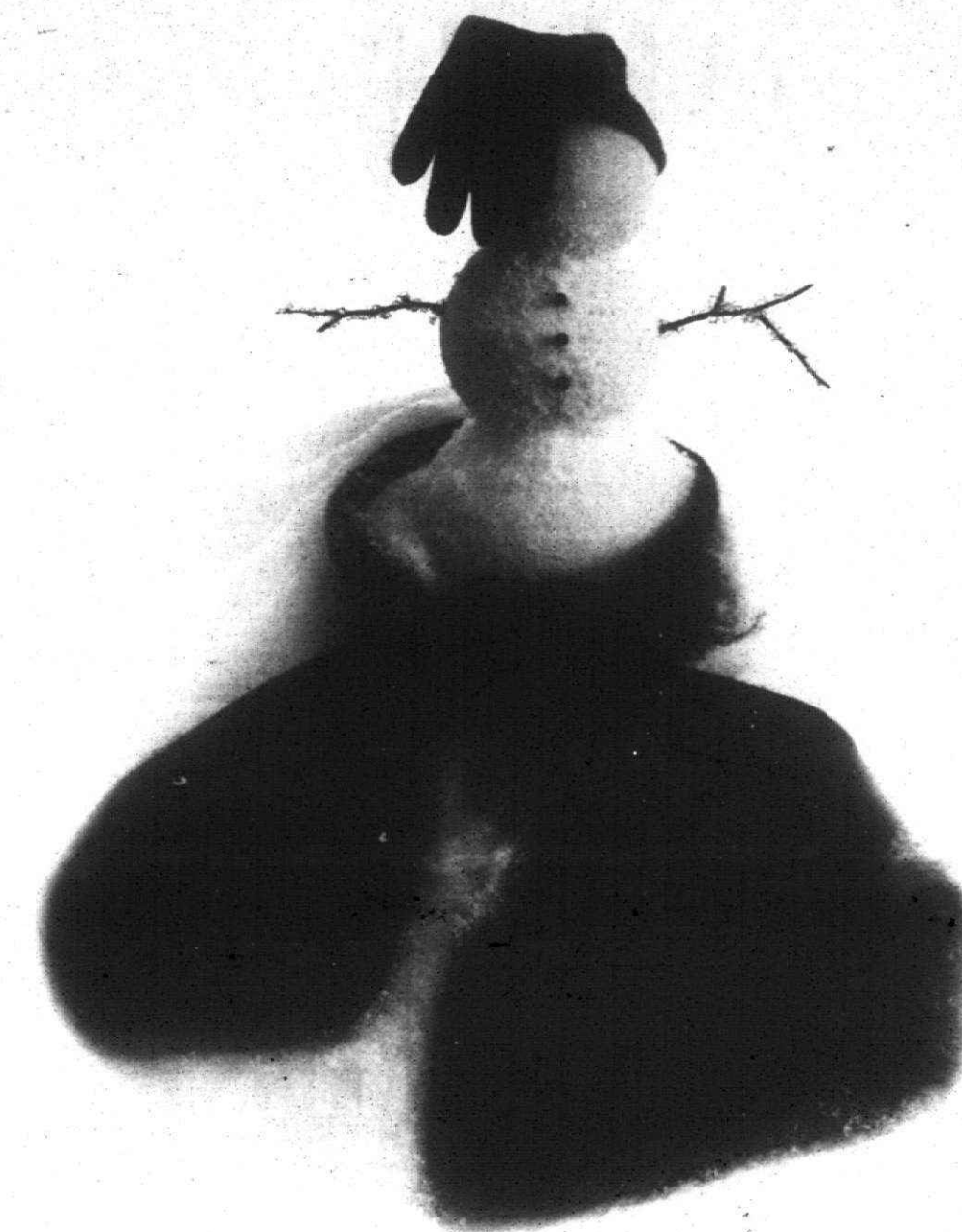
Overall, he stated, "There are some things we're going to have to figure out how to do things differently."

Ron May, DTE vice president of energy delivery and services, reiterated the company's claim that it's the trees - "the mature large trees" which make the Hills area so attractive - that also cause the problems.

When they die or are hit by lightning, they can fall onto power lines - problems homeowners don't consider when planting them.

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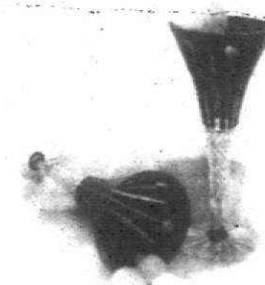
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# Engler lauds work done by community colleges

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One quarter of students enrolled in community colleges already have undergraduate degrees from universities, Gov. John Engler noted Tuesday evening on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. His talk was part of the college's Distinguish Speakers Series.

Yet those students, he said, sign up for community college courses to get further job training, "I suspect, to pay off the loans they took out to get those four-year degrees."

The comment underscored Engler's belief that community colleges will continue to "play a pivotal role" in preparing students to enter Michigan's "dynamic economy."

The state is enjoying an economic boom at present, the governor said. He noted Michigan has recently seen unemployment figures as low as 3.2 percent. He compared the strength of the economy currently to that of the late 1950s or early '60s.

Because much of the economic growth is in high-tech areas, and because community colleges specialize in preparing students for work in fields such as engineering, technology, applied science and math, the colleges "have exactly what is required."

Community colleges train students for what he called "gold collar jobs," technically-oriented occupations receiving high pay and benefits.

And because the economy is so good, OCC students "have the ability to be choosy" in deciding what jobs they will take.

"The role of community colleges is not well understood," he said, "even on campus." But the state does. Since taking office, he said, Michigan has increased appropriations to its 28 community colleges by 44 percent, at a time when inflation rose only 25 percent. He said that on a per-pupil basis, the increases in funding work out to a 50 percent increase. Additionally, facilities at colleges have been improved as part of an effort to make sure they have the resources they will need in the future.

More help is on the way. At present, state and federal tax credits return a significant portion of tuition costs to students, but Engler said increased credits "are coming" that could make enrollment at community colleges virtually free.

Engler also expressed strong support for M-Tech programs. OCC was one of the first to receive state assistance for its own M-Tech center, located on the Auburn Hills campus of the college. Ground was broken earlier this fall with Engler's help.

M-Tech centers work with businesses to design training that is specific to companies' needs, he explained.

"For example, one company may need 15 weeks of training. The next company in the door may need a 19-week training program. Through M-Techs, you don't have to wait for the turn of the semester," he said.

Engler predicted such centers will also take courses off-campus, right to the companies' own buildings.

Engler noted that not all areas of Michigan currently have community colleges. Livingston County, just to the west of Oakland, is one example. Engler said it is his goal to provide community college coverage to all areas of the state.

Engler also said he believes the state should improve "credentialing," that is the granting of certificates for students who have received training in specific job areas. He also called for the standardization of courses, through work quality programs such as ISO 9000, so that classes at various colleges can be compared.

Certificates and standardization would allow for "portability of skills," which he said will be increasingly important in the future "global marketplace."

"By this credentialing and benchmarking, we could add value to the degrees you receive," he said.

Questioned by the audience about his plans for the future, Engler said that when his current and final term ends, he does not plan to run again for elective office. He also said he has no

plans of stepping up to a national-level office.

Engler will be term-limited out of office at the end of 2002. That would end a political career that started in 1970 when he was first elected to the state House. Eventually, he was promoted by voters to the state Senate and finally to the governor's office in 1990.

Speculation has often placed

Engler as a potential congressional candidate, or a presidential running mate or cabinet appointee. But Engler said he won't seek such positions.

"I've been in public service a long time," he said. "I'm eager to try something else. I'm looking forward to that opportunity, so I'll be taking a non-governmental role when my term is over."



Friendly greetings: Gov. John Engler talks with the Williams family of Novi following his address at Oakland County Community College.

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### NAHL stars are best

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It was the third-straight win for the NAHL stars in the Top Prospects Tournament, which also features an all-star team from the American West Hockey League and a Viking Cup prospects team.

The NAHL stars first goal in the title game was scored in the opening period by Jim Slater of the Cleveland Barons. The difference, however, was provided by Ambassador goalie Craig Kowalski, who stopped 29 of 30 shots to earn the NAHL stars Top Prospect of the Game award.

The NAHL stars were 3-0 in the tournament.

### Hoff all-region

Mari Hoff, a senior midfielder for the University of Michigan's women's soccer team and a Plymouth Salem graduate, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Great Lakes Region third team for the second straight year.

Hoff finished with seven goals and four assists (18 points) for the Wolverines. She was one of four U-M players named to the all-region teams.

The Wolverines posted a 17-6-1 overall record, and were 8-1-1 in the Big Ten.

### SC award winners

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team enjoyed a superb season, reaching the No. 6 ranking in the NJCAA while posting an 18-2-2 record. Along with that came several honors, both nationally and within the team.

The team's Most Valuable Performer, as voted by the players, was keeper Shannon Brooks. The Ann Arbor Huron graduate posted a 0.72 goals-against average, surrendering just 15 goals — which placed her 10th in the NJCAA.

Brooks also earned honorable mention All-American honors.

The team's Defensive Award was shared by a pair of sophomores: Shannon Konarski, a marking back from Milford, and Tracy McIntyre, the Lady Ocelots' sweeper from Woodhaven. Konarski also moved forward enough to collect five goals and 11 assists.

McIntyre was named second team All-American.

SC's Offensive Award was shared by Kelly Connell, from Plymouth Canton HS, and Danielle Shaffer, from Linden. Connell totaled 14 goals and 24 assists; Shaffer had 15 goals and 23 assists.

The Ocelots' Coach's Award was presented to stopper Karlma Lundquist.

### Among the leaders

The Michigan Community College Athletic Association has issued its weekly statistics for basketball, and several Schoolcraft College players rank with the leaders.

SC's men's team was 3-2 entering the week. Robert Brown was second in the MCCA's Eastern Conference in scoring (18.5 points per game) and fifth in rebounding (8.5), while Dwight Windom ranked seventh in scoring (15.0), tied for fourth in steals (3.0) and second in rebounding (10.0).

Reggie Kirkland led the conference in assists (5.5) and field goal percentage (75.0), was second in three-point shooting (60.0), tied for fourth in steals (3.0) and was ninth in scoring (12.0). Brian Williams led the conference in steals (4.5) and was fifth in assists (4.0).

Lamar Bigby was fourth in scoring (17.0) and Chris Colley was first in free throw shooting (90.9 percent).

SC's women were 1-2 overall entering the week. Carla Saxton (15.4 points), Angelica Blakely (14.6) and Janelle Olson (13.8) were third, fourth and fifth respectively in scoring in the conference, and Antone Watson was first in assists (7.6), fourth in rebounding (7.4) and fifth in steals (3.0).

Blakely also led the conference in blocked shots (2.4), while Olson was second in assists (4.0).

## BASKETBALL PREVIEW

# Chiefs could move up in WLAA

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What Plymouth Canton brings to the mix that is the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball race is a dash of uncertainty.

The Chiefs have experience, with six players returning from a team that won eight of 11 regular-season games in the WLAA. But there are some key losses, too, foremost among them Joe Cortellini, a sharp-shooting guard who connected on 42 percent of his three-pointers while scoring 17 points a game. Cortellini is currently playing for Albion College's junior varsity.

Losing your top-shooting perimeter player would cause consternation with most teams. Add to that the loss of key role players like Brian Smolinski, Nathan Rau, Juan Cortes and Jerry Gaines (an underclassman who opted not to return), and most people would question if the Chiefs could match last year's 12-10 mark.

But there is another element adding to the cloudiness regarding Canton's position in the WLAA basketball hierarchy: transfer Kenny Nether, a 6-foot-5 senior forward who played last season at Southfield HS.

"He's a good player," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We were lucky to get him."

"We like him. He seems to fit in real well. He's a perimeter player, but he can go inside. He is definitely a nice addition to our team."

If Nether develops into a double-figure scorer, the Chiefs could be better than last season. His size should help defensively and on the boards, areas Young is always hoping to improve upon.

What makes it even more intriguing is that Nether isn't counted on to single-handedly take the Chiefs to another level. With four other seniors and two juniors returning with varsity experience, there are reasons to believe in Canton.

Leading the returnees is senior post-player Jason Waidmann, a 6-5, 235-pounder who averaged 14 points and 6.5 rebounds a game last season. "He's got good hands and he's a good passer," said Young. "He's hard to guard in the post."

Other seniors are 5-10 off guard Mike Major, a solid shooter who aver-



Post-up power: Canton's Jason Waidmann averaged 14 points and 6.5 rebounds a game as a junior. Improving those numbers could make the difference for the Chiefs.

aged 10 points a game, and 5-7 point guard Jimmy Reddy, an "outstanding ball-handler and improved shooter" who averaged 4.0 assists per game last season.

One of the key players for the Chiefs could be senior Dan McLean. A 6-2 forward who started some as a sophomore and most of last season, McLean's value is his versatility.

"He does all the little things, all the dirty work for us," explained Young. "He's a tireless worker who makes good things happen. He's a good passer, a good driver... he'll be a big part of what we're trying to do."

McLean can rebound, he can score, he plays defense, and he can start or add a spark to the offense coming off the bench. Indeed, he'll be asked to do all of the above this season.

The two juniors who saw plenty of action last season as sophomores are 5-9 guard Oliver Wolcott, who averaged three assists a game in limited action last season, and Nick Cabautan, a 5-10 guard who can score.

Five juniors move up from the junior varsity: forwards Andrew Holmes (who stands 6-5) and Rob Parker (6-4); swing player Joe Davis (6-2); and guards Jay Sofen (6-0) and Rian Barker (5-10).

Now: What about the WLAA? What will it take for Canton to remain a part of that upper echelon, battling for the championship?

"We're trying to be better defensively than we were a year ago," said Young. "We want to guard better on the perimeter. So many teams in our league play three or four guards at a time."

"We have to be more consistent with our overall play. All really good teams play well together offensively and defensively. If we do that, we have a chance to be pretty good."

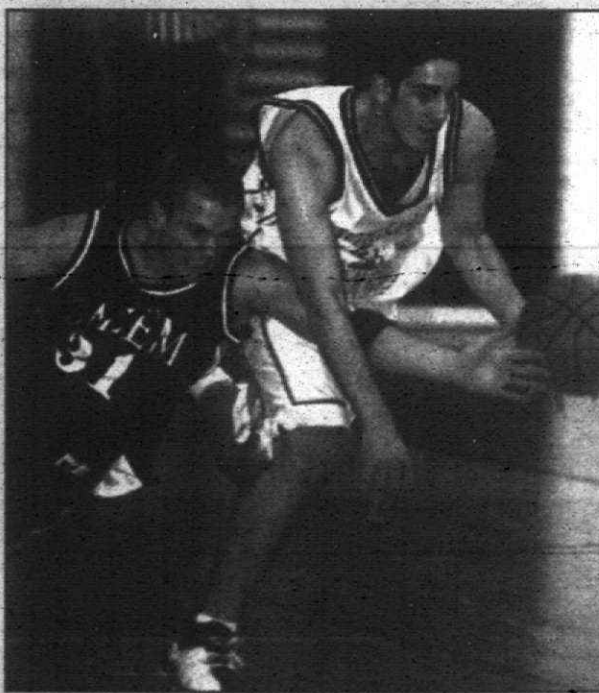
The elements for a solid team are all there. Question is, is it enough in a league like the WLAA?

"This is just such a strong league," noted Young. "On any given night any given team can beat another if it isn't ready to play."

North Farmington, the defending champ, returns several key players, including 6-6 pivotman Emir Medunjanin and 6-5 forward Adrian Bridges. Walled Lake Western, which finished

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# Rebuilt Rocks seeking to challenge



Unabated effort: Andy Kocoloski (left) could help give Salem one of its best backcourts ever.

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The cast is almost entirely different. Will the results follow suit?

Don't count on it. Any coach in the Western Lakes Activities Association worth his whistle knows Plymouth Salem will always be a force to reckon with in boys basketball.

That's due to the efforts of Bob Brodie and his staff, who year in and year out put a winner on the floor. In Brodie's 16-year tenure as head coach, the Rocks have a winning percentage "around .750" according to the guy who has built this program. Indeed, a losing record is a rarity for a Salem team; only twice since Brodie has been head coach has such a travesty occurred.

So even without the top six players (seven seniors in all) from last season's squad, which advanced to the Class A state quarterfinals, there's no reason to count out the Rocks.

"We just try to get the next

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group ready," said Brodie, the Observer's coach of the year two years running. "We attend a team camp and play about 30 games over the summer. And we play in that Metro Detroit Nike League."

"We'll take this group and mold them as best we can, allow them to create their own identity."

Last year, Salem went 20-5. Can the loss of such seniors as Aaron Rypkowski, Rob Jones, Tony Jancevski, Adam Wilson, Jake Gray, Mike Korduba and Andy Brandt be overcome?

Brodie is optimistic. "Potentially, I look for this team to be better than last year," he said. "Record-wise, they might not be. But they're a competitive group. They impressed me at times this summer."

This should be generally the same kind of Salem team Brodie and his staff manage to churn out almost every year,

led by seniors who have been carefully developed and injected into the lineup.

There are four current seniors who saw plenty of playing time last season as juniors (although none started). They're counted on to step up and keep the program in high gear.

Leading that group are twin brothers Matt and James McCaffrey, who stand 6-foot-6 and 6-7, respectively. Matt might have worked his way into the starting lineup last season prior to the state tournament had he not been sidelined by a dislocated shoulder against Westland John Glenn.

Their size should give the Rocks a much-needed presence around the basket.

At guard are 5-10 Ryan Cook and 5-9 Andy Kocoloski, both seniors. Each saw playing time last season, and each is expected to make major contributions this season.

"Athletically, they're as good

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# Canton jolts Salem in season-opener

Unexpected.  
Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem opened their wrestling seasons Thursday at Monroe, and there was a surprise for both.

It came when they met each other on the mat. Final score: Canton 45, Salem 34.

"I'm still suffering from the shock," said Canton coach John Demick, whose team also defeated Farmington 41-33. "But I'll survive, no doubt."

Kyle Pitt, Greg Musser, John Pocock, Joe Faraoni and Phil Rothwell were all double-winners for the Chiefs.

In the win over Salem, Pitt at 103, Dustin Armor

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at 112, Pocock at 140, Faraoni at 145, Scott McKee at 152, Rothwell at 215 and Derek McWatt at heavyweight all won on pins.

Pitt beat Salem's Mike Goethe in 1:15; Armor topped Nick Monodis in 3:00; Pocock won over Steve Dendinos in 3:59; Faraoni was a winner over Brian Saltzer in 4:35; McKee beat James March in 1:57; Rothwell bested John Early in 1:12; and McWatt stopped Zach Jensen in 1:17.

Canton's other winner was Musser over Lucas

Stump, 1-0, at 130.

"We're pretty excited about that," said Demick. "The guys outperformed themselves. They're good, hard-working kids who refused to quit. A lot of them did an excellent job wrestling."

"We've got a lot of respect for Salem. They consistently have a strong team and are well-coached. Our guys really put out their best to win this."

Salem got pin wins from Rob Ash in 3:30 over Doy Demick at 125; Josh Henderson in :59 over Jon Palmer at 135; Phil Portellos in 4:50 over Shahein Rajee at 171; and Mike Popeney in 3:40 over Derek

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# Albion routs Madonna; Schoolcraft wins

In retrospect, it seems like a wasted trip. Madonna University's men's basketball traveled to Albion College Wednesday for a non-league game, but the final outcome indicates it was a wasted trip: 78-40 in favor of Albion.

The loss dropped Madonna's record to 1-7 overall.

The Crusaders fell behind from the outset and trailed 37-21 at the half. As bad as that was, things just got worse in the second half.

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Madonna's first half was not much better. The Britons outscored Madonna 41-19 in the second half.

Only one Crusader reached double figures in scoring in the game — Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) had 12 points and a team-high four rebounds and three blocked shots. Jason Skoczylas added nine points and

Mike Massey had eight. Aaron Cox had five points, four assists and two steals.

Albion got 14 points from Tim Czarnecki, 13 from Jon VanderWal, and 10 apiece from Travis Balzer and Eric Petroelje.

The Brits outscored Madonna 40-18 and converted 29-of-54 floor shots (53.7 percent) compared to 14-of-44 for the Crusaders (31.8 percent). Albion also made 6-of-15 three-pointers (40 percent) and 14-of-

15 free throws (93.3 percent), while Madonna hit just 2-of-14 threes (14.3 percent) and 10-of-19 free throws (52.6 percent).

**Schoolcraft men romp**

Five players scored in double figures to lead Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team to an 85-60 victory over the Albion College junior varsity Wednesday at Albion.

Lamar Bigby led the Ocelot entourage with 18 points. Rob

Brown added 15, Dwight Windom had 12, and Chris Colley and Reggie Kirkland scored 11 apiece.

SC, which converted 24-of-33 free throws (73 percent), led 42-16 at the half.

**Lady Ocelots falter**

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team traveled to the Durham Big Eight Classic last weekend in Oshawa, Ont., but came away with nothing to show

for it, losing to Mohawk College 69-62 in overtime on Nov. 26 and to John Abbott College 73-64 on Nov. 27.

The two losses left SC with a 1-4 overall record.

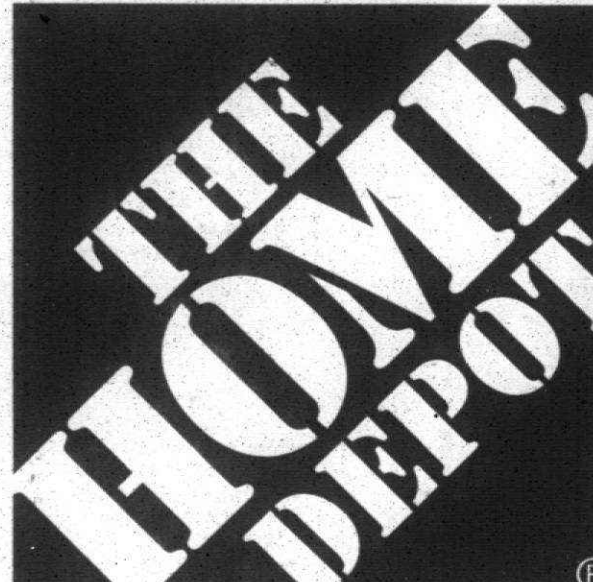
In the loss to Mohawk, the Lady Ocelots led 29-26 after one half but couldn't hold it. Mohawk tied it at 57-57 at the end of regulation, then outscored SC 12-5 in OT.

Antone Watson led the Ocelots with 16 points; she also had eight rebounds, six assists and four steals. Janelle Olson added 13 points, eight boards, five assists and two steals, and Carly Wright had 12 points and six rebounds. Angelica Blakey added eight points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots.

SC outscored Mohawk 61-44, but committed 28 turnovers (compared to 21 for Mohawk). Mohawk also made 16-of-29 free throws (55.2 percent), while SC was just 2-of-11 (18.2 percent).

Against John Abbott, the Ocelots fell behind 40-27 by the end of the first half and never recuperated. Carla Saxton paced SC with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Olson had 13 points and four assists and Wright totaled 11 points and eight boards.

Agah, SC had trouble keeping possession, committing 35 turnovers.



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## Clues seem to indicate that there is a coyote scavenging in the area



TIM NOWICKI

I found another axle and spokes pattern the other day that reminded me of a similar situation I discovered years ago.

I was surveying some land on Independence Oaks County Park when I came upon a grassy meadow surrounded by 40-to-50 foot tall spruce trees planted years ago.

The light cream color of the dried grass in contrast with the dark evergreen of the spruce trees on the perimeter was striking.

While following a deer trail along the edge, I found a deer leg that was nothing but bone. As I walked further along the edge I flushed an accipiter hawk, either a female sharp-shinned or a male cooper's.

Just a few more steps along the trail and I flushed a medium sized owl. It did not look dark enough to be a great horned owl — my guess was a barred owl.

This meadow is off the beaten trail and is not even visited by park maintenance, so animal life is mostly undisturbed in this area. That is probably why I was finding so many signs of wildlife.

As I continued on my walk I spotted some trash in the center of the meadow. Upon closer examination I saw a plastic milk jug that had been chewed, another deer leg, a chewed dog leash, some scrap metal and cloth, a deer antler and a raccoon skull. All the grass surrounding the trash was matted down.

Then I look up and to the east I saw an excavated area that turned out to be a den. Based on the size of the opening, scratch marks on the wall of the excavation and scat in the vicinity I felt I had found a coyote den.

From my position at the den I began to survey the area. That is when I saw the spokes in the wheel pattern again.

Years ago in winter I found a fox den on my grandfather's property near Gaylord, Michigan.

While standing at the den I saw several trails radiating outward in all directions. Trails were radiating from the den of the coyote through the undisturbed grasses of the meadow in a very similar manner.

Coyotes have a varied diet that certainly includes scavenging dead deer.

Not far from the coyote den I had found scat that suggested a coyote, or a dog that was feeding on dead deer, because the scat was full of hair and was too large for a fox.

This same area is where two park employees actually saw a coyote run across the park road.

All these clues suggest that it is the den of a coyote, even though I did not actually see the animal.

Putting signs together to identify wildlife is like being a detective and solving a crime with only clues left by the bad guy.

Many times there are too few clues to make an intelligent guess, but this time I had the satisfaction of feeling pretty confident in my assumption.

For now I will have to be satisfied with the evidence left behind, because I know coyotes are wily, but maybe someday I'll get to see one.



Tough to beat: Canton goalie Brad Arznov was difficult to beat in the nets against Stevenson, stopping 24 of the 26 shots he faced.

## Wrestling

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Miller at 189. Andrew Bennett also defeated Mike Bonner 10-0 at 160 and Ron Thompson won by void at 119.

Against Farmington, pin winners for the Chiefs were Pitt over Bryan Proven in 1:29 at 112; Doy Demack over Robert Ensler in :58 at 119; and Musser over Aaron Turk in 1:37 at 130.

Technical falls were recorded by Pocock against Tom Mahon, 20-5 at 140 and Chris Hosey over Josh Webb, 16-1 at 125. Faraoni had a major decision over James Clarahan, 16-2 at 145, and Rothwell got an 8-6 victory over Kyle Domagalski at 215.

Salem earned a 40-30 victory over host Monroe, with wins by fall going to Dendrin over Troy Maxwell in 4:56 at 140; Henderson over Steve Rumpo in 2:30 at 135; and Stump over Steve Ohms in 5:49 at 130.

Other winners for the Rocks were Ash over Carson Pepperal, 17-6 at 125; Andrew Bennett

## Chiefs hang in there, but fall to Stevenson

### PREP HOCKEY

Kevin Marlowe (18 saves) was sharp in goal Wednesday, leading host Livonia Stevenson to a 2-0 victory over Plymouth Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey match played at Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The Spartans improved to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA with the win. Canton is 2-2 overall, 1-1 in the league.

Stevenson's Bryan Dery scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 3:04 of the first period.

Sophomore Matt Calus tallied his first varsity goal from Dave Bonello at 8:58 of the second period.

Brad Arznov was solid in goal for the Chiefs, making 24 saves. "It was basically a penalty-free, good hockey team," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "For a first-year team, Canton was quite impressive."

"We played more disciplined and kept our composure better than we did in the Redford Unified game (a 2-1 loss). We talked about self-control going in."

Churchill 5, W.L. Western 0: Jason Turri scored a pair of goals Wednesday to lead Livonia Churchill (1-0, 1-0) to a season-opening win over Watled Lake Western (1-2, 1-2) at Edgar Arena.

Nate Jakubowski, Adam Krug and Ryan McDonnell also scored for the victorious Chargers, who led 3-0 after one period.

Kevin Gessier had a pair of assists, while Jakubowski, Matt Krug and Sean Smith added one apiece.

Goaltender Matt Williams earned the shutout.



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# Al-Observer football team

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and faster and to keep improving."

Kevin Woods, RB, Farm. Harrison: Woods was Harrison's offensive leader with 1,519 rushing yards and 23 (he wore No. 23) touchdowns on 248 carries for an average of just over six yards per carry.

He also averaged nearly 19 yards on kickoff returns and more than 15 on punts. He ended his career with 2,429 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns.

"I thought he stepped up big in the state championship game and ran with a lot of authority," Herrington said, adding Woods appears destined to play in the Mid-American Conference.

"Northern Illinois was here today and really likes his potential. He has great speed, he can break tackles, and he did it in the Silverdome, and he cuts back against the grain well."

Woods has trips planned to Toledo and Bowling Green, as well as NIU.

Jeremy Catano, K, Westland Glenn: The senior handled the kicking and punting duties with equal effectiveness.

Catano, an All-WLAA selection, hit 29 of 30 extra points and 10 of 13 field goals. His kickoffs went to the 7-yard line on average while the 14 reached the end zone. He also averaged 35 yards per punt with an average of 68.

"In the off-season, Jeremy worked harder than any kicker we've ever had," Gordon said. "He did his best work as possible to improve."

"He had a quality senior year, and he's one of the most dedicated ever to play at Glenn."

Domonic Freda, DL, Stevenson: The All-WLAA pick came up with 68 tackles (led third on the team), two sacks and two safeties for one of the area's top defenses, which didn't allow more than 100 yards in 10 games.

"Domie made the jump from a steady player a year ago to a real force this year," Gabel said. "He has great technique and quickness allowed him often to go unblocked into the offensive backfield."

Scott Rycerz, DL, Farmington: Rycerz was one reason the Falcons were so good on defense. The defensive tackle didn't have any choices; he had to deal with him. That's one reason (Rory) Crittenden made so many tackles."

Jake Tharp, LB, Westland Glenn: Glenn was a two-way player who made first-team All-Observer last year. Tharp recovered from knee surgery to enjoy a banner senior year.

The two-time, All-WLAA selection led Glenn with 72 first hits and 57 assists. He also had six fumble recoveries and five interceptions.

Offensively, he was one of the Rockets' most powerful one-on-one drive blockers.

"Jake had to come back from reconstructive knee surgery and had to work hard in the off-season."

Gordon said. "To come back and play the way he did was a compliment to his dedication, and it says a lot about him as far as getting ready for the season."

Brian Brindley, LB, Farmington: Brindley was a one-man wrecking crew for the Falcons, anchoring the strong side of the defense. The three-year starter recorded 16 sacks; he had 41 solo tackles and assisted on 60 more.

A high ankle sprain prevented Brindley from playing offense more than two touchdowns on 53 carries.

"He's probably the most dominating run defender at his position in the state," Bechtel said. "His size and strength made him dominant over there, and he read his keys so well."

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as any guard tandem I've ever had," said Brodie, "and I've had some good ones."

The fifth starting position currently belongs to another senior: Ryan Nimmerguth, who stands 6-0.

Of course, on Brodie's teams there isn't usually that much separating starters from substitutes. All are expected to contribute.

Those who should aid Salem's inside game are juniors Barry Flavin (6-5), Ryan Hayden (6-4) and Nick Tochman (6-4). Jeff Haar, a 5-10 junior, will see plenty of action at guard, and senior Gabe Coble, who stands 6-1, could be a contributor.

Coble finished the season as

the starting quarterback on Salem's football team; in the past, he has never been healthy enough after football season to get through basketball tryouts until this year.

Others to watch are 6-2 guard Mark Bolger and 5-10 guard Scott Discher, both juniors.

What separates this team from last year's is that roles are less clearly defined. "We don't have that pure shooter or that big rebounder inside," said Brodie. "But the versatility is better on this team."

He still plans to do the things his other teams did so well. "We ran the ball well last year, and we'll run the ball this year," he said. "We'll apply pressure on

defense."

Where it will all lead is difficult to predict. Despite Salem's overall success through the years, it must be remembered that it's never easy to win in the WLAA.

Proof is readily available from last season. Although the Rocks advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in the state tournament, they could finish no higher than third in the WLAA.

Two of their losses came against North Farmington, the league champion; another was against John Glenn, with Northville inflicting a fourth.

"I know we have to come dressed and ready to play every night," said Brodie. "There are

no weak spots on our schedule."

Indeed, the WLAA appears more competitive than ever. North, the defending champ, and Walled Lake Western, which placed second, both return the bulk of their starting lineups from a year ago.

John Glenn and Plymouth Canton also appear formidable, thanks in part to some talented transfers.

So where will Salem fit in? Brodie would make no rash predictions. "I'm looking for this team to follow in the footsteps of its predecessors and continue winning," he said.

If this team can follow those steps, it will write its own impressive legacy.

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second, also has the bulk of its lineup back.

Plymouth Salem, a state tournament quarterfinalist last season, lost most of its lineup to graduation, but the Rocks usually reload without missing a beat. And Farmington Harrison and Farmington both appear to be

athletic and loaded.

Then there's Westland John Glenn, which has 6-8 senior Yaku Moto — who played with the Rockets as a sophomore before going to school out-of-state for a year — returning, and 6-5 junior Aaron Marshall, a transfer from Buffalo, N.Y.

"This is a real solid league, one-through-12," said Young. So who does he pick to be at the top?

"Heck no," he answered. "I'm not going that route."

"This team has a chance to be good, if it plays up to its capabilities."

How good it will have to be to make a run in the WLAA is a question only time can answer.



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**FOOTBALL**

**Former Rocket gets all-league honors**

BY BRAD EMONS  
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JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Bid Opening: 2:30 p.m. - Wednesday, December 8, 1999  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE**  
**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1999**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL:**  
**ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING**  
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ZONED: MU-MIXED USE  
APPLICANT: WILLIAM BARRINGER

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Exceptions exist to the above statements. Review of the uses of Glucosamine and Chondroitin Sulfate, SAM and SAMe provided sufficient evidence to indicate they may lessen the pain of osteoarthritis. Medical studies are now underway subjecting these alternative medications to testing sufficient to confirm or disprove that point. However, the same level of testing to find any proof that these over-the-counter medications can reverse or repair the osteoarthritis itself.

For herbs such as Ayurvedic, Trypterygium, ginger root and the like, medical community doubts are high, for the reasons noted above.

Presently, most physicians remain skeptical of a role for alternative medications in the treatment of arthritis. The medical community will wait for the results of studies before shifting to a position of support.



# Holyfield pays a bowling visit to Cloverlanes



LIVONIA

The man was wearing a black fedora and bowling was just a fun hobby for former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield as he and several friends went bowling.

I watched as he had several strikes and made most of the spares between signing autographs for anybody who asked.

Judging by his athletic ability, I would say that if he chose to take up bowling seriously, he could be very good at it.

Holyfield lives in Atlanta and was in the area with Vice President Al Gore to take part in the award ceremony for Rosa Parks.

His stretch limo took up almost half the parking lot, but it was late last Monday night

and there were plenty of other spaces.

A few minutes before meeting Evander Holyfield, I watched as Lisa McCarty of Hazel park shoot an 805 series in the All-Star Bowlerettes.

It was her first 800 in adult competition, something she had done twice as a youngster. She had to get the first two strikes in the last frame to reach 800.

She did better, going out with all three to finish with eight in a row. Her games were 258-279-268.

"The Old Timers 69th Annual Tournament and Party last Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes was a complete success, based on the turnout of more than 500 entrants."

The only one missing was Joe Norris, 91-year-old legend of the old Stroh's team era who was unable to attend due to an injury.

It is expected that he will be fully recovered and able to come in for the year 2000 event.

The overall champion this year was Ernie Segura Sr., 66, who shot 253-228-268 for a 749 actual. He figured the lanes out much better than myself and a whole lot of others.



A new era: Lou Ivancik (left) hands over his gavel as outgoing president of the Old Timers Bowling Association to new president Al Harrison (right).

Each winner in the various age categories received a watch. Second place finishers got a plaque.

In the under-50 group, Charles Ditto, 49, won with 269-258-237/750. Marvin Holly, 44, of Garden City took second with 268-209-235/712.

In the 50-59 group, Joseph Oskarek Jr., 51, won with 706 and Mike Callaway came in second with 701.

The next group, 60-64, saw Don Hayes, 62, win with 287-209-197/693 and Joseph Maselle, 62, second with 651.

In the 65-69 group, it was Bob Arnold, 65, first with 257-196-249/702 while Ken Deneau, 66,

took second-place honors with 665. Windsor's Scotty Laughland, 69, a previous winner, came in third with 663.

For the 70-74 category, it was Frank Darabos, 73, first with 661, followed by Burt Price, 74, at 650.

The 75-79 group had George (Chico) Chivovsky, 77, and Jack Dahlstrom, 75, both from the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. Chico took first with 268-274-224/666 and Jack second with 634.

The 80+ over category had Louis Balint, 80, at 604 for the first prize and Joe Paulus of west Bloomfield in second at 572.

Walter Schultz of Plymouth, 99, was recognized as the oldest of all competitors and he bowled well.

Next year he will qualify for the 100-year-old group, in which there has only been one bowler last year.

During the awards ceremonies, yours truly was installed as President of the Old Timers Bowling Association of Greater Detroit for the coming year.

•Sunday, Dec. 11, will mark the second leg of the Bacardi

Brunswick Blue Ribbon Group's scratch Tournament series.

It will be held at Westland Bowl with an 11 a.m. start. Top prize is \$1,500 and it is open to 217 and under in yearbook and current average.

Entry blanks are on some local counters or call (734) 722-7570 for more information.

•High School bowling report: November 30 at Mercury Lanes; Stevenson High boy's team took 19 of 21 points vs. Crestwood led by Tim Allen, 245; Josh Smith, 224-212/616 and Joe Campo 217/553.

The Livonia schools' unified girls team took 29 of 30 points against Crestwood led by Melissa Wilson, 190/509 and Ali Cichon, 502.

Upcoming schedule for the Southeastern Michigan High School Bowling Conference Western Division: 4 p.m. Dec. 8 at Cherry Hill Lanes; 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at Merri Bowl; 10 a.m. Dec. 19 at Ford Lanes; 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at Cherry Hill Lanes; and 4 p.m. Jan. 7 at Oxford Lanes.

The eight teams in the conference represent the following high schools: Stevenson, Crestwood, Ann Arbor, Detroit Mackenzie, Fordson, John Glenn, Dearborn and Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

# BOWLING HONOR ROLL

**Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**  
**Men's Title:** Vern Fries, 300/752.  
**Happiness Is:** Susan Rodey, 247/692.  
**Monday Seniors:** Cliff Simpson, 200.  
**Amoli:** 203; Don Butler, 221.  
**Monday Men:** Carl Pozin, 215/540.  
**Local 182:** Frank Bertani, 221-210-249/680; Ambrose Smith, 212.  
**For Parts:** Dave Cervone, 298/768; Jim Bagrie, 279-290/760; Charles Sprock, 279/702; Brad Strange, 259/744; Darrell Knox, 267/704.  
**Morning Star:** Fran Multken, 206.  
**Monday Seniors:** Myrna Landreive, 228/523; Jean Paschke, 212/528; Donna Kress, 226/598; Stacy Templeton, 203/518; Jayne Chase, 557.  
**Wednesday Toast & Coffee:** Karen Milligan, 235/555; Dorothy Zencanaro, 201/554; Vi Blythe, 202.  
**Cloverlanes (Livonia)**  
**All Star Bowlerettes:** Lisa McCarty, 279/806; Louise Johnson, 260/735; Aileen Sili, 245/709; Tina Bender-Judy, 253/673; Michelle Anger, 277/653.  
**St. Anne's Men:** Bob Reacy, 215/631; Dan Gernes, 230; Cliff Merritt, 255/617; Joe Naugkas, 223; Joe Wanellista, 245.  
**Metro Tuesday:** Carol Sheridan, 242/620; Mike Pote, 246; Mike Klauza, 232; Paul Nigda, 255/662; Pete Fani, 259/679.  
**PrimeTime:** Sherman Cochrane, 255/633; Aly-Khan Harper, 236/577; Larkin Gilliam, 245.  
**Wednesday Juniors & Majors (youth):** Scott Jones, 226/601.  
**Tuesday Seniors:** Joe Newton, 299/225; 225/749; Andy Wright, 248/614; Joe Buhe Jr., 203/202/533; Frank Baron, 212/557; John Gonzor, 217.

**Friday Seniors:** Larry Slavin, 226-217/567; Harry Buhl, 222/593; Mary Bowman, 240/511; Bob Charbonneau, 203/561; Joe Newton, 200/575.  
**Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**  
**Senior Men's Invitational:** Don Martin, 256/758; John Bierkamp, 708; B.C. Nunney, 248/686; Ed Duke, 665; Jess Maccicco, 651.  
**Wonderland Classic:** Don Haase, 258/709; Greg Cohen, 279/714; Mark Sittko, 275/715; Don Parks, 259/711; Ron Eisenbeis, 733; Mitch Jachenski, 723.  
**Nite Owls:** Alan Biedt, 267/712; Rick Hall, 670; Pat Cant, 287; Larry Eavis, 268; Jeff Koshen, 267/659; 150 pins o/a.  
**Westland Bowl**  
**Sunday Sleepers:** Tom Johnson Jr., 279/790; Terry Tesart, 279; Larry Colling, 278/702; Rich Trulard, 278/742; Ryan Wilson, 269/690.  
**A.M. Ladies Trio:** Patricia Bales, 191; Jarla Tavornina, 178; Carol Daniel, 173.  
**Dick & Co.**  
**E/O Double Trouble:** Terry Hanley, 256/674; David Mischov, 225/557; David Fish, 224/614; Bill Barron, 223/555; David Labon, Jr., 220/598.  
**Monday 5:30 p.m. Men:** Sean Colburn, 277/583; Tim Lakatos, 249/633; Carl Kuehnle, Sr., 246/632; Jim Prisybala, 246/622; Gene Gorman, 239/613.  
**Town in Country Lanes (Westland)**  
**Wednesday Night Merchants:** Clarence Mundering, 290/749; Jerry Wisely, 258/720; Doug Briney, 257/716; Gary Turmquist, 253/684.  
**Friday Nite Mix:** Andy Deverich, 300.

**Youth/Adult:** Gary Sheinke, 247-234-225/706; Gary Pack, 229-258-215/702; Bev Bugaja, 571.  
**Oak Lanes (Westland)**  
**Back Forty Mixed:** Carl Gimes, 289/710; Craig Carpenter, 236/629; Ken Peet, 231; Chuck Thompson, 227; Pam Mack, 203/518.  
**M.E.A. Men:** Chuck Cruz, 299/747; Fritz Er Swanger, 257; Buel Ryan, 251; Greg Kowalski, 243/664.  
**Tuesday Night 6:00 Men:** Ken Eldred, 300/728; George Brewer, 259; Gerald Wruk, Sr., 257/706; Bill Collard, 255; Rich Bohi, 670.  
**Cherry Hill Lanes**  
**Friday Night Suburbanites:** Cora Conroy, 222; Cherie Nolan, 213/593; Donna Conroy, 555.  
**Match Play:** Cindy Marchant, 257/697; Kathie Maser, 255/688; Carol Welch, 673.  
**Thursday Suburbanites:** Jill Ban, 233; Gina Johnson, 215/574; Brenda Overby, 552.  
**Monday Nite Men:** Joe Parks, 264; Steve Klein, 280/729; George Jachenski, 727.  
**Kings & Queens:** Kevin McQuarrie, 234; Steve Willoughby, 236/635; Michelle Dzevan, 190/501.  
**Suburban Pro Travel (men):** Ralph Walters, 256; Norm Lepolia, 237/622; Bob Pittaway, 233/655; Mark Voigt, 231/620; John Hurley, 229.  
**Suburban Pro Travel (ladies):** Margy Brothers, 209/523; Nancy Pano, 204; Judy Washington, 202/571; De-Jaye Jones, 193.  
**Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)**  
**St. Collette's Men:** Kevin Bandridge, 245-255/758.  
**Super Bowl (Canton)**  
**Double Nickel Plus:** Evelyn Miller, 200/508; Gene Wietecha, 204/541; George Marway, 200/505; Chuck Schumacher, 533.

**Wednesday Morning Ladies:** Norma Horn, 225-247/627; Linda Simpson, 231-208-230/669; Kathy Hill, 214; Candy Tuttle, 200.  
**Friday Funsters:** Cliff Richards, 258-229-215/702; Joe Cabrera, 596; Ed Daly, 202.  
**Monday Canton Seniors:** John Kozleski, 218; Joe Cabrera, 555.  
**Thursday Juniors/Majors (youth):** Chad Romey, 173; Bethany Atwell, 120.  
**Friday Peeps:** Brandon Garcia, 124.  
**Friday Juniors:** John Gesler, 143.  
**Friday Majors:** Keith Kingsbury, 225/618; Brent Moore, 232/614; John Robinson, 224/570; Brian Pecynski, 221/598; Tim Monroff, 211/579.  
**Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors:** Nate Proteau, 178.  
**Saturday 9 a.m. Majors:** Pat Brown, 218/582; Todd Schenemann, 215/618.  
**Saturday 11 a.m. Preps:** Katelyn Ingraham, 167.  
**Saturday 11 a.m. Majors:** Matt McCaffrey, 244/554; Ed Dipietro, 180; Diane Thomas, 146.  
**Country Lanes (Farmington)**  
**Greenfield Mixed:** Rich Nizza, 225-211/626; Ryan Wilson, 207-248-222/677; Ken Smith, 212-233/656; Jim Taylor, 222.  
**Sunday Goodtimes:** Keith Oswald, 223; Larry Lipson, 208; Ray Buchalter, 214; Tony Auto, 222; Sam Harris, 221.  
**University Men:** Jim Schaefer, 299; Tony Camerlino, 280; Terry Richter, 723; Mark Apple, 636.  
**Tracy Trio:** Alan Bohne, 278; Joe Stakus, 116; 268/689; Paul Duld, 710.  
**Temple Israel:** Dan Bagdade, 266; D. Abramson, 233-215/618; Ryan Lash, 257/612; Sandy Freeman, 224/603; Lee Weinstein, 203/226.  
**B'Nai B'rith Downtown Fox:** Jack Blaine,

Keith Brandemuhl, 246.  
**EVER-7:** Don Coughlin, 269/669; Don Hamill, 268/683; Tony Mault, 267; Bob Stewart, 265/703; Don Heffernan, 257/677.  
**Tuesday Morning Ladies:** Mary Meyers, 210; Pearl Fenn, 209/541.  
**Sparks & Stripes:** Lisa Smith, 209/532; Tammya Cox, 192.  
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**B'Nai B'rith Morthguthu L'Chayin/Zeiger-Gros:** Steve Hoberman, 248-278/722; Allen Klegon, 233-215/618; Ryan Lash, 257/612; Sandy Freeman, 224/603; Lee Weinstein, 203/226.  
**B'Nai B'rith Downtown Fox:** Jack Blaine,

235-235/665; Bruce Rosenblatt, 226-216/633; David Lazarus, 259/608; David Shoenau, 243/603; Mark Feinberg, 210-206.  
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**Friday Seniors:** Frank Federico, 266/705; Ben Janetta, 234/655; Stan Gagarin, 244/650; Wayne Anselmi, 243/648; Bill Kramer, 224/637.  
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**Westland Canton Ladies:** Cheryl Tamm, 192/521; Sandy Richter, 207/500; Karen Waas, 194/547; Denise Gorman, 213/555.  
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**SEASON/DATES**

**DEER**  
The late archery deer season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading 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.

**GOOSE**  
A special late geese season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

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

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

**SQUIRREL**  
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**CLASSES / CLINICS**

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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.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. 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) 466-2410 for more information.

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

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**SHOOTING SPORTS**  
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Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Bald Mountain Range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**CLUBS**  
**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparuto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the 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.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
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.

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

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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

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

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 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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**METROPARKS**  
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.



# Former Stevenson coach moving to Michigan

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Walt Barrett will always be a Livonia Stevenson High Spartan, but now his allegiance is to the Maize and Blue.

The former Stevenson boys coach and player is on the ground floor of building the men's varsity soccer program at the University of Michigan. Michigan will be implementing its first men's varsity sport since 1932.

Barrett, who served the past two seasons as an assistant under Brian Tinnion at Eastern Michigan University, will assume similar duties at Michigan under Steve Burns.

"This is very rare to be involved with something that hasn't been done before at Michigan," said Barrett, who guided Stevenson to two state championships (1991 and '96). "We're going into uncharted waters, but it's exciting."

"We've already had overwhelming interest from players around the country and non-players congratulating us and wishing us well."

Burns, who coached the highly successful Mid-Michigan Bucks of the U.S.L., also served as club coach for U-M and has worked with Barrett in the Olympic

## SOCCER

### Development program

"Walt sees how special Michigan is from the outside and he brings excitement and adds to my excitement to building our program," Burns said. "Walt is a tremendous salesman and he is going to pitch our program to the nation's best players."

"And as far as Walt goes, he brings more name recognition in the state than me. He also complements my weakness and will be a big help filling my holes. We always had a good relationship working together in the ODP program."

Barrett will concentrate his duties on recruiting, promotion and building a strong defense.

"We think we can establish a fan base and we're going to have a booster club," Barrett said. "It's a new frontier, but we hope to play a heart-stopping brand of soccer that the people can relate to at Michigan."

The Wolverines will be a fully-funded NCAA Division I program in 2000. They will also play a complete Big Ten schedule next fall.

Although the schedule is not yet set, Michigan will play some of its games on campus (at the women's field). Night games are

also slated for nearby Elbel Field in Ann Arbor. Friday or Saturday night games under the lights are a strong possibility. The Wolverines may also fill few home dates on the road.

"We may be barnstorming a little bit at the some of the local high schools," Burns said. "I could envision us playing Michigan State at Canton High School. I think a game like that in an area, which is known as a hotbed for soccer. It would create a lot of interest."

Barrett also plans to document and chronicle much of Michigan's first varsity soccer season.

"Our theme is the 'Original 22,'" Barrett said. "We're bringing in 22 players next year and those guys will be part of history. We're going to be videotaping a lot of our first season."

Barrett would like to see the Wolverines be competitive nationally in the near future.

"Gradually we're going to be releasing new scholarships so the program will mature and progress intelligently," he said. "Within three years we expect to compete for the top recruits and be able to play with the big boys."

Going to Michigan fulfills a lifelong dream for 39-year-old Barrett, who has coached at nearly all levels of soccer for the past 15 years.

His record is outstanding, including a 25-4-1 mark as ODP coach (where he captured four regional titles in five years). He also coached a club team, the Michigan Blazers, to a 127-24-18 record in five seasons. His 1997 team reached the U.S. Youth Soccer Association national finals.

At Stevenson, Barrett was 125-15-23 in six years. He guided the Spartans to a pair of state

Class A titles, along with one runner-up finish (1993). Under Barrett, Stevenson also won three Western Lakes, three regional and four district crowns.

In two seasons at Southfield High, Barrett was 23-5-2. His 1987 squad reached the state Class A semifinals.

"It was hard to leave Stevenson, but Eastern Michigan was a great stop for me because it helped me understand the Divi-

sion I game," Barrett said.

Burns believes he has the right component in Barrett to help put Michigan soccer on the map.

"The athletic and academic reputation precedes us and makes our job easier," said the new head coach. "Our main premise is to make sure these kids are of good character. That's the kind of team we want to put on the field."



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## Dugas

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11-1 before being ousted in the state Class AA semifinals.

"For coach (Chuck) Gordon (at Glenn) the only thing that matters is that you come and play hard every day," Dugas said. "And if you make that a priority, something good will happen."

"And you just have to treat people the way you want people to treat you."

Dugas is majoring in physics with an eye on an electrical engineering career.

"Marc is a very good student," Holm said. "The teachers really respect him for the work he does."

Adds Marc: "I'm not really playing to be a pro. It would be fun to get a chance, but I'm going to school to go to school."

Playing Division II football in Marquette wasn't a tough sell for Dugas.

"I really enjoyed my (recruiting) visit, they had a record snowfall amount that weekend," he recalled. "I like the snow. I've done some snowboarding and snow-shoeing. It's been great and I've enjoyed meeting all the new people."

Dugas, who was often limited in practice to one or two days a week because of his foot problems, enjoyed his best game of the season Oct. 23 against Grand Valley State in a 52-14 victory. That's when he more than held his own against GLIAC Defensive Lineman of the Year Dan Gibbons, an All-Stater who played at Birmingham Brother Rice and Ohio State.

"Marc has ugly feet and it's no surprise he has foot problems," Holm said. "He would limp on and off the field, but when the whistle blew he managed to play very well."

"He brings some toughness whether he's hurt or not. He's just a tough, physical player. He's a brawler-type of offensive tackle."

Dugas didn't exactly knock the socks off the NMU coaches coming out of high school, but they liked some of his intangible qualities.

"When we saw him in high school he didn't have the perfect technique," Holm said. "But when we evaluated him we saw that he was very competitive and that he would battle."

Dugas is blue collar for sure with a warrior-like mentality.

## SOCCER

### 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) 455-9948.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Theater Guild needs help

Steve Belcher isn't trying to be dramatic when he says The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is about to fold. Belcher joined the group six months ago after he realized the dire straits that the community theater is in. He and president Matt Ripper are optimistic about the future but they also realize that without help the theater's days are numbered.

They're hoping for an infusion of new members who aren't afraid to work hard to get the theater back on its feet.

"We're calling on interior designers, technicians, costumers, anyone who'd like to help us rebuild the theater," said Belcher, a Redford resident. "We're the opposite of every other group in the area. We have a home we just don't have the people. We need to build a core of individuals."

#### Upcoming production

Belcher and Ripper said revenue from the theater's production of "Godspell" in February and March will add to the coffers. But they've also set other plans into motion because this will be their only production this season. In addition to possibly holding a Cabaret-style fund-raiser for which they'll need singers and dancers, Belcher and Ripper have begun to invite community theater groups without a home to produce their plays at The Theatre Guild. It will not only help keep the lights on and the roof repaired but build a network of fellow theater lovers.

"I'm continuously optimistic but have gaping doubts that it will work," said Belcher, who's been repairing and cleaning the facility in his spare time. "I'm optimistic if we have a flow of talent we can do it but right now there's nobody to do any work."

#### Theater history

Founded in 1953 by Pat Secor and originally sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford produced a full season of plays until a few years ago when they began losing membership. Belcher would like to extend an invitation to those former members to come back and help rebuild the theater. Only he and Ripper are left along with Ruth Davis and Jennifer Rembisz, the director of "Godspell."

"Basically we need help everywhere from someone with business management skills to technicians, and someone to handle props and tickets," said Belcher. "We'd eventually like to do children's theater."

The theater also plans to continue its association with the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Livonia's Churchill High School. Last spring, CAPA students performed "Anne Frank" at The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford. Belcher and Ripper would like to invite other schools to use the facility because it allows students the opportunity to experience the world of semi-professional theater.

"You learn sociology and psychology skills studying a character," said Ripper. "Theater is a learning experience and you learn to rely on other people to do it. Community theater is important because it opens people's mind to creative horizons."

"It makes people laugh and cry and what more could you ask," added Belcher. "It's a great social alternative to what's out there on the streets. It's organized and inexpensive."

#### Helping hand

Membership in The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is \$16 a year. The public is invited to a board meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

If you can help the struggling community theater in any way, call the Guild and leave your name, number and area of interest at (313) 531-0554.

"I was so desperate I put a sign in a window with a noose around it and the words please help me," said Belcher. "Out of 100 calls you might get five people who are serious but it's a beginning."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [ichomin@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:ichomin@oe.homecomm.net)



## All aboard the Artrain

### Art exhibit reflects NASA explorations

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Norman Rockwell's "Man's First Step on the Moon" strikes awe in viewers especially when they learn the large scale oil was painted as a cover for Look Magazine three years before Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface.

It was imagination like Rockwell's that led man to think he could one day walk on the moon. Pres. John F. Kennedy's 1961 directive made space exploration a reality.

Artrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum, offers an inside look at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) program in an exhibit that recently rolled into Ann Arbor. "Artistry of Space" features works from the NASA and National Air and Space Museum art collections in three gallery cars.

Of the 78 paintings, drawings, prints and sketches on exhibit in the train, Rockwell's work is the exception in that it was not created as part of the NASA Art Program. Begun in 1962 by NASA administrator James Webb, the program invites artists such as Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, and Peter Max into the inner sanctum of the astronauts, scientists, engineers and architects.

Artrain USA president Debra Polich thinks the American people, young and old alike, will relate to the

fascinating works reflecting the passions aroused during the unmanned space explorations and the 240,000 mile, nine-day trip to the moon.

"This exhibit marries art, science and history," said Polich, who grew up in Westland. "Science is not devoid of art. That's the reason NASA started the art program. They had photos and technical evidence, but something was missing - the human emotion that this project brought."

Deep blue walls set the tone for "Artistry of Space." Launched in Washington, D.C., in July, the space art

exhibit will visit more than 100 cities in 40 states during the three-year tour. Susan Lawson-Bell, former curator of the National Air and Space Museum, selected the works from the 800 created by more than 250 American artists between 1963 and 1999. Lawson-Bell concentrates on three eras in the railroad car exhibit sponsored by DaimlerChrysler: art inspired by the American lunar missions, the Space Shuttle, and deep-space exploration.

Polich's favorite piece is Henry Casselli's watercolor, "When Thoughts Turn Inward." The portrait captures John Young in an introspective moment before the 1981 launch of Columbia.

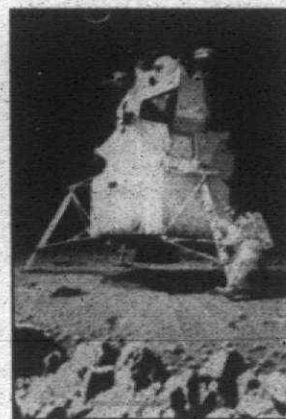
"The view we have of these heroes almost takes on a persona that's bigger than the rest of us," said Polich.

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PHOTO BY KRISTIN BRADLEY

On view: 78 pieces of art on exhibit on Artrain.



**Moment of silence:** (Upper left) Henry Casselli's watercolor, "When Thoughts Turn Inward," captures John Young in an introspective moment before the 1981 launch of Columbia.

**Imagine:** (Top photo) Norman Rockwell painted this oil, "Man's First Step on the Moon," as a cover for Look Magazine three years before Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface. (Normal Rockwell Family Trust)

**Giant step:** (Photo above) A silkscreen of Buzz Aldrin on the moon by Andy Warhol.

#### Artrain USA

**What:** The nation's only traveling art museum on a train returns with the "Artistry of Space." Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12.

**Where:** 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 747-8300.

**Related activity:** Children may make their own artwork 1-5 p.m. in the Creation Station art center in the NEW Center. Co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Creation Station offers children the chance to paint ceramic tiles and create sandpaper prints for \$1.

## DANCE

### Dancers stage Tchaikovsky's enchanting tale

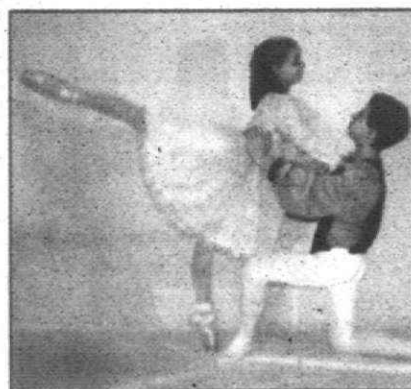
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Brittany Turner always dreamed of dancing in "The Nutcracker." Turner, along with hundreds of little girls and boys from Livonia to Canton and Rochester Hills, will have the opportunity to live their dreams when several upcoming productions turn stages into enchanted worlds of Sugar Plum Fairies and life-size dancing dolls.

A Bloomfield Hills resident, Turner joins with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale for 12 performances of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet at the Detroit Opera House. Her experience playing a munchkin in the Wizard of Oz at the Fox Theatre in April helped the 11-year-old dancer overcome jitters at open auditions for the DSO's "Nutcracker."

"It was a dream come true," said Turner, who studies dance at Annette and Co. in Farmington Hills and the American Dance Academy in Commerce. "I was kind of nervous at the beginning of the audition but toward the end I felt confident."

Turner, a student at West Hills Middle School, is one of 85 local dancers filling the roles of party-goers, pages, mice, dolls, harlequins, soldiers, shepherds



**Holiday classic:** (Above) Haley Albertsen and Thomas Job bring Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet to life. (At right) The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale present "The Nutcracker" at the Detroit Opera House.

and snowflakes in the DSO production. Ballet Internationale, under the direction of Eldar Aliev, brings together dancers from Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy, Japan, Korea, Austria, Latvia, Columbia, Armenia, Uzbekistan and the

U.S. Ogulcan Borova of Turkey, a bronze medalist in the world's oldest ballet competition in Bulgaria; Chieko Oiwa, a Japanese dancer who won the Asia Pacific International Dance Competition; Irina Komarenko from Ukraine's renowned Donetsk Ballet, and Russian dancer Alexei Tiukov, gold medalist in the Arabesque International Competition in France, will share the roles of Prince and Sugarplum.

"I'm having a lot of fun," said Turner who began rehearsals for the Waltz of Flowers two months ago.

Turner will have plenty of local dancers to keep her company on the Detroit Opera House stage. Also in the production are Cameron Groenewoud, Plymouth; Blaise Badynee, Livonia; Robbie Parks, Redford; Carrie Harrison, Garden City; Micha Mathews and Noelle Hardy, Farmington Hills; Holly Fusco, West Bloomfield; Sarah Tilden and Megan Tallman, Rochester Hills; Angela Gaabo, Rochester; Paige Hardie and



#### "The Nutcracker"

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Ballet Internationale Thursday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 9-11 and 16-18, 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, \$14-\$60. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. \$13, \$10 seniors/ students, \$8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Dearborn Ballet Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/ children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741/(248) 645-6666.

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with Plymouth Cantor Ballet Company, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy and Canton Center, Canton. \$17 adults/ seniors, \$10 students through 12th grade, and \$5 Sugar Plum Teas that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112.

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"Caselli's able to capture that person behind the hero."

### American heroes

One would never guess by looking at Tony England that he's one of the heroes of the space program. As he prepared to talk to school children visiting the exhibit, the former NASA astronaut was anxious to see the artists' impressions of his experiences. A professor at the University of Michigan, England said 1967-72 and 1979-1988 were intense years for him in the NASA space program.

"I'm always impressed by art because it adds something that photography can't," said England. "I admire Artrain for bringing this to the public."

Car One focuses on NASA's formative years - Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. From Hereward Lester Cooke's sketch of Houston Mission Control Center technicians monitoring the 1969 moon walk, to a 1969 oil, "Power to Go," by Paul Calle, the images stir excitement in the viewer. Using vibrant color and sweeping brushstrokes, Calle conveys the power behind Apollo 11's Saturn 5 booster rocket with its five F-1 engines.

Stand back from Atilla Heja's 1984 oil, "The Light Ship," to fully take in the breathtaking

sight of Challenger's first night-launch. Heja's dynamic painting focuses on the vehicle thrusting skyward above the Kennedy Space Center.

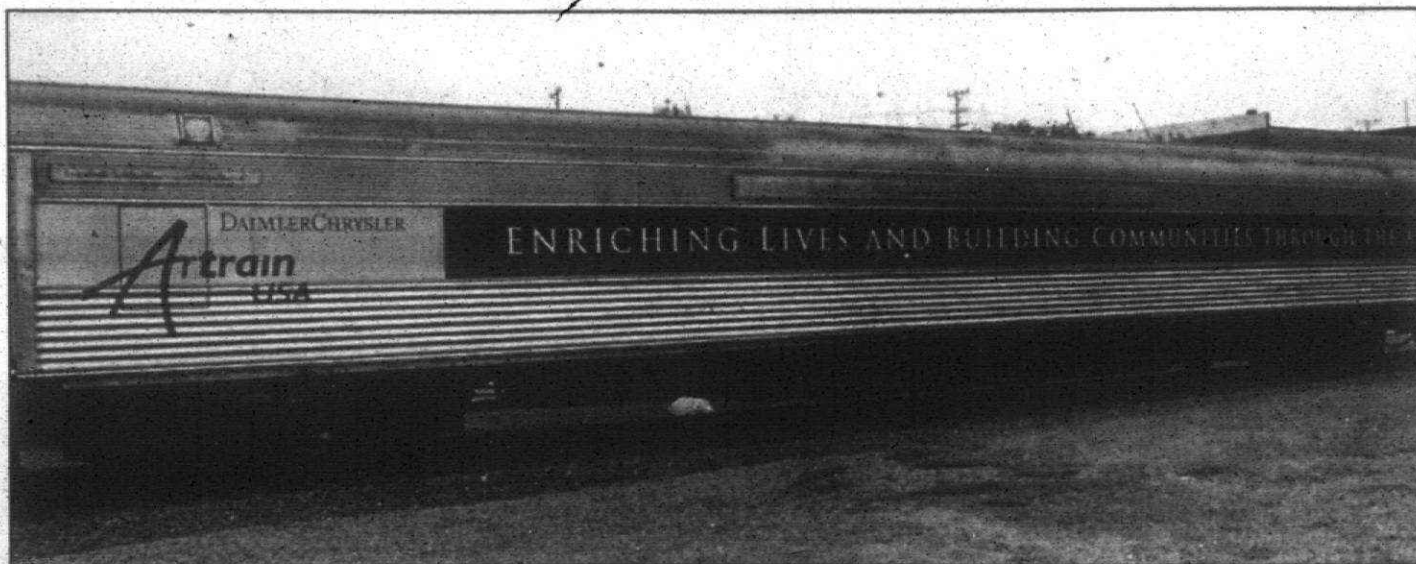
Car Two records NASA's greatest achievements: the space shuttles Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavor, and the tragic loss of the seven members of the Challenger crew in 1986. Greg Mort's graphite drawing relays the sadness of the moment by depicting a shrouded spacecraft. The 1989 score for an orchestra and jazz suite written by Jane Ira Bloom after the tragedy sounds hope for the future.

Car three focuses on recent and future initiatives including the planetary probes Mariner, Pioneer, Viking, Voyager, Magellan, Galileo, Mars Pathfinder, and the Hubble Space Telescope.

John Solie witnesses the assembly of the telescope in the white room in a 1988 acrylic. Linda Draper gives an up-close view of astronauts performing extravehicular activities in space in 1994. Stephen Sprouse's dress mirrors elements of Martian landscape.

### Artrain history

To date, more than 2.6 million people in 600 communities in 44 states and the District of Columbia have visited the train,



Artistry of Space: Artrain houses a space art exhibit featuring works by Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Peter Max.

which is based in Ann Arbor. Founded in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts to reach communities without access to metropolitan museums, Artrain USA seeks to enrich lives through the arts. Artrain USA expanded its tour nationally in 1973 with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

"In the beginning they had to create an arts organization before our train would come into their community," said Polich.

"The things that happen are magical when Artrain shows up. In Healdsburg in Sonoma Valley they refurbished an old abandoned train depot. An artist was sent into the schools to work with students. Art from these kids was hung all over town. The community came together to do this, but Artrain was the catalyst."

"A peanut mill in North Carolina was turned into an arts center. It's people working side by side to make this happen. A lot of them don't have art pro-

grams. We look for communities which will best benefit from our program. Yes, we're introducing people to visual arts but also developing programs in communities that don't have them."

Money from corporate and private contributions, foundations, and grants account for 80 percent of the nonprofit Artrain's budget. Funding from sponsor DaimlerChrysler will keep the "Artistry of Space" exhibit rolling through 2002. Education programs, including demonstrations by local artists such as

Nancy Weiss in the exhibit's last car, are underwritten by Target to teach children about line, color, and subjects.

"Without DaimlerChrysler, we wouldn't be able to do it," said Artrain USA spokesperson Laura Drew. "There's no locomotive, so we rely on CSX, Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, and Burlington Northern railroads to move the cars from location to location. Everyone's interested in space. Maybe space will introduce people to art and vice versa."

## Enchanting from page C1

Julia Pyko, Bloomfield Hills; Katie Weed, Franklin; Michelle Klebrack, Molly Wagener, Jaclyn Hildebrand and Rebecca Fisher, Troy; Kamari Patrick and Jasmine Harris, Southfield; Megan Okoniewski, Oxford, and Britany Buchanan, Adam Brenner and Ryan Steele, Walled Lake.

### Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

Haley Albertsen is dancing in two Nutcracker seasons. Not bad for someone who put on her first pair of ballet shoes 2-1/2 years ago. It was Angie Chadwick, Albertsen's teacher at St. Anne's School of Dance in Livonia, who encouraged the 12-year-old to audition for a part in the production by the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Albertsen and Emily York, a Canton dancer, share the role of Clara.

"Angie encourages me to go to all the auditions," said Albertsen, a straight-A student at Frost Middle School in spite of taking 10 dance classes a week.

"I'm learning all new dances and acting. It's really fun. I like doing all the partnering and the Pas de Deux."

Albertsen is looking forward to working with Dawnell Dryja again. Dryja dances the role of Sugar Plum Fairy in the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company production. Albertsen studied alongside Dryja, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, at the Burkllyn Ballet Theatre in Vermont this summer. Quilian Nagel, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, plays Dryja's Cavalier. Born and trained in Canada, Nagel's danced everywhere from New York City to Paris, Beijing, and with the Washington Ballet in Washington, D.C.

"I learned a lot from Dawnell and from Dawn (Greene company artistic director)," said Albertsen. "Dawn is very encouraging, and I appreciate having mentors like (fellow dancers) Bonnie Parish and Lindsay Moore. They're always helping me with my steps."

This is Emily York's second year in the company's "Nutcracker."

"She likes sharing the role of Clara with Albertsen because it allows them to exchange ideas and feelings about the character. The 13-year-old York began her studies at the American Dance Academy in Garden City. She now takes six classes a week at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth."

"I enjoy being able to dance and act all at once," said York, a student at Central Middle School in Plymouth. "Dancing really gives me time to be myself and when I'm down it, cheers me up. In the first act in the party scene, I get to act a lot and show a lot of emotion."

York thinks the knowledge she's amassed while working with the company will help her along the way to becoming a professional dancer one day.

"When I first started dancing, Baryshnikov was my biggest role model," said York, who's already danced at Disney World. "He jumped so high."

The Plymouth Canton Ballet Company version of "The Nutcracker" blends original

ideas held over from Mariud Petipa, the story line and some choreography from the version set by Dimitri Romanov, and the rest by Greene. Greene has been working with this ballet every year since 1984 when she directed the New Dawn Ballet Company downriver. Adjustments are made each year in the choreography, props and acting. New this year are the costumes Greene sewed for the Arabian number.

"It's hectic," said Greene, who recently began Metro Shores Ballet Company for downriver dancers. Albertsen is also dancing in their "Nutcracker" production.

"Thanksgiving weekend is always the biggest rehearsal. The new conductor (Nan Washburn) will be there, and we'll set tempo."

### Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Dancers from Livonia to Lincoln Park will bring Tchaikovsky's Magic Kingdom to the orchestra and company during the "Snowflakes" dance in the first act.

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## ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

The 29th annual fair takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Oakland Community College, Building H, Farmington Hills. (734) 662-3382.

### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Weekends of special holiday sales. The "Small Works" art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. 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.

### GALERIE DE BOICOURT

Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts on sale until Dec. 25. 251 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 732-5680.

### MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK

View "The French Collection" at the hall's 29th annual walk through Sunday, Dec. 5 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. (248) 370-3140.

### NATIVE WEST

The 10th annual art & jewelry festival is Sunday, Dec. 5 at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838.

## AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

### 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, pop, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 353-7300.

### MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

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

## CLASSES

### ART CLASSES

D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschool through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Winter 2000 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan. 15. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 332-8425.

### 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 Liverios roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5650.

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday Friday at 9 a.m. 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.

### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Open registration begins Dec. 14 for the Winter Semester which runs Jan. 19 through March 11. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Second Street, Livonia. Open session 9:30 a.m. noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

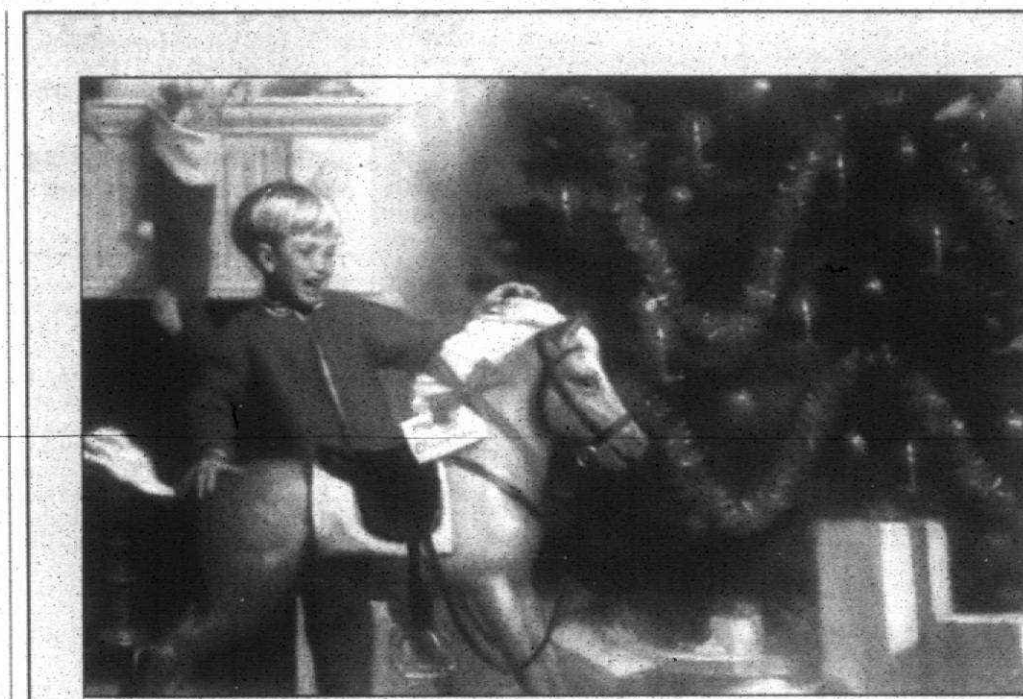
### VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

## Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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



Dreamland: The Paintings of Ned Bittinger are on exhibit through Jan. 2 at the Elizabeth Stone gallery, 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 647-7040 for more information.

## CONCERTS

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### BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM

The University Musical Society presents the choir at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

### BRUNCH WITH BACH

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### CANADIAN BRASS

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### CEREMONY OF CAROLS

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### FOLK VESPERS

The mezzosoprano performs with Martin Katz at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. Lydia Mendelsohn featuring Dionne Warwick, 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday. 9:11, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-6111.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Performs Noel Night at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

### SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

"An Afternoon of Music" featuring harpist Onda Sanders from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

### 'TIS THE SEASON

A holiday concert benefit for the Birmingham Concert Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997.

### YIDDISH WITH A FIDDLE

A Yiddish musical by noted American composer Abraham Elstein at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in Morris Astor Hall at Shalom Zede in Southfield.

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"We recognize that Christmas is a major day for moviegoers. We want to be as accessible to our patrons as any other movie theatre would be," said David Brown, Director of the IMAX Theatre.

With more than one million visitors to the museum and village annually, it is expected that the new theater will be an even bigger draw for new and younger audiences. It will give visitors, familiar with the institution's tradition of telling innovative

■ 'The Magic of Flight' comes to life on a screen 60 feet high and 84 feet wide, complemented by cutting edge digital sound. It brings together the thrill of flight and jet aircraft with the science and history of flying.

stories, an exciting and dynamic look at technology.

"We hope the IMAX Technology will make our visitors return, and return more often throughout the year," added Brown.

The theater opened on Nov. 19 with the film "The Magic of Flight" on Nov. 19, and is the first 2D and 3D IMAX Theatre in Michigan.

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The IMAX Theatre is open Sunday through Thursday with shows that begin at 10 a.m. The final show of the day is at 5:30 p.m. Show schedules on Fridays begin at 9 a.m. with the final presentation starting at 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, the first show is at 9 a.m. and the final show is at 9:30 p.m. "The Magic of Flight" is a 40 minute feature. Movie previews and a preshow accompany each feature film.

Tickets for "The Magic of Flight" are \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors 62 and over and children ages 5-12, and \$6 for members and children under the

age of four. Theater prices are separate from museum or village admission, but combination tickets are available. For more information, call (313) 271-1570. Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and the IMAX Theatre are located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, Michigan, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas day. Admission to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village \$12.50 for adults; \$11.50 for senior citizens 62 and over; \$7.50 for kids 5-12 years old. Children under 5 and members are admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 or visit us on the Internet at www.hfmgv.org.

Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village and IMAX Theatre are adults \$17.50, seniors 62 and over \$16, kids 5 to 12 \$12.50, children under 4 \$6.00.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and IMAX Theatre adults \$28, seniors 62 and over \$27, kids 5 to 12 \$19, children under age 4, \$6.

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The Board of Review will convene on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999** at 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The 1999 December Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will be held in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Board will review the following types of appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors, and Mutual Mistakes of Facts.

No appointments are necessary. All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234 x. 222. MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assessor

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## Stocking gifts abound in local stores



There's a plethora of pint-sized merchandise aimed at easing the process of finding the right item for the right person. Good luck and happy holidays!

**For the hard-to-buy-for:**

- Emergency survival kit for the car, \$17.95 at Moosejaw Mountaineering in Birmingham
- Magnetic grocery list for the refrigerator, \$9.95 at Barnes and Noble stores

Photo cube for a stylish display of photographs, \$5 at Old Navy stores

**For the pet lover:**

- Antlers for dogs and cats to don during the holidays, \$2.50 at Adventures in Toys in downtown Birmingham
- Dog cookie mix with cookie cutter to bake the pooch a personalized bone, \$9.95 at Harrison Luggage in Berkeley

**For the gourmet:**

- Hot pepper raspberry jelly, \$5.25 at A Matter of Taste in Commerce Township
- American Spoon's winter compote, \$8.50 at The Great Harvest Bread Co. in Birmingham
- Peppermint straws for cocoa and other winter beverages, \$4.95 at Caribou Coffee stores

**For the outdoor enthusiast:**

- "M-Go-Blue" or MSU cocoa mix, \$8 at The Village Barn in Franklin
- Fleece hats, \$19.95 at Moosejaw Mountaineering

**For good little boys and girls:**

- Black paper note pads, \$4, with "Milky" white pens, \$1.25, both at Write Impressions in Royal Oak
- Pokémon key chains, \$5 at Adventures in Toys

Plastic airplane spoons, \$3.50 at The Union General Store and Sweet-shop Cafe in downtown Clarkston

**For the millennium-mad:**

- Millennium time capsule filled with chocolate cookies, \$12 at The Basket Shoppe in Berkeley
- Millennium snow globe, \$5 at Old Navy stores

Millennium chocolate champagne bottle, \$14.99 at Omaha Steaks stores

**For the feminine and romantic:**

- Chenille gloves, \$8 at The Sock Shop in Farmington Hills

"Unwined Vintner" body oil made with grapes, \$12 at Lori Karbal

**For the man-in-your-life:**

- Anything tiny — a pair of Ralph Lauren socks — from The Claymore Shop in downtown Birmingham (they promise to wrap each stocking stuffer for you)
- Football and golf ball, by-the-slice soap, \$7.50 at Lori Karbal

**For the stressed-and-seeking-relaxation:**

- Deep Steep herbal bath tea in sweet rose milk, \$5 each at Lori Karbal
- Orange and mango massage cream, \$5.99 at Attitudes in West Bloomfield
- Homeopathic stress mints and pick-up drops, \$5 at The Discovery Channel Store at the Somerset Collection in Troy

Stress relief jelly, \$10 at Bath & Body Works stores

Gingerbread tea, \$5.95 at Caribou Coffee stores

**For holiday revelers:**

- "And So This Is Christmas," tape, a collection of music featuring Babyface and Harry Connick Jr., \$5.99 at Target stores
- Pine and cranberry candle votives, 99 cents each at Wicks 'N' Sticks stores

**For the teen-in-your-life:**

- Rhinestones for the hair, \$10 at The Sock Shop
- Body glitter and Candy Stick lip gloss, \$5 each both at Limited Too stores
- "This Is Christmas" compact disc by 98 Degrees, \$14.99 at Harmony House stores

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## Holiday appearances Gift-wrapping takes center stage

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It's the thought that counts? Don't judge a book by its cover? First impressions are everything?

While all these sayings hold weight, they present a paradox when it comes to gift-giving and, more importantly, gift-wrapping.

While the item inside the box certainly matters, how a gift is presented seems to have taken on greater importance these days. It only makes sense. We live in a time when it's possible to buy containers for our containers and write memos in fonts that grace wedding invitations.

Hoping to help local shoppers present their holiday gifts in a manner befitting the times, West Bloomfield's recently opened organization and storage store, Organized Living, is holding a series of gift-wrapping workshops this month.

Slated for Dec. 11 and 18, the seminars will teach participants how to create unique gift packages, pack and send holiday gifts and make interesting bows.

"I think it's easier not to be creative," said Jan Wilmot, Organized Living's assistant manager. "It's also a matter of convenience."

Though time and convenience explain why many people resort to solid-colored wrapping paper and stick-on bows, most people simply fear the outcome of creative experimentation, said Wilmot, who conducts many of Organized Living's gift-wrapping workshops.

"Once you see it, see how it's done and examples of gift packages, you're much more comfortable that you can do it," she said, encouraging area shoppers to attend a seminar or visit the store, which is overflowing with examples of creative holiday packaging.

The store also carries everything required to wrap a gift and a plethora of unique packaging options, from reversible, European sheets of wrapping paper to elegant, red velvet gift boxes.

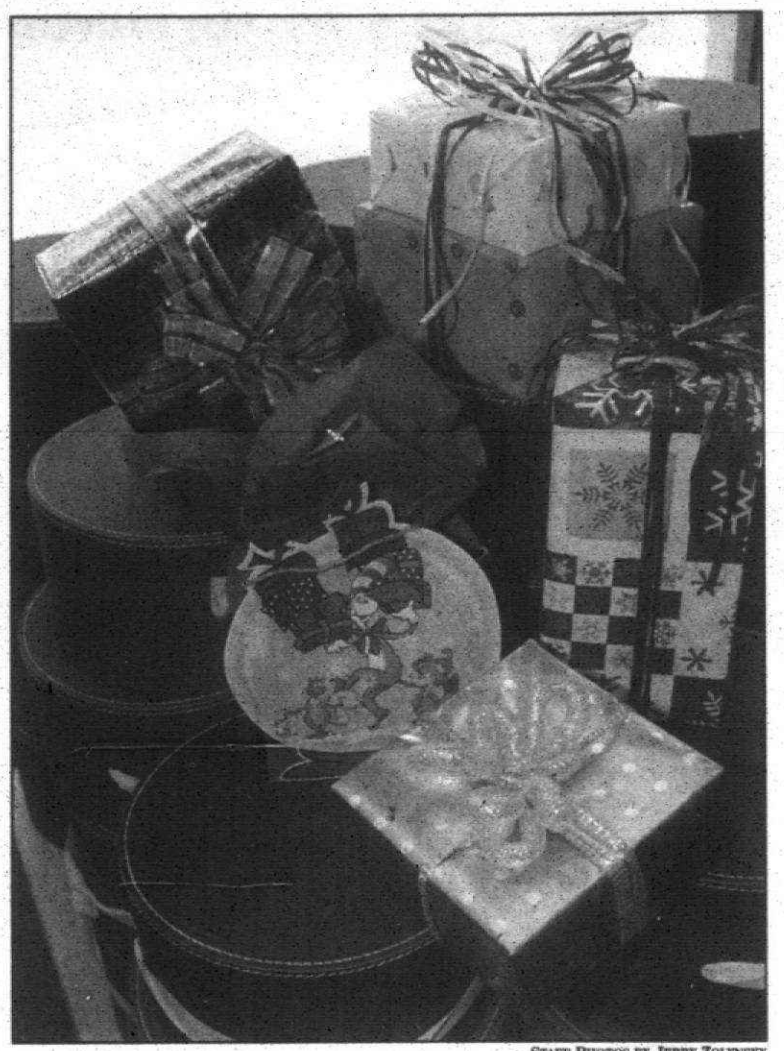
While specific techniques for making holiday packages more decorative and unique will be covered in Organized Living's workshops, Wilmot said a few basic principles — paying attention to details, personalizing gift packages and experimenting with colors and patterns — make all the difference.

Creative gift-wrapping, like home decorating, only requires a little extra time, energy and thought, she said. "I can't draw. I can't paint. But, all these things I just did look great. It shows a lot about my personal taste. And, the person who is going to receive the gift knows I took the time."

**Details: Jan Wilmot at Organized Living shows how small details make packages more personal and unique.**

**When:** 10 a.m. Dec. 11 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 18

**Where:** Organized Living, 7230 Orchard Lake Road at



Inspiration: From unique boxes to festive bows, Organized Living has plenty of examples of creative holiday packaging.

### Wrap it!

**What:** Holiday gift-wrapping workshops

**When:** 10 a.m. Dec. 11 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 18

**Where:** Organized Living, 7230 Orchard Lake Road at

14 Mile Road in the Gateway Center in West Bloomfield

Workshops are free, last 30 minutes and cover different subjects, from creative gift-giving to creating holiday bows. For details about each workshop, call (248) 538-1640.

drop-off information, call (248) 443-5311.

**SANTA VISITS JACOBSON'S**  
Children who visit and speak with Santa receive a special gift at Jacobson's stores in Birmingham and Rochester Hills, noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 11, Children's Department.

**CHOIR PRESENTATIONS**  
Livonia Mall hosts the Plymouth Academy Children's Choir at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 and the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, both near the Sears fountain. Also, carolers from the Church of Holy Spirit perform throughout the mall, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 and members of the Mitcham Chapel choir perform throughout the mall, 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. For additional information, call (734) 476-1160.

**COOKIE WALK**  
Shop for holiday treats at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's Sixth Annual Cookie Walk, 9 a.m. until sold-out, Saturday, Dec. 11. The Livonia church is located at 36075 Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburg roads. Call (248) 476-3432.

**SANTA BEAR APPEARANCE**  
The Hudson's Santa Bear visits with children in his millennium-costume between Thursday, Dec. 9 and Monday, Dec. 13 at the retailer's stores at Oakland Mall in Troy and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Please call individual stores for appearance times.

**TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF**  
Laurel Park Place in Livonia serves as a drop-off place for Toys for Tots donations. Please bring new toys to the mall between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. For more information, call (734) 462-1100.

call (313) 593-1370.

**CHILDREN'S GIFT SHOP**  
Volunteers help children shop for gifts in a children's holiday gift shop at The Community House in downtown Birmingham through Sunday, Dec. 12. Hours are: 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (248) 644-5832.

**SALVATION ARMY BAKE SALE**  
The Salvation Army holds a bake sale at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Proceeds help hungry children. For details, call (248) 443-2242.

**HOLIDAY CAROLING**  
Enjoy holiday caroling by area high school choirs at Art Van Furniture stores in Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Southfield, Waterford and Westland, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.

**SHOPPING BENEFIT FOR ANIMALS**  
Shop for shoes at DSW Shoe Warehouse stores in Troy, Novi and Southfield on Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan. Also, shoppers will be able to adopt a dog or cat from the agency. For more information, call (248) 349-0404.

**NORTSTAR TROLLEY SERVICE**  
Northstar Express trolley service between Southfield's Northland Center and area businesses begins Monday, Dec. 6. Sponsored by the Southfield Downtown Development Authority and the Northland Center, the trolley service runs 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 6-9 and Dec. 13-16. Shoppers may use the trolley service, which includes a box lunch en route to the mall, from designated Southfield businesses. For details, including pick-up and

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, events and boutiques during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.**

**MOONLIGHT SHOPPING SPREE**  
Restaurants and shops in downtown Birmingham are open late, and carolers and live entertainment fill the streets, 6-11 p.m., Friday, December 10. Also, meter and deck parking is free after 6 p.m.

**CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS**  
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a presentation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Food Court stage. For details, call (734) 822-4100.

**SANTA FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED**  
A signing Santa listens to the holiday wishes of hearing-impaired children and uses American Sign Language to communicate with them, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Fountain Court Stage. For additional information,

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## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**Designer Jewelry and Precious Jewels Salon, first floor.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**ST. JOHN CRUISE & HOLIDAY SHOW**  
View St. John's collection of cruise and special order holiday wear at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. John Collections, second floor.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**CELEBRITY FASHION SHOW**  
Local celebrities, including WXYZ-TV 7 news anchor Guy Gordon and WDIV-TV 4 reporter Lila Lazarus, strut down the runway in holiday fashion at the Northland Center in Southfield to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets include lunch and a chance to bid in a silent auction and cost \$30. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 353-6444.

**DIAMOND TRUNK SHOW**  
Astrelin's Creative Jewelers, 120 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of contemporary diamond pieces by Jewelers Asprey & Guildag through Dec. 11 and a Swiss watch trunk show on Dec. 10. For show times and more information, call (248) 644-1651.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**BERNARD COHEN APPEARANCE**  
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Bernard Cohen and his collection of estate jewelry pieces through Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry Collection, first floor.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**MILLINERY TRUNK SHOW**  
Meet designer Gena Conti and view her collection at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fashion Accessories department.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**TASTE OF LAUREL PARK**  
Enjoy free food samples from Max & Erma's restaurant while you shop at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, noon-4 p.m., near Center Court.

**HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW**  
New and used dolls and accessories are on sale at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

# HERE CAN I FIND?

## Clarification

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. 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 readers' 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 owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Used bridesmaids' dresses can be bought at Rosebuds Consignment Bridal Exchange, 7655 Highland Road in Waterford, (248) 866-3035.
- Three B'w Rabbit cartoons are shown on Walt Disney's movie video "Song of the South."
- An individual reader called us with information about musical birthday cake plates.
- A half-slip undergarment to wear beneath culottes or a split-skirt for Cecelia, who lives in Redford.
- A female mannequin is available at the Detroit Fixture Store on West Eight Mile Road in Detroit, (313) 341-3255.
- One copy of the 1943 Fordson High School yearbook is available from a reader.
- The game Mille Bourne is sold through the Betty's Attic catalog (item #BE40303), (800) 294-4068.
- A reader called with information about making a helix from plastic canvas.
- "Diane" pattern dishes are available from one of our readers.
- We need Nancy (regarding 1999 Susan Seddon Boulet calendar) to call us with her phone number.
- We no longer need information about Hudson's Santa bears and Campbell's 200 soup labels.
- The telephone number at the Vanity Fair store at the Birch Run shopping outlet is (517) 624-6055.
- A reader has a 1994 Hudson's anniversary bear with a fur-lined jacket to donate.
- A reader would like know how to recycle or donate cellular phones.
- We need information about the Dimensions Kitchen catalog with a phone number for Andrea.
- A store in the Farmington area that sharpens knives for Gertrude.
- A yogurt maker with 6/8-ounce containers for Mary.
- A silver-colored "Nerolizer" from the movie "Men in Black" that was available at Burger King restaurants for Teresa.
- John Willard Bloody Mary seasoning and a 18-by-56-inch, non-standard ironing board cover for Marlene.
- A place setting of Minton china in the black "Saturn" pattern for Allison.
- A sheer, mesh cosmetic bonnet with a zipper to protect clothing from make-up for Alice.
- A Milton Bradley game made in the 50s called Pirate and Traveler for Karen.
- A recipe book with blank pages and index tabs for Janice.
- A store where English Ironstone "Crown Ducal" pottery made by A.G. Richardson in Staffordshire, England is sold for Mary Jane. (L.B. King in the Fisher Building formerly carried the pottery).
- "White Christmas" china that is or was sold through the Spiegel catalog for Karen.
- A doll named Ellie from the Faithful Friends doll group sold at Target stores last year for Jo Anne.
- A Timex wind-up watch for women or a similar watch made by another company for Tony, who lives in Birmingham.
- A store where bayberry candles are sold for Loreta.
- A store or catalog that sells Cheeta all-nylon wind breakers for Candy.
- A store where 12-by-12-inch carpet tiles with self-adhesive backing (in gray and brown) are sold for William.

A 1949 Barbour Hall Military School yearbook (located in Nazareth, Mich.) for Margaret.

1997 and 1998 Barbie ornaments (two of each) for Mary.

A store where "Straw Hat" perfume by Fabergé is sold Helen.

A store where photo albums, which hold new sizes of photos, are sold for Mary.

A store where a Regal bathroom rug, 55 to 60 inches in length by 28 to 32 inches in width, can be purchased for Mimi.

A store where furniture decals are sold for Grace.

A doll from the 60s called Little Miss No Name (in a burlap dress) for Sue.

A 1960 Detroit Holy Redeemer High School yearbook and Norrell lipstick, \$19, for Gary.

A store where freezers are sold for Ada.

A store where Sander's hot fudge is sold for Mrs. Cavanaugh.

Land Before Time dinosaurs for Travis and Trevor.

A 1994-95 Christopher Radko Third Day of Christmas ornament for Stacey.

A Rainbow Brite doll for Sally.

Sunshine Biscuit's iced gingerbread men cookies for Diane.

Three hand rails for concrete steps for Kim.

A store where a Hair Ball (like a Kosh Ball) with straight or curly hair in blue, orange, yellow, and purple can be purchased for Laura.

A Santa bear with bag pipes that was sold this year at Jacobson's stores for Margaret.

The Little Women doll Amy for Evelyn.

A rhubarb recipe from a recipe book published by Tupperware 15 years ago.

An electric potato peeler for Janet.

A set of Bookhouse books for Barbara.

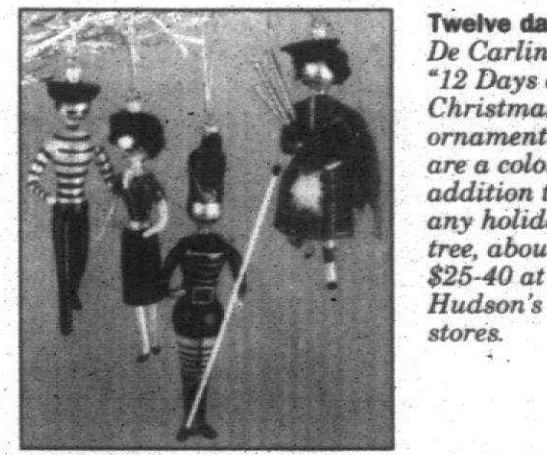
Milton Bradley's Pizza Game for Jeanine.

Two front parts for a He-Man Castle for Marge.

A person who will sew clothing for a Baby Jesus for Wanda from the Westland area.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## a la carte STUFF WE CRAVE



**Catch the wave:**  
For a unique take on fisherman knit, try a roomy, Merino wool backpack made in the style, \$68 at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.



**Golden touch:** For holiday entertaining, Kmart offers a golden touch, including table cover, napkins, napkin rings and gold-band dinnerware, \$4.18.

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## TRAVEL

## Shopping and thrills await at Mall of America

BY MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for a holiday one-stop option where you'll accomplish lots and enjoy yourself under the same roof? It's possible at Mall of America in Minnesota.

You can shop, visit an aquarium, play video games, compete in a stock car race, see a movie, ride a roller coaster, shop some more, and, get married (there's a wedding chapel).

"I've been there twice with several family members," said Holly Tornow of Plymouth. "We always found bargains. And, the fact that Minnesota doesn't charge a sales tax on clothing, made it a better deal."

The stores, including upscale and novelty varieties, furnish a great excuse for an extended weekend getaway.

Here's a peek at what you'll find in the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex.

The Mall of America, in Bloomington (a suburb south of Minneapolis-St. Paul), is shaped like a square. Four major department stores, Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears, hug the outside corners.

There are three retail floors and a fourth-floor entertainment district. In the center of the mall is a seven-acre theme park; beneath the surface of the complex is an aquarium.

What's the best strategy to navigate this mega-mall with its more than 500 stores? You'll need four days, recommends Tornow.

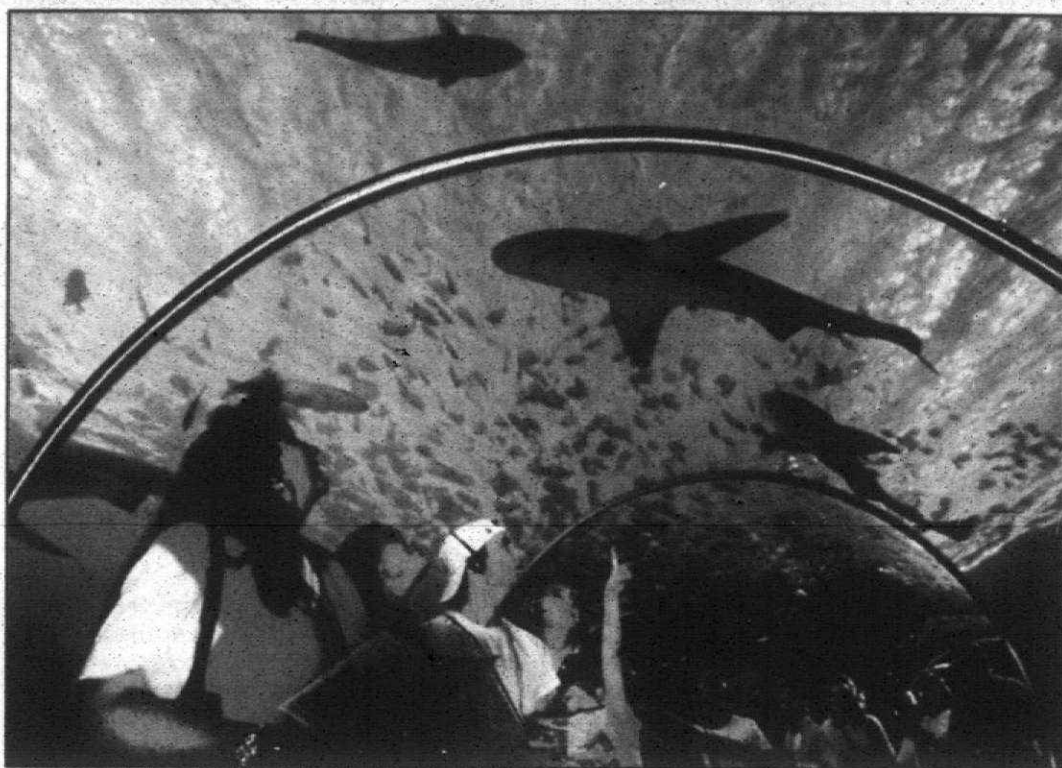
"We actually spend one day on each of the three shopping floors," she said. "On the last day, we hit the stores we missed and the ones we 'must go back' and visit."

Merchandise runs the gamut from sleek swimwear and bowling balls to exquisite jewels and funky furniture.

Thinking about buying in-line skates? Try them out on a rink at Oshman's Supersports USA. If locomotives interest kids, wander into The Great Train Store. Chico's, Ann Taylor and Victoria's Secret cater to women.

Watch for Daffy Duck in the Warner Bros. store. And, if you or someone you know is a fan of Mary Engelbreit, peek inside the shop with her name over the door.

"I tell people, if you can't find something, look for it at Mall of America," said John Lambrecht, public relations coordinator of the Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau.



**Best lookout:** UnderWater World, which is beneath the surface of the Mall of America, provides visitors with a diver's eye view of thousands of aquatic creatures.

## Getting to the Mall of America

■ Northwest Airlines offers several flights daily from Detroit Metro to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. Bloomington is next to the airport. Northwest and the Mall of America offer \$50 off a round-trip airfare of \$100 or more to several destinations, including Detroit. Restrictions apply. Call (800) 225-2525 and mention Code PR969.

■ Take a one-day trip from Detroit to the Mall of America on Dec. 7, 8 or 15. The price is \$149.90 (includes air, transfer to the mall and other perks). Call your local travel agent or HMHF Fun Vacations at (800) 669-4466.

■ For information on the Mall of America, call (612) 883-8800 or visit their Web site: [www.mallofamerica.com](http://www.mallofamerica.com).

■ All hotels in Bloomington provide shuttle service to the mall. Some hotels are within walking distance of the mall.

■ The Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a "Dream of Discounts" brochure good through March 2000. Call them at (800) 346-4289 or visit [www.bloomingtonmn.org](http://www.bloomingtonmn.org).

sets.

Bring the family, he suggests. "Everybody will have a good time."

Camp Snoopy not only has a roller coaster, there's a log ride (yes, you'll get wet), carousel and kiddie rides. Or let the youngsters play at the Lego Imagination Center.

This four-story showplace allows guests to create, marvel at the full-size Lego models and buy

sets. It's noisy. It's electrifying. And teens love it. The NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway experience allows visitors the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a stock car and jockey for position with 29 others with simulated racing machines.

Not really in the mood for the roar of 700-horsepower engines? Then head to UnderWater World. Walk inside the aquarium and

listen. The gentle rush of running water creates a soothing atmosphere. Here, you'll observe a fabulous collection of more than 350 species of aquatic creatures.

In the acrylic tunnel, equipped with a moving walkway, sturgeons, sharks and stingrays surround you. Be sure to wave to the octopus before you leave the aquarium.

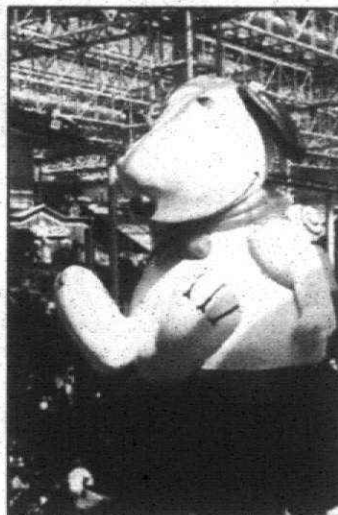
Hungry? For a quiet lunch, check out Nordstrom's Cafe. There's also a '50s diner, a kid-friendly steakhouse, the Napa Valley Grille, traditional fast-food restaurants and numerous other eateries.

If you're considering a visit, Maureen Cahill, director of public relations at Mall of America said: "It's easy if you plan. First, look us up on the Web. Then you won't be so overwhelmed."

Typically, Monday and Tues-



**Kids' delight:** The LEGO Imagination Center, a four-story LEGO showplace, is equipped with LEGO bricks to play with, models to look at and sets to buy



**For the kids:** Knott's Camp Snoopy, the largest indoor family theme park in the nation, features 28 rides and adventures, entertainment, and appearances by the Peanuts Gang.

day are lighter days, she said. Parking is plentiful and there's enough space in the mall to accommodate large crowds.

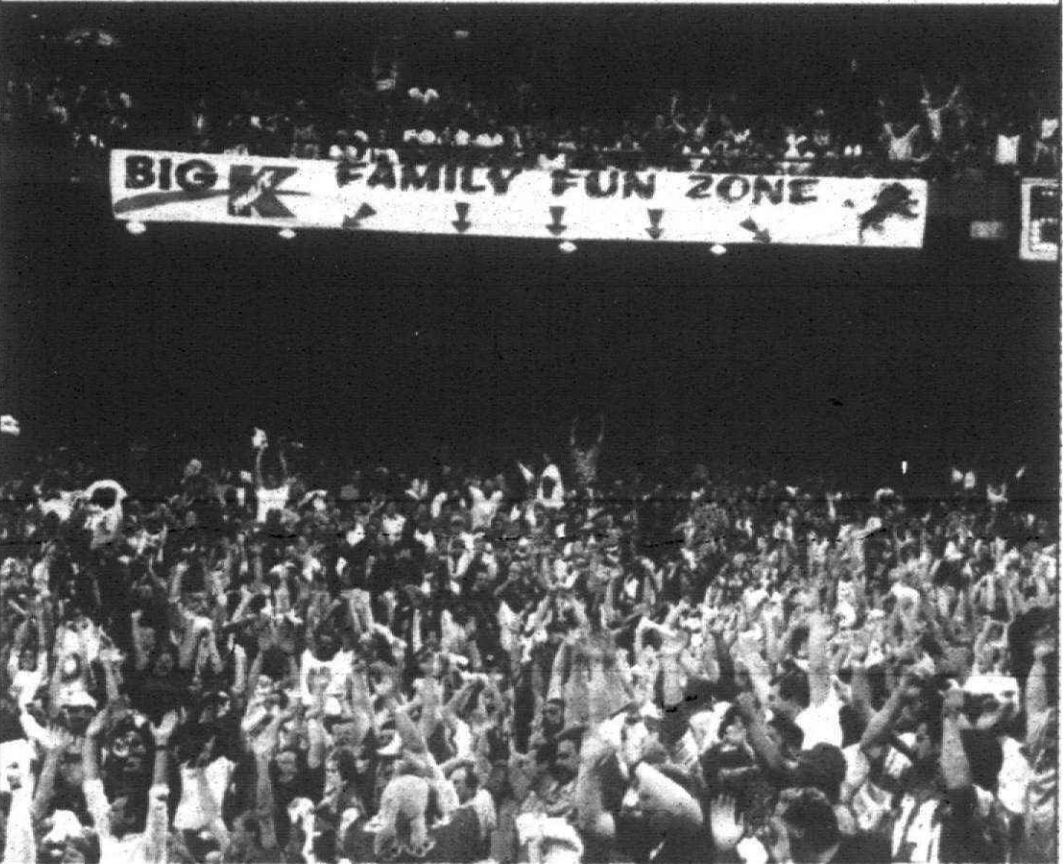
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## CHRISTMAS TRAIN RIDES

The Grand Traverse Dinner Train, a 1950 passenger train that offers scenic tours near Traverse City with dining experiences, has scheduled a holiday trip. "Victorian Christmas" leaves at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Participants are encouraged to come in Victorian costumes. The trip will include a special Christmas dinner. Cost is \$68 per person. Call (231) 933-3768.

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## FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

## Go Portside for the millennium

Going back to the 1960s, an average of three vintage years each decade have been declared by Port houses. The third in this decade, and perhaps the last in this century, is 1997.

A long-standing tradition has Taylor Fladgate and Fonseca Ports announce their intention to "declare" their latest vintage on St. George's Day, April 25 each year. The "declaration" process takes place two winters after harvest; sufficient time to assess the wine's complexity and longevity.

Historically, Cockburn's has been more conservative than other producers in declaring vintages. But all three of these producers "declared" 1997 as truly excellent.

It was a year in which the growing season started with snow falling in the upper reaches of Portugal's Douro River Valley, home to its famed Porto.

Yet vines flowered five weeks earlier than usual. Fonseca's winemaker David Guimaraens noted that "yields were down 30 percent, particularly for older vines, and led to very concentrated musts. High quality was evident from the start. There's good integration of the spirit and powerful, attractive aromas."

Much of this is due to the quinta (vineyard) where the grapes originated.

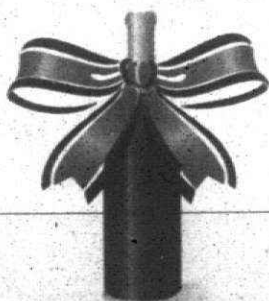
### Standouts

Taylor Fladgate standouts are Quinta de Terra Feita and Quinta de Vargellas.

Those of Fonseca come from Quinta de Santo Antinio, Quinta do Panascal and Quinta de Cruziero. For Cockburn's, the top is Quinta dos Canais.

These quinta names are not idle mention. In an undeclared vintage, wines from a single quinta are often bottled. To make the best buy, it's

Please see WINE, D2



### WINE PICKS

Looking ahead to some special red wines to drink, collect or give as holiday gifts? Cabernet sauvignon from California's 1995 and 1996 vintages are outstanding, but some of the 1997s we've tasted merit serious consideration.

Our sure-fire picks are listed by price.

#### \$50 and above:

- 1995 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon Stag's Leap District \$110
- 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley \$50

#### \$25 to \$50:

- 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages \$33 (a blend of all five Bordeaux varieties with 75 percent cabernet sauvignon)
- 1996 Stag's Leap Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$32
- 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford \$26

#### \$25 and under:

- 1997 Byington Cabernet Sauvignon Bates Ranch \$24
- 1996 Villa Mt. Eden Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$20
- 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$20
- 1997 Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon \$16
- 1997 St. Francis Cabernet Sauvignon \$16
- 1997 Quintana Cabernet Sauvignon \$15
- 1997 Robert Mondavi Coastal Cabernet Sauvignon \$12.50
- 1997 Beringer Founder's Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$11

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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## PATHWAY TO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

# cookie WALK

STORY BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**When:** The Cookie Walk begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11  
**Where:** Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile Road  
**Cost:** Cookies sell for \$8 a pound and nut rolls are \$8 each. Homemade bread, frozen and fresh pierogi, priced individually, are also sold  
**For information:** (248) 476-3432



**Passing on the tradition: Evelyn Olszewski credits her grandmother for showing her the technique for making kolacky, one of the most popular cookies (pictured at right) sold at the Cookie Walk.**



**On a roll: Anna Smerechnak (pictured left to right), Helen Hall, Beverly Karol, Luba Smerechnak, Maria Zagari, and Angie Gillum work together to make kiefles that will be sold at the Cookie Walk.**



The creamy creations pastry lovers come from all over metropolitan Detroit to buy at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church Cookie Walk in Livonia on Dec. 11 are surpassed only by the rich legacies of the doughy recipes.

Evelyn Olszewski, the wooden spoon and mixing bowl behind one of the most popular Cookie

Walk entries, credits her grandmother for showing her the technique of making kolacky, a cookie with prune, apricot or ground nut filling.

Growing up she stood at the apron strings of her mother, Margaret Frenck, watching her slowly add the ingredients and mold the dough into stars. But, the little girl grew to be her grandmother's apprentice.

"I would help her," Olszewski explains simply.

"It was just something that I took for natural that (learning the recipe) was something that you did," she continued.

The varied recipes she has today were handed down from her mother, her grandmother and others are variations from her husband's family, especially his grandmother.

Most Cookie Walk regulars don't know who's responsible for the dough that has origins from Eastern Europe. Olszewski said she isn't quite sure where the recipe hailed from originally, because of border changes among countries over the years. She does, however, trace it to her grandmother, who came to the United States when she was 14.

"My grandmother came over here probably around the turn of the century," Olszewski said. "I don't know if she brought the recipe with her or if it was a recipe she got from her aunt who was living here."

### Legacy

"I guess I never really thought about it as a legacy," the Plymouth resident said. "It was a tradition in my family that has gone on. At Christmastime and Easter-time these special cookies were made. It just seems that they're part of my background, Eastern European."

Her baking prowess came in handy, too, when she was working a few years ago as an industrial nurse for Kmart and business people from Czechoslovakia were in town.

"Someone in the organization asked if I could bake some pastries that would be familiar to them," she said. "I made nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and kolacky. They were really very happy, because they said they only get these at holiday times."

Olszewski spends half a day making

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## Rating the diets: Diet for the new millennium

### LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

'Tis the season to rate the popular weight loss methods or diets of the last decade, and focus on living better sensibly for the new millennium. Let's take a look at some of these programs along with their potential impact on your health.

### Atkins Diet

This diet has recently reinvented itself since its birth in the 1970s. It restricts processed or refined carbohydrates such as foods high in sugar, breads and pasta, cereal and starchy vegetables.

The rationale behind the Atkins program is that diets high in sugar and refined carbohydrates increase your body's production of insulin. When insulin levels are high, the food you consume is readily converted to body fat.

In addition, Atkins claims that high carbohydrates meals leave you less satisfied than those that contain adequate fat. The diet also boasts a "lifetime of body fat burning" along with alleviation of fatigue, irritability, depression, joint and muscle pains, and headaches.

### Sugar Busters

This diet, written by four physicians at Tulane University, steers you away from "insulin stimulating foods" such as potatoes, pasta, white bread, white rice, carrots and corn. The diet's rationale is that significant quantities of sugar are converted in our digestive system from carbohydrates and starches. In addition, fructose (the sugar in fruit) eaten at the wrong time or in the wrong combinations can create both digestive and metabolic problems.

### The Zone

Developed by Dr. Barry Sears, this diet focuses on the link between diet and the body's hormone, insulin. Sears reasons that eating an appropriate balance of carbohydrates, protein and fat induces the body to produce ideal levels of this hormone. If insulin levels are maintained in a therapeutic zone, you can avoid the effects of too much insulin including weight gain and low energy levels.

In order to get a scientific viewpoint, I asked Rochester Hills registered dietitian, Nancy Kennedy, past president of Nutrition Entrepreneurs of Michigan, to comment on these programs.

According to Kennedy, "The biggest

drawbacks of these diets are that people totally focus on weight loss and not their health. We know that diets high in animal fat, as promoted by many of these programs, is a risk for heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis."

"In addition, many individuals have reported diminished ability to exercise as the limited carbohydrates have depleted their glycogen stores."

Although some individuals have reported improved cholesterol as a result of following these diets, the actual lowering is mainly attributed to the weight loss itself. The weight that is lost is mainly muscle mass needed to preserve metabolism.

As individuals regain their weight once they "go off" the diet, the regained weight is mainly fat. If your body has a high fat composition, this makes it difficult not only to maintain your weight, but also to lose weight in the future. In addition, there isn't any research to show that the preciseness and rigidity of these programs, particularly The Zone, helps your metabolism in any way.

Kennedy also notes that in all three of

these programs, the whole concept of insulin is misconstrued. The authors blame a high carbohydrates diet for causing insulin resistance, when in fact, it is increased exercise that will help your body become more responsive to insulin, not drastically cutting out carbohydrates.

The authors also state that everyone who is overweight is insulin resistant, which is why cutting out carbohydrates works. Actually, only 25 percent of overweight people fall into this category, so there is no support for cutting out carbohydrates as a blanket remedy for weight loss.

The Sugar Busters program, in particular, focuses on the glycemic index as a way to control weight. Here, the glycemic index is misconstrued, as eating foods that have a higher glycemic index would cause a ready conversion to fat. However, not only was the glycemic index a small study conducted several years ago, it looked at single foods. Obviously, we don't eat single foods at a time, we eat combinations, which would change the glycemic index and make it

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## Raspberry coffee cake a breakfast treat

**BY AP SPECIAL FEATURES**  
Among the 175 recipes collected in "Pillsbury: Best Muffins & Quick Breads" (Clarkson Potter, \$19.95) is Raspberry Cream-Cheese Coffee Cake. In case you need to visualize its creamy appeal, the cake is illustrated in one of the book's many color photographs.

As well as being attractively presented, the book is full of practical details. Each recipe tells you how long it will take to make, and includes a nutritional analysis.

With this recipe, the editors point out that apricot preserves go equally well with the cream-cheese filling, and remind readers to always store in the refrigerator baked goods that have these fillings.

**RASPBERRY CREAM-CHEESE COFFEE CAKE**  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup margarine or butter  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 egg  
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 cup raspberry preserves  
1/2 cup sliced almonds

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour bottom and sides of 9- or 10-inch springform pan.

In large bowl, combine flour and 3/4 cup sugar; mix well. With pastry blender or fork, cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve 1 cup of crumb mixture.

To remaining crumb mixture, add baking powder, baking soda, salt, sour cream, almond extract

## Banana tart part of chef's legacy

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
"Cooking With Patrick Clark" (Ten Speed Press, \$35) is subtitled, "A Tribute to the Man and His Cuisine." It combines Clark's recipes with those of a host of affectionate, admiring colleagues.

Clark, who died in 1998 at age 42, was a renowned chef at several New York City restaurants, notably at Tavern on the Green. He created a wide variety of dishes, and his menus featured such favorites as Fried Oysters, Roasted Clay Pot Chicken and Pecan-Banana Tart (recipe follows).

The cookbook was conceived and coordinated by chef Charlie Trotter; the handsome color photos were made by Tim Turner. There are some 60 of Clark's recipes and another 50 contributed by friends such as Trotter, Alice Waters, Daniel Boulud and Jacques Pepin.

All royalties from the sales of the book go to benefit the Patrick Clark Family Trust, a nonprofit fund created to assist in the education and support of Clark's five young children.

This recipe is a mouthwatering variation of the traditional banana cream pie.

**PECAN-BANANA TART**  
1/2 cup butter, cold  
1 1/2 cups ground pecans  
1 cup plus 3 tablespoons granulated sugar

Northern beans, rinsed and drained

Heat broiler. Spray broiler pan with no-stick cooking spray.

Cut 1 lemon into 6 slices. Place salmon and lemon slices on prepared pan, skin-side up. Broil 5 inches from heat, turning once, until fish flakes with a fork (12 minutes to 13 minutes).

Meanwhile, grate peel on remaining 2 lemons to make about 4 teaspoons of zest. Squeeze the lemons and reserve the juice.

Combine lemon peel and parsley in a small bowl.

Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet until sizzling; add garlic. Cook over medium-high heat 2 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons lemon peel mixture and beans. Continue cooking until heated through, 4 minutes to 5 minutes.

To serve, place fish, lemons and bean mixture on serving plate; sprinkle with lemon peel and parsley. Drizzle with reserved lemon juice. Makes 4 servings.

**ITALIAN BROILED SALMON**  
3 lemons  
1 pound salmon fillet  
1/3rd cup finely chopped fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh garlic  
Two 15 1/2-ounce cans Great

## Low-fat cooking: Italian broiled salmon

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
This aromatic salmon is as beautiful to look at as it is to eat. It's low in fat, with only 8 grams per serving, and is quick to prepare: 10 minutes' advance work and 12 minutes in the oven.

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## Everything in moderation

### Dietitians offer hints for eating during the holidays

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Knowing that the average person gains between two and 10 pounds from Thanksgiving to New Year's is depressing enough to make you not want to eat.

But registered dietitian Darlene Zimmerman says it is possible to get through the holidays without the guilt, and the extra notch on your belt buckle.

"Don't set yourself up for failure, set yourself up for success," said Zimmerman.

Establishing realistic goals that will improve a person's health is the key.

"Make small changes. Losing 5 or 10 percent of your body weight might make a big enough change ... a change that would lower your blood pressure and cholesterol levels," said Zimmerman.

"Losing weight at the holidays might be an unrealistic expectation but maintaining your present weight is more reasonable."

She makes several suggestions for people who just can't resist the goodies being made substitutions and additions to recipes. Several might just surprise you.

#### Renovating recipes

■ Replace some or all of the heavy cream in your recipes with evaporated skim milk.

■ Replace all or part of the oil in muffins, cakes, quick breads or brownies with applesauce or prune puree. For example, if your zucchini bread recipe calls for 2 cups of oil, use 2 cups of applesauce instead. With every 2 cups of oil you eliminate, you cut 960 calories and 112 grams of fat from the recipe.

■ Since much of the fat in cake is in the frosting, top your favorite cake with fresh fruit, a fruit sauce, or a sprinkle of confectioner's sugar.

■ If your recipe calls for nuts, cut the amount in half and toast them. Toasting nuts brings out the flavor so you only have to use half as much.

■ In most recipes two egg whites can replace one whole egg.

■ Use low fat or skim milk instead of whole milk.

■ For low fat pie crusts, use crushed graham crackers moistened with fruit juice.

"Enjoying the holidays without gaining weight isn't as difficult as you may think. All it takes is a little know-how and an extra ounce of control," says Zimmerman.

Gail Cox, registered dietitian from Botsford's Health Development Network, says you should start planning around Halloween how you hope to manage your food intake during the holidays.

"Fast forward to January and think about how you want to feel then. Do you not want to gain any weight, can you afford to put on a couple of pounds or are you going to be depressed if you

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gain 10 pounds?" said Cox. "It may take some strategic planning but looking ahead will help you navigate through the holidays."

The first matter Cox encourages clients to deal with is the realization that "overindulging" is a normal part of living. "Learn to forgive yourself. You'll get up the next day and start all over again but I wouldn't beat myself up over doing it."

Handling additional food encounters is easier if you go to an office party or a New Year's celebration with more than an empty stomach.

■ Don't starve yourself before a gathering or you'll just eat more. Don't skip breakfast and lunch.

■ Freeze food gifts or give them away.

■ Serve fruit with traditional holiday foods so there's a nice mix between healthy staples like fruits and vegetables and heavier fare such as cakes and saucy entrees. "You'll be full without the calories if you keep fruits and veggies around and snack on those in between lunch and dinner."

■ If you're going to make a resolution start now. Don't wait until New

Years to make a change.

■ After a meal go out for a walk. Don't sit down. "Going for a walk will give you a brighter perspective. If you sit down after you eat you're more inclined to keep eating."

■ At a social event, socialize. Concentrate on meeting and greeting and not the food.

Cox says she follows the "anything goes for two days rule."

"I pick just two days during the holiday season to eat what I want and not worry about it. Like Christmas and New Year's day and then the rest of the time I make a conscious effort to maintain some control. If I look ahead on how I want to feel a month from now I get a better idea that an unlimited amount of eating is not the best choice. Everything in moderation!"

■ Darlene Zimmerman, MS, RD, is a registered dietitian who started her own private practice in 1995. She created "Eat Right for Life" - a seminar series designed to motivate, educate and empower people to obtain optimal health by making sensible food choices. She is an adjunct instructor at Madonna University, a member of the American Dietetic Association and president-elect for the Nutrition Entrepreneurs of Michigan. For information about her program call (248) 347-4285.

■ Gail Cox is a registered dietitian with Botsford Health Development Network in conjunction with Botsford Hospital of Farmington Hills. She will be teaching an innovative weight management program called "The Solution" beginning in January. For more information call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI (248) 477-6100.

## Beating the holiday blues with a positive attitude

**BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON**  
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Relieving stress at the holidays is easier said than done. The busy lifestyles we carve out for ourselves are often a chaotic blend of work, family, social responsibilities and volunteerism.

It's not unreasonable to think that the holiday season doubles the stress and anxiety we already feel due to these added pressures.

Sounds awful, doesn't it? Aren't the holidays supposed to be a festive time with family and friends?

Bari Berkowitz, a psychologist with Insight Outpatient Services of Livonia, says staying grounded isn't out of reach whether you're just starting to feel the heat or are at the end of your rope.

"Society, the media and TV places

expectations on us to have the perfect Christmas and Thanksgiving. That's so unrealistic. Nine times out of ten that doesn't happen and we feel badly."

■ d Berkowitz. "The key is bringing the values back into the home and not buying into what we perceive or what we are made to perceive is the perfect Christmas."

Berkowitz referred to a recent "family gathering" she had with her husband and three children as a way of illustrating how easy it is to scale back on the what she calls "all the fuss."

"Create simple rituals for your family. Sit down with them and find out what they want to get out of Christmas this season. What are their goals. I did that with my kids and found out they didn't want what I thought they did. Most of the time children, especially those whose parents both work, might want to spend quiet time with them," said Berkowitz.

The Livonia psychologist suggests watching a movie or playing a game one evening as a family. "People don't realize - that's the gift. Spending time with your children doing simple things. It's not the toys, because most of the time they're forgotten or broken in a week. It's the time you spend, together, that they'll remember."



Berkowitz

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

#### 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 other will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-3242 for information.

##### BALANCE YOUR BODY

Dr. Ed Taub will present a step-by-step wellness program titled "Balance Your Body, Balance Your Life," at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV to educate and motivate viewers to take steps to change the way they live. The program airs on PBS as part of the December 1999 pledge drive.

**AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION CLASS**  
A Life is in Your Hands: Heartsaver/Airway Obstruction Classes. Both day and evening classes available. \$20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

#### 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.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off Folsom Road, between Grand River and Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-7400.

**HEART TO HEART**  
Heart to Heart Discussion/Support Group "Laugh Your Way Through the Holiday Blues." This relaxed forum enables patients and their families to gain knowledge and insight into heart disease. No charge 2-3 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Conference Room 3 West, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### WED, DEC. 8

**OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION**  
Drs. Jenny and Alan Schenke, Botsford osteopathic physicians, will demonstrate osteopathic manipulation as well as stretches you can use at home to increase your flexibility. They will describe how osteopathic manipulation can be used to alleviate sinus blockage and breathing problems, to reduce pain in the back, hip and joints and to treat constipation. Meets at 1 p.m. Space will be limited so pre-registration required. Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East A and B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8020.

**ESTATE PLANNING**  
St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carelink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubienksi, 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**  
"Valuing Ourselves 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.

**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 "Managing Your Stress." From 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

**CARELINK LECTURE**  
"Let's Talk About Estate Planning," from 1-3 p.m. No fee. Call St. Mary Hospital, (734) 655-8940 for information.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
The St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m. to discuss "Low Blood Glucose - What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." There is no

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# Datebook

cost. Call (734) 655-8940.

## THUR, DEC. 9

**LOW BACK PAIN**  
Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present a lecture for all individuals interested in preventing low back pain, especially those with pain that interferes with daily living, sports or occupation. Objectives will be to identify positions and postures to avoid and prevent low back pain; demonstrate the most stable position of spinal alignment for exercise and functional activity; and describe the most appropriate strengthening and stretching exercises to achieve spinal stability. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physician Office Building), 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B 124 in Novi (at Grand River and Beck Roads). There is no charge for this class, but class size is limited. RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

**HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR**  
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh Day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Jason Goliath, M.D.; Aroldo Aragon, Ph.D.; clinical psychology; Rudy Gomez, M.D.; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information call (734) 844-8660.

**WONDER WALKERS**  
St. Mary Hospital is offering a health talk at Wonderland Mall as part of their sponsorship of Wonder Walkers, a walking club at the mall. Participants will learn ways to make better eating choices and about the role cholesterol plays in our diet on from 9-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall Community Room. There is a no fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at

(734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
Learn how you can designate a Patient Advocate who can act on your behalf regarding medical decisions should you become incapacitated. Program is held from 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Building - Farmington Hills/12 Mile. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

**EATER'S CHOICES**  
The Eater's Choice group will discuss cholesterol education from 9-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall. No Fee. Call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-8940.

**PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
A Life in Your Hands: Pediatric Basic Life Support & Airway Obstruction Classes. Both day and evening classes available. \$20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

**JAPANESE PLAY GROUP**  
This monthly play group, designed for moms with infants up to 18 months of age, provides a supportive environment where they can share concerns and engage in activities that strengthen the mother/baby bond. Facilitated by a nurse and a Japanese translator. 1 p.m. \$10 donation. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

## FRI, DEC. 10

**MUSIC SOOTHES**  
Mind/Body/Spirit Classes: "Music Hath Charms to Soothe." Ellen Bryan, a music therapist, will demonstrate ways to use music to lift your mood, motivate you through your tasks, relieve anxiety, and relax tension. 12:30 p.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. \$9 generations members, \$10 non-members, prepaid by December 7. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8020.

## SAT, 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.

## MON, DEC. 13

**YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT**  
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet the requirements for daycare providers. \$25 course fee includes manual. Class runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Providence Park (Assarian Cancer Center) 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

## TUE, DEC. 14

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**  
The St. Mary Hospital breast cancer support group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100.

**HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CPR**  
This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. \$25. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia (37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh). Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

## 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.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**  
The St. Mary Hospital caregiver support group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. No Fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

**MALL WALKING**  
Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club: Free December blood pressure screening. Enjoyable.

low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

## THUR, DEC. 16

**THE SOY STORY**  
Learn more about the benefits of soy, different types of soy products and how to cook with soy. \$10 fee. Program begins at 5 p.m. at the Providence Medical Office Center in Novi. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

**BREASTFEEDING CLASS**  
St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

**BASIC CPR COURSE**  
A Life in Your Hands: Basic First Aid Classes. Both day and evening classes available. \$35 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

## SAT, DEC. 18

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
A Life in Your Hands: BLS/Airway Obstruction Classes. Includes instruction on adult, infant and child CPR. Both day and evening classes available. \$25 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

**PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
A Life in Your Hands: Pediatric Life Support with Basic First Aid Classes. Both day and evening classes available. \$55 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

## TUE, DEC. 21

**STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT**  
For those who had or have a

cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

## WED, DEC. 22

**MENED HEARTS**  
A national support group for patients with heart disease and their families. Each meeting offers support in coping with the various challenges of heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free of charge at Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 471-8870.

## DEC. 29, 30

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breake Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

## FRI, DEC. 31

**Y2K WALK/RUN**  
Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31, at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. More information on the event may be obtained by calling 313-886-5560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or through the Web at www.activeusa.com

# Even cyberspace observes Christmas



MIKE WENDLAND

The spirit of Christmas is very much alive in cyberspace. I first started writing about the Internet and Christmas Web sites back in 1994 when the net was in its infancy. Back then, connection speeds were agonizingly slow—28.8 bps if you were lucky. But one of my observations then was that "the optimism of Christmas is exactly the sort of stuff that permeates cyberspace, where dreams really can come true."

I wasn't thinking of e-commerce and this incredible boom in online shopping that we're now seeing. I only wish I was that perceptive. No, I was just waxing about that mystical way the net can turn the emotional and exciting into virtual reality. For the net is a place for dreamers and anticipation. So is Christmas. And as the net has grown since those early days, so have Christmas Web sites. Last year the AltaVista search site returned links to a little more than 229,000 webpages mentioning Christmas and Santa Claus.

This year the number of pages is 690,229. So what follows is far from an exhaustive study. To come up with my recommendations, I've only been able to check out maybe a hundred of them.

My hope in doing this is that parents will sit down at the computer with their children and spend some quality time together dreaming and anticipating as they visit my selections for this year.

But be patient. Some of these sites are getting more than a half a million visitors a day and making the connection during peak traffic times can be a bit tricky.

Here then, are my Christmas Web site recommendations for 1999:

**Santa** Net (<http://www.santa.net>) - Year after year, the Santa Net Web site just gets bigger and more fun. There are all sorts of interactive things to do. Decorate a tree. Find Santa's sleigh. Send him an e-mail.

**North Pole for Kids** (<http://www.northpole4kids.com/>) - Like several other sites, this one claims to be Santa's "official" site. But the depth of mate-

rial offered here is substantial. Creativity and fun are the themes for the many family-oriented activities games, letters to and from Santa, pictures and artwork kids can scan in and send to the site for posting and lots of other wonderful Christmas stuff.

**Radio Santa Claus** (<http://www.netradio5.net/santa/santaeng.html>) - You have to visit this Web site, which is based in Finland. Be sure to listen to the RealAudio story from Santa, in a thick Finnish accent.

**Christmas Around the World** (<http://christmas.com/world-view/>) - Part of a larger site, this feature offers a clickable tour of some 200 different nations and regions of the world and how different cultures celebrate Christmas.

**Santa Tracking sites** - There are many sites which will "track" Santa's delivery on Christmas Eve. Most won't be fully operational until mid-December but kids love to watch Santa's progress around the world. Some are quite involved with colorful graphics and interactivity and require free little Java programs you download right to your PC. The three I like the best are the Norad tracking page (<http://www.noradsanta.org/>), Santa Tracking.com (<http://www.santatracker.com/>), and Claus.com (<http://www.claus.com/>).

**Religious Christmas** ([http://www.execcp.com/~tmuth/st\\_john/xmas/main.htm](http://www.execcp.com/~tmuth/st_john/xmas/main.htm)) - You need to be sure to check out this site, just to have the proper perspective. This is a Web site where you can read the original Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, and get lyrics to Christmas hymns, read Christmas dramas and look at a collection of photos from the little town where it all started 2,000 years ago... from where it all began.

Here's a few more of the Net's more creative Santa sites.

**"North Pole.com"** (<http://www.the-north-pole.com/>)  
**"Mr. Claus.com"** (<http://www.mrclaus.com/>)  
**"Santa Claus.com"** (<http://www.santa.com/>)  
**"Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus."** (<http://www.barricksinsurance.com/virginia.html>)

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).

# Storytelling used in business settings

Project Innovations, a Farmington Hills based meeting facilitation company, is using the ancient art of storytelling to help businesses implement change, improve processes, solve problems and develop trust. The company has explored the hidden relationship between business and the arts and is working with clients to incorporate the two into their strategies.

Project Innovations recommends the use of "strategic storytelling" throughout communications to help employees see

and understand an event or expectation. Employees are encouraged to clearly and dramatically share a story that describes a core value that is critical to the success of the company, such as leadership, integrity or service. As employees share their personal stories, values take on visual living descriptions, and vital bonds are formed.

"Used strategically, storytelling is an essential tool for bridging the gap between people of different authority levels and

personalities," said Michelle Napier-Dunnings, senior facilitator for Project Innovations. "The process is particularly important when planning a company's future direction, developing long-term strategies and forming new teams."

As more and more corporations site creativity and innovation as requirements in this fast-paced business environment, it seems that some of these child-like employee characteristics would be in high demand. Napier-Dunnings is convinced that

activities such as storytelling, creating collages and putting thoughts into pictures are a few of the keys to effective corporate communications.

Project Innovations is a meeting facilitation company formed in 1992 with offices in Farmington Hills and Lansing. The company specializes in training and leadership development for organizations throughout the United States. Visit [www.projectinnovations.com](http://www.projectinnovations.com) or call (248) 476-7577.

## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

### New 7-Eleven

7-Eleven recently celebrated the grand opening of a new store in Westland with ribbon cutting ceremonies featuring Scott Veldhuis, Economic Development Director of Westland.

### Boost to business

Papa Romano's, a Farmington Hills-based pizza business, in cooperation with McIlhenry Company, the maker of Tabasco Sauce, is echoing the highly successful "Who Wants to Be a

Millionaire" television show in their radio and TV advertisements. In radio spots running through December, a Regis Philbin sound-alike asks a contestant the million-dollar question.

"Other than traditional toppings, what is the number-one condiment Americans put on their pizza?" The answer is Tabasco Sauce. Franchisees are reporting to be receiving positive feedback from customers who receive a free two-liter of Pepsi

and an 1/8 oz. bottle of Tabasco Sauce with their pizza order.

### Money raised

Hundreds of employees at nine operating units of the Brooks Family of Companies, including Ekstrom Industries, Inc. of Farmington Hills, raised \$25,000 for needy neighborhood elementary schools. As estimated 5,000 school children are benefiting from this 'Adopt-a-School' program, a corporate giving program that celebrated the Brooks

Company's 124th anniversary in 1999.

### Supporting safe driving

American Speedy Printing Centers in southeast Michigan area teaming up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to sponsor the 13th annual "The One On For Safety - Red Ribbon Campaign." The campaign officially runs from Thanksgiving to New Years Day.

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MediaOne would like to thank our customers for your patience during this construction project and pledge that we will continue to make every effort to serve you.

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

### WED, DEC. 15

**AAH INVESTOR MEETING**  
The AAH Eastern Michigan Chapter will host J. Michael Lipper who will give an overview on mutual fund analysis. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library (Lone Pine Road and Telegraph). Cost is \$15 for members; \$20, non-members. Contact Cookie Coraj at (248) 646-9509.

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Business Network International's regular meeting is from 7-8:30 a.m. The Laurel Park Chapter gathers at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia chapter meets at St. Maurice

Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon in Livonia. For more information call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

### THUR, DEC. 16

**BUSINESS PLAN WORKSHOP**  
Preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, sources of help and example of a business plan will be offered: Class runs from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person at the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 895 in Detroit. Call SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) to register (313) 226-7947.

### FRI, DEC. 17

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Business Network International's regular meetings is from 7-8:30 a.m. The Livonia chapter meets at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI office at (810) 323-3800 for information.

### Dr. Audrey Bruell

is announcing the opening of her new dermatology office at:  
37605 Pembroke in Livonia  
734-591-7931

Dr. Bruell is a board certified Dermatologist. She is also a staff physician with Providence and Beaumont Hospitals, specializing in:

- Light Sheer Laser Hair Removal
- Power Peel 2000m
- Skin Rejuvenation Peels
- General Dermatology
- Skin Cancer Screenings
- Traditional Electrolysis



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Wednesday,

Dec. 8th at 7 A.M.

Canton Center Rd. at Cherry Hill

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Relax, enjoy fresh brewed gourmet coffee from around the world at our coffee shop. Now you will be able to purchase and enjoy 5 different varieties of fresh roasted coffee brewed fresh daily from Hazelnut Vanilla to Colombian Supremo. You never have to be without the highest quality, freshest coffee obtainable anywhere. Visit us today!  
Open Daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.



### Hot Dinners To Go!

Capture the taste of home cookin'! Over 9 varieties to choose from daily! Just to name a few...Rotisserie chicken and ribs, our famous wing drummies, macaroni and cheese and southern style potato wedges. Quick service - just pay at the deli register and go!



### The Butcher Shoppe...Only the Best

At our service counter our butchers are ready to take orders for customized requests...as well as offer cooking instructions and recipes. Our beef and pork are trimmed lean to 1/8" trim. More lean meat for your money!



### The Corner Bakery

Hot from the oven sweet delicious cakes, breads, rolls and pastries. Who could possibly resist our fabulous bakery? We're willing to bet you can't...in fact, we know you can't. For any special occasion, for any amount of people, our bakery will design a cake you'll be proud of!



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Post Office to conveniently handle all your postal needs. CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER...purchase money orders, wire funds through Western Union, rent carpet cleaning equipment and receive one-day photo processing.



### Full Service Old Kent Bank

Enjoy the convenience of banking where you shop. Auto loans, checking and savings accounts, mortgages, home equity loans, alternative investments, home improvement loans, even an ATM machine, all waiting to serve your personal needs.



### The Seafood Cove

"Jet Fresh" seafood rushed fresh to us everyday. From Cape Cod to San Francisco, our buyers are at the docks early every morning selecting the best of the catch. Every catch is rushed to us in special refrigerated containers.



### Salad & Soup Bar

Our Salad & Soup Bar simply overflows with fresh greens, crunchy toppings, tangy dressings, fresh slices and delicious fresh fruits. Always perfect for a hot lunch or a light dinner - and you can pay for your purchase at the deli register.



### Complete Pharmacy

Our Full Service Pharmacy inside Farmer Jack is ready to serve you 7 days a week. Drop off your new or current prescription and we'll take care of all the rest with our free prescription transfer service. Most major health care programs are honored. Your corner drugstore...just around the aisle.



### The Floral Shop

Our Farmer Jack Floral Shop has a perfect fresh gift idea to fit any occasion or to brighten any day. If there's something special you want made up, talk to our expert Florist. Watch for all the holiday decorating ideas to make your holiday parties easier to plan.

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