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#### **TUESDAY**

Last chance: Today is the final day to make a donation to the Canton Goodfellows. Donations of nonperishable food items and new, unwrapped toys will be accepted in a drop box at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, until 3 p.m.

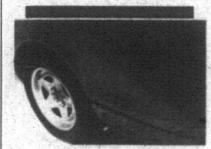
Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

School board: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

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A delegation of Plymouth-Canton school officials will likely offer the district's top job to Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher Friday after visiting her current district this week.

BY TONY BRUSCATO tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

If all goes as planned, Berkley school superintendent Kathleen Booher could be offered the job as Plymouth-Canton's new superintendent as early as Friday.

School board and community members will converge on Berkley Thursday in an all-day site visit discussing Booher with teachers, administrators, community leaders and business own-

Unless a bombshell arises, the Board of Education is expected offer Booher, 50, the job at a special meeting scheduled for 7 a.m. Friday.

"At that meeting we'll decide if we'll offer her a contract," said Susan Davis, Plymouth-Canton school board president. "I would like to see us wrap this up as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of the year."

Ten people will visit Berkley on Thursday to get a look at Booher's present district and ask questions. The visit is expected to take all day as Plymouth-Canton school officials want to affirm last Tuesday night's decision to make Booher the number one choice for the job.

"We're looking to find out her strengths and weaknesses, leadership style and how she works with the community," added Davis. "I think the site visit gives you a different feel on things we've already heard."

Davis will team with Pioneer Middle School principal Tom Owens, meeting with secondary school administrators and teachers.

Trustee Judy Mardigian will talk to elementary personnel and parents with Maureen Sullivan-Wolski, chairperson of the Superintendent Selection Com-

"I want to meet with parents and discuss how Kathleen interacts with the community," said Mardigian. "I've heard good things, but I want to hear from them how she does it.

Board member Mark Slavens, who

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# Cyber shopping sprees

# STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN Looking ahead: Andy Wrenbeck, manager of Planet Cycle looks to the future of additional sales on the Internet For a partial

# Local businesses sell to the world on the Internet

BY SCOTT DANIEL

ew businesses live up to their name. But with the help of the Internet, Planet Cycle is doing just that. The Canton-based bicycle shop routinely ships products to England, Germany, Mexico and Australia.

"I expected more local stuff," said manager Andy Wrenbeck, who launched a Web site in 1996. "But the local guys are blowing us off. It's all interna-

Planet Cycle is one of a growing number of local companies doing business on the Internet. While a hard figure is difficult to determine, the Web is clearly affecting bottom-lines across Canton and Plymouth.

"Last year we sold 36 homes off of the Internet," said Lee Bittinger, owner of RE/MAX Classic Realty in Canton. That's 25 percent of our overall sales. It has had a significant impact. That trend is growing nation-

According to Shop.org, an association of Internet retailers, about \$9 billion will be spent on the Internet this holiday season. Online sales for the third quarter of 1999 grew at a rate of 160 percent over the same period last year, it

Companies such as Ebay, an auction site, Amazon.com, Toysrus.com, and etoys.com are leading the charge, Shop.org reports. While local businesses don't gear their sites to Christmas as much, getting the word out is still important.

"I thought it would be a good avenue to reach people," Tom Gerou, a Canton chiropractor said. "It's also a good way to educate people about chiropractic.

Roger Ballard, president of Plymouth-based Community Federal Credit Union, said his company's Web site also informs. But it's evolving

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#### Site builder rides the Web wave

BY SCOTT DANIEL

It wasn't long ago that Ken Sroka had to convince business owners that getting on the Web was in their best interest.

Now as co-owner of Katoo Enterprises, a Canton-based firm specializing in Internet site development, he has to almost shake them off with a stick. Business folks have done a -180-degree turnaround,

according to Sroka.

before," he said. "Now it's everywhere. People realize they have to get in on it. They don't question it." Todd Benner, who owns and

runs a similar township company, Netheadz, agrees. He thinks businesses not on the Web are missing the boat.

"It's a cheap way to round out your advertising," Benner adds. "You can put information on there that people may not see otherwise

He notes that Canton is a "People weren't sure about it Please see WEB SITE, page A6

# Pro bono: Attorney works from his heart

listing of

businesses

erating

please turn to

Web sites,

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Canton

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homeo

The best presents, Christmas or otherwise, aren't always delivered in a package.

It's a concept local attorney George Dovas understands. He recently lent his time and expertise to help Teresa Smith, a worker at Johnson's Restaurant in Canton, keep her disability benefits.

All of the work was done free of

"She's the kind of person that deserves help," said Dovas, who's based in Livonia. "I was totally convinced that she was entitled to those benefits."

Smith wasn't sure how she'd survive if the checks were cut off. She was pleasantly surprised when she heard the good news.

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# Marking a milestone

#### Canton Place seniors call complex 'home' for 10th year

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homeo

Residents and managers of Canton Place celebrated the facility's 10th

anniversary Tuesday. About 100 seniors gathered for a noon luncheon in the activity room. It was one of several activities planned

Elizabeth Bologna has lived at Canton Place, which sits near the corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads, since it

"The apartments are lovely and it's near shopping," she said. "You couldn't ask for anything more."

More than 100 seniors, with an average age of 78, live at Canton Place. It's one of two township facilities run by National Church Residences

The Ohio-based non-profit organization began 35 years ago and has 200 facilities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Seniors must meet income guidelines to qualify for a subsidized apartment.

Ginnie Hauck manages both buildings. She thinks Canton and Sheldon Place meet the needs of seniors that can live independently. But she says there's more to do.

"We need more affordable assisted living in Canton," Hauck said. "I'd like to find land and build a quality, affordable assisted living facility.'



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Party: Original residents Millie Hay (left) and Estelle Roths pick up their lunch in the buffet line during the Canton Place 10th anniversary celebration Tuesday.

For now, Hauck was happy to celebrate Canton Place's anniversary

"It has been a journey," she told seniors. "It has been exciting and we've had our ups and downs.'

Barb Yack is one who helps keep things positive. She worked with Hauck for more than six years doing mostly administrative work.

"It's not like going to work," said Yack. "I get to visit with everyone and have coffee with them. It has become

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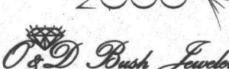
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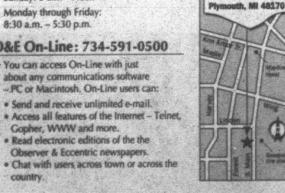
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# Man ambushed at gas station

was the victim of a strong-arm robbery in Canton Tuesday

According to township police reports, the man stopped at a Speedway Gas Station at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road at about 6 p.m. to pick up a soft drink.

As soon as he stepped out of his car, reports said three white males ages 17-20 attacked him. One described as 5-feet 9-inches tall and 170 pounds took a cell phone off of the man's belt.

All three men hit the Westland man, reports said. He eventually turned over \$15 in cash to the trio. Reports said they hit him again and then ran south behind the gas station.

The Westland man was able to drive himself home. His mother then took him to Annapolis Hospital for treatment

Reports said he suffered a bro-

marks the 30th anniversary of

the Park Players of Plymouth

Salem and Plymouth Canton

This spring they will celebrate

their tradition of excellence with

an alumni tribute weekend and

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on the Roof." The April 8 perfor-

mance of the show, which runs

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"Fiddler" 8 p.m.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2000 for the following:

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours.

Afterglow party

■ Saturday, April 8, 2000

"The Exodus" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

perform "Fiddler" 8 p.m.

■ Afterglow party

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information for any other Ply-

mouth Park Player they may

**Retail Fraud** 

es and injured wrist. A gas station clerk said she noticed the three men hanging around the station about 45 minutes before the attack. She didn't, however, see the robbery.

More than \$4,500 worth of n't describe or identify, took damage was done to a Belleville Road business late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

An unknown person(s) broke into Clark Block and Supply between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 4 a.m. Wednesday, reports said. A pair of Hi Lo vehicles were driven into equipment and a garage door causing extensive damage. An office was also broken into on the site. Reports said a vend-

phone were also damaged in the

ing machine was smashed and

food stolen. A microwave and cell

COP CALLS

An unidentified woman was arrested for trying to shop lift about \$65 worth of merchandis from Meijer Monday. found in his car.

The woman, whom reports did medicine, makeup and a pair of movie videos and concealed them. Reports said she then tried to leave the store without Loss prevention officers

stopped her. She was later transported to Canton's Police Department and given a 35th District Court appearance date of Jan. 6,

About \$50 worth of damage

son drove over the 41-year-old woman's grass at her Sussex Street home, according to

Paraphernalia

A 24-year-old Plymouth man was arrested in Canton Tuesday after drug paraphernalia was

Police reports said the man who was driving a 1998 Ford, was stopped near the intersection of Morton Taylor Road and Candlewood Street for speeding at about 4 p.m. The vehicle was traveling 43 mph in a 25 mph zone, reports said.

The man initially gave police a false identification and was arrested. A subsequent search of his vehicle revealed a marijuana

The Plymouth man was held on \$300 bond, according to

# Canton woman in pageant

Jennifer Presley of Canton will compete in the 1999 National Pageant Dec. 16-21 in Orlando, Fla.

Presley, 23, was named 1999 Ms. Detroit in the local competition sponsored by Nationals, Inc. last June at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

The RN at Children's Hospital in Detroit scored marks of 90 percent or better in her personal interview, casual wear and formal wear competitions to take the top local prize.

Her prizes included an expense-paid trip to the national pageant in Orlando, where she will compete in her division for the chance to win scholarships and other awards



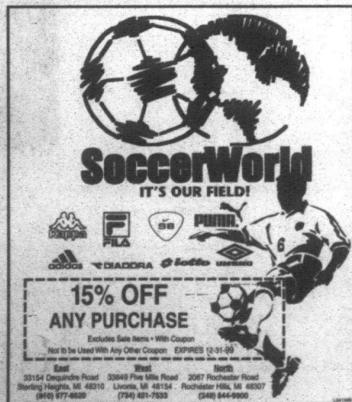
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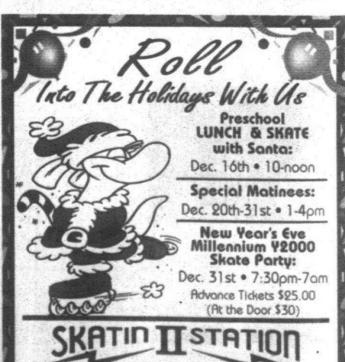
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## CANTON CONNECTION

Contest winners

Seven area students were named award winners in the 21st annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest

The contest is co-sponsored by the Canton Fire Department, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and AutoNation during October, which is National Fire Prevention Receiving first-place awards

were Julie Kayganich, a second-grader at All Saints School, and Sjarina Bello, a fourth-grader at Plymouth Christian Academy. Second-place recognition

went to Justina Spinale, thirdgrader at Eriksson Elementary and Rebekah Hunter, fourthgrader at Agape Christian Cen-Third-place awards went to

third grades at Plymouth Christian Academy and Lyndsay Ross, Gallimore Elementary fifth-grader. The AutoNations Choice Award was given to Patrick

Lutz, fourth-grader at Ply-

Henri Pierre Jacques', first-

Rallying for a cause

mouth Christian Academy.

Several area businesses have ongoing campaigns during the holidays to help benefit local families in need

Holiday Market is collecting canned goods and non-per- Arena in Plymouth Township.

Westland All American Classic The 9-year-old representing

Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The re99@aol.com. community is welcome to come You need not be present to and remember children who have a child's name included in have died. For more informa- the memoria

There will be a candle memori- tion, or to register a child's al and dedication of a Christmas name, call Barb Kilgore at (734) tree at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at 455-8679 or e-mail at TKilgo-

Canton Bread Company owners Jerry Sprague and Scott Taylor are donating bread to several organizations in the area, including First Step and the Salvation Army along with several metro Detroit soup kitchens

ishable foods through Dec. 15

in conjunction with Toys for

■ The Canton Public Library is selling quilt raffle tickets through Dec. 15 for the Canton Goodfellows. The library has also launched its "Food for Fines" campaign, in which they will forgive overdue book fines up to \$10 if a patron donates a bag of food.

■ The Canton Chamber of Commerce Past Presidents Committee has donated \$100 to the Canton Goodfellows.

#### Skater earns medal

Katrina Alber of Canton took second place at the recent

the Plymouth Figure Skating Club performed her second program to Disney's "Bare Necessities" and was good enough to beat out skaters from Melvindale. Westland and Farmington Hills for the Silver

Katrina also recently finished third in a multi-state competition at Compuware

### Candlelight vigil for deceased children set for Sunday night

Roping them in: Sara O'Leary, 8, a third grader, jumps rope with her Junior Varsity group from the Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers at Savage Elementary in Van Buren Township. The Ropers perform at local area schools, including during half-time at varsity basketball games. The objective of the group is to promote physical activity, fitness, teamwork

and fun. About 80 children make up the JV and

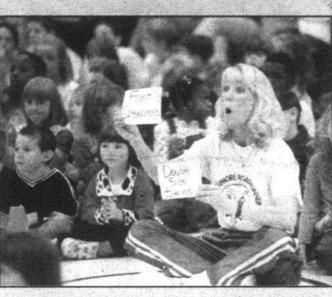
varsity teams from Gallimore.



Gallimore jumpers take their routine on the road



Teamwork: Austin Bradley (first grade), Josh Boor (second grade) and Kyle Wilkinson (second grade) jump rope to a Backstreet Boys song.



Instructions: Coach Linda Rotramel holds up cue cards as she encourages the jumpers during a rou

Class project: Several classes from Bird Elementary School in Plymouth dropped their donations off at the Observer office last week and then posed for a group pic-

# Cheer Club in home stretch

colleagues who have donated to days special for everybody, not

Barb and Gordie Bardelen, the toy - or maybe a gift of warm

Carrie Blazewski; Canton resi- When you bring your donation

dents Jaunita Tenkill, Ron and to our office, we'll ask you to

Plymouth residents Bob and people have plenty to spend.

There's still time to make a this year campaign include: donation to the Plymouth-Can-Cindy Modras, Beverly E. Bookton Observer Cheer Club.

The Cheer Club is open to new er, Mike and Nancy Riemen- Christmas shopping and have a and returning "members" schneidor. through Wednesday. All that's required is a donation of new Cortellinis, George Veach, clothing - your thoughtfulness toys, clothes or food to our office William and Lorraine McLion, will be appreciated. at 794 S. Main St., Plymouth.

during business hours. On Thursday, we will turn Nowel Lustik; Garret and Drew leave your name and city or over the collected items to the Blaszkowski of Pickney; and township of residence. Or, you Salvation Army so that they can Mary Fedoroff's third-grade can donate anonymously if you, be distributed to needy people in class, along with Mrs. Olvera's prefer Plymouth, Canton and third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders Happy Holidays' Please keep from Bird.

Your friends, neighbors and The idea is to make the holi-

Wednesday-Friday through Dec.

Observers are collecting items include: during the holiday season to Kitchen utensils such as sil-plies;

donate to the First Step Shelter verware, pots and pans, storage for victims of domestic violence. containers and plastic baby bot-The collection will run at the tles; Observer circulation office in Personal care items includ- the Canton office only Call (734)

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## Internet from page A1

beyond that to become truly

interactive, he explained. "We're trying to bring personal service to the Internet environment," Ballard said. "We're all about fulfilling member needs, either electronically or face-to-

#### Pedaling ahead

Planet Cycle opened its doors more than two decades ago in Canton. It built a strong patron base by providing bikes for enthusiasts and to local families.

In 1996, Wrenbeck sought to get ahead of what he saw as a coming wave in the business -Internet sales.

Mon.-Fri. 10-8,

"We saw it as a cheap way of advertising," the manager

For the first two years of planetcycle.com, that's exactly what it was. But about 14 months ago, Wrenbeck began "e-commerce" on the site:

more, it's still a relatively small "We're hoping to have 10,000 hits (on the site) by March," he

A variety of products are sold, including parts, clothing and other cycling gear. The only thing not sold on the site, oddly enough, is bicycles.

Wrenbeck. Most items sold over the Internet cost \$50 or less. Wrenbeck said it's common for Planet Cycle to receive one to two Internet orders each day.

"It's too complicated," said

"The first thing I do every morning is check the e-mail," he

While Internet sales have gone well and the shop plans to do

piece of the pie. "It's less than 5 percent of our sales," Wrenbeck said.

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Bigger impact For Bittinger, the Internet plays a much larger role. The Realtor, who runs the business with wife Noel, has seven Web

"We're on the leading edge of technology in terms of real estate companies," said Bit-

He sees the Web as a tool for his agents and customers. Many home buyers, in fact, are doing a lot of the leg work in finding

their dream digs online Bittinger encourages it by including information on local school districts, such as state test scores, as well as a myriad of community information. He

thinks it's a less threatening environment for buyers. "We find that people like to go search for their home on the Web," he said. "It's a total non-

pressure situation for them." At bittinger.com, shoppers can view real estate listings that are updated weekly. Price, style, location, size, number of bedroom and bathrooms are listed for each home as well as a photo

Having that type of information saves both shoppers and Realtors time, Bittinger said. "People come in already edu-cated," he added. "They know what they want. It eliminates showing houses they probably

on't be interested in.' Bittinger has invested more than \$100,000 in hardware and software to create and maintain his Web sites. Agents are encouraged to become Web savvy and have their own pages.

"We attract agents because of our technology," Bittinger said. "We have 58 agents. That's unheard of for a three-year-old RE/MAX."

#### Family act

The name Gerou is a familiar one in Canton and Plymouth.

While Tom practices chiroprac tic south of Joy Road, Mike is a civil and criminal lawyer in downtown Plymouth. Instead of launching separate sites, the brothers share Gerou.com.

A main page serves as a portal for both. A click takes surfers to Mike's or Tom's separate Web

"I've gotten a few referrals from it," said Tom Gerou. "But I haven't worked at it like I

The site was launched in 1997 One reason, the chiropractor said, was to lock in the "domain name of Gerou.com, Having the domain registered means that no other individual or company can

use it legally.

Tom plans on utilizing his site more in the future. He has started to list the Web site on compa ny letterhead and other promotional materials

equity and mortgage loan information are offered as well as personal lines of credit and credcards through the credit union. Members can complete an online loan application for many of

The future of Community Federal's Web site will be customization, according to Ballard. The idea isn't to reinvent the wheel, he adds, but to pattern after sites like Yahoo and America Online which allow users to create a personalized Web page, such as "My Yahoo" or "My Web site last year. Members who

> Patrons would be able to manage checking, savings and loan accounts on such a page. Some bills might also be paid, Ballard

"We want to make it interac-

tive," he commented. The credit union has added staff to service its Web site. mmunity Federal's "virtual branch" has a manager and a half dozen support personnel who answer member questions and respond to e-mail.

"We're backing up on Web efforts with personal service,

#### Hometown 'hits' on the Web What businesses in Canton and Plymouth are on the Web lere's a partial listing: Retail Flowers - www.mrsbees.com Gifts - www.giftprofessionals.com/basketsbybecky.htm Cigars - www.hismokers.com Bicycles - www.planetcycle.com Pizza - www.toarminas.com Newspapers - www.oeonline.com RE/MAX - www.bittinger.com Century 21 - www.c21goldhouse.com Legal - www.gerou.com Dentistry - www.mindspring.com/~jglinskidds Web page creation - www.netheadz.com - www.katoo.com Banking - www.cfcu.org Many of Canton and Plymouth's larger stores can also be accessed on the Web. Most, such as Meijer, Target and Kmart,

can be reached by typing the company name followed by .com.

"I think in the next few years

if you're not on there you're

said Gerou.

clients for me.

going to be in the stone ages,"

Mike Gerou views his Web

page as a way of rounding out

"We're trying to incorporate

our Web address on into other

kinds of advertising we do," he

Convenience be thy name

Patron demand led to the cre-

ation of Community Federal's

were already using phone bank-

Web access, Ballard said.

ing and ATM services pushed for

"We found there was a strong

correlation among the three," he

The average consumer may

not think of a financial institu-

or Kohl's. But Ballard says his

market just like a department

Its Web site is increasingly

fashioned to sell. Vehicle, home

"We consider ourselves a retail

credit union has products to

business," he commented.

tion in the same vein as a Meijer

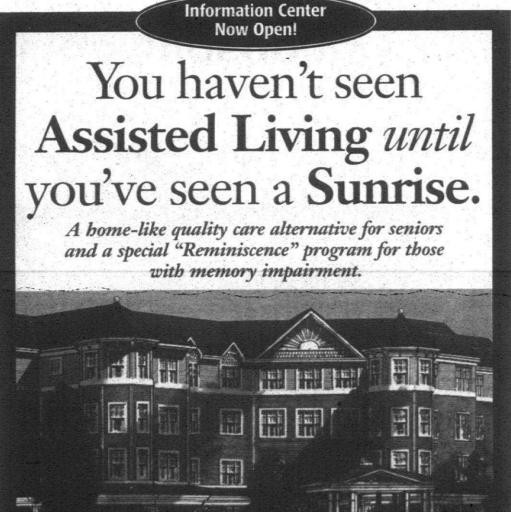
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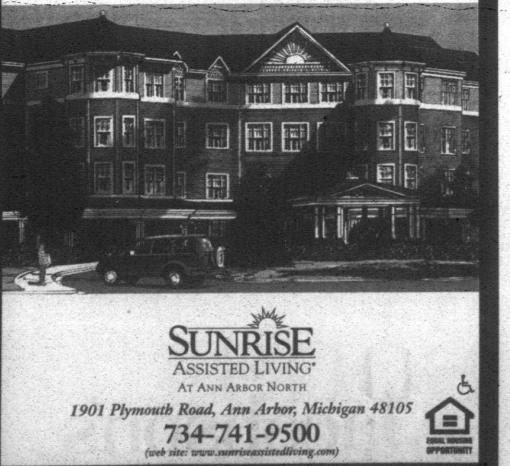
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# Principals can join unions, but not in Detroit

Principals and supervisory personne in local school districts dodged a legislative bullet Wednesday, Dec. 8. They'll retain the right to form unions and engage in collective bargaining ... but not those in the city of Detroit.

Republican lawmakers voted to narrow a proposed ban on unionization of school district administrators to Detroit

That drew a furious response from

"This bill is both racist and union busting, and the people of this state will not forget," Rep. Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) said in anger during the debate on the House floor.

"There is no excuse for this political

damaging the people of one city in the nothing and wish to have no responsi-

Verbiage from Detroit Democrats was even harsher. Rep. Irma Clark (D-Detroit) called the proposal "disgusting" and labeled

tution ring" for considering it.

the House of Representatives a "prosti-

"Maybe we should pass some legislation for the rest of the state," Rep. Bob all school principals and supervisors

body to pass bill after bill after bill Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said.

state, a city about which you know racism. Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring fall's teacher strike in Detroit. Some Lake) said he had listened to the House debate and found it "embarrassing."

"This is about improving education in the city of Detroit," Rep. Gene DeRos- was good public policy," Bennett said. sett (R-Manchester) said. "If we were racist, why would we care?"

As initially proposed, Senate Bill 663, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett (R- ber of distressed schools districts. This Canton) would have banned unions for

Republicans bristled at the charge of spurred to introduce the bill by last principals, he said, joined teachers on the picket lines.

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Kathleen Booher members, has a num ber of questions he wants

answered. "I want to know if they feel she's a leader, and what type of will interview government lead-vision she's had for the district," ers; school trustee Darwin Watts said Slavens. "I'm also interested in how she has developed con- Association President Chuck tacts with her state lawmakers Portelli will talk with unionized and local government leaders.

"I've been pleased with both of Slavens. "Unless something position sometime in February. really negative turns up, I'm ready to offer her a contract."

'I want to meet with parents and discuss how (Booher) interacts with the community.'

> Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton trustee

The two other groups will consist of Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and board member Steve Guile, who and Plymouth-Canton Education

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# Web site from page A1

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them all.

terms of Internet access. Benner thinks the introduction of cable modems will also bring more local residents to the Web seeking products and services.

"Our area is very wired up," he commented. "There's no reason why anyone in Canton shouldn't be on the Web."

Sroka started Katoo with a partner in 1996. Since then, the firm has built a client base of about 35 ranging from Realtors to small Internet service

It takes Katoo two to three weeks to create a new Web site. Sroka said the process begins with an interview.

"We try to find out what their needs are and set realistic expectations for their site," he com-

Developing a central message for the site is also key.

very connected community in I 1 think e-commerce is still in its infancy. People will do more and more business on-line.'

co-owner, Katoo Enterprises

"The goal is to get people's will continue to grow in the attention," Sroka said. Sites are also designed with search engines in mind. Including key words or phrases on the

those engines, said Sroka.

While each site is tailored to fit the needs of the client, most have common elements. "About us" generally includes \$150 per Web page. Typical biographical information about Internet sites are from one to the company. "Feedback" gives four pages or more, said Sroka. Web surfers the chance to

its products. "Contact" usually includes email addresses and company phone numbers. "Links" send

sers to related Web sites. While it's unclear how many ocal companies are utilizing the tos, plus the amount of time

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Creating and maintaining a Web site is relatively inexpensive, according to Sroka and Benner. Katoo charges about

"Host" fees are also charged. inquire about the company and Client sites are stored on Katoo servers for about \$30-\$35 per month Netheadz, meanwhile, offers

three separate pricing packages. Rates are affected by the number of linked Web pages and pho-Web. Sroka thinks the numbers spent creating custom graphics

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Clients can spend as little as \$800 to more than \$2,000 to create a Web site. After that, yearly storage and access fees range from \$300 to \$1,200, again depending on the Web site's com-

Benner, who founded Netheadz in 1996, says one-on-one service is the strength of his

"I work well with people," he said. "I will spend as much time as needed to inform and educate clients about having their own Web site." Benner works with about a

dozen clients. While many are in the Canton-Plymouth area, some are miles away. Netheadz serves three compa-

nies in Toledo and another in Traverse City. Benner said proximity isn't that important in creating a solid Web site. "I'm good at working with peo-

ple and getting to the core of what their business is," he adds

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some drivers off guard. By early Monday after the first snowfall, AAA Michigan has served 400

motorists, with battery trouble, flat tires and spin-outs among the most roads from the good-road gap of 3 seccommon problems. Numbers are normal for a Monday morning.

In fact, says AAA Michigan, the leading

stops; you can't. AAA Michigan recommends increasing your following distance on slippery ice surface has either been polished by

A good way to measure the six-second Drivers find out the hard way that time gap is to pick out a distinct road slick driving conditions can affect a marking or sign, and then begin count- and ice from the entire car - hood, roof,

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and bridges, overpasses and intersecthan using high-beams. tions - areas where ice is likely to form first or be slipperiest because the shiny previous traffic, a thin layer of water

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Don't brake hard In a skid, ease off the accelerator and Motorists should carry shovel, boots vehicle's handling and braking ability. ing when the car ahead passes that spot trunk, turn signals, lights, windows, don't lock up the brakes. Carefully steer and other winter items in their trunks.

be unprepared for changing road condi-

Anticipate potential danger such as

ings, stalled cars and poor visibility.

Adjust speed, increase distance between

other cars or change lanes to avoid trou-

Northwest adds flights to Rome from Metro

Northwest Airlines will begin nonstop flights from Detroit to Rome starting April 2, 2000.

The U.S. Department of Transportation issued North west a permit Tuesday to operate that flight and a Detroit Milan, Italy, route. The daily flights will be operated in cooperation with Alitalia Italian Air. lines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines as part of the airlines' proposed tripartite agreement.

The DOT granted anti-trust immunity for a Northwest/Ali talia/KLM alliance on Dec. 3 to allow the three carriers to closely align their routes in the weeks ahead. In addition, the DOT announced Monday that an "Open Skies" agreement had been reached between the United States and Italy.

Effective April 2, Northwest flight 66 will depart Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport daily at 5;30 p.m. and arrive at Rome's Fiumincio International Airport at 8:25 a.m. the following day. Return flight 65 will depart Rome daily at 11 a.m. and arrive in Detroit at 3:10

In the Milan market, Northwest flight 64 will depart Metro at 5:25 p.m. and arrive at Milan's Malpensa International Airport at 7:45 p.m. the following day. Return flight 63 will depart Milan at 9:50 a.m. and arrive in Detroit at 1:30 p.m. The Rome and Milan services will operate with Northwest DC-10 aircraft.

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Rome and Milan are Alitalia's two primary hubs. Northwest officials plan to

offer service beyond Rome and Milan to major cities in Italy. thern Europe and the Mediterranean, according to Ray Vecci, Northwest's president of Michigan operations.

#### Forum scheduled for GOP hopefuls

The Western Wayne County Republican Club, formerly the Westland Republican Club, will hold a Candidates' Forum 7 p.m. Monday, at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren, Garden City. Participating will be announced Republican candidates for the 20th State House of Representatives district.

The district includes the city and township of Plymouth. Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville, along with the northwest area of Livonia.

There are currently four Republican candidates who have announced their intentions to run for the seat. All have indicated they will participate in the forum. They are: David McDonald. Plymouth councilman recently selected as that city's mayor, Eric Colthurst, a Plymouth attorney from Northville who was fermerly a magistrate at the 35th District Court; Theresa Folino of Northville vice chair of the Republican 13th Congressional District Committee and party activist; and Matthew Cowles of Northville, a former legislative assistant to then-State Sen. R. Robert Geake.

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After years of fighting the Social Security Administration, she was finally able to get disability benefits in 1996. Smith. however, was notified in July that her benefits would be terminated.

"They said I was capable of working (full-time)," she said. Smith works part-time at Johnson's bussing tables. A waitress at the restaurant introduced Dovas to her shortly after she received the letter. "He comes in for lunch all the time," said Smith.

With his help, she appealed the decision. A hearing was held in front of a Social Security

appeal board on Nov. 5. Dovas argued on Smith's behalf for nearly two hours. The board handed down its decision in her favor shortly before

ing the Social Security Administration, she was finally able to get disability benefits in 1996. Teresa Smith, however, was notified in July that terminated.

was expecting another fight," said Smith. "I knew the next step would be in front of a

The attorney, who has practiced civil and criminal law in Westland and Livonia for three decades, said several witnesses testified at the hearing. He wasn't surprised at the outcome and said Smith was deserving.

"She does everything she can to help herself." Dovas comment ed. "She's a good person." Smith's case will be reviewed

by Social Security every year While it's unclear if she'll have to fight to keep her benefits each time, she's just pleased that Dovas was able to help this

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Services for Harriett W.

Schroder, 99, of Grand Rapids

3 at the Schrader-Howell Funer-

Brent E. Miller officiating. Buri

al was in Riverside Cemetery,

Livonia. She died Nov. 30 at

Porter Hills Presbyterian Vil-

retired school teacher. She

lage, Grand Rapids, She was a

ed Michigan State Normal Col-

versity) and received a bache-

lor's degree in education. She

then taught in the Plymouth

she taught sight saving. Her

career extended for more than

50 years. She had a great love

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She was preceded in death by her mother, Ester Hilda Oblak. attended school in Plymouth and Survivors include her husband, graduated from Plymouth High Mickey A. Long of Canton; father, Matthew Jospeh Oblak School in 1922. She then attend Novi; one daughter, Kelli Beth lege (now Eastern Michigan Uni-(Roy) Sisco of Sumpter Township; one son, Brian Michael (Susan) Long of Allen Park; two brothers, Rudy Oblak of Bloomfield Township, Matthew Oblak transfer to Grand Rapids where of Livonia; two sisters, Cheryl McGrigan of Livonia, Jane Lerg of Livonia; and one grandson.

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IRENE G. SIMMS

Services for Irene G. Simms, 3, of Livonia were Dec. 4 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

She was born Nov. 14, 1926, in

Detroit. She died Dec. 1 in Livo-

nia. She was a technician for Burroughs Corp. Survivors include her three laughters, Vicki L. Simms of Canton, Paula (Michael) Bradoury of Livonia, Linda (Keith) Sexton of Ala.; one son, Charles Barbar) Simms of Inkster; one sister, Barbara (Loren) Bouse of Redford; 10 grandchildren; and

16 great-grandchildren norials may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 29777 Telegraph Road, Southfield 4807.

DALE F. DUTHIE Services for Dale F. Duthie,

50, of Canton were Dec. 8 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley offici-He was born June 30, 1949 He died Dec. 5 in Canton. He

was a systems analyst in the computer industry. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; one son, John; one daughter, Karen; one brother Dennis (Marlene); and one sis ter, Diane (Gary) Williams.

Angela Hospice or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funer-

HELEN J. BARNETTE

Services for Helen J. Barnette 85, of Canton were held Nov. 22 at St. Thomas A'Becket Church She was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Erie, Penn., and died Nov. 19. She was a manager in the food nd beverage industry.

Survivors include her three aughters, Charlotte Hall, Carole D. (Norman) Kuehn and Catherine Rogoulot; one son, James (Lucille) Barnette; one sister, Irene Haegar; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchil

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LAMBERT L. PENCE Private services were held for Lambert L. Pence, 88, of Ply-

He was born Oct. 8, 1911, in Delaware County, Ind., and died Dec. 4 at Farmington Hills Hospice. He was a carpenter for a construction company

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; one son, Larkin; one daughter, Joan Pence; and one granddaughter, Eleanor. CARL F. THORP

Services for Carl L. Thorp, 92,

of Westland were held Dec. 10 at St. Michael Lutheran Church with the Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Glen Memorials may be made to Eden Cemetery Livonia. He was born Jan. 23, 1907, in

Port Huron and died Dec. 7 in Superior Township, He retired in 1972 after 30 years of service with Burroughs Corp. where he

was a final inspector. Mr. Thorp originally hailed from Detroit, moving to Dearborn Heights in 1957 and to Westland in 1992. He was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton Township. He was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan and enjoyed coaching boys baseball. He had a great sense of humor and especially enjoyed being with his family.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. The funeral was Friday, Dec. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church with Pastor Jerry Yarnell offici ating. Burial took place in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia,

Memorials may be sent to St Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI

### Area resident leads seminar

Plymouth resident Norma Tims, Life Management Teacher at South Lyon High School and president of Michigan Life Management Educators, presided at the Michigan Life Management Educators Fall Confer-

ence held in Lansing Oct. 20-22. The theme for the conference was "Life Management Education Across the Curriculum Linking Learning to Family and Career Success.

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# Charter school cap will not be raised this year

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BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Unable to find the necessary votes

mong representatives, Gov. John Engler and the House Republican leadership gave up hopes of raising the cap on charter schools by the end of this Despite approval by the Senate

Wednesday, Dec. 8, of House Bill 4959 a bill already voted out by the House but amended in the Senate to contain verbiage raising the limit on universityauthorized "public school academies" from the current 150 to 200 in the comng year - House leadership didn't even take a vote before adjourning for the year early Thursday morning. A handful of House Republicans could

not be convinced of the need to raise the cap. The primary concern of opponents, on both sides of the aisle, was accountability of charter schools to the public and the state legislature Locally, two lawmakers were among

the holdouts who defeated the bill -Ren. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, and Rep. Gerald Law, R-Ply- in operation in the state and another

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, wanted provisions added making charter schools as accountable for

Law explained that charter schools have been allowed to operate like private schools, but get taxpayer money to pay for operations. He wanted provisions added making charter schools as accountable for their spending as public

Godchaux said the charters draw money away from public schools. That makes it more difficult for failing school districts to improve their performance In the meantime, the state is doing little to support those students left behind n the distressed school districts.

Engler had wanted the limit increased by the end of this year so that new charter schools could open next fall. According to his spokesman, John Truscott, some 140 schools are already

100 are ready to seek approval. With the failure of the bill, new charter schools will have to (a) wait a year, (b) seek authorization through an agency other than a state university, such as a school district or community college, spending as public schools. or (c) count on lawmakers passing the bill early next year with enough addi-

> When the House could not move the bill the previous week, Republican senators took the initiative. Starting with House Bill 4959 - a non-controversial bill allowing gifts made to school districts to be moved to foundations. already approved by representatives and awaiting action in the Senate lawmakers in the upper chamber added the wording to raise the cap on charter schools. The amendment would have raised the limit by 50 in the first year,

then by 25 more in following years. On the floor, Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onodaga, sought to amend the bill to increase accountability. Her proposal would have required charter schools to release audits to the state, obtain criminal records of employees, require credentials for teachers, provide special education services, adopt conflict of

"Let's not be afraid of a little competition. We ought not just put up barriers, pulling in the reins on kids who need our help. Public schools cannot be all things

Mike Rogers,

interest policies, comply with state procurement policies and review comaints made by parents.

"This is straightforward. It is reason able ... I'm not against charter schools These will help them to be successful," Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, said all

those requirements were in the bill already since it required that charters follow existing state laws. "Let's not be afraid of a little competi tion," Rogers countered. "We ought not just put up barriers, pulling in the reins

schools cannot be all things to all peo-

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, proposed an amendment which would require charter schools to report publicly what they pay to management companies when such firms are contracted to run those schools. "Disclosure is needed to safeguard

public monies," he argued. "Once it is in the hands of the management company, it becomes private."

Rogers disagreed again. "I wish the minority had taken the time to read this bill because it is already in there,"

Both amendments failed in 15-22 party line votes. On final passage, senators approved the bill 22-15, only to have the bill stall again in the House. Among the Observer & Eccentric

Newspaper coverage area, here's how the legislators in the Senate voted: Yes - Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Thaddeus

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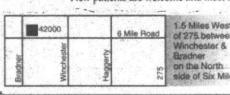
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# WCCC receives accreditation

PRNewswire - Evaluators from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will recommend a 10-year accreditation for the Wayne County Community College District, the highest ranking accreditation. The association is the principal accrediting body for Postsecondary and secondary schools in the Midwest.

Over a 2½ day period, members of the team met with college officials, faculty, staff, students and representatives from the corporate, religious and civic communities to determine the quality and integrity of programs and services offered at community

This included visits to all five campuses, local extension centers and an exhaustive review of materials and documents relating to the organization, staffing and delivery of instructional services to more than 18,000 students enrolled at the institution each year.

As a result of their fact-finding visit, Dr. Vernon Crawley, president of Moraine Valley Community College in Palo Hills, Ill., and chair of the 10-member onsite team, reported to the college that the team will forward to NCA a recommendation for a 10year period of accreditation with no focus visits.

Since 1976, Wayne County Community College has had continued accreditation with an increasing length of time awarded by NCA between on-site visits. In 1987, a five-year accreditation was awarded to the college. In 1992, WCCCD received a seven-year accreditation as a comprehensive community college.

This recommendation by the

on-site evaluators marks the first time the 32-year old institution has earned the highest level of continued accreditation the agency offers. Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor of the five-campus district is pleased with the team recommendation. "This is an historic moment for WCCCD and an opportunity to build upon the success we've worked so hard to achieve," Dr. Ivery said. "The efforts of all members of the college community have finally been recognized and certified by their peers."

# Directory available

(PRNewswire) - The Detroit Regional Chamber has recently released the third edition of its Manufacturing Directory to Regional Detroit.

Produced by the Chamber's Research and Information Center, this comprehensive guide lists more than 3,400 manufacturers throughout the 10-county region. Companies in the directory are listed alphabetically and by SIC code.

Also included in the directory is the Regional Detroit Guide to Business Parks. Produced in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, business park listings include park name, location, acres available, zones, road and rail access, contacts and more.

Cost for the directory is \$35 for chamber members, \$50 for nonmembers; or on disk at \$175 for chamber members, \$200 for nonmembers. For more information or to purchase a directory, call (313) 596-0333 or email: ccarterdetroitchamber.com.

# Group honors McNamaras for support to organization

DETROIT/PRNewswire/—
wayne County Executive
Edward McNamara and his wife,
Lucille, will receive the Lifetime
Achievement Award from Life
Directions Inc., a young adult
mentoring and guidance organization in Detroit.

The McNamaras were honored for their longtime support to Life Directions at the organization's annual Tribute Dinner Thursday at the Hotel Pontchartrain.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was the recipient of Life Directions' Lifetime Achievement Award last year, the 25th Anniversary of Life Directions. The McNamaras have supported the organization both personally and professionally during his political and civic career. They were presented with the award by Ron Reed, vice president, Ameritech.

Life Directions recognized several other Detroiters who have contributed to the organization in past years. It has created the Mary Ball Award, named for the recently deceased civic activist. The Mary Ball Award is dedicated to an activist or journalist who has made the community more aware of the challenges facing young people. WDIV Channel 4 news anchorman Emery King is the 1999 recipient of the Mary Ball Award, which will be presented to King by Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

Life Directions has also created its Symbol of Service Award, which will be presented posthumously to Joan Petitpren, another longtime supporter of the organization, by Cameron Priebe of the Wayne County Executive's Office. Petitpren passed away

two months ago.

Life Directions works with and for the benefit of young people, particularly those who are economically poor, ages 13 through 35, to foster the attitudes needed for growth into responsible adults. The core values of the mission are the fostering of a mission-driven attitude, partnership in diversity, balance in relationships and self-responsibility for one's own future.







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#### 2nd in state

The Farmington Hills Mercy pom pon squad placed second in the dance competition held recently at Saginaw Valley State, just a half-point behind the first-place finisher.

Scores were based on creativity of original choreography and its execu-

Among the squad members are: Ashley Armbruster, Lauren Burniac, Beth Lamborne and Emily Sharpe from Plymouth and Canton; Angela and Cristina Corsi, Amy Firlik, Kalli and Lindsay Fortune, Katie Landsberg, Antoinette Mazzoni and Jessica Stoller from Farmington; Shauna Barcewicz and Alexis Thebolt from West Bloomfield; Elisa Brunetto of Westland; Emily Butler of Redford; Christa Davis of Dearborn; Tayna Giroux of Clarkston: katie kenny from Novi; Maribeth Phillips of Brighton; Amber Young of Rochester Hills; and Beth LaCroix and Linda Karbo of

The team is coached by Heather

#### Hitting camp

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger will conduct a Winter Hitting Camp for baseball at Madonna Sunday, Dec. 19 and Monday, Dec.

Class times are 1-4 p.m. for 13-18 year-olds and 5-8 p.m. for 8-13 yearolds. Cost is \$90 per person.

For further information, call Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

#### **AAU** hoop tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats have a series of tryouts coming up for their various girls basketball teams when the new year arrives.

•Jan. 3: 11-and-under ('88), 6-7:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary: 12-and-under ('87). 7:30-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 13-andunder ('86), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle

• Jan. 4: 14-and-under ('85) and 15-andunder ('86), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82) and 18-and-under ('81), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School

• Jan. 5: 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under '87), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

• Jan. 7: 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82), 18-and-under ('81), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 14-and-under ('85), 15-and-under ('84), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

For further information, call Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 or Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746.

#### Winter hockey leagues

A new over-50 hockey league, to be called "The Silver Sticks Hockey League," is now forming: Games will be played Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

There will be free coffee and donuts after all the games. The season starts Jan. 18 and will last-10 games plus the playoffs.

Cost is \$165 per player. To register, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net

#### **Hoop tryouts**

The Livonia Starzz will have tryouts from 1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 18 at St. Edith's gym, located across from Ladywood HS in Livonia. There will be a \$10 fee.

For further information, call Nathan Jerome at (734) 484-4439.

#### **Hockey clinics**

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its four-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6 through 14 during Christmas break in two sessions Dec. 20 and 27 at six metro Detroit locations.

The cost of the clinics is \$130 per player. Class size is limited and preregistration is required. Call (248) 478-1600 for more information.

The schedule forDec. 27-30 clinics at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills is as follows: Power skating and puck handling - Mites session 1, 9-10:20 a.m.; Mites session 2, 10:30-11:50 a.m.; Squirts, noon to 1:20 p.m. Checking and scoring - Pee Wees and Bantams, 1:30-2:50 p.m.; Goaltending - all ages, 10 a.m. to

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# **Putting it together**

# Strong goaltending, timely goals boost Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton hockey coach Dan Abraham has a problem he hopes doesn't get solved until around late March,

"I have two hot goalies right now, which is a problem I think all coaches would like to have," Abraham said following his team's 4-3 win over Farmington Friday night at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. "Both of my goalies — Ryan Zielinski and Brad Arsznov are playing outstanding, so they're both going to get playing time."

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 4-3 in their inaugural season. Farmington dropped its first game of the season after winning its opening five contests

Friday night, it was Zielinski's turn to wield a sizzling blocker. He turned away 27 shots, three of which came during a furious last-minute Flyer

"One of the nice things about this team," Abraham said, "is that it is selfmotivated. These players do not need to be told when to pick it up."

Abraham was especially pleased with the play of forward Brad Wolfe and defenseman Matt Ringer, both of whom shined on opposite ends of the rink Friday night

Wolfe was the Chiefs' offensive mainstay, scoring the eventual winning goal late in the second period after dishing out two assists earlier in the game. Ringer's name didn't show up on the

stat sheet, but the sophomore's presence was felt on a regular basis by the Flyers' forwards whenever they crossed the blue line. "Brad Wolfe had an outstanding

game," Abraham said. "He sees the ice very well, which helps create scoring

"Matt Ringer is really coming into his own. He started out this year a little rusty, but he has really come on. He's proving to be someone we can count on to be there every night."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

A winner: Canton's Brad Wolfe (left) provided several big plays in the Chiefs win over Farmington Friday, including scoring the game-winning goal.

Defense reigned in the game's opening minutes until Canton's Ryan McCabe broke the scoring ice when he wristed in a rebound shot past Flyer goalie Chris Tobe at the 7:12 mark of the first period. McCabe was assisted by Jeremy Majszak and John Bock-

Just over a minute later, Farmington evened the count when senior forward Chris Hone took a pass from Aaron Wilkin, outskated the Canton defensemen and slapped a shot over Zielinski's

Bockstanz sent Canton into the first

intermission with a 2-1 lead when he deposited a pass from Wolfe past a diving Tobe.

The Chiefs' third goal of the night came right out of the pages of a "How to Score in Hockey" textbook. Just over three minutes into the second period, defenseman Andrew Plagens, Wolfe and forward Sean Depp surged across the blue line in unison toward Tobe and a lone Farmington defenseman.

Plagens pushed the puck to his left to Wolfe, who promptly one-timed a pass to Depp, who back-handed it into the net, putting the Chiefs up 3-1

With only 25 seconds left until the second intermission. Wolfe stole a Flyer clearing pass, skated around a defenseman and wristed in the Chiefs' fourth tally of the game.

The Flyers made it interesting in the

final period when sophomore forward Matt Lee scored on a wrap-around at the 9:58 mark, cutting the home team's deficit to 4-2. Seconds after pulling their goalie

with just under two minutes left in the game, the Flyers dented Canton's lead even more on Tom Close's goal with

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# 4th-quarter comeback saves Canton

Plymouth Canton's basketball team picked up its first win of the year thanks to a superb fourth-quarter rally, beating Monroe 61-54 Friday at Canton.

The result evened both team's record at 1-1. The Chiefs outscored Monroe 20-14 in the opening

quarter and had a 33-27 halftime lead, thanks to some strong inside play from center Jason Waidmann But the third quarter was all Monroe. "The third

quarter was a total change of momentum," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They changed (defenses) on us, from a man to a zone Which limited Waidmann's effectiveness; he had

just five points in the second half.

The Trojans went on a scoring spree, outpointing

Canton 21-6 in the third to take a 48-39 lead into the final period. "We had our backs against the wall." said Young.

Now it was the Chiefs' turn to rally.

Behind the pinpoint shooting of Mike Major, Canton got its game back in gear. "We finally figured out what they were doing," said Young. "We made some plays; the guys started hitting.' Particularly Major. Held to four points in the fir

three quarters, he busted loose for 12 in the fourth, including a pair of three-pointers.

"He got rolling and it opened everything up," said

Young. "We were resilient. We hung in there." After being outscored by 15 in the third, Canton outscored Monroe by 16 in the fourth.

Waidmann finished with 20 points and nine rebounds. Major had 16 points and Kenny Nether netted nine - including four-straight free throws in the final minute to ice the victory. Nether also grabbed 12 boards, dished out four assists and blocked three shots.

Myron Johnson's 24 points paced the Trojans. John Minagawa-Webster had 12.

"They're a very good team," said Young of Monroe Strong, athletic, competitive we were fortunate to come out with a win."

The Chiefs are idle until Thursday, when they travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

#### **SWIM PREVIEWS**

# Salem seeks 8th

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.hon

The mantle should fit snugly by now. Certainly Plymouth Salem's swim team has grown quite used to wearing it.

But like a president nearing the conclusion of his second term, the Rocks must realize it isn't theirs. Someday an upstart is likely to lay claim to it.

Yet, they also know that unlike a two-term president, they don't have to surrender it.

That mantle belongs to whomever proves to be the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association, and for the past seven years Salem has been that team.

"I think they're thinking about it," said Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. "Which is good. The goal of every team in the conference is to win it. Realistically, some can't do that, but they still want to do the best they can.

"This (Salem) team has got quite a few guys

returning that want to do the best they can,

What separates the Rocks from an eighthstraight WLAA championship is the loss of several top-notch swimmers. Gone from last season's squad are cocaptains Andrew Locke, Matt Casillas and Kevin Crabill, and Paul Perez, a versatile per-(butterfly, freestyle, individual medley) who would have been a junior for

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Distant threat: Salem's Brian Mertens is a two-time state qualifier in the 500 free.

BRYAN MITCHELL



Back on track: Canton's Aaron Reeder finished fourth in the 100 backstroke at the WLAA finals and qualified for state.

# Chiefs new coach has high hopes

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.home

And so, a new era in swimming begins at Plymouth Can-

After a couple seasons of moderate success under Kyle Lott, the Chiefs have new leadership. Ed Weber, who happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Weber, who coached Berkley HS's boys team the past two years and the girls team for one, took a teaching job at Canton - then found out about the coaching position.

"That worked out real well," Weber said.

He hopes the swim season fits together as nicely. The Chiefs opened their campaign resterday at the Eastern Michigan University Relays; they'll continue it at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Dexter before competing at the Western

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Tuesday, Dec. 14 South Lyon at North Farmington, 7 p.m. Adrian at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Belleville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Divine Child, 7 p.m. Churchill at Franklin (NL), 7 p.m. Lakeland at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Harrison at Brighton, 7 p.m. Andover at Farmington, 7 p.m. St. Florian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Fairlane Christian at Agape, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 Canton at AA Pioneer, 7 p.m. Salem at AA Huron, 7 p.m. Warren Cousino at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Churchill (NL), 7 p.m.

Agape vs. Huron Valley

at Marshall MS, 7:30 n.m. Friday, Dec. 17 Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m. Redford CC at OL St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m. West Bloomfield at Farmington, 7 p.n Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m. Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Det. Urban, 7:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth, NW Tournament

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Dec. 15 Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m Madonna at Wayne State, 7 p.m. Sinclair CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Madonna at Kalamazoo Tournament, TBA Stevenson at Redman Tournament, TBA New Trier (III.) vs. Redford CC Saturday, Dec. 18

at Redford Ice Arena, 3:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Owens CC 2 p.m. Stevenson at Marquette Tournament, TBA Saturday, Dec. 18 WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Stevenson at Redman Tournament, TBA Farmington at Northville, 6 p.m. Schoolcraft at Lansing CC, 5:30 p.m. NB Huron vs. Canton at Ply Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m. New Trier (III ) vs. Redford CC. Wayne State at Madonna, 6 p.m.

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Stevenson at Marquette Tournament, TBA

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Dec. 13

Eric Lynn, a sophomore back-

stroker and IMer; and Mike

Johnson, a sophomore sprint

200 free and 200 medley relays

If there is a problem area in

the Salem lineup, it's at diving,

where Kubitski is the lone

returnee with varsity experience.

"We only have two divers," noted

Olson. "It's the event that has us

Next on the list is butterfly

what with the unexpected loss of

Perez. "That's got us a little bit

concerned," said Olson, "But

we've got some people we can

Of even greater concern are

those WLAA rivals. "(Doug)

Buckler and (Ross) Bandy, those

most concerned right now."

Madonna at Kalamazoo Tournament, TBi

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Thursday, Dec. 16

Lakeland at Farmington, 7 p.m. North Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m. DePorres at Bishop Borgess 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 Saline vs. Huron Valley at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 Churchill, John Glenn, Wayne at Wayne Tournament, 5:30 p.m. Canton at AA Huron, 6 p.m. Novi at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18 Canton at Allen Park Inv., 8:30 a.m. Churchill at Airport Invit., TRA Stevenson at Delta College Inv., 8:30 a.m. Mercy at Grand Rapids Tournament, TBA Garden City at Taylor Inv., 8:30 a.m. TBA - time to be announced.

Farmington Unified coaches.

Stevenson "has got some real

good quality coming back -

they'll be very competitive,

Olson felt. Also of significance

the combining of the Farmington

and Farmington Harrison teams.

those programs," the Salem

coach said.

them lightly.

guys are always trying to make tel will still be theirs when

my life miserable," said Olson of everything is completed.

quantity right now.

"That should be beneficial to

Northville and Plymouth Can-

ton are also concerns. The Chiefs

have a new coach in Ed Weber

and are "kind of an unknown

Of the WLAA race, Olson said,

"Funny things can happen. All

"We know they're out there.

We're not going to take any of

you can do is train hard and see

The Rocks hope that the man-

how things fall out at the end."

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Canton swim from page B1

at Farmington Harrison two the team's co-captains, together

ma, a junior, and Andrew and North Farmington.

the Rocks. He was second in the season) — including several who 100 butterfly and third in the will contribute immediately. 200 individual medley at last

chool outside of Chicago, where

eplace," admitted Olson. notable, they are not great in to his prep career. number. Salem has 36 swim-

Weber, a 1991 graduate of

Royal Oak Kimball and a 1995

graduate of Albion College, isn't

newcomer to WLAA swim-

ming. He was an assistant coach

And he will have some swim-

mers to develop, to be sure. Only

seven of his 20 swimmers are

Suarez, a senior. Reidsma, from

Portage, could have an immedi-

terfly events. Suarez, from

Texas, needs work but could help

in the sprint freestyle events.

uniors and seniors.

Team captains are seniors Dan Jones, Mark Witthoff and Ryan

Now he's a junior at a high Kappler. Jones is a freestyler who seventh in the 100 and 11th in the 200 at conference meet last year; Olson is hoping he'll be. like one of his predecessors -But while the losses are Casillas — and have a big finish

Witthoff is versatile, with the

eadership of the seniors is really

There were only five seniors on

the team last season, but they

took a lot of scoring with them:

Justin Allen and Kurtis Hornick,

with Chad Williams, Bill Stew-

art and Don LeClair. All scored

Canton finished fourth in the

conference, behind Plymouth

at the WLAA Meet.

He placed ninth in the 100 free a senior breaststroker who can event Salem is lacking in; Jim and 14th in the 200 at last season's league finals.

swim," said Olson. "It depends what the team needs." Kappler is a sprint freestyler Olson. "We're going to need him a junior do-everything who has to score a lot of points for us."

Other notable returnees (all of Greg Kubitski, a junior diver mers on its team, including 12 ability to fill in at several spots whom scored at the conference who was fifth at the WLAAs and

also swim sprint free, and the Ross, a junior distant freestyler; IM: Brian Mertens, a junior dis-"I'm not quite sure where he'll tant freestyler who has qualified for the state meet in the 500 free for the last two years (he was freestyler who swam legs on the third at the WLAAs and eighth who "has worked hard," said in the 200 free); Aaron Shelton,

freshmen (eight more than last (free, fly, backstroke and IM). finals) include Jason Rebarchik, is being depended upon in an

the events.

Certainly Weber has some tal ent to work with, starting with senior co-captains Aaron Reeder. who placed fourth in the 100 backstroke at the league finals and qualified for state, and Matt Schacht, who was 14th in the and Ryan Ahern. 100 fly at league meet

Two of them are newcomers to Salem (which won its seventh-Weber expects Reeder to the team: transfers Brett Reids- straight title), Livonia Stevenson expand his repertoire. "He'll Moving up in those rankings swim basically anything he would be nice, but at present it wants to swim," he said. "We're ate impact, especially in the but- isn't the main concern for Weber. going to see if we can strengthen his breaststroke for the IM (indi-"Right now, some of our goals

would be to have some more Schacht will probably be in the state qualifiers, both individual "We have a large sophomore and in the relays," he said. "And fly and breast. Indeed, one

Lakes Activities Association class that makes up most of our then to get some swimmers who strength Weber believes Canton Relays at noon Saturday at team," said Weber. "But the haven't scored at the league has is enough depth to cover all meet to score there

"I've told the guys 'I will get your best time.' That's how I'll judge if this season is a success, by the watch relays," he said.

Nilson finished 10th at the

along quite well."

men, Weber remains optimistic mainly due to the upperclass men. "The ones we have are rea leaders," he said.

Now the only question is: How far can those leaders, and

swam the IM, breast and back

and a leg of the 200 free relay;

"We have distance swimmers. specialty swimmers, and we should have some real strong

The sophomore class, which is the biggest on the team, has several swimmers Weber expects to contribute. Among the best at the moment are a pair of distance freestylers: Brad Nilson

WLAAs in both the 200 IM and 500 free. "He's a very strong trainer," said Weber. "He's come Despite the lack of upperclass-

Weber, can take the Chiefs?

vidual medley).

But that's as close as they got, thanks to some last-second heroaway a point-blank shot by Mar-

ion with 25 seconds left.

move around.

"We played well in the third period," said Farmington assistant coach Bernie Buller, who was filling in for head coach Glenn Breuhan. "Canton played

Canton hockey page B1 well. They came out and skated "I thought our second line of Brian Marion, Kevin Temerowse

ics from Zielinski, who kicked ki and Chris Hone played well." Penalties were a non-factor as Canton was whistled for four two-minute minors while the Flyers spent just six minutes in

Farmington fired 30 shots at Zielinski while Canton had 17





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# Harrison's Teachman stepping down

Farmington Harrison will start a new season in boys basketball with a new coach for the first time in 22 years Friday night.

Mike Teachman, who had coached the Hawks since 1977-78, made a stunning decision Monday to step down from his longtime role as varsity head coach. Teachman, 54, also teaches math at

the school and is the building athletic coordinator. He said he felt physically and mentally drained and didn't think he could devote the same energy to coaching the varsity.

Instead, he will coach the Harrison JV team for this season with the inten tion of retiring from coaching basketball at its conclusion. Dave Turnquist, who has been the JV coach for the last 11 years, is now the varsity coach.

BASKETBALL

"I hit a wall, physically and intensity wise," Teachman said. "I didn't think it was fair to this varsity team that has put in all the freshman, JV and summer time to have a guy was really, really

"I figured the best thing is for them to have someone who has the adrenaline going and that's Dave. My job this year s to turn out players for next year's varsity team. It's really no different at practice, but I won't be scouting, preparing scouting reports, preparing practices for special teams, stats and that kind of stuff.

"If this is my last year and I'm already tired, then I don't think I'd be doing a good job. I've always been critical of people who stayed too long. Willie Mays was one of my favorite players

same Willie Mays, and it was obvious tape," he said. he wasn't enjoying himself. In the case of being a high school coach, players know if you're not enjoying yourself Teachman said the timing of deci-

sion, coming just days before the season opener, was right. It wouldn't have been fair to the players to start the season and make a switch later, he said. "This way neither the JV nor varsity teams as of Monday had been together due to injuries and illnesses from foot-

personality. So it's a good time to make the switch.' Teachman, who has coached for 33 years, also wants to spend more time

ball," he said. "Neither team had sought

with his wife, Pat. "This is my 33rd year of being married to the same lady, and she deserves

and watching him play for the Mets at home at night and falls asleep in the the end was depressing. He wasn't the chair and wakes up and looks at video-

Teachman will remain the Harrison athletic coordinator and continue as the girls varsity softball coach. "If I don't recover my zest, I might

think a little differently (about softball)," he said. "There's certainly less scouting in that. Right now I'll be out there in shorts again.' Teachman also said he was under no

pressure from players or parents. Such Now I owe it to him this year and a thing did not contribute to his being "I had some tight relationships with

its own identity and was taking on a say 'Am I going to be selfish, because I do get a lot out of being with the players? They might not get a whole lot from being under the guidance of someone

who's not full-boor for them. "I can still support the guys on a difmore than somebody who just comes ferent level, not being the boss, so to

speak, but the guy who's there to give them a pat on the back and a suggestion

once in a while." There's a chance Teachman might remain JV coach after this season, and he said Turnquist has asked him to

leave the door open on that subject. "If it works out well and I get back to tip-top physical shape, then maybe this be a good mariaige this way," he said "(Turnquist) has been my support and development (for the varsity) for years maybe more.

Teachman said the lasting memories of his career is not of wins and losses people on that team," he said. "I have to but of the players he has coached and people he has known.

"I can still flash back to moments, but they all revolve around people," he said "There's probably just as many on a bus, in a restaurant or at a team camp as there are games.

#### Harakas twins sparkle for Blazers in the final to mighty St. Joan of Melissa is known for her Melissa has been a starter on Arc from St. Clair Shores in the quickness, not only in basket-

Their first names are Michelle and Melissa - an M&M that's a

handful for opponents and sure to make college coaches melt over their talents next year. The Harakas sisters, fraternal twins and juniors at Livonia Ladywood, made their mark on

Observerland basketball this fall. Michelle, a 6-foot-1 center, earned first-team honors and Melissa, a 5-8 guard, was named to the second team.

The Redford Township tandem has been scoring points and winning games on the basketball court since the days they attend

The pair helped the Blazers to years before they were upset in the Class A district final by Southfield, 45-44. Ladywood was sa has been tagged with the the Catholic League runner-up, finishing with a 16-6 overall

returning, Ladywood hopes to said. make it back to next year's Catholic League championship game and a long run in the state tournament.

The two also excel academical ly with Melissa carrying a 3.42 foot in there," said Greg, a sales grade point average and Michelle a 3.28

oall, but on the soccer field the Ladywood varsity basketball final. where she has started on the varsity since her freshman year. Actually, the label stuck the delivery room five minutes

before her sister. Each was five pounds, 12 unces, and parents Greg and Corinne never guessed they'd turn out as tall as they are. "They were 'peanuts' when

they were born," said their mother, who thought she was having a boy and a girl up until the arrival date. Melissa was the taller one

until the sixth grade when Michelle hit a growth spurt and passed not only her sister but most of the boys in their school. Michelle's growth earned her the nickname "tree" while Melis-

name "Mo" for years. "One of Greg's friends called her 'Molissa' once and we just With most of its players kept the 'Mo' part," their mother

Greg laughs about a picture the family has of Michelle as a toddler resting her entire body in a five-pound bucket.

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team since her freshman year. Michelle's freshman year on the them in the finals, they recall. varsity was cut short by a foot They aren't identical twins but day she was born, arriving in the stress fracture that caused her to have a resemblance and Melissa accidentally was given a foul, miss all but two games. Michelle also decided to quit her fifth, that should have been

soccer and concentrate only on given to Michelle, who had only basketball because of the injury. but she's thinking about trying

The Harakas girls have different personalities but one thing's for sure: they hate to lose. Both are super competitive,

Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "They're always the hardest working in practices and games. Either one would give up points and honors just to win." They think alike on the court

and sometimes off the court, too. 'They'll sometimes say the same thing at the same time and people say 'It must be because they're twins,' "Gorski said.

The two almost did the unthinkable three years ago nearly leading tiny St. Valentine to the Catholic Youth Organiza- in the restaurant last summer at have qualified for the national boyfriends. tion championship before losing Western Golf & Country Club.

Being twins actually hurt

three fouls at the time. The referees' mistake cost the out again for soccer this year team half of their prized pair because it's another sport she with Melissa fouling out in the second half.

> The Harakas girls have younger sister, Stephanie, a eshman at Ladywood. Her ath etic career ended before she go to Ladywood and she has other "She goes to games to social

ize," said Greg, sounding very believable because as he's saying it Stephanie walks into the liv ing room holding a portable one in her hand.

The three drive to school ogether, taking a car the twins share. Michelle usually doing the driving in the morning. "I'm more of a morning perto organize. "Melissa just keeps so much stuff." their mother said. Much of their summers are

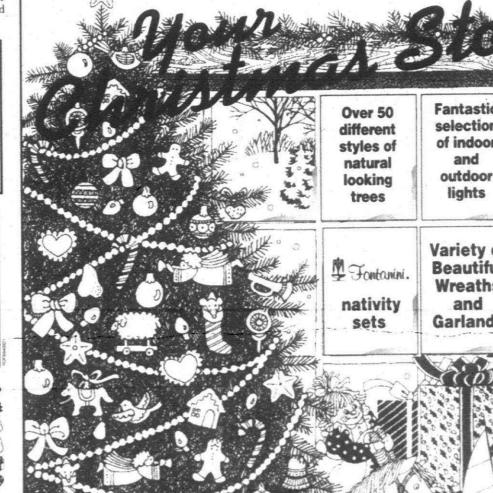
a problem for opponents all season long.

Twin trouble: Melissa (left) and Michelle Harakas were

Michelle and Melissa also still tournament four straight years share a bedroom, which they say

is neatly kept on both sides. It's They're roommates then, too "It's just easier to deal with just that Melissa has a lot more each other than someone else, Melissa said. "We're used to each

The two have the same interspent playing at basketball est in boys, preferring camps and traveling with their athletic/intelligent types, though son," said Michelle, who worked AAU basketball teams, which they hardly have time for





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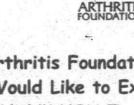


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1999: Safest for deer hunting

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and my son is having a shoulder mount of also encouraged. Send information to: Out-

his first-time hunting trophy," Robert said. doors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI

• John Mogos, a 16-year-old from Ply- 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or

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The late archery 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 Deer Management Unit 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. Late elk season runs through

Dec. 14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower aninsula. GROUSE

A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower

#### PHEASANT

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on

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WATERLOO WANDERING Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at the Waterloo Recreation area beginning at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Call (313) 562-1873 for directions and more information

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# SHOOTING

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9193 for more information.

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 Liparoto 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 refresh ments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for

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#### information.

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#### information.

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and a hay ride, throughout the Ortonville Recreation Area in day Sunday, Dec.12, at Kensing-Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities.

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#### STATE PARKS

has come and gone with sev- results in an upcoming edition of the Observ- point while hunting on his grandma's farm eral hunters reporting great er & Eccentric Newspapers. Include the in Armada. success. While not everyone hunter's name, home town and phone numwas fortunate enough to tag ber along with the size of the deer, the day season. On Opening Day the Wayne County STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS a whitetail, nearly everyone and county taken, and any pertinent infor-hunter dropped a 7-point buck while hunting Maybury State Park, Proud who stepped foot in the mation about the hunt. Send information to along the edge of a corn field near Kalkaska. Lake Recreation Area, Bald woods this year helped prome at the address or fax number at the bot- On Nov. 20 Messener took a 120-pound doe Mountain Recreation Area, duce the safest firearms sea- tom of this column. Highland Recreation Area, and son on record. Island Lake Recreation Area According to a recent waste any time breaking into the ranks of offer nature interpretive proreport by the Law Enforcegrams throughout the year. A ment Division of the Michi-first few days of the season because of school, in Oakland County, Caddick shot a 7-point.

> gan Department of Natural Resources there were just 13 High School, was in his blind with his father tree blind injuries during the 16-day season. Unfortu- at 6:20 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20. nately, two of those injuries resulted in fatalities when hunters failed to obey a basic tenet of firearms safety - know your target was not just a deer, but a buck, and a big one and what is beyond your target before shoot- at that "explained Eric's father Robert. ing. Of the remaining 11 injuries, seven were self-inflicted. For the second straight year an eternity for my son to steady the gun and Orion resident was back in his blind and there were no reported incidents in the quit shaking, he slowly squeezed the trig-bagged a non-typical 8-point. The buck had a Upper Peninsula.

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the great Earl Anthony.

Lanes.

Livonia, Marvin Parker of Redford, Bill Haynes of Rochester,

their monthly 212 division tour- slated for Sunday, Jan. 16, at could separate from the outer

"The new balls are quite Keith Moore, 596; Brian Kaufexpensive, so be wise and protect man, 539; Tony Vitale, 489; every night when not in action."

Fifth-place Plymouth Cantor 1/2-1/2 points. Alan Florka, 211-205-202/618 led canton with

Drew Barth, 162 in the third

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#### Canton bowler gains from an old master's lesson 267 from Heater, 266 by Roulin zi had a two-game total of 307 John Kurliak's Lanes in Plymouth during play scored a 259-239 win, still good resins Cold temperatures will cause and a 248 for Renberg. They now and Mark Hjelmstad bowled 194 recent visit to in the Waterford Men's League. enough for Jasper to earn \$260. Other O & E city bowlers who the resins to come to the ball's have the league high game by 81 in the third game. He had those twelve strikes in library Next match to be held at a row in the second game, but fared well in the qualifiers were: surface, according to Ray pins. resulted in his bringing home a finished the first game with Bill Parris and Jason Dillaha of Kreuter of Ray's Pro Shop in



by Earl Anthoold tape, but sometimes

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new. Anthony made it many

height of his career.

'Going for 300'

•The Midstates Masters held something old is nament last week at Sunnybrook

Derek Jasper of Livonia, who ments call Al Bielawski at (313) that investment. Keep it indoors Brent Moore, two-game 320 and failed to qualify at first but re-Nevertheless, Kurliak, of Can- entered and led at the end of ... Every year at this time I try ton, took the tape home and qualifying. His score of 1228 to remind all bowlers not to watched it over and over hoping included his second 300 game of leave their equipment in the car Heater, Bob Roulin and Danny High defeated first-place Tru-

bowled a 300 game at Plaza the fourth round. Eric Platt ball, especially the reactive The Hound Dogs' got games of Matt Bowden, 512, Matt Fioren- for a fun-filled event.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Nite Owls: Rick Haist, 266/724.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

Westland Bowl

Ream, 205: Diana Warchol, 200.

Westland Bowl. Not bad for a 167 average Dan Mayer of Waterford, Lou your bowling ball into the house Skore Lanes in Taylor. bowler - with a little help from Ampola and Greg Morrow, both

Astro Lanes in Madison Heights. For more information on Mid-Top qualifier for the finals was states Masters scratch tourna-

Ray advises bowlers to "take overnight. They were not designed to expand with the overpowered second-place temperature swing and the core Gabriel Richard High School, 28

shell, ruining the ball.

Renberg came up with a 781

· High School Report: (Southwest Region Boys, Week 3 at

New Year's Eve?

The three-man team of Fred Third-place Plymouth Salem many surprises. man High 19-11. Cory Caincross Guess what? It not only In match play he won his first The extreme cold can be very game in the Monday Morning bowled 222-184-211/617; Eric centers have similar activities on worked, but on Dec. 1 Kurliak two matches, but met defeat in damaging to any type of bowling Men's league at Westland Bowl. Pawlus, 597; Jeff Thomas, 593: tap for that date. Check around

# Egner, Jr., 277/694; John Wodarski, Jr.,

279/775; Greg Wizgird, 728; Mike Ernst, 719. Early Birds: Debbie Elisworth, 501, Mary Shar Marotta, 202/522; Sue Rundel, 200/557; 202/529; Sherla Jansen, 194/506; Candy St. Collette's; Larry Trainor, 297. rar, 518; Marie Campbell, 503. Ford Parts: Joe Helm, 298/727, Larry Cooper. Dave's Darlings: Lerrie Cariton, 210; Chris. Youth leagues:

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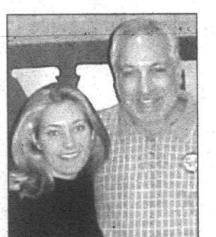
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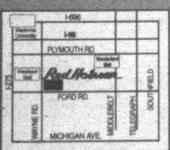
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#### **ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS**



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

# Painter plans to keep up fast pace

udrey Harkins beamed with pride as she looked around the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. All 49 of the watercolors in her one-woman show were painted within the last 10 years. That's quite an accomplishment for the 69-year-old watercolorist who is constantly on the go.

A resident of Livonia for more than 35 years, she belongs to four art clubs, and regularly attends meetings, and exhibits paintings in their shows. She also makes time to visit with her four sons and seven grandchildren

Harkins accomplished much of her art work while attending classes at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia She took her first class nearly 20 years ago after her youngest son started high school

#### On exhibit

"A lot of these were done in VAAL classes and with Edee Joppich up in Northport," said Harkins, whose watercolors of garden paths, still life, landscapes, and florals continue on exhibit through Thursday, Dec. 30.

A painting of red and white petunias greets visitors at the front of the gallery. The painting is not for sale. It was selected to be published in the book "Best of Watercolor Series, Painting Composition" in 1997. Placed side by side are Harkins' dramatic "Fruit and Flowers I" and "Just Geraniums." Red resonates through these two

"I always love painting flowers," said Harkins. "Most I paint from life because you can't get the detail and true color from photographs. I hold the flowers in my hands as I paint

Harkins loves gardening and has worked on hers as long as she's lived in Livonia, and it's still not finished. For painting purposes, she would like to have a flower in bloom every day from spring until fall.

"My downfall is living next to Frank's Nursery at Five Mile Road and Levan. My car automatically turns into the parking lot," said Harkins. "There's a balance between having enough time to paint and weeding the garden, and I'm still

Paintings from a trip Harkins took to Arizona and New Mexico with Livonia artist Yvette Goldberg are found in the center of the gallery. Harkins said she was mesmerized by the beauty of the Painted Dessert as she stood at its edge.

"I still haven't caught up with my vacation paintings from trips to Nova Scotia, the Caribbean, and the waterfalls in the upper peninsula this past year," said Harkins. "I'm just way

#### Experimenting

ooking for it

It's apparent by looking at the works that Harkins likes experimenting with technique. Goldberg taught her the process of solar painting. These works are created by placing a pan of water outdoors then soaking paper in it along with natural materi-

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STAFF PROTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Fine art: Audrey Harkins presents some of the 49 paintings that are featured in her one woman show in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

# Paintings awaken Motown memories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

lthough Jim McConnell has lived in Livonia for many years, he's never forgotten the architecture he fell in love with on boyhood trips to downtown Detroit.

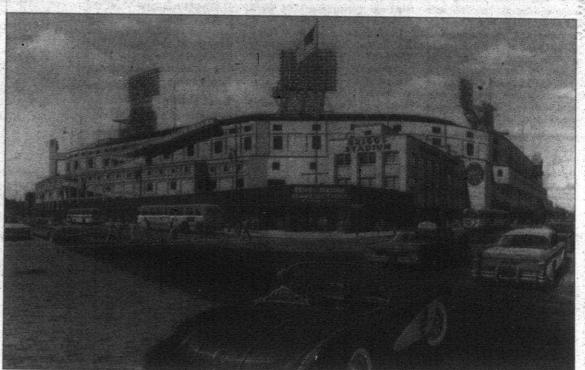
So when he saw artist William Moss' recreations of vintage Detroit buildings at an art fair several years ago, McConnell never forgot their magic. As the time drew near to select an artist for the Detroit Historical Society's 2000 calendar last December, McConnell thought Moss' scenes would stir memories in anyone who grew up in the area.

The old ballpark at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull especially reminds McConnell of his childhood, not to mention his lifelong passion for studying the past.

A former history teacher for Dearborn Public Schools, McConnell and his wife Annette developed the idea for "The Days of Detroit" calendar two

"Briggs Stadium puts it back in the 1950s when I went there as a boy, and then in college I remember going and sitting in the bleachers in Tiger Stadium," said McConnell, education coordinator for Detroit 300, the celebration planned for the city of Detroit's 300th birthday in 2001.

"Though I have fond memories of the Hudson's Parade, it's going to the store as a kid and taking



Briggs Stadium: The old ballpark at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull was named after Detroit industrialist and baseball club owner Walter O. Briggs between the years 1938 and 1960.

my kids that I remember best. One of my other favorites is old City Hall. Did you know in 1960 John Kennedy opened his campaign for president in front of the building?"

McConnell and Moss share their love of vintage Detroit buildings in the calendar that notes historic political, economic and social events day by day. The McConnells began acquiring information for the calendar about three years ago, and now have a database of 5,000 separate events in Detroit history. All the dates are new this year except for July 24, the founding of Detroit, and May 17, when Ralph Polk developed his first Detroit Business Directory in

For the second year, R. L. Polk & Co. of Southfield underwrote costs for the calendar. Sales benefit the Detroit Historical Society, the major source of private funding for the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne, and Historic Moross House.

"It's been fun learning about the diversity of events from the first mile of pavement on Woodward to the founding of Kiwanis in 1914, and the great fire of Detroit in June 1805," said McConnell.

#### **Memories of Detroit**

Moss has spent as much time researching his artworks as the McConnells have the dates of historic events. Moss first fell in love with Detroit architecture while growing up on the east side. He used to

change buses in front of the old City Hall on the way to art classes at Cass Tech. Moss continued to note the characteristics of the city's buildings while studying for a bachelor of fine arts degree at Wayne State University.

"I was always interested in architecture and art and wanted to show what it looked like then - the old movie palaces, theaters and other places from my youth," said Moss, an architectural delineator in Tennessee. "The Foot of Woodward painting with the Bob-Lo Boat took dozens and dozens of photographs to put together - to have the proper buses for the proper time."

Moss was elated to find the original blueprints for Detroit's old City Hall in the Burton Historical Collection. He used the plans as reference for the painting of the building that stood on the corner of Michigan and Woodward avenues from 1871 to 1962.

While going through the archives, including thousands of news photographs from the Civil War era to the 1960s, Moss found a memory that was especially precious - a photograph of his mother standing behind the mayor as he removed the corner. stone from the old City Hall before it was demol-

"One of the wonderful things is it brought back what happened that day," said Moss who still paints part time on the Detroit's east side. "She'd walked

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Big Red Bam: (Above) William Moss' painting of Olympia shows hockey fans lined up to purchase tickets for the 1955 game which brought the Red Wings their seventh Stanley Cup.

Fizzy memory: (Left) This painting (c. 1954) by William Moss depicts the old Vernor's factory at the foot of Woodward Avenue and the Bob-Lo Boat dock.

#### CONCERT

# Vocal groups prepare to 'Jazz Up the Holidays'

STAFF WRITER

at: A concert SCool Jazz a

Steve SeGraves, SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime have been working with hardly a break since returning from their two-week European tour in July.

The two vocal jazz groups played the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the North Sea Jazz Festival in The Netherlands.

lazz Up the Holidays Concert

"Two days after our return we were in the Michigan Jazz Festival," said SeGraves, a Plymouth resident who has directed the Schoolcraft College-based groups for the past seven years. "The tour was pret-ty amazing. Who would have ever thought we'd do both of these festivals. That was pretty ambitious. We're really excited about all the kinds of things opening up for our groups as a result."

Shortly after coming home from Europe, the vocal jazz groups went into The Brookwood Studio in Ann Arbor to record the songs they sung on tour, "In a Mellow Tone" features standards ranging from "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Fly Me to the Moon" to "When Doves Cry."



Mellow sounds: SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime sing selections from their new CD during a "Jazz Up the Holidays Concert.

SeGraves, a tenor with SCool JAzz PRime, believes the CD is a nice way for the groups to leave a legacy, and creates a benchmark by which to judge future

progress.

The CD will be available at the groups' annual "Jazz Up the Holidays Concert" Wednesday, Dec. 15 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

SCool JAzz PRime's six vocalists, pianist Eileene Standley and drummer Karen Tomalis were counting down the number of rehearsals left before the concert, which is programmed to spotlight several selections from the new CD, and seasonal favorites such as "Cool Yule" recorded by Louis Armstrong. It's just one of the upcoming performances for which the professional vocal jazz group was rehearsing Monday night at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. SCool JAzz, which is comprised of students, rehearses separately during the day.

As they were about to warm up, Prime's members reflected on their tour. The harmonious sounds of baritone Carl Rinne, lead soprano Cat Hadrian, Hazel Park; second soprano Ginny Lundquist, Orchard Lake; alto Gwen Jacques, Novi; and bass Mike Begian, Wyandotte would soon fill the Commu-

"It was great," said Standley, a Plymouth resident. "In Utrecht our hosts were a young group, DeKoor, and they were so good to us. My favorite was singing at the World Choral Symposium. But I enjoyed singing every where; old bridges, buildings and

Rinne won't soon forget singing an impromptu con-

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down there to see that. The paintings bring back all my avorite memories of going back home to Tennessee from the Michigan Central Train Station, the Bob-Lo boats and the Vernors Plant."

Moss remembers seeing The Beatles at Olympia in 1965, and that's about all. "When The Beatles came out on stage, you couldn't hear anything," said doss, who began painting ships and giant side-wheelers down on the river at 11 years old because the floating cities reminded him of architecture. "The screaming irowned them out."

known, shows hockey fans lined up to purchase tickets for the 1955 game which brought the Red Wings their seventh Stanley Cup. It's one of his best selling prints, along with a view of Tiger Stadium during the 1984 World Series, at galleries around town. In addition to Barnes & Noble,

Moss' painting of the "Big Red

Barn," as it was affectionately

B. Dalton, Borders Books, Waldenbooks and the Detroit Historical Museum gift shop, the "Days of Detroit" calendar is available at The Print Gallery in Southfield; Frame Art, Birmingham; Frames Plus More, Farm-

ington; Fabulous Gallery, Rochester; Frames Unlimited, Bloomfield Hills; American Business Concepts, Rochester Hills; Framery & Gallery and The Art Show Gallery, Troy; Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village shops, and Creative Framing & Gallery, Plymouth. Moss will make a guest

appearance Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, at Creative Framing & Gallery during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

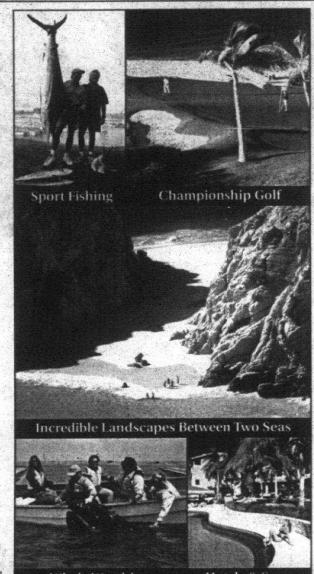
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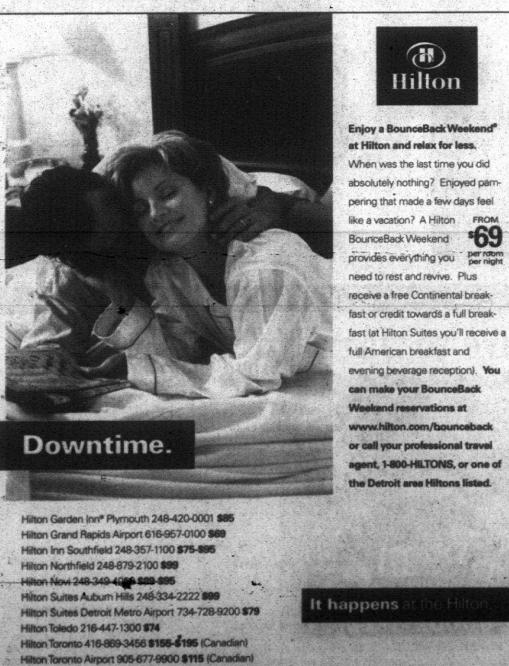
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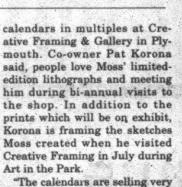
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well," said Korona. "People love it. I gave a friend one for his 90th birthday and his wife came back and ordered seven more. What a great gift for \$11.95.

"We're looking forward to his visit in January. Bill is such a fun person to talk to and to listen to how he paints these."



Ornate landmark: Detroit's sandstone City Hall (c. 1960) is one of 12 William Moss paintings featured in the "Days of Detroit" calendar.

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als. Ink or watercolor paint is then sprayed on top of the water or dropped into it.

Maple tree seedlings turn into ethereal-looking doves in flight in the painting titled "Morning Flight." Cheesecloth and shells leave impressionistic imprints on an abstract nearby.

"I just had more fun doing these this summer," said Harkins. "I can't wait for winter to do crystal paintings. You use the same process but get sharp edges where the ice forms." Harkins learned how to do

string art from Al Weber, a Livonia artist. Her vellow and red marionette literally dances across the paper. "You wet string or ribbon and then dip it in acrylic paint and

then throw it on paper." Sounds

simple enough, but putting down

the line art is only the begin-"Then you have to see what you think it looks like. As soon as I saw it, I thought it looked

like a dancer. Future in art

Harkins has no plans to slow down. While she's no longer on the board at VAAL, Harkins has no plans to quit VAAL or for that

Zany Zinnias: Audrey Harkins loves to paint florals. Her one woman show continues at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Club, Livonia Artists Club or them. Michigan Water Color Society. And as a member of the Detroit Founders Society, she's looking forward to seeing the Vincent van Gogh exhibit opening March 12 at the Detroit Institute of

"I think the reason artists live 23-26 a long life is because they have something interesting to do when they get up in the morning. Many artists live into their 90s and I hope to be one of

The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile. east of Farmington. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Satur day, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday Closed Thursday-Sunday, Dec

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Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival

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#### CONCERTS

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JEWISH ART IN AMERICA Ester Tarnoff Cooper from the speaker's bureau. DIA speaks on this topic at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 20 at the Jewish Community

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tion cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, ARIANA GALLERY Livonia. (734) 466-2490. Through Jan. 1 - Feliz Navi-doo-dad! MANISCALCO GALLERY featuring doo-dads for holidays.

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cert at a canal on the tour.

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"We ended up having people

watch us from the railing above,"

said Rinne, a professor at the

Arbor. "It was the same spot the

Pilgrims departed from for their

trip to Plymouth Rock. Let's face

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Daldin was the drummer in

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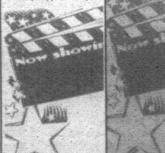
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ber of several transit museums and historical associations. Brian M. Golden is the author of Farmington Junction: A Trolley History. An enthusiasm for railroad

modeling that has endured for 38 years led to Golden's attempt railway service that once ran through the town of Farmington. To guarantee historical accu-

racy Golden studied every facet research for the model culminated in an interesting by-product: a pictorial history of the trolley Division of the Detroit United The first street rails were laid

in 1863 on Jefferson Avenue, their trolleys drawn by horses. By the 1880s, however, electricity had been introduced to transportation, and "independent electric streetcar lines were springing up all over the Detroit area."

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plied the electricity needed to looked like 100 years run the trolleys for the Orchard Lake Division Located at the intersection of visualize Grand River and Orchard Lake ined byways Road amidst the car barn, the for tool sheds, and the express

structure that remains today. Golden's 8-by-11 inch, 58-page, self-published paperback is espe-Vice-president of the Farming- cially fascinating for its black ton Historical Society and mem- and-white photographs of the metro-Detroit area.

One picture of special interest,

litsl distinctive smokestack,

taken in the early 1900s, reveals trolley rails embedded in an unpaved Orchard Lake Road. It was photographed just north of Walnut Lake Road, about where West Bloomfield High School to recreate, in miniature, the stands today, and shows the downward slope that is still part of the road's topography. Of equal interest are photographs of turn-of-the-century Northville, of his topic. His extensive the rambling hotel that once stood on the corner of Orchard and Long Lake Roads, Michigan Military Academy (now St. line called the Orchard Lake Mary's campus), and many more. Numerous maps that trace the routes the trolleys took are inter-

spersed throughout the book.

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Paul Lowrie will be at the store 2

o.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec.

18-19. The book contains trivia

questions and interesting facts

that make great conversation

starters. The store is located in

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The Plymouth District Library's

Contemporary Books Discussion

of the month at 7:30 p.m. The

title for Dec. 15 is "Einstein's

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ing instructor, sets his imagina

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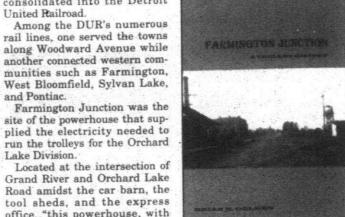
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GREAT BOOKS

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Concisely written and well researched, Brain Golden's book brings back an era when Detroiters, anxious to leave the heat and grime of the city, traveled to their summer cottages in Keego ites Golden. Interestingly, in Harbor and to a resort suburb the last decade of the 19th centu- called "Venice of the Lakes" by Detroit could boast over 30 trolley car. Transit companies in independent streetrail compa- other states had to use "different nies. But before long, they were marketing strategies to attract



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the public to use their services." such as the building of "parks, hotels, and picnic grounds at the end of their lines," the author points out. But the DUR could capitalize on what Mother Nature provided: the picturesque lakes of southeastern Michigan You don't have to be a railroad

buff to enjoy Farmington Junc-Curiosity about our local past and appreciation of just how much technology has changed our lives and environment wil do. Consider this: dozens of men-folk gathered in downtown Farmington for an historic occasion: the arrival of the town's

How far will we travel during the next century? Perhaps some one will publish a nostalgic review of the automobile in the

first trolley. The year was 1899

merely 100 years ago!

Brian M. Golden's "Farming ton Junction" can be purchased at Books Abound on Grand River in Farmington and by contacting the author at P.O. Box 551 Farmington, MI 48332-0551. Esther Littmann is a resident

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River. SCool JAzz and SCool

But no matter where they per-

form, SCool JAzz and SCool

JAzz PRime continue singing

years for a vocal jazz group to

join before learning about the

professor Brad Bloom founded in

one Schoolcraft College music

"The longer we go as PRime.

Standley thinks PRime's pol-

ished performance is why the

SCool JAzz since 1985.

JAzz PRime were the first Amer-

invited to tour Russia.

University of Michigan in Ann ican college jazz choirs ever

nice. It was a blast; one of the because of their love for the

really fun things in Montreux music. Rinne, who proudly states

was going to the casino to play in he "came out of the Four Fresh-

an open session. There were peo- man era," searched for several

the music, the big name stars," 1982. SeGraves split SCool JAzz

said Lundquist. "I loved the into separate groups two years

This was second out-of-the- the more talented people we

country tour for the groups in get," said Rinne, a member of

The highlight of that tour was group was invited to play for the

music and it was right on the after he took over as director.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

The phone rings incessantly at Video Design in Troy. Perhaps it's a call regarding business. Who really knows for sure?

Owner Rick Yarmy sits in the conference room with a contemplative expression. He wonders if anvone will pick it up.

Meanwhile, writer-actor-producer Tom Daldin, sitting across from Yarmy, has an immediate the entire phone unit on the conference-room table and places it in the fireplace. "There," he said, rubbing his

hands together. Solutions, for Daldin of Birmingham, are everywhere. When long-time friends Yarmy

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"We just loved the name Bob,

said Yarmy. "It's spelled the

No laugh track. No focus

Daldin didn't exactly take a

groups to test their idea. Just

gut instincts and plenty of sweat

method-acting approach to

researching his character. "I just

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454-0178 to register. And Baby! Babyl Children's Resale Shop, 153 E. Main in Northville, also offers sessions-Call (248) 347-2229 for registration information Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola

.Music, will instruct. BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS Meet Max, the beloved Rosemary Wells character, at a special Toddler Time event, Monday, Dec 13. The fun starts at 10 a.m. at the store on Rochester Road. Call 2300 Featherstone Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326 Hilton Suites 248-334-2222

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- A video tape of the film "Mr.

The '60s children's album

The album "Happy Birthday

Krueger's Christmas," which

starred Jimmy Stewart and showed

"Songs for a Rainy Day" with Rose

Jesus" by Mike Douglas for Nancy.

- A store where a cookie press

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- A business or person who does

Pope Gosser china dishes (#52)

the pattern "Silver Dawn" from

Hudson's 1994 Santa Bears for

A store where a Big Bend

A store or a catalog from

wind-up clock with two bells on

the top can be purchased for Dar-

which to purchase tan CoCo door

mats (24-by-36-inch) for Sue. The

Vermont Country Store catalog for-

- A yogurt maker with 6/8-ounce

A silver "Nerolizer" toy from

John Willard Bloody Mary sea-

A place-setting of Minton

Milton Bradley's 1950s game

A recipe book with blank page

A store where Crown Ducal

White Christmas china, which

A store or catalog that sells

- A store that sells 12-by-12-inch

Ironstone pottery by AG Richard-

son from Staffordshire, England

may be purchased for Mary Jane.

was sold through the Spiegel cat-

Cheetah nylon wind-breakers for

gray or brown carpet tiles with a

LB King in the Fisher Building for-

the movie "Men in Black," which

had been available at Burger

soning and a 18-by-56-inch, non-

standard, ironing board cover for

china in the pattern "Saturn" in

"Pirate and Traveler" for Karen.

and index tabs for Janice.

nerly carried the pottery.

glue or self-adhesive

King restaurants for Teresa.

two readers, Christie and Barbara.

on television in the 80s for Connie.

mary Clooney for Denise.

can be purchased.

dery, for Pamela.

the '50s for Donna.

merly sold them.

containers for Mary.

black for Allison.

alog, for Karen.

### The romance of diamonds is alive for New Year's

Where do you plan

brated back in 1976

Then again, we're

not talking cen-

THE JEWELRY



turies. We're talking about a millennium which does tend do put a little pressure on the celebration and on the idea of

New Year's Eve gift-giving After all, we won't have another chance for this kind of celebration for another 1,000 years. Even if you think you'll be around in the year 2999 for the next media overkill, that's a long

That said, the gifts of choice to cele brate the millennium make perfect sense: diamonds and platinum. Could anything else be more beautiful, ver satile and enduring?

While I intend to ring in the New Year by watching the Times Square ball drop from the comfort of my bed, I will be wearing diamonds!

Don't believe me? Read on. Romance is alive and well for the millennium.

One man who is taking romance seriously this New Year's Eve is Kevin Burke, of Birmingham. He purchased a diamond engagement ring from Frank Yanke of Yanke Designs in

"He plans to spend New Years Day with his girlfriend in Chicago, where they met." said Yanke. The prospective groom also has an elaborate day planned. He'll begin with brunch and a romantic walk to the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Once there, he'll light candles and propose to his girlfriend in the glow of the dawn of the new millennium. Now that sounds like a plan to me. Not to mention, it includes diamonds

"We're expecting a lot of proposals for New Year's," said David Norman, executive vice president of ijewelry.com, a Troy-based Internet jewelry seller that debuted this fall. The site features 2,000 pieces of jewelry, including officially certified diamonds, and the company plans to dou ble their web site offerings in their first months of operation.

Alexia Bongiorno, of Alexander J Bongiorno Creative Jewelers in Troy, shared another romantic tale from his customers. It's about the lasting love and friendship of three couples, who have been celebrating New Year's Eve together for the past 42 years.

This year, they plan to do add some dazzle to the celebration; each of the three men in the group has commissioned Bongiorno to create a small, diamond-set platinum cross for their wives. Each piece will be presented, as these special friends ring in the new century and millennium together.

But perennial diamond favorites, like diamond stud earrings and diamond tennis bracelets, also are getting notice when it comes to celebrating the New Year. -

At Skyline Diamond Setters in Troy both are being purchased as Christmas gifts for recipients to wear on New Year's Eve, said Skyline's Jennifer Cleveland.

Also, many customers are upgrading their stud earrings to impressive sizes. One in particular was sized up to an ear-dragging total weight of 3.18 carats, she said. Then again, the size of engagement ring diamonds seems to be getting larger, too, said Cleve-

If you have news, comments or questions about jewelry, The Jewelry Lady may be reached by fax, (248) 582-9223, by e-mail, rodgers@mich.com, or by writing to: c/o Observer/Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.



Time piece: The millenni um has more people buy-ing diamonds this holiday

# Parent's helpers

Retailers keep kids busy this holiday

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

nstafford@oe.homecomm.net Joshua Smith and his mother Catherine waited two hours in line at the Somerset Collection in Troy to visit with Santa.

Though Catherine felt the wait, two-year-old Joshua was too busy playing games and watching holiday performers.

"He was entertained all the way through, Smith said of Somerset's efforts to make the wait as easy as possible. "The parents will feel the wait, but the kids won't." But anything local malls and retailers can do to

keep kids busy and upbeat during the holiday shopping season is helpful, said Smith, who lives in Birmingham. "It's a tough time of year. You're trying to run errands and you want to spend time with your kids." While time and patience have always been a part of parenting, most of today's mothers and fathers have less of both to spare. Holiday shop-

ping and traditional activities, like taking the kids to see Santa, only makes parents' schedules more hectic. To keep families coming out, malls and retailers are finding ways to make visits less stressful and more enjoyable At the Somerset Collection, children waiting in line to visit Santa can play checkers, read books,

and interact with performers dressed in medieval After talking with Santa and having their pictures snapped, children receive a copy of the book "The Giving Season" and select three gold coins they're worth 75 cents at a handful of mall stores

explore Santa's castle, catch and throw oranges



STAFF PHOTO-BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN St. Nick: Nicolas Rabah, 4, of Farmington Hills, sits and talks with Santa

Little extras: Jordan Hliebay. 1. of Sterling Heights, takes in all the fun at Santa's castle at the Somerset Collection in Troy. After visiting Santa, children select coins from a treasure trunk worth 75 cents at several nearby stores. Helpers and performers at the castle make the wait less stressful for kids, and thus, parents.

rom a massive treasure trunk

"It's organized, they don't rush you with Santa. and it really sets up the tone and ambiance for the kids "said Smith "And it really gives us a break." Several other area malls and retailers are helping parents cope with the rigors of the holiday season in other ways.

This year. Oakland Mall in Troy introduced Kid's Clubhouse, a supervised activity center where parents can leave children, age three and up, while they shop. Conveniently located in the J.C. Penney corridor,

the center is staffed by certified teachers and computer instructors, and offers storytelling, arts and crafts projects and educational computer games for a cost of \$8 an hour per child. Better yet, parents who spend \$150 or more while shopping receive an hour free at the Kid's Clubhouse. "In today's time-starved society, we're all multi-

marketing manager. "It's one less thing that parents have to do - find a baby-sitter - in order to ome out and shop." While Darmetko admits the mall is trying to attract shoppers who have children, she said the result is a more meaningful, and less commercial, hopping experience. "You do something that icludes kids and something that the whole fami-

can do together, and it becomes an outing, a spe-

tasking," said Shelley Darmetko, Oakland Mall's

ial trip, something more unique," she said. Another offering aimed at helping busy parents get through the holiday shopping season is a pager and two-way radio service being offered by a rivate company at Great Lakes Crossing in

Inside Fairlane Towne Center's holiday shopping relaxation room, activities keep children busy while parents put up their feet.

At Wonderland Mall in Livonia, there's a new tree house on which kids can play and a full-sized carousel they can ride.

set Collection in Troy has put up the Little Door friends at Hudson's Little Door Store. Store, a colorful, kids-sized castle where children

can shop for holiday gifts on their own. Located on the third floor near the store's youth departments, the shop is filled with inexpensive

ping helpers. The service not only gives parents a break and makes children a part of the holiday shopping experience, but also resurrects a tradition, said Michelle Shulman, Hudson's regional public rela-

gifts for family and friends and manned by shop-

tions director. Many of the parents and grandparents who today come to the Little Door Store recall when they were kids and visited the children's holiday shop Hudson's had at their old, downtown Detroit

"It's not only the children that have warm memories but also the parents," said Shulman of Hudson's take on making the holidays warm and fuzzy in the world of retail. "This is how memories and traditions start ... and, hopefully, we're establishing some of those warm memories."



On their own: Tommy Rayle, 5, of Birm-And, for a second year, Hudson's at the Somer- ingham, shops for holiday gifts for his

while his mother takes a break.

Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping pro- day, Dec. 19, on the Food Court stage. grams, services, events and boutiques For more information, call (734) 522during the busiest shopping time of the 4100. year. Send information to: Malis & 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

**HOLIDAY MUSICAL PRESENTATION** The Livonia Civic Chorus comes to

Court stage

**MOVADO SHOW** 

er Salon, second floor.

Retail, style and special store events are list

ed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls

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p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Wonderland Mall in Livenia hosts Auntie Pooh's

story time for children and families, 2-3 p.m., Food

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham hosts a show

View Badgley Mischka's special order collection for

spring at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collec-

tion in Troy, through Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Design-

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

of Movado pieces, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Livonia Mall to make a holiday musical presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, near Sears fountain. For additional information, call (734) 476-1160.

HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Holiday Carnival of Stars, a presenta-

tion by the Heiken Puppets at noon, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 and at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sun-

NORTHSTAR TROLLEY SERVICE Northstar Express trolley service between Southfield's Northland Center and area businesses runs 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 13-16. Shoppers may access the trolley service, which includes a box lunch en route to the mall, from designated

Southfield businesses. For details.

including pick-up and drop-off information, call (248) 443-5311.

SANTA BEAR APPEARANCE The Hudson's Santa Bear visits with children in his millennium costume between Thursday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 19 at the retailer's store at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. For details, call (248) 682-0123.

GALLOPING HOLIDAY HELPERS

Deputies and horses from the Oakland County Mounted Divia sions assist with traffic direction and greet shoppers at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi

every Saturday and Sunday through the end of December. Shoppers may pet horses and visit with their uniformed riders.

Jolly old St. Nick visits with children at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills every day during mall hours through Dec. 24. Santa has set up shop near the Star Theatre Photograph and portrait packages are available. For schedule and price information, call (248) 454-5000

SANTA VISITS GREAT LAKES CROSSING

**RELAXATION ROOM FOR SHOPPERS** Fairlane Towne Center in Dearborn has new service for frenzied holi day shoppers, the Relaxation Room.

Furnished with couches and children's videos and activities, the room is located on the second level near Lord & Taylor. The Relaxation Room opens one hour after the center does and shuts down one hour prior to the mall's closing through Dec. 24. For more information, call (313) 593-1370

# ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ROBERT LEE MORRIS TRUNK SHOW

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds a trunk show of Robert Lee Morris' jewelry, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

REBECCA COLLINS TRUNK SHOW

View minerals and stones from around the world in the jewelry collection of Rebecca Collins at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Dec. 18, 10 a.m. 4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Vendors sell model trains, dolls, beanies, Pokémon merchandise and other collectibles at a toy and hobby show at the Novi Expo Center through Dec. 19. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. Also, toys will be collected for Toys for

Tots. For additional information and a schedule, call

(734) 455-2110 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

DESIGNER RESALE SHOW

Marian's Designer Resale, located in the Ramada Inn on Nine Mile Road in Southfield, presents a special collection of new and gently used designer apparel for women, including one-of-a-kind evening wear through Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. Call (248) 351-9064.

SWING DANCE LESSONS

Free swing dance lessons are given at Wonderland Mall in Livonia as part of Swing the Night Away, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

CHOCOLATE TASTING

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Joseph Schmidt chocolate tasting, noon-4 p.m., Trim-A-Home department, first floor.

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

# WHERE CAN I FIND?

- We're doing our best to help read-

- A 1999 Shaman calendar with

- A store where men's garters

- A store where Germaine Mon-

Lyrics and music for the song

- A store where Prince Machi-

- A 1955 Detroit Cooley High

- A used Bone Shaker Penny

or blue) are sold for Pat, who lives

cobalt blue and a Mrs. Beasley

Santa Bears for three readers, Mary,

- Family Circus kids figurines,

- A store where Maybelline cake

A commemorative plate for

- A store that sells Clinique

- A store where Coty 24-hour

Color Rub liquid rouge in "Pink

mascara with a brush (in a red

- A Mrs. Beasley doll for Linda.

plastic case) is sold for Pat.

available for Doris.

A store where tie-dyed chil-

A fiesta ware sugar bowl lid in

Hudson's 1999 millennium

School yearbook for Robert

ing in parades for Tom.

teil lip moisturizer is sold for Max-

paintings by Susan Seddon Boulet

for socks are sold for Barbara.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

sold for Kathy

- Linda is looking for a business sold in the 50s and '60s by the

to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader that rents table space. She would Redford Suburban League, for Pat. feedback. If you've seen or are looking like to have a garage sale but lives in for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and an apartment. leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' ers locate items they want or need for requests for merchandise twice. If you Christmas. We hope we're helping don't hear from us or see information and thank readers for paying special about the item within a few weeks, we attention to the column during the were unable to locate it. When we find holiday season. For those readers we an item owned by another reader, were unable to help, we wish you luck rather than for sale at a store, we will in the next few weeks in finding your call you. But. please, be patient: we items. handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A Timex wind-up watch for women can be purchased through the Vermont County Store catalog, (802) 362-8440 (page 46, item #23861.

Bayberry candles can be purchased at the Country Cupboard, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" 15970 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, for Eileen. (734) 425-1990, and at the Bon Ton Gift Shop, at Six Mile and Newburgh avelli's Golden Autumn cologne is roads.

- One set of Bookhouse books for Barbara.

Scissors can be sharpened at the Bon Ton Gift Shop at Six Mile Farthing, high-wheel bike for ridand Newburgh roads or at any Joanne Fabric stores. dren's shirts (sizes 8/10 in purple

- Cosmetic bonnets for dressing can be purchased at Levin's Beauty Supply at 15 Mile and Orchard Lake

- Lip Chic, the product recommended several weeks ago by Malls & Mainstreets beauty columnist Mary Anne Toccalino, can be purchased at Red The Salon in downtown Birm-

Norma and Barbara. Hudson's has Arpege perfume is sold at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Colornaments, plates and other pieces for Marzie. lection in Troy.

Sander's products can be purchased at Sears at the Macomb

Sander's hot fudge can be pur chased at the following stores: ACO hardware stores, Nino Salvaggio the Green Mead Church Historion Rochester Road in Troy, Kroger cal Park at Eight Mile and Newon 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak, The burgh roads for Angela. Chocolate Shop at 12 Mile and ·Farmington roads, CVS (formerly Arbor Drugs) stores and F&M Bronze" for Mattie. lipstick in "Pure Watermelon" is

Sander's bumpy cake can be purchased at the Hard Ice Cream Café, 10930 Farmington Road, one block south of Plymouth, in Livonia.

We won't feel comfortable

- A video tape of the film "Heidi backing for William with Shirley Temple" for Virginia. Alterra Clare Bridge of Livonia is an assisted living residence specifically designed to care for people with

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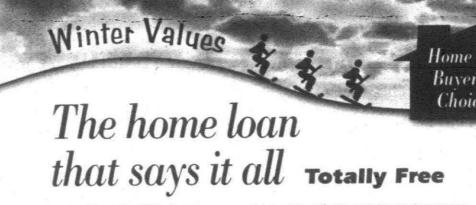
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- A 1949 Barbour Hall Military

School yearbook (school located in Nazareth Mich.) for Margaret.

- Two of each of the 1998 Barbie

- A store where Faberge's Straw

- A store where a photo album for new, larger-sized pictures can

- A store where a Regal bath-

room rug (55-60 inches in length

and 28-32 inches in width) can be

-A store where furniture decals

- A 1960s doll called "Little Miss

- A 1960 Detroit Holy Redeemer

No Name" (she wears a burlap dress)

High School yearbook and Norel

- A business or company that

Land Before Time dinosaurs

- A 1994-95 Christopher Radko

Third Day of Christmas ornament

- A Rainbow Brite doll for Sally

bread-men cookies for Diane.

- Sunshine Biscuit's iced ginger-

- Three hand rails for concrete

- A store where a Hair Ball with

straight or curly hair in blue,

orange, yellow, and purple is sold

for Laura. The item is like a Kosh

- Milton Bradley's "Pizza Game"

- Two front parts for a He-man

- A business or person who will

The Faithful Friends doll Ellie

A half-slip undergarment to

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

sew outfits for a Christmas Baby

wear beneath culottes for Cecelia.

Jesus for Wanda, of Westland

Hat perfume is sold for Helen.

ornaments.for Mary

be bought for Mary.

bought for Mimi.

are sold for Grace.

#19 lipstick for Gary.

for Travis and Trever.

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steps for Kim.

for Jeanine.

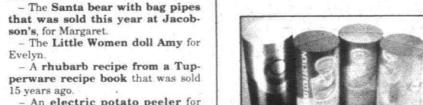
for Jo Anne

Castle for Marge.

repairs freezers for Ada.



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The Friends of the Opera of Michigan and Conlen Productions present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a tender, Christmas season musical-drama for the entire family 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at St. Martha's Church, 18200 Oakwood Blvd., across from Oakwood Hospital, Dear-

Tickets are \$10 and available by calling Friends of the Opera at (313) 582-0997. VAN GOGH TICKETS

Tickets for the exhibition,

Thermal Engineering Services Inc.

show, featuring 70 paintings and drawings from public and private international collections. will be exhibited March 12 to June 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.

This is the first exhibit to focus on Vincent van Gogh's evolving approach to the portrait throughout his tragically brief

Tickets, which include Acoustiguide audio tour, are \$16 adults Monday-Friday, \$18, Saturday-Sunday, \$8 ages 6-17, and available by calling (248) 433-8444. Founders Society members and children age 5 and under are

To schedule an adult or student group visit, to book a private function, or for more information, call the Van Gogh Hot Line at (313) 833-8499. To join or renew membership in the Founders Society, call (313) 833-7971. For exhibit information, visit the Web site at www.dia.org

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> "It's Only Rock n' Roll" travels to the Magic Stick in downtown Detroit after leaving Innisfree.

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents "Once Upon a December" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists to exhibit in Fine Art in the Village June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. More than \$2,5000 in prizes will be awarded with a grand prize of \$1,000. The exhibit is held in conjunction with the 24th annual Livonia Arts Festival.

Artists interested in entering work should call Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

On Feb 5 Cranbrook Institute of Science opens a new traveling exhibit. "Take My Picture. Please A Festival of Cultural Snapshots," and the most important part of the exhibit is you.

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#### **MUSIC CLASSES**

Evola Music is now taking registrations for the Winter/Spring session of classes in Kinder musik, piano, violin, and organ, dermusikatevola

#### **DIA HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a man-

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# Behind the controversy of a sensational exhibit

JUDITH DONER BERNE

SPECIAL WRITER NEW YORK - The "Sensation" exhibition of young British artists at the Brooklyn Museum

of Art remains a hot topic. And so it happened, that over he check-out counter at the new DKNY store on Madison Avenue, a rather hip, young salesman, the female cashier and I spent a few minutes discussing it. They particularly wanted to know how someone from the Midwest viewed the exhibition, which runs through Jan. 9.

They weren't aware that Detroit had just gone through an art museum controversy of its own when another exhibit designed to shock closed shortly after it opened at the Detroit Institute of Arts in mid Novem-

Once upon a time, New Yorkers weren't interested in anyone from anywhere past Jersey, unless they were from the West Coast. That they expressed interest in a Midwesterner's opinion shows progress.

My reaction to "Sensation." told them, was that over the years, particularly at the Whitney Museum of American Art, I have seen equally shocking art. That includes the current exhib t, "The American Century Art and Culture 1900-2000," part

"Sensation," of course, is the exhibit of 86 works by 41 young British artists that attracted a record number of visitors in its inaugural presentation at the Royal Academy of Arts in London and is doing the same in New

It's the exhibit that New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani attempted unsuccessfully to close down by threatening to cut city funding to

Basically, "Sensation" is challenging because it concentrates on controversial works and themes. It's worth noting that neither the artists nor their works have stood the test of time. One often unreported aspect of

the controversy is that museums are venturing into the domain once reserved for galleries, namely showing new art But to think that all these ral history museum?

1990s are worthy of being shown of these installations, I vote for in major museums is, at best, a the natural history museum.

Still, "Sensation" has some potentially important pieces. Particularly impressive works "Sensation" are the paintings of Chris Ofili, Richard Patterson and Jenny Saville and the sculp-

ture of Rachel Whiteread. The pieces by Ofili, including the much-maligned and infamous "The Holy Virgin Mary," are magnificent. Ofili's paintings are intricate, delicate, and dazzling. The precise placement of clumps of elephant dung (the elephant is revered in Zimbabwe where he revamped his style of painting) is his method of grounding them in a cultural as well as a natural landscape.

His paintings are not "smeared" with elephant dung, as described in some media

Jenny Saville's huge oil paintings depict Rubenesque nudes in an apparent statement about the discomfort of contemporary women with their body images. In "Plan," for instance, the amazingly tinted flesh shows markings like that of a plastic surgeon, defining what route to take to reconfigure a body.

Richard Patterson takes cheap, plastic toys, alters them to his taste, photographs then paints them on a monumental scale. Two of his works, "Motorcrossed II" and "Blue Minotaur," bring to mind "Persistence of Memory" by surrealist artist Salvador Dali.

Meanwhile, Rachel Whiteread also turns to everyday objects, such as bathtubs and sinks. which she fashions out of stark white plaster or alabaster-colored polystyrene.

In "Untitled (100 Spaces)," she explores the concept of negative space in a roomful of 100 deliriously tinted, translucent resin sculptures. "Sensation" raises a lot of ques-

tions about what art is. For instance, what is the point of Damien Hurst's exhibit of a shark, a lamb, two pigs and the cross-sections of two cows suspended in formaldehyde? Do these belong in an art or a natu-

Another startling piece is Ron Mueck's "Dead Dad," which is an

exact replica of his father's naked corpse, perfectly detailed but reduced to the size of a child. Viewers are forced to confront the body (and the notion of death), as it lies on the floor of the exhibition room. The in-yourface immediacy recalls acclaimed photographer Cindy Sherman's

nannequin images. Two walls of photographs of Richard Billingham's dysfunctional family have been exhibited to great acclaim in galleries in New York, Milan, Paris and London. Yes, they, too, are difficult to look at.

"Sensation" isn't an easy exhibit to view or understand. But its place in art history may well rest on the money and control issues raised rather than its emphasis

on shock art. A front page story by David Barstow in Tuesday's New York Times reports that the artistic demands of Charles Saatchi, the British advertising executive who owns the works, drove up the cost of the exhibition, forcing a ticket price hike and less secu rity, visitor services and educa tional programs.

The Times' piece also suggests that Christie's auction house pledged \$50,000 as a corporate sponsor of the exhibit.

Barstow writes: "... the documents provide a rare look at the ethical perils confronting American museums as they stage expensive, blockbuster exhibi tions in an era of declining gov ernment support. For museum directors, the challenge is to naintain artistic independence and integrity while raising private money that may come from those with a financial stake in their exhibitions.

The issue may be particularly relevant to residents in Oakland and Wayne counties. This August, voters could consider : ballot issue on public funding for our regional arts institutions.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of the Eccentric

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two national Telly Awards for outstanding production and content in a children's program, Yarmy and Daldin were contacted about by a division of ABC/Disney about a full, 13-pro-

Suddenly, what they admitted was a project they did on the side moved front and center. Quickly, they became convinced that there was a future in inspiring kids about the value of "loving your work." (The creators of "Bob" both admit to having had iobs they hated - sand and car salesman.

"The message for kids is: 'Keep reading, do well in school and don't stop dreaming," said Daldin. In time, "Bob's Job" will try to

dispel stereotypes and help kids build a broader awareness of the world around them, said Yarmy. For years, the cash cow at Video Design has been corporate videos. High-end stuff that makes looking at a car seem like

a stroll through the Louvre. But then came "Bob." will air the second episode on Daldin might want to pick it up. WTVS. Doubters should be prepared to get on the Bob Train. the other end.

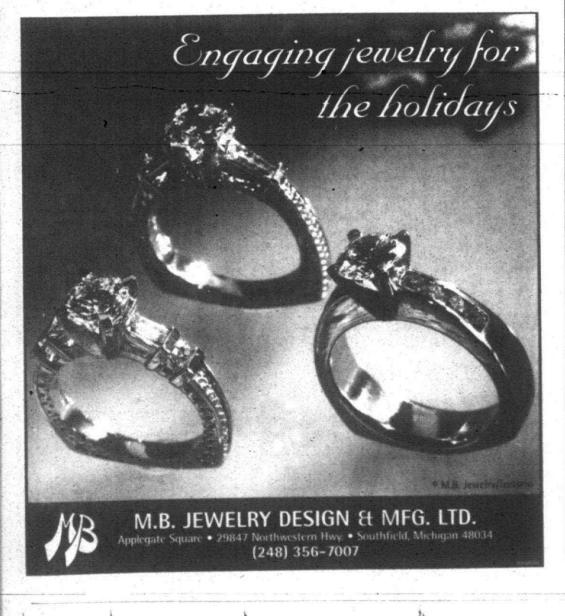
The program has the look and feel of an inevitable success. Meanwhile, Yarmy and Daldin

are seeking backers to finance an entire 13-program series. Eventually, "Bob's Job" might be just the type of program suited for PBS, Disney or Nickelodeon's newly formed Noggin Network, which is referred to as

Electric Company." In a few weeks, "Bob's Job" in several months, Yarmy and There could be a solution on

tion of "Sesame Street" and "The

"thinking television" in the tradi-



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# New York City: Visit again and again and again

"People come to New York because they're looking for something, only to find once they get here that the city raises more questions in one's soul than it answers..."

Nancy Franklin The New Yorker, Feb. 22, 1999

#### BY JUDITH DONER BERNE SPECIAL WRITER

On the shuttle bus ride in from Newark Airport to Manhattan, I overheard a mother recounting to her young son some of the sights they would see on his first trip to New York City: the Statue of Liberty, the top of the World Trade Center, South Street Seaport, Greenwich Village.

lage.
We dropped them off at their hotel in the heart of Times Square. I figured she wanted him to be as close as possible to the lights of Broadway. And they could easily walk to his first Broadway show.

It made me think about the first time my parents took me sightseeing in New York ... the sights my husband and I visited during the 10 years we lived in and around Manhattan ... the sights I showed my children.

It's been a number of trips to New York since I deliberately set out to see such "sights." And many of them have changed over the years. For instance, the twin towers of the World Trade Center, not the Empire State Building, are New York's tallest structure.

You don't merely ferry to the Statue of Liberty and back, but now can more fully understand the immigrants' experience through the museum that opened in 1990 on Ellis Island. The United Nations headquarters was once a definite must-see. I'm not sure how true that still is since its power and promise haven't been realized.

People now live on Roosevelt Island, which once only held jails, asylums and hospitals. The short aerial tram ride to this East River isle offers interesting views. You can board at Second Avenue and 60th.

New York, arguably the world's premiere city, has in common with other world class cities that the more you see, the more there is to unravel. The joy of returning over and over is that you can become more than a tourist. The wonder of New York is that something extraordinary is around every corner.

So where you stay in New York is important. And I'm not talking about fancy versus not so fancy. It's that where you stay is your neighborhood for that particular trip. Moving around the city – west side, east side, midtown, downtown – provides a chance to get a true feel for the various sections.

Recently I'd been remiss. Since we usually go to New York during the winter months, it's tempting to stay in the 50s on the west side. That way you're less dependent on a taxi to get to Broadway or Lincoln Center if the weather is bad. Ready for new vistas, I opted for the east side and a hotel I hadn't stayed

at on my most recent trip. At the Regency Hotel, Park Avenue at 61st, I experienced a lovely hotel in the last stages of renovation, with a gracious lobbyand courteous, accommodating service. Their concierge expediently called to find the hours and specific subway directions to PS - the edgy art museum in Queens that recently associated with the Museum of Modern Art. In the hotel's wood-paneled, bookshelf-lined library, you can sink into comfy settees to have anything from breakfast to an after-theater supper. And their workout room is spacious and well-equipped, although on the basement level.

I also was delighted that just around the corner was my favorite delicatessen, the original Viand on Madison at 61st. Viand occupies a sliver of a storefront (the aisle between counter and the wall of single-file tables is significantly narrower than at Steve's Deli at





Looking Up: The Christmas windows of Burberry (right) and Escada, two high fashion stores on 57th Street.

Maple and Telegraph, for example). Still, New Yorkers are willing to wait "on line" for their incredible turkey sandwiches for as long as it takes.

A highlight for me is running in Central Park. Its 843-acres (the principality of Monaco would fit within its confines, according to Fodor's guidebook) present not only an oasis for New Yorkers but a microcosm of the city surrounding it. Around each bend is a new "neighborhood" whether it be the skating rink, the Carousel, the Sheep Meadow, Strawberry Fields (which John Lennon immortalized), Central Park and Tisch Children's zoos, and the various wetlands and waters.

Running the park from the east side rather than the west affords new sightings, such as the bronze mountain lion mounted on the rocky ledge above a major running route and the statue of a Polish hero off the beaten path.

I had never before run as far as the Reservoir, where I joined the herd of joggers circling its 1.6 mile perimeter. It affords a great view of the high-rise buildings that surround Central Park, including the renown Dakota, where Lennon lived and died.

On the return route, I caught up with a truly New York sight – a professional dog walker high stepping it with 10 (by actual count) leashed canines of assort-



Fairyland: Holiday lights adorn trees along Park Avenue near Grand Central Station.

ed breeds keeping stride.

Another advantage of the near east side is that the major art museums are within walking distance. Smartly, they have staggered the days each closes so visitors don't miss out: the Metropolitan on Monday, MOMA (Museum of Modern Art) on Wednesday, the Guggenheim on Thursday, the Whitney, Monday and Tuesday. I headed for the Guggenheim, with its glassdomed, innovative spiral rotunda design by Frank Lloyd Wright, which I have visited often since its opening in 1959.

Although some disparage its six-story, quarter-mile ramp as a poor space for viewing art, you don't wonder whether you're viewing an exhibition in the proper order, as can happen in more traditional museums.

This time it was Picasso's paintings, sculpture and sketches from the Spanish Civil War through the end of World War II that occupied the bulk of the ramp.

The remaining space was devoted to 10 years (1959-69) of work by pop artist Jim Dine. Picasso, of course, is a hard act to follow and Dine suffers as a result. Both exhibits run into

Generally, I've sacrificed food to theater. However, this trip I tried to work in more than soup before, pastry after. I picked a restaurant within walking distance of our hotel from the best new restaurants of 1998, according to departing New York Times reviewer Ruth Reichl. The arepas at Bolivar, a South American restaurant at 206 East 60th, are sensational. On the regular menu, these Columbian griddle cakes are made with fresh corn and served with creme fraiche. This night, they also served them as an appetizer: three blini-sized pancakes, each topped with a different delicacy – caviar, crabmeat, creme fraiche. A 6:15 p.m. reservation

Since it was Monday night and most theaters were dark, it was easy to catch a cab to Lincoln Center for the Metropolitan Opera's performance of Il Trovatore. A few empty seats – unusual for the sold out Met – probably reflected the ho-hum review it received in that day's Times.

and friendly, efficient service

allowed us a relatively leisurely

But whatever the production, attending the opera in that glittering house, arguably the best in the world, is a glorious experience.

Which brings me to the art of ticket getting. Unless it's a last-minute trip, calling the theater listing usually works. I had no trouble getting good seats to "Art" about six weeks before, but although it's a Tony Award-winning play it's been running a while.

For hot tickets, such as nexteresason's premiere staging of the

new Great Gatsby opera, I rely on the brokerage firm of Global Tickets. They charge above the box office price. But throughout 10 years of using them I've yet to be disappointed by either their failure to book what I want to see or by poor seats.

Yes, Times Square recently has been cleaned up, free of prostitution and adult movie houses. But now it's criticized for looking more like Hollywood than New York - "Disneyfied" I believe is the description.

The same could be said for Fifth Avenue, where Saks Fifth Avenue and Bergdorf Goodman stand like book ends propping up more paperbacks (including a Disney store) than hard covers.

The posh shopping has moved over an avenue to Madison between 59th and 79th. Calvin Klein, Prada, Betsy Johnson and similar designer boutiques rule, giving way to art and antiques as you continue to the upper east side.

Over my three-day visit, you could say I was true to my east side neighborhood (although I didn't set foot in Blooming-dales!). Maybe next trip I'll check out one of Soho's new hotels - the Soho Grand or the Mercer - and spend my time in Lower Manhattan.

Sure, I'll miss running in Central Park, but Manhattan becomes so narrow downtown that the East River and Battery Park are viable substitutes. And, of course, off-Broadway, off-off Broadway and a whole different art, fashion and restaurant scene are indigenous to Soho, the Village, Tribeca, the East Village, Little Italy and Chinatown.

I guess I'm actually a bit envious of that woman on the airport shuttle. Been there, done that is not something you can ever say about New York.

Judy Berne has more time for travel now than when she was managing editor for the Eccentric Newspapers. She continues as a regular columnist for the Eccentric's op-ed page and frequently writes on travel for the O&E's Sunday Arts and Leisure section.



KELLI LEWTON

### Be of good cheer with festive holiday sips

emperatures are dropping, fes-tive outdoor lights are being hung, trees are twinkling and everyone is getting into the holiday spirit.

As a child, I knew Christmas was near when my favorite movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" was being featured on TV, and there was eggnog in our refrigerator. I still refer to eggnog as Christmas milk, and cherish the memory of sipping this thick, lightly fragrant, drink.

Most of our holiday food and drink traditions have come from around the world. The are rich in flavor, taste and often even richer in their history.

Holiday libations are the pre- and post celebration of the event itself. As a holiday buffet brings people together, its counterpart, the celebratory communal bowl, mug or glass of festive liquid spirits, is warming the way to holiday cheer.

Special gatherings brimming with holiday cheer, and the splendor of all that is familiar would seem to be met by a warm liquid libation this season.

Eggnog is an essential component of an American yuletide feast. Although people have been sipping eggnog for two centuries, the etymology of the word itself extends back even further.

The word "nog" is an old English term for strong beer or ale. Some folklorists believe the word eggnog was derived from "noggin," a small birch cup used to serve tavern patrons versus a large mug given to those who sat by the fire.

Over time eggnog developed into a potent egg- and spirit-based beverage with other added ingredients such as cream, sugar and spices, especially

In England people whisked red wine into their nog. In Colonial America, people added rum, brandy or whiskey. Although eggnog's birth was as an alcohol-based beverage many people drink alcohol-free varieties today.

#### A toast

"Hail Hail, Wassail" - was the toast the farmers would chant as they grabbed their weapons and headed to their apple orchard in Devonshire, England on Jan. 7. The farmers would circle the oldest apple tree in their orchard and sing songs or chant to praise the tree for its fruit.

Drinking cider and a feast of roast beef accompanied their praise to the orchards. "Ves heill," is Norse for "be in good health." It is an old toast as well as the origin of the word. Wassail is a warm winter drink consisting of ale or sweetened wine steeped with spices and apples, and even garnished with small, roasted apples.

#### French traditions

The French never to be forgotten in the culinary world, are famous for serving holiday wine as an aperitif. It is prepared by simply infusing red wine with orange and lemon peel, vanilla extract, and cloves. After a two-week rest in a dark place, Framboise berry liqueur or brandy is added to the wine mixture.

Without a doubt the French are masters at making champagne, which is always a holiday favorite. Champagne is very versatile, and wonderful with a splash of most citrus juices and sweeter liqueurs. Perhaps a little Chambord and Champagne (Kier Royal) would get the sugar plum fairies dancing at your next holiday brunch.

#### Non-alcoholic drinks

Don't forget to serve non-alcoholic drinks at your party. Spices often play an important role in many of our warm winter drinks. Good quality mulling spices are a must for any

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Holiday roasts # Focus on Wine

# STRESSYFREE



#### Celebrate The Millennium

In many countries, windows and doors are opened at midnight, and homeowners bang pots and pans together to chase away the evil spir-

In Spain, just before midnight, everyone is offered a handful of 12 grapes. Make a wish. As the clock strikes midnight everyone eats their grapes, one by one as the 12 bells toll. If you can do it your wish will

Bishop's wine, a hot spiced beverage, is served in Holland on St. Nick's Eve and New Year's Eve. (See recipe inside.)

In Latin countries party hostesses invite certain special guests to put on a gift of a pair of red briefs or panties. It promises to bring a year of passion to the wearer. A rumbased punch, cafe de olla, tamales and bunuelos will probably be on the

In South America, revelers trek around the house or pool carrying their suitcases. It promises you'll take plenty of trips throughout the

Brazilians may enjoy feijoada, their national dish. It's made with a variety of meats, black beans, kale, rice and orange slices. To prepare a simple version to suit U.S. tastes. serve smoked pork chops and chunks of sausage with black beans, white rice, sautéed kale and orange slices. You can find a good selection of feijoada recipes online at http://soar.Berkeley. EDU/recipes/ethnic/brazil/

#### Have a kids' party

Invite cousins, neighbor kids or your kid's friends. Their parents will think you are wonderful because they won't have to find a sitter. Serve punch, shrimp, meatballs and little sandwiches. Play party music that all ages enjoy, like the Hokey Pokey and the chicken song. Set out games and a jigsaw puzzle and wrap it all up with a movie. Bang those pots and pans at midnight and the kids will remember this night forever. And so will their parents.

#### Form a spirit circle

At midnight invite everyone to go

Please see CELEBRATE, D2

lines, and children's activities is gift shopping, wrapping, baking and entertaining out-oftown guests.

It can turn December into a "bah humbug" kind of month.

That said, it is also the time we receive greetings from so many old friends, take some time to remember the less fortunate, party with those we usually work with, and pause to remember what it feels like to be a child.

Take some time to reflect on your life. Do you feel better today than you did at the beginning of the year? Are you ready to give yourself a holiday present? The best thing you can do for yourself and for your family is to stay healthy.

One important way to stay healthy is to eat healthy. Don't let holiday parties sabotage your efforts. Remember, the three most important points about healthy eating (and perhaps life in general) are balance, variety and moderation.

- Balance: As the rhythm of the holiday season cranks up, it is important to eat smaller, more frequent meals to keep your energy up. This is surprisingly easy to adapt to during the holiday season since social events tend to be opportunities for "grazing," or eating a little here, a little there. Try to avoid heavy, fatty meals because they can make you feel sluggish. Avoid skipping meals or you'll get too hungry and overeat with abandon later on. Drink plenty of water. It is the best gift for healthy kidneys. Help yourself to holiday treats, but be reasonable about portion sizes and the number of servings you take. (See sidebar on
- serving sizes Size Savvy.) Wariety: Make time for exercise and activity. It can come in many forms. Activity and movement help relieve stress and will make you feel better. The holidays are a perfect time to try something new. Try different foods. See the recipe for caviar mousse inside; it's a wonderful dish for a special

Moderation: I believe dieting doesn't work. Dieting adds stress and guilt. Focus on habits that contribute to good health. Food and celebrations can be partners. Try to slow down your eating. This allows your body a chance to feel full but not overstuffed. Listen to your body's inter-

nal cues. When you are doing your holiday cooking and baking, substitute lower-fat ingredients for high-fat ones whenever possible. Select recipes that contain whole grains, fruits and vegetables such as pumpkin pie, banana bread, oatmeal cookies, blueberry muffins and carrot cake. It is easy to get caught up in

the frenzy of the season. We shop too much, party too hard and eat without restraint or forget to eat at all. Try to stop and cherish the past, give yourself the gift of the present and look forward to the future.

Here are some ideas

- Cherish the past: Fill your house with the scent of grandma's sugar and spice cookies and grandfather's spiced wine.
- Give yourself a gift: Slow down. When you are preparing food, cook in double batches. You can share with a friend or freeze the remainder for a busy day
- Look forward to the future: Sign up for a yoga class or calligraphy or something else you've been longing to learn. Find a walking part-ner. Plan a vacation. Buy a calendar and fill it with all the year's birthdays.

Remember, the best present is the gift of good health. Slow down, enjoy the holidays and have a wonderful, happy New

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**Holiday Gift Suggestions** 

Here are some gift ideas that pro-

- mote wellness: Healthy cookbook
- Flavored vinegars
- Pasta bowls
- Gourmet coffee Flavored popcorn
- Air popper and unpopped popcorn
- Vegetable steamer
- Olive oil spray bottle
- Gravy skimmer
- Garlic press Pot and seeds for an herbal garden
- Fruit basket
- Colorful or fun salt and pepper shak-
- Homemade trail mix with nuts, dried fruits, seeds and other ingredients Exercise gear such as socks, a hel-
- met, cassette tapes with up-beat music
- Subscription to a health-oriented magazine

#### Size Savvy

We have become quite used to seeing enormous servings of foods. Even so-called healthy foods can pack in a lot of extra calories if the serving size is large. Here is a general guide to what is considered a "serving" on the Food Guide Pyramid.

- 1/2 cup cooked pasta = normal ice cream scoop
- 1/2 cup cooked rice or beans = a tennis ball
- 1 cup raw leafy vegetables =
- 1/2 cup cooked vegetable or fruit =
- 1 medium apple = a tennis ball
- 3 ounces of cooked meat = a deck of cards
- 4 ounces of cooked meat =
- a cassette tape 2 tablespoons of peanut butter =
- a Ping-Pong ball ■ 1 1/2 ounces of cheese =
- a pair of domines
- 1 teaspoon of margarine = the tip of your thumb (from the
- 1 ounce of potato chips = 2 palm-fulls

# Turkey Alfredo is a tasty, healthy dish



One patients' favorite menu choices is Fettuccine Alfredo. Even my fat-loving taste buds tingle at the mention of this Italian classic with its heavy cream, unsalted butter and more than a goodly sprinkle of freshly grated imported Parmesan cheese.

One of the goals of my nutrition counseling is to help patients learn to modify their favorite recipes so that they can continue "Eating Younger" and enjoy what they're eat-

You may remember an earlier recipe I shared with you for an Eating Younger Fettuccine Alfredo. This one, however, is slightly different and has several additional virtues.

You can stock up and have the Fet-

tuccine Alfredo ingredients readily available on your pantry shelf and in the freezer. Use fresh or frozen veggies. You might try canned varieties. They cut prep time and are similar in nutritional value to fresh cooked or frozen. If carrots and broccoli aren't popular at your house, substitute asparagus, green beans or whole kernel corn.

The turkey might be some of your frozen stash from the Thanksgiving bird. Cooked and skinned chicken breast, ham, cooked shrimp or rinsed tuna fish are other stand-ins. The recipe has enough flavor to make it an interesting all-veggie option.

Do be sure to use freshly grated imported Parmesan or Romano cheese. Don't buy cheese that's already grated. It doesn't provide the necessary flavor spark to create the "Italian" aura

As you probably know, the fiber can be increased by adding vegetables. But try substituting Chinese Lo Mein noodles for the pasta. There

are 6 grams of fiber in a half cup of Lo Mein noodles in contrast to only 1 1/2 to 2 grams in the same amount of pasta. Besides, I prefer the chewiness of the Chinese noodle. You can find them in the Oriental food section of most markets.

This is one of those recipes that takes longer to eat than it does to make. When your day isn't long enough for all you need to do, this is a recipe you can turn to for smart eating. You can probably have it ready to eat faster than you can "order in!" Happy healthy holiday

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the cond Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI-48069.

#### TURKEY-VEGETABLE ALFREDO

- 1 (11.5 oz.) can "Healthy" Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can "Healthy" Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup Evaporated Skim Milk 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey breast. skinned and cut into strips
- 1 (8-1/4 oz.) can sliced carrots, drained
- 1 cup cooked broccoli flowerets 1 (4 oz.) jar whole mushrooms, drained
- 4 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan Cheese
- 6 ounces cooked pasta (your choice) or Chinese Lo Mein Noodles

Mix undiluted soups with milk in saucepan until smooth. Simmer (low heat) until serving temperature, stirring constantly. Add vegetables and cheese, stirring gently. Serve over hot cooked pasta or noodles. Sprinkle with additional cheese, if desired. Serves 4.

- # Food values per serving: calories, 360; fat, 6.5 g; saturat ed fat, 2.5 g; sodium, 830 mg; cholesterol, 50 mg. # Food exchanges: 3 1/2 lean meat, 2 starches, 1 veg.

Sunny, wholesome citrus fruits are a welcome gift

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# Toast the holidays with delicious sippers

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compli-ments of Chef Kelli Lewton, 2 Unique

WASSAIL 10 small apples

10 teaspoons brown sugar

2 bottles dry sherry or dry 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg 1 teaspoon ground ginger

3 cloves 3 allspice berries

1-inch stick cinnamon 2 cups superfine sugar

3/4 cup water

6 eggs, separated 1 cup brandy Core the apples and fill each

with a teaspoon of brown sugar. Place in a baking pan and cover the bottom with 1/8-inch of water Bake in a 350°F degree oven for 30 ninutes or until tender.

Combine the sherry or Madeira, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, allspice berries, cinnamon, sugar and water in a large, heavy saucepan and heat without letting the mixture come to a boil. Leave on very low heat. Beat the egg volks until light and lemon-colored. Beat the whites until stiff and fold them into the yolks. Strain the wine mixture and add gradually to the eggs, stirring constantly. Add the brandy. Pour into a metal punch bowl, float the apples on top and serve in 8-ounce mugs. Makes about 10 servings.

#### **ENCHANTED NOG**

3 cups whole milk 1 cup heavy cream 8 tablesonnes sugar 1 cup Dark rum

1 cup heavy cream (whipped until soft peaks form)

6 egg yolks 1 star anise

1 cinnamon stick

Bring 2 cups (out of 3) milk and spices to a boil in medium sauce

Mix egg yolks and sugar in bowl

Steam warm milk and whisk into egg-sugar mixture, whisking

Pour back into sauce pan, heat on low an additional 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in remaining milk and cream. Chill

open vessel in fridge. Add rum and fold in whip

down quickly in ice bath in an

Pour in glass, garnish with sprinkle of nutmeg. To make drink non-alcoholic replace rum with 2 teaspoons of

rum extract. BUTTERY RUM

4 oz Dark Rum Twist lemon and orange peel 1 cinnamon stick

3 cloves 1 star anise

Nutmeg

16 ounces cider 1 1/2 tablespoons whole sweet butter

Warm cider with spices, simmer for 5 minutes. Add rum, strain spices, add whole butter. Divide into four 4 ounce mugs. (Warm mugs with hot water) Garnish with sprinkle of nutmeg.

MULLED WINE 16 ounces claret or other dry

aflame. Ladle the wine mixture sugar is dissolved. Serve in 8-

1 cinnamon stick 1 teaspoon superfine sugar about 10 servings.

Combine all ingredients in a small, heavy saucepan and heat, but do not allow to boil. Strain into two 8 ounce mugs.

SCANDINAVIAN YULETIDE DRINK

red wine

Twist lemon peel

Pinch allspice

4 cloves

Dash Angostura bitters

There are a number of variations of this traditional Scandinavian Yuletide drink. Dry red wine, muscatel and sweet vermouth, with aquavit in place of the brandy, may be used. In another version, 2 bottles of dry red wine, preferably Bordeaux, are used with the quantity of

aquavit increased to a whole bot-

flaming sugar.

GLOGG tle, which is poured over the

1 bottle tawny port 1 bottle Madeira

1 bottle medium dry sherry 1/2 bottle dry red wine

15 cloves 15 cardamom seeds

1 stick cinnamon 1/2 pound sugar cubes

1/2 cup brandy 1 cup raisins

3/4 cup blanched almonds Combine all ingredients except the sugar, brandy, raisins and nuts in a heavy saucepan and heat slowly. When the wine mixture is hot, place a rack on

top of the saucepan so that it

Arrange the sugar cubes on the rack, warm the brandy, pour it over the sugar and set it over the flaming sugar until ounce mugs, garnished with the almonds and raisins. Makes

#### **CELEBRATION CIDER**

1/2 gallon apple cider 2 cinnamon sticks

1 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon ginger 1/2 teaspoon ground car-

Place spices in a bundled cheese cloth or in a tea ball strainer. Put cider in water reservoir of coffee

Put ball or cheese cloth bundle in coffee carafe, then brew. **GARNISHES FOR HOLIDAY DRINKS** 

Whole cinnamon sticks Fresh whipped cream Grated cinnamon and nutmeg

Frozen Grapes Rim glasses with colored sug-

A dollop of ice cream in a hot cocoa or coffee

Fresh raspberries or strawber-Put fresh cranberries into ice cube trays, add water, freeze Coffee cordials such as Irish

Cream, Frangelico, Chambord, Peppermint sticks Rock candy or chocolate stirrer

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cle adds a brief comment as they

blow out their candle and toss it Then everyone dashes in from the cold to dance until breakfast.

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with your closest friends watching a parade and the football games. Serve some strong cafe de olla, a Mexican coffee flavored

Celebrate a fresh millennium

This unrefined cone of brown sugar is available at specialty stores or a Latino grocery store. See recipes on Page D3

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SIRLOIN TIP

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respectable cider as well as to

glass frosted with sugar lend spirit and color to your holiday drink selection. White grape and wishes for a bright millennijuice and Sprite, is another pop-

add spirit to a variety of juice drink seems to be chai tea with

or daiquiris served in a festive ular non-alcoholic drink.

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a safe and happy holiday season Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner

of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of

# The new popular warming

Virgin strawberry margaritas

Serve coffee or cocoa with almond extract, or a peppermint stick. Add eggnog to coffee, top sprinkle of nutmeg for a special gram, percent of calories from

CAVIAR MOUSSE Approximately 8 servings 1 tablespoon unflavored

story on Taste front.

See related holiday presents

vorful warm dessert.

gelatin 2 tablespoons cold water

1/2 cup boiling water

1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 tablespoon Worcestershire

2 tablespoons mayonnaise 1 pint fat-free sour cream

1 pinch dry mustard 4 1/2 ounces caviar

Soak gelatin in cold water until soft. Add boiling water, stir until dissolved. Add lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce. In another bowl combine mayonnaise and sour cream. Pour liquid m into this. Add dry mustard and caviar.

Mix gently but thoroughly and pour into a 3 or 4 cup mold.

Chill 6 hours. Unmold by dip ping the mold in hot water and shaking the contents loose onto a . serving plate. Decorate and serve as an hors d'oeuvre or mold in individual molds and serve as a first course. You may wish to "frost" with additional caviar. Serve on toast points, melba rounds or crackers.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 57, protein 2 grams, fat 3 grams, sodium 164 mg, carbohydrates less than 1

fat: 46.5 Recipe compliments of A recipe

#### BISHOP'S WINE

1 bottles red table wine 1/2 bottle water (use wine

bottle to measure) 1 orange, sliced

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 cinnamon stick

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon dried rosemary

1 bay leaf . 30 cloves

Sugar to taste

Let everything simmer, except sugar, without boiling for a few hours in a covered pot. Add sugar according to taste, pass through a sieve. Place a sliver spoon in each wine glass and pour hot into wine glasses. The spoon prevents heat

#### CAFE DE OLLA MEXICAN SPICED COFFEE

1 cup water 3 Tablespoons dark roasted coffee, coarsely ground

1 stick cinnamon Piloncillo (unrefined dark brown

sugar) to taste In an earthenware pot, bring

water to a beil. Add the coffee, cinnamon, and unrefined dark brown sugar. Bring to a boil twice. then strain and serve.

#### COOKING CALENDAR

HELP FOR HOLIDAY HOSTS

then a Host" program 11 a.m. to were awarded prizes in AAA of 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 to Michigan's annual Great Pre-Busch's Livonia, 37083 W. Six tenders contest. Recipes of all Mile Road in the Newburgh the winning drink entries, and Plaza. AAA of Michigan repre- taste samples will be provided. sentatives will mix and serve

two alcohol-free drinks - "Kirk AAA of Michigan will bring Chocolate Maltby," and "Joe their popular "First a Friend, Louis Party Punch." Both drinks

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during the holidays than a bas- can home. Yet most of us don't zest to waffle batter and topping broth and lemon juice. Or, make coarsely chopped fennel bulb, a poultry. ket filled with wholesome, sunny take full advantage of the poten- these moist, delicious treats with an orange-fennel citrus fruits. Just coming into tial of these flavorful fruits in a pile of mixed fresh fruit. Or, their peak of color, quality and our menus. Although Mediter- make a warm fruit medley with nutrition, the oranges, tanger- ranean and Asian cooks have pink grapefruit sections, pear ines and grapefruits of December used citrus in their cooking for and banana slices and raisins, can make an exciting addition to centuries, Americans are just heated in a saucepan with beginning to recognize how the orange juice, honey and ground Citrus fruit is rich in vitamin fragrance and tartness of citrus ginger

Tangerine sections are delicious in a rice salad with snow peas, or as a nutritious alterna-Selecting citrus fruit that is tive to marshmallows in a sweet heavy for its size, indicating potato casserole. Serve chicken tion, researchers are learning sweetness and juiciness. It breasts with red grapefruit sections and lemony rice that's

QUICK CITRUS CRISP

ine sections, seeded

sweet cherries, thawed

1-1/2 cups low-fat granola

In a small saucepan combin

ange juice, cornstarch and

namon. Cook and stir over

nedium heat until mixture is

thickened and bubbly. Stir in

Place citrus sections and

baking dish. Pour hot sauce

over fruit. Sprinkle with gra-

Nutrition information:

Each of the six servings con-

tains 214 calories and 2

ola. Bake for 10 minutes.

erve warm.

grams of fat

erries in a 2-quart square

1 cup frozen unsweet-

and halved

ened, pitted dark

(without raisins)

Preheat oven to 375° F

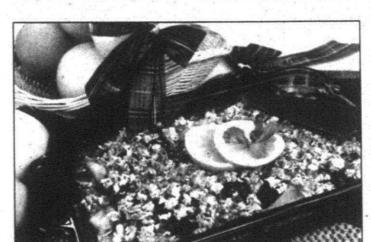
cator of ripeness. It only shows 1 cup orange juice that the fruit has been through 1 tablespoon cornstarch cold nights before picking. 1/2 teaspoon ground cin-Bright color does not ensure be help prevent various forms of ter flavor. Citrus can be stored in 2 tablespoons honey the refrigerator, removed from 4 cups assorted oranges, any plastic wrapping, for a grapefruit and tanger

month or more. Grapefruit and oranges for today citrus fruits and juices are breakfast are traditional, but

should have firm, taut skins

Green coloration is not an indi

without any soft or puffy spots.



C and dietary fiber. Oranges, can give distinction and appeal

tangerines and red or pink to even the plainest of ingredi-

grapefruit are also great sources ents.

of vitamin A, and provide calci-

um, iron and potassium. In addi-

more about the significant dis-

stances called phytochemicals.

plant foods such as citrus and,

according to the American Insti-

tute for Cancer Research, may

Introduced to the New World

with the visits of Columbus and

other early European explorers,

ease-fighting potential of sub-

These substances are found in

Simple dessert: Quick Citrus Crisp is a simple, yet fla-

Cook's note: To adapt this recipe to a coffeemaker, add piloncillo and cinnamon sticks to the pot. Prepare coffee according to instructions for the pot, although t should be stronger than regular coffee. This is typically served in

little red clay cups.

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the pith and membrane from half a thinly sliced red onion and three navel oranges, placing the a bit of salt. Use the salsa to add

Few gifts are more welcome found in virtually every Americonsider adding orange juice and cooked in a mixture of chicken pulp and juice in a bowl. Add one color and zip to grilled fish or minced jalapeno chile, 1/4 cup Recipes and information pro-

salsa by peeling and removing chopped fresh cilantro leaves, vided by the American Institute for Cancer Research.











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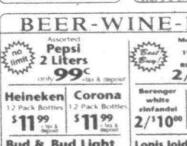
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cated spy agency from a hostile country

But we do know of two serious Y2K

viruses now in circulation. And while

there is no indication they are linked to

any governmental or political plots,

their potential for harm is still plenty

■ The Mypics worm - This one affects

users of Microsoft's popular Outlook e-

could do with computer viruses.

Here's what's out there:

want to take advantage of

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The Observer

# **BRIEFS**

#### Book fair

The Henry Ford Medical Center in Livonia hosts a book fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the center, 29200 Schoolcraft near Mid dlebelt. New books will be sold for 30-70 percent discounts. Proceeds benefit the center's volunteer program. Call Janet Estes at (734) 523-

#### **Goal setting**

Therapeutic Books & Wonders in Plymouth's Old Village will be the host of a goal setting discussion after the holidays-to help people stay focused and maintain their upcoming New Year's resolutions. Owner and mental health counselor Steven Powers, will feature a local inventor who recently received a patent on a product called the "Seven Principles." It's a tool individuals can use to help them maintain focus and set goals based on Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." The stained wood product features rods with inscribed values such as career, health, love and family. The rods can be rotated or ranked on a daily basis, based on what area of your life you're focusing. Two discussions will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Therapeutic Books & Wonders, 965 N. Mill St. Old Village. For information call (734) 453-

#### Young mothers

The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences. with each other.

#### Laryngectomy support

For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomee and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call (734) 458-

#### Stroke/aneurysm

For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family will meet at Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Garden City Hospital to promoted a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for the location and

#### Holiday 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 Breakie Medical Office Building Dec. 29 and 30 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appoint-



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continues when the children go Sometimes these new bacteria can The medical community, especause disease, which must then be cially the drug companies, has not ought with another antibiotic. had an easy time keeping up with In most cases, the right antibiotic antibiotic-resistant bacteria will effectively kill the vast majority of a bacteria strain. However, "The concern is that once these sometimes a very small percentage 'superbugs' become common, we will survive and multiply, and in will not have anything to treat peo-

the process create a whole new clone. In other words, these "superbugs" will still resemble the original organisms, but now they all will be able to resist the same antibiot-

# SUPERBUGS

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#### BY KURT KUBAN

With the inevitable arrival of winter, the flu and cold season is about to rear its ugly head. With it wil come the dreaded coughing, throats, sniffles and fevers. Looking for a quick fix to cure these ailments, many sick people will go to their doctor seeking a prescription for an antibi

However, by doing so, the majority of these people will actu ally be doing harm to themselves, as well as the rest of society, by helping to create "superbug" strains of bacteria.

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For years, people have viewed antibi otics as a kind of cureall drug. While they are extremely effective in the fight against illnesses caused by bacterial infections, such as meningitis and some kinds of sexually transmitted diseases, they are nearly useless against those caused by viral infec-

Historically, doctors have prescribed antibiotics to help patients fight coughs, fevers and other symptoms brought on by influenza or a cold. The trouble with this is both of these ailments are caused

As a result of these needless prescriptions, a whole host of antibiotic-resistant bacteria are evolving and spreading throughout the com-

"It is a huge problem," said Nicholas Lekas, chief of Infectious Disease at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. "Doctors are partially to blame, because we want to do good and help our patients. So we error on the side of giving treatment for something that might not necessar-

ily require treatment." Recent medical evidence suggests that at least a third of the time family doctors are needlessly prescribing antibiotics to treat conditions brought on by viral conditions. Considering there were over written by office-based doctors last year, you can begin to realize how the problem of antibiotic-resistant

bacteria strains has escalated. "Antibiotic therapy is a huge part of the healthcare cost. In hospitals

we spend millions of dollars on antibiotics every year. In pharmacies it is one of the most commonly equested medications," Lekas said. Nearly every surface of our bodies

is covered with various types of bac-Most are harmless, and some are even beneficial. Unfortunately, when someone needlessly takes an antibiotic to fight the flu, it will kill some of the normal bacteria, creating a vacuum or a void that will be evitably filled by other bacteria.

"This is what we learned about in school when we discussed genetics and the process of natural selection. This is natural selection in action,"

The presence of bacterial "super-

amok in a person's body. Schrader was recently diagnosed leukemia and went to Henry Ford Hospital to receive chemotherapy.

Doctors realized he was running a fever caused by a bacteria infection, which prevented them from beginning the chemotherapy. So they began a series of antibiotic treatments to fight the fever.

body were resisting the antibiotics and the fever persisted. Finally, after about six weeks, the doctors had to try an experimental antibiotic called Linezolid. Fortunately it worked and was able to start chemo," said Schrader, 51, who is now in full

Lekas believes three precautions will help end the spread of the superbugs.

First, he said that a leftover antibiotic prescription should be discarded and never given to a family member.

bugs" in a community can be prob- and especially their children vacci-They, like all bacteria, can be spread in several ways, such as Getting a flu shot falls into this cat-

coughs (tuberculosis is a classic Finally, and most importantly example), or by a contaminated stool. Places like daycare centers are virtual breeding grounds for bacteria. In that type of environment, all it takes is one child who

has an antibiotic-resistant bacteria for it to spread. The domino effect for an antibiotic to fight a miserable

> your own body take care of itself and let the illness run its course," Nafziger said.

Still, the problem of the "super bugs" does not look as if it is going go back to a pre-antibiotic era situ-

to subside in the near future. "More publicity, as well as discus-

ism can cause very serious dission in the medical community will eases," said Daniel Nafziger, Med-Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. will be simple to fix because of a "Recent experience suggests that past physician practices and past patient expectations, and the fact the bugs seem to be outsmarting us . that everybody wants to feel safer.' faster than we can outsmart them." Area resident Paul Schrader pro- Nafziger said.

# Overuse of antibiotics endangers health of society

vides a good example of what can happen when these "superbugs" run

"The bacteria in my

Secondly, people

should get themselves nated, which will prevent them from getting sick in the future. through the air when a person egory

> Lekas believes people should not pressure their doctor into prescribing an antibiotic when they are not convinced the patient will benefit Alternatives to asking a doctor

cough or fever include taking cough drops and decongestants, getting enough rest, making sure you eat nutritionally, and taking in enough "Oftentimes it is simply letting

ple with infections, and we might

ation where a very common organ-

# Michigan cigarette use is 4th highest in nation, according to Centers for Disease Control study

(PRNewswire) - Michigan ranks fourth (up from dollars to enhance their programs. ninth) place in a recent Centers for Disease Control national listing of states with the highest smoking co settlement dollars to enhance any tobacco related

volunteer agencies working on smoking cessation and prevention programs, according to the Michigan Coalition on Smoking OR Health. Michigan has shown in incremental increase in

smoking rates since 1994.

"We are very disappointed in these results, but not surprised," said Karen Hudson, assistant director for business and public information (Michigan State University) and national lay division delegate for the

"Since 1994, local communities have found it difficult to use proven, successful means of reducing youth access to tobacco. The law which was passed by the Michigan legislature places the entire responsibility for providing leadership on tobacco issues on the state elected officials and the Michigan Depart-

States that have been successful in reducing tohacco prevalence rates have shown aggressive state and

These include: smoke-free environments for school, work and play; smart media messages which children respond to; cessation programs, comprehensive programs in schools and communities, tough laws and strict enforcement of youth access laws. These states took advantage of tobacco settlement

"Michigan leaders did not take advantage of tobacprograms," said Harry Perlstadt, Ph.D., of the Amer-These recent findings come as no surprise to the ican Lung Association.

The Michigan Department of Community Health



testified at public hearings that Michigan had already spent enough on tobacco programs. However, advocates and volunteers around the

state who work on tobacco issues differ in that opin-According to Al Sparrow, M.D., "Our kids' health doesn't come cheaply but it's worth the effort and the money spent on it. The CDC statistics show that we

work to do, and we must work harder and smarter." "For example, our media messages must be better." said Lorenzo Lopez, chair of Tobacco Free Michigan Action Coalition

have no reason to be complacent. Michigan has more

"There are plenty of very creative media messages that have proven to get kids' attention in other states. Michigan should take advantage of these powerful media messages that persuaded youth not o smoke."

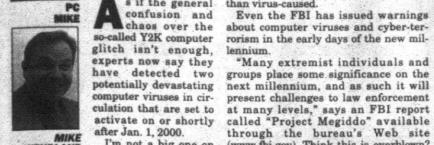
The Michigan Coalition on Smoking OR Health points out that despite the repeated urging of volunteer organizations and the health community, the Michigan legislature fails to consider effective methods such as proven clean indoor air legislation and tough youth access bills, even though bills have been introduced every year since 1994.

The Michigan Coalition on Smoking OR Health consists of the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association. The organization is dedicated to creating public policy to keep Michigan children from becoming

# Computer virus outlaws make hay off Y2K

virus-caused.

other nations."



culation that are set to at many levels," says an FBI report activate on or shortly called "Project Megiddo" available after Jan. 1, 2000. I'm not a big one on (www.fbi.gov). Think this is overblown?

virus warnings. Most The FBI says cyber-terrorism, which such reports are hoaxes certainly includes the malicious spreador, at best, great exaggerations. ing of computer viruses, can hardly be But a lot of industry and government taken too seriously. people are sounding some major alarms.
"We think of this as the kickoff," to our national security is the prospect MSNBC quoted one expert as saying of information warfare by foreign mililast week as the reports began to sur- taries against our critical infrastrucface. "Y2K is the Super Bowl for virus tures," said Michael A. Vatis, the direc-

confusion and

Virus creators seemingly want to take advantage of Y2K and fool as many peo- al foreign nations are already developple as possible into thinking their com- ing information warfare doctrine, proputer problems are Y2K related, rather grams and capabilities for use against

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hospitals, physicians, companies and residents

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active in the Observer-area medical community.

#### 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 avail-

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

ter - Providence Park (Assarian Cancer Center)

runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Cen-

#### **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**

Even the FBI has issued warnings

about computer viruses and cyber-ter-

rorism in the early days of the new mil-

potentially devastating next millennium, and as such it will

computer viruses in cir- present challenges to law enforcement

"Many extremist individuals and

through the bureau's Web site

"Perhaps the greatest potential threat

tor of the FBI's National Infrastructure

Protection Center. "We know that sever-

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to register.

The St. Mary Hospital breast cancer support group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100. **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CPR** 

als who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card ssued 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

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.

Three hour evening class conducted at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person res-BREASTFEEDING CLASS St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

BEAT GOES ON ...

attachment, the virus acts like last as possible into thinking summer's infamous Melissa virus. their computer problems are immediately sending itself to as many as 50 listings in your Outlook address Y2K related, rather than But the virus isn't done. Besides the

mass e-mailings, it also overwrites part of your hard drive. If you reboot after Jan. 1, the experts say this has the potential to completely reformat the hard drive, erasing all your data and files. But if that doesn't happen, it changes the home page on your Web

message part says: "Here's some pic-

tures for you!" If you open up the

browser to a pornographic site.

Babylonia - This virus is spread through chat rooms and is disguised as an offer to fix the Y2K bug. When you open the attached Y2K fix program, the virus is activated. It then waits for you to open an Internet connection. Once online, it goes to a Web server in Japan and automatically downloads files that mail and scheduling program. It comes can cause hard drive damage. Network

as an e-mail and can be recognized because the subject line is black. The Associates (http://vil.nai.com/villi /alpha.asp), makers of anti-virus software, warned last week the Babylonis "is spreading through more than 20 locations on several continents, and can deliver varied destructive payloads.

What do you do to protect yourself? Make sure you have the latest virus protection software installed on your computer. Check out SARC Anti Virus Research Center at (http://www.symantec.com/ avcenter/hoax.html) and the McAfee Virus Information Center (http://vil.nai.com/ villib/alpha.asp) for the latest virus alerts.

And never, ever ... ever! ... open an attached file or program sent to you by e-mail from someone you don't know.

Mike Wendland reports about comput ers 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.

#### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

TUE, DEC. 14

This course is designed for healthcare profession-

For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomee)

cue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-4330.

"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-

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#### 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 6 p.m. at the Providence Medical Office Center in Novi. Call (877) 345-5500

#### SAT, DEC. 18

BASIC CPR COURSE

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

(248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

A Life is 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

A Life is in Your Hands: Basic First Aid Classes

Both day and evening classes available. \$35 fee.

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Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, South-

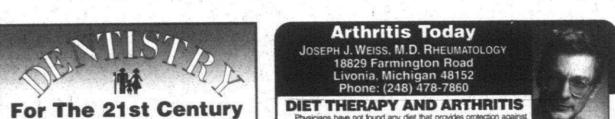
#### PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT

A Life is 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,

#### 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 promoted a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.



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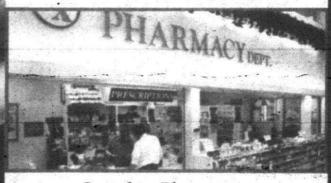
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