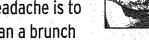
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**Festive food** 

One way to avoid a holiday headache is to plan a brunch



instead of a formal dinner. **B1** 

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Il boys and girls. naughty or nice, know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas List - and checking it twice. That means Canton youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and on their way to the North Pole.

Once again, the Canton Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with a school picture to appear in the Observer before Christmas Day. To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole, get the letters to us by no later than Thursday, Dec. 19.

Individually postmarked letters should be sent to Santa, care of the Canton Observer. 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

### Cheer Club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed foods to our office at 794, S. Main in Plymouth during business hours. The items will be collected through Friday, Dec. 13, when we will turn them over to the good folks at the Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Happy holidays and please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

### Donations

Big Boy of Canton and the Salem Varsity Rockettes are teaming up for a fund-raising effort aimed at the stomachs - and hearts - of local resi-

Big Boy will provide the



Rockettes with a percentage of total sales for one day, from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Big Boy at Canton Center and Ford roads.

Patrons must mention the Rockettes in order for their sales to count toward the fund-raiser.

Proceeds will provide funds for the Rockettes to travel to a national competition in Florida from Jan. 30-Feb. 3.

In recent events, the Rockettes finished first in nom and second in dance at the UDA Great Lakes Invitational at Lake Orion High School Nov. 9, and took home first-place finishes in both pom and dance at the 2002 Dance Team Championships at **Eastern Michigan University** Nov. 10.

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# Ryan's interim tag to be removed

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Rand Harder felt his daughter's walk to Pioneer Middle School each day was a safety issue, one he couldn't get resolved by the Plymouth-**Canton Schools transportation** department.

His daughter, Colleen, 13, had to cross a dangerous section of Joy Road in her walks to and from school every day. The transportation department suggested another route, but it still required the Plymouth Township eighth grader to cross Joy Road.

Harder, a member of the district's Safety Committee, decided to take his complaint to the

"It was a safety problem, and it was dangerous for my daughter to get to school, so I talked to Mr. Ryan," said Harder, referring to Interim Superintendent Jim Ryan. "He took the time to come out at 7 a.m. and walk the

two routes with me. He resolved the problem by getting her on a bus at a stop she walks past every day.

"He shouldn't have to deal with everyone's individual problems, but this was a safety issue and he took the time to resolve

it." said Harder. Harder was so impressed he commented to the Board of Education before last Tuesday's closed session, in which Ryan was to get his review from trustees.

"He's such a good human being, and I wanted to make sure they saw that in him," said Harder.

That's partly why Ryan is expected to have the "interim" removed from his title by the board at Tuesday's meeting.

"He's willing to go out and talk to people and build bridges, and promote the district and community as a whole," said Trustee Carol Saunders, who said she'll vote to make Ryan the permanent superintendent. "He'll

listen, respond and take action.

"He encourages the people working for him, and helps them to grow in their positions. That's the mark of a true leader," she added. "He's genuinely concerned Plymouth-Canton does well. I'm not so sure his predecessors had the same interest."

The results of Ryan's evaluation will be released Tuesday night. He was graded in areas that included instructional

PLEASE SEE RYAN, A4

# Santa's still got it

### Two-day holiday fest a family hit

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER STAFF WRITER

Santa arrived in Canton Wednesday with a twist.

The jolly man in the red suit was certainly the featured attraction, but there were so many activities going on around him at the township's first two-day Holiday Festival and Tree-Lighting Celebration you could be forgiven for losing sight of that white beard.

Of course, most kids didn't. "I'm here to have a good time. Oh. There is one person I'm here to see," said Justin Broughman, 7, of Canton.

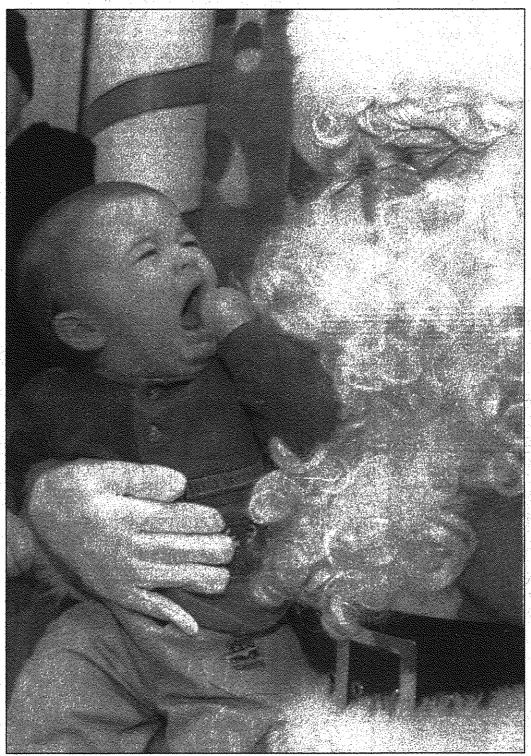
Standing in the growing line beside him, 5-year-old brother Ryan agreed, adding that after his chat with Santa Claus he might wander over to the face painting booth.

Mom Lisa said the family has been coming to the tree-lighting ceremony for the last two or three years. "I could definitely use a few more weeks to get ready for Christmas, though," she said.

Karen Jamison, on the other hand, said just watching her 3-1/2-year-old daughter Anna's face light up was enough to get her in a holiday mood. The Garden City residents were accompanied by grandmom Rose Camilleri, who lives in Canton, to Wednesday's activities.

And Anna was all set to ask

PLEASE SEE SANTA, A3



PAUL HURSCHMANN I OBSERVER

Mason Krohn of Canton, 13 months, screams as Santa tries to calm him at the Summit Wednesday evening. Sitting on Santa's lap and making your requests is a traditional part of the township's tree-lighting and holiday

### Arts group sees spark in theater

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

With ground-breaking on Canton's new performing arts center scheduled for next spring, Canton Project Arts is looking for a few – or a lot – of volunteers.

"With the performing arts center coming to us in the near future," said Pat VanDusen, Canton's volunteer events coordinator, "we want to really expand on our membership to have people working on different committees to bring in different acts and other

The recruitment drive got under way the last week in November with a letter from Supervisor Tom Yack to all students and alumni of Leadership Canton, a Chamber of Commerce program designed to develop and train new and emerging leaders in the community.

"I can't think of a better way to find volunteers," said Linda Shapona, acting chairwoman of Project Arts and one of the founders of the Leadership Canton program.

But she stressed that anyone with an interest in the arts is welcome to join the group.

"They don't need to be an artist or know how to do any of the artistic programs we have," she said. "Our purpose is to enhance the arts in our community and to learn and enjoy them ourselves."

Yack said that once the theater is operating, Project Arts is going to want more people to become involved.

PLEASE SEE GROUP, A4

### Crash creates havoc for businesses

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

A power outage resulting from a fatal accident at Michigan Avenue and I-275 Wednesday morning left area businesses without electricity and, in many cases, without customers for most of the day.

The accident occurred when a semi-truck driven by a Dearborn Heights man broadsided a Ford Explorer as it was entering Michigan Avenue from the southbound exit off I-275 about 4:15 a.m.

The driver of the Explorer, David Duncan, 46, of South Lyon was killed. The driver of the semi was not injured. He was released pending the results of a police investigation of the incident.

Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors, but they are checking on the traffic light at the intersection to see if it was flashing red or yellow or was solid red.

After hitting the Explorer, the semi veered into a utility pole, knocking out power to homes and businesses

along Michigan east of I-275.

A Detroit Edison spokeswoman said about 200 customers were affected and power was not restored until 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

"Since a power pole was lying across the truck, our crews couldn't get in to work on it while police were doing their investigation," she said. "They couldn't get in until about 1

Michigan Avenue was closed in both directions during the course of

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Walter Mistak of Walter's Home Appliance on Michigan Avenue in Canton explains how the store coped with the power outage following a Wednesday's accident. The fatal crash crippled traffic and shut off power to the area for more than 12 hours.



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### Top squad

The Salem High School junior varsity Rockettes pom/dance squad celebrates after placing first with their pom pon and dance routines at the UDA and Mid-American championships. Team members are: Imari Patel, Kristina Zaumsell (captains), Emily Arble, Chelsea Archibald, Alina Blackford, Sarah Cassidey, Marie Evers, Cynthia Evon, Jennifer Furniss, Morgen Hare, Janice Markwood, Ashley Mears, Kristin Michalski, Danielle Phillips, Claire Zelmanski, Moli Yin. Also pictured is assistant JV coach Maria Ruehr.

# United Way seeks nominations

United Way Community Services is accepting nominations for outstanding volunteers, who will be honored at the annual Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon on Monday, April 28, 2003. The luncheon is part of the local events celebrating National Volunteer Week.

For nomination forms, please contact the United Way's Romney Volunteer Center at (313) 226-9422 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or visit www.unitedway.uwcs.org. All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Jan. 10, 2003. There will be three free community workshops offered to assist nominators in submitting effective nominations. Workshops are as follows: Monday, Dec. 9 from 2 p.m.to 4 p.m. in Detroit; Friday, Dec. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Royal Oak; or Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Clinton Township. To register please call (313) 226-9337.

# Retired police officer faces trial in road rage incident

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland man testified Thursday that he did nothing to provoke a Canton woman who is accused of waving her revolver and threatening him as he drove along Ann Arbor Trail, east of Middlebelt, with his three daughters.

Dean Devitis denied getting out of his pickup truck and confronting retired Detroit Police officer Phyllis Rochelle Tower, 51, after she allegedly tailgated him during an Oct. 26 road rage incident.

"I never got out of my vehicle," Devitis said, during a preliminary hearing that ended with Tower being ordered to stand trial on felonious assault and felony firearms charges.

His testimony came as defense attorney Christopher Drouillard implied that Tower may have waved her .357-caliber revolver at Devitis because she believed he was going to attack her.

One of Devitis' teenage daughters, Amanda, also rejected Drouillard's claims, saying her father never left his pickup truck during the incident that ended without injury.

Amanda Devitis confirmed, however, that Tower pointed her revolver at the pickup truck as Dean Devitis told his daughters, ages 9 to 16, to crouch down.

Dean Devitis confirmed that he had rolled down his window and yelled for Tower to stop driving "like a fool," and he said he had tapped his brakes at Ann Arbor Trail and Donna to try to get her to back off.

Devitis said Tower held her revolver outside her car after he stopped at a traffic light.

"She put the revolver in her left hand and waved it around," he testified, adding later that Tower ordered him to "move your f----g vehicle or I'll blow your f----g head off."

Devitis testified that he told Tower to put away her gun, and he then drove his pickup truck onto a curb so she could pass.

onto a curb so she could pass.
"She went by me like a rocket," he said.

Devitis denied changing his version of what happened, even though Westland police Officer Norm Brooks testified that Devitis initially admitted getting out of his pickup truck.

"He's mistaken," Devitis said.
Devitis conceded that he
stopped abruptly at Donna to
try to get Tower to stop tailgating him.

"Didn't you think that you were escalating the situation by stopping in front of her?"

Drouillard asked in court.

"No, not really," Devitis responded.

Tower has been accused of

distorting what happened, too, with authorities saying she initially denied that any confrontation had occurred. She was arrested a short time after the incident, and Devitis identified Tower in a police lineup of suspects.

In other testimony, Devitis testified that he was wearing a sweat shirt and sweat pants during the incident, rejecting suggestions that he was shirtless except for a leather vest and that his appearance may have frightened Tower.

As the hearing concluded, Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Tower to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for two counts of felonious assault and one felony firearms charge. Tower could face four years in prison, if convicted.

Bokos added a second felonious assault charge based on Amanda Devitis' testimony, a decision that Drouillard called "ridiculous" and "unfair."

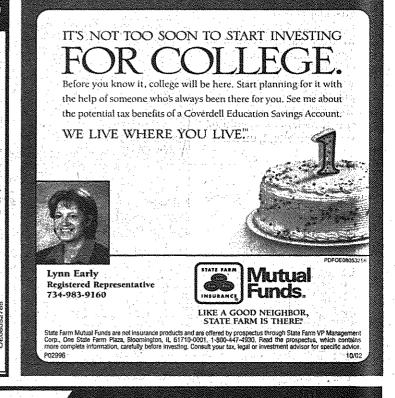
Bokos said his decision to order Tower to stand trial on two counts of felonious assault, rather than one, was supported by separate testimony from Dean Devitis and Amanda Devitis.

"Both of them saw weapons pointed in their direction,"
Bokos said.

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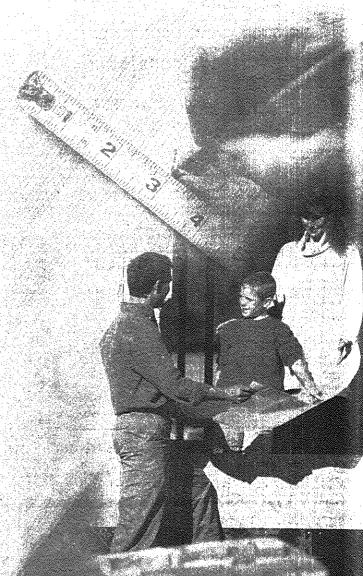
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Santa for a bicycle (with training wheels) for Christmas.

Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates said some 500 people showed up Wednesday and about 350 on Thursday for the festival at the Summit and in Heritage Park.

"Considering the weather, considering it was the first time for expanding it to two days, I think it turned out real well," Dates said.

"We had good feedback from a lot of people."

Construction at the administration building forced officials to move the tree-lighting to the Summit, where it will likely remain at least through next year. The expanded festival will continue, too.

Dates said the township Christmas tree, which stands just outside the Summit's front entrance, was transplanted from within the township and is thriving.

The brief tree-lighting ceremony featured a couple of musical selections from the Rising Star Singers and Santa's arrival to help local kids throw the switch.

As for the myriad of activities, festival-goers had their choice between magic shows, face painting, holiday crafts and cookie decorating and a stuffed animal raffle. Outside activities included live reindeer, carriage rides, a holiday light display and a hot chocolate station.

Additional music and entertainment was provided by the St. Thomas a' Becket Bell Choir and the PCEP Strings, both of which drew rave reviews from parents, Dates said.

Over in the craft and cookie decorating area, the Thieleman and Menna families were busy working on projects, but also thinking up requests for Santa. "I want Poppin' Head Puppies. She likes baby toys," said Amanda Thieleman, 9, holding her sister, Danielle, 1, on her

Meanwhile, Amber Menna, 8, was stalling just a little so she could come up with some really good gifts for her list.

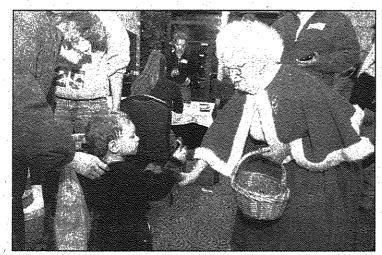
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Above, Abby Currie of Canton, 8, looks for more decorations as she adorns a Christmas cookie, one of the many activities for the young ones Wednesday evening at the Summit. At right, Natalie Rogers of Canton, 4-1/2, sits patiently while having a Christmas tree painted on her face by Erin Dillenbeck, 18, of Canton's D& M studios at the Summit during the township's Holiday Festival and Tree-Lighting Celebration.

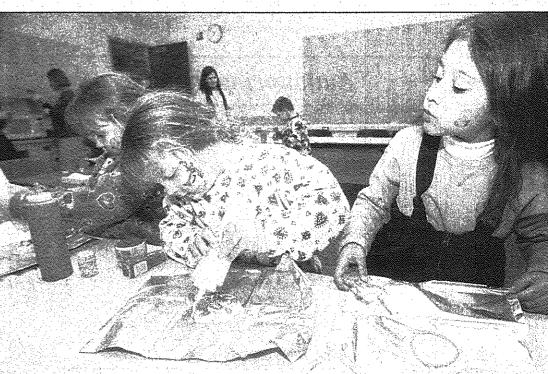




Logan Nielson of Canton, 2-1/2, gets a candy cane from Mrs. Clause (a.k.a. Loraine Zabkiewicz of Canton), as his mom Carrie tags along at left.



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Maranda Armstead of Canton, 5, right, looks over at twins Megan and Nicole Johnson, 5, as the three friends decorate cookies at the Summit Wednesday.

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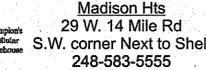
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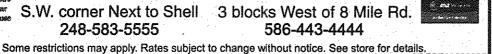


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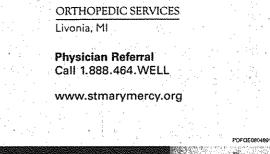
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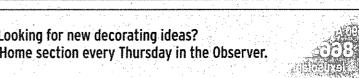
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services, business services, technology services, community relations, diversity and boardsuperintendent relations.

"His evaluation went well, and he received very high marks," said Elizabeth Givens, school board president. "Jim has tackled the job as if he was not an interim superintendent, and has accomplished as much as if he were the superintendent since June.

"I like his core team, I like his style, and feel he's accomplished a tremendous amount in six months," said Givens, who also indicated that she'll vote to erase the interim from Ryan's title. Ryan admitted he was nervous at his evaluation.

"I'm defined by my job, and I want people to think I'm leading the district in a positive direction," he said. "The review felt wonderful. These are my seven bosses that I work most closely with, and are people I respect.

"Having the interim tag removed gives me more enthusiasm for the job," he said. "It's

a validation that says 'keep going, we value your leadership within the goals established."

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Ryan, who had been the district's deputy superintendent, took over when Kathleen Booher left last July. At the time, there had been some turmoil in the district, and factions among the board.

"There's a sense of calmness, a steady hand at the helm," said board vice president Mark Slavens. "We're headed in the right direction under his leadership."

"We're working together with no factions, and Jim helped with that," said Saunders. "He's a team player, and he brings that out."

If all goes as expected, Ryan will soon begin negotiations on a contract with the board. He currently receives the same salary Booher received, which is \$133,700.

Ryan said he doesn't expect to get more than the current teacher's contract, which calls for a 3 percent raise the first year, and 2 percent each of the following two years. There are also incentives worth a half-percent for higher enrollment and reductions in health care costs.

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the investigation.

At the Amoco/Dawn Donuts station just east of I-275, owner Girish Thakkar said he lost a

lot of money because the gas pumps weren't working and he had no power for hot sandwiches or doughnuts inside the

"We had to close down," he said. "No gas. No hot sandwiches. People who come in for gas, they buy doughnuts. But if there's no gas, nobody comes

He said he usually takes in about \$4,000 to \$5,000 during a normal business day.

"We opened back up about 6:30 p.m.," he said. "I took in \$700 in six hours."

Down the street Jonathon's Family Restaurant, which is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., didn't bother to open.

Co-owner Agim Beqiri said by the time power was restored at 5:15 p.m. there was no point in opening.

You can't call employees in to work for a couple of hours,"

Walter's Home Appliance, which was at the eastern edge of the outage, did open for business, even though they had no lights and no heat.

"It was cold," said owner John Mistak. "We were wearing coats and scarves and gloves and showing customers around the store with flashlights. We sold a few TVs and other things. The customers seemed

to be OK with the whole thing." Mistak said because the Michigan Avenue store is also

the warehouse, their stores in Livonia and Brighton were also affected because the computer system was down.

"People from those stores would call to see if we had something in stock, and we'd go into the warehouse with flashlights to check it out," he said.

On the north side of Michigan across from Walter's, Walker-Winter Elementary School had to cancel classes for the day.

Principal Beth Timlin said fortunately the staff was at a district in-service day in the morning and students weren't scheduled to come in until after

She said staff members enacted the school district plan and notified all parents of the situation. She said if morning classes had been scheduled, it might have been more of a problem.

While classes were canceled for the afternoon, staff

Detroit Edison crews finish up repairs in the Michigan Avenue neighborhood early Friday.

members continued the in-

service session in the afternoon.

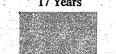
And, like the clerks at Walter's, they were wearing

coats and gloves and using flashlights.

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"I know that they want to broaden what they do when the theater opens," he said: "There will be more things to do, they're looking for more ideas. There are a lot of opportunities for people to get involved."

Since the organization was founded in 1992, Project Arts has developed a number of programs and events throughout the year. The main event is the annual Fine Arts Exhibition, which has grown from a weekend event when it was first held in 1993, to a week-long display that has been called one of the best art exhibits in this area. Other programs offered by

Project Arts include:

People, the newest project introduced at the Liberty Fest in 2001. It features cultural performances and historical and cultural displays to highlight the township's diverse population. The annual Storytelling

Festival includes adult and family storytelling performanc-

■ The Youth Variety Series has expanded to three weekday performances as well as three Saturday performances for children ages 4-10.

■ Canton Goes Out for the Arts is a program of road trips to various cultural events in the

Shapona said they are in the process of hiring the coordinator for the theater and she is also on the committee to choose a muralist to decorate a wall in the soon-to-open Human Services Building at Ridge and Cherry Hill.

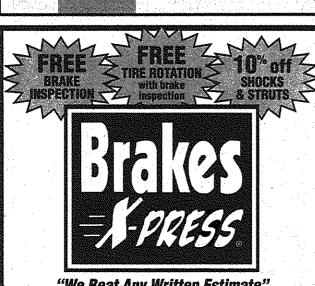
While the Project Arts Council consists of about 12 members, Shapona said they have a mailing list of more than 400 artists and people interested in the arts.

"We're really looking for more volunteers for our council," she said.

Membership in Project Arts is free. The group meets once a month on the second Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. in the Township Administration Building.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or wanting more information, can call VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail her at pvandusen@canton-mi.org. \_\_\_\_

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## Phone scammers reach out and touch Canton resident

Canton Police are warning residents to look out for potential phone scams after an elderly woman was nearly bilked out of hundreds of dollars Thursday.

The Canton woman called police after receiving a phone call from Jamaica asking her for money. The woman was told she had won a substantial amount of money, according to Sgt. Todd Mutchler, but in order to collect it she was told to wire \$569 via Western Union to the island and also to obtain an international tax certificate.

Once she completed the tasks, she was told to call a phone number in Jamaica to confirm her actions. A check would then allegedly be sent back to her from the Bank of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$1.2 million.

After the woman notified police, they went to her house and while their the Jamaican woman called back. Mutchler said he got on the phone and talked to the Jamaican woman and determined that the request was bogus.

We received complaints of similar phone and letter schemes," he said. "They seem to be targeting senior citizens."

If anyone feels they've been the target of a scam, they should contact Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

### ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

Police responded to a burglar alarm at the Sav-Mor Drug Store on Hanford east of Canton Center shortly after 3 a.m. Friday.

When they arrived on the scene the back door to the store

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### **COP CALLS**

had been pried open and there were footprints in the snow leading north from the store to a construction area.

They also noticed tire

tracks. When the owner arrived police reviewed the store's security tape, which showed a white male about 35 or 40 years old entering the store.

He was in the store for 10 to 12 seconds, then left.

He was wearing a brown

jacket, dark jeans and light colored boots.

Nothing appeared to be missing from the store. Damage to the door was estimated at

### SAFE CRACKING

The manager of LaShish Restaurant at Ford and Canton Center told police someone broke into the safe in the office and took an undetermined amount of cash and credit card receipts.

He said he entered the office

about 11:45 a.m. on Thursday to collect the money that had been dropped off for

When he opened the safe he noticed that someone had sawed two holes in the side of the safe and the money was missing.

### **COINS TAKEN**

An employee of Lighthouse Car Wash on Ford Road reported to police that someone broke into a coin machine in the maintenance room sometime

last week. He said the machine had been pried open and about

\$2,000 to \$3,000 in coins and bills were taken.

### **TOOLS TAKEN**

A resident of the 44000 block of Hanford told police someone broke into his van as it was parked in his driveway and took work tools valued at more than \$2,000.

The incident occurred between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 6:45 a.m. Thursday.

Taken were three nail guns, two staple tools, five power saws and two portable electric

### **BOOTS TAKEN**

A Trails Court resident reported someone stole her son's winter boots from outside her apartment sometime after midnight Thursday.

A neighbor in the building said his girlfriend's shoes were taken from outside their apartment the same night.



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### **CIVITAN NEWS**

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is accepting new members with an interest in improving their community through service.

One hundred "Civitan Big Cash Raffle" winning numbers were drawn recently, during Michigan Civitan's annual convention in Muskegon.

Among the winners were Jay Noon, Ted Welgosh, Roger and Char Kuhr, Robin Mika, Teresa Lousias and Norman Teer, Civitans throughout Michigan sold tickets for the raffle, with 100 prizes ranging from \$50 to \$7,500 awarded.

Ticket sales vary from year to year. Local clubs keep between 20-30 percent of their sales, proceeds from which are used for local projects, including Special Olympics.

Anyone interested in joining the Plymouth-Canton Civitans can call club president Carol Chanter, (734) 454-4054.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The Neely-Turowski and the L.A. Turowski Funeral Homes will host a memorial candle lighting service 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile, Livonia.

The public is invited to attend and offer a tribute to a loved one. In addition to the service, a special presentation will be made entitled "Handling the Holidays." For information, call Todd Turowski, (734) 525-9020.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Parents are invited to meet with students and teachers at New Morning School's open house from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Tours of the preschool, elementary and middle school, as well as discussion of teaching philosophy, small studentteacher ratio and parent involvement will take place. The school recently reopened

after undergoing a building expansion to increase class-

rooms and add a gymnasium. The school is located at 14501 Haggerty, between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile. For details or to register for the open house, call (734) 420-3331.

### **HOLIDAY EXHIBIT**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a holiday exhibit featuring representations of spiritual, religious and holiday artwork and icons from around the world. Highlighting the show will be a series of Armenian churches by Zabel Belian and three-dimensional wall hangings by Kathy Sandburg.

The artists will be available at a reception at the PCAC from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. The exhibit continues through Dec. 30. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 4164278 for more information.

### **LEGION SCHOLARSHIP**

American Legion Post 390 is continuing its scholarship award program in the Farmington, Farmington Hills, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Redford areas.

The scholarship is awarded to a student whose parents or grandparents are serving or have served in the U.S. armed forces. The student must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or better to apply. The scholarship is awarded based on outstanding involvement in school and civic affairs as well as academic experience.

Scholarship applications will be available in counselors' offices after Dec. 15.

It's the third year for the \$5,000 scholarship. More than 70 other scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, have been awarded over the past decade.

Post 390 holds its meetings on the third Thursday of every

month at the Geo. F. Monaghan Council 2690, Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Farmington. For more information, call (734) 459-2829.

### **SWEATSUIT DRIVE**

The Plymouth Community United Way is collecting new sweatshirts and sweatpants to help the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Program.

Over the past year, supplies of sweatshirts and sweatpants have dwindled, making it difficult for the Salvation Army to provide warm clothing to disaster victims. Donation boxes are placed throughout the community to collect sweatsuits for men, women and children. The drop box locations and participants include the Plymouth Observer, Plymouth Community United Way, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, Visteon, Plymouth Township offices, Plymouth District Library, Bank One branch on

Sheldon Road, as well as Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

Girl Scout Troop 1105 at Fiegel Elementary is also collecting sweatsuits.

The drive will continue through Dec. 23.

### **CHORUS CONCERT**

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its 29th-annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 13-14, and at 4 p.m. Dec. 15. The concert takes place at Northville High School, 45700 6 Mile. Chorus officials are calling "Sing Gloria!" the "perfect mix of sacred and secular music to begin your celebration of the holiday season." The chorus was founded in 1973 by William Grimmer, and has since grown to more than 125 singers from southeastern Michigan.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at Sideways, 505 Forest in Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty, Canton; Edwards' Caterer, 116 Dunlop in Northville; or by calling (734) 455-4080.

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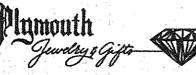
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### **CAMPUS NEWS**

### HOPE COLLEGE

Katherine Seifert, a Hope College sophomore from Plymouth, participated in Hope's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Carousel."

Seifert was a member of the Ensemble.

She is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Seifert of Plymouth and was a 2001 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

### CLARIFICATION

A story in Thursday's Observer should have reported that the **Canton Planning Commission** gave special land use approval for a combination Wendy's/Tim Horton's restaurant at Ford and Canton Center roads.

### **HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL**

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 10th grader at Howe, has been placed on the Superintendent's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2002-2003 school year. Mark is the son of Steven and Anita Lewallen of Plymouth. He received this special award by attaining at least a 3.5 average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Lewallen has attended Howe Military

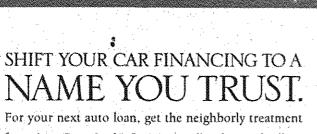
School since July 2002. Cadet Brendan Barkovich, a 10th grader at Howe, has been placed on the Headmaster's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2002-2003 school year. Brendan is the son of Catherine Barkovich of Canton. He received this special award by attaining at least a 3.0 average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Barkovich has been

attending Howe Military School since October 2002.

### **MILITARY NEWS**

### GRADUATION

James E. Perkins has graduated from the Army ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma. Wash. Perkins is the son of James F. and Susan L. Perkins of Plymouth, Mich. He is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School.



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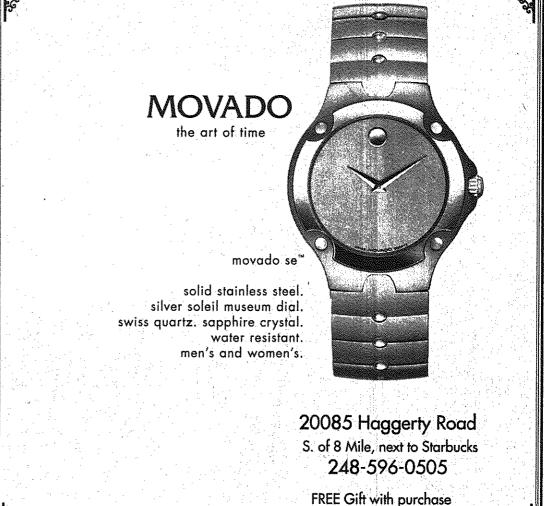
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### Jennie F. Chaffin

Services for Jennie F. Chaffin, 88, of Canton Township were held Dec. 4 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Westland Chapel. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Chaffin was born Oct. 24, 1914, in Hilhan, Tenn., and died Dec. 1. She was a seamstress for a cleaners.

Survivors include daughter, Dortha (Jack) Howard; daughter, Linda (Larry) Samuels; 10 grandchildren; and 22 greatgrandchildren.

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Westland Chapel.

### Helena L. Coundiff

Services for Helena Coundiff. 88, of Westland were held Dec. 7 at Burns Funeral Home in Crown Point, Ind., with burial at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, Ind.

Mrs. Coundiff was born Jan. 12, 1914, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died Dec. 2 at Henry Ford Hospital. She worked all her life as a homemaker.

Mrs. Coundiff was preceded in death by her husband, Russell S. Coundiff.

Survivors include son, Howard R. (Elfrieda) Coundiff; daughter, Jacqueline L. (Bernard) Mastey; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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### Carol E. Dodge

Services for Carol Dodge, 92, of Plymouth were held Dec. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside

Cemetery in Plymouth. Mrs. Dodge was born Nov. 28, 1910, in Plymouth and died Dec. 3 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker and a life-long Plymouth resident.

She was the oldest active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and was a member of the Women's Circle at church. She was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in 1910. She enjoyed doing the family geneology, tracing her family back to England in the 1700s. At one time she owned a flower shop in Plymouth and for some time she worked at the Phoenix Plant in Plymouth.

She was a life-time member of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Mrs. Dodge was preceded in death by her husband, Stewart H. Dodge in 1969.

Survivors include daughter, Dorothy (Barry) Simescu of Plymouth; sons, Scott (Sue) Dodge of LaJolla, Calif., Dennis (Nancy) Dodge of Plymouth, and Stewart (Sandy) Dodge of Plymouth; grandchildren, Jason, Nathan, Sherry, Amy, Cara, Dan, Tyler, and Andy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or community Hospice of Westland.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral

### Maria Remsing

Services for Maria Remsing, 83, of Plymouth were held Dec. 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Miss Remsing was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Molidorf, Yugoslavia and died Dec. 4 in Livonia. Miss Remsing retired from the Prophet Company, a local service company for General Motors in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community from Germany in 1955. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She loved to garden and won several beautification awards from the Plymouth community. She also loved to knit and cook. She was a loving sister, aunt, and great-aunt.

Survivors include brother, Yakob Remsing of Plymouth; sister, Theresia LaFleur of Plymouth; niece, Marie LaFleur of Hartland; nephew, Eduard (Linda) LaFleur of Canton; great-niece, Lori LaFleur of Canton; greatnephew, Jeff (Kristen) LaFleur of Redford; and many nieces and nephews residing in Germany.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Margaret Anne Paige

Services for Margaret Paige, 87, of Holly were held Dec. 3 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home-Westland with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery in

Mrs. Paige was born Aug. 2, 1915, in Detroit and died Nov.

30 in Ann Arbor. She was a custodian with the public school system.

Survivors include son, Lyle (Marion) Paige of Canton and Harold (Cindy) Paige of New Boston; daughter, Linda (Edward) Lawton of Holly; sister, Hilda Lamb of Sterling Heights; granddaughter, Cherie Cooper, Lisa Forsell, Helen Jacobsen, and Jennifer Paige; grandsons, Fred Paige, Craig Lawton and Jason Paige; and

seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute-Plymouth region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170-3446.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### Robert L. Lamb

Services for Robert Lamb, 76, of Fenton, were held Dec. 4 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Lindholm officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Lamb was born Jan. 8, 1927, in Detroit and died Nov. 30 at William Beaumont Hospital. He was an iron worker. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Mr. Lamb served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Lorraine M. Lamb of Fenton; daughter, Robin L. (Alan) Porter of Canton; son, John E. (Susanne) Reiss of Southgate: sister, Gladys McLeod of Boyne City; grandchildren, Sean Porter of Canton, Jason Reiss of Southgate, and Eric Reiss of Southgate; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### Lawrence J. Wotaszak

Services for Lawrence Wotaszak, 72, of Canton were held Dec. 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Wotaszak was born March 23, 1930, in Ludington and died Nov. 30 in Ann Arbor He lived in Canton for the past 13 years. He previously lived in Plymouth for 18 years. He went to St. Simons Catholic High School. He was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

He enlisted in 1949. He worked his way up from a switchman on the railroad in Ludington to an International Vice President for the United Transportation Union. He was

a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church for

the past 13 years. Previously he was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for 18 years.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a Detroit Tiger fan and enjoyed. carpentry. Mr. Wotaszak was preceded

in death by son, Bruce J. Wotaszak of Lansing. Survivors include wife, Mary Jane wotaszak of Canton; daughters, Jane M. (Vahe) Rostamloo of Dearborn Heights, Julie (Kenneth) Wotaszak Jones of Canton, and Linda M. (Warren) Jones of Plymouth; three sisters; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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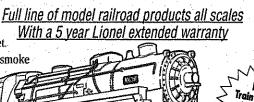
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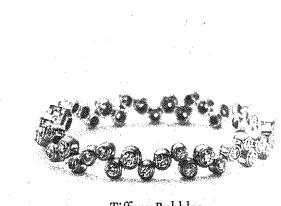


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MET offers three contract options: Full benefits, limited benefits and community college. Due to rising tuition costs at Michigan's four-year public colleges and universities the MET board has authorized 10percent increases in the full and limited benefits contracts for the coming year. The cost of one-year full benefits contract will be \$6,063, with a limited benefits contract priced at \$4.884 a year. The cost of MET's one year community college contract will increase by 5.3 percent to \$1,730.

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board has no choice by to increase MET contract prices, said State Treasurer Doug Roberts, who also chairs the MET board, "Despite these increases, the Michigan Education Trust will continue to be flexible, affordable planfor parents and grandparents. who want to invest in a child's education.

Roberts said purchasers of MET contracts qualify for a state income tax deduction ttotal contract price including enrollment fees) while earnings on contributions are tax exempt to beneficiaries, if used for qualified higher education expenses. The cost of monthly purchase contracts range from S21 to \$592, and students have nine years to completely utilize MET educational benefits. The state of Michigan also

offers the Michigan Education Savings Program, which allows parents to establish a savings account for educational expenses. Contact the Department of Treasury Wed site under Education at: www.miehigan.gov/treasury; or call (800)MET-4-KID or

### MET opens enrollment period | Southeast Michigan traffic accidents down, fatalities increase

Southeast Michigan experienced more than 13,000 fewer traffic crashes in 2001 than in 2000, but 20 more fatalities. according to 2001 Southeast Michigan Traffic Crash Facts, a report released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The report contains important statistical information about all traffic crashes reported in Southeast Michigan in 2001, and also focuses on injury traffic crashes, fatal traftic crashes, alcohol-involved traffic crashes, vehicle-deer crashes, young-driver traffic crashes, elderly driver traffic crashes and truck/bus traffic crashes

Sections at the end of the report contain data about safety-belt use and boliday traffic crashes. The main objective of

this report is to provide useful data to aid local communities in their efforts to improve traffic safety,

In 2001, there were 180.739 crashes in Southeast Michigan, a 6.8 percent decrease from the 193,955 crashes reported in 2000. The seven-county region totals are 45.1 percent of the total crashes in the State of Michigan. The state total was 400,813 for 2001, down from 2000's total of 424.867.

The crash rate - the number of traffic crashes per million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) decreased in the region. The overall crash rate in Southeast Michigan was 3.98 crashes ver million VMT in 2001, down from 4.39 crashes per million VMT in 2000, despite the fact hat vehicle miles traveled increased from 44,167 million

miles in 2000 to 45,460 million miles in 2001.

The report analyzes all traffic crashes by county; severity; crash type; age and gender of driver; rate of crash involvement by age group; and by

month, day and hour.

Highlights include:

■ There were 470 fatal crashes in Southeast Michigan in 2001, killing 505 people, a 4.4 percent increase from 2000. Southeast Michigan saw an increase in the number of fatal traffic crashes in 2001 after experiencing a drop in fatal crashes in 2000. Fatal traffic crashes and traffic-crash fatalities decreased in the state as a whole.

■ The number of reported injury crashes per million VMT stayed below one for the second straight year in Southeast

Michigan at .90 crashes per million VMT, and continued to decrease in the State of Michigan at .84 crashes per million VMT for the sixth consecutive year.

■ Nearly 84 percent of belted drivers escaped injury altogether, but only 57 percent of nonbelted drivers were not injured at all. Drivers in the 16-24 and 25-34 age groups were least likely to use restraints; more than twice as many males and females were not wearing their safety belts at the time of the crash.

■ There were 6,314 crashes in Southeast Michigan that involved alcohol during 2001, down from 7.022 crashes in 2000. This marked a continued decrease in the number of alcohol-involved traffic crashes in the region.

### Madonna schedules winter registration

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### Holiday treat

Popcorn balls originated in the 1800s as a holiday tradition used to decorate Victorian mantels and Christmas trees. They were flavored with orange juice, peppermint or molasses.

The American Pop Corn Company is hoping to renew interest in this old-time favorite with the Jolly Time Pop Corn Ball Maker.

The maker consists of two red plastic spheres with a plastic handle on each end. It costs \$1.50 and can be purchased online at www.jollytime.com.

When making popcorn, remember that two tablespoons of kernels make about four cups of popped corn. To create popcorn balls, make about 10 cups of popcorn. In a 4-quart glass bowl, microwave 1/3 cup butter or margarine on high until melted, about 45 seconds. Stir in 2/3 cup firmlypacked brown sugar and 1/3 cup light corn syrup. Microwave on high until mixture boils, 1 to 3 minutes, stirring once. Microwave on high 2 1/2 to 3 minutes without stirring. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon baking soda and a 1/2 teaspoon vanilla; stir in popped popcorn, mixing well. Microwave on 70 percent power 1 minute more. Remove and stir to coat popcorn evenly. Turn mixture out onto cookie sheet just until cool enough to handle.

To make balls, place I cup mixture in Jolly Time Pop Corn Ball Maker, or in the center of a 10-inch square of plastic wrap. Shape into balls. Twist wrap and tie securely. Makes about 8-10 popcorn balls.

### Summer in winter

The weather outside may be frightful, but inside it can be delightful with hot spices. Frank's RedHot offers the following spiral sandwich recipe. SPIRAL SANDWICH ROUNDS

5 ounces (a little over one-half cup) garlic and herb cheese spread at room temperature 3 tablespoons finely

chopped pimentos. well drained 2 tablespoons Frank's RedHot or Franks

Pepper sauce 6 8-inch flour tortillas 1/2 cup watercress or fresh cilantro,

XtraHot Cayenne

washed and finely chopped 8 ounces thinly sliced

turkey

4 ounces thinly sliced Muenster cheese



1/2 small red onion, very thinly sliced

Beat cheese spread, pimentos and Frank's sauce in medium bowl until smooth. Spread rounded tablespoon mixture onto each tortilla leaving one-half border.

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Frank Agostini of E.G. Nick's toasts the holiday season. He encourages people to use their imagination to create a festive setting for Christmas brunch. For example, platters of food are arranged on different levels to create depth. A gold basket, filled with breakfast pastries, is decorated with ribbon, sparkly candles, garland and bright red poinsettias enhance the presentation.

# Eat, drink and one merry

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

Holiday celebrations don't have to be about dinner. If you serve brunch, you and your family can relax and enjoy the rest of the day.

"Being together with family is what's important," said Frank Agostini, corporate chef and director of catering for E.G. Nick's, and part owner of E.G. Nick's of Plymouth.

He will be preparing Christmas brunch for his immediate family which numbers 25 to 30 people. "Brunch is more relaxed, it's eclectic, you can incorporate breakfast, lunch and dinner foods. Not everyone likes turkey or ham; this way you give a lot of variety, and you've pleased a lot of people."

Although he's a chef, Agostini, who is married and has two children,

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doesn't prepare everything himself.

To illustrate how easy Christmas brunch can be. Agostini put his imagination to work, and set the scene for a festival holiday gathering in the dining room at E.G. Nick's in West Bloomfield.

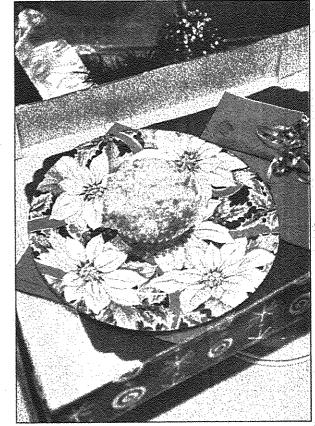
"You don't have to spend all of your time in the kitchen, there are so many good bakers. It's a holiday. Think about your family, you've entertained them several times at your house. What do they like? We always have shrimp cocktail on our buffet table for my father-in-law. Think of all the things you like to eat when you go to a party. Think about the dishes you order at your favorite restaurant. Mix

what you do with what they do. The whole thing comes down to planning. Use the best people for the best things."

Jackie Scher of Scher Delites in Southfield is his chocolatier.

"She does a great job, and makes all my cakes," said Agostini pointing to a chocolate cake with a white chocolate ribbon. Jim Payne, who owns the Great Harvest Bread. Co. on Maple Road in Commerce Township, made the caramel apple crunch bread, scones,

Danish, and muffins. Try to think of the ordinary in extraordinary ways. One of Agostini's favorite brunch dishes is blueberry French toast. Mix a little blueberry pie filling with fresh blueberries or blueberry preserves and spread it on a piece of bread. Top with another piece of bread, dip in



An easy way of carrying your food to your seat, or to eat on your lap, tableware placed inside a decorated gift box.

egg/milk mixture, and fry both sides until golden brown. "It's like having blueberry pancakes," he said. "Or, use cinnamon swirl bread to make French toast instead of

plain white bread." Make a breakfast stratta with scrambled eggs, your choice of cheese, chopped mushrooms, green peppers, onion, and shredded hash browns. Place in a casserole dish and bake until

Order entrees and salads from your favorite restaurant. "There are a lot of great independent restaurants that will take the time and put forth the effort to work with you and make sure it's nice for you to take home," said Agostini. "Order sweet and sour chicken from your favorite Chinese restaurant, or Chicken Marsala

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from an Italian restau-

### Heighten your guest's senses with an elegant buffet table

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

Ruby Red Poinsettias tower over a buffet table filled with festive holiday fare. Flickers of light from red, sparkly votive candles bounce off a tall crystal bowl of fresh fruit, and a gold wicker basket overflows with freshly baked

muffins and Danish. "If I had laid all the food on the table at the same level it wouldn't have the same affect," said Frank Agostini, corporate chef and director of catering for E.G. Nick's, and part owner of E.G. Nick's of Plymouth.

"It doesn't have any oomph!"

Presentation is important; after all, we eat with our eyes and hunger for foods that look and taste

"It's all about little touches and creating different heights," said Agostini. "Use what you've got. Mirrors give you depth; whatever you put on top looks double the size. Fan individually wrapped chocolates out on the table, go to Home Depot and buy glass block

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### Ancient traditions create champagne with finesse

**∄ore than with any other** wine, champagne drinkers are brand loyal. And that's OK. However, wine drinkers today are on a bent to experience new tastes. This holiday season, drink your favorite champagne but try Besserat de Bellefon, a new one that was introduced into Michigan only a few months ago. While new to our market, the House of Besserat de Bellefon was founded in the Champagne region of France in 1843 by Edmond Besserat, a native of Hautvillers. That's worth mentioning since Dom Perignon, credited with developing champagne, was cel-

lar master at the Benedictine

Abbaye d'Hautvillers.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Over the years, Edmond Besserat also became a master winemaker in Champagne. After him, grandsons Victor and Edmond continued to expand the reputation of Besserat champagnes. In 1927, when Edmond married Yvonne de Meric de Bellefon, a member of the Champagne region aristocracy, the name Besserat de Bellefon was born.

Ray & Eleanor pick the best champagnes. Taste, Page B2.

### **INFUSING ELEGANCE**

In 1930, following a request from a Paris restaurateur, Victor Besserat launched a new sparkling winemaking technique that created a slightly sparkling champagne with minimal froth and an abundance of finesse that made Besserat de Bellefon ideal to accompany

Cremant was once the official French term used to identify a slightly sparkling wine with a

reduced dosage, which lowers the "bubble" pressure.

Cremant champagne is stylistically bubbly, yet the bubbles break more softly in the mouth than a traditional Brut. When the term cremant was officially dropped from French labeling, the Besserat de Bellefon champagnes were redesignated Cuvee des Moines, translated as Blend of the Monks. The name honors the Benedictine monks of Hautviller who pioneered champagne development.

### **BESSERAT DE BELLEFON**

All three Cuvee des Moines champagnes are non-vintage. Some Americans believe that a vintage champagne is better than a non-vintage. It's not. In fact, the non-vintage (NV) Brut sets the style from every prestigious champagne house. Making the Brut taste similar every year is the art of blending champagne.

Additionally, to retain crispness — so necessary as a food accompaniment — and to craft a creaminess on the palate, Besserat de Bellefon Cuvee des Moines champagnes do not undergo malolactic fermentation.

■ Besserat de Bellefon Cuvee des Moines Brut \$35 with a slight toasty character is deli-

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### What's your carrot 1Q?

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The vitamin A in carrots benefits more than your eyesight. It may also. help you stay mentally sharp. To test your mental acuity, see if you can answer these carrot questions:

What color was the first carrot? Which is sweeter, a slim, baby carrot or a big, fat one?

Why are some carrots green around the top?

The first carrots grew wild in Afghanistan, India and China and came in a rainbow of colors, including white, yellow, red, burgundy and purple. Eventually brought to Europe, the orange we know today were first cultivated in the Netherlands in the 1700s. Today, the "Beta Sweet," a hybrid created in Texas, is dark purple on the outside and brilliant orange inside.

The orange color reflects the superenriched presence of carotenoids, a family of antioxidants present in all carrots and believed to fight cancer and bolster immunity.

Mature carrots are sweeter than true baby carrots because during the longer time they spend in the ground, they store up more sugar. The peeled "petits" sold in bags taste sweet because they are actually full-grown carrots, machine-cut

into baby-style ones. Carrots are also sweeter when peeled, as the peel imparts a faintly bitter taste. Storing carrots near apples and pears makes them taste bitter too, because of the ethylene gas these fruits give off.

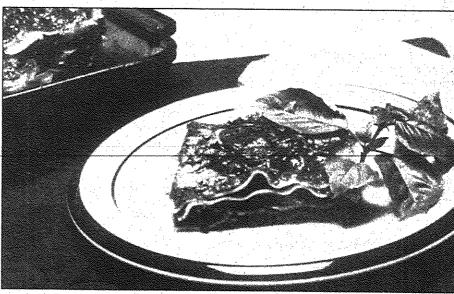
Though some claim the green color around the top of some carrots signals freshness, it is actually sunburn. Avoid these carrots, as they tend to taste bitter. To keep carrots fresh, you should remove the tops from a loose bunch because the greens draw up moisture, causing the carrots to wilt faster. (Should your carrots look tired, cut off one end and stand them, cut side down, in cold water to help crisp them.) Instead of discarding the tops, steam some of these vitamin-rich greens, then chop them and add to stews. They are also a good garnish for this creamy Carrot Apple Soup.

### CARROT AND APPLE SOUP

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 medium onion, chopped

1 medium leek, chopped 1 pound peeled carrots, cut in 1/2-inch slices 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and

3 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken Milk or fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken



The orange color of carrots reflects the super-enriched presence of carotenoids, a family of antioxidants present in all carrots and believed to fight cancer and bolster immunity.

broth, as desired (optional) Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

3 tablespoons minced mint, for garnish (optional)

Heat oil in medium Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium-high until hot. Sauté onion and leek until onion is translucent, four minutes.

Mix in carrots and apple. Tightly cover pot, reduce heat and cook gently until vegetables give up most of their juices, eight to 10 minutes. Add broth. Cover and cook until

Let soup sit, uncovered, about 20 minutes, to cool slightly.

Purée soup in a blender or food processor, if necessary in two batches. (Blender makes a smoother soup.) If soup is too thick, add milk or broth, as desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve garnished with mint. Makes 4 servings.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) by Dana Jacobi, author of The Joy of Soy, and recipe creator for AICR's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

### **CHAMPAGNE PICKS**

Luxury champagnes are an extraordinary taste experience.

Because it's featured in the 20th James Bond film, Die Another Day, which opened in November, interest in Champagne Bollinger peaked this year.

Here's a fact you won't learn from the film: Bollinger estimates there are 56 million bubbles in a bottle of their Champagne.

Begin counting with NV Bollinger Special Cuvee, \$45. hallmarked by richness, flavor depth and persistent length.

The style is influenced by barrel fermentation and addition of reserve wines thatare aged in magnum with natural cork closures.

For the holidays this year, Bollinger introduced two enticing super sparklers: 1995 Grande Annee, \$90, and 1990 RD, \$190.

From Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte try NV Brut Premier Cru, \$27; NV Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru, \$36; NV Brut Rose Premier Cru, \$36; or if you like the taste of an older champagne, the 1992 Grand Cuvee Palmes d'Or, \$120.

NV Champagne Ruinart Brut, \$48, is exceptionally balanced, light and very fresh, a quintessential aperitif pour that consistently ranks at "1" the top in NV Champagne. ratings.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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Besserat de Bellefon Cuvee des Moines Rose \$40 has a pretty pink-copper color. Very 10 dry and elegant, it's strawberry and raspberry fruit flavors linger long on the palate. Pair it: with Mediterranean-style foods.

Besserat de Bellefon Cuvee des Moines Blanc de Blancs \$60 is the most elegant of the three wines. Crafted of 100 percent chardonnay, its citrusy aromas set the palate up for a perfectly balanced wine that will pair well with any seafood dish, especially crab cakes with a spicy tropical fruit salsa.

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Sprinkle with watercress. Layer turkey, cheese and onion evenly over tortillas. Roll up jelly-roll style. Wrap each with plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes." When ready to serve, cut diagonally into one-inch pieces. Skewer with frillpicks to serve.

### Happy New Year

What are you cooking on New Year's Eve? Send recipes, along with stories about your New Year's Eve culinary traditions, to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor-features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. We'll be sharing the recipes with readers in an uncoming edition of Taste. E-mail recipes to kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net or fax (248) 644-1314.



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### 'Tried and True' recipes perfect for holiday brunch

STAFF WRITER

The best recipes are ones you share. These "Tried and True" recipes are from the newly published "Tried and True Favorites: Top 300 Recipes." from www.allrecipes.com, by Allrecipes.com, Inc., Seattle, Wash., Oct. 2002, \$17.95, paperback.

Allrecipes.com is a community-based recipe Web site where home cooks share family

"Tried and True Favorites" is a collection of 300 recipes, everything from appetizers to pasta, entrees, cookies and candies. There's even a chapter of vegetarian recipes.

I liked the friendly tone of the book, and a lot of the recipes. They're easy, don't require hard-to-get ingredients, and best of all, are family tested. Every recipe has an introduction by the contributing home cook.

Here's a sample of recipes from the cookbook. I thought they'd be appropriate for

Christmas brunch. Share your favorite recipes with readers - send, e-mail or fax recipes for consideration in Taste to Keely Kaleski, **Assistant Managing Editor** Features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-

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CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

1 pound ground pork sausage 6 slices white bread, toasted and cut into cubes

8 ounces mild Cheddar cheese,

shredded

1 teaspoon mustard powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

4 eggs beaten

2 cups milk

Crumble sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until evenly brown; drain.

In a medium bowl, mix together cooked sausage, toasted white brad, Cheddar cheese, mustard powder, salt, eggs and milk. Pour into a greased 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Cover and chill in the refrigerator 8 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cover and bake 45-60 minutes. Uncover and reduce temperature to

325ºF. Bake for additional 30 minutes or until set. Serves 5.

Recipe submitted by M.K. Meredith.

SLOW COOKER CRANBERRY PORK

1 (16 ounce) can cranberry sauce 1/3 cup French salad dressing 1 onion, sliced

3 pounds pork tenderloin

In a medium bowl, combine the cranberry sauce, salad dressing and onion. Place pork in a slow cooker and cover with the sauce mixture.

Cook on High setting for 4 hours, or on Low setting for 8 hours. Pork is done when the internal temperature has reached 160ºF. Serves 6.

Recipe submitted by Dawn.

### OVEN ROASTED RED POTATOES

11/2 (I ounce) packages dry onion soup mix

2 pounds red potatoes, halved 1/3 cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 450°F

In a large plastic bag, combine the soup mix, red potatoes and olive oil. Close bag, and shake until potatoes are fully covered.

Pour potatoes into a medium baking dish; bake at 40 minutes in the preheated oven, stirring

occasionally. Serves 8.

Recipe submitted by Donna Lasater. MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

1 (18.5 ounce) package yellow

cake mix 4 eggs

1 cup vegetable oil I (II ounce) can mandarin orange segments

1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineap-

ple with juice 1 (3.5 ounce) package instant.

vanilla pudding mix

Preheat oven to 3509F. Grease and flour a 9 by 13-inch pan.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil and mandarin oranges with juice. Beat until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

To make topping: In a large bowl, beat together whipped topping, pineapple with juice and dry pudding mix until blended. Spread on cake.

Recipe submitted by Ellen.

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windows and put your serving

platters on top." To illustrate how you might want to create the setting for a holiday brunch, Agostini created an L-shape with an eight foot banquet table and card table, and covered them with tablecloths.

His color theme was green,

red and gold. Two poinsettias, purchased at Costco, were placed on top of cloth covered milk crates to make them look a lot taller

than they really were. Then he took an assortment of different size boxes, pots and pans, and covered them with cloth to create a variety of levels to place serving dishes

Make the most out of a small

"Throw a cloth over a step ladder and put dishes on the steps," suggests Agostini. "Instead of tablecloths, buy a good white sheet. Create heights out of whatever you have in your house, even a high chair."

He spray painted the bottom of gift boxes with white spray paint, added a sprinkle of gold glitter, wrapped them with holiday paper, and put a decorated paper plate, napkin and eating

utensils inside. The box is a lot sturdier than a paper plate, and easier to carry. Guests can also place the box in their lap and eat while sitting on the couch if you run

out of chairs. Spray paint an old wicker basket gold and add a ribbon

and holly.

Boneless – Lean

Butterfly Pork

OIN CHOPS

Agostini.

"Have your kids decorate the basket with fake jewels; when their kids are kids they'll cherish the basket."

Fill galvanized buckets with ice and bottles of sparking water, juice and splits of champagne so guests can help themselves to drinks.

The sparkly red votive candles are disposable, burn for five hours, and available at Gordon Food Service in packages of 24.

'Gold ribbon can add a lot of color for a little money," said Agostini.

"You can also put pine cones, confetti, or cranberries on your

If you're going to entertain a lot, Agostini recommends designating an area of your house as an entertainment closet to store napkin rings, serving platters, bowls, and other items.

in," he said. "After the holidays you might want to have a Super Bowl party. You could make serving trays out of them. Kids love that kind of stuff; use your imagination.

"You'd be surprised at what you can pick up at Salvation Army Thrift Shops, Big Lot, Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Michael's, Gordon's, Costco, Sam's Club, flea markets and Agostini put his shrimp cocktail on.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money," he said.

"You just have to be touches.

### **Ornamental tradition** alternative to gift giving

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

When your brothers and sisters marry and have children, causing your immediate family to grow by leaps and bounds, what do you do about gifts?

Some families decide to draw names, other agree to buy only for children age 16 and under. Others like the Agostini Family, come up with fun alternatives.

"We set up a three-foot tree. and everyone goes and picks out a nice ornament, something they wouldn't buy for themselves," said Frank Agostini explaining his family's tradition. "All of the ornaments are placed on the tree at our family brunch - there's usually about

"Then everyone draws a number. The person who draws the highest number picks an ornament from the tree, but the next person to pick a number

can take that person's ornament if they want, or one from the tree. The reason you want to draw number one is you can take the last ornament off the tree, or from anyone who picked before you. The game ends when the last ornament is taken off the tree.

"It's a fun thing, and gets everyone involved. There's a sense of competition, but everyone's a winner. You find out who's ruthless and who's nice. It's like playing a game. Couples will work together to get the ornaments they want."

The tradition started about five years ago, and has become a much anticipated event. "Every year the ornaments get better and better, saw Agostini. "We've already got ours, we bought them while we were on vacation.

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"Tell them you want to serve it the next day, and they'll prepare the dish to be reheated. We assume when someone orders something to go that it will be eaten soon, but if someone calls and tells us they want a Greek salad that will be served the next day we'll put the beets on

the side."

frozen corn, Agostini added chopped pimento to bring out the color.

Sauté green beans in butter, add toasted almonds, a shot glass of Amaretto and flame to burn off the alcohol.

Brunch can be whatever you want it to be, said Agostini. From smoked salmon and bagels with cream cheese to stir-fried chicken.

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# Visiting Mr. Green will make you laugh, cry

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI CORRESPONDENT

Arthur Beer won't become the grumpy and lonely Mr. Green, but he will feel his pain and shed his tears.

'When I'm on stage, I'm not him. I'm not me. I am something in between," said the University of Detroit-Mercy theater professor. "You play with a split focus. The tears are there when I need them."

Tears - and laughter - definitely fill the humorous Visiting Mr. Green, presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 Maple.

The award-winning Beer takes on the role of Mr. Green, a recently widowed 86-year-old Jewish man, who is quite accidentally and reluctantly befriended by a young, up-andcoming New York American Express executive.

As penalty for hitting Mr. Green in a car accident, the executive, Ross Gardiner, played by Timothy McKernan of Livonia, must perform community service — visiting Mr. Green for six months.

"The first act is warm and funny," Beer said.

"In the second act, the scenes are touching and bring out basic human emotions."

The two-man play, performed in two 45-minute acts. takes the odd couple from their reluctant meeting through the struggles of a burgeoning friendship and finally, to kindredship.

"They are two very unlikely people to be together," said the play's director, Yolanda Fleischer, an associate professor of theater at the University

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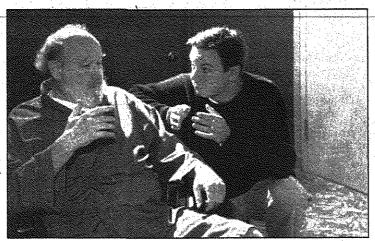
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**Show Times:** 

Thursday, Dec. 19 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 - 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Arthur Beer (left) and Timothy McKernan perform in Visiting Mr. Green at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield.

of Detroit-Mercy

"The two seem like oil and water at first. But through each other they learn to love again. Lots of secrets come out and they help each other come back to the world."

Missing here are a few morsels of information they're a secret - that bring out the lost souls in the two characters and prompt their relationship.

"They bond. The fact is they need each other," Beer said. "They are of different generations. They are different peo-

Evelyn Orbach, artistic director and friend of Beer's, asked him last spring to take the role. That was a blessing for Fleischer, who is able once again to work with her academic colleague.

McKernan, who was unavailable for comment, is Fleischer's former student.

"It is like old home week here. We all agreed that Tim was the right person. He is a really wonderful person."

Audiences will get the chance to listen in on the odd couple's intriguing, funny and

heartwrenching conversations that prompt revelation and friendship through Jan. 5, 2003. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. for Sunday mati-

A special New Year's Eve Gala performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Tickets range \$18-\$50 with discounts for seniors and students, and are available by calling the JET Theatre at (248) 788-2900.

Fleischer and Beer make no bones about the potential diffi-

culty of a two-man show. 'We are dealing with only one relationship in this show. On the other hand, these two actors have to carry the whole ball. They have to bring their audience right into their relationships," Fleischer

That's opposed to a play such as The Children's Hour, which she recently directed with a cast of 12.

"You can let the pictures tell the story."

In Visiting Mr. Green the conversations take place in Mr. JET's 2002-2003 season

### Visiting Mr. Green

What: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents a poignant and funny play with a two-member cast When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees; through Jan. 5, 2003. Where: The Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield

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Green's apartment that clearly has not been tended since his wife died months earlier.

Beer likes the challenge. "With a larger cast, you certainly have fewer lines," said the associate director of the university's theater. "On the other hand, you are also sharing the credits with everyone. Theater is pretty much my life."

A two-man show - especially in a smaller venue-provides instant feedback from the audi-

There is no doubt when the audience is laughing and when it doesn't think a line is funny. "You must always work with the audience," Beer added.

JET Theatre, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, is a professional theater company.

It receives grants and support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. the Dorfman Foundation, MASCO, The Detroit Jewish News, and the General Motors.

includes the following performances: Denial, and The Chosen, as well as Guest Artist Series. Mystery of Creativity, Shylock,

### Author looks at the 'Power of the Purse'

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

There are so many choices standing between a woman and her perfect handbag that she often buys everything in her

"They're all so tempting," gushes Anna Johnson. "There are fewer rules in fashion now, so it's an excuse to have more bags."

A good bag acts as an extension of the body, she reasons; it says so much about a person in such a small space.

Johnson is the author of "Handbags: Power of the Purse" (Workman), a book that attempts to describe "why a little piece of fabric or a little pouch of leather with a strap on it is so powerful."

She says that a purse often indicates a woman's higher aspirations. If she wants to look organized, she might choose a unisex-style briefcase; if she wants to look like a woman so wealthy she doesn't care about status symbols, she might choose a canvas tote that would fit right in on a yacht.

"Every woman wants a bag you can wear to work and that makes you look like you make \$30,000 more than you do," Johnson adds.

But, she says, it's not the cost of the bag that matters, it's the

Right now her own three favorites are a Lambertson Truex Westport bag that can hold her keys, cell phone and practically all her office supplies; a bag from Donna May Bolinger that Johnson calls her "airport bag" because it accommodates three magazines and a bottle of water; and a Sonia Rykiel Domino purse that isn't as practical - it's covered in rhinestones - but it has almazan built-in key ring. She calls her style "expensive downtown."

"My bag says I'm not really dy for a serious status bag yet. I'm not ready to be that

Other purses with personality, according to Johnson, include:

Elegant icons, such as a Birkin or Kelly from Hermes. the Fendi Baguette or almost anything from Chanel, carry

the message, "I'm worth it." "There's a great dignity in carrying a bag with great line-

age," she adds. A "bag of the moment," which is anything there is a 🐺 waiting list for, means the owner takes fashion seriously.

A tote bag signifies an unpretentious American style. It is classy with a touch of sportiness.

Decorated purses embellished with fringe, beads and the like, are usually carried by women who indulge in their femininity. "She's laughing at her responsibilities," Johnson

Sporty styles, including a Kate Spade shopper or a Bonnie Cashin "grab-it-and-go" shoulder sling, are "suggestive fashion," carried by a woman who wants to look as if she can do it all.

Novelty bags along the line of Moschino's melting chocolate purse or a Lulu Guinness floral bouquet are 'like red shoes on a rainy day - impractical and absolutely fabulous."

Most women want a purse that is a combination of the above, which is why Kate Spade, one of the first accessory designers to focus on everyday bags for everyday life, became an icon in such a short amount of time, says Johnson.

But Johnson predicts a new wave of handbag designers will come from a world far away from fashion: She expects industrial designers to get in on

It eventually will dawn on someone that women will pay a very high price for an attractive, functional, long-lasting bag that is also comfortable to carry but big enough to hold sunscreen and bottled water, Johnson says.

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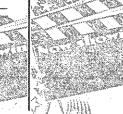
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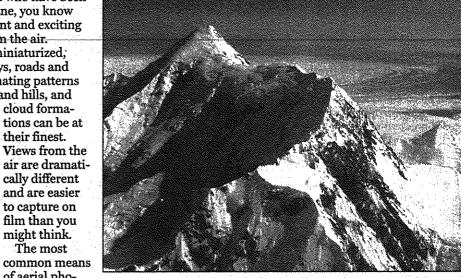
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with, select a window seat either in front or behind a wing. Set your camera's focusing ring at infinity and the shutter speed control at 1/500 second or faster. Because depth-of-field in aerial photography is normally insignificant, a wide aperture is usually what you'll use in order to obtain as fast a shutter speed as possible.

Make sure you don't brace the camera against the window or you'll pick up the vibrations of the plane. Better still, be sure your arms don't touch the plane either, so your body acts as a "shock absorber" against vibra-

What film should you use from the air? Because extremely fast shutter speeds are mandatory, faster films are usually called for. Kodak T-Max 400 is a good black and white choice while Ektachrome 200 or Kodacolor 200 are good color selections depending on whether you desire slides or prints. Remember when you fly commercially, never allow your

all times to cut through haze. Be careful in the use of a polarizer filter, however, when shooting color from an airliner. It may interact with the polarizing characteristics of the plastic window material and result in out of focus color bands in your pictures.

Use a yellow filter for black and white film. If haze is particularly bad, switch to a red filter. Because contrast is reduced in aerial photography, you'll have to overdevelop your film to put snap back into negatives.

Have your camera ready and listen for the pilot to identify famous landmarks such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, and Niagara Falls. Such locations photograph very well from the air. Other subjects to look for are dramatic sunsets, snowcapped mountains, and city skylines.

Look for patterns in plowed farmlands or checkerboard fields. Be on the lookout for

abstract shots, too. Your friends may have to guess what your photo really is.

If the opportunity exists, don't overlook other means of aerial photography. Light planes and helicopters can give you greater control over direction and elevation. They can bring you closer to the subject and give you that special angle you may want. You'll be more flexible in time of day, too. Late

> not obtainable with a mid-day Some of the best aerial shots can be taken from a hot air bal-

afternoon or early morning will

produce shadows and textures

It the opportunity ever presents itself to fly in one, don't pass it up. The view is clear, there is no vibration, and the perspective is excellent.

Aerial photography will reward you with many different and exciting pictures. So let your photographic growth take off --- into the air!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

- A store that sells cabbage strudel for

- A store that sells **Resolve** by the

Merrill Dow Pharmaceutical for Tricia

- A store that sells wood cleaner for

- A store that sells the candy licorice

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### WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND

- For sock locks (for washing socks) try the Organize It on Livernois in the Campus Corner shopping center in Rochester, (248) 656-3350.

- There has been no reply for the Machus salad dressing recipe. - Chicory can be purchased at the Merchant of Fine Wine on 22250 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

- The following stores sell a dickey with a collar: The Vermont Country store (802) 362-8440 or www.vermontcountrystore.com, the Sewing Company at www.sewingcompany.com and Blair catalog (800) 458-6057.

- For the roll top desk key try Suburban Lock & Safe on 27458 Joy in Livonia (734) 425-6420. Ask for Frank. - The following stores sell Bend Over

slacks: Mervyn's stores, Blair catalog (800) 458-6057. Klein's on Six Mile and Newburgh (southeast corner) in Livonia (734) 591-9244. - Benson's fruit cakes can be pur-

chased at area Damman Hardware stores and Helvig Brothers in Maryland (800) 426-1007. - Moth Ball flakes can be purchased

at area Damman Hardware stores and area ACO stores. - For Big Bend alarm clocks try area

Wal-Mart stores.

**FIND AND SEARCH** - A reader wants the address for the

singer Andrea Bocelli. - A reader is looking for restaurant that will be open on Christmas day in the Garden City, Livonia, Westland, areas for people who do not wish to

cook. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A store that sell the polish beer Zagorka for Margaret. - A store that sells Weight Watchers

butter spray for popcorn for Ann of Westland. - A store in the Farmington Hills area

that sells Better Made pretzel rings for - A store that sells sport motif lamps.

soccer, hockey, baseball, etc. for Audrey of Livonia. A store that sells a frog clock for - A store that sells light brown mas-

cara for Pam of Livonia. - A business that can repair a snow

- A copy of the 1945, volume 2 #3

globe for Lois of Plymouth. - A store that sells the videocassette of Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty for

Eleanor. - A store that sells Knott's raspberry

vinaigrette salad dressing for Stacev. - A store that sells Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo sauces for Kelli. -A store that sells a turtleneck sweatshirt made by Russell Athletic Wear for

Sue of South Lyon. - A store that sells Members Only men's jackets for Irma. - A store that sells Colgate Star Wars

Galactic bubble mint toothpaste (Darth Vader on front) for Kim of Livonia. -A store that sells La Laura perfume for Lori of Garden City...

- A store that sells a removable side sash for Pfaff windows for Katie. - Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

### **AUDITIONS**

Deborah's Stage Door

Auditions for senior show choir (ages 13 and up), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and up), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and up), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-8133

**Detroit Institute of Arts** 

Volunteers needed to help with Degas and the Dance, through Jan. 12, flexible schedules are available including weekdays, weekends and evening shifts, if you would like to serve as an ambassador in the galleries assisting visitors from around the world, or want more information about DIA volunteer opportunities, call (313) 833-0247 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

**Farmington Community Chorus** 

Chorus will hold new-member auditions for its spring session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 and 14, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile just east of Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills. Accepting members from age 19 and up. For information, call (248) 471-4516

Franklin Village Band

Renee of Westland.

Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan may join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869, or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119.

Illusion Theater of Michigan and **Karmanos Cancer Institute** 

Auditions for a multimedia play with music about surviving breast cancer, For Our Daughters, 7 p.m., Dec. 15 and 18 at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Oakland Regional Office, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, For requirements and an appointment call

(248) 661-1756 or (248) 737-9610. Ages

14-70s, must have strong singing voic-

es. Volunteers also needed for behind

the scenes production assistance.

& Film Seeking proposals from Michigan

Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture

artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, (248) 858-0415. Southfield Presbyterian Church

The directors of *Peeking at the Blues* (A tribute to Bessie Smith) and Dance Theater of Michigan are auditioning for dancers, singers, musicians, actors and comedians, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 21, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 21575 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, call (248) 552-5001 or (248) 942-3243 for audition appointments and directions.

Sponsored by the city of Southfield is auditioning for the comedy, Radio TBS, by Mark Landon Smith, starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, with parts for 10 females ranging from late teens to 60s at the Burgh Church, Burgh Historical Park, corner of civic Center Drive and Berg Road, (248) 827-

Jeenler, com

### Readers share 'Spectacular' Christmas memories

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

Jean Mattingly of Farmington grew up in Brooklyn, New York and went to see the Rockettes "many, many times" with her grandmother, aunt and sisters.

She sent us a program from the Saturday, Jan. 8, 1949 show. Perry Como, Judy Garland, Lena Horne, Gene Kelly, Mickey Rooney, and Ann Sothern were among the cast members. Mattingly is one of the winners in our "Share your 'Radio City' Memories" contest and received four tickets to the Friday, Dec. 6 performance.

Attending The Radio City Christmas Spectacular is a holiday tradition in many families. Readers shared their memories of attending the show either here or in New York for the chance to win free tickets.

"I was thrilled when the famous Rockettes began doing a Christmas Show at the Fox," said Mattingly. "Seeing the Rockettes has brought back many happy memories for me."

Victoria Heugh of Rochester Hills also won four tickets to

the Friday, Dec. 6 performance.
"I have great memories of the
Radio Christmas Spectacular,"
she wrote. "I attended it for the
very first time three years ago
with my aunt, son, and daughter on the day after

Thanksgiving. The show was indeed spectacular. One scary, but kind of funny moment was when one of the dancing bears got too near the front of the stage and fell off, right into the lap of an audience member. No one was hurt, and the show continued."

Our runners-up won two tickets to see the Rockettes, here are their stories:

"My first memory of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular is going to Radio City Music Hall with my parents in New York City," wrote Kathy Kennedy of Bloomfield Hills. "Having seen it numerous times in NYC, I was thrilled to see it coming to Detroit. Taking my children, going with loved ones and friends, I never tire of seeing it.

"Probably one of the most memorable times seeing the show was when our college 'I was so excited. It was a spectacular site! There was Santa's workshop and the talented Rockettes. Now I want to go back every year as a family tradition.'

María Stoll 10 years old Livonia resident

group decided to go together. One of the fellows took charge of getting the tickets and we had agreed that dinner at the DAC would certainly top off the evening. When the day came, the 'party planner' was unable to attend due to illness. We all went anyway, including his wife. We had a terrific time, charged dinner at the DAC on his account, but did buy him a Radio City Rockette Doll to console him. The doll goes on his Christmas tree every year. We still chuckle about that."

### CHILDHOOD MEMORY

Patricia Klinger, also a Bloomfield Hills resident, remembers getting dressed her Sunday best and taking the train to downtown New York with her mom and sister to see the Rockettes. They waited in a line, blocks long to get tickets. We waited a long time and it was bitter cold," she wrote. "We had on ankle socks and I remember putting my mittens on my feet and forcing them into my Sunday shoes, a very uncomfortable feat. I still shudder when I remember the cold. We got into the second performance. Once we sat down and thawed out we stopped complaining and enjoyed the show. In spite of it all it turned out to be a wonderful day and the next year we were back in line again, this time with tick-

Margaret Johnston, a
Commerce Township resident,
remembers going to Radio City
Music Hall with her grandmother. "The show was beautiful, how the dancers stayed perfectly in step with each other
was just amazing to me," she
wrote. "I have been to the Fox
Theatre's Christmas
Spectacular and it brought
back wonderful memories. The
Rockettes are just as awesome

definitely is a great way to get into the spirit of the holidays."

"I remember two years ago my mom, my friend and her mom went to see the Radio City show in Detroit for the first time," wrote Maria Stoll, 10 of Livonia. "I was so excited. It was a spectacular site! There was Santa's workshop and the talented Rockettes. Now I want to go back every year as a family tradition. It was the best show ever. Keep up the good work Rockettes."

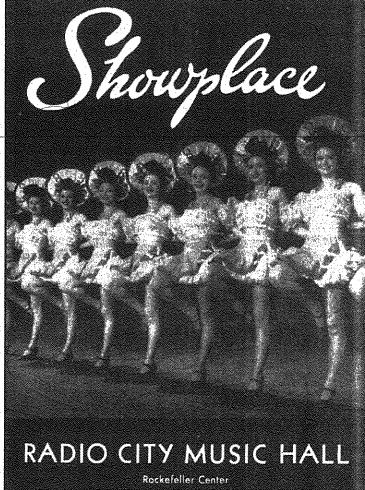
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Theresa Latour of Westland will never forget the time she went to see the Rockettes at the Fox with her sweetheart. "Right there at the aisle, he got down on one knee while a crowd of onlookers giddy with glee. They knew what was coming, and didn't I too. Tiny box in his hand, his love so true. His eyes filled with tears, his lips barely parted, his voice trembled slightly, my heart jumped and started. Will you marry me?' Enchanted right there, I replied 'Yes!' around us applause and care!"

A few months after giving birth to twin girls, Rhonda Van Horn's husband surprised her

with a homemade gift certificate for a mystery date. She was told to dress up, and grandma stayed with the kids at home in Livonia. The evening began at the Whitney where Rhonda's husband treated her to dinner. After dinner they were off to the Fox. "I can't believe my husband has ever even heard of the Rockettes but here we are, second row center, and I am stunned," she wrote. "The show is fabulous, like nothing I've ever seen. The dancing, the costumes, the whole show is bigger than life and even my husband is having a wonderful time."

Mary Kauper of Bloomfield Hills went to New York City for New Year's Eve with her husband and five-year-old daughter in 1993. They got tickets to see the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. While seated, a "very nice lady approached us to ask if she could ask our daughter if she wanted to be in the show as a walk-on when Santa was on stage. We agreed and Sarah was thrilled. We all went back stage to get Sarah fitted for her costume, a very large winter coat. Our guide showed her where she would walk on stage from the wings and she looked out on to the enormous stage, and then broke into tears saying 'Mama, I don't want to do this!' We went back to our seats and another, slightly older girl was selected for the part. She loved the show from our seats out front. Sarah is now 14 and regrets that she missed her big chance to be in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular."



Jean Mattingly of Farmington, one of the winners in our "Share your 'Radio City' Memories" contest, sent this program from the Jan. 8, 1949, Rockettes performance at Radio City Music Hall.





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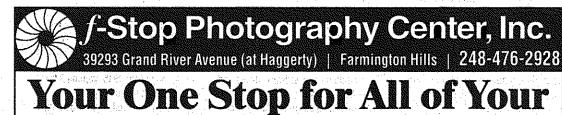
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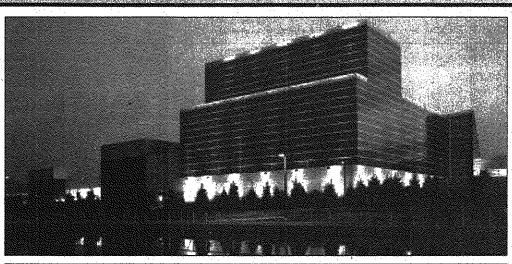


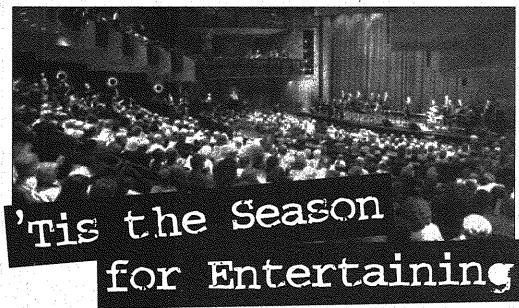
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# Grand Rapids: Perfect weekend jaunt for holiday fun

BY MARY QUINLEY CORRESPONDENT

If you and yours need to escape the holiday hoopla, consider a jaunt to Grand Rapids. It's a favorite weekend getaway for the Reed family of Redford.

"I love Grand Rapids," said Shannon Reed, who frequently visits family and friends there with her husband, Matthew, and their son, Benjamin.

"People don't realize all the cultural and entertainment options that are available," said Barbara Kravitz, director of communications at the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

There's something that appeals to everyone - an entertainment district with lots of possibilities for dining and music, a ballet, eclectic museums, outdoor ice-skating and a symphony. And the list goes on.

If you go, check out this sampling of hot spots in Michigan's second largest city:

On weekends at the Grand Rapids Art Museum kids can "drop in" and participate in the hands-on activities. A minimal



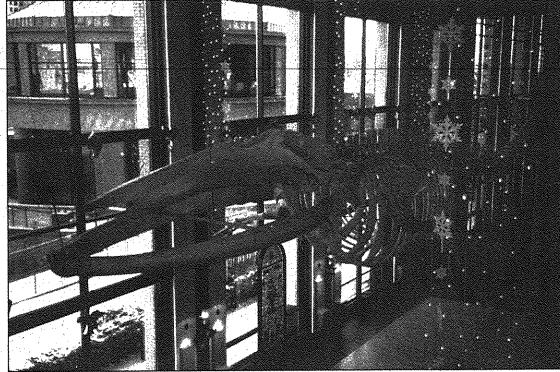
For information on all attractions, accommodations and holiday happenings, contact the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 678-9859 or (616) 459-8287 or check the web at: www.visitgrandrapids.org.

fee is charged.

The Reeds are so impressed with this museum that they became members.

"I like the smallness, the wellversed staff and the rich exhibits," said Reed, who recently viewed the Frank Lloyd Wright leaded glass display at the museum.

Eve of the Beholder: A History of Photography features 150 rare and classic photographs that trace the history of the medium from its inception in the early 19th century to the present. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 5, 2003.



The skeleton of a 76-foot whale is suspended from the ceiling at the Van Andel Museum Center in Grand Rapids.

For information call (616) 831-1000 or visit the web at:

www.gramonline.org. One of the Reeds' favorite stops is the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

'Here we have works of art placed in nature and in galleries," said Joseph Beherer, curator of sculpture, referring to the more than 100 sculptures by world-renowned artists. The Gardens are a blend of education and enjoyment.

"Brave the elements and walk outside to see the sculptures," Beherer suggested. Or take a ride on a tram. Tours of the outdoor gardens are available on the hour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The Gardens are like a little oasis in midwest Michigan. My favorite part is walking outside

on the winding path," said Reed. Through Sunday, Jan. 5, the Christmas Around the World & Holiday Traditions exhibit features children's activities, ethnic entertainment and decorated Christmas trees representing forty nations.

On Thursday evenings in December, enjoy the luminarylit walkways via horse and carriage rides.

For more info call (888) 957-1580 or (616) 957-1580 or check the web at: www.meijergar-

dens.org. If you look up in the main

galleria of the Van Andel Museum Center you can't miss the skeleton of a 76-foot whale. It's awesome!

As you wander by the reproductions of 19th century Grand Rapids storefronts, be sure to look down at the brick-covered streets. Listen as you walk you'll hear the "street sounds" of horses, birds and conversations.

The 1928 Spillman carousel draws youngsters and the young-at-heart alike. The platform, which extends out over the Grand River, is enclosed in a glass and cast stone pavilion. Riders are treated to views of the downtown skyline.

There are tons of other neat exhibits you won't want to miss the tribute to Grand Rapids as North America's first center of furniture manufacturing, the story of Native Americans of West Michigan, the WHODUN-NIT? crime scene, and, a 2,800year-old female mummy.

Van Andel celebrates the holidays with afternoon tea festivities, gingerbread houses, entertainment and crafts for the kids. Call (616) 456-3977 or visit www.grmuseum.org.

■ Take time for a self-guided tour of the impressive Amway Grand Plaza.

"It's a wonderful hotel!" said Reed, who has stayed at the complex several times. Gold leaf

ceilings, a pineapple spigot fountain and two-ton chandeliers adorn the circa 1913 east

During the holiday season, rooms cost \$79 (December 16-20 and 22-30) if you dine in any of the hotel's six restaurants or you request room service. Call (800) 253-3590 for details or check the web at: www.amwaygrand.com.

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It's not Hockeytown, but be a sport and root for the Griffins. The team, an affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings, belongs to the American Hockey League.

For ticket info call (616) 774-4585 or visit www.griffinshock-

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at MQinfo@aol.com.

### WHERE TO SHOP

Check out these "nonmall" possibilities for holiday shopping:

Curiosity Shop at Van Andel Museum Center, (616) 456-3555: Educational and fun merchandise, museumreproductions and

clothing. Devos Family Gift Shop: A broad repertoire of glass, jewelry and pottery. Keeler Garden Shop: Assortment of garden tools, handcrafted garden art and houseplants. Both shops. (888) 957-1580, are at the Frederik

Meijer Gardens. Gifts at GRAMM, (616) 831-2920: Art-related gift items at the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

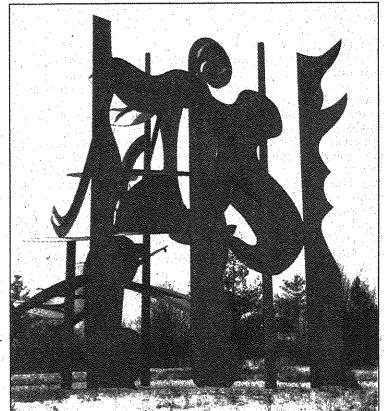
Gallery 154, (616) 454-2154: A diverse selection of pottery, jewelry, woven goods and more.

■ Spirit Dreams, (616) 456-9889: Candles, books, music, incense and art.

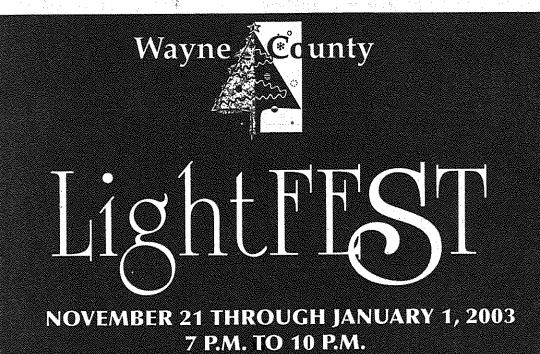
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### Scots start slow

After winning its seasonopener at the Chuck Ressler Invitational, hosted by the University of Rochester (N.Y.), Alma College's women's basketball team lost two straight to stand at 1-2.

The Lady Scots defeated Mt. Union (OH) 65-61 in their opener, thanks in part to 11 points from Janell Twietmever (Plymouth/Canton HS).

Alma then lost to the host team 79-60, with Twietmeyer scoring nine points, and last Sunday fell

to Franklin (Ind.) College 69-49, with Twietmeyer again scoring nine points.

. A senior forward. Twietmeyer is averaging 9.7 points a game and connecting on 45.5 percent of her floor shots (10-of-

She is 5-of-12 on three-pointers (41.7 percent).

### Nominations

Nominations for board positions on the **Canton Community** Junior Baseball Softball Association have been postponed until the Jan. 15, \alpha -2003 meeting. - 自動の過少を

Any members of the CCJBSA wishing to nominate someone for VP Softball, VP Lower Baseball (for teeball to age 12), Treasurer or Registrar should submit his/her name to the Election Committee for review and approval.

Nominations must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting to be consid-

All nominations are to be emailed to delcol@comcast.net.

### : Baseball tryouts

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# Final Four!

# Madonna's unbeaten in quest for NAIA title

STAFF WRITER

For the first time in school history, Madonna University's volleyball team has reached the NAIA's Final Four.

The Lady Crusaders ascended to that lofty status Friday night with a straightset sweep of eight-seeded Westmont (Calif.), 30-23, 38-36, 30-19 in the tournament quarterfinals at Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego.

"The key to tonight's win was that we believed in each other," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham after his seventhseeded Crusaders improved to 48-3. "We played with relentless pursuit. We played very consistent. Every time we needed a big play, we got it — even when we were down in the second

"It was a fabulous win because Westmont had some thunderous hitters and they were hard to block. But our key players came through again, and I think they outplayed their key players.

We outlasted them." Shelley Stanton paced the Crusaders' attack with 22 kills (.600 kill percentage); she also had 10 digs and two blocks. Natalja Tinina had 15 kills (.333), Tera Morrill (from Livonia Franklin) had 10 kills, Amanda Suder (Salem HS) collected 13 digs and setter Natalie Sayre finished with 47 set assists, two service aces and 10 digs.

As a team, Madonna hit .434. The Crusaders had just four service aces, but the last one - by freshman Linsey Buche - came at a pivotal time, giving them the match-clinching point.

Westmont ended its tourney run with a 27-9 record.

It's been a tournament of fabulous wins for the Crusaders. They capped a 4-0 run through Pool B with a five-game victory over second-seeded Dickinson State (S.D.), 30-25, 30-24, 20-30, 15-30, 17-15 earlier Friday.

In that match, the 32-year-old Stanton led the attack with 23 kills, 16 digs and two blocks. Laura Lesko added 15 kills (.303 kill percentage) and 11 blocks; Tera Morrill had 11 kills (.526), 26 digs and two blocks: Natalia Tinina had nine kills and two blocks; Suder had 30 digs; and Sayre totaled three kills, 55 set assists and 14 digs.

"It was our best win of the year," said Abraham after beating Dickinson State. "It was another tough team with a

'The key to tonight's win was that we believed in each other. We played with relentless pursuit. We played very consistent. Every time we needed a big play, we got it - even when we were down in the second game.'

Jerry Abraham Madonna coach

> strong outside attack. We played relentless defense. We dug everything. It was a big-time struggle, but the kids hung in there and left it all on the floor.

"We're playing well in crunch-time situations. We made the clutch plays."

Madonna, which opened its pool play last Wednesday with a sweep of Palm Beach Atlantic, blew past Indiana Southeast 30-26, 30-16, 26-30, 30-17 and Walsh University (OH) 30-19, 30-27, 30-17 in Pool B action Thursday.

In the win over Walsh (which finished 39-4). Stanton had 28 kills with a .684 kill percentage, as well as 17 digs and five blocks. Lesko contributed 14 kills (.778) and 17 digs; Tinina got 12 kills (.500); Morrill had five kills and 20 digs; Hayley Myers had eight kills (.583) and two blocks; Suder got 10 digs; and Sayre totaled 49 set assists.

Against Southeast (31-9), it was Morrill who paced Madonna with 19 kills (.545); she also had two aces, 13 digs and two blocks.

Stanton got 17 kills (.387) and 13 digs; Lesko finished with 15 kills (.667) and two blocks; Tinina had 14 kills (.467) and two blocks; Suder had 18 digs; and Sayre got 47 set assists, five aces and 16

Madonna met Houston Baptist, the No. 6 seed, in the NAIA Semifinals Saturday. Baptist was 46-2 going into the match, having defeated Columbia (Mo.), the defending NAIA champions, earlier in the tournament.

In the other semifinal, No. 1 seed National American (S.D.), 39-0 overall, faced fourth-seeded Fresno Pacific (Calif.), 41-1 overall.

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### Baechler on private schools: On target

Southeast Thursday at the NAIA Tournament.

et's get this straight right off: The magic is not in the believ-

Not where Catholic Central is concerned. For weeks, the football coach at



Canton HS - Tim Baechler — has been bombarded by cheap shots for remarks he made after the Chiefs lost to CC in the state playoffs. All sorts of

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things have been offered. Very few, however, have been

in his defense. And that bothers me. Because every public school football coach

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# Top scorers bolster Agape's hopes

STAFF WRITER

Tera Morrill, a Livonia Franklin graduate, led Madonna in kills with 19 in its victory over Indiana

Four players with starter's experience: That's what Canton Agape Christian has lost from last season's basketball team.

And that's a shame, since that Wolverine team won 17 games (against five losses) and

was beating Redford St. Agatha in the Class D District semifinals until the final quar-

But if that's the bad news, then here's the good: Two starters do return, and they were Agape's best players.

"I think our team is as good as last year's, but it might not be able to match that record,"

said Agape coach Chuck Henry. The reason: "Our schedule is a lot tougher this

What Agape lost was the bulk of its frontcourt. Gone are 6-foot-3 forward Paul Chrenko: 6-1 forward Josh Anthony; 5-10 guard Rob Hough; and 5-5 guard Jeremiah Belton. Each of

them, at one time or another, started for the Wolverines last

So did Charlie Henry and Jordan Napier. Both now juniors, they were Agape's top scorers last season. Henry, the coach's son, stands 5-8 and plays point guard; he averaged

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# Despite losses, PCA looks promising

STAFF WRITER

Some key members of last season's team are gone. So why is Plymouth Christian Academy basketball coach Doug Taylor optimistic?

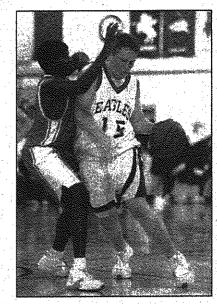
Why does he believe this team can outdo last year's?

Couple of reasons. First, several key players return. Second, injuries last

players, which in turn should help this year.

That being said, the anticipated losses - Matt Gallagher, Eric Schultz, Mark Erickson and James Bauslaugh, who graduated - were made worse by the transfer of two other key players, Aaron Ciborowski, who led PCA in

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Christian Academy's Clay Welton, a 6-foot-3 forward who led the Eagles in scoring last season, is expected to be a powerhouse for the Eagles.

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## 1st season full of questions for 'Cats

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This is a situation no other high school basketball team will face this year.

Plymouth HS will start the season as a freshmen squad; the Wildcats will compete at that level all year. But by March, they will be expected to have graduated enough to take on varsity teams.

That's life in a freshmen-only school.

From the beginning, Plymouth sports teams were expected to compete at the freshmen level this school year, then have both junior varsity and freshmen teams next year when the school has a sophomore class. By 2004-05, they would be ready to go with a varsity, even though there would only be freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the

But something happened. It was reasoned, correctly, that some freshmen grow up faster and are ready to compete at the varsity level before their junior year. The Plymouth boys soccer and girls basketball teams proved just that, the soccer team winning a state tournament game and the basketball team coming very close.

True, they didn't have to compete against other Division I or Class A teams, playing instead in Division III (or Class C). Still, a freshmen team that can beat a senior-laden varsity squad is impressive.

That means the die has been cast for Plymouth's boys basketball team and its coach, Erin MacGreggor. Come March, the Wildcats will play in the Class C district tournament hosted by Clinton HS.

What happens in between is anyone's guess. Even MacGreggor won't hazzard a guess as to who will emerge as a standout player, or how good the team will be.

"That's still to be determined," he said. "We do have

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some good athletes. But I'm not going to say we'll have a 20-win

That's what the Plymouth girls basketball team managed, playing a freshmen schedule. Those Wildcats did have advantages, however, the same the boys team will have. Standout freshmen at other schools move up to the junior varsity level,

perhaps even the varsity. At Plymouth, only one level currently exists.

"It's good and bad," said MacGreggor, noting that an allfreshmen schedule could hinder his team's progress. "But I think it's very unusual to be able to keep 12 kids together for four years.

"The biggest thing with this first year is, they're going to end up being team leaders. And that's so important. They will lay the foundation for the whole program."

MacGreggor's foundation is strong, to be sure. He served on Bob Brodie's coaching staff at Salem HS for the past three years. A graduate of Grand Haven HS in 1995, he then attended Michigan State, graduating in 1999. He is currently teaching social studies at Plymouth HS.

This has been an unbelievable opportunity," he said.

But what will come of it? How good will the Wildcats be, now and by season's end, when they face those Class C varsity

"The team in general, for 14year-old kids, they're really pushing each other," he replied in what is definitely advanced diplomatic coachspeak.

The Wildcats scrimmaged Plymouth Christian Academy Friday. That may answer a few questions.

Then again, it may create more of them. Such is life with an all-freshmen team.

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# Power play gets Whalers 2 victories

The power play — it's working just fine for the Plymouth Whalers.

Two Ontario Hockey League road games, two wins, seven goals scored. Four of those goals came on the power play.

That's pretty good.

On Friday, the Whalers traveled to Saginaw to meet the Spirit. The result: a 4-0 win, thanks to an outstanding performance by goalie Jeff Weber, who turned away 32 shots in the shutout.

The Whalers led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two. Tim Sestito scored twice for Plymouth, and James Wisniewski (from Canton) got a power-play goal and assisted on Sestito's first-period score.

Cole Jarrett also got a powerplay goal for the Whalers, who improved to 19-6-3-1 with the

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two wins, assists coming from Karl Stewart and Chad LaRose. John Vigilante and John Mitchell assisted on Wisniewski's second-period

power-play goal; Mike Nelson and Sean Thompson drew assists on Sestito's third-period

On Thursday, Jarrett's thirdperiod power-play goal proved to be the game-winner at Windsor, with the Whalers eventually edging the Spitfires, 3-2. Jarrett's goal, with assists from LaRose and Wisniewski, gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead at 9:31 of the third period. At 1:41 of the third, Jimmy Gagnon had given the Whalers a 2-1 lead, with assists from Thompson and Sestito.

Windsor pulled to within 3-2 served as vindication for an with a power-play goal by Mike honor he received a few days Jamas at 11:10, but the Spits could not get the equalizer.

Plymouth never trailed in the game, getting the first goal from Mitchell on the power play at 5:07 of the first period, with assists from Vigilante and Jarrett. Windsor tied it at 7:35 of the first with a goal by David Lomas. Paul Drew was in goal for Plymouth and got the victory, making 29 saves.

The Whalers are on the road this week, with games at Peterborough Thursday, at Ottawa Friday and at Kingston Sunday.

### **JARRETT IS TOP DEFENSEMAN**

Cole Jarrett scored goals in consecutive games for the Whalers last week - which

earlier.

Jarrett was named the Ontario Hockey League's Defenseman of the Month for November after putting together an impressive offensive showing. He collected four goals and 17 assists for 21 points in 13 games — including a goal and four assists in the Whalers' 9-3 victory over the London Knights Nov. 2.

A 19-year-old native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jarrett was drafted in the fifth round by the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2001. He was on the Western Conference all-star team at the Hershev Cup game, and he was tied for second in scoring among defensemen with 28 points in the Whalers' first 27

### Kubert's gets hat trick as Stevenson wins, 6-0

Livonia Stevenson launched its Lakes Division hockey season in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 6-0 win over host Walled Lake Central at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Dave Kubert had a hat trick and sophomore goaltender Ryan Dennett (12 saves) posted the shutout for the victorious Spartans, who led 3-0 after two periods.

**Brandon Hoots and Jimmy** Nawrocki each contributed a goal and two assists. Jeff Kraemer had the other Stevenson goal.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 9

Canton at Monroe, 7 p.m.

N. Boston Huron at Luth, Westland, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Greater Life, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Canton Agape at Deerfield, 7 p.m.

Clarenceville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Churchili at Dearborn 7 n.m.

Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m

Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Stevenson is 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes.

CHURCHILL 7, CANTON 3: Dan Deuby scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (2-3, 2-1) exploded in the final period to subdue Chiefs (1-1) in a WLAA-Western Division game at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers led 3-2 after two periods before outscoring Canton 4-1 in the final peri-

Jim Krygowski, Sean Burke, Kyle Strong and Mike Dziewit each added one goal and one assist. Ryan Wischmeyer scored the other

Assists went to goaltender Dave Herrick (23 saves), Steve Yarber, Justin Toni and Jason .

Matt Gabriel scored twice for Canton. Kyle Tollison had the other goal. Only three penalties were called in the

"We put more emphasis on getting more

shots in a five-on-five situation," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. STEVENSON 6, NORTHVILLE 1: Tommy

Zagata's hat trick lifted Livonia Stevenson (3to a WLAA crossover win Wednesday over the Mustangs (3-2) in a game played at Edgar After a scoreless first period, Stevenson

tallied four goals in the second period -Zagata from Brian Shekell and Justin Dunn at 1:53: Zagata from Shekell and Erik Anderson at 9:37: Jeff Kraemer from Brandon Hoots at 10:30: and Dave Baruzzini from Jon Fritsch at

Northville's Jake Vitale broke Spartan netminder Rob Thomas's shutout bid with 40 sec-

onds left in the second period. Stevenson tacked two more scores on in the final period - David Kubert from Kraemer

at 4:21 and Zagata from Dave Milsud at 13:09. "We played hard for 45 minutes, we're improving every game," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "We started slowly, but Rob (Thomas) made some pretty good saves early

for us before we got going. LADYWOOD 2, G.P. NORTH 1: Goals by Jess Blaesser and Jenna Keenan carried Livonia Ladywood (3-0) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory Wednesday over visiting Grosse Pointe North (2-2) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Megan MacDonnel chipped in two assists for the Blazers.

Dana Chicklas had the lone goal for North.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

O.L. St. Mary at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13 Southfield at Canton, 7 p.m.

Monroe at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton Agape at Whitmore Lake, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Churchill 7 p.m. Franklin at Redford Thurston, 7 p.m. Det. Benedictine at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

A.A. Huron at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran, 8 p.m. (Lutheran East Tip-Off Classic)

Luth, Westland vs. Luheran North, 5 p.m. Lutheran East vs. Lutheran N'west, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Mich Lutheran TRA Lutheran East Tip-Off Classic, 5 & 7 p.m. Redford CC vs. Det. Country Day at West Bloomfield, 8:30 p.m. PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 14 Portage Northern Tournament, 8 a.m. Madonna Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Delta CC Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Carleton-Airport Invitational, 9 a.m. Allen Park Tournament, TBA. PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Dec. 9 Ladywood at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10

Northville vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 W.L. Central vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m. Ladywood vs. Canton (Arctic Pond), 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13 Redford CC vs. New Trier (III.) at WMU's Lawson Arena, 6:30 o.m.

Franklin vs. Stevenson (Ednar Arena), 8 n.m.

Franklin vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 Churchill vs. Northville (Novi Ice Arena), 6:10 p.m.

Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern (Redford Arena), 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING Monday, Dec. 9 Livonia City Tourney at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Adrian at Westland Glenn, 5 p.m.

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"I can't imagine how tough it must be for a child to spend the holiday season in the hospital," said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, managing co-owner of High Velocity Sports and director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club. "If there is any way for us to alleviate even some of the discomfort for even one child, then I think the toy drive is

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High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Avenue (on the south side, just west of Canton Center Road) in Canton. A drop-off bin is located at the front office.

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### **BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

Tryouts are being conducted the first and second weeks of December for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's Pirates, a 10-year-old baseball travel team.

Players must be born after July 31, 1992 and be a resident of either Canton or Plymouth. The team will play a 20-game league schedule with several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Bruce Price. an experienced travel baseball coach with two prior World Series appearances, either at work at (734) 459-2960 or at

home at (734) 453-9180. Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club — 8-andunder and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

### **HOOP REGISTRATION**

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school boys (grades 9-12) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 7 at East Middle School. Cost is \$125.

### SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our website at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.co

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■ Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 yearolds. This clinic focuses on oneon-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

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All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) 487-

### **SKATING STUFF**

A five-week learn-to-skate roller skating class, for children and adults, will be from 11:15 a.m.-noon Saturdays at Skatin' Station II in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now

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call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

Registrations are being accepted for winter 2000-03 youth and adult leagues at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton Township.

Several age brackets are available for 16-and-under. Youth cost is \$120 for 10 games (includes jersey, championship shirts and officials). Youth evaluations will be Friday through Tuesday, Dec. 6-10 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5.

Sign up early to assure a spot on a team

Adult leagues, 17- and 30and-over, will start Tuesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 10.

For adult information, call Tonia (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at (734) 459-6401. For other information, visit www.skatinstation2.com or call (734)459-6401.

### **TOTAL BASEBALL CAMPS**

Private lessons for baseball and softball players (ages 6-18) will also be offered by Total Baseball's staff, which includes former professional players, college and high school coaches. Lessons are by appointment 1-2:30 p.m. (10-and-under);

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The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will be offering fall and winter individual and small group skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The sessions will be conducted by minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford, former standout at Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University. For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928 or (734) 525-3730.

### **BANTAM PLAYERS WANTED**

A AA bantam hockey travel team based in Monroe is seeking players born in 1998-89.

For more information, call Mike Monday at (734) 379-5737 or Jody Hayden at (734) 242-6262.

### **HOOP TRYOUTS**

The Livonia Lightning AAU girls basketball organization will stage tryouts for the upcoming season, Sunday, Dec. 8, at Ladywood High School, located on Newburgh between I-96 and Five Mile Road.

The tryout schedule will be:

2:30-4 p.m. (11-and-under); 4-5:30 p.m. (12-and-under); and 5:30-7 p.m. (13-and-under).

The tryout fee is \$10. Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tryout time to register.

For more information, call Dale Drabicki at (248) 615-2373 or program director Patrick Cannon at (734) 953-0854.

### **COACHES WANTED**

St. Agatha is looking for a varsity softball coach for the spring. For more information, please call athletic director Trish Rich at (313) 532-2285 or send a resume to her at 25707 Pembroke, Redford, MI, 48240 or by fax at (313) 532-2277.

n Farmington Public Schools are looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys swimming coach, two assistant wrestling coaches and freshman, JV and varsity volleyball coaches. Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI, 48336 or a fax to (248) 474-3802.

Farmington Harrison High School is searching for a boys tennis coach.

If interested in the position, call FPS athletic director Ron Holland at (248) 489-3352 or fax a letter of interest and/or resume to (248) 474-3802.

■ Redford Union is looking for a varsity baseball coach.. To send your resume, please contact athletic director Brett Steele, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI., 48240, or fax it at (313) 592-4068. For more information, please call (313) 592-

3408. Livonia Churchill needs a varsity boys tennis coach for

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 Livonia Ladywood has two coaching positions open for the winter season - varsity hockey and freshman volleyball; also one for the spring season junior varsity soccer.

For more information, call (734) 591-2323.

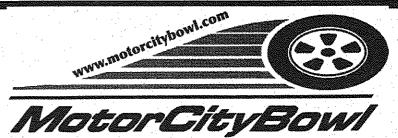
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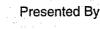
Along with the duties cmmensurate to the head coaching position, the candidate will assume overall responsibility for the entire football program. Candidates will need to have the ability to work closely with others and be detail minded.

For more information, call John Michniak, St. Edith CYO Athletic Director at (734) 591-6118 or email stedithcyoad@yahoo.com.

Candidates should make their intentions known in writing not later than Saturday, Dec. 21.

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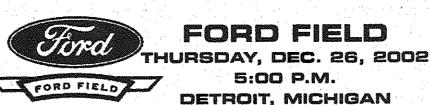




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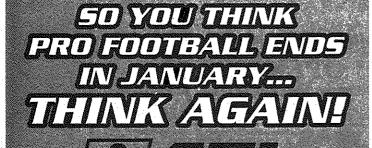
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would agree with Baechler's assessment.

What Baechler said was no revelation. It was nothing that hadn't been said before.

Private schools do have an advantage. They can draw players from anywhere - even Canada, if so desired.

For example: Imagine Michigan State meeting UCLA for the NCAA basketball championship, but certain conditions exist. MSU can draw its players from this state only, while UCLA can get its players from anywhere - including Michigan.

Who you going to bet on? Before any CC alums or coaches get all p.o.ed at me, let me offer this: I have nothing against Tom Mach and the truly wonderful job his staff did this season. Nor do I disrespect their players.

Which means I am in agreement with Baechler. 'Cause that's what he said, both to me and in a letter he sent to Mach.

"I never said anything about them not working hard, and I never said anything about them recruiting," Baechler said. There was no disrespect to them or to the Catholic Church. I wrote a letter to Tom Mach, a long letter, and I said the same thing. I totally respect the guy."

What Baechler did say was that CC should win because it can do things most public schools can't. Indeed, it's what those public schools like Canton can't do that helps make CC so successful.

If you're the parent of an outstanding athlete who will be a star in football, what would you do in this situation: Enroll him at CC, with all of its tradition, or stay in the Plymouth-Canton school district, where he could end up at any of three schools - one of which won't even have a varsity program for another two years? Is that sour grapes?

No, that's reality. And that's what Baechler was talking about when he said CC should win every year. Canton HS players all live in Plymouth or Canton; less than half of CC's athletes reside in Redford.

The playing field isn't equal, and it won't be unless public school districts start doing what Farmington and Detroit have done with open enrollment. Do you think John Herrington won all those state titles at Farmington Harrison by relying on the luck of the draw, like

they do in Plymouth-Canton? This is not an accusation that CC recruits. It doesn't need to, really. Like Herrington at Harrison, dads want their sons to play football for Mach at CC.

The Shamrocks draw enough good athletes to compete with anyone, and Mach and his staff make sure they fulfill their potential. They may not have loads and loads of NCAA Division I talent, but they have more good talent than anyone else. Success breeds success. Given a choice between a sure thing and an I dunno,

where would you send your kid? "I didn't mean to hurt any feelings or disrespect anybody," Baechler said, speaking publicly for the first time since his outburst after Canton lost to CC. "And I never, ever said I didn't respect their players or their coaches. I said I didn't respect their state titles because they're competing on a different playing field."

It's true. Everyone knows it.

Both coaching staffs are limited to the students that walk through their doors; it's just that CC's doors are open to everyone. Canton's are open to those who live in Plymouth or Canton, and whoever draws a red chip. Here's something else to consider. Of the 16 teams that played for state titles this fall in football, five were from privateschools. Three of those won championships (two Catholic schools, Gaylord St. Mary and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, played each other for the Division 8 crown). Another four private schools reached the semifinal round before being eliminated.

Is that fair? No. But that's the way it is.

What Baechler said was logical. It was accurate. And it was truthful. Perhaps his timing could have been better, but when asked if his team was intimidated by the CC tradition a few minutes after losing, well, he has a right to be a bit defensive.

We can resolve all of this quite simply, you know.

A: Let kids go to whatever school they want to, anywhere in the state;

**B:** Restrict private schools to recruiting - sorry, I mean drawing — students from a five-mile radius of their present location.

I don't expect either one to be adopted. I mean, if either was, what would the Catholic League schools do? One last thing. For years, I have insisted on listing the city where Catholic Central is located (it's Redford, if you didn't know) in its first reference in a story, as I do with any other school. Now I realize that was unnecessary. CC has no boundaries.

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a team-best 17 points a game. Napier, a 6-3 forward, averaged 10 points a game.

"They were our most skilled kids," said Henry, the coach. "Napier and Charlie are very good players. If we can get our defense to improve, we'll be very good."

The defense is what Henry figures was hurt most by the graduation losses. With just nine players on this season's team, it won't be easy to fill those holes.

It's not difficult to spot Agape's biggest deficiency: size. Of the probable starters, only three are bigger than 6-foot -Napier, 6-1 senior Matt Ratcliff and 6-1 senior Alec Tarnowski. Ratcliff and Napier will share the post position, while Tarnowski is a shooting guard.

Others who could figure into

the starting rotation are 5-9 senior guard John Estrada, a back-up on the varsity last season, and 5-9 senior guard Mike Bommarito, who swung between the varsity and junior varsity last season.

The cast is strong enough offensively, Henry believes. Defense is another story.

"That's what we're working on very hard," the Agape coach said. "That's what we're focusing on, trying to get better (defensively)."

The Wolverines other weakness is that short bench.

"Without a long bench, we have to stay in great shape, we have to stay out of foul trouble, and we can't have any injuries," Henry said. "If we can continue to improve throughout the year, then . . . "

Then perhaps the Wolverines can make a run in the state tournament. Agape is still a team without a conference, at least for one more year; it joins the Michigan Independent

Athletic Conference next fall. That means the team must find motivations throughout the season, at least until the state tournament begins.

Certainly coaching at Agape is different than at Henry's previous stop, Wayne Memorial, but not in obvious areas. Agape will continue to play its home games at Discovery Middle School, and it will practice in a 50-foot long gym.

But while the talent pool is far smaller to choose from, the game's the same. Or as Henry put it: "Coaching's coaching. Kids are kids. They all want to play, they all want to compete."

Henry's always been well known as a strong teacher among coaches. If he can get his message through to this team, it may extend the even season deeper into the state tournament.

Agape opens on Tuesday at Deerfield.

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### HOOPS

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rebounding as a freshman, and Xander Younce, who started at guard as a sophomore.

"That was a bit of a hit," admitted Taylor of the transfers. Still, the Eagles won't be talentless.

Returning are two seniors who should give PCA strength inside: Clay Welton, a 6-foot-3 forward who led the Eagles in scoring, averaging 12.5 points a game (as well as 6.8 rebounds), and Ben Pew, a 6-4 center who didn't start but has "really improved in the last year. He'll definitely have to play more minutes (this year)."

What Taylor is really banking on is the further development of his backcourt, juniors Dan Carty and Ben Baloga. When Bauslaugh suffered an ankle injury last season, both got more minutes; their improvement a year ago forced Taylor to give them additional playing time. Carty, who's 6 feet, averaged nearly seven points a game; Baloga, who's 5-11, averaged 4.5 points while making 47 percent of his shots.

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years of coaching," Taylor said, which is why he added, "I think we can be as good or better than last year, even though we lost two starters."

PCA finished 11-10 last season. Matching that may not be

"I want us to play hard, play smart and play with pride every night," said Taylor. "We've got some experience with two seniors in the post and we have two guards with experience.

"We will have balanced scoring. What I'm hoping will be improved will be our shooting. The guys worked hard on that in the off-season."

In 2001-02, PCA averaged 52 points a game, making 39 percent of its floor shots, 60 percent of its free throws and 26 percent of its three-point tries. Taylor believes the Eagles will be better in all three percentages, which will make the team's scoring average increase.

Others who figure to play a role for the Eagles are Drew Gallagher, a 5-11 junior guard, and his brother Steven, a 5-11 freshman who may play junior varsity too; iuniors Jamin Ruark, a 5-11 ward, and Kris Whipple, a

6-foot forward; and sophomore Steve Sumner, a 5-10 guard. Ruark, Tripp, Whipple and Sumner played JV ball last sea-

Dave Twellman, a 6-2 senior forward who transferred in from Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, will also get some playing time once he becomes. eligible in mid-January, at the start of the second semester.

"We're going to score more points and be more balanced," Taylor predicted. Does that mean PCA will challenge Auburn Hills Oakland Christian for the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title? Or even Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, another MIAC power?

Taylor won't make any such argument. He will say if his team adheres to his "play hard, play smart, play with pride" mandate, success will follow.

"Do those things and good things will happen for you," he said. "But we have to shoot better. We had some big wins last year. Hopefully, we can build on

Many of the pieces are in place. Now it's just a matter of cementing it all together.

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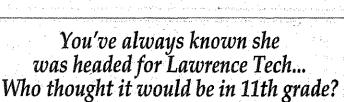
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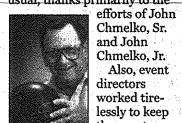
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SPORTS BRIEFS

# Old-Timers Tournament a big success

he 72nd annual Old Timers Bowling Tournament, held Saturday (Nov. 30) at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, was a huge success as usual, thanks primarily to the



and John Chmelko, Jr. Also, event directors worked tirelessly to keep the event running smoothly

and resulting Harrison in a full house of bowling participants again this year.

The opening ceremonies included the introduction of hall-of-famers, including Lew Saad, who was recognized for his longtime contributions and support.

At 99. Saad is the oldest living sanctioned American Bowling Congress bowler in the

Meanwhile, the press squad consisted of myself, Jim Jimmerson, Larry Paladino, Darrin Hill and our rookie, Perry Farrell.

Paladino, this year's presi-

dent of the Old Timers, turned over the gavel of the office to Ted Kress of Redford, who will serve in the same capacity for the coming year.

Mark Hickok of Farmington Hills was the defending champion, but was unable to repeat.

Top honors went to overall champion Bob Chamberlain

with a 779 series. Hall-of-Famer Tony Lindemann took first in the 80and-up division followed by

Harold Porter and Charles Apligian. Gene Rice earned the title in the 75-79 group, thanks mainly to a 300 game which he rolled in the opening set. He started the day with 15 consecutive strikes and finished with 661.

Gabe Fazekas was runner-up with 649 and Milton Patton rolled into third place with 636.

The 70-72 division was captured by Chester Oleszkowicz with 694, followed by Jerry Cole at 690 and Tony Ballarta

In the 65-69 group, it was Tony Loiacano taking first with 728. Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford was second with 701 and Bob Arnold placed third

The 60-64 age division was

won by Roman Seniw of Imlay City with 751, including a 279 game, Jim Schaeffer of Farmington Hillstook second with 719 and Bob Haynes third was with 698.

In the 50-59, Frederick Skora of Westland won with a 756 followed by Lee Snow of Wixom (741) and Ted West (726).

The under-50 title went to Paul Bohn of Trenton with a 780 series followed by Ed Towns at 767 and Greg Cohen of Livonia with 725.

The victor in each division received a commemorative wrist watch, made specifically for the Old Timers event. A buffet dinner was followed

by the awards presentations led by past president George Zainea, who presented Saad with a plaque. Random ramblings: Let's

back up a little and talk about bowlers who throw a backup ball (reverse curve). This type of delivery is more common among women bowlers

structure of the hand. To initiate a hooking ball (right-handed), the bowler imparts a counter-clockwise turn Bowling Association. He can be as he or she releases the ball.

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The backup is thrown the opposite way, the wrist and hand rotating clockwise at release.

I have discussed this delivery with many coaches and pro shop operators.

"It is better not to try and change somebody's delivery style if they are more comfortable in doing it that way," said Tom Relich of the Strike Force Shop at Oak Lanes. "They can learn to get the maximum results by playing the left-handers line."

One of my own teammates, Cathy Andrews, throws a nice backup ball where she has learned to adjust her starting position to the lane conditions by moving right or left on the approach. An All-Star women, Robin Barter of Westland, is able to generate a lot of striking power with her "scroogie" delivery, while Jimmerson is able to convert some tough spare combinations by throwing a reverse curve, even though his regular shot is a nice strong hook.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and a director with the Greater Detroit reached at (734) 422-1609.

### **WYAA HOOP SIGNUP**

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball (ages 7-17) will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Dec. 7 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (two

blocks north of Ford Road). The cost is \$35 (plus a fundraiser) for ages 7-8 and \$60 (plus fundraiser) for ages 9-17.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 or visit www.wyaa.org.

### FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Total Soccer, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is running a seven-on-seven youth high school football league Jan. 6 through Feb. 27, 2003. Age groups are 8-14 and high

Teams can have a maximum of 15 players. The cost for the league is \$720 per team or \$90

For more information, call (248) 669-9817.

### MOTOR CITY VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-andunder levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@aol.com.

### **ELKS HOOP SHOOT CONTEST**

The 2002 Elks Hoop Shoot contest, sponsored by the Livonia Elks Lodge and Livonia Parks and Recreation, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Livonia Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile

Registration is 9-9:30 a.m. Separate boys and girls age divisions include 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Age will be determined as of April 1, 2003. Trophies will be awarded to the champions and runners-up in each division. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (DECEMBER 17, 2002), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrators for Storage USA, will be offered for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON. MI 48187, at 12:30 P.M.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR** ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider an application from Robert Bosch Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a proposed new facility to be located within Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park is located south of Five Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road and west of I-275 Expressway.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider an application from Comcast Cablevision of the South, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a proposed new facility to be constructed on Lots 8, 9 and 10, Metro Plymouth Business Park Subdivision, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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December meeting Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th. The Treasurer's Office will be open to accept Tax Payments and Other Payments on Tuesday, December 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RON EDWARDS Treasurer

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### PLYMOUTH CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community School invites all interested and qualified companies to submit bids for the Centennial Educational Park Track and Synthetic Field Replacement. Bid divisions include: 100-Earthwork, Site Utilities, and Demolition of Existing Facilities; 148-Landscaping; 149-Fencing; 154-New Track; 158-Synthetic Turf; 159-Synthetic Track Surface at the PCCS High School Location. Please phone Construction Managers, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400 for a copy of the bid documents. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Centennial Educational Park, Outside Maintenance Building located next to the Varsity Track and Field Complex behind Canton High School - 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are due on or before 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 20th, 2002 at which time they will be opened publicly.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge, in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Walk-Through: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 @ 2:00 p.m. u bos ato Friday, December 20, 2002 @ 10:00 a.m. Board Review: Tuesday, January 14, 2003

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### Heart attacks

For the first time, researchers have shown that magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) can predict the risk of heart attacks or cardiac deaths in coronary heart disease patients, according to an American Heart

Association report. "This study is the first to determine that MRI is a strong prognostic forecaster," says lead author Dr. W. Gregory Hundley, a cardiólogist and associate professor of internal medicine and radiology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. "Such information is important because it helps us identify which patients should receive more aggressive treatment."

Hundley's study yielded several important findings:

Regardless of other risk factors, MRI can predict fatal and nonfatal heart attacks in patients whose left ventricle pumps out less than twothirds of the blood a normal heart ejects:

Someone whose damaged heart wall moves better at rest than when stressed also has an elevated risk;

The location in the heart of reduced blood flow or muscle damage apparently influences risk. Reduced blood flow in the apex of the left ventricle indicates a higher risk.

"These finding have interesting implications," says Hundley. "Patients with isolated disease near the base and the middle of the ventricle often are referred for procedures to restore blood flow. This study suggests that in doing so, you might alleviate chest pain but not prevent a cardiac death."

### Bipolar disease

Don't cope with the highs and lows of bipolar disease alone. Let others help you learn to live a full, productive life.

The Manic Depressive **Depressive Association** (MDDA) Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Beaumont **Hospital Administration** Building, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. For information, call Kathie at (248) 544-

### Blood pressure

Beaumont Hospital needs people 18 and older with high blood pressure to volunteer for research studies of new medications. All study-related health care is provided at no charge to participants. Call the Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine in Royal Oak tollfree at (888) 807-8839 for more information.

### Holiday massage

If your employees seem bored with the usual office holiday party, consider giving a stress-relieving massage to those hard-working folks instead. It's easier than you think!

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Sandra Dalka-Prysby, right, checks out the fruit display at Vic's Market with Sharon Claye of Weight Watchers.

# A holiday without weight gain? Yes, it can be done!

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

uring the holidays if my true love sent me a partridge in a pear tree, I'd eat the bird – fried, of course - and all the pears on the tree. This is how out of control I can be, and have been, during this festive and food-filled time of year.

This year, however, I'm determined to do better and eat less-fattening foods at all the parties and family feasts. But to do this, I've solicited help from a couple of experts. You, too, will do better if you follow their tips for making it through the holidays without gaining weight.

### **BE PREPARED**

Sharon Claye has been a Weight Watchers leader for 11 years and is my motivator on this "fitness forever" quest. She, herself, lost 75 pounds and has kept them off for more than 12 years, including during the holi-

"I've discovered that if I eat right, I feel right. How good it is to go through the holidays feeling this way,"

Being prepared, setting priorities and having a positive attitude are the best ways to handle the holidays, she says. Her suggestions include: Have precut and convenience foods, such as vegeta-

bles and fruits, available to munch on at home and to bring to parties to share with others. "When I make up a fruit tray for parties, I like to use exotic fruits, such as mangoes, pomegranates, kiwis

and persimmons. These fruits are now more readily available and less expensive, and they look pretty and colorful on the serving plate." A fruit dip can be added for the finishing touch.

Claye likes to mix vanilla low-fat yogurt with sugarfree hot cocoa to taste.

Bring a healthy dish to holiday dinners. "Don't ask if you can bring something, because most hostesses will say 'no.' Just bring a dish. Nobody is ever offended if you show up with a food offering."

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Sharon Claye Weight Watchers

A popular dish that Claye takes to gatherings is spaghetti squash topped with tomato salsa. ("Poke holes in the squash and microwave it for 8 to 10 minutes, until it's soft. Scoop out the strands of squash and place them in a casserole dish. Cover with salsa and sprinkle on Parmesan cheese, if desired.")

Get enough sleep. "If you're tired, there's more of a chance that your willpower will be lower. Also, you tend to eat more sugars and fats to help increase your energy. This means that you can take in a lot of calories when you don't get enough sleep."

Bring along some healthy foods when you do your holiday shopping. "If I'm going to be away from home for four hours or more, I always take a small cooler with some lean protein, such as chicken breast or fish, and some cut vegetables. You can get carbohydrates just about anyplace, but you need the protein, which keeps you full longer.

"Packing a cooler takes less time than standing in line for a snack (often high-calorie or high-fat) at the

Also, Claye keeps a piece of fruit or a protein bar (15-20 grams of protein and no more than 200 calories) in her purse. "There's no excuse for not planning ahead."

### **SET PRIORITIES**

Choose how you're going to "spend" your calories (or points) at home and at gatherings. "For 250 calories, you can

chose four small cookies or 8 small

pieces of chocolate or six ounces of eggnog or five cups of strawberries or 12 cups of low-fat popcorn. It's up to you to decide which one - and only one is best - you want. At the same time, you have to decide if you need a treat in the first place. By knowing what yo ing to accomplish, you are better able to make good choices," says Clave.

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Make sure you fit exercise into your busy schedule. According to Claye, you need to exercise during the holiday season to help you maintain your present weight, and, at the same time, help reduce the stress that comes with this busy time of year.

Don't wait until January, when the holidays are over, to return to healthy eating and exercise.

"Some people take an all or nothing approach to the holiday season. Neither is good. 'All' usually results in weight gain; 'nothing' makes for a miserable few weeks." Claye adds that moderation, balance and making good food choices, as well as a realistic exercise routine, is the best way to handle the holidays.

### **KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

Remind yourself that you're a good person and worth good health and fitness.

"It's easier to make it through the holidays if you have the positive belief that you deserve to look and feel good," Claye says.

Focus on people and not on food.

"When I have to go to gatherings that I dread, I search for someone who looks as miserable as I feel. I strike up a conversation with them. Often this person is grateful to talk with me and it's an opportunity to make a new friend."

Don't be a victim!

By choosing to take healthy steps, you'll have a positive and successful holiday season without gaining weight.

"For many, it's too hard to lose weight during the holidays. You should consider yourself successful if you maintain the weight you

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### Change your beverages to reduce your stress

BY SANDY BAUMANN CORRESPONDENT

As the holiday season begins, we use coffee, tea, and caffeinated soft drinks to compensate for lost sleep and to gain energy to accomplish the multitude of tasks ahead. Indeed, caffeine found in these drinks is a stimulant that temporarily improves alertness. However, excess caffeine increases stress and impairs health.

A general guideline for maximum consumption of caffeine is 1 mg daily for every 2 lbs. of body weight. Thus, an 80pound child could ingest up to 40 mg caffeine, while a 150-pound adult could consume up to 75 mg caffeine. Dr. Singh Khalsa, author of Brain Longevity, recommends a maximum of 100 mg caffeine per day to preserve optimum brain func-

Since the usual take-out coffee or soft drink is usually 12 oz., you don't have to drink very much to reach the recom-

mended daily maximum. (The Web site www.sleepfoundation.org/caffeine.html offers a "Caffeine Calculator" that lists caffeine in beverages, chocolate, and pain relievers.)

### **EFFECT ON THE BRAIN**

Caffeine adds stress to the body in a number of ways. It reduces blood flow to the brain. According to the journal Life Sciences, a brain scan of a person ingesting 250 mg of caffeine (about 15 oz. coffee) showed almost 30 percent decrease in blood flow in the brain. It can also contribute to insomnia.

The Institute for Natural Resources reports that the body may take three to 10 hours to metabolize one-half the caffeine ingested. Thus, the cola or coffee you drank in the afternoon may be why you can't sleep at night, and children who have soft drinks or iced tea with caffeine may fight going to bed.

Too much caffeine may also result in

irritability. Since caffeine is a diuretic, it increases excretion of water-soluble Bvitamins and Vitamin C. These vitamins help the brain and adrenal glands cope with stress. Deficiency in these vitamins results in irritability, confusion, memory loss, restlessness, anxiety, headaches, and

### **EFFECT ON THE BODY**

Caffeine promotes the release of norepinephrine in the body, which raises blood pressure, blood sugar, and potential for blood clots. In this way, excess caffeine can increase the risk for heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Caffeine's effects on the heart can make worse heart palpitations, irregular heartbeats, and mitral valve prolapse.

According to Health Wisdom for Women, caffeine poses other health risks. including urinary excretion of magne-

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### **Red Cross offers winter safety tips**

As winter weather and frigid temperatures sweep through the tri-county area, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross emphasizes the importance of being prepared for potentially life-threatening winter conditions. The Red Cross offers the following tips:

### PREPARE WINTER STORM PLAN

- Have extra blankets on
- hand. ■ Ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and
- water-resistant boots. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit
- First aid kit and essential medications.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio (a portable device that enables the public to receive continuous weather broadcasts and hazard alerts directly from local weather forecast offices), flashlight and extra batteries.
- Canned food and can
- Bottled water (at least one

gallon of water per person per day to last at least 3 days).

Stay tuned for storm warnings

Listen to NOAA Weather

Radio and your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

### **PREVENTING INJURY**

Exposure to cold can cause injury or serious illness such as frostbite or hypothermia. The likelihood of injury or illness depends on factors such as physical activity, clothing, wind, humidity, working and living conditions, land a person's age and state of health. Follow these tips to stay safe in cold

weather: Dress appropriately before going outdoors. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience cold emergencies such as hypothermia and frostbite. Wind speed can create dangerously cold conditions even when the temperature is not that low. If possible, dress in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions. Avoid

overdressing or overexertion that can lead to heat illness.

- Traveling and winter can be a dangerous combination. Allow extra time when traveling. Monitor weather conditions carefully and adhere to travel advisories.
- Keep a winter storm survival kit in your car. This should include blankets, food, flares, chains, gloves and first aid supplies.
- Have you car winterized before winter storm season.
- NEVER allow anyone who has been drinking alcohol to drive, regardless of the weather.

Cold- and heat-related emergencies can occur quickly. To learn more about signals of how to care for cold or heatrelated problems, take a Community First Aid and Safety course from your local Red Cross chapter.

For information on course offerings, log onto the Red Cross Web site at www.semredcross.org.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Red Cross, call (313) 833-2664 or log on the Web site.

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sium and calcium, leading to bone loss. In a study of over 90,000 women, those who consumed the most caffeine had three times greater risk for hip fracture than those who consumed little or no caffeine.

In the digestive tract, excess caffeine can cause or worsen irritable bowel syndrome, ulcers, inflammation of the esophagus, heartburn, and hiatal hernia. During digestion, caffeine reduces iron absorption and can lead to anemia. One cup of coffee can reduce iron absorption by 39 percent.

For women, too much caffeine can cause sore breasts and PMS; these symptoms often disappear when caffeine is stopped. Health Wisdom for Women reports that caffeine has been shown to increase the rate of miscarriage and low-birth-weight babies.

### SOFT DRINKS

Many persons, including teenagers, drink carbonated beverages, both diet and regular. These carbonated beverages also present health hazards - even those without caffeine.

Dr. Jonathan Ewer, a chiropractor from Latrobe, Pa., has seen osteoporosis fractures in 13-year-old girls and men who

consume large amounts of carbonated soft drinks. Phosphoric acid in soft drinks increases the risk for bone loss, because it reacts with calcium to make it insoluble.

Sugared soft drinks raise the potential for obesity. A 20-oz. soft drink contains around 250 calories, which represents 1/8 of the daily caloric intake recommended for either an elementary school student or the average woman.

A person who drinks three 20-oz. sugared soft drinks weekly and does not increase physical activity may gain seven pounds a year.

Diet drinks that contain aspartame increase the levels of dopamine in the brain: too much dopamine causes anxiety and headaches.

### WATER

Plain water is a great choice, because it enhances health. According to Dr. Batmanghelidi in Your Body's Many Cries for Water, drinking more water is a simple way to decrease hyperten-

It also increases fluid in the joints, thereby lessening the pain and stiffness of arthritis. Water restores fluid balance in the bowels, which reduces heartburn and constipation.

It also hydrates the respiratory tract to decrease sinus problems,

asthma, and the potential for infection.

In the book Overcoming Arthritis, West Bloomfield physician Dr. David Brownstein recommends drinking one ounce of water for every two pounds of body weight. If you eat many fruits and vegetables, you may need less water. You are drinking enough water when your urine is the color of pale lemonade. If you have congestive heart or kidney problems, consult your physician before drinking more water.

Water fights fatigue. Hikers find that they can hike longer when they carry and drink water than when they don't. Thus, you can fight holiday stress (and save money) by switching from caffeinated beverages and soft drinks to water.

For more information about food, beverages, and the brain. Baumann teaches a class, "Feed the Brain for Learning and Memory" at Henry Ford Community College on Saturdays, Feb.1 and 8. Register by calling toll-free (877) 855-5252.

Sandy Baumann has a master's degree in biochemistry and is the author of Help Me Find My Memory. She has served as a college biochemistry instructor, a health editor, and a director of senior health promotion at a local hospital. You may write her at emergingfree2000@yahoo.

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were at the start of the season," Claye says. "You should plan to continue your weight-loss efforts as soon as possible after the holiday season ends."

This dedicated Weight Watchers leader wants to help you with your healthy holiday menu planning by providing you with recipes that are not only good, but low in calories and points, (Weight Watchers uses the "Winning Points" approach to weight loss.) E-mail her at sclaye@ameritech.net.

### OTHER HEALTHY HOLIDAY TIPS

Keeping a positive attitude during the holidays - and every day is also one of the best tips offered by Sarah Irving, a registered dietitian with the Beaumont Weight Control Center.

irving offers these other tips: Preplanning is the key to success. "Identify those foods or situations which pose the biggest challenge for you. Then

these foods and situations." Plan fun activities to stay active. "Exercise can be a fun thing to do. You can do such things as playing in the snow or

develop strategies to cope with

walking the mall while enjoying all the holiday decorations."

Create a non-food holiday tradition. "Instead of baking cookies, make ornaments, wreaths or other decorations."

Avoid hanging around the food table. Often if food is outof-sight, it's out-of-mind. If you stay away from the food, you're less tempted to eat it.

Limit your alcohol consumption. "Alcohol adds extra calories. A regular (12 ounce) beer, for example, has 150 calories. Limit your alcoholic drinks by having a glass of water or a non-alcoholic beverage in between. Don't skip meals.

Oftentimes, when you skip a meal (or meals) to save the calories for parties, you tend to overeat, even binge, when you get to the party. Eat healthy and low-calorie foods the day of the event so that you can better control what you eat when you get to the party.

Don't forget to drink plenty of water. Water fills you up and, oftentimes, when you think you're hungry, you're just thirsty.

Send leftovers home with your guests. Remember: Out of sight, out of mind.

### FINAL THOUGHT

I was told early on in my

weight-loss journey that when making a trip to the buffet table, follow behind the slimmest woman at the gathering and put on my plate only what this person puts on hers.

This, I was told, would guarantee that I wouldn't overeat. This might work most of the time, but the two times I tried this I must have found the slimmest women with the biggest appetites. They piled their plates with heaping portions of food! I would have loved following their lead, but, darn, I knew better!

Now I have my own way of handling buffets. It's my "1...2...3 Plan." I look over all of the offerings, then I select one protein, two starches/carbohydrates and three vegetables and/or fruits.

And I get only one plate (even the salad, if chosen, must go on the same plate) and one trip to the buffet. This works because a plate is only so big. Heaping is allowed, but only with the vegetables.

Happy, healthy holidays!

The Weight Control Center recently moved to it's new location in the Beaumont Health Center on Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak. For information on weight-control programs offered by the center, call (248) 655-5900.

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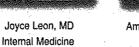
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# Holidays can intensify anxiety disorders

It's normal to worry from time to time, and everyone does it. However, one in every four Americans suffers from some form of anxiety disorder at one point or another in their lives. For these people, their excessive anxiety can dramatically effect quality of life. This is especially so during the holidays, when added stresses can trigger an increase in panic

attacks or acute social anxiety. Mental health specialists with the University of Michigan Health System encourage all of us to slow down and enjoy the holiday season, and for those individuals suffering from anxiety disorders to seek professional help. But how can people tell when their state of high anxiety is such that they need professional help?

According to Joseph Himle, associate director of the U-M Anxiety Disorders Program, anxiety of a clinical nature hinges on how much it interferes with activities of everyday life. Anxiety disorders people commonly seek treatment for fall into several groups: generalized anxiety disorder; panic disorder; and social anxiety dis-

Generalized Anxiety Disorder We all experience worry, but usually we're able to control it. People with generalized anxiety disorder have difficulty controlling their worry. Also, the disor-

or symptoms, such as difficulty sleeping, feeling tense, keved up or on edge, or having problems with concentration or irritability.

Panic Disorder

This is a condition characterized by sudden, unexpected surges of very intense anxiety and fear. Often when people experience a panic attack, they have several physical symptoms that just don't make sense for the situation they're in. These symptoms can include rapid heart rate, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort, shakiness, sweating, dizziness, even a feeling that things don't seem quite real. Panic attacks commonly last just a few minutes, coming on suddenly and going away fairly quickly.

Around a third of the population will experience an attack of anxiety at some point that makes no sense. Most of us would dismiss it and carry on with our life, probably never to have another episode again. People with an actual panic disorder have a different reaction, however. They often characterize the experience as threatening or something to be afraid

"When the panic attacks increase in frequency and begin to interfere with a person's life, that signals panic disorder, a condition that often requires der comes with other problems treatment," says Himle, who is

also a clinical assistant professor in the U-M Medical School's Department of

Psychiatry.

Social Anxiety Disorder Social phobias are a common anxiety disorder. They affect approximately 13 percent of the population at some point in their lives, affecting women only slightly more than men. For people with this disorder, the impact on their lives can be significant.

"Social anxiety is really centered around a fear that people are evaluating you in a negative way or judging you in an unflattering way," Himle explains.

This anxiety disorder can interfere with a person's social life, including interfering with the ability to make friends, making one feel anxious around other people, and yearning to be alone. People with this disorder may find that interacting with someone on a date is so stressful that they prefer staying alone. Others may choose a partner who is less threatening.

Many people with social anxiety disorder find themselves isolated, depressed and feel the disorder has made a substantial impact on their well-being.

### CHALLENGE

For people with anxiety disorders, the holiday season is

often a challenge. For instance, people with social anxiety may find it very difficult to attend office parties or neighborhood get-togethers.

For someone with a panic disorder, the hectic pace of the holidays can raise levels of general anxiety to the point where it triggers more attacks of anxiety. And people with panic disorders are sometimes challenged over the holidays to go places and do things like shopping or visiting.

"I think a gift we can all give ourselves during the holiday season is to take a little more time for rest, relaxation, satisfaction and to use this time to think about getting help if social anxiety, panic disorder or generalized anxiety are interfering with life," Himle says. "We have treatments that are available for these conditions, and using the holidays to reflect and redirect our life in a more

There are two main interventions for people with anxiety disorders, and these include medications and psychotherapy. The psychotherapies often center around something called cognitive behavioral therapy, which involves asking people to confront their difficult situa-

positive direction clearly makes

People in therapy also learn

### **ABOUT ANXIETY DISORDERS**

- Anxiety disorders only infrequently occur in an isolated form.
- They are extensively present with depression and substance abuse. Anxiety disorders cannot be "cured" but full functional recovery is achievable.
- People with anxiety disorders tend to be at a continuous risk of relapse.

For more information, visit the following web sites:

- **■** U-M Health Anxiety Disorders Program
- www.med.umich.edu/psych/anxiety/disorders/index.html
- U-M Useful Links on Anxiety Disorders www.med.umich.edu/psych/anxiety/links.html
- Anxiety Disorders Association of America
- www.adaa.org/Public/index.cfm
- NIHM: General Anxiety Disorder
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ways to manage their anxiety by using relaxation techniques. Lifestyle changes can also help; these include exercise, sleeping at regular times or even finding a better balance between work and fun.

"Medications and psychological treatments can be quite helpful for these problems, and there's real reason to come forward for help," says Himle.

Cognitive therapists help people think more accurately. about their situation and learn to judge risks more clearly.

"The fact of the matter is that most of the time, the things we worry about don't happen; a cognitive therapist helps people think more clearly and helps them gain their perspective about the real risks in life," he

### Participants needed for child urinary dysfunction study

A major pharmaceutical company is screening children from 1 month through 15 years of age to participate in one of several clinical research studies. An investigational medication will be studied for the treatment of neurogenic lower urinary dysfunction in children.

These clinical research studies will collect data as a basis for a pediatric dosage recommendation, and evaluate its safety and effectiveness in children. The studies will be conducted at multiple centers throughout the United States, including Children's Hospital in function due to known neuro-

Detroit, and will involve up to six visits over a period of up to 13 weeks.

The investigational medication is classified as an antimuscarinic drug, a class of drugs that is commonly prescribed for overactive bladder because they reduce the frequency and intensity of contractions of the bladder muscle. The investigational medication is currently approved for use in

Children from I month through 15 years of age, with neurogenic urinary tract dyslogical disease, who require intermittent catheterization. are being sought to participate in these clinical research stud-

ticipate will receive study medication, lab screenings that include urodynamic studies, and study-related health exams. Compensation will be provided for time and travel.

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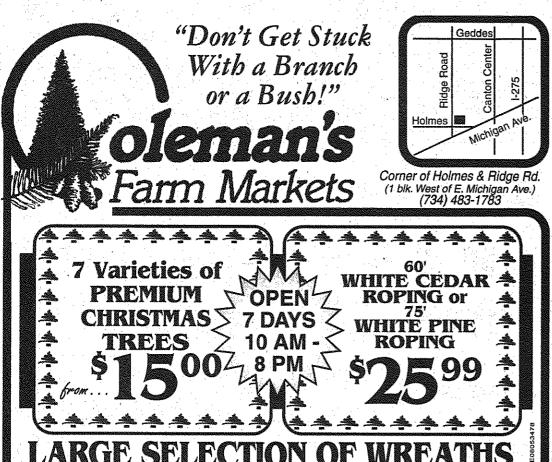
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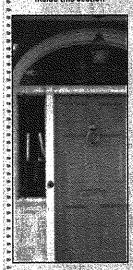
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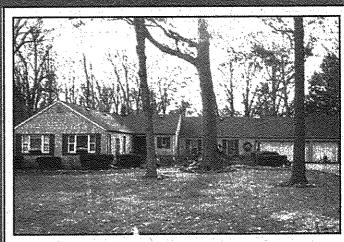
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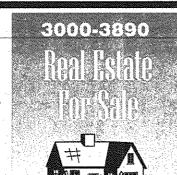


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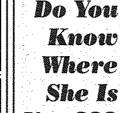


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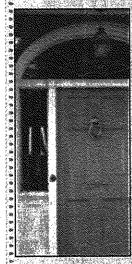
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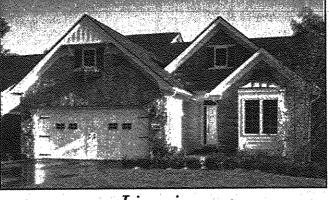
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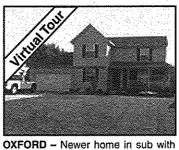
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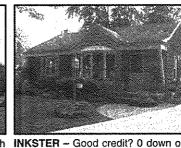
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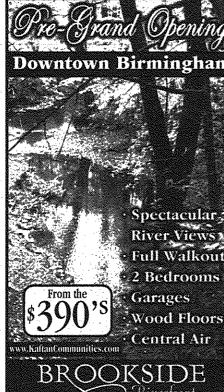
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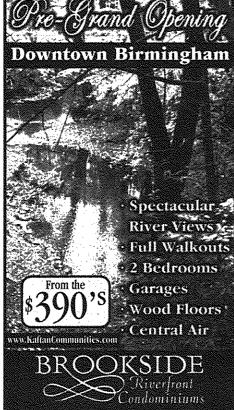
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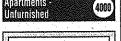
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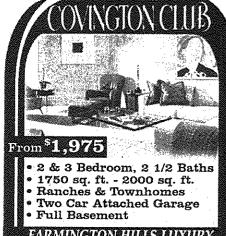
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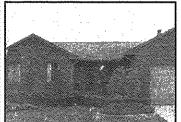
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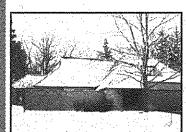
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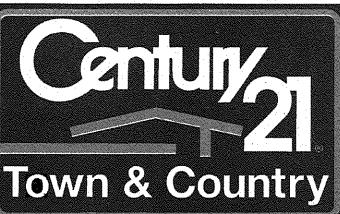
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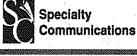
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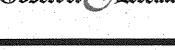
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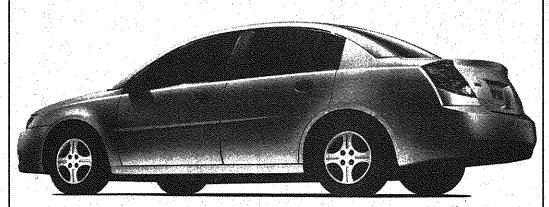
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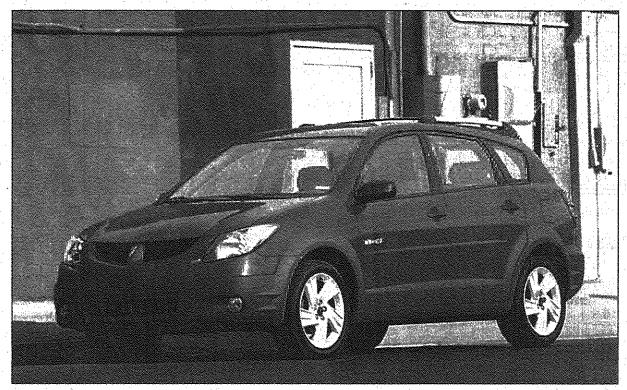
High-impact crossover vehicles such as the Saturn VUE, Buick Rendezvous and Pontiac Vibe have answered the need beyond the traditional segmented vehicle. General Motors has recognized that need and is plowing full speed ahead to produce more and more

For the 21st century and beyond, General Motors plans to be the best in class in existing segments by creating new segments to attract newer and younger buyers, while retaining traditional vehicle purchasers. All manufacturers have blurred the lines of segmentation, but no one has done it more aggressively than General

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At the same time, General Motors is not forgetting its rich history of performance vehicles and has produced two hot cars, the Cadillac CTS sports sedan and the Chevrolet Corvette Z06. Keeping that promise of high



2003 Pontiac Vibe has a blend of cutting edge technology and fresh design that offers its owners style, comfort and convenience.

performance, Chevrolet will mark the 50th year of Corvette gracing the American road with a special anniversary edition - complete with fanfare and special badging and options.

The new Vibe is built in the U.S. and features seats that fold flat for added hauling capabilities.

Pontiac has a proud sports car heritage that dates back to the early days of NASCAR, when Richard Petty's daddy, Lee, built a souped up Ponitac to run moonshine during the week and race on dirt tracks "for a little extra money" on the weekends.

The Vibe is a blend of cutting-edge technology and fresh design starting a new era for GM and Pontiac. On the inside, you'll find the design and comfort of a compact car, the smart and refreshing features of a sports car wagon and the versatility of an SUV.

Power is provided by a 180-horsepower engine married to a six-speed manual transmission. Ponitac offers the Vibe in three distinct models: base, Vibe AWD and

Riding higher than a traditional passenger vehicle,

this Vibe features all-wheel drive, has storage compartments galore to hide all your worldly possessions and has the cargo-hauling ability of a pick-up -- 57.2 cubic feet of

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