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Opening the Cheer Club to new and returning "members" is one of our favorite holiday traditions. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S Main in Plymouth during business hours.

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec 14, when we turn them over to the good folks at Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make the holidays special for everybody, not just the lucky families where people have plenty to spend.

So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy or maybe a gift of warm clothing, your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. Of course, you may remain anonymous if you prefer. Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Township board: *The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at township hall, located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.*

School board: *The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey. It's the board's only meeting in December.*

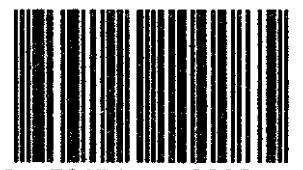
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Getting carded: Rock Shop marketing manager Jenny Catterall, a 17-year-old Salem senior, goes over the design of a Christmas card the Rock Shop staff designed and will sell for the holidays.

Shop rocks

School store offers holiday shopping fare

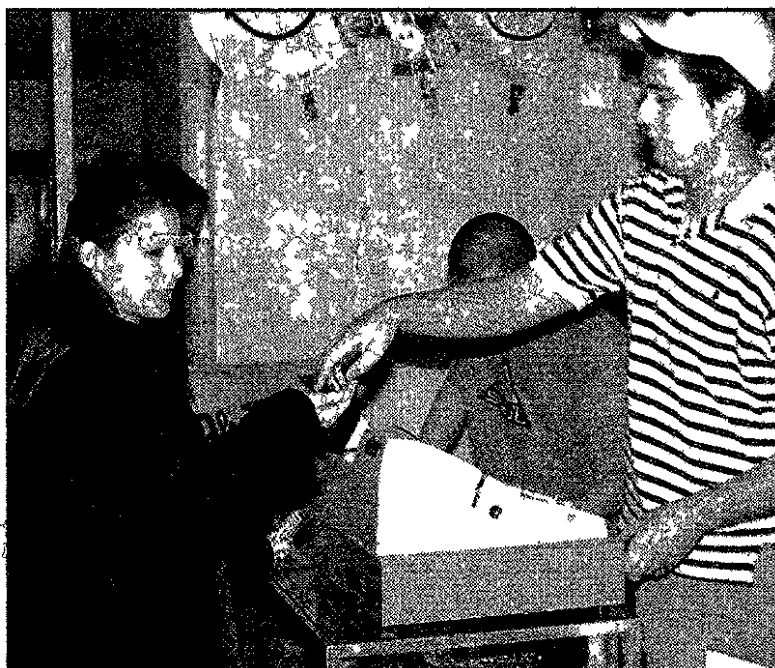
BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Looking for a unique place to buy your holiday gifts? One of the best-kept secrets throughout Plymouth-Canton Schools is the Rock Shop at Salem High School.

The student-run retail store doesn't make its money selling just pens and pencils to students, like many school stores before it. The Rock Shop can help fill your Christmas stocking with gifts such as TY Beanie Babies, Vita Bath soap and lotions, Salem outerwear, Michigan and Michigan State memorabilia, and Carhartt clothing.

And, why would anyone shop

Please see **ROCK SHOP, A2**



Making change: Cashier Dan "Flip" Boilan helps Canton senior Michelle Carrico with her purchase at the Rock Shop at Salem High School.

DDA clears county hurdle

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The Wayne County Commission voted Thursday to remain a player in Plymouth Township's Downtown Development Authority, which will fund beautification projects along the Ann Arbor Road corridor between Eckles and Sheldon.

To fund the DDA, the township will capture property taxes over the course of at least 30 years. The county's participation is essential to keep the project vital, because the county is the largest of the seven taxing authorities in the township. More than 50 percent of the tax levy is collected by the county.

'They obviously see the need for it, so we can keep the corridor a viable place to work and do business.'

Steve Mann
—Supervisor

Township officials have estimated that \$13.2 million of the \$24.6 million project will come from county taxes.

There were some initial concerns on the part of some county officials that the township would use the money to fund projects such as a new township hall or to pay for police and fire protection.

Township Supervisor Steve Mann allayed those fears, however, when he met with Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara last month. After the meeting, McNamara recommended that the county commission approve the agreement.

"We're extremely pleased with the vote. We're happy the county is cooperating in the project. They obviously see the need for it, so we can keep the corridor a viable place to work and do business," Mann said.

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Seniors get answers to health care questions

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State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) said he's received a lot of telephone calls from concerned senior citizens during his first year in

Lansing

"Senior citizens, on social security, on a fixed income, tell me they're spending \$500 a month on drug prescriptions," he said. "We've got to do something in our society."

More than 125 seniors

showed up to listen and voice their concerns about health care coverage to Stewart, and two members of the House Health Policy Committee, during a two-hour Health Care Forum at the Plymouth Historical Museum Friday.

The chair of the committee, Rep. Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington), told seniors that more than 20 percent of the state's budget is spent on the Department of Community Health. That's a total of \$8.5 billion being spent on health care

today

"We are making every effort possible to deal with health care issues, but there are more issues than there are dollars at the state level to fix every

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Field teacher honored as 'Friend of the Rouge'

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Several years ago, some of the students in Rick Plecha's fourth-grade class at Field Elementary asked him why the little creek running next to the Canton school gave off such a terrible stench.

That question sparked Plecha's crusade to clean up the stream, which is called Truesdell Creek and is a tributary of the Rouge River.

Over the course of the last five years, Plecha has used the creek as a living classroom for his students. They have cleaned out all the garbage that once littered the creek bed, eliminated nuisance plant species like purple loosestrife from the banks and replaced them with native plant stock, and regularly monitored the quality of the water.

Plecha was also instrumental in getting a number of corporations to donate money to build an observation deck along the creek, which the students use during some science lessons.

Plecha's efforts earned him the annual "Best Friends of the Rouge Award," which was presented to him

Wednesday by Friends of the Rouge at its annual membership meeting at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Friends of the Rouge, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, is a group of volunteers devoted to cleaning up the Rouge River watershed. Jim Graham, the group's executive director, said Plecha's dedication to teaching his students environmental ethics is exactly the kind of effort it is going to take to save the river from years of degradation.

'The joy on their faces goes beyond language. Living things and the environment just cross those barriers.'

Rick Plecha
—Field Elementary teacher

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Checking the lists



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Wishful thinking: James Soignet, 4, of Plymouth poses for a photo with Santa Claus at Santa's house in downtown Plymouth. James was taking advantage of Santa's visiting hours, which hit their final weekend next weekend. Santa will be at the house from 5-8 p.m. Friday, and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

United Way

The Plymouth Community United Way campaign is quickly coming to a close. This year's goal is \$1.1 million, which the United Way hopes to make despite the current economic recession. Donations can still be sent to the United Way, P.O. Box 6356, Plymouth, Mich., 48170. Questions concerning donations and the current campaign can be addressed by calling (734) 453-6879.

Math competition

Eight Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students qualified as finalists in the 45th Michigan Math Prize Competition. They are among the top 997 high school students from among 14,093 who took part one of the MMPC exam in October.

The finalists - Nicole Haghshenas-Kashani, Matthew Reuter, Tongyan Lin, Zachary Shemon, Michael McDonald, Adam Sonnanstine, Di Mei and Abraham Thurtell - took part two of the test on Dec. 5.

This part of the exam consisted of five challenging math problems to which students provided written explanations

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for the claims and mathematical proofs of their results.

The results of part two will be available sometime in February. The students whose combined part one and part two scores place them in the top 100 will be invited to an awards banquet at Albion College in March and may be eligible for scholarships.

"It is significant that 88 percent of the top scoring students in this test are from Plymouth-Canton high schools," Mary Kay Frey, Canton High School assistant principal, said. "It's another tool with which to measure Plymouth-Canton's outstanding curriculum and instruction."

College scholarships

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools and Plymouth Christian Academy have been identified as schools eligible to participate in a college scholarship program being

administered by the Rosedale Park American Legion Post 390.

Last year, the post awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to students selected from 31 competing high school graduating seniors from 16 area high schools. Each student submitted an application package and a committee comprised of four past commanders and one high school counselor interviewed seven finalists to pick the two winners. Each of the runners-up received \$100 for their participation.

To qualify, a student must have a parent or grandparent who is currently serving or is a veteran of the U.S. military. The student must also have a 3.2 academic average.

Participating schools also include Redford, Detroit Catholic Central, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington Harrison, Mercy, Ladywood, Northville, Redford Union and Redford Thurston.

Applications will be sent to participating schools and be made available to students the first week of December.

Rock Shop from page A1

the Rock Shop?

"We don't raise our prices as much over cost as the big retail stores," said Jenny Catterall, 17, a senior from Plymouth Township and the store's marketing manager. "As soon as we get new merchandise we advertise it through our televised commercials and poster boards."

Students who take marketing classes receive an opportunity to work in the Rock Shop. And many, like the store's bookkeeper, Brad Kaufman, plan to use the experience they get today for the future.

"This is the perfect experience I need, especially for college," said Kaufman, 17, a senior from Plymouth Township. "I'm a couple of steps ahead because I know what it's like in the real business world."

Marketing teacher Byron Richardson has been overseeing the store for 31 years. There are approximately 30 students who work in the Rock Shop, rotating duties like baking cookies, working the sales counters, advertising, and even vacuuming the store.

"Nearly 60 people applied for the program, and they have to go through interviews, receive teacher recommendations, and



All that cash: Rock Shop accountant Brad Kaufman, an 18-year-old Canton senior, makes sure the figures add up as he counts the day's receipts.

have a good attitude to be accepted," said Richardson.

"We try to make it a total program, like any real business," he added. "We teach students to interact with adults, who we encourage to come in with our weekly specials. Real businesses deal with people, advertising and charities."

Richardson makes sure that

some of the profit goes to charity. This year, students put together travel bags for the homeless in Detroit, and helped non-profit groups like Operation Good Cheer and Cystic Fibrosis. Additional profits go towards purchasing equipment and computers to operate the store.

"I'm going into business, and maybe become a marketing teacher," said senior Kurt Runchey of Plymouth. "By working here I've learned how to deal with customers and run a register, which helps with my co-op job at Specialty Pet Supplies."

Megan Sergeichik, a sophomore from Canton, gets her snacks at the Rock Shop.

"It's fast and easy," she said. "The chips and Skittles are cheaper than the vending machines."

The Rock Shop's daily store hours are 10:19 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Extended holiday hours include Wednesday, Dec. 12, and Dec. 17, 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. The store is open Dec. 21 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Visitors should sign in and obtain a pass in the second floor offices before going to the Rock Shop.

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According to Mann, the township board of trustees will vote on the same agreement approved by the commission at its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening.

"The agreement will essentially say that we will only use DDA money to beautify and redevelop the corridor, and not to pay for a new town hall or the salaries of police officers or firefighters," he said.

If the agreement is passed by the board, the next step in the process will be appointing members to the DDA board of directors. There will be nine members on the board, with the township supervisor acting as its chairman.

Mann said the appointments will begin in January or February.

"I'm ready to get going," he said.

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On display: Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart sits among the many antique toys donated for the museum's Christmas exhibit. The exhibit includes donated toys ranging from the 1890s to the 1930s.

Museum exhibit includes donation of antique toys, holiday collectibles

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The Plymouth Historical Museum has its own version of Toy Story in its holiday exhibition entitled "We Need A Little Christmas."

Featured in the holiday exhibit are antique and collectible toys from the 1890s (a table croquet set) through the 1930s (a sled with wheels).

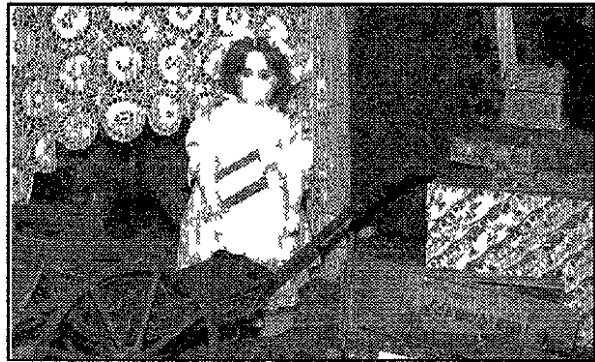
"They're a collection donated to us from Fred Foust, a long-time Plymouth dentist," said Beth Stewart, museum director. "He saved all the Buddy L trucks, wagons and other toys from when he was growing up. His kids played with them and then he donated them to the museum."

"The Buddy L's, and even the Tonka trucks from the 50s, the prices are being forced up as the baby boomers try to reclaim their childhood," said Stewart.

The holiday display includes a collection of handmade Santas which were made by David Zeeze and Don Nagel of Frankenmuth, Mich. for Dr. Weldon Petz of Bloomfield.

"They are really works of art," said Stewart. "A lot of them depict the history of Santa Claus, which starts with the Bishop of Mira, a kind man who took in orphans and gave gifts to kids."

Stewart said the Santa creations also include Old St Nick in many forms, including the early



Antique collection: The Christmas exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum includes antique toys like dolls, wagons and an 1890s table croquet game.

German "Belsnickle" to the modern Coca-Cola Santa, which was designed by a Michigan artist.

The Plymouth Garden Club has also decorated a Christmas tree with a patriotic flavor, using American flags and photographs of those who have served our country in the past.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students (5-18), with a family rate of \$7.

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"He earned this award because of his innovative ideas. And the fact he's gone well above and beyond what the normal classroom teacher does to instill a sense of environmental awareness in little children," Graham said.

Plecha, who has taught at Field since 1977, said he was surprised but pleased, by the award. However, he said the real award is seeing his students realize the importance of a clean, healthy environment.

"First and foremost, it's an honor to work with these kids. It's such a pleasure seeing them getting involved with environmental work. Winning this award just makes it more special," he said.

Plecha has been an active participant in the Friends of the Rouge sponsored Rouge Education Project, in which some 80 schools participate in monitoring the health of the watershed. He



Good friend: Field Elementary School teacher Rick Plecha was recently honored as a "Friend of the Rouge."

said some of his students' favorite lessons are when they go down to the creek.

"The children in our school speak nine languages. But when they are there working along the

creek, with a little frog in their hands, all the language barriers disappear. The joy on their faces goes beyond language. Living things and the environment just cross those barriers," he said.

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single problem, he said. "We're trying to deal with wellness and prevention, because it's a well-known fact that if you take care of yourself better and deal with diseases early, they are less expensive."

Ehardt, a pharmacist, said the largest amount of health care use is from a growing population of people who are 65 and older.

"We're trying to find an adequate number of health care professionals because the number we are going to need will be significantly greater than what we have today," said Ehardt.

State Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston), another member of the Health Policy Committee, told seniors he would like to see more of the state's \$8 billion tobacco settlement go towards health care.

"Some of the challenges we have in the state are a result of the federal government cutting back Medicare, and it will not be as high as what was projected," he said. "It will affect our hospitals, communities and certainly our patients."

Gene Pawluszka, 70, of Ply-

■ 'If I go to another company, it's going to cost me three times the amount, plus the \$50 I have to pay Medicare.'

Marilyn Erps
—Plymouth senior

mouth Township, is concerned about his future should he need nursing home care.

"I could be ending up in a nursing home and who's going to pay the cost?" said Pawluszka. "I've seen things happen to my friends. I don't want to lose everything I've got."

DeWeese was critical of some managed care companies.

"Instead of managing quality care, I think they've been trained in mismanaging cost," he said. "And, they've done things that shut off access, or make it more difficult, for people to identify a primary care specialist and how to get a specialist when they need to."

Marilyn Erps, 65, of Plymouth, pointed out to Stewart that her doctor has now been knocked off the approved list for M-Care.

"I had the Prestige plan which covered some prescriptions and dental for \$47 a month. Then, I lost the prescriptions and they raised the price about \$10," she said. "Two weeks ago, I got a letter saying they dropped my doctor. If I go to another company, it's going to cost me three times the amount, plus the \$50 I have to pay to Medicare."

Plymouth Township resident Selma Cronley, 66, said seniors are in a Catch 22 situation when it comes to health care and the issue of assisted suicide.

"For years, the government spent money on doing research, or supporting research through other agencies, that have given us the option to live this well while requiring expensive drugs the government won't pay for," she said. "So, here we are, out of (financial) resources, in pain, and in all kinds of dire straits, and they won't even give us the option to kill ourselves."



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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
 The Mercy High School Performing Arts Department presents "Celebrate Christmas!"

This showcase of talents will feature the choirs, orchestra, the Mercyaures and many small groups and soloists. The concert is being held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the beautiful Rosemary Clooney Auditorium inside Mercy High School. The tickets are \$5 per person.

BLANKET CAMPAIGN
 For the second year in a row, St. Mary Mercy will be participating in the Red Cross Blanket Days for the Homeless Campaign now through Dec. 31. Last year, the Red Cross distributed 11,000 blankets to over 70 home-

less shelters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. For more information, please call Sister Janet Marie at (734) 655-1646.

PICTURES WITH SANTA
 Cookies & Milk Drop-In Play center for ages 0-4 invites you to pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The cost is \$2. Stay and Play for \$10/family. Special offer on Dec. 14, three month unlimited passes for \$75. Call Cathy Proppe at (734) 207-1655.

MINI-MASSAGES/YOGA
 The Oakwood CAM Center will open its doors to the community, offering tours, free mini-massages, free healing touch treatments, and educational information from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The Center is located at 26555 Warren Road in Westland.

PLYMOUTH-NORTHVILLE DAR
 Christmas Tea being held at 1 p.m. at 51129 Plymouth Ridge Drive in Plymouth. The program is Christmas Letters Over the Years 1780-1836. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. Call Susan Ganz at (734) 254-0085 for further information.

DEARBORN-LIVONIA SINGLETONS
 Single adults 45+ meeting and dinner at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

MARSP
 K of C Hall on Farmington in Livonia. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. After lunch, bagpiper Harold Higgins will demonstrate and explain piping. Call (734) 421-1296 for reservations. The cost is \$8.

LUMINARIA SALE
 A fund raiser for both the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Symphony League will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 at Westchester Mall and Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor. The sets

are \$4 and include 10 candles with bags. For more information, call the Garden Club at (734) 459-7146 or the Symphony at (734) 451-2112.

TOYS FOR TOTS
 The Michigan Chiropractic Society and Barry Hobbs, D.C., are joining the U.S. Marine Corps in asking for your generous help in making children's dreams come true. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Canton until Dec. 13. For more information, call Dr. Hobbs at (734) 416-2442.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
 The Rotary Club of Canton is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road. The cost is \$10 per person which includes a picture with Santa and a free ID kit of picture and fingerprints by the Canton Police Department.

ART AND JEWELRY FESTIVAL
 Native West will celebrate its 12th annual Holiday Art & Jew

elry Festival with the artwork of award winning Navajo Painter, R.C. Gorman, and a fabulous selection of Native American Jewelry from the Southwest brought by Indian Trader Jonathon Cox from Albuquerque, N.M. Call (734) 455-8838 for dates and times.

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW
 The Plymouth Holiday Doll show returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Plymouth VFW Hall on S Mill. The admission is \$5/kids under 10 are free with an adult. For information call (734) 455-2110.

TREE OF LIFE
 The Angela Hospice annual Tree of Life will be on display at Laurel Park Place in Livonia from Saturday, Nov. 24 through Monday, Dec. 31. The annual tree extends its branches to those who wish to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an "angel wing" ornament bearing the named of loved ones, living or deceased. For more information, call (734) 464-7810.

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OBITUARIES

DANNY CLEO BOOHER

Services for Danny Booher, 60, of Quincy, brother of Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Kathleen Booher will be held Monday, Dec 10, at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy with the Rev. Randy Hartwell officiating.

Burial will be at Dayburg Cemetery in Butler Township.

Mr. Booher was born Oct. 5, 1941 in Branch County and died Dec. 6, 2001 at the University of Michigan Hospital following a courageous seven year battle with liver disease, he had been awaiting a liver transplant.

He graduated from Quincy High School, having played several sports. He was married to the former Carolyn S. Locke for 41 years. For more than 15 years he worked as a mason for Bracy & Jahr, Inc., then he retired from driving a semi truck after a 20-year career. He attended Calvary Baptist Church. In years past, he sang and played bass with several gospel singing groups. He thoroughly enjoyed watching auto racing, working on cars, fishing and hunting. He most enjoyed time spent with his children and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Locke) Booher of Quincy, daughters, Kimberly (Dale) Waligora of Quincy and Lisa (Jeffrey) Wood of Quincy, son, Jason D. Booher of Quincy, grandchildren, Courtney, Amanda and Victoria Waligora and Elizabeth and Austin Wood, sister, Kathleen (Steve Bassett) Booher of Plymouth Township, parents, Kenneth Cleo (Wilma) Booher of Quincy, as well as special cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to support education and outreach about organ donor awareness and may be sent to Transplantation Society of Michigan, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or the organization of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by George White Funeral Home.

RAYMOND CHARLES MASON

Services for Raymond Mason,

68, of Westland were held Dec. 8 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Mason was born Dec. 19, 1932 in Pittsburgh, Pa. and died Dec. 5, 2001 in Westland. He was in sales.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn; daughters, Cheri (Ed) Pelic Bom (Chris) Trush, Marti (Dennis) Gorum, Lynn (Bill) Partin and Jean Partin, son, Gary (Vicki) Partin, two sisters, one brother and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

JOSEPH CHARLES GLASS

Services for Joseph Glass, 59, of Canton Township were held Dec. 7 at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home with Major Stephen Hull officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mr. Glass was born Aug. 29, 1942 in Plymouth and died Dec. 4, 2001 in Canton Township. He was a machine builder for Holcroft and Lofts in Livonia. He came to the Canton community in 1973 from Plymouth and was a member of the Salvation Army. He also was a member of the Yankee Air Force and Veteran of Foreign Wars No. 6695. He loved to read and spend time

with his grandchildren, watching the MASH television show, and listening to country music.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Glass of Canton, children, Dawn (Charles) Hitt of Newport, Kimberly (Fred) Coma of Belleville and Nathan Glass of Wayne, grandchildren, Michael and Brittany Glass, Joseph Hitt, Kevin Megan and Caitlyn Coma, sister, Nancy (Thomas) Powers of Southfield and brother Arthur J. (Marlene) Glass of Florida.

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RALPH VINCENT THOMPSON

Services for Ralph Thompson, 71, of Plymouth will be held Dec. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Mr. Thompson was born March 17, 1930 in Detroit and died Dec. 5, 2001 in Ann Arbor. He was a Navy veteran and graduate of Henry Ford Trade School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1948. After his discharge, he became an electrician for the Ford Motor Company for five years before entering the graphic arts field. He retired from the Detroit Legal News after 40 years in the printing trade. He enjoyed golf, cards and was a member of the Knights of

Columbus. A long-time resident of Dearborn and Plymouth, he also wintered at his home in Spring Hill, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth, "Betty" Thompson, one brother, and two sisters.

Survivors include sons, Gregory (Pamela Holk) Thompson of Carleton and Martin (Marsha) Thompson of Alpharetta, Ga., grandson, Christopher Thompson of Carleton, and brother, Leshe (Frances) Thompson of Sterling Heights.

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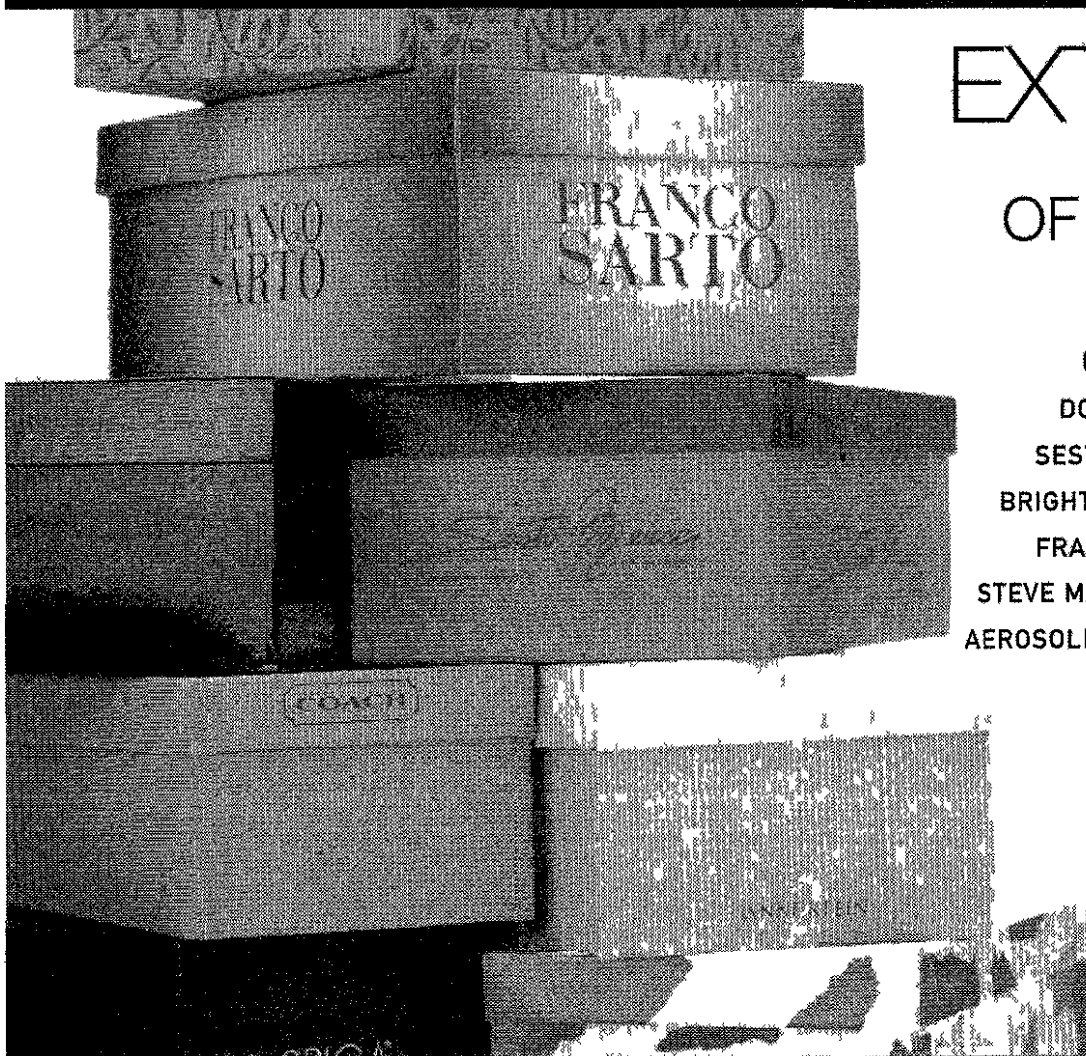
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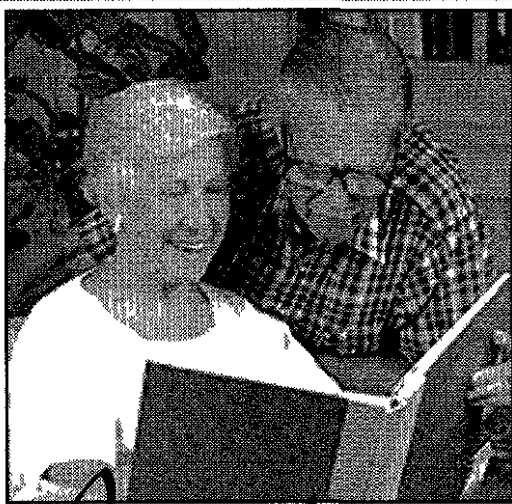
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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara congratulates Metro Airport officers Anthony Butson (left) and Carl Rubin for recent efforts saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim.

2 Metro Airport police officers honored for lifesaving actions

Two Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport police officers were recognized recently for facilitating the first defibrillator "save" at the airport since Automated External Defibrillator units were installed earlier this year.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara presented Officers Anthony Butson and Carl Rubin with Public Safety Citations to commend their initiative and thoroughness in preserving the life of a 39-year-old woman.

"In our long-term mission to make Detroit Metro the safest, most convenient airport, this leading-edge technology allowed us to provide the highest level of service," McNamara said. "We are very pleased that a life was spared as a result of timely defibrillation and we wish the patient a healthy recovery."

A quick-thinking gift shop employee - who witnessed the victim's collapse inside the LC Smith Terminal - was instrumental to the officers having a chance to save the woman, who asked that her name not be published.

When the woman collapsed near a security checkpoint, the employee immediately called airport police while other witnesses made unsuccessful attempts to revive the victim using car-

dio pulmonary resuscitation.

Officers Butson and Rubin then arrived and retrieved a nearby AED unit. They followed voice-prompted instructions and the defibrillator delivered an immediate shock after analyzing the victim's heart rhythm. The shock jump-started her heart and she began breathing. She was transported to Annapolis Hospital and placed in the Intensive Care Unit.

The patient ultimately was released and is expected to make a full recovery.

"By the time the officers arrived on the scene, the victim's heart had already stopped beating," said Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Hinyosa. "Had the AED unit not been within a few steps, her chances of survival would have significantly decreased."

Metro Airport installed 46 publicly accessible defibrillators throughout its terminals earlier this year in order to provide quick, potentially life-saving treatment to sudden cardiac arrest victims.

The American Heart Association reports that more than 95 percent of cardiac arrest victims die because either an AED is not available or arrives to the scene too late.

However, when defibrillation occurs within the first five minutes of sudden cardiac arrest, victims have a 90 percent chance of successful resuscitation.

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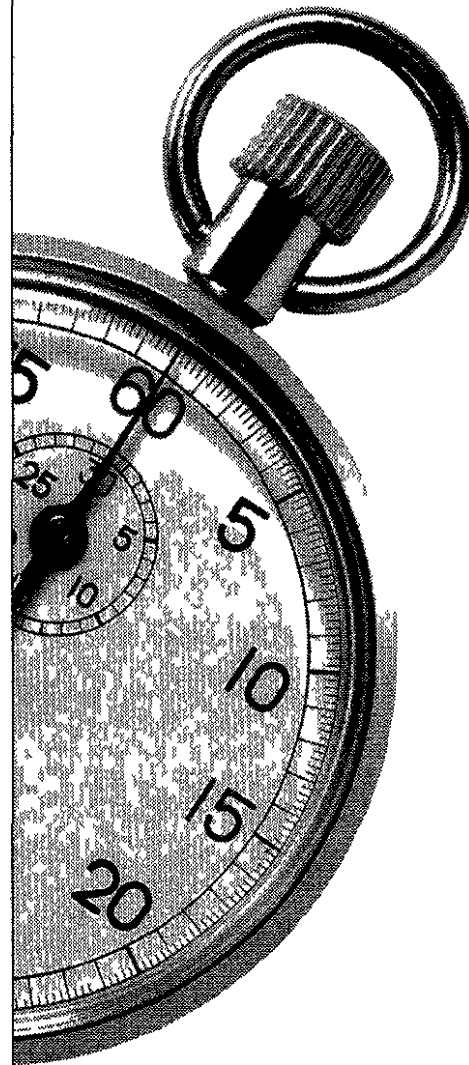
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Tom Watkins is on a mission for public education

BY TIM SMITH
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Michigan Department of Education Superintendent Tom Watkins wears his heart on his sleeve when it comes to his mission of helping lift public education in Michigan to greater heights.

"I'm a cheerleader for public schools," said Watkins during Thursday's Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Italian-American Conference and Banquet Center in Livonia. "I do want to stand up and cheer for high-quality education across this state."

"But more importantly, I want to be a megaphone, where I can amplify the voices of great educators about the good things that are happening in schools every day."

According to Watkins, in his current role since April 30, lauded how education is held up to a high standard in the Livonia community and hoped that message can be spread to other districts in the state.

"The state board, in hiring me, asked me to focus on lifting up all of our teachers, lifting up all of our scores, lifting up all of our students," Watkins continued. "Anytime you have a school in difficulty, you have a community in difficulty."

Watkins is traveling around the state to enlist business, education and civic leaders to collaborate with him in his quest. The Northville resident and father of two talked to a gathering of about 25 local business and education leaders about his 30 Ideas



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Elementary Dr. Watson: Ken Watson, Livonia Public School Director talks with Michigan Department of Education Superintendent for Public Instruction Tom Watkins Thursday afternoon at the Livonia Chamber luncheon.

in 30 Days plan for invigorating and improving Michigan's public schools.

The document was assembled following observations made by Watkins during his first month on the job.

One of his ideas is to get behind a Senate Bill 614 now in committee, that would enable the issuance of specialty license plates in support of public education. Money spent for those plates - about \$25 each - would go toward Michigan's school aid fund.

Making a statement

"We can put public education in front of everybody's face as

they travel to and fro," Watkins said. "The proceeds from that, if we just had one third of the people who work in public education to buy one that would generate about \$200,000 that could be used as mini grants back to the schools."

Another "idea" is to ask state lawmakers to hit the pause button on a 1 percent income tax rollback with those dollars earmarked for educational reform.

A family of four making \$40,000 a year would receive \$55 less, he explained. "What does it mean? About \$170 million that we can invest in (age) 0 to 5 school readiness."

That notion, of putting more

resources behind starting children off earlier on their educational journey, is one Watkins strongly backs.

"We know we have some children who are coming to school that are reading already and we know there are some children who come to school that have never been read to," Watkins said. "They never see an adult sit down and read a magazine, newspaper, or book. They don't know their colors, they don't know their letters. They're starting behind and never catch up. And we can, and must, do better."

Concurring with that stance was one of those in attendance, Livonia tax attorney Bill Fried, who had four children move through Livonia Public Schools.

"If there's anything we learned from Head Start, it's that education begins before they are 5 or 6 years old," Fried said. "If you want to learn how to speak a foreign language, you start it at 2 or 3, not in high school. And I think his ideas, his concepts would open that door."

Fried also supported Watkins' view about the importance of a strong partnership between education and business in providing the best, progressive education for tomorrow's work force.

"You have to put the public back into education," Fried said.

Livonia Chamber member Christine Lerchen, associate director of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, said she was "very impressed" with Watkins' presentation. "I really do stand behind everything he says, I think he's an inspiration."

Livonia Schools Superintendent

Improving public schools

Following are some of the 30 Ideas in 30 Days state education Superintendent Tom Watkins is making to improve public education:

■ **Create an Army of Involved Parents:** Give parents the realistic training and experience to help lift student achievement.

■ **Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes:** Business leaders can work with school superintendents and principals to enable job shadowing on a quarterly basis.

■ **Invest in Teachers:** A task force from business, higher education, teacher unions and the general community could review the issue of staff development. Watkins maintains that teachers need to be given the proper tools in order to effectively do their job and prepare children for tomorrow's world.

■ **Senior Power:** Tap senior adults to serve as mentors and tutors.

■ **Pray for Action:** Getting faith-based organizations behind the efforts of public education.

■ **Maintain a Solid Foundation:** Funding for areas such as early childhood readiness programs, technology and staff development need to be maintained. Ways to do that include protecting per-pupil funding and getting state lawmakers to "maintain their commitment to fund a school aid budget that provides stability and allows school districts to plan accordingly."

dent Ken Watson said he appreciates that Watkins is a sensitive educational leader who knows there is a big challenge ahead in making improvements to the public education system despite the current "time of economic downturn. It's very difficult to be cutting at the same time (of) re-creating. He certainly does have sensitivity to the problems."

is adamant about solving is the perception that public education itself is under attack.

"One of the things I want to be able to do - with your help - is I want to make it as unacceptable for people to be bashing public education as it would be if they were standing in front of you today telling an inappropriate racist or sexist joke," Watkins said.

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Legislation would require 'cluster option'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Communities in Michigan will have to offer developers a "cluster option" - in which houses in a subdivision would be shifted on to a portion of the land in order to save environmentally sensitive features - under a package of bills approved by the state Senate.

But before doing that, lawmakers provided two exemptions in the law, eliminating communities that have fewer than 1,800 residents from the requirement as well as larger communities which already have cluster options available in their zoning ordinances.

Many suburban communities have such options available, but the bills will require that they allow for at least 50 percent of developable land in a subdivision to be saved. The bills also require that those options have actually been used by a builder

'We are not jumping up and down over this bill, but it makes it a lot more livable.'

*Bill Anderson
Township Association*

before the effective date of the law for the community to be exempt. Otherwise, they'll have a year to adopt a new ordinance.

The exemptions make the package much more palatable to the Michigan Townships Association, which has opposed it on grounds that the bills diminish local control.

"We are not jumping up and down over this bill, but it makes it a lot more livable," said MTA spokesman Bill Anderson.

Just by eliminating the smallest communities, those with less than 1,800 population, some 600 townships across the state will be exempted, Anderson said.

"That's a lot of rigmarole for this smaller communities to go through, and they are the ones that are not going to see this kind of development," Anderson said. He explained the exemption will apply to many very rural townships in northern Michigan.

Southeastern Michigan communities are more likely to make use of the exemption for communities that already have such options in place.

"A lot of communities already have these options available. Hamburg Township sort of pioneered the cluster option. Hamburg is sort of the poster child for the cluster option," Anderson said.

Senators voted 33-2 Thursday, Nov. 8, to approve the three-bill package, including House Bills 4995, 5028 and 5029, sponsored by Reps. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, Chris Kolb, D-Ann Arbor, and Randy Richardville, R-Monroe. The bills are part of a push in

the legislature this fall to address the issues of urban sprawl and land use. They have received the support of groups like the Michigan Environmental Council and the Michigan Association of Homebuilders. But community officials opposed the bills.

The cluster bills won the support of Sen. George McManus, R-Ann Arbor, chair of the Senate Farming and Agribusiness Committee and a leading proponent in Lansing of farmland preservation. He argued for the bills, saying they would help save agricultural land around the state.

"I know townships are concerned that this is Band-Aid approach, but this is the best we can come up with that all sides agree with that's least intrusive into the affairs of cities and townships," McManus said.

If the House concurs in the amendments, the bill will head to the governor for approval.

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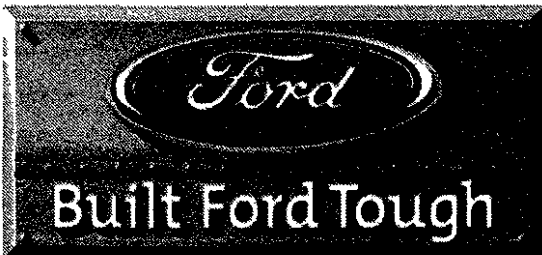


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Player of the Week

Alma College junior forward Janell Tweitmeyer, a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, led the Scots to a pair of victories last week, which earned her Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association player of the week honors last week.

Tweitmeyer scored 15 points, making 5-of-7 shots from the floor, in a 79-55 win over Concordia. She followed that with 29 points in a 75-60 victory over Aquinas, converting 10-of-17 shots. She hit 15-of-24 in the two wins, including 10-of-16 three-pointers.

All-State soccer

Several Plymouth and Canton soccer players have been named to the all-state team, including Plymouth Canton senior midfielder Johnny Kaczmarek, the only Observerland player selected to the Dream Team.

Second team players in Division 1 were Plymouth Salem keeper Tavo Palazzolo and forward Kevin Savitskie.

In Division 4, Plymouth Christian Academy's Matt Gallagher was a first-team selection. Teammate James Bauslaugh was named to the third team.

Team leader

Albion College's Meagan Madej, a Dearborn Divine Child graduate from Plymouth, has been instrumental in the Britons' 5-1 start. In an 89-22 rout of Rochester College, Madej scored 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting.

Madej leads Albion in free-throw shooting with a perfect 7-for-7, and she is second on the team in rebounding, averaging 7.0 a game. She is scoring at a 6.8 points-per-game average.

AAU girls basketball

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams are set for Jan. 8 and Jan. 10.

On both days, the 10 and 11-year-olds will try out from 6-7:30 p.m. at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The 12 and 13-year-olds will try out from 7:30-9 p.m. on the same days at the same location.

For further information, call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or at (734) 414-8156.

Ladywood goes 17-0

Livonia Ladywood's freshman girls basketball team finished with a perfect record (17-0) while winning Central Division as well as the Catholic League playoffs.

Members of the Blazers include Katie Bou-Maroun, Caitlin Gdowski, Jessica Hanley, Lauren Hess, Courtney Jekot, Nicole Koterba, Lindsay Lawley, Colleen McCaffrey, Amanda Regulski, Megan Ryan, Samantha Shuk, Julie St. Onge, Brittany Winters and Laura Walkuski.

The Blazers are coached by Greg Mellon, Lin Willoughby and Jim Rhodes.

Softball hitting camp

Madonna University will stage two sessions of hitting camps — 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 (session I) and Dec. 29 (session II) at the school's gym.

The camp will include two hitting cages plus one live pitching station to work off tees and soft toss.

Each session is limited to 30 girls. The cost is \$20 per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

For more information, call MU women's softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Soccer officials training

Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at High Velocity Sports Center, located at 46245 Michigan in Canton. Classes will be from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2. Those interested must attend all four classes, and they must be at least 12 years old.

Class size is limited. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to Michigan Referee Committee, to 9115 Murland, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 454-7335.

Attack ambushes Whalers in 5-0 win



Okay, so the Plymouth Whalers are 30 games into their season and this has happened just five times. A loss. But it wasn't so much the losing, particularly if it's a road game, but getting routed by a .500 team is something else.

Talk about bad trips. In what must be considered one of their poorest performances of the season, the Plymouth Whalers came up flat Wednesday at Owen Sound, struggling through a 5-0 loss to the Attack. Kyle McAllister collected two goals

and an assist to lead the Attack, who improved to 11-10-5-2 in the Ontario Hockey League. The Whalers fell to 20-5-4-1.

Owen Sound led 1-0 after one period on a short-handed goal by John

Wheaton. Both McAllister goals combined with one by Rob Chapman gave the Attack a 4-0 advantage going into the third period. Another power-play goal, this one by Agris Saviels, with 1:06 to go ended the Whaler hopes.

Justin Day was superb in goal for the Attack, stopping 17 Whaler shots to earn the shutout. Paul Drew faced 29 shots in Plymouth's goal, stopping 24.

Whalers to bid

The eight OHL teams that will bid for the next year's Memorial Cup will

be officially announced after this weekend, and the Plymouth Whalers — who have more points than any team in the OHL — are one of them.

Others who will qualify to bid for the Cup, in the Western Conference, are the Guelph Storm and the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Sarnia Sting, Erie Otters and Owen Sound Attack are all alive in the race for the fourth Western Conference berth.

In the Eastern Conference, the Bar-

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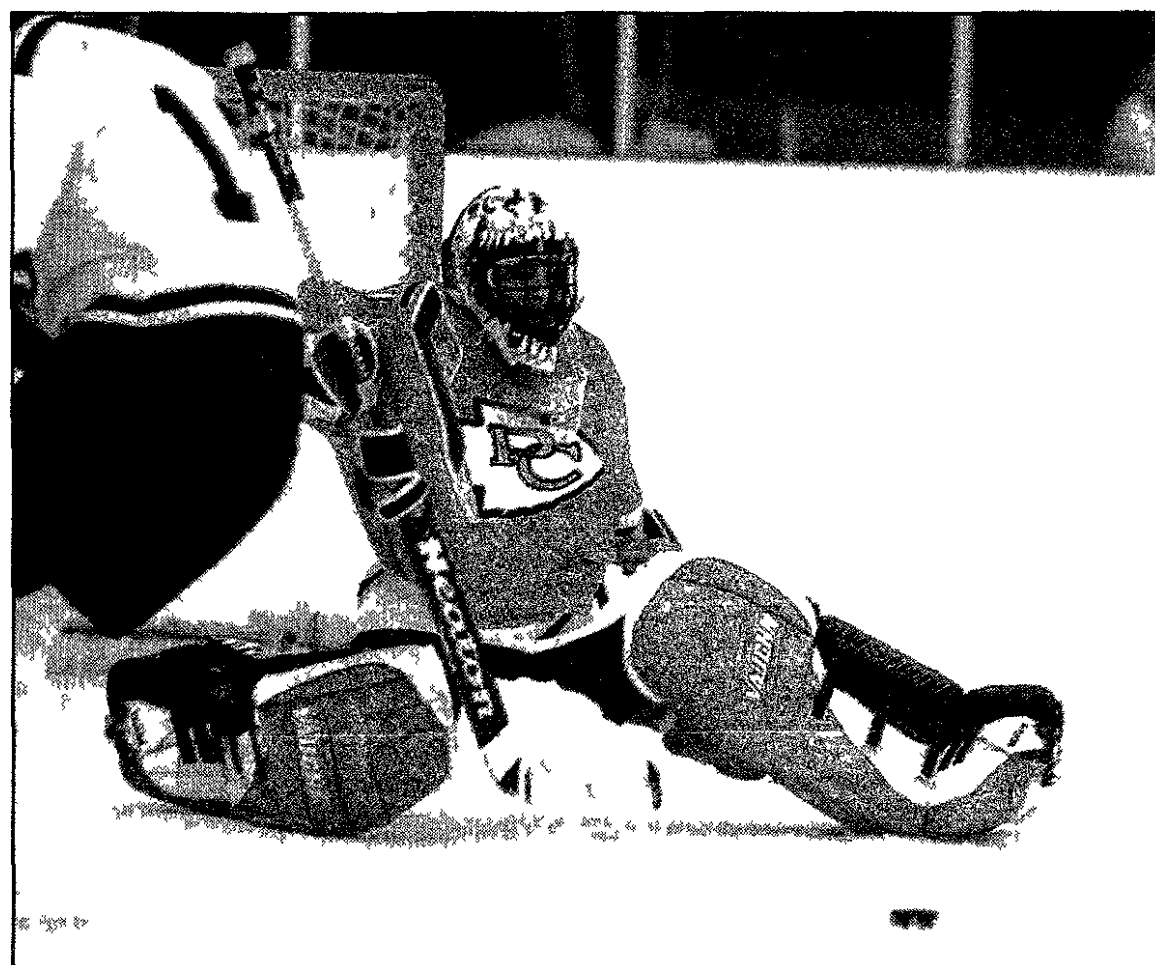


PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Tough to beat: Canton goalie Charles Kemp was too much for the Farmington Flyers Friday, stopping 42 of 43 shots in leading the Chiefs to the victory. A pair of second-period power-play goals was also instrumental in the victory.

Shut down

Canton goalie frustrates Flyers

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Plymouth Canton goalkeeper Charles Kemp was on his game Friday night to lead the Chiefs to a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey victory.

Farmington Unified scored the first goal, but it was all Canton after that as the visiting Chiefs claimed a 5-1 win at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

After giving up the first goal, Kemp stopped everything the Flyers fired at him. According to his stats, Farmington outshot Canton, 43-14.

"We totally outplayed them," Flyers coach Mike Harris said. "Their goalie was outstanding and lucky, and the combination of both was unbeatable."

Farmington was first on the scoreboard when Keith Hay scored with an assist from Brett Laird with 1:53 left in the opening period.

But the Chiefs, who had two goals apiece from Matt Gabriel and Greg Kubert, took the lead with a pair of power-play tallies in the second.

Gabriel, assisted by Mike Carson and Kubert, tied the score at 5:09, and Dave Bak put Canton on top after being set up by Dave Comiskey and Carson with 2:02 remaining.

Kubert (from Bak) made it 3-1 early (10:38) in the third period, and the Chiefs added a pair of empty-netters in the final minute after the

HOCKEY

Flyers pulled their goalie

Gabriel scored his second (from Matt Ringer and Ryan McKendry) with 1:11 left in the game. Kubert got his second goal and Carson his third assist with 29 seconds remaining. "It was really a 3-1 game," Harris said. "It was a good effort, but we came up a little short."

Farmington's statistician had the Flyers outshooting the Chiefs 14-2 in the first period, 15-7 in the second and 14-5 in the third.

"We worked extremely hard," Harris said. "Their goalie was unbelievable, and we weren't getting enough traffic in front of him to screen the shots."

Canton is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the WLAA, Farmington is 3-2-1 and 1-2.

Salem 9, South Lyon 1: Mark Nagel and Brad Proddian ignited a seven-goal second period as Plymouth Salem buried South Lyon in a non-conference game at the Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton.

The Rocks improved to 4-0-1 with the win. Salem led 2-1 after one period, getting goals from Aaron Cheesman and Dan Valentine. The second period was a blitz for the Rocks.

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BASKETBALL

Errors keep Chiefs from overtaking hot-shooting Rats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Good things come to those who wait — and to those who play good pressure defense.

Ann Arbor Huron (1-1) did both things extremely well Friday night. As a result, the River Rats walked out of the Phase III gymnasium with a 67-63 victory over Plymouth Canton (1-1).

"I saw Huron play Tuesday night against (Westland) John Glenn and they were rushing their shots, taking a lot of threes," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "But tonight they were very patient with the ball. They only took six threes all night and they made three of them. Coach (Cameron) Smiley deserves a lot of credit. He got them to play more patiently in a short period of time."

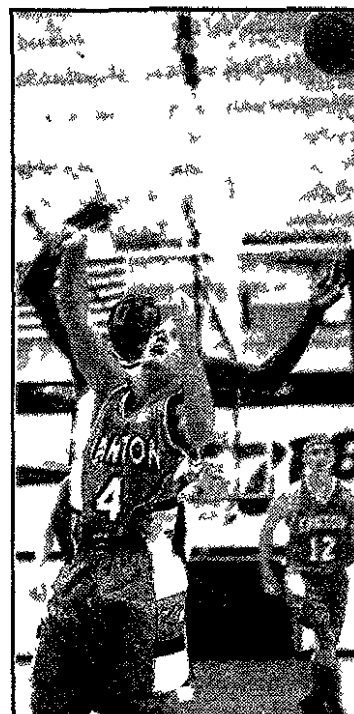
"Overall, I was happy with the way we played and the opportunities we created. I thought we put pressure on them defensively and we scored 63 points, which is pretty good against a team as good as Huron. We have to cut down on our turnovers and make our easy shots."

Huron's full-court pressure defense gave the Chiefs fits all night, forcing 27 turnovers. However, once Canton managed to advance the ball over the mid-court line, it fared well, hitting 52 percent of its shots (22-for-43) and 75 percent of its free throws (15-of-20).

Canton also played aggressively on the defensive end, forcing the River Rats into 21 miscues.

"Those kids can play," Smiley said, gesturing towards the Canton bench. "They have scrappy guards who play extremely hard and they move the ball well. Our kids finally realized in the fourth quarter that the only way we were going to win was with pressure defense, so I think they turned it up a little bit."

Senior forward Kyle Lasko paced Canton's bal-



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Limited action: Despite foul trouble, Canton's Billy Gazsi still got seven points and three steals.

Please see **CANTON HOOP, B4**

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Has the time come?

Don't dare ask Plymouth Canton swim coach Ed Weber that question. He will say that he believes his team has gained on the long-time dominant team in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Plymouth Salem.

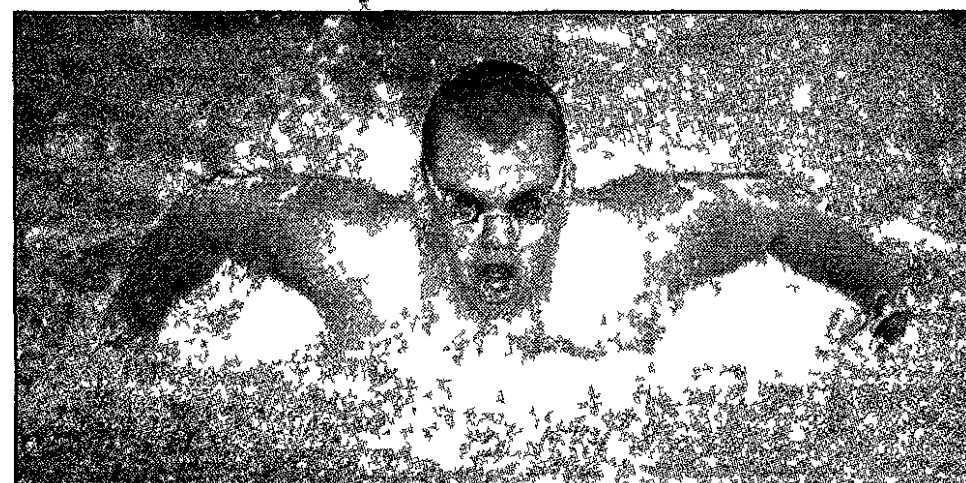
But that's no rash claim that the Rocks will fall to Canton, ending their nine-year reign as WLAA champ.

"We'll be a better team than we were last year," Weber said, "and we were second in the league."

That's good, but the real question is have they improved enough to make up the 100 points that separated the two teams at last season's WLAA Finals?

Canton does have some losses to address. Eddie Lindow and Jon Heiss both finished in the top six in the 100-yard breaststroke at the WLAA meet last fall. Trey Gercak was in the top 12

CANTON SWIM PREVIEW



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Top threat: Matt Wisniewski will be a leader for Canton's team this season after finishing in the top three at the WLAA meet and qualifying for state in the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle.

in the 100 back and 200 individual medley, and Brad Reidsma was one of the Chiefs' better butterflyers. Also gone are divers Blake Brunner and Gerald Bennett, both scorers in the WLAA.

But there's also a lot of talent returning, in particular a pair of state-meet qualifiers in Brad Nilson and Matt Wisniewski. Nilson is the defending WLAA champ and a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke; he also placed fourth in the 100 free at the league meet.

Wisniewski qualified for state in both the 200 free and 100 fly, he was second in the WLAA in the 200 free and third in the 100 fly.

It's a good foundation to start with, and the Chiefs have a lot more. Indeed, there are 10 seniors on the squad. "This is our big year," said Weber, now in his third season as coach. "Our

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Madonna edged by Albion, beats Edinboro

Stacey Supanich is valuable for Albion College athletics in more ways than one

The Livonia Churchill graduate, who starred on the Britons' NCAA Division III region final women's soccer squad, scored 15 points off the bench Wednesday to lead the Albion women's basketball team to a 64-62 victory over visiting Madonna University.

Albion is 6-1 overall. In a game that was close throughout, Albion won it on Jocelyn Zappala's layup with only five seconds left.

Kathy Panganis, who led MU with a game high 22 points, tied the game on a jumper with seven seconds to go.

Carissa Gzicki had 11 points and five assists for MU. Tera Morrill (Livonia

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Franklin) contributed 10 points. Lindsay Simmon was the Lady Crusaders' leading rebounder with nine.

Amanda Yeager added 14 points for Albion, while Sarah Caskey chipped in with 10.

Both Supanich and Yeager were named to the all-tournament team in the Penn State Behrend (Pa.) Winter Classic (Nov. 30-Dec. 1).

Albion beat Susquehanna (Pa.) in the semifinals, 85-73, but lost to the host Lions in the championship game, 71-64, in overtime as Supanich had a season

high 17 points

Madonna 81, Edinboro 56: Deadly shooting by Madonna University allowed it to open the 18th annual Fighting Scot Invitational with a win in Edinboro (Pa.).

The Lady Crusaders improved to 6-4 with the victory. Edinboro lost for the first time in five games.

Madonna led 39-27 at the half after converting 16-of-29 shots from the floor (55.2 percent). In the second half, the Crusaders were even better, making 18-of-32 (56.2 percent).

Edinboro wasn't nearly as effective, making just 22-of-65 shots in the game (33.8 percent). The Scots were also out-

rebounded, 57-23.

Lindsay Simmon was tops in scoring for Madonna with 21 points on 10-of-12 shooting. She also grabbed a team-high 18 rebounds. Courtney Rehbine added 13 points (8-of-12 shooting) and 11 boards and Kathy Panganis had 17 points. Carissa Gzicki scored just two points, but dished out 11 assists and had four steals.

Krystal Henson's 15 points paced Edinboro. Wendy Wiggins added 11.

Schoolcraft 66, St. Clair (Ont.) 37: Schoolcraft College jumped out to a 17-4 lead, rolling to a victory in the opening round of Friday's Schoolcraft College Invitational.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked ninth in the NJCAA Division II, improved to 6-2. Windsor lost for the first time after six victories.

SC led 37-16 at the half. Pam Wingate led in scoring with 16 points, she also grabbed seven rebounds. Kera Hill added 14 points, eight assists and three steals, and Rachel Eley had eight points, seven boards and seven assists.

Tina Sirka's 12 points and 14 rebounds topped Windsor.

In Friday's first game, Kalamazoo Valley CC — ranked fourth in the NJCAA — beat Sinclair College (Ohio) 82-72 to improve to 5-0.

Kalamazoo Valley and SC met for the title Saturday.



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Turnout is big for bowler of a perfect game

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As 17-year old Brad Suchan of Westland walked last Saturday into Westland Bowl for his Coca Cola Youth Majors, he had no idea of what was waiting to happen.

Earlier in the season Brad had accomplished perfection with a 300 game. This was the occasion for a ring presentation, and Westland Bowl manager Carol Bochor had gone an extra mile to make it really special.

It was to be a surprise, and it really worked.

Carol contacted the mayor's office as mayor-elect Sandy Cicirelli came in to join the festivities and present a certificate to Brad.

"Achieving a 300 game in bowling, which is extremely difficult, I congratulate Brad," Cicirelli said.

The 300 ring was presented to Brad by Steve Kilbourne, a director with the Western Wayne Men's Bowling Association.

Coach Ron Baase, myself and Pat Russell, secretary-treasurer of the Tri-City Women's Bowling Association, all participated in the ceremony (I was representing the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and the YABA).

Brad, a student at Wayne Memorial High, started bowling at 10 and has progressed nicely. He has a new ball this season, the Columbia T1 Messenger, which he uses to throw a medium hook. It also gives him better control.

As he was piling up 12 strikes, Suchan thought "It's crazy that I'm doing this."

It turned out not so crazy after all.

A young couple appeared at a local pro shop a few days ago and the woman was complaining that she was having a sore arm from throwing her new 10-pound ball, which she purchased from a local discount retail chain store.

The ball was pre-drilled at the factory.

Ray Kreuter, the pro shop owner explained to her that the soreness was caused by a ball which did not fit correctly, not even close, as he demonstrated to her.

The finger holes were way too large and the thumb was almost as bad. She then decided to return the ball to the store, come back and get fitted properly.

That would eliminate the arm trouble and result in better scoring.

When it comes to bowling balls, "One size fits all" does not apply, and I am surprised that they even try to sell them like that, even for \$99.95.

There are a lot of moderately priced balls in the pro shops and saving money is always nice, but not if it takes away from the fun and enjoyment of the game.

The recent most Mid-States Masters tournament on Dec 2 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton turned out to be an Observerland heavyweight bout in the final match.

Rack Haist from Livonia faced off against Tracey Karinen of Garden City in the 198-and under division championship — won by Haist, 192-174.

Haist qualified second and won five match games to take home the \$1,400 top prize. The trophy was presented by Super Bowl general manager Mike Refitt.

Karinen was bowling in his first MSMA event and qualified

13th in the 127 entry field.

Other area qualifiers included Canton's Jon Robison and Dave Konwerski, fifth and 12th, respectively. Garden City's Richard Pacleles and Curt Martin, 19th and 51st, Westland's Mike Wiatr, Gregory Poore, Daniel Ochoa and Joe Martin 21st, 41st, 51st and 60th, Livonia's Brian Moody, Jim Lademan and Crystal Webb 23rd, 31st and 40th, Plymouth's Debbie Man

they qualified 30th.

The next 198-and-under event will be in Sunday, Jan 6, at Taylor Lanes.

For more information to get in on the action, call Al Bielawski at (313) 365-8449.

Coming soon on ESPN, all at 1 p.m. — Sunday, Dec 9, the U.S. Open, Sunday, Jan 6, the PBA Seattle Open, and Saturday, Jan 13, the PBA Medford (Ore).

After a 1-win season, Orsucci opts to step down as Shamrocks' coach

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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The past season wasn't exactly the way that Dana Orsucci wanted to leave Redford Catholic Central.

But the struggle of a 1-10-5 soccer season will be Orsucci's last at the school as the CC grad stepped down as soccer coach of his alma mater last week.

"I wish we could have gone out in a little better fashion," said the 28-year old Orsucci. "It was an extremely difficult decision to step down. I love CC and I love teaching here, but it's time to make a fresh start."

The fresh start will come from Orsucci deciding to spend more time with his family. Not only did Orsucci and his wife Barbara become parents to their son Brennan in April, but the family is planning to move to New Jer-

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sey at the end of this school year to be closer to her family.

"I'm looking forward to that," said Orsucci. "There are a lot of coaching opportunities there and I'm looking forward to getting a fresh start out there."

Orsucci, a 1991 graduate of CC, was also an all-American at Kalamazoo College. He began teaching history and Spanish at the school in 1995 and began coaching soccer in 1996. In his six seasons, CC compiled a 55-43-17 record, with district titles in 1996 and 97, a regional title in 1996 and a berth in the Catholic League finals in 1996 and 97.

"It's a congenial departure," said CC athletic director Bob Santello. "He's a new father so

the number of responsibilities there increased. We appreciate the time and effort he put into this program."

And Orsucci will miss CC.

"I talked with Bob and when I got out of the meeting, I said to myself 'did I just really do that?' But things change and circumstances deal you different opportunities," said Orsucci. "I've had the greatest time here. I've coached great kids, I've had a great friend and assistant coach in Aaron Brown."

"It's a very hard decision for me. But someone else gets to come in here with fresh blood and turn things around. It's said, but it's time to take this opportunity and move on."

Note: For more information or if interested in the position, call CC athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798.

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anced scoring attack with 15 points, including two second-half three-pointers Senior center Andrew Meagrow chipped in with 14 before fouling out with 11 left in the game, while senior guard Nick Houdek netted 12

Senior guard Donald Hamilton led the River Rats with 19 points, 16 of which came in the first half Huron senior captain Andrae Martin tallied 11 of his 14 points in the decisive fourth quarter

Thanks to 11 first-quarter points from Hamilton, Huron surged to a 19-14 lead after the opening eight minutes and a 30-24 halftime advantage

The visitors' lead quickly increased to 38-26 in the opening minutes of the third quarter before the Chiefs mounted a world class comeback

Sparked by the hustling defense of senior guards Bill Gaszi and Jason Priebe and the outside shooting of Houdek and Lasko, Canton put together an 11-0 run

which started with 215 left in the third quarter and lasted until the 6:53 mark of the fourth

When the run was over, Canton had forged a 42-42 tie and forced Smiley to call a crucial timeout

Just when things were looking up for Canton, the River Rats retaliated with their own 9-0 run, which didn't end until Canton's Josh Millgard drained one of two free throws with 4:45 to go to cut the Chiefs' deficit to 51-43

"I don't know if it was Canton's comeback that inspired us or if the kids just realized they had to put more pressure on the ball," Smiley said

Following a Huron turnover, the Chiefs got to within 51-45 on a Steve Thornton putback But Martin responded on the other end when he converted an offensive rebound to make it 53-45

The River Rats still led 67-60 when Lasko connected on a long three-pointer

at the buzzer

Led by Martin's eight boards, Huron outrebounded Canton, 25-21 Priebe grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Chiefs

"Martin hurt us on the boards," Rheault said "He was not only getting one offensive rebound, but sometimes he was getting two or three"

Huron hit 46 percent of their field goals (24 of 52) and shot 59 percent from the charity stripe (16-of-27)

Canton was plagued by foul trouble all night Gazsi, the team's leading scorer in its season-opening win at Wayne Memorial, picked up two fouls in the first quarter and was forced to sit through much of the first half He eventually fouled out with 16 seconds left in the game

Starting forward Brendan Murphy also fouled out 15 seconds into the fourth quarter after netting five points and three rebounds

PCA 46, Melvindale 27: With Clay Welton providing the offensive firepower, Plymouth Christian Academy expanded a 28-23 lead after three quarters into a rout in its season opener Friday at Melvindale

The Cardinals fell to 0-2 The Eagles led 12-3 after one quarter and 22-12 at the half, but Melvindale narrowed the gap to five after three periods with an 11-6 advantage in the third

Welton took over after that, scoring 11 of his game-high 23 points in the final quarter Xander Younce added nine points, and James Bauslaugh led the defense with nine steals

Eddie Diri's 14 points was best for the Cardinals

"The were within one in the third quarter, but they never caught us," said PCA coach Doug Taylor "We played really good defense There were a lot of steals It was real encouraging"

Hockey B1

Besides Nagel and Proodian, Salem got goals from Kevin Wilson (who also had three assists), Mike Chaney (and one assist) and Brandon Wilcox Bryan Young contributed three assists and Andy Thackaberry had two

Freshman Steve Welsh was in goal for the Rocks, making 16 saves Doug Szostak was in the net for the Lions

"We've been working hard at it," said Salem coach Fred Feller of his team's fast start "We've been going along the path set for us

"Just as long as we keep working hard."

Whalers B1

rie Colts, Peterborough Petes and Toronto St. Michael's Majors have clinched spots. The Belleville Bulls, Oshawa Generals and Ottawa 67's are also in the mix.

If there is a tie after this weekend, all those teams involved will be granted a chance to make a Cup bid.

The Memorial Cup will be May 18-26 in the city granted the bid. The host team will receive a berth in the tournament.

Canton swim from page B1

depth is pretty incredible We don't have the real big strike, someone who would be among the best in the state But we have a lot of very good swimmers"

Included in that group is Ryan Ahern, another senior, who will share the team captaincy with Wisniewski Ahern was sixth in the WLA in both the 50 and 100 free

Others who will contribute heavily are seniors Dennis Speck, seventh in the 100 breast at league, Brad Herbeck, who scored in the 200 IM and 100 back at league, and Steve Rice, who scored in the 200 and 500 free, juniors Yuhei Uno, sixth in the 100 fly and 12th in the 200

free at league, and Steve Kiljanczyk, a second year diver who will try to fill the void created by the loss of Brunner and Bennett, and sophomores Joe Le, sixth in the 200 free and seventh in the 100 free, and Ron Opdyke, sixth in the 100 back and 10th in the 50 free at league

Another one to watch is freshman John Faraoni, who could make a major impact in the sprint free events

"We'll be training through the Christmas break, two-a-days, at Eastern Michigan's 50-meter pool," said Weber "We'll get in a lot of yards/meters"

Will it help? Can Canton close the gap with Salem?

"I think definitely," he answered "I don't think they're quite as strong as last year

They've lost more than we have We've basically lost people in one event (the breaststroke)"

Still, Weber picked the defending champs as the league favorite, with Canton closer but still behind "Northville's a few guys short, (Livonia) Stevenson you can never count out, and North Farmington you always have to respect," he said

"We're definitely loaded in freestyle, but we're missing that automatic win (type swimmer) And we're pretty strong in the butterfly with Wisniewski and Uno"

With that kind of lineup, it appears everyone else in the WLA will be chasing two teams, and both are located at the intersection of Joy and Canton Center

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RON EDWARDS
Treasurer
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Bid packets containing specifics are available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be picked up at the Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building #3, Plymouth, MI 48170. Deadline for submission of Sealed Bids is January 21, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

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ALL-OBSERVER 1ST TEAM



Andrea Hurn
Livonia Stevenson
Linds McErean
North Farmington
Monica Glowksi
Plymouth Salem



Katie Edwards
Livonia Stevenson
Katie Naglick
Farmington Hills Mercy
Caitlin Kelly
Farmington Hills Mercy



Kristin Lorida
Farmington Hills Mercy
Ashley Eilers
Livonia Stevenson
Elizabeth Garlow
Farmington Hills Mercy

FINAL OBSERVERLAND RANKINGS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(Class A state cut: 1:56.79)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:49.30
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.21
North Farmington 1:52.60
Plymouth Salem 2:00.19
Farmington Harrison 2:00.77

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 2:01.19)
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:54.40
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 1:55.96
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 1:57.75
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 1:59.08
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 2:00.57
Jessica Lis (Stevenson) 2:01.01
Sarah Paske (N. Farmington) 2:01.07
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:01.57
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 2:04.01
Laura Gevertik (Stevenson) 2:04.04

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(Class A state cut: 2:17.69)
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 2:09.11
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 2:09.52
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:10.56
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 2:16.02
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:16.02
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 2:16.75
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 2:17.08
Kristin Peterson (Glenn) 2:17.29
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:18.54
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:18.55

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 25.39)
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 24.33
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 24.43
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 24.63
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 24.64
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 24.78
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 24.99
Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 25.25
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 25.66
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 25.70
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 25.80

DIVING
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 252.95
Angela Anelros (Churchill) 230.75
Allison Bentley (Ledywood) 228.00
Ashley Aquino (Salem) 207.50
Natalia Giczewski (Stevenson) 203.65
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.90
Nikki Dunn (Stevenson) 190.67
Amanda Darling (Mercy) 189.85
Lisa Thompson (Stevenson) 177.55
Patty Ahearn (Dartmouth) 176.05

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(Class A state cut: 1:02.29)
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 58.21
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 58.54
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:00.15
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 1:00.98
Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 1:01.54
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:01.76
Emily Garlow (Mercy) 1:01.98
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:02.09

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:02.14
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 1:02.20

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 55.69)
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 53.39
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 53.39
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 53.75
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 54.02
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 54.48
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 54.80
Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 55.02
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 55.99
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 56.04
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 56.10

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 5:25.39)
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 5:08.32
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 5:12.77
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 5:21.54
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 5:22.14
Eloise Page (Mercy) 5:22.42
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 5:22.91
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 5:23.55
Jackie Waynigulte (Mercy) 5:25.31
Katie Smith (Harrison) 5:26.66
Jessica Lis (Stevenson) 5:27.74

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 1:43.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:37.45
Plymouth Salem 1:42.31
Livonia Stevenson 1:43.14
North Farmington 1:44.43
Farmington 1:49.65

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:02.79)
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 59.07
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.31
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 1:01.69
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:01.98
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 1:02.23
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:02.70
Katie Smith (Mercy) 1:03.53
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:04.31
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:05.03
Bree LaFortune (Wayne) 1:05.05

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:11.25)
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:06.58
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 1:08.41
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:08.42
Elena Milewski (Mercy) 1:09.15
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 1:10.26
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:11.22
Kristin Wolf (N. Farmington) 1:12.28
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:12.69
Jackie Waldeck (Harrison) 1:12.82
Alex Benari (Canton) 1:13.38

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 3:49.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:44.71
North Farmington 3:49.45
Livonia Stevenson 3:49.28
Plymouth Salem 3:46.09
Farmington Harrison 3:57.79

ALL-OBSERVER 2ND TEAM



Katie Benedict
Farmington Hills Mercy
Annette Merchant
Farmington Hills Mercy
Andrea Giczewski
Livonia Stevenson



Angela Anelros
Livonia Churchill
Valencia Smith
North Farmington
Emily Howard
North Farmington



Erin Cook
Livonia Stevenson
Eloise Page
Farmington Hills Mercy
Elena Milewski
Farmington Hills Mercy

Marlins, Spartans dominate swim honors

BY DAN O'MEARA, BRAD EMONS, C.J. RISAK AND PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER
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Farmington Hills Mercy remains the undisputed queen of Observerland girls swimming, and that explains why the Marlins have the greatest share of all area team members.

The Marlins finished among the top five teams in Class A for the fourth consecutive year. The 1998 state champs were second in 1999, fourth in 2000 and fifth in 2001.

Mercy also won the Catholic League crown for the 11th year in a row and a fifth consecutive Oakland County championship.

Of the 18 girls on this year's All Observer team, eight hail from Mercy, which claimed all three first team relay positions.

Livonia Stevenson is a solid second behind Mercy and North Farmington had the third-best program in the area this year.

Stevenson also won its 11th straight Western Lakes Activities Association title and was 11th in the state. North Farmington was the WLAA runner up and tied for 19th in Class A.

The Spartans have four swimmers, a diver and a relay team on the All Observer squad, and the Raiders have three swimmers and one relay.

The all-area team has a lot of familiar faces, too. Ten exactly. Stevenson's Andrea Hurn and Katie Edwards and Mercy's Caitlin Kelly, Katie Naglick and Elizabeth Garlow are repeat, first team selections.

Mercy's Katie Benedict and Kristin Lorida, North Farmington's Linds McErean, Stevenson's Ashley Eilers and Plymouth Salem's Monica Glowksi were on the second team.

record at North Farmington this year and also holds pool records at Northville and West Bloomfield.

Monica Glowksi, 50 freestyle, Salem Glowksi finished first in the 100-yard butterfly at the WLAA finals and was second in the 50 free. At the state finals, Glowksi placed 12th in the 50 free and finished eighth in the 100 fly. She received All America consideration in both events.

Glowksi holds Salem team records in the 50 free (24:59), the 100 fly (58:54) and the 100 free (54:02). She has been named the team's MVP the past two seasons.

"Monica has had an outstanding high school career," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "This has been due to her determination and competitiveness. Monica is an example of the student athlete who deserves the accolades of her achievements."

Katie Edwards, diving, Stevenson The junior finished fourth in the WLAA meet (353.7 points) followed by a top five regional finish and a sixth at the state Class A meet (356.3).

"Not in my 16 years have I ever had a diver place in the top six at the state meet," Phill said. "Katie dove when it counted the most. She's one of the better divers we've ever had at this school."

Katie Naglick, 100 butterfly, Mercy Naglick finished ninth in the butterfly at the Class A championships and was 23rd in the backstroke.

She is the Catholic League champ in the butterfly. She also placed fourth in the backstroke. At the Oakland County meet, she was third in both events.

Katie posted a great 58:21 time in the fly at the state meet and will point toward the top six next year," coach Jim Downs said.

Caitlin Kelly, 100 freestyle, Mercy Kelly finished 15th in the 100 freestyle at the state meet and was a member of all three Mercy relay teams that scored at state.

She is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the 100 freestyle and she was second in the 50 at both meets.

"Caitlin always tapers well and did so again this year," Downs said. "She put her speed to use in three relays for one fifth place and two third places at state."

Kristin Lorida, 500 freestyle, Mercy Lorida was ninth in the 500 freestyle at the state meet, moving up from 12th place with a three-second drop to 5:12.7 in the finals. She also qualified in four other events.

She is the Catholic League champ in the 500 and was fifth in the 50 freestyle. In the Oakland County meet, Lorida placed third in the 500 and fourth in the 200 freestyle. She scored in every state meet the last four years and is a four-time all-area swimmer.

She showed us what she is made of at the state meet in the finals of the 500 - determination and courage," Downs said. "The Mercy Advanced Placement Biology class has an ongoing project - clone a Kristin Lorida every four years."

Ashley Eilers, 100 backstroke, Stevenson The junior took eighth in Class A with a time of 1:00.31 after finishing third in the WLAA meet in 1:02.36.

"Ashley is a great kid who gets up for the big meets," Phill said. "She loves to compete and does it well. She's a real team player. We put her in all three relays."

Liz Garlow, breaststroke, Mercy As an individual swimmer, Garlow had the most successful state meet of any Mercy girl, placing sixth in the breaststroke and 10th in the IM. She accounted for 25 team points, which included two relay swims.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

SWIMMING & DIVING

FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS

200-yard freestyle
Andrea Hurn, junior, Liv. Stevenson

200-yard individual medley
Linds McErean, senior, N. Farmington

50-yard freestyle
Monica Glowksi, senior, Ply. Salem

Diving
Katie Edwards, junior, Liv. Stevenson

100-yard butterfly
Katie Naglick, sophomore, F.H. Mercy

100-yard freestyle
Caitlin Kelly, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

500-yard freestyle
Kristin Lorida, senior, F.H. Mercy

100-yard backstroke
Ashley Eilers, junior, Liv. Stevenson

100-yard breaststroke
Elizabeth Garlow, junior, F.H. Mercy

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

200-yard freestyle
Katie Benedict, senior, F.H. Mercy

200-yard individual medley
Annette Merchant, junior, F.H. Mercy

50-yard freestyle
Andrea Giczewski, soph., Stevenson

Diving
Angela Anelros, senior, Liv. Churchill

100-yard butterfly
Valencia Smith, sophomore, N. Farm.

100-yard freestyle
Emily Howard, junior, N. Farmington

500-yard freestyle
Erin Cook, junior, Liv. Stevenson

100-yard backstroke
Eloise Page, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

100-yard breaststroke
Elena Milewski, sophomore, Mercy

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley: Farmington Hills Mercy (Eloise Page, Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Naglick, Caitlin Kelly)

200 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy (Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Lorida, Caitlin Kelly)

400 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy (Kristin Lorida, Katie Naglick, Katie Benedict, Caitlin Kelly)

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

200 freestyle: Livonia Stevenson (Ashley Eilers, Andrea Hurn, Katy Sondergaard, Andrea Giczewski)

200 freestyle: Plymouth - Salem (Danielle Powers, Jenni Kelly, Nicole Genrich, Monica Glowksi)

400 freestyle: North Farmington (Emily Howard, Sarah Paske, Melissa Navas, Linds McErean)

HONORABLE MENTIONS
Mercy: Jackie Smith, Emily Garlow, Amanda Darling, N. Farmington; Kristin Wolf, Harrison, Jackie Waldeck, Farmington; Katie Fick, Salem; Ashley Aquino, Canton; Allison Goldsmith, Stevenson; Julie Ward, Stephanie Cummings, Katy Sondergaard, Jessica Lis, Jessica Koch, Laura Gevertik, Churchill; Magda Stankiwowska, Franklin; Lauren Kmet, Ledywood; Allison Bentley, John Glenn; Kristin Peterson, Wayne; Bree LaFortune, Redford Union; Krystin Nyquist, Thurston; Jamie Tardif, Hannah Leitch, Garden City; Kaiti Grant.

ALL-OBSERVER RELAY SWIMMERS



Katy Sondergaard
Livonia Stevenson
Danielle Powers
Plymouth Salem
Jenni Kelly
Plymouth Salem



Nicole Genrich
Plymouth Salem
Sarah Paske
North Farmington
Melissa Navas
North Farmington

Garlow was second in the breaststroke and third in the IM in the Catholic League. She was second and sixth in Oakland County respectively.

Everyone is shopping for the hottest holiday item "Downs said. How about an Elizabeth Garlow wind up doll swimming the breaststroke? Wind it up and it finishes in the top six even if it is sick and seeded 15th. Never count her out!"

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Katie Benedict, 200 freestyle, Mercy Benedict qualified for state in every freestyle event. She placed 15th in the 200 and 18th in the 100 with excellent time drops in both according to Downs.

She won the 200 freestyle title in the Catholic League and was second in the 100. Benedict was fourth in the 50 and fifth in the 100 in Oakland County.

"A senior tri captain, Katie provided leadership and enthusiasm," Downs said. "She plans to continue swimming in college - hopefully at Boston University with a journalism major."

FIRST TEAM RELAYS

200 yard medley: Mercy's Eloise Page (backstroke), Elizabeth Garlow (breaststroke), Katie Naglick (butterfly) and Caitlin Kelly (freestyle) were fifth in the Class A finals (1:49.3) and are high on the list for All America honors.

The Marlins were second in the Catholic League too. It will be a strong event for Mercy next year since all are juniors except Naglick, a sophomore.

200-yard freestyle: Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Lorida and Kelly set a Mercy varsity record, finished third in the state and received automatic All America recognition with a 1:37.45 time in the season finale. The Marlins also set a Catholic League record with a winning time of 1:40.02.

(The state meet time) was a great performance making it the fastest 200 freestyle relay time in the fine tradition of Mercy swimming, Downs said.

400 yard freestyle: The Mercy four some of Lorida, Naglick, Benedict and Kelly entered the state meet with a seed time of 3:39.98.

The Marlins knocked more than five seconds off that time, going 3:34.71 to finish third in the state and place them selves high on the list of All America candidates.

It was a great swim and time drop by four determined athletes, Downs said.

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

200 yard medley: The Spartans won the WLAA title in 1:52.21 and took 12th in Class A with the same time.

Hurn and Eilers are first team all area individual selections. Giczewski made second team. Sondergaard is a junior and state qualifier who appeared on the Observer top 10 list in the 100 butterfly (1:02.23) and 200 IM (2:18.54).

This group went at it pretty hard and competed with every one, Phill said. They're all back next year, and they need to shave three or four seconds off to move up, which they are very capable of doing.

200 yard freestyle: Three of the four members of this Salem team will return. Danielle Powers and Jenni Kelly are sophomores and Nicole Genrich is a junior. Only Monica Glowksi is a senior. The foursome finished third in the WLAA and was 21st in the state in 1:42.81.

"Every time the meet got bigger and more important, the faster these four teammates swam," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

400 yard freestyle: North Farmington's Sarah Paske, Linds McErean, Emily Howard and Melissa Navas had the second fastest time in the area. The Raiders were 12th in the state first in the Western Lakes and third in Oakland County.

The North team will be considered for All America recognition, too.

She broke Sheila Taormina's IM pool

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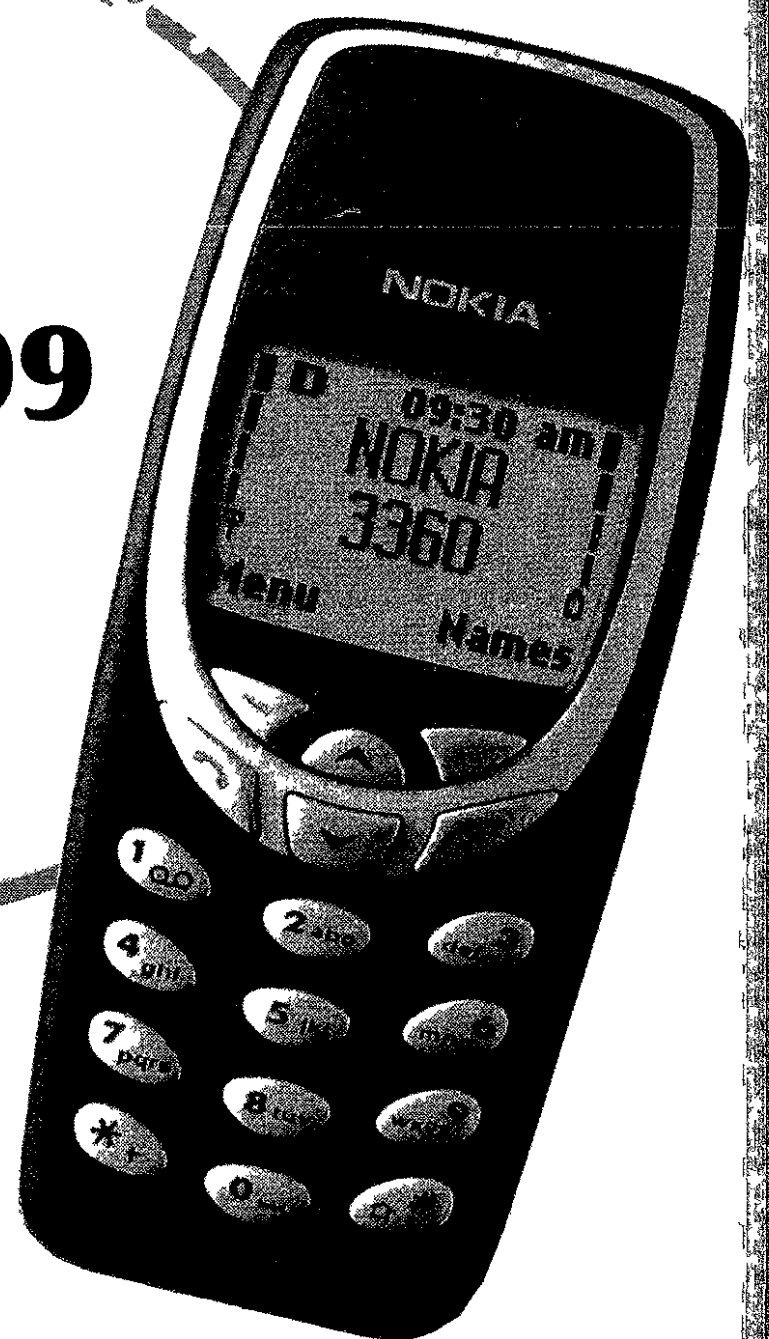
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Make time for music

It's easy at this time of year to forget to have a little fun with all the gift buying and wrapping, cookie baking and running around that needs to be done. The holidays are a festive time so slow down and take time to enjoy the season. And what better way to do that than with music performed by The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. The 11-member ensemble kicks off the Concerts at the Costick Series with a Holiday Brass program of light classical and seasonal music 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Nancy Coumoundouros promises audience members will leave in the mood to celebrate the holidays.

"This is their second year in the series," said Coumoundouros, cultural arts coordinator for the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. "They're back by popular demand. People just raved about the concert last year."

What: The Costick Series kicks off its season with a concert by The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings.
When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11.
Where: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.
Tickets: \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. Call (248) 473-1857.

Three different arrangements of *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* should soften the most Scrooge-like among us while brightening all of our spirits.

"It's going to be a mix of light holiday music and music that's light popular," said Maury Okun, executive director of the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings based in Southfield. Okun is principal trombone with the Michigan Opera

Theatre Orchestra as well as a member of The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings.

Composed of musicians from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents a subscription series of nine concerts, three of them brass, every season. Okun and DSO trumpet Kevin Good and violinist Victoria King founded the ensemble 20 years ago. One of their most recent performances was at the Detroit 300 celebration last summer on the riverfront.

"We'll begin with a Suite by Mouret that is best known as the opening theme for Masterpiece Theater," said Okun. "And there will be music by Gershwin."

"We were founded to provide great brass concerts. They're the most accessible. They're fun."

Coumoundouros couldn't agree more. In fact, that's why the Costick series was introduced in the first place — to provide a night out for arts lovers in the community with one idea in mind — fun.

"We're trying to bring in a variety and appeal to all tastes," said Coumoundouros. "This year we wanted to get theater and comedy into the series."

Comedy comes to the series Saturday, Feb. 2, when a national touring group takes the audience back to Catholic school with the interactive production *Late Nite Catechism*. The 8 p.m. performance follows a 6:30 p.m. dinner, catered by Gourmet Express. Tickets are \$30.

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Holiday brass: The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings open the Costick Center series in Farmington Hills.

Pride Presence

Historical museum traces growth of Polish in Detroit

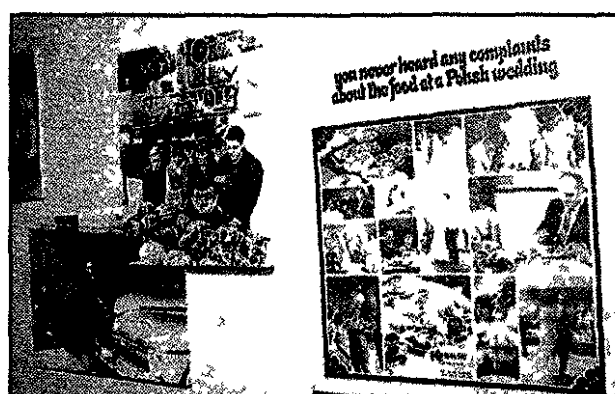
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A frail bingo number cage stands by one wall. On a shelf is a beaten hand-held sausage maker. And on another wall hang somewhat tattered political posters of names largely forgotten today.

These are just a few of the reminders of the long and rich past the Polish-American community has had in making up the fabric of the city of Detroit. They are not the most impressive examples of Detroit's Polonia, but they are among the most telling.

"This is really about individuals and families," said Jill Grannan, a curator at the Detroit Historical Museum. She speaks in a room surrounded by memorabilia of Polonia, on the second floor of the museum on Woodward.

This is the site of a major new exhibit that opened Saturday and runs through next March. The Polish Presence in Detroit explores the history,



Good eats: Hearty food has always been part of Polish culture, as these photos show.



Enjoying the oldies: Karen Majewski (left) and Jill Grannan, who spent months organizing *The Polish Presence in Detroit* exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum, look over some popular Polish performers and their works from the past.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGFIELD

What: *The Polish Presence in Detroit*
Where: The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit
When: Through March, 2002
Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call (313) 833-1801.

nature and accomplishments of one of the largest ethnic groups that has played a key role in the story of Detroit.

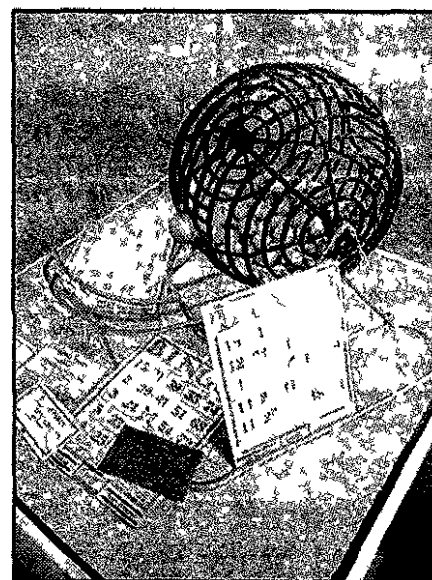
Organized by St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University at Orchard Lake in cooperation with the Detroit Historical Museum, the exhibit features hundreds of photographs and artifacts gathered from individuals and organizations.

But at its core are the generation of Polish people who helped build the city of Detroit.

"It really has been touching and nice for me to pay tribute to somebody else's sister and father and show something that's never been seen before to people of this area," Grannan said. She has some Polish ancestors.

Karen Majewski has more direct links to Polonia. As executive secretary of the Polish American Historical Association and Polish Materials Specialist at St. Mary's College — and a resident of Hamtramck, long one of the centers of Detroit's Polish community — Majewski has been working tirelessly for months to pull the exhibit together.

Last year, Majewski heard about grants being offered by Detroit 300 to sponsor events tied to the city's celebration of its 300th birthday. She contacted individuals, churches, Polish-American organi-



Bingo! The popular game has been a staple event at church festivals in the Polish community for decades.

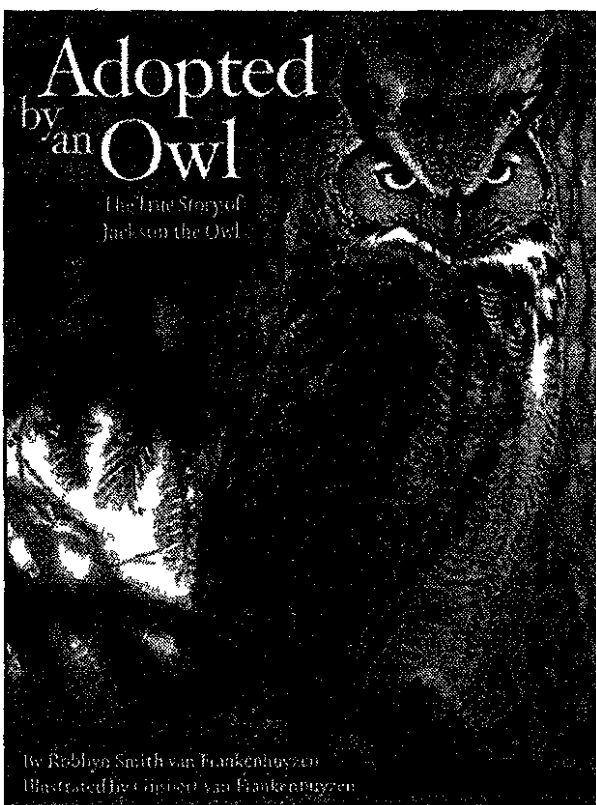
zations and the Hamtramck Historical Commission to pull together a committee to create a theme for the show.

"It struck me how much of Detroit's Polonia was tied into the city of Detroit," Majewski said. Not mere residents, they became entrenched in all aspects of the community. "All political stripes, all religions and no religions. Every possible political body had an organization," Majewski said.

"Everyone seemed to have a voice," Grannan added. "We're really looking back to such a vibrant time."

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BOOKS



True story: Jackson, a great horned owl, adopts Robbyn and Gysbert van Frankenhuyzen in their new book published by Sleeping Bear Press.

Owl builds nest in hearts of family

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Jackson wasn't just any owl. He made himself at home on Gysbert and Robbyn van Frankenhuyzen's farm in Bath, Mich., and eventually became part of the family. A children's book illustrator, Gysbert took every opportunity to capture the beauty of the great horned owl in sketches while Robbyn kept a journal of their days together.

Each learned to love the big bird in many ways, especially for his protective instinct of flying their children, Heather and Kelly, to the bus stop. Of course, they weren't too fond of him bringing mice onto the balcony railing as a gift. But Gysbert would simply offer it back to the owl in the morning as breakfast.

It's obvious by reading about their adventures that 13 years of love went into the making of the van Frankenhuyzen's *Adopted by an Owl*, published by Sleeping Bear Press. They'll sign copies of the new book Saturday, Dec. 15, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth.

"This was a very special book to us," said Gysbert van Frankenhuyzen. "It's a book we're really proud of. It's a special story Jackson lived with us from 1985 to 1998. It's been in the works for quite a while."

Robbyn originally wrote a chapter book for the publisher about the wildlife they rehabilitated on their farm over a period of 20 years. Foxes, fawns, opossums, skunk, raccoons, rabbits, hawks, and owls counted on

the family to help them heal and return to the wild.

Gysbert learned a great deal about wildlife while working as an art director for Michigan Natural Resources magazine for 17 years. So it made sense for Gysbert to paint nothing but wildlife in his own work. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts in the Netherlands where he grew up, Gysbert is well-known for illustrating children's books — *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*, *The Legend of the Loon*, and *The Legend of the Teddy Bear*; *The Legend of Mackinac Island*, *The Legend of the Lady's Slipper*, *The Blue Spruce*, *A Place Called Home*, and *L is for Lincoln: An Illinois Alphabet Book*.

But Sleeping Bear Press wanted a 48-page picture book about the owl and they wanted Gysbert to be in it. And so he is Gysbert, whose nickname is Nick, wanders throughout the story and farm where he lives with a menagerie of horses, rabbits, sheep, dogs, and cats. That's him with his dog in the fields, a scene just outside his studio window. All 25 acrylic on canvas.

What: Robbyn and Gysbert van Frankenhuyzen sign copies of their new book *Adopted by an Owl*.
When: 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.
Where: Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5220.

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paintings from the book are now on exhibit through Jan 7 at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wisconsin

"I'd been telling the story of the owl in my school programs and making mental notes about which parts the children react to and which parts to leave out," said van Frankenhuyzen who travels the state talking about his art to school students and encouraging them to draw. He recently did a two-week residency for Farmington Public Schools elementary students

"I sketched him when he was alive and took photographs and video. In some cases I made clay models of a flying owl so I could look at the owl from every angle"

Van Frankenhuyzen then made rough sketches for Robbyn to wrap the text around. Like her husband, Robbyn often writes stories and reads them to kids in the schools as a volunteer

"I wrote several versions," said Robbyn. "I knew what would be effective from when he told stories. The kids are my guinea pigs. Anyone who wants to be a writer should use the resources of kids in the local schools"

Robbyn also used the knowledge she acquired

while growing up on a farm in Hopkins between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, and the years she worked as an animal technician for a veterinarian. In fact, that's where she met Gysbert

"I met him when he brought in a cat that got kicked by a cow," said Robbyn

Before long, Robbyn and Gysbert were dating and realized they both loved animals and each other. They married in 1981

"I always loved animals," said Robbyn who wrote magazine articles during the time she worked as an animal technician. "My dad saw the passion I had for animals and by fifth grade I began cleaning kennels for a veterinarian clinic. That's what we tell kids in the school programs. If you love something, make it your career"

The van Frankenhuyzens live by their advice. Gysbert is now busy working on three new books. But there are still days when he and Robbyn take a few minutes to remember Jackson. They'll be sharing those memories with visitors to their annual open house of Gysbert's studio and gallery 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec 8-9 in Bath. For more information or directions, call (517) 641-6690

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Putting all the facets of that community into focus was a daunting task. Roughly, the exhibit has been organized into themes of worship, business, sports, community life, religious life, organizations, neighborhoods, family and the war effort

The Poles began coming to Detroit in significant numbers in the late 19th century when they settled at the old "Poletown" neighborhood centered on St. Aubin and Canfield on the city's near east side. In 1870 there were about 300 Polish families in Detroit. Today there are about 600,000 Polish-Americans living in the metro Detroit area. Between 1854 and 1924, 2.5 million Poles immigrated to the United States

Although many Polish immi-

grants arrived at the turn of the last century, their numbers increased dramatically in the decade of 1910 to 1920 when the Dodge Brothers factory opened in Hamtramck, which swelled to a population of 56,000 by 1930—with about 90 percent of them Polish

Other Polish neighborhoods grew up around Detroit. Each had their own identity and made a mark on Detroit's history. While Detroit's Polish community has dwindled over the years as the Poles migrated to the suburbs, many reminders of their presence remain, principally in the churches, such as St. Hyacinth, St. Florian and others. Poletown itself along Chene Street is just a shadow of its former glory, much of it having

been devoured by the GM "Poletown" plant (the Hamtramck-Detroit Assembly Plant)

All the Polish groups are represented. As part of the exhibit, three small-period rooms are decorated to show how a typical living room in a Polish household would look in the 1900s, 1920s and 1950s. All of this is designed to give an accurate if broad representation of the Polish community through the years

"I hope the Polish people in Detroit will see this and be proud," Majewski said. "I hope that people, no matter what their background, can see what the Polish have offered to the community"

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Cranbrook artist Nick Cave juries the 2002 competition. Slides are due by Jan 3. Results mailed Feb 11. For more information contact the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248)644 0866, ext 103

POETRY LOUNGE

Join the Open Mic poetry series at Affirmations Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 195 W Nine Mile, Ferndale. Bring original and/or published poems to read or just come and listen. Poetry Lounge takes place every third Wednesday through April 2002 in the Pittman Puckett Art Gallery within the community center (248) 398-7105

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The family of recently deceased artist Ricki Berlin has established a fund to honor her memory at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Current and future artists seeking scholarship funds for classes at the Art Center are invited to write their request to Deborah Callahan, education coordinator, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S Cranbrook, Birmingham, MI, 48009

SINGER AUDITIONS

The Cantana Academy chorale periodically accepts experienced singers in all vocal ranges to join the chorale. Auditions can be scheduled by calling (248)358 9868. Singers should bring a prepared piece of a classical nature and be ready for sight reading. The audition should last no more than 15 minutes.

CLASSES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Offers adult and youth courses including ceramics, jewelry making, figure sculpting and drawing. Renaissance painting, tilemaking, mosaics, glass blowing, pottery, puppetry, clay on the wheel and more. 117 W Liberty, Ann Arbor (734)994-8004, ext 111

ART OF LIVING STUDIO

Offers classes in drawing, scarf dyeing and awakening your artistic vision, book conversation and poetry nights. 11 S Broadway, Lake Orion (248)693 3632

ART MUSEUM PROJECT

Public non-credit studio art classes and workshops are offered at the University of Michigan Dearborn. 4901 Evergreen No 1165AB, Dearborn (313)593 5058

D & M STUDIOS

Offering painting and drawing classes for senior citizens on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Drawing and open studio will be from 1-3 p.m. Classes held at 8691 N Lilley Canton and The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in various arts forms including oil, watercolor, pastel and drawing at the Jefferson Center Room 16, 9501 Henry, Ruff, Livonia. Call Mary Ann Adams at (734)464 6772

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES

Celebrate the Season at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, 1669 W Maple (248)288-3723

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Daniel Barenboim performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec 10 at

Workshop offers ballet classes for teens and adults in beginning through advanced levels on weekday mornings in Sterling Heights and Rochester. Also on Sunday mornings at 132 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester campus (248)652 3003

SCHOOL OF DANCE

Accepting new students for a comprehensive program in dance art and musical theater. 29820 Joy Livonia (734)513 2004 or 421 4212

DETROIT BALLET

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

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

The *Nutcracker* through Dec 16 featuring Ballet Internationale. Tickets \$14 to \$60. Charge by phone at (313)237 SING or at the Opera House box office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

DEBBIE FELTON'S ACADEMY OF DANCE

Taking registrations for fall enrollment. 16312 Middlebelt, Livonia (734)524-0104

preschool children at the Oak Park campus. 15110 W Ten Mile (248)967 4030

METRO DANCE

Enrolling now for creative movement for 3- and 4-year-old boys and girls and ballet and tap classes for 5- and 6-year-old boys and girls. 541 S Mill, Plymouth (734)207 8970

VILLAGE MUSIC

Offers early childhood music classes for ages newborn to 8 years through the Kindermusik program. 130 E Liberty, Plymouth (734)354 9825

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

GARY GALLERY

Opens Dec 11 - Group show with Frank Brugos, Monica Leaning, Dorothy Linden, Julie Mahoney, Catherine Peet, Todd Richter, Sharon Stchur and James Taliana through Jan 2. 226 Walnut, Rochester (248)651 3656

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

AFFIRMATIONS LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Dec 31 - *Artists Take on Detroit: Projects for the Tricentennial*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit (313)833 7900

EXHIBIT A

Through Dec 22 - *Human/Nature* by Mark Pomilio. 288 E Maple, Birmingham (248)258 9282

FORD GALLERY

Graduate Thesis exhibitions by Jill Henry through Dec 14 and by John Lonsway Dec 17-21. 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti (734)487 1268

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Dec 31 - Works by Mary Shaffer and Jay Musler. 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak (248)554 0590

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through Dec 15 - *Venice Series* by Cao Yong and Christa Kleffer. 235 Main Street, Rochester (248)656 8559

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Jan 12 - A two-person exhibition by realist painter Dennis Wojtkiewicz and sculptor Lisa Clague. 107 Townsend, Birmingham (248)642 3909

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Dec 15 - Kip Kowalski oil paintings and watercolors. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak (248)647 7709

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Dec 15 - An exhibition for New York still life painter James Del Grosso. 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248)433 3700

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Dec 28 - *Celebrate Clay 2001*. 6 N Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 334 6716

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Dec 28 - Village Potters of Plymouth Reception. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec 9. Fine Arts Gallery, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia (734)525-3017

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Through Jan 5 - *Truth The Exhibition* featuring works by Kyle Stone, Vito Valdez, Mark Jackson, Jac Purdon, Jessica Flint, Michael Cooper III and Amanda Maniscalco. 17329 Mack, Detroit (313)886 2993

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Dec 23 - *Transitions In Time* by Lynn Galbreath and *Rituals* by Sally Schluter Tardella. 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester campus of Oakland University (248)370 3005

PF GALLERIES

Through Dec 15 - *Prints & Paints* by Lisa Goedert and Sung Hee Son. 213 E 14 Mile, Clawson (248)989 8889

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec 21 - *Printmaking Show* an exhibition showcasing printmaking artists in the Main Gallery. Showing concurrently in the First Floor Gallery is *New Works in Sculpture* by Grand Rapids artist David Greenwood. 407 Pine Street, Rochester (248)651 4110

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Dec 31 - *Earthly Treasures* an annual holiday invitation. 10125 E Jefferson, Detroit. On Dec 2 stop by the Pewabic booth in front of the Detroit Institute of Arts during *Noel Night Detroit Cultural Center*. (313)822 0954

REVOLUTION

Through Jan 19 - Jean Pierre Larocque. Recent Work. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 541 3444

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Portrait of Hope 2001 Suite Dreams Traveling Exhibit volunteers transform bedrooms of chronically ill local children into magical sanctuaries to encourage healing and recovery will be on display through Dec 15. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield (248)948 0470

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan 19 - *Head Turners*, an exhibition of turned wood. 202 East Third, Royal Oak (248) 544-3388

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through Dec 22 - *A Matter of Perspective* by Lynda Cole is a digital installation presenting perspectives in reaction to the World Trade Center attack. 215 E Washington St., Ann Arbor

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through Dec 21 - *Up from the Streets: Detroit Art from the Duffy Collection* is on display in the Elaine L. Jacob and Community Arts galleries. 480 W Hancock and 5400 Gullen Mall in Detroit (313)577 2423

WOODS GALLERY

Through Dec 31 - Santa Fabio's Friends and Family. 26425 Scotia, Huntington Woods (248)548 0460

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through December - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. Sing along to holiday tunes as glittering laser and Digistar images dance overhead. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills 1 877 GO CRANBROOK

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March - *Curator's Choice: A Personal Look at Prints*. (313)833-4005

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Planetarium shows weekends during December. 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor (734)764-0478

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Presents *Photographer to the World: The Detroit Publishing Company* through Jan 6, 2002 featuring 19th and 20th Century photographs and color lithographs. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn (313)271 1620

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan 13, 2002 - *Jazz in Detroit Before Motown: A Photographic History* tells the story of jazz in Detroit from 1920-60 through photos, maps and recorded music. Through March 3, 2002 - *Jacob Lawrence and the Story of John Brown* comprised of a series of 22 serigraphs is on exhibit in the Bank One Gallery. The images narrate the story of abolitionist John Brown and his quest to end slavery. 315 E Warren, Detroit (313)494-5800

THEATER

BROADWAY ONSTAGE

The Nutcracker's Nuts, a new comedy by Dennis Wickline through Dec 29. Retirement home residents attempt to put on a performance of *The Nutcracker* but realize the lead doesn't know how to dance. 21517 Kelly, Eastpointe (810)771 6333

CELESTIAL THEATRE

Fully Committed, a comedy about a reservations clerk at a trendy overbooked eatery runs through Dec 31. 333 Madison, Detroit. For tickets, call (313)963 9800

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

PuppetArt presents *Cinderella*, a marionette ballet version of the popular story during the month of December

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Presents *Missizy and The Angel Tree*, a comedy about angels and bigots, runs Thursdays through Sundays except holidays through Dec 31. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE

Presents *Contact*, three stories about people in wild pursuit of love. Dec 16. 3011 W Grand, Detroit. For tickets, call (313)872 1000

FOX THEATRE

Presents *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* through Dec 29. 2211 Woodward, Detroit (313)471 3200

GEM THEATRE

Dinner With Friends, a comedy about friendship in the age of divorce runs through Dec 31. 333 Madison, Detroit. For tickets call (313)963 9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Presents *Talley's Folly*, a romantic story full of comedy and warmth through Dec 30. 6600 W Maple, West Bloomfield (248)350 2728

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* featuring Dennis Robertson as Ebenezer Scrooge runs through Dec 23 at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For tickets, call (248)377 3300

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Presents *A Doll's House* through

Are we happy?



Pasted on: Bob Burdette's *Make Everyday Better* is on exhibit at C-Pop Gallery through Dec 30. *New works* by Richard Borge are also featured. 4160 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9901

ORCHESTRA HALL (248)855 6070

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Presents the Verdehr Trio at 8 p.m. Dec 11 at Christ Cranbrook Church (248) 644 6352

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Yuletide Celebration is Dec 14-16 at Orchestra Hall. Detroit. For info call (313)576 5111

KIRK IN THE HILLS

A festival of Music for Advent and Christmas is at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec 9. For tickets call (248)626 2515 ext 108

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Christmas Past and Christmas Presence Dec 9 at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia (734)462 4435

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Family Christmas is 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 9 at St. Edmund Church, 14025 12 Mile, Warren (586)754 2950

DANCE

ARGENTINE TANGO

Tango group classes are offered weekly at various locations. For information on workshops and classes call (313)724 3262

BALLET WORKSHOP

Suzanne Hawkins Ballet

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET

In a long standing tradition the ballet will perform the *Nutcracker* with the Plymouth Symphony 2 p.m. Dec 9 at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton (734)451 2112

EVENTS

JANICE CHARACH

EPSTEIN GALLERY

On Sunday Dec 9 at 2 p.m. Dr. Charles Silow will moderate a panel on the creation of the Holocaust Survivor Community. 6600 W Maple, West Bloomfield (248)432 5448

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The DSO Volunteer Council 2001 Designer Showhouse located at Turtle Lake in Bloomfield Hills runs through Dec 9. For tickets and more information call (313)576 5154

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Offers Tea on Tuesdays the third Tuesday of each month from 3-4:30 p.m. Reservations required (248)370 3140

FOR KIDS

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Offering dance classes for

Through Dec 13 - *Sculptures* by Michigan native Jodi Case of The Pittman Puckett Gallery. 195 W Nine Mile, Ferndale (248)398-7105

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Jan 7 - *Revolving Art* in Gallery 2. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor (734)994-8004

CASS CAFE

Through February - *Scapes*. An exhibition by Allen Berke. 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831 1400

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Dec 31 - *Portraits of Honor* a documentary on Holocaust survivors in the Detroit metropolitan area by photographer Charles Silow. 6600 W Maple, West Bloomfield (248)661 1000

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Dec 28 - A photography exhibit mapping *World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit* presented by the Pluralism Project at The University of Michigan, Dearborn. 47 Williams, Pontiac (248)333 7849

CPOP GALLERY

Through Dec 30 - Bob Burdette and Richard Borge. 4160 Woodward, Detroit (313)833 9901

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 1.14 2150 N. Oakview Rd. Between Univ. & Walton Blvd. 248-373-2660

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Showcase Dearborn 1.8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3400

Bargain in Matinee Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Cont. movies Shows Daily Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY NP DENOTES NO PASS

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Showcase Pontiac 1.5 Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W side of Telegraph 248-332-0241

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Showcase Westland 1.8 6800 Wayne Rd. One blk. S. of Warren Rd. 313-729-1000

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FREE CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony performs holiday music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 9, at our Lady of Loretto Church on Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is free.

"It's a very interesting program with the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, Vivaldi's Gloria, and carols Santa Claus is Coming to Town and Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer," said conductor John Gajec. "The church choir will sing on several selections."

The Redford Civic Symphony continues its season with a family concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb 3 at Hilbert Junior High, cabaret music 3 p.m. Sunday, March 17 and spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at Thurston High School. They end the season with a summer concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 in Capitol Park in Redford.

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VAAL CLASSES

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For information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455 9517.

Classes and workshops are offered in drawing, oil, watercolor, pastel, colored pencil, collage monotypes, marbling, and block printing. One workshop that's sure to be fun is Edee Joppich's "Animals and Birds in Watercolor." Joppich will demonstrate techniques for creating the illusion of soft, fuzzy feathers and fur from a menagerie of stuffed "models" in the classroom.

New is marbling with Susan Argroff, "I Can't Believe It's Colored Pencil" with Sherry Eid and block printing with Sandra Steed. Block printing is the oldest form of printmaking, developed by the Chinese and elevated to a beautiful art form by the Japanese. Marbling is an ancient oriental art of floating colors on carageenan and then making a print on paper, fabric or wood.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual holiday art show and sale Monday-Friday, Dec 10-14, at The Art Gallery, 30116 Ford Road, between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff in Sheridan Square, Garden City.

An awards ceremony and opening reception takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec 10. The public is invited.

More than 15 members of the club will exhibit a variety of work including paintings, drawings, ceramics and sculpture. For

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The book is \$30 and available by calling the volunteer office at (313) 576 5597 or visiting the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com.

CHRISTMAS OPERA

ConLen Productions present Gian Carlo Menotti's opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 9, at Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 West 13 Mile, Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Written from the view point of a child, Amahl, the opera uses the tale of the Three Kings as a backdrop to spread the message of the Christ Child who has been



Michigan landscape: Norma McQueen titled this painting "Winters Coming." McQueen is one of more than 15 exhibitors in the Garden City Fine Arts Association's annual holiday art show.

ART WITH A VIEW II

VSA Arts of Michigan is still looking for venues for its *Art With a View II*, a biennial art

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Whether you are a rider (snowboarder) "slider" (downhill skier) "glider" (cross country skier) or just enjoy wearing clothing that looks like you came off the slopes, ski and sporting goods shops across the state have a wide assortment of hot new gear for the winter enthusiast.

Equipment for the slopes has evolved over the years. Where two decades ago everyone was on skis, today we see snowboarders and ski boarders riding the lifts in almost equal numbers with skiers, says Steve Kershner, president of the Michigan Ski Industries Association and director of skiing for Shanty Creek in Bellare. He adds that many enthusiasts will come out in the morning on their skis and switch to a snowboard in the afternoon (or vice versa). They may take an evening cross country glide through lit trails too.

Technical breakthroughs in ski equipment allow new skiers to learn to turn easier and also improve the technique of the intermediate and advanced skier. The shaped ski, introduced five seasons ago, has literally taken over the market. "We really don't see anything but shaped skis today," says Ken Griffin of Nichols Ski and Pato in Waterford and Dearborn.

Turning a shaped ski is easier than turning a traditional ski. Shaped skis are shorter and wider at the tip and tail but narrower at the waist, where the binding is attached.

This year we are seeing even shorter ski lengths, deeper sidecuts and more metal used in the cosmetics on the ski's upper layer, creating a rich, classic look, says Hi Stover, a manufacturer's representative from Great Lakes Sports Group in Petoskey.

Ski manufacturers are introducing skis and bindings that are integrated and sold as one unit. This allows the ski to flex consistently from tip to tail, even under the foot, creating more contact with the snow and allowing for better control, says Griffin. Debuting last season at over \$1,000, the price point has come down dramatically for this year. "You can get into an integrated system for around \$600," Griffin adds.

Today skis are designed for just about every type of skier. Brian Sanderson, hardgoods buyer for Boyne Country Sports, says, "We even have a new ski called the Pocket Rocket that is designed for powder skiing and grinding off logs and trees." He adds that race and recreational skis have also been tailored to skier preferences. "There is a ski for every person and purpose."

Many skiers will welcome new advances in ski boots. Called soft boots, Griffin says they stress comfort without sacrificing performance. Some models even lace up the front like the ski boots of the 1950s and 60s but are much more comfortable and technical in look and performance. Dual-tipped skis — or ski boards — are enjoying continued popularity. These skis are shorter than a traditional ski and have a raised tip on both the front and back, allowing wearers to ski forward or backward and head into terrain gardens and half pipes along with snowboarders. "Ski boards are great because you can go anywhere with them that you can with a snowboard," says Bob Thomas of Don Thomas Sporthaus in Bloomfield Hills.

As the popularity of snowboards continues, Thomas has noticed an interesting phenomenon: experienced boarders are leaning toward strap-in bindings. Step-in bindings that make riding the lift easier (no sitting down to strap and unstrap bindings) are still popular, but Thomas notes that the performance-minded boarder is sticking with the strap-in system.

For those who want to enjoy the winter but aren't likely to try snow skates, Bob Frye of Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon suggests the new adventure skis. "With these skis you can do anything: ski downhill uphill on flats, groomed and ungroomed surfaces, even in your back yard," says Frye. Adventure skis are short (130 to 170 centimeters), cross-country skis that are wider than a traditional ski and have metal edges and a no-wax scaled base that allows the wearer to travel uphill without sliding backwards. They look a lot like a downhill ski with cross-country ski bindings and a base that lets you go uphill too. Frye adds:

Look for the second part of this article next week.

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Buyer beware at the store and elsewhere

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I don't know what it is about this particular Christmas season, but I don't feel like doing much shopping.

I just don't want to part with my money this year.

In contemplating why, I decided it would be easy to say the aftershock of the Sept 11 terrorist attacks and the state of the economy are to blame. But, for me, I don't think that's the whole picture.

Now, there's no denying that Christmas, like most events and institutions in our culture, has become an absurdly commercial affair. America is capitalism, our lives are dictated by the bottom line, which brings me to my current list of consumer complaints.

For one, I recently bought a computer from a local retailer. The salesperson told me the computer was new when I bought it and the fact it was labeled "close-out special" meant the company needed to get it off their shelves to make room for new shipments. Months later and through a series of events, I learned from the manufacturer that my computer was, in fact, used. To make a long story a short one, I'll be in small claims court next year.

A few days ago, I went to look at cellular phone plans. And, as many of you may have noticed, not only do the service plan brochures provide limited information but also the salespeople aren't particularly forthcoming beyond the spiel they've been trained to give you. On and on, we went, this salesperson and I asked question after question. The salesperson countered with canned answer after canned answer.

Later, I asked the salesperson for the brochure of terms and conditions mentioned (in fine print) at the bottom of the service plan contract. In fact, by signing the contract, you're agreeing you've received and read that brochure. Well, the salesperson didn't have one. "You're the first customer who's asked for one," he said.

Even if you want to read the fine print, you can't.

What occurs to me next is my experience last weekend working with a moving company. When the movers showed up to do the work I had hired them for, I was informed the hourly rate applied to travel time, not just moving time. This was a distinction I made a point of clarifying three times with the person

who set up my moving appointment. Of course I shrugged it off and paid the extra money I didn't anticipate spending. After all, I had an apartment full of stuff to move.

My next complaint comes from the experiences of a colleague, Sharon Dargay. Several weeks ago, she and I were rear-ended by a drunk driver. We're both doing reasonably well, but Sharon's car was totaled. Well, Sharon is still working with her car insurer on a settlement claim. Through her efforts, which include calling owners of similar vehicles in Michigan who recently sold and contacting dealers for estimates on her car, she has almost doubled her claim amount. But I have to wonder if having to do all that work is in the fine print of the insurance contract. I mean why do we buy car insurance? So when we have a bad accident - a traumatic event to which I can testify - you won't be emotionally and financially burdened with having to purchase a new car.

These situations involve the consumer handing over money for products or services.

I can distill what I consider to be the problem in one word: spin. If we aren't being outright lied to, as in the case of the computer I purchased, we're hearing less than the truth or being misled to believe something false.

Now I don't have a problem with good salesmanship or the art of persuasion, but it seems to me that we, as a culture, have become so wrapped up in our obsession with making money, that we're willing to lie to reach our goals.

Of course I'm probably not telling you anything you don't already know. It's a dangerous market out there for consumers. Buyer beware.

What's astounding is how pervasive and justified the use of spin and "selling" has become in reaching bottom-line goals.

True, it's only fair that people who make their living by selling things take their best shot at doing so. It's another thing when everything gets sold - not just hard goods and traditional consumer services - and a disregard for the truth is acceptable standard practice.

Maybe I'm overreacting and, in the process, generalizing. But if the American Red Cross is willing to spin the charitable American public after the Sept 11 terrorist attacks, who else is?

I'm convinced nothing is sacred when it comes to spin and the bottom line. So, yes, buyer beware, but beware of information, too.

High kicks for Christmas



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Spree: LaToya Croft of Pontiac (left) meets Rockettes Alison Roller-Woerner of Lake Orion (center) and Annie Gibbons-Syke of Highland at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. Croft won the Shop with the Rockettes holiday spending spree contest at the mall.

Kmart among 3 retailers honored at annual Michigan Retailer of the Year awards

Kmart Corp., which has its headquarters in Troy, was among three Michigan retail companies recently honored for community service at the fourth annual Michigan Retailer of the Year Awards.

The Michigan Retailers Association awards recognize retail businesses for contributions to civic, charitable and volunteer activities. Co-sponsors of the awards are the Michigan Press Association's Michigan Newspapers, Inc. and the Michigan Talk Radio Network.

The awards are given in three categories - small, medium and large - based on annual sales volume. Kmart won in the large retailer category.

In addition to providing supplies for the relief effort following the Sept 11 terrorist attacks, Kmart has been the first-place team in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program for 17 consecutive years, raising more than \$35 million to fight birth defects through its

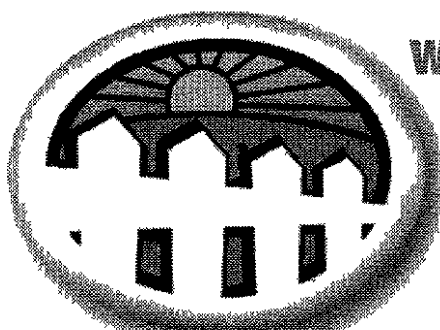
efforts. Also, Michigan Kmart volunteers raised more than \$289,000 in 2001 through local walks and store events to support programs like Healthy Baby Services in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Other noted community service includes encouraging enrollment in state Child Health Insurance Programs and support of a traveling Smithsonian exhibit on African-American music.

Swift Printing Co. in Grand Rapids won in the small retailer category, and Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co. in Grosse Pointe Woods was honored in the medium category.

The Michigan Retailers Association is a state trade association of general merchandise retailers with more than 5,500 retail business members operating more than 12,000 stores across the state.

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WHAT WE FOUND:

- Candle lights with batteries can be purchased at JoAnne Fabric stores
- For money pads in check-book form, try the National City Bank on Wayne Road in Romulus
- Yahtzee dice can be purchased at Rider's Hobby Shop on John R, south of 14 Mile, in Madison Heights
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- A reader has 6-foot Christmas tree to donate to an organization

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store where a zipper-pull for women's clothing can be bought for Shelly
- A store that sells Bonnie August women's active wear pants in black (size medium) for Cindy
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- A store that sells all-plastic playing cards for Joanne
- A store that sells Spray & Wash white laundry gel in a 16-ounce bottle for Joanne
- A store that sells men's short sleeve sweatshirts for Ann
- A store where a child's phonograph can be bought for John of Canton
- A store that sells Alberto Rossi make-up foundation for Betty of Livonia
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- A store that sells apricot gelatin by Jell-o for Suzanne
- A store where replacement handles for Revere Wear and Coronet Wear Dutch ovens can be purchased for Joan
- A company that will paint a steel outer door to make it look like oak for Sue of Canton
- A company that will remove mold from a roof and install copper on it.
- A store that sells crystal beer stein glasses with etchings for Lorie
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- A store that sells a videocassette tape of the film *Your In the Army Now* for Tina
- A store that sells Strategy perfume
- A store that sells Evair perfume for Bobbie
- A business that will repair an under-the-counter television and radio for Karen
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- A store that sells Christopher Collection figurines for Carol of Farmington
- A store that sells parts for an Acutron watch or a business that will repair the watch for Mary Lou
- A store where a Dutch Barbie doll can be purchased for Marcel
- A store that sells women's lingerie panties marked with the days of the week for Lou Ann
- A business in the Pontiac area that transfers old records on to compact discs for Margaret, who lives in Oxford
- A store that sells Anne Klein II perfume or cologne
- A store that sells Fundamental Things women's slacks in petite sizes for Bea
- A store that sells Machus salad dressing for Linda of Birmingham
- A store that sells Vaseline Intensive Care Solutions manucure lotion for Nick of Franklin
- A store that sells men's blue jeans (35-inch waist and 30-inch length) for Joe, a resident of Farmington Hills
- A store that sells Mrs. Richardson's butterscotch and caramel fudge for Elaine of Rochester
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KELLI LEWTON

Holidays can be a breeze when you plan

Festive lights are hung, trees twinkle and anticipation grows as the holidays and festivities approach over the next several weeks.

Many holiday food traditions have been revamped to fit daily demands. With our busy lives and commitments during the holiday season, we should think ahead with our holiday planning.

Holiday entertaining can be easy and enjoyable if you think ahead!

Pinpoint your needs

First, take the time and pinpoint exactly what you need to accomplish with your holiday entertaining. Often when left to a few days before the special celebration, we tend to complicate matters. Include in your repertoire a few items that can be made ahead and frozen. Almost anything in phyllo or puff dough, such as spinach triangles or petit wild mushroom turnovers, can be a quick hors d'oeuvre pulled out of the freezer.

Imported cheeses, salamis and pates can be assembled with crackers, breads and marinated items for a fast, but still interesting, platter.

Try dip and spread trays. Most dips can be made days in advance and served with an array of items including breads, veggie chips, crackers, toasted bread rounds, puff pastry sticks and pita chips.

Remember when garnishing platters to keep things simple and beautiful, like using bouquets of fresh herbs. Select garnishes that may be eaten with the main item, such as caramelized smoky onions, roasted peppers and whole roasted garlic bulbs, which is stunning as well as functional on a beef tenderloin platter.

Create your own countdown list to your seasonal party or holiday or try this "12 Days before Christmas" list as a good start.

Day 12 - The Master Checklist
Every great event has great beginnings. A master plan blueprint is the key to success. Your list may include rentals, inventory of your china, linen, serving pieces, and a time line for tasks to prevent any last-minute trips to the store.

Get a menu together

Day 11 - Plan Your Menu
The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food. In addition to family favorites, Christmas is a time to gather recipes you have wanted to try, and maybe even experiment with. When planning your menu, it is essential to have a good mix of items to fit everyone's appetites, including a few selections that are on the lighter side. Try to prepare a few of your items in ahead of time to limit stress. Some menu components, including baked goods, chutneys and dressings, can be made well before your event day.

Don't forget to place any special meat or bakery item orders well in advance so you're not disappointed on your last-minute shopping trip to your favorite market.

Day 10 - Purchase All Beverages
Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature, then immerse them in an ice bath in coolers or party tubs an hour before guests arrive. It is hard enough to fit all the extra food items in the refrigerator without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

Day 9 - Create a Game Plan
It is close enough now to the date of your event to make any reminder calls to family and friends about times and details. This is also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation. A couple of hors d'oeuvres prepared today and frozen would be a great time saver to your gathering. Puff and phyllo dough style items normally freeze great!

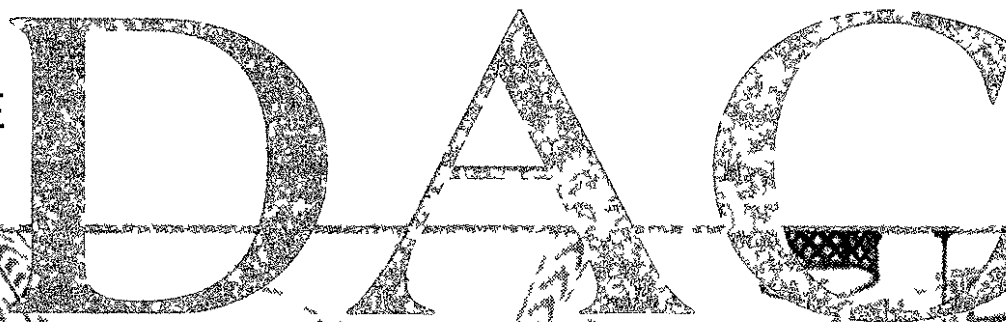
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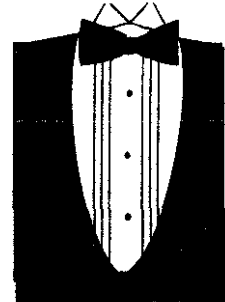
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DINING AT THE



Award-winning chef shares passion for food

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER



Surely, there's no other kitchen this side of heaven like the Detroit Athletic Club's.

Located on the second floor of the prestigious private club on Madison Avenue in downtown Detroit, the main kitchen, with its immaculate tiled floor and mile long stainless steel hot table, is a culinarian's dream.

Call it inspiration or training, but its 34-member staff routinely prepares and serves dinner entrees for 250-300 patrons in an hour and a half during opera season. And every dish comes out looking like edible art.

Award winning Executive Chef Kevin Brennan of Walled Lake, a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Department of Culinary Arts and a recent inductee into the American Academy of Chefs, isn't surprised.

"Food is important here. It is the foundation of our focus," he said.

Indeed, dining at the DAC, founded in 1887 and located in its present six-story Albert Kahn-designed building since 1915, is all about passion, presentation and superb taste.

Dan and Nancy Las of Farmington Hills, members for 18 years, love dining at the DAC.

"I love the Lobster Bisque," said Dan, who serves on the board of directors and is currently club secretary. "My favorite entrée? The perch. It's just great. It melts in your mouth. No place serves perch like the DAC."

"The food to me is outstanding. It's a step above most other restaurants," said Nancy.

Bob Richardson of Bloomfield Hills, a 30 year member and 1990 president, cannot remember ever having a bad meal at the DAC. His favorite lunch combination is the Eric Salad and Lobster Bisque.

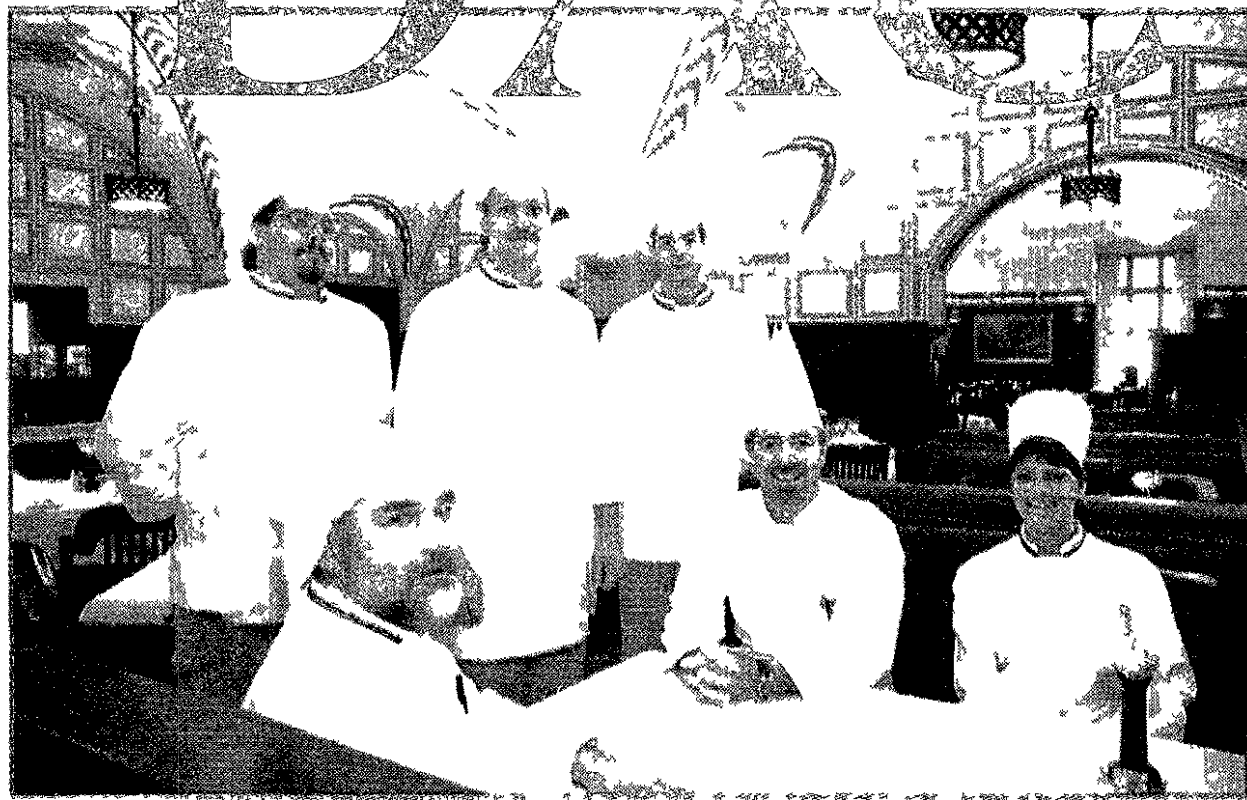
"There's nothing like it around the country," he said about the soup.

Consistency

Dining at the DAC is also about consistency. Two soups - the famed Lobster Bisque and Roasted Tomato Bisque, the Grille Room's signature soup - have been house favorites for years.

Charlie Frurp, the DAC's souschef for 31 years, is in the kitchen by 4:30 a.m. every day. It's nothing to have 48 chickens and 20 pounds of vegetables simmering away by mid-morning. Good soup starts with "good stock and nice, fresh ingredients," he said.

For his tomato soup, Frurp first roasts a case of plum tomatos.



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A class act: Chefs Matthew Vogelet (top row, from left), David Howell, Greg Stange, Edmund Krumuns, Kevin Brennan and Vicki Arella help make the DAC a rival to the area's finest restaurants.

'My menu doesn't fall into a regular style. It's eclectic - Asian, Regional, Mediterranean and West Coast California.'

-Kevin Brennan
Executive chef, DAC

soes in olive oil, along with carrots, garlic, celery and some fresh fennel. He blends this with chicken stock and lets it simmer. By noon, the soup is ready to be served with a garnish of basil and walnut pesto and parmesan crème fraîche.

Like any professional soup-maker who cooks with pounds and palms rather than pinches, Frurp hesitates before giving advice about avoiding mistakes in making the perfect soup.

"Maybe it's trying too hard. What can I say? Some people use too much water. A lot of people are afraid to use canned broth. If you don't have time to boil chickens or bones, use Swanson's," he said.

Style

Chef Brennan describes his culinary style as being both creative and traditional. "I use seasonal cuisine with a traditional background. My menu doesn't fall into a regular style. It's eclectic - Asian, Regional, Mediterranean, and West Coast California."

DAC members have their favorite dishes, and the perch and whitefish are still tops. However, Brennan takes his whitefish entree beyond the usual planked and broiled version. He wraps the fish with "panko" (Japanese bread crumbs), pan sears it before a quick finish in the oven, then serves it with a lemon-butter sauce and chili vinaigrette. "The flavor contrast is phenomenal," he said.

"Their whitefish can't be surpassed," said Janet Campbell of Plymouth.

Townslup, who's been dining at the DAC since 1947, when her father joined. She and her husband, Malcom, have been members since 1959.

"It's like going to Hudson's and not ordering a Maurice salad," she said, explaining her addiction to Brennan's whitefish.

"Every time I go to the DAC, whitefish is what I usually order." Cooking fish properly is not difficult, but it does require skill, said Brennan.

"It really depends on the variety, thickness of the filet and cooking method. Generally, when it's done it's slightly resistant to pressure. That's when you know you have a nice medium to medium-rare piece of fish."

"One of the worst things you can do is to overcook fish. Steak fish such as swordfish or tuna should never be cooked more than medium, ideally medium rare."

Lamb perfection

Rack of lamb often appears on the DAC menu, an item from which most cooks at home shy away. Don't be timid, says Brennan. The secret is simple.

Start with a 9-11-ounce rack of baby New Zealand lamb. Sear it in clarified butter to

seal in the juices. Clarifying removes the easily burnable milk from the butter and allows for a higher smoking point.

(To make 1 cup clarified butter, start with 1 1/4 cups butter. As it slowly melts in a small sauce pan, it will separate into three layers: foam, fat, and water. Skim the foam off with a spoon and discard. Next, separate the clear yellow milk fat from the water by decanting the butter into another container, being careful not to let any water slip in. Finally, dab off any existing foam.)

After a quick searing, the lamb is ready to be rubbed with spices and baked in a 400 to 425-degree oven for 12 minutes.

"Lamb is naturally sweet," said Brennan. "It requires the harmonizing flavors of garlic, thyme, mustard and rosemary. It needs that to offset the sweetness. The secret to roasting is proper timing and good control."



Edible art: Chefs Stange (left), Brennan and Krumuns present papaya-marinated duckling, pan-seared salmon on fingerling potato salad, and an Autumn Turnover, an appetizer made with spaghetti squash, leeks and Granny Smith apples.

So what does Chef Brennan's Pan Roasted Rack of Lamb with caramelized rhubarb-Vidalia onion chutney and a Merlot reduction sauce taste like?

"It's wonderful," said Campbell. "It's extremely tender and gentle."

Well-stocked pantry

Every kitchen should have a solid base of ingredients, said Brennan. "Especially the aromatics like onions, garlic, shallots, carrots and celery. I'm surprised at the number of people who do not stock these ingredients, which are the base for so many soups and stews."

Cure yourself of separation anxiety when it comes to spices, he said. Spices should not be as old as your mortgage. "People make the mistake of keeping spices since their house was built. After six months, throw the spices out."

Brennan suggests toasting some spices - such as mustard seed or coriander - in a dry pan to bring out their aroma and intensify their taste. "A Cambodian cook once told me, 'No smell, no good.'"

The DAC kitchen pantry is certainly well-stocked. Fresh fish is flown in three times a week from the famous M. F. Foley Company in Boston. And all baking, butchering, grinding, smoking and ice-cream making is done in-house. The only item the kitchen does not produce - for lack of space - is bagels.

Challenge

Brennan, who's at the DAC 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week, enjoys the challenge of working in a private club.

"Clubs used to be known for stodgy menus, like prime rib and crab legs. Not any more. There is simply more range of expression. Here the challenges are fantastic. I tell all the young culinarians, 'You get into a club and you won't want to leave.'"

Do Brennan and his talented staff ever make mistakes? Oh, yes, he said. "But mistakes are made, not served." See recipes inside Taste.



Chef Greg Stange

Enjoy squash stuffed with rice

STUFFED SQUASH

- 4 squash such as acorn sweet dumpling or delicata
- 1 cup long grain rice
- 1 1/3 3/4-ounce can chicken broth
- 1/4 cup water
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine divided
- 1 large leek coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds toasted
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350° F With a French chef knife cut each squash in half (lengthwise) and remove seeds and membranes Fill a large roasting pan with about 1/2 inch water Place squash in water cut side down, cover pan with foil Bake 45 minutes or until squash is soft and tender Remove squash from water to cool slightly

Meanwhile in 2 quart saucepan over high heat, heat rice chicken broth and water to boiling Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender In 10 inch skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine Add leek cook until tender, stirring occasionally

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter

With large spoon, scoop squash out of two squash halves, coarsely chop with a large paring knife In large bowl combine cooked rice, remaining melted butter leek mixture, chopped squash, almonds salt and pepper Toss to mix well Fill remaining squash halves with rice mixture Serves six

Great Lakes Stuffed Squash Substitute one 6 ounce box long grain and wild rice mix for rice above Sauté 1 medium zucchini, chopped in remaining butter Add mixture to above

Texarkana Stuffed Squash In remaining butter, cook 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped and 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped until tender Stir into rice mixture with 1/2 pound hot Italian sausages, cooked and crumbled Substitute toasted chopped pecans for almonds

Pacific Northwest Stuffed Squash Sauté 1 large cooking apple cored and chopped in remaining butter Add to mixture above with 1/2 cup dried cherries Substitute toasted chopped walnuts for almonds

Recipe courtesy of Cutco

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Most cookies, brownies and breads will freeze beautifully Bring out your special holiday tins to fill with your homemade sweets as great gifts for guests!

Day 7 - Grocery Shopping Beat the last minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, and canned and frozen items Purchases items you may need for your table

Day 6 - Table Display Plan your holiday tabletop presentation Arrange risers on the buffet table covered with additional pieces of festive holiday linen, thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters and bowls

You can utilize phone books or boxes turned upside down on top of your base linen tablecloth to achieve this professional look Empty boxes wrapped in holiday paper also may be used as risers or incorporated into centerpiece ideas

Give some thought to your centerpiece Will you need fresh flowers or prefer a holiday decoration? A beautiful glass bowl filled with ornaments is always quick, inexpensive and festive centerpiece How about some fresh pine branches placed between risers with holiday ribbon cascaded about? Candles are always a nice touch, just be sure they are far away from the fresh pine and never left unattended

Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday tables Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors Don't forget serving platters Do you have enough of the proper sizes?

Day 5 - Cleaning Gather your china, serving pieces and linen Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite Christmas cards, cassettes and records

Day 4 - Produce Shopping The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve is the grocery store Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products Don't forget the eggnog and cinnamon

Day 3 - Special Order Shopping Pick up your fresh meats and double check on any special orders for special items that you may have placed Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots and parsnips

If you peel apples or potatoes in advance, make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice to eliminate discoloration

Day 2 - Let's Get Cooking! Get all your side dishes ready to go Go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat them in the oven or microwave and serve You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam the veggies on the stovetop for a few seconds Boil, mash, stir and bake

If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it! Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them Clean and prep your roasts and turkey

Season and rub meats with your favorite herbs and spices so they will be oven ready Set the table and don't forget to be creative with some festive accent linen or pine branches

Day 1 - Merry Christmas! Because you're a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones Your table is set, your side dishes are ready to go, your silver is clean, plates set out, beverages all ready to be iced one hour before

The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with mealtime so that all runs smoothly Make sure children and non-kitchen participants do the clean up, as you should get time out for masterminding the entire successful holiday gathering!

The families of 2 Unique and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go wish you health, happiness, prosperity, tranquility and kindred spirit for the New Year And to all a good night!

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham Lewton is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month See recipes inside

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DAC soups warm up cold nights

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ROASTED DUMPLING SQUASH SOUP
 2 cups dumpling squash
 Unsalted butter as needed
 Salt and white pepper to taste
 1 cup Yukon Gold potatoes diced
 4 cups roasted vegetable stock (see recipe)
 1 cup onions diced
 1 cup leeks sliced
 1 clove garlic minced
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 dash cayenne pepper
 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 cup light cream
 cornstarch slurry used as needed

Wash squash, cut into halves, and remove seeds and fibers. Wipe dry, brush with butter, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place cut side down on sheet pan and bake in a 325°F oven 1 1/4 hours, or until tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool to room temperature.

Cook potatoes in water until tender. Drain and reserve. Remove flesh from squash, measure and add to blender with cooked potatoes. Puree until smooth.

Combine vegetable stock, onions, leeks, and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add squash potato puree and seasonings. Continue to simmer.

Make a blond roux (3 tablespoons of unsalted butter melted and 3 tablespoons of flour). Bring soup back to a boil and add roux. Return to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for 15-20 minutes. Finish with cream. Adjust consistency with slurry (equal amounts of cornstarch and water) and season to taste. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Charlie Frurip, soucier at the Detroit Athletic Club.

VEGETABLE STOCK

1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 large onion
 2 stalks celery include leaves
 2 large carrots
 1 bunch green onions chopped
 8 cloves minced garlic
 8 sprigs fresh flat leaf parsley
 6 sprigs fresh thyme
 2 bay leaves whole
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 2 quarts water

Chop scrubbed vegetables into 1-inch chunks. Heat oil in a stock pot. Add onions, celery, carrots, scallions, garlic, parsley, thyme and bay leaves.

Cook over high heat for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add salt and water and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer, uncovered for 1 hour. Strain. Discard vegetables.

Recipe compliments of DAC Soucier Charlie Frurip

CORN AND CUMIN CHOWDER

3 quarts rich chicken stock (1 quart cold 2 quarts hot)
 2 pounds corn kernels
 3 1/2 cups creamed corn pureed
 1/2 large onion diced
 3/4 cup green bell pepper diced
 3/4 cup red bell pepper diced
 1 1/2 jalapeno peppers minced
 3 cloves garlic minced
 4 ounces unsalted butter
 3/4 bunch scallions sliced
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 1/4 teaspoon Mexican oregano
 3/4 cup all purpose flour
 Minors chicken base to taste
 Salt and white pepper to

taste

In a large stock pot melt the butter and "sweat" the onions, garlic and spices. Add flour and cook for 5 minutes over medium heat until flour cooks. Add stock, first the cold then the hot, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Add pureed creamed corn and corn kernels and simmer for 20 minutes. Add Jalapeno pepper and season to taste with chicken base, salt and white pepper.

Reserve bell peppers and scallions for garnish prior to serving. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of DAC Soucier Charlie Frurip

CRANBERRY RELISH "HUDSON VALLEY"

2 pounds cranberries
 4 oranges grated
 2 lemons, grated
 4 apples, chopped
 1/2 cup walnuts chopped
 4 ounces brown sugar
 12 ounces granulated sugar
 2 ounces sherry optional
 1 ounce Madeira optional

Chop 1/2 of cranberries (or you may "pulse" in a food processor). Add gratings and juice of oranges and lemons. Combine all ingredients and refrigerate.

Recipe compliments of DAC kitchen.

Enjoy these recipes from Kelli Lewton

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

SWEET POTATO POCKETS
 1 cup cooked mashed sweet potatoes
 3 tablespoons toasted chopped pecans
 1/4 cup prepared fruit chutney of your choice
 2 puff pastry sheets

Mash sweet potatoes and season with salt, pepper and pinch of cinnamon. Stir in pecans and chutney. Cut puff pastry sheets with 2 1/2 inch circles with cookie cutter. Place a small teaspoon of filling, fold over and add egg, wash the top. Bake on cookie sheet at 350° F for 12-18 minutes until golden brown. Yield 36 pieces.

GINGERED HONEY SOY PORK LOIN STUFFED WITH FIGS

1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
 1 large onion (diced)
 1/2 cup Turkish apricots
 1 1/2 cup white and dark figs (quartered)
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 pork loin (trimmed)
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
 1/4 cup light soy sauce
 2 teaspoons fresh ginger (grated)
 1/4 cup sesame oil
 1 teaspoon fresh garlic (chopped)
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1/8 cup honey

Sauté onions for 1-2 minutes, add figs and brown sugar, then sauté an additional 2 minutes set aside.

Clean pork loin. Mix remaining ingredients (marinade). Using steel or flat thin knife, cut pocket into whole pork loin, and stuff with fig mixture. Marinate over night. Roast at 450°F for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 325°F and cook for approximately 18-25 minutes.

ALMOND BISCOTTI

1/2 cup of butter
 2 cups of all purpose flour
 2/3 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 1/2 cups of almond meal or fine ground almonds
 1 beaten egg yolk
 1 tablespoons milk
 1 cup of coating chocolate

In a large bowl, beat butter till soft. Add half the flour and combine. Add sugar, eggs, baking powder and vanilla. Beat till combined. Add almond or pecan meal. Combine. Shape into a log on a parchment lined cookie sheet, approximately 9 inches long, 4 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches high. Combine yolk and milk. Brush onto loaf. Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes. Cool on cookie sheet for 30 minutes. Cut loaf along the width diagonally into 1/2-inch thick slices. Lay slices cut side down on parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 325° F for 8 minutes. Turn over and bake for 8-10 minutes till dry and crisp. Cool completely. In double boiler, melt chocolate coating. Dip tip of biscotti in chocolate.

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Children throughout Michigan are making their lists and checking them twice, but Santa needs your help! The 54th Toys for Tots Campaign is well under way bringing needy children toys at Christmas.

This year, the Michigan Chiropractic Society and family chiropractor Dr. Barry Hobbs are joining the Marine Corps in asking for your generous help in making children's dreams come true. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic, 7276 N. Sheldon, Canton through Thursday, Dec. 13.

For more information, contact Dr. Hobbs at (734) 416-2442.

Quit smoking

Three million people die worldwide each year as a result of smoking, according to the American Cancer Society.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is helping their community avoid this statistic by holding a series of 2-hour sessions to help smokers break their addiction. The sessions will be held over a 4-week period and cover the effects of smoking, what to expect when quitting, coping techniques and strategies for remaining smoke-free.

Sessions will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, in West Addition B of the hospital. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 for out-of-area callers.

U-M diabetes event

The University of Michigan Health System and CVS/pharmacy will offer a free Diabetes Health Care seminar 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Holiday Inn North Campus on Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor (just off U.S. 23).

People with diabetes and their family or other caregivers will have the opportunity to talk with UMHS diabetes experts, learn about a special CVS program, and browse displays by makers of different diabetes-related equipment and products. New treatments, diabetes research results and blood sugar monitoring approaches will be discussed. Registered dietitians will give personal diet consultations, and there will be raffles for several prizes.

Among the speakers will be two of the U-M's top diabetes experts, Dr. William Herman and Dr. Robert Lash, both of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

For more information, contact Rosemary Schuett at (734) 332-2578.

Mobility loss study

Forty-nine million Americans have limited ability doing a basic activity of daily life. Mobility loss - difficulty walking - is the leading cause. It affects 16 million people. While the physical aspects of new disabilities get much attention, less is given to the social and long-term experiences.

A new National Institutes of Health study seeks information about the physical and emotional aspects of mobility loss in order to better understand, manage and treat this problem. Volunteers are needed from age 42-69 who use a wheelchair, scooter, cane, walker or brace. Participants receive \$35 for completing interviews. There are no invasive tests, and interviewers travel to participants' locations. All information is kept strictly confidential.

For more information, call (313) 993-7320 and ask for Mobility Study.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday edition provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Happy holidays...

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Learn to keep stress out of your holiday season



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Are you ready to knock that partridge right out of the pear tree? Do you want to turn the lights out, pull the covers over your head and set the alarm for Jan. 2, 2002?

If you're someone who wants to skip the entire holiday season, you're not alone. And guess what? You're not a Scrooge.

"I think there are a lot of people who have an enormous amount of trepidation when it comes to the holidays," said Michael Ware, senior staff psychologist, McAuley Mental Health Services in Ann Arbor.

Deciding at which in-laws you'll spend Christmas, how to deal with over-spending and who gets the kids for the holidays all contribute to holiday stress. Throw in last-minute shopping, overeating and drinking, a bit of loneliness and you have the ingredients for an emotional meltdown.

"Nobody every stops therapy over the holidays," said Mary Bleyaert, a psychotherapist with Evergreen Counseling Center in Westland. "It's the only time of the year that people are forced to confront those family relationships that they don't deal with on a regular basis."

Expectations

For some people, the holidays can be a set-up for disappointment, said Ware.

"If you grew up with happy memories, these can be embellished over time. Your present situation may not live up to your past memories."

Conversely, if your childhood memories are unpleasant, the holidays can confirm that nothing has changed for the better, he added. "Your present experience can be a reminder of previous, painful times. You say, 'I dread Christmas. Here it comes again.'"

Be realistic about family problems, say mental health experts.

"We all have visions of Hallmark families in mind," said Jeanne Mathieu-Dendrinos, clinical supervisor, Eastwood Clinic, Livonia. "We don't live in Hallmark families. We live in ordinary families."

Most people already in therapy do not look forward to the holidays, she said. "People tend to get back into the dynamics of how they used to respond to certain family members."

Mathieu-Dendrinos frequently has her clients rehearse how they'll deal with difficult family members.

"You are in charge of how you act," she said. "You can behave appropriately even when someone is inappropriate. You can always excuse yourself when the interaction becomes inappropriate. We rehearse exiting an uncomfortable situation so they feel more confident going into it. They learn to realize 'I am a capable person.'"

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Psychologist Dorothy Cantor, former president of the American Psychological Association and a private practitioner in Westfield, N.J., suggests another strategy: avoidance.

"If you have bad feelings about someone, try and avoid him or her and not make an issue of it but don't pretend that all is well. This will enable you to feel true to yourself and less stressed out," she said.

Money

Establish a realistic family budget and explore ways to give without spending money. Try exchanging favors, such as offering to paint a friend or relative's bathroom, install a ceiling fan or baby-sit the children for a weekend, said Mathieu-Dendrinos. "It's giving, but it's not materialistic."

Children's expectations for certain gifts also figure in money-related stress, she warned. "If they don't get just the right item, you deal with post-holiday blues."

The antidote is for parents to focus on a different kind of giving, such as spending time doing family activities - skiing, sledding, making ornaments - or volunteering within the community.

"The holidays can focus on being together, with parents and grandparents talking about when they were young. That's the real holiday," said Mathieu-Dendrinos.

When it's more than holiday blues...

For most people, the holiday blues are seasonal, but for some, true symptoms of depression arise that cannot be ignored. Seek professional help if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Loss of interest in activities you typically enjoy.
- Not taking care of yourself: not eating or bathing, reluctance to leave the house or even get out of bed.
- Oversleeping or not sleeping enough.
- Overeating beyond the typical holiday excess.
- Overdrinking.
- Rapid mood swings, unusual irritability.
- Thoughts of self-harm or harming others.

Cantor suggests parents tell the child that they, along with Santa Claus, will try to choose the most suitable present. "Children have to learn that their wish is not someone's command and to curb their desires for instant gratification."

Many families include giving to charity in their holiday budget. However, because tragedy is especially poignant during this time, certain associations asking for money take advantage of our vulnerability, said Ware.

"You feel both touched and manipulated by the numerous requests. Some people feel very pressured to respond. You must realize there are limitations to your ability to respond to humanitarian causes."

Other issues

"For people who are in recovery for alcohol-related problems, it's very difficult to stay focused on recovery, especially when family and co-workers can drink responsibly," said Mathieu-Dendrinos.

Mental health experts offer the following suggestions if alcohol is an escalating problem during the holidays:

- Arrive late for parties and leave early.
- Attend a party with a friend who will help monitor your alcohol intake.
- Drink only non-alcoholic drinks.
- Nurse one drink all evening and keep it in hand to ward off suggestions to "have another drink."

Another factor of holiday stress is loneliness, especially for those who have lost a loved one either through death or divorce. The holidays are the time for tapping into a network of family and friends, said Ware.

"Sometimes it means accepting as many invitations as possible."

Conversely, it's OK to avoid some festivities if they're so out of sync with how you're feeling, said Cantor. "If you are in this situation, try and articulate what you need from those around you - since they may not know how to help you - and ask for their understanding if you decline to engage in an activity."

Validation

It's an old adage, but there's no such thing as perfection - especially when it comes to the holidays. If you're prone to go into a cleaning frenzy, tackle one kitchen counter at a time, said Bleyaert. "Then watch some television and clean the other counter tomorrow."

Above all, validate yourself, do some internal nurturing.

"Give yourself permission to think and feel," said Bleyaert. "Decide what you want to deal with this holiday season, what kind of Christmas you want. And be assertive about that."

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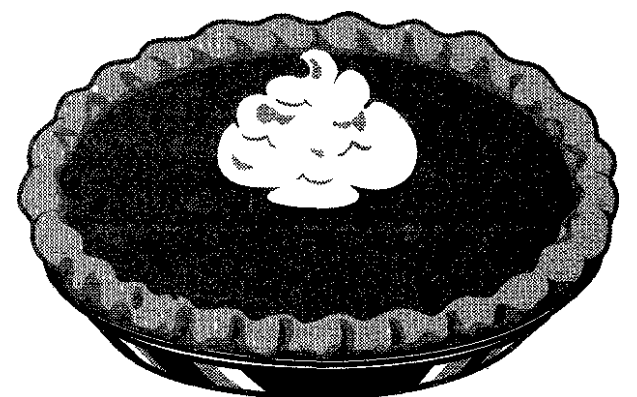
Unhealthy eating proves by-product of Sept. 11 for a few

About 20 percent of Americans have made unhealthy changes in the way they eat in wake of the events of Sept. 11, according to a new survey commissioned by the American Institute of Cancer Research.

"We've been hearing a lot about how the stress, grief and anxiety that accompanied the attacks inspired 'sweeping shifts' in the way Americans eat, but these numbers don't quite bear that out," said Melaine Polk, director of nutrition education at AICR. "Instead, most Americans told us they have not made any changes in how much they eat or which foods they choose."

However, those who have made changes have done so in ways that may impact their long-term health.

Almost 20 percent of those surveyed said they were eating more "comfort foods" like mashed potatoes and gravy, fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. About 13 percent were eating richer, heartier foods like steak, stews and lasagna. Sugar cravings are also on the rise, with 19 percent saying they're eating more desserts and ice cream. Such foods tend to be high in fat and calories and low in nutrients. These meals also lack the protective potential of phytochemicals, natural substances found in plant foods that have been shown to fight cancer and other diseases.



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Experts concerned

Dr John Foreyt and his colleagues at the Behavioral Medicine Center at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine study how emotional responses impact patterns of food consumption. He believes the results of the AICR survey are dismaying, but understandable.

"When we are anxious or fearful, we fall back to foods we associate with times of lowest stress - that is, with childhood."

But Foreyt is less inclined than Polk to see any positive message in the survey's findings. "It's true that about 80 percent of the country hasn't been affected, but if 20 percent are eating more high-fat, high-calories foods, that's still over 56 million people. And I'm shocked that we're still seeing the effects now, over two months after the attacks."

Both Foreyt and Polk warn

that any move toward high-fat, high-calorie foods should be a temporary one. If such foods continue to make up a significant part of the diet, they say, serious health implications may arise down the road, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, obesity and diabetes.

Polk is particularly concerned that the timing of the attacks may make it easier for unhealthy changes in eating behavior to hang around. The holiday season is traditionally a time of indulgence, and, for many, modest weight gain.

"It appears that about one-fifth of us got an early start on holiday eating this year," she said. "And that's why we're advising people to become aware of what they're eating, and why they're eating it. If you realize that the reason you're eating has less to do with hunger and more to do with anxiety or sadness or

boredom, it's easier to put on the brakes."

Restraint

Polk reaffirmed her belief that there was plenty of good news in the AICR survey. "Several people told us they had made unhealthy changes in what they eat, but the message is clear that most Americans haven't greatly altered how they eat and how they live."

Fully 90 percent of Americans said they were eating the same amount of food they had always eaten. Only 4 percent of those surveyed said they were eating more, and 6 percent said they were eating less.

Snacking, a behavior widely believed to rise in times of stress, has remained largely unaffected. Only 6 percent said they were snacking more, while 6 percent said they were less likely to eat between meals.

Overall, 87 percent of American said their snacking behavior has not changed.

A similar 87 percent said they were getting just as much physical activity as always, while 7 percent said they were exercising more, and 5 percent said they were exercising less.

Following the attacks, there were widely circulated stories about increases in bar patronage and home alcohol consumption. Yet in the AICR survey, only 2 percent of Americans said they were actually drinking more. Nearly 6 percent said they were drinking less, and 76 percent said they were drinking exactly as much as they had before the attacks (Non-drinkers accounted for the missing 16 percent).

Conducted for AICR by International Communications Research, the survey involved 1,003 adults 18 years or older chosen at random.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP

The Arthritis Foundation will host a self-help course 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 12 at Southeast Rehabilitation & Physical Therapy, 26771 West 12 Mile, Suite 103, Southfield. The three-week course will meet for two hours to discuss how to talk to your doctor, nutritional habits, depression, exercise, etc. Cost is \$25 for registrant, \$5 for companion. Call (800) 968-3030 or (248) 424-9001 ext. 39.

TOPS

Need help with holiday eating? Join a Take Off Pounds Sensibly support group. TOPS #29 meets 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Marie at (734) 762-0386.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Michigan Chiropractic Society and family chiropractor Dr. Barry Hobbs are joining the U.S. Marine Corps in the 54th Toys for Tots Campaign. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic, 7276 N. Sheldon, Canton, through Thursday, Dec. 13. Call (734) 416-2442.

TUES, DEC. 11

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a breast cancer support group 7-9 p.m. The group of survivors address topics and concerns of women with breast cancer. Call (734) 655-1100.

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ONGOING GRIEF SUPPORT

Angela Hospice of Livonia offers ongoing grief support for people who have lost a loved one. The groups, which are free-of-charge and open to the community, meet at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 464-7810.

WED, DEC. 12

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

The public is invited to attend the Oakwood Complimentary & Alternative Medicine Center Open House 5-7 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland, 36555 Warren, Westland. Guest will meet the physicians and staff, experience "mini-messages," and learn about yoga, acupuncture and other non-Western medical techniques.

MON, DEC. 17

HOLIDAY BLUES

Learn how to prevent the holiday blues at a special seminar offered by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. Pre-registration requested. Call (734) 655-2944.

SAT, DEC. 22

SANTA CLAUS

Maple Manor of Wayne, a senior retirement community, will offer free pictures with Santa Claus noon to 3 p.m. at 3999 Venoy, Wayne. Optional donations will

benefit the Senior Home Chore Program. Call (734) 727-0440.

WED, JAN. 2

MENOPAUSE

Join the Menopause Support Group St. Mary Hospital in Livonia 7-9 p.m. and share concerns about menopause, mid-life issues and health-related matters. The group meets in West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

JAN. 3, 7-11 & 14

STOP SMOKING

The City of Livonia will sponsor its annual "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, Livonia. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. The smoker who is serious about quitting needs to attend all seven sessions. Call (734) 466-2540.

JAN. 5, 12, 19, 26

YOGA FOR MEN

Instructor Michael Rice will offer a series of four yoga classes designed for men of all levels of life experiences 2-4:30 p.m. at Namaste Yoga, 31154 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills. This course introduces the fundamentals of yoga as an effective process for living the modern multitasking world. \$100 for all four sessions. Gift certificates available. Call (248) 788-8388.

TUES, JAN. 8

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St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will host the Breast Cancer Support Group 7-9 p.m. in West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

POSTPARTUM

St. Mary Hospital will host the Mother-Baby Postpartum Support group 10-11 a.m. in West Addition B. Mothers and babies are encouraged to attend this group as a certified lactation consultant will discuss the postpartum period of adjustment. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

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DYSLEXIA AND MATH

W. H. Weidich, director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, will discuss the structure of story problems and strategies for solutions 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 130, Farmington Hills. Materials available for sale. Call (248) 737-0044.

JAN. 16 & 23

ALZHEIMER'S

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a free, two-part workshop on Alzheimer's Disease covering solutions and behaviors to home and residential care 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 16 and 23, in the Auditorium. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Still going strong at a young 94 years, Christmas Seals continue as an American holiday tradition. Begun in 1907 as a means of raising money in the fight against tuberculosis, this American Lung Association campaign presses on. In this new century, medical research now turns its attention to asthma and other chronic lung diseases.

One of the programs being funded is a new study that reveals that flu shots are safe for people with asthma. The study, conducted by the American Lung Association's Asthma Clinical Research Centers Network, puts to rest previous concerns about possible dangerous side effects of the flu shot in people with asthma.

The new study, published in the Nov. 22, 2001 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, has important health implications, because influenza causes substantial illness in both children and adults with asthma.

"This study shows for the first time that the influenza vaccine is safe to use for children and adults with asthma, regardless of the severity of their asthma," said Alina Pabin, asthma manager, American Lung Association of Michigan. "If everyone with asthma gets a flu shot this year, we can prevent millions of asthma attacks, many of which would have been severe and

resulted in hospitalizations." According to recent data, 26 million Americans have been diagnosed with asthma in their lifetime, and 8.6 million are under the age of 18. Asthma in itself has been referred to as an epidemic. It is vitally important that people learn how to manage the disease.

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American Lung Association of Michigan through Christmas Seals is used to further its ultimate goal - the prevention of lung disease and the promotion of lung health.

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WEAKNESS IN THE ARMS IN ARTHRITIS

If you have arthritis in your arms and you note that you are experiencing difficulty lifting packages, groceries, grandchildren and opening doors you have reason to be concerned. People with arthritis can develop a muscle condition - called polymyositis - that only adds to their woes and bring on the need for more medicine, including high doses of steroids.

Fortunately there is only a remote chance you have this additional condition. The usual reason for weakness of the arms in arthritis is loss of mechanical advantage. The hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder joints work together as levers. The biceps and wrist extensor and flexor muscles anchor in a way that makes it possible to move the joints in efficient ways. If you have arthritis, particularly rheumatoid arthritis, the joints lose their ability to move with the leverage nature intended.

As a result you feel both pain and weakness. Pain occurs because muscles strain to perform daily tasks such as putting on clothes and boots. Also you find you can no longer lift objects or carry suitcases as you once did. You interpret this loss of carrying capacity as weakness. Really your arms are doing their best given that their ability as levers is impaired.

The weakness and pain continue even when the arthritis is under control as there is no way to resolve prior damage. Fortunately you don't become progressively weaker until you reach the point of being crippled. In time your muscles, joints and understanding of your capacity merge into a practical relationship. You learn what you can carry and what you should not. Accommodation is a matter of experience, not more medicine.

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Seniors affected by drop in HMO coverage

More than 536,000 seniors in the United States are scrambling to find new doctors or new coverage because their health plans terminated their Medicare Managed-care services, according to a Nonrenewal Report issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for the year 2002

Among the hardest hit are seniors in California (84,000), Florida (59,000), Pennsylvania (55,000), New Jersey (53,000), Texas (46,000), and Michigan (31,000) who will be losing coverage in the coming year. Even those with continuing coverage face substantial premium hikes and dwindling drug benefits.

Particularly hard hit will be those with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease.

Limited reimbursement

Though all seniors 65 and older are covered by Medicare, those enrolled in managed-care programs agree to see doctors within a limited network and receive additional benefits, such as preventative care and prescription drug coverage.

The current coverage crisis stems from rising delivery costs and limited government reim-

bursement, as doctors and hospitals increasingly balk at seeing Medicare HMO patients, since they aren't sufficiently reimbursed for their services.

Premiums for seniors retaining Medicare HMO coverage are expected to spike while benefits dwindle in the coming year. Even seniors with Medigap policies will be affected. Medigap policies A through J, for instance, have minimum standard benefit packages, and the H, I and J plans covering prescriptions have annual drug caps ranging from \$1,250 to \$2,000.

Help available

For the 30 million Americans with Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease — such as asthma, emphysema or cystic fibrosis, collectively the fourth leading cause of death in the United States — help is available. Geriatric Services of America, based in Tempe, Ariz., provides direct help and support to older Americans suffering from COPD. Through its Respiratory Disease Control Program, GSA provides access to a comprehensive range of special medication benefits, as well as support and homecare services, which eliminates out-

of-pocket expenses for patients with primary or supplemental insurance coverage.

Through GSA's patient support center, nebulizers and respiratory medication are provided and paid for with free home delivery. GSA handles all paperwork, and clinical patient-care coordinators work with doctors and insurance companies once a patient has enrolled in the Respiratory Disease Control Program.

Patients can enroll themselves in the program, there is nothing to buy and no enrollment or membership fees.

Provider support

Currently, Medicare, AARP, Blue Cross, Blue Shield and over 180 other insurers have special benefits for patients with respiratory disease. GSA provides access to these benefits and coordinates all elements of care to help patients, doctors and insurance companies combat respiratory disease.

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Easy freeway access brings homes closer

Hometown Village of Marion off D-19 (Pinckney Road) south of I-96 (Exit 137) in Marion Township might seem far away from the western and northern suburbs here

But with quick and easy access to the freeway, a variety of available floor plans and many prices starting at less than \$200,000, the single-family site condominium community may get quite a few looks from prospective buyers

Delcor Homes will build 267 residences there (Hometown Village has no affiliation with this newspaper group)

"It's definitely affordable," said Joel Finnell, on-site building superintendent for Delcor

"Our ISO, quality control and document control, make it nice from a construction standpoint. It provides a road map for all construction. It ensures consistency as well as superior quality," Finnell added

"Architecturally, we're unique the way we capture the Eastern Seaboard flavor out here," he said

"Our interiors are unique, not run-of-the-mill," said Brenda Reiser, sales representative. "We appeal to everyone"

"We build a neighborhood, not just a subdivision," she said. "We build a lifestyle. We have a pool and fitness center. We have a park with a soccer field and basketball court. We're putting in a toddler playscape as well"

"We have six floor plans, each with three different elevations. That's 18 homes you can potentially see in here. We don't have a cookie-cutter appearance," Reiser said

Livingston County near I-96

"You have all the conveniences of Livingston County and you're seconds from I-96," Finnell added

Those conveniences include a couple of Metroparks (Huron Meadows and Kensington) and state recreation areas (Brighton and Island Lake)

"We're getting first-time homebuyers, first bump up and some empty nesters coming down," Reiser said

Four colonials and two ranch plans are available

They range in price from \$174,900 for a colonial of 1,280 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$202,900 for a colonial of 1,865 square feet with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths

All plans offer gathering room space in the main living area as an option for



Hometown Village: Several different models, plus a pool and fitness center, are available to buyers in this Delcor community.

from \$6,175 to \$8,250. Basements can be finished - full bath, wet bar, bedroom and family room - for \$26,000

All six plans include at base price two-car garage, basement with two daylight windows, first-floor laundry, vinyl floor covering and carpeting, dishwasher and volume ceilings in upstairs bedrooms

A fireplace with built-in entertainment center (\$3,990) and air conditioning (\$3,450) are extra. Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material

The town hall includes fitness center with exercise equipment and an outdoor swimming pool

What you can see

Five models have been constructed, all with the enlarged gathering space

The Oxford, a colonial with 1,350 square feet, contains a family room, dining area and kitchen with pass-through wall to the gathering space

The master has a walk-in closet and shower. A second full bath serves two other bedrooms

Base price, with unfinished basement, no extras in the home not including landscaping but with the super gathering space, is \$181,075

The Wellington, a colonial of 1,750 square feet contains many of the same elements as the Oxford on the lower level. The step-down master has two walk-in closets and a shower. Two secondary bedrooms and bath are up

Base price is \$203,150

The Stratford, a colonial, is the largest home at 2,040 square feet. This plan features a den, great room, dining area and keeping room off the kitchen that can be used as a breakfast nook, play station or mom's cove

The master contains a walk-in and wall closet, built-in dressing vanity and shower. Two other bedrooms and a bath are up

Base price is \$211,150

The Essex, a colonial of 1,680 square feet also features a step-down master with shower and walk-in closet. The main living area more dramatically separates the great room from the kitchen/dining area

Base price is \$193,150

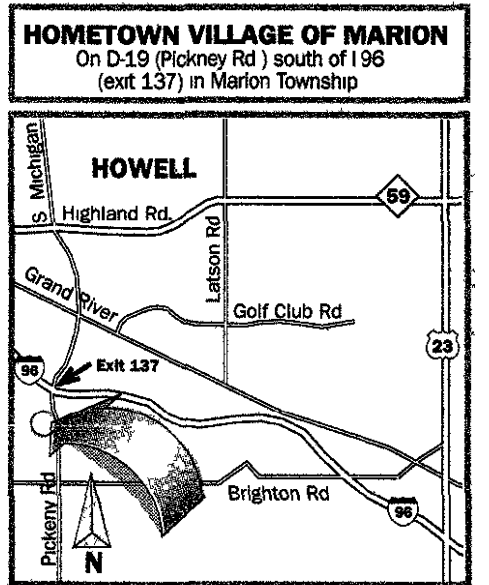
The Wexford, a ranch of 1,475 square feet, features a den, great room, dining area, master with shower, a second bedroom and a full bath

Base price is \$197,100

Lots in the community carry a premium ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 (walk-out) with most in the \$5,000-\$6,000 range

Hometown Village of Marion is served by Howell city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Howell school boundaries

The property tax rate is \$19.93 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That



means the owners of a \$200,000 home there would pay about \$2,000 the first year

The monthly association fee, which includes maintenance of the fitness center, pool, trash removal and snow plowing, is \$51

The sales office/models at Hometown Village of Marion, (517) 540-1300, is open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, closed Thursdays



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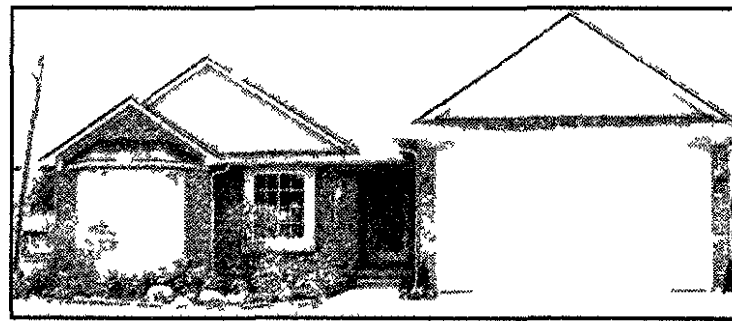


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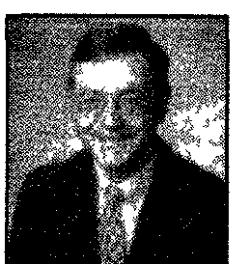
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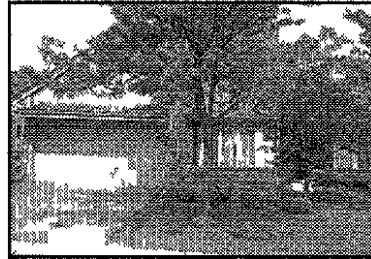
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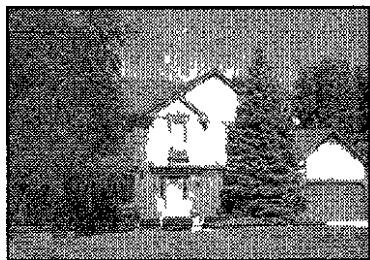
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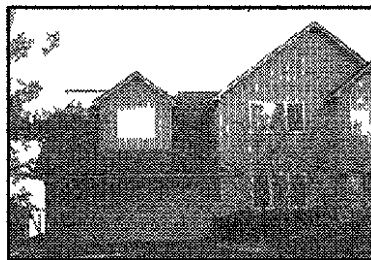
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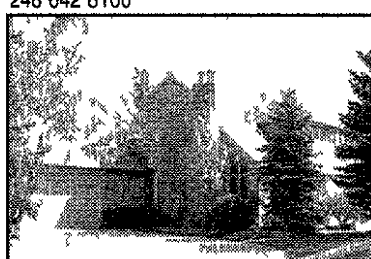
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The front door of the Tatton has windows that surround the frame, inviting guests to enter. To the right of the entry is the formal dining room with its beautifully conceived bay windows. It opens into the kitchen. The L-shaped cabinets end in a pantry, while

on the opposite wall is a built-in dishwasher, sink and an eating bar facing the nook.

Bay windows bathe the open nook with light and add to the spacious feeling of the nook/family room combination. A large picture window in the family room overlooks the back yard. A door opening to the back yard is between the nook and family room.

To the left of the entry is the formal living room with a large fireplace on the side wall. Windows on each side of the fireplace and one in the front overlooking the street provide natural light

for this formal area.

Up the stairs to the second floor finds three bedrooms and the master suite. Bedrooms 2, 3, and 4 all have wall closets and easy access to a full bath with a tub. A linen closet for all the bedrooms is in the hall.

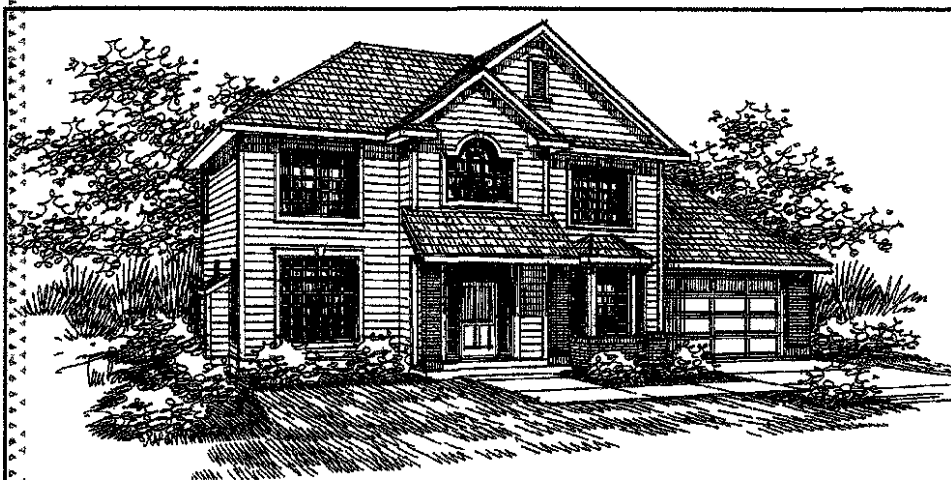
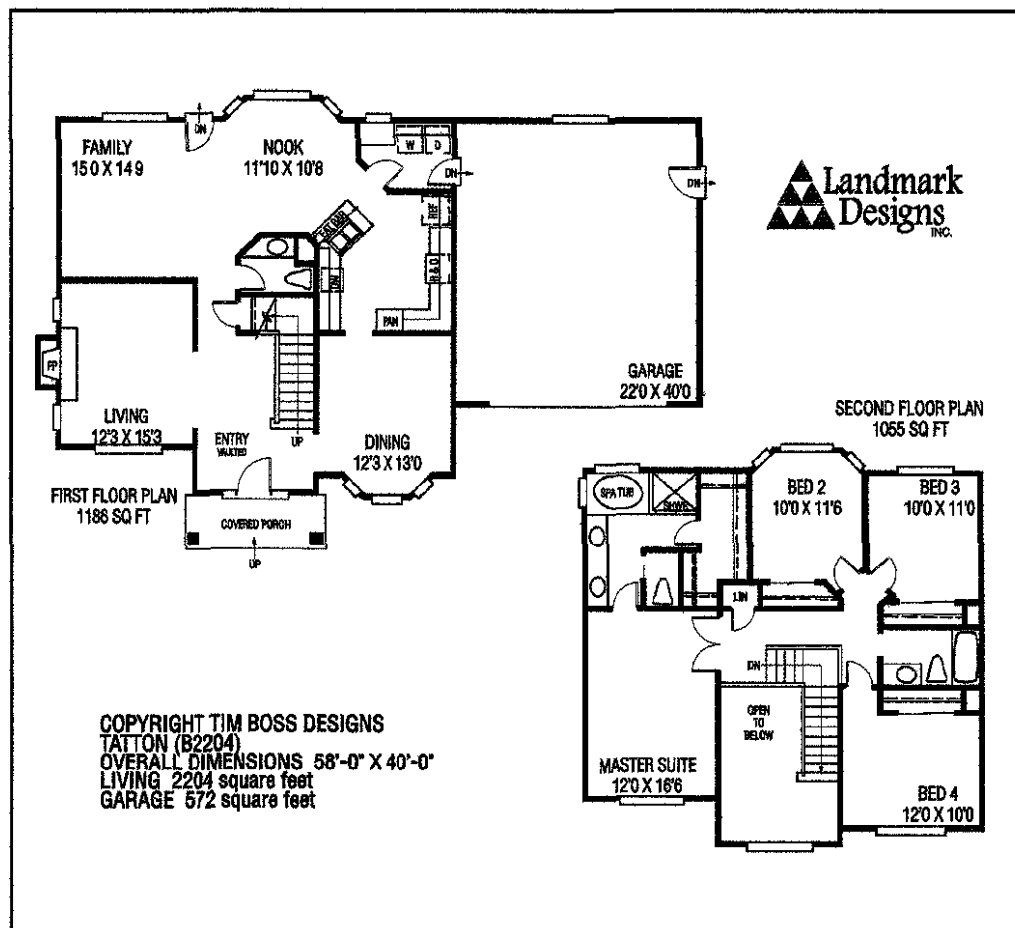
Entering the master suite through French doors finds a large open suite with the master bath and closet at the rear of the Tatton.

The master bath has his-and-her sinks, a spa tub, shower and walk-in closet.

With the way the stairs are located, it would be easy to add a basement should one be needed. It would also be easy to add another space to the garage as it is on the end of the building with a different roofline.

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How will you react when you receive a 'low ball' offer on your home? If you are like most sellers, you will get mad and counter the offer at your full asking price or not respond to it at all. Some sellers get so upset that they swear they will not sell their home to a buyer that gives them a low offer under any circumstances.

As understandable as these reactions may be, they really don't do the seller any good and could cost the seller a possible sale. Have you ever asked yourself why buyers make low offers? Here are some possible scenarios.

They Are Trying To Steal Your Property

Let's look at the worst case first. There are some buyers who would like to think they can steal a piece of real estate if they can find a seller in a desperate financial bind. So, it is possible that you may receive an offer from a buyer in this category. My experience has taught me that the next two examples are more common.

It Is Just A Negotiating Technique

Many buyers feel that it doesn't hurt anything to see if you might take substantially less than you are asking. If you will, the buyer has saved some money with this approach. If you won't, the buyer can always increase his or her offer.

It Is All The Buyer Can Afford

Some buyers want to buy more than they can afford. This is not unusual. In this case, the buyer is doing all her or she can do to buy your house. You may not choose to accept the offer, but you should understand that the offer was not intended to offend you.

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