Il boys and girls naughty or nice know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas List - and checking it twice That means Plymouth young sters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and on their way to the North Pole Once again the Plymouth Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with a school picture to appear in the Observer before Christmas Day To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole get the letters to us by no later than Thursday Dec 19 Individually post marked letters should be sent to Santa care of the Plymouth Observer 794 S Main St Plymouth MI 48170



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Township, city absorb state cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Officials in both Plymouth and Plymouth Township are hoping to absorb Gov John Engler's latest cuts in state revenue-sharing without having to impact their local residents this time

But, with most observers saying further cuts are unavoidable when Govelect Jennifer Granholm tries to balance next year's state budget, local officials are also saying more slashing will inevitably

lead to cuts in services

Engler on Thursday got his \$460 million budget-balancing plan through the House and Senate appropriations committee The plan includes a \$53 million cut in state revenue sharing

State Rep John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) supported Engler's plan

There is fat in every local budget that we can reduce," said Stewart "The last three years, state revenue has steadily gone down I have never voted to raise taxes, and I was not going to vote to

delay or freeze the reduction in the income tax I campaigned on that I went along with Gov Engler"

It's the third time this year, according to officials in both communities, that local budgets have seen their state funding slashes This time, Plymouth Township took an \$89,000 hit and the city lost more than \$36,000

With some 28,000 residents, the township loses about \$3 per resident, the city also loses about \$3 per resident

In Plymouth Township, state revenue

sharing is the second-highest revenue stream, behind only property taxes Budgets for police and fire protection, services traditionally eyed when the state cuts funding, exceed what the township brings in in tax revenue

It's the third time this year, and all these small cuts start affecting us," township Supervisor Steve Mann said "We have a tight budget to begin with We have to start looking at other sources of revenue to fund police and fire, and then

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Rockettes

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

Big Boy will provide the Rockettes with a percentage of total sales for one day from 7 a m 11 p m Tuesday Dec 17 at the Big Boy at Canton Center and Ford roads Patrons must mention the Rockettes in order for their sales to count toward the fund raiser

Proceeds will provide funds for the Rockettes to travel to a national competi tion in Florida from Jan 30 Feb 3 In recent events the Rockettes finished first in pom and second in dance at the UDA Great Lakes Invitational at Lake Orion High School Nov 9 and took home first place finishes in both pom and dance at the 2002 Dance Team Championships at Eastern Michigan University Nov 10

Cheer Club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth Canton Observer Cheer Club

We re still taking donations of new toys and canned or boxed food at our office located at 794 \$ Main in Plymouth Items are being collected until Friday Dec 13 when we will turn them over to the good folks at the Salvation Army

Our doors are open from 830 am to 5 pm Monday Friday Call (734) 459 2700 for details

Ho-ho-ho

Santa dances to the Village People's "Y M C A" at the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club's Christmas party for Community Opportunity Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township Wednesday evening, which includes Plymouth Opportunity House Santa handed out gifts as the Rotary provided refreshments and music. City of Plymouth employee Tom Alexandris partakes in the festivities, at right

School chief's status likely to change

STAFF WRITER

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

His daughter, Colleen, 13, had to cross

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

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

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

two routes with me He resolved the

PLEASE SEE CHIEF, A4

Observer seeking readers' top stories

In its final issue each year, the Plymouth Observer publishes an account of the year's top stories This year, we'd like to know what our readers think those stories are

We've culled the year's newspapers and put together a list of 15 stories What we'd like readers to do is choose their Top 10, sort of a Letterman-esque list of the top stories in the Plymouth community E-mail your responses to community editor Brad Kadrıch at bkadrıch@oe homecomm net by Dec 19

If you think of a story that isn't in this list, by all means add it to your e-mail

In no particular order, here's the list

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PAUL HURSCHMANN I OBSERVER

They're walkin'

Fregel Elementary students walk around the schoolyard during their lunch break as part of the school's Feeling Good Mileage Club For more on the story, please turn to Page A3

City seeks study for traffic hike

STAFF WRITER

With the perceived increase in both vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Main Street, mainly the result of new restaurant openings, City Manager Paul Sincock has requested a traffic study of downtown Plymouth

There's a lot more traffic, especially at Main and Ann Arbor Trail with the new businesses at the Mayflower Centre," said Sincock "We think the study will give us a true indication of how much an increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic we really have, and give us an idea on what we might do if there is a problem"

The study, which begins Monday, will be conducted by the Traffic Improvement Association, a nonprofit traffic studies group which has 65

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Gifts for decorators

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The Friends of the Plymouth District Library host a Gift Book Sale Thursday and Friday

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located at 223 S Main For details, call (734) 453-

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CIVITAN NEWS

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

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

Among the winners were Jay Noon, Ted Welgosh, Roger and Char Kuhr, Robin Mika, Teresa Lousias and Norman Teer Civitans throughout Michigan sold tickets for the raffle, with 100 prizes ranging from \$50 to \$7,500 awarded Ticket sales vary from year to year Local clubs keep between 20-30 percent of their sales, proceeds from which are used for local

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

OPEN HOUSE

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

Tours of the preschool, elementary and middle school, as well as discussion of teaching philosophy, small studentteacher ratio and parent involvement will take place The school recently reopened after undergoing a building expansion to increase classrooms and add a gymnasium

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

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

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

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

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LUMINARIA SALE

The Plymouth Symphony League, in collaboration with the Trailwood Garden Club, has luminaria kits on sale for \$4 per set of 10 candles and 10 bags The kits will be on sale through Dec 24 at Delta Diamond Setters on W Ann Arbor Trail, at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail east of Main, and at the Plymouth Symphony Office on Forest Place, two doors down from the Cozy Cafe

The Trailwood Garden Club will also sell the kits at The Gathering and Beitner's Jewelry in downtown Plymouth Saturday from 10 30 a m -3

The league is also selling the seventh-annual limited-edition pewter Christmas ornament This year's ornament depicts the Gazebo ın Old Vıllage Ornaments may be purchased for \$8 at the symphony office, or at Sideways on Forest in Plymouth For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112

LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

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

The scholarship is awarded to a student whose parents or grandparents are serving or have served in the US armed forces The student must have a grade-point average of 3 5 or better to apply Scholarship applications will be available in

counselors' offices after Dec 15 It's the third year for the \$5,000 scholarship More than 70 other scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, have been awarded over the past

Post 390 holds its meetings on the third Thursday of every month at the Geo F Monaghan Council 2690, Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Farmington For more information, call (734) 459-2829

SWEAT SUIT DRIVE

The Plymouth Community United Way is collecting new sweat shirts and sweat pants to help the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Program

Over the past year, supplies of sweat shirts and sweat pants have dwindled, making it difficult for the Salvation Army to provide clothing to disaster victıms

Donation boxes are placed to collect sweat suits for men, women and children The drop box locations and participants include the Plymouth Observer, Plymouth Community United Way, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, Visteon, Plymouth Township offices, Plymouth District Library, Bank One branch on Sheldon Road, as well as Ayres, Lewis, Norris and

Girl Scout Troop 1105 at Fiegel Elementary is also collecting sweat suits. The drive will continue through Dec 23







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Man, woman charged in fake check scheme

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A man and woman from Detroit have been charged with cashing fake checks at Bank One in Plymouth, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Harvey

'They had fraudulent identification and brought counterfeit payroll checks to cash at the bank," said Detective Lt Ed Ochal of the arrests on Monday "They've both been charged with uttering and publishing, which is a maximum 14-year felony, if convicted

Police said 41-year-old Donna McConnall cashed a check for just under \$500, and was waiting in the parking lot while Jerry Crudup, 27, was attempt-

ing to cash a check for a similar amount. However, according to police, when bank officials became suspicious while processing Crudup's check, he ran from the bank Both were arrested in the parking lot

The pair were arraigned in 35th District Court Wednesday afternoon and are currently awaiting a preliminary exam Both are being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bond

Ochal said it's not unusual to see more of this type of crime

"With computers and scanners, we re seeing more fraudulent transactions occurring," he

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Nov 25 and Dec 1

FIRE LOG

■ Sunday, Dec. 1 — Residential rescue runs on Van Buren, Evergreen, Haggerty and on Northville Road

■ Saturday, Nov. 30 — Vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon, rescue run at a public building on 5 Mile, residential rescue runs on Farmer, on Northville Road and on

■ Friday, Nov. 29 — Residential rescue runs on Bruce and on Deer Creek, vehicle accident at Main and Joy

■ Thursday, Nov. 28 — residential rescue run on Northville Road, carbon monoxide detector response on McClumpha, mutual aid rescue run at 5 Mile and Haggerty

■ Wednesday, Nov. 27 — Investigation on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Tyler and on Postiff, commercial rescue run on Northville Road

■ Tuesday, Nov. 26 — Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Sunset, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Sheldon, industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on General Drive, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road

■ Monday, Nov. 25 — Residential rescue runs on Strathmore, on Amesbury, on Sheridan and on McKinley, industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Road, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor

Christmas concert scheduled

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its 29th annual Christmas concert at 8 p m Dec 13-14, and at 4 p m Dec

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



Sometimes, the students don't just walk, they break into a run while taking part in Fiegel Elementary School Feeling Good Mileage Club

Hiking for the health of it

Fiegel Elementary Falcons use walking to promote fitness

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Fiegel Elementary Feeling Good Mileage Club recently walked 1,993 miles, making its way to Durango, Colo

Well, it seemed like it was that long a walk Approximately 250 Fiegel students spent six weeks walking a quarter-mile course three days a week to promote physical fitness, and as an alternative to participating on the playground The nearly 2,000 miles walked by those who participated was calculated to reach Colorado

Andrew Souders finished first among all students, registering 40 miles during the exerthe soccer team and I do a lot of running," said Souders,8, a third-grade Fiegel Falcon student "It helps keep me in shape"

The walking program was begun three years ago at Fiegel as a way for kids to stay in

The top five finishers this year included Souders, Jacob Leib, 39 25 miles, Cory Welch, 37 25 miles, Travis Michalak and Andrew Tung each registering 37 miles

Students earned water bottles and certificates for their efforts Walkers were also given tokens for every five miles they walked

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Students earned water bottles and certificates for their efforts and were given tokens for every five miles they walked in Fiegel's Feeling Good Mileage





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2 Gov John Engler signs the bill adding a third judgeship in the 35th District Court Plymouth attorney Mike Gerou beats former Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside for the seat

3 Long-time auto kingpin Don Massey sells off nearly all of his automotive holdings

4 WSDP, the student-run radio station at P-C schools, celebrates 30 years of broadcasting

5 Plymouth Township forms

ıts own Downtown **Development Authority**

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6 Panera Bread and Starbucks become the first tenants in the newly completed **Mayflower Centre**

7 The Plymouth Kmart avoids cuts that close nearly 300 under-achieving locations 8 A budget crunch forces the Plymouth-Canton School

District to lay off 19 teachers, all 19 are eventually hired back. The district had to make \$1 2 million in cuts to balance the budget 9 State reconstructs Ann

Arbor Road from General Drive to Eckles, an \$11 million project that affected traffic in front of township businesses significantly

10 Residents in the city (14 8 percent) and township (20 percent) see significant

What we'd like readers to do is choose their Top 10. sort of a Letterman-esque list of the top stories in the Plymouth community. E-mail your responses to community editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net by Dec. 19.

hikes in water rates

11 Township opens ethics inquiry of trustee Abe Munfakh over allegedly helping Salem Township get added to the Detroit water system, township hires attorney Michael Schwartz, whose report claims Munfakh violated ethics policy

12 Gov Engler cuts state revenue sharing, lopping \$450,000 from the city, \$700,00 from the township The legislature over-rode the

13 Right to Life activists picket Our Lady of Good Counsel in protest of the prochoice stance of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm

14 As Plymouth Township balances its budget, cuts include \$300,000 in recreation funds that would have allowed the township and city to do a joint recreation plan

15 Plymouth Township board settles lawsuits brought by former employees Rosemary Harvey and Karen Akans, moves that cost the township approximately \$250,000

CAMPUS NEWS

Hope College

Katherine Seifert, a Hope College sophomore from Plymouth, participated in Hopes production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Carousel' Seifert was a member of the Ensemble She is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Seifert of Plymouth and was a 2001 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn

Howe Military School

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 10th grader at Howe, has been placed on the Superintendent's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2002-2003 school year Mark is the son of Steven and

Anita Lewallen of Plymouth He received this special award by attaining at least a 3 5 average in his studies in a college prep curriculum Cadet Lewallen has attended Howe Military School since July 2002

Cadet Brendan Barkovich, a 10th grader at Howe, has been placed on the Headmaster's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2002-2003 school year Brendan is the son of Catherine Barkovich of Canton He received this special award by attaining at least a 3 0 average in his studies in a college prep curriculum Cadet Barkovich has been attending Howe Military School since October 2002

United Way seeking nominations

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

National Volunteer Week For nomination forms, contact the United Way's Romney Volunteer Center at (313) 226-9422 or visit

www unitedway uwcs org Nominations must be received by 5 p m Jan 10, 2003

There will be three workshops offered to assist nominators 2-4 p m Monday, Dec 9, ın Detroit, 2-4 p m Friday, Dec 13, in Royal Oak, or 1-3 p m Tuesday, Dec 17, ın Clinton Township To register, call (313) 226-9337

CHIEF

FROM PAGE A1

problem by getting her on a bus at a stop she walks past every day

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

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

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

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

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

He'll listen, respond and take action

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

The results of Ryan's evaluation will be released Tuesday night He was graded in areas that included instructional services, business services, technology services, community relations, diversity and board-superintendent rela-

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

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

Ryan admitted he was nervous at his evaluation

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

"Having the interim tag

removed gives me more enthusiasm for the job," he said "It's a validation that says keep going, we value your leadership within the goals established"

Ryan, who had been the district's deputy superintendent, took over when Kathleen Booher left last July

At the time, there had been some turmoil in the district. and factions among the board

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

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

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

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

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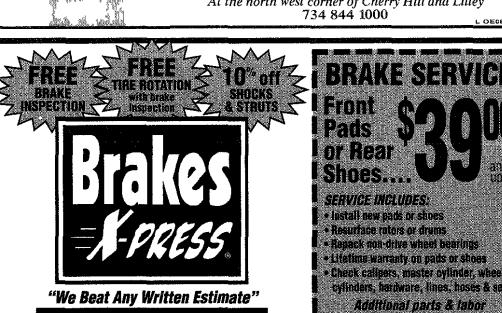
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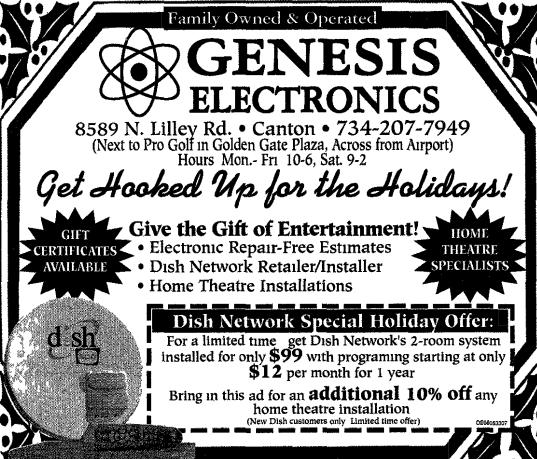


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Carol E. Dodge

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

Mrs Dodge was born Nov 28, 1910, in Plymouth and died Dec 3 in Plymouth She was a homemaker and a life-long Plymouth resident She was the oldest active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and was a member of the Women's Circle at church She was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in 1910 She enjoyed doing the family geneology, tracing her family back to England in the 1700s At one time she owned a flower shop in Plymouth and for some time she worked at the Phoenix Plant in Plymouth She was a life-time member of the Plymouth Historical Museum

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

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

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

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

Maria Remsing

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

Miss Remsing was born Dec 4, 1919, ın Molidorf, Yugoslavıa and died Dec 4 in Livonia Miss Remsing retired from the Prophet Company, a local service company for General

Motors in Livonia She came to the Plymouth community from Germany in 1955 She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church She loved to garden and won several beautification awards from the Plymouth

community She also loved to knit and cook She was a loving sister,

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

and nephews residing in Germany

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

Margaret Anne Paige

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

Mrs Paige was born Aug 2, 1915, in Detroit and died Nov 30 in Ann Arbor She was a custodian with the public school system

Survivors include son, Lyle (Marion) Paige of Canton and Harold (Cindy) Paige of New

Boston, daughter, Linda (Edward) Lawton of Holly, sister. Hılda Lamb of Sterling Heights, granddaughter, Cherie Cooper, Lisa Forsell, Helen Jacobsen, and Jennifer Paige, grandsons, Fred Paige, Craig Lawton and Jason Paige, and seven great-grandchildren

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

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home

Lawrence J. Wotaszak

Services for Lawrence Wotaszak, 72, of Canton were held Dec 3 at St John

Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev George Charnley officiating

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

Marine Corps He enlisted in 1949 He worked his way up from a switchman on the railroad in Ludington to an International vice president for the United Transportation Union

He was a member of St John Neumann Catholic Church for the past 13 years

Previously he was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for 18 years He was a member of the Knights of Columbus He was a Detroit Tiger fan and enjoyed

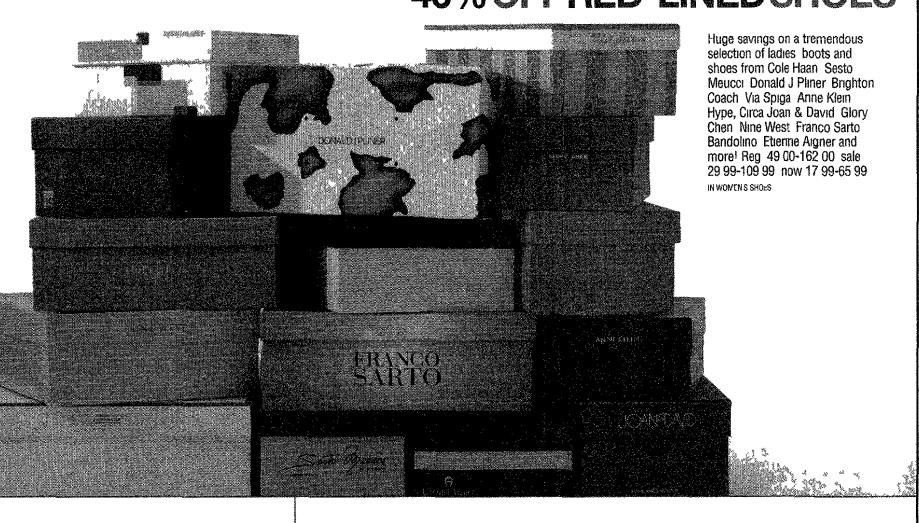
carpentry Mr Wotaszak was preceded in death by son, Bruce J

Wotaszak of Lansing Survivors include wife, Mary Jane wotaszak of Canton, daughters, Jane M (Vahe) Rostamlco of Dearborn Heights, Julie (Kenneth) Wotaszak Jones of Canton, and Linda M (Warren) Jones of Plymouth, three sisters, two brothers, nine grandchildren,

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member communities, including Plymouth

"We'll be looking at the traffic count at the signals at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, said Sincock "The TIA study will also be measuring pedestrian traffic counts at that location

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"Maybe the width of the streets don't leave enough time for pedestrians to get across. Sincock added "We'll also be looking at whether there should be left-turn signals erected at that intersection '

Sincock admits the placement of the traffic light for southbound motorists makes it difficult for drivers to make a left turn at Ann Arbor

'Drivers can't tell when the light turns because the signal is above the vehicles when they drive into the intersection," he said "Thus far, we've had no pedestrian accidents as a result of the increased traffic there'

TIA's Bob DeCorte said traffic counters will help determine the volume of motor traffic at the intersection

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"We'll take the highest per-hour volume and also look at the turning movements,' said DeCorte "We ll also look at the number of pedestrians who cross the intersection, the sight distance and the signal timing

"We'll also investigate data from the state police to see if there is an accident pattern," he said, "Then we li determine if there is a problem at the intersection, and what we can do, if anything, to improve the flow of traffic If there is a problem, it will be easily identified"

DeCorte points out he's not conducting a speed study of Main Street

"Because there are so many traffic signals in the area, there is little likelihood there is a speed problem downtown," said DeCorte

While most traffic lights in the city are owned by Wayne County, the lights at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, Penniman and Main and Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail are all owned by the city They were purchased when the Downtown Development Authority first put in the streetscape project several years ago, in an effort to improve the flow of traffic on Main Street

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- "The Reversible Errors," Scott Turow
- "Answered Prayers," Danielle Steel "The Christmas Train,' David Baldacci
- 5 "Visions of Sugar Plums," Janet Evanovich

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1 "Portrait of a Killer," Patricia Cornwell

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- 'One Lucky Summer," Laura Krasnosky

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CUTS

fund all the other township services we provide"

Mann said the hit this time ısn't particularly harsh, and figures the township should be able to absorb it without cutting services But, according to township Treasurer Ron Edwards, the township has lost some \$350,000 in the last three cuts

We have a \$13 5 million budget," Mann said "We can pare \$88,000 out without a huge impact But this probably isn't the end (of state cuts) This is a huge, long-term problem for the state that won't go away when the economy turns to the bright side. The state can't continue to balance their budget on the backs of municipalities'

It's the same song they're singing in the city, where Finance Director Mark Christiansen has submitted recommendations to city management about how to absorb the \$36,000 in cuts the city faces He wouldn't comment on what the recommendations were, and City Manager Paul Sincock was out of town and unavailable

Christiansen agreed this particular cut can be balanced by cuts in other areas of the budget without affecting police, fire or other services to residents this time

'We have an almost \$7 mil-

lion budget, and we're only talking about cutting \$36,000,' Christiansen said "It won't affect services like police and fire, at least not at this level Another cut of that magnitude or higher could,

though ' Christiansen agrees with Mann, and nearly every other observer, that this won't be the last time such cuts are enacted

"We're dealing with the Engler administration, and I don't think anyone has any idea about what the new governor is going to propose," Christiansen said "I don't think this will be the last cut"

Ironically, according to Mann, the cuts come at a time when Plymouth Township should be getting more state revenue sharing, not less, based on population growth in the 2000 census

'This is at a point when we should be receiving more stateshared revenue, because we have 4,000 more residents, according to the census," Mann said "Not only did we not get the raise, this is the third cut this year Luckily, we're in better shape than a lot of communities A lot of places have had to do layoffs We're not looking at anything like that"

Engler's plan also includes \$42 million from higher education, a slash that will hurt Schooleraft College Schoolcraft College draws students from Plymouth and other nearby communities The school relies on this state

funding for 25 percent of its budget Another 25 percent comes from student tuition and fees And half of the school's budget is comprised of local property taxes from Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, and parts of Canton and Westland This year the college expect-

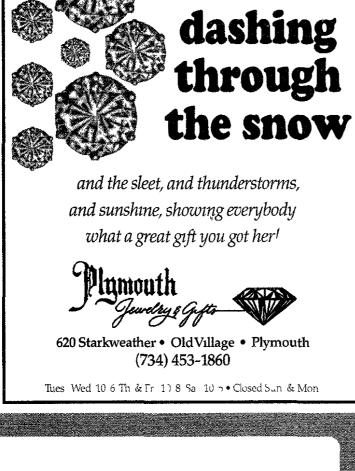
ed to receive \$12 7 million in state funding, said Marty Heator, Schoolcraft's director of marketing But a 2 5 percent cut will mean a loss of \$318,000 Again, it wasn't exactly a surprise "We knew that cuts were

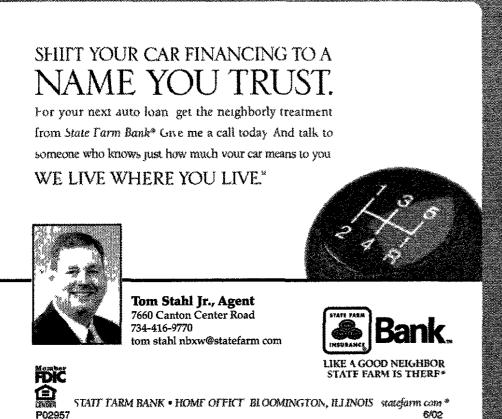
coming, so we put the brakes on a lot of new spending on the budget this year," said Heator "Now that we have a final figure from the state, we can get more focused"

A team of Schoolcraft administrators met last week to begin reviewing ways to adjust the budget Heator said no one solution was chosen, and all options will be considered Much like local governments, budget cuts have come at an already difficult time for the school

'This latest cut is part of a trend," Heator added "And it's that trend that really concerns us We operate efficiently, well within the standards for community colleges of Michigan, so Schoolcraft's ability to accommodate major cuts in years to come is limited"

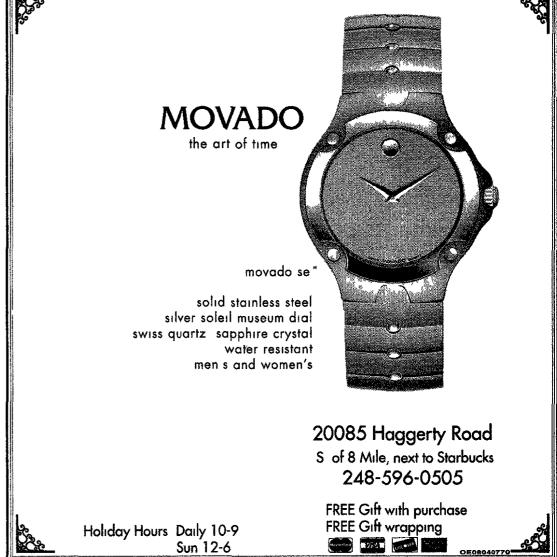
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AROUND TOWN

Holiday Craft Fair Tri City Christian is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair from 11 a m to 5 p m Saturday Dec 14 at 3855 Sheldon Road just north of Michigan Avenue Admission is \$1 Crafters can call Pam at (734) 397 0819 for table rental information

Holiday Music

Village Music presents Celebrate Christmas a holiday program featur ing music students and the Rising Star Singers of Village Music in the Old Village of Plymouth The program will be presented on Saturday Dec 14 at Canton Little Theater Canton Center Road in Canton A free will donation will be accepted at the door. For fur ther information call (734) 354 9825 Youtheatre

Enjoy a special performance of The Christmas That Almost Wash t and have a snack with Santa at the Millennium Center 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield This delightful show is a unique behind the scenes peek at the hustle and bustle and near disasters of the Christmas season A single performance is scheduled for 2 30 pm Dec 15 Call (248) 557 PLAY for information

Arts and Crafts

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 20th annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec 13 15 at the Northville Recreation Center 303 W Main St Over 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as flo rais stained glass seasonal items including Christmas decorations, lew elry wood items and clothing Call (734) 459 0050 for further info

Christmas Musical

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the recently released Christmas musi cal Repeat the Sounding Joy on Dec 13 and Dec 15 at 7 pm This 60 minute concert features a variety of musical styles in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ For further

information call (734) 453 5534

Open House

The Nature Studio is holding an open house from noon to 8 pm Sunday Dec 8 A free art giveaway plus musi cal entertainment provided by Sincerely Yours an a cappella quar tet Located at 6174 Gilmore Belleville

Toy Drive

Cornerstone Chiropractic accepting toys on Friday Dec 13 New patients bring an unwrapped toy and receive initial exam and X rays at no charge to you Help those less fortunate this Christmas season Call (734) 207 7770 or (734) 207 7773

Country Holidays

Visit Cobblestone Farm Museum from 1 to 5 pm Sunday Dec 8 to learn about the holiday traditions that were celebrated in the 1850s and 1860s Crafts activities and entertainment from a variety of cultural celebrations will be available in the Barn for chil dren and adults Call (734) 994 2928 for further information

Jewelry Festival

Native West presents its 13th annual Jewelry Festival through Dec 8 Offering an assortment of sterling sil ver using fabulous turquoise sparkling opals brilliant coral and glittering gold Call (734) 455 8838 for further information

Holiday Doll Show Plymouth's Holiday Doll Show returns Sunday Dec 8 to the Plymouth VFW Hall The show features collectors and doll artists selling new used antique and collectible dolls and their acces sories Show hours are 11 a m through 3 p m Admission is \$5 kids under 10 are free Call (734) 455 2110

Open House

New Hope Center for Grief Support will be hosting a holiday open house at Northville Hills Golf Club's Somerset model home. The evening of Dec. 12 from 6 p m to 9 p m will include a leisurely model home tour hors doeu vres entertainment silent auction

complimentary valet parking and the Angel of Hope Memorial Tree Call (248) 348 0115 for more details

Trip to Meyer Gardens

Spend a leisurely day visiting the Frederik Meijer Gardens to view their holiday and Picasso sculpture exhibits on Dec 9 with a group from the PCAC The cost is \$38 per person or \$70 per couple. Lunch will be on your own at the Gardens Call (734) 416 4278 for reservations

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launch ing the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale The cost is \$30 Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453 3016

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Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 am to 2 pm on the third Wednesday of every month No appointment is necessary Call (734) 453 0750 for further information

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages Classes include gymnastics dance core body exercise tots jump a rama tae kwon do personal development aerobics clogging senior trips and programs and much more Call (734) 455 6620 for more informa

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Plymouth VFW 1426 S Mill All you can eat for \$450 Holiday Brunch on Sunday Dec 15 from 11 a m to 2 p m

MOPS-Plymouth

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The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0.5 enjoy program of games stories singing and play Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a m to 11 a m at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel 42150 Schoolcraft Plymouth Call for info (734) 420 0515

Colonial Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's 41661 Plymouth Road Plymouth Guests are welcome For information call Ernie Hughes membership chair man (734) 414 0400

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church September through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month Free child care Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937 2479

Tai Chi

Taoist Tai Chi Society offers ongoing tai chi classes for all ages in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills at 7 p m Afternoon classes at 1 p m available in Livonia Observers welcome Visit our Web site at www.taoist.org For more information call the society at (248) 332 1281 anytime

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and sup port group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a m For more information and meeting locations please contact Michelle at (734) 397 0197

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects

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MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club wel comes interested stay at home moth ers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month MOMS Club offers weekly activities playgroups community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information please contact Wendy at (734) 398 6957

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Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p m on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall Business meeting begins at 730 pm. The club serves Canton Northville Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District For further information call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398 5845

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The peroneal nerve becomes vulnerable at the place it goes around the fibula. Injury to the bone or lying on the side of the leg for a prolonged period causes compression at that site. The term Saturday night Palsy" refers to just such a compression that happens when after a weekend of heavy alcohol intake an individual falls into a stupor Lying on the side of the leg for a prolonged period without moving brings on the nerve palsy For reasons that are unclear individuals with diabetes or hypothyroidism are also at risk for a peroneal nerve palsy even when no episode of

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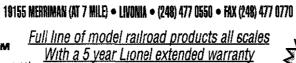
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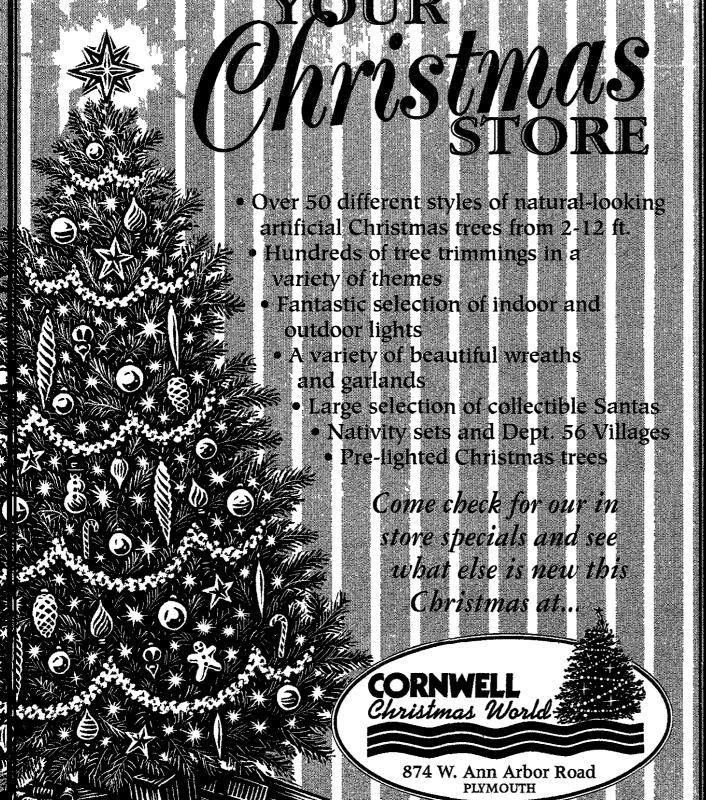


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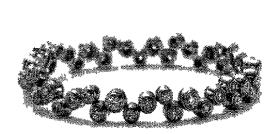
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The MET Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer open enrollment between Jan 2 and Aug 30, 2003 To date more than 67,000 MET contracts have been purchased with nearly 12,000 students currently using their contracts to attend college

MET offers three contract options Full benefits, limited benefits and community college Due to rising tuition costs at Michigan's four-year public colleges and universities the MET board has authorized 10percent increases in the full and limited benefits contracts for the coming year The cost of one-year full benefits contract will be \$6,063, with a limited benefits contract priced at \$4,884 a year The cost of MET's one year community college contract will increase by 5 3 percent to \$1,730

'Given the nation's current economic conditions and double-digit tuition increases facing college-bound students, the

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

Roberts said purchasers of MET contracts qualify for a state income tax deduction (total contract price including enrollment fees) while earnings on contributions are tax exempt to beneficiaries, if used for qualified higher education expenses The cost of monthly purchase contracts range from \$21 to \$592, and students have nine years to completely utilize MET educational benefits

The state of Michigan also offers the Michigan Education Savings Program, which allows parents to establish a savings account for educational expenses Contact the Department of Treasury Wed site under Education at www michigan gov/treasury, or call (800)MET-4-KID or (877)861-MESP

Southeast Michigan traffic accidents down, fatalities increase

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

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

Sections at the end of the report contain data about safety-belt use and holiday traffic crashes The main objective of this report is to provide useful data to aid local communities in their efforts to improve traffic safety

In 2001, there were 180,739 crashes in Southeast Michigan, a 6 8 percent decrease from the 193,955 crashes reported in 2000 The seven-county region totals are 45 1 percent of the total crashes in the State of Michigan The state total was 400,813 for 2001, down from 2000's total of 424.867

The crash rate - the number of traffic crashes per million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) decreased in the region The overall crash rate in Southeast Michigan was 3 98 crashes ver million VMT in 2001, down from 4 39 crashes per million VMT in 2000, despite the fact hat vehicle miles traveled increased from 44,167 million

miles in 2000 to 45,460 million miles in 2001

The report analyzes all traffic crashes by county, severity, crash type, age and gender of driver, rate of crash involvement by age group, and by month, day and hour

Highlights include ■ There were 470 fatal crashes in Southeast Michigan in 2001, killing 505 people, a 4 4 percent increase from 2000 Southeast Michigan saw an increase in the number of fatal traffic crashes in 2001 after experiencing a drop in fatal crashes in 2000 Fatal traffic crashes and traffic-crash fatalities decreased in the state as a whole

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

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

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

■ There were 6,314 crashes ın Southeast Mıchıgan that involved alcohol during 2001, down from 7,022 crashes in 2000 This marked a continued decrease in the number of alcohol-involved traffic crashes in the region

Madonna schedules winter registration

Madonna University's registration for winter 2003 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Jan 3, for new and returning students

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Holiday treat

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

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

The maker consists of two red plastic spheres with a plastic handle on each end It costs \$150 and can be pur chased online at www.jolly time com

🖫 When making popcorn remember that two table spoons of kernels make about four cups of popped corn To create popcorn balls make about 10 cups of popcorn in a 4 quart glass bowl microwave 1/3 cup but ter or margarine on high until melted about 45 sec onds Stir in 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar and 1/3 cup light corn syrup Microwave on high until mix ture boils 1 to 3 minutes stirring once Microwave on high 2 1/2 to 3 minutes with out stirring Stir in 1/4 tea spoon baking soda and a 1/2 teaspoon vanilla stir in popped popcorn mixing well Microwave on 70 percent power 1 minute more Remove and stir to coat pop corn evenly Turn mixture out onto cookie sheet just until cool enough to handle

To make balls place 1 cup mixture in Jolly Time Pop Corn Ball Maker or in the center of a 10 inch square of plastic wrap Shape into balls Twist wrap and tie securely Makes about 8 10 popcorn balls

Summer in winter

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

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

3 tablespoons finely chopped pimentos well drained

2 tablespoons Franks RedHot or Franks XtraHot Cavenne Pepper sauce

68 inch flour tortillas 1/2 cup watercress or fresh cilantro washed and finely chopped

8 ounces thinly sliced turkev

4 ounces thinly sliced Muenster cheese



1/2 small red onion very thinly sliced

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

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WINE **■ RECIPES ■ SPECIALTIES**



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

Eat, drink benerry

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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doesn't prepare everything hımself

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

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

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

best things" Jackie Scher of Scher Delites in Southfield is his

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

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



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

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

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

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

from an Italian restau-PLEASE SEE CELEBRATION, B3

favorite Chinese restau-

rant, or Chicken Marsala

Heighten your guest's senses with an elegant buffet table

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

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

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

"It doesn't have any

oomph!" Presentation is important, after all, we eat with our eyes and hunger for foods that look and taste good

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

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Ancient traditions create champagne with finesse

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



was born

Focus on

Ray & Eleanor Heald

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

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

INFUSING ELEGANCE

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

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

reduced dosage, which lowers the "bubble" pressure

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

BESSERAT DE BELLEFON

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

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

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

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What's your carrot IQ?

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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

answer these carrot questions

What color was the first carrot?

Which is sweeter, a slim, baby carrot or a big fat one?

rot or a big, fat one?

Why are some carrots green around

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

side and brilliant orange inside

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

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

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

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

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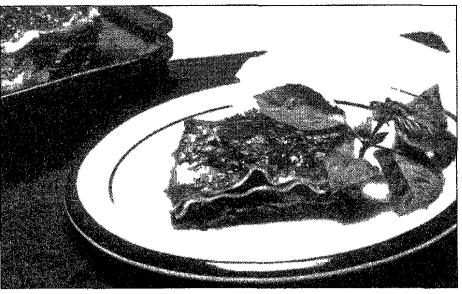
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1 pound peeled carrots cut in 1/2 inch slices
1 Granny Smith apple peeled cored and

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



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

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

3 tablespoons minced mint for garnish (optional)

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

Mix in carrots and apple Tightly cover pot, reduce heat and cook gently until vegetables give up most of their juices, eight to 10 minutes Add broth Cover and cook until carrots are very soft, about 30 minutes

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

Puree soup in a blender or food processor, if necessary in two batches (Blender makes a smoother soup) If soup is too thick, add milk or broth, as desired Sea-

son to taste with salt and pepper Serve garnished with mint Makes 4 servings

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

CHAMPAGNE PICKS

Luxury champagnes are an extraordinary taste experience Because it's featured in the 20th James Bond film, *Die* Another Day which opened in November interest in Champagne Boilinger peaked this year Here's a fact you won't learn from the film Bollinger estimates there are 56 million bubbles in a bottle of their Champagne Begin counting with NV Bollinger Special Cuvee, \$45, hallmarked by richness, flavor depth and persistent length The style is influenced by barrel fermentation and addition of reserve wines that are aged in magnum with

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

natural cork closures

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

NV Champagne Rumart

Brut \$48 is exceptionally
balanced, light and very
fresh a quintessential aperitif
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All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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cious, fruity and crisp with delicate bubbles and fresh, lightly, fruited flavors Sushi is a perfect food match

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

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

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine spirits food and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers To leave them a voice mail message dial (734) 953 2047 mailbox 1864#

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

Happy New Year

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

'Tried and True' recipes perfect for holiday brunch

STAFF WRITER

The best recipes are ones you share These Tried and True" recipes are from the newly published 'Tried and True Favorites Top 300 Recipes, from www allrecipes com, by Allrecipes com, Inc , Seattle, Wash, Oct 2002, \$1795, paperback

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

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

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

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

Share your favorite recipes

with readers - send, e-mail or fax recipes for consideration in Taste to Keely Kaleskı, Assistant Managing Editor Features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, email

kkaleski@oe homecomm net or fax (248) 644-1314 CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

CASSEROLE

1 pound ground pork sausage 6 slices white bread toasted and

cut into cubes 8 ounces mild Cheddar cheese

shredded 1 teaspoon mustard powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

4 eggs beaten 2 cups milk

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

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

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

325°F Bake for additional 30 minutes or until set Serves 5

Recipe submitted by M K Meredith

SLOW COOKER CRANBERRY PORK

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

3 pounds pork tenderloin

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

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

Recipe submitted by Dawn

OVEN ROASTED RED POTATOES

11/2 (Lounce) packages dry onion soup mix

2 pounds red potatoes halved 1/3 cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 450°F

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

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

occasionally Serves 8

Recipe submitted by Donna Lasater

Mandarin Orange Cake 1 (18 5 ounce) package yellow

cake mix 4 eggs

1 cup vegetable oil 1 (11 ounce) can mandarın orange

segments 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping thawed

1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineap ple with juice 1 (3 5 ounce) package instant

vanilla pudding mix Preheat oven to 350ºF Grease

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

and flour a 9 by 13-inch pan

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

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

Recipe submitted by Ellen

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windows and put your serving platters on top"

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

His color theme was green, red and gold

Two poinsettias, purchased at Costco, were placed on top of cloth covered milk crates to make them look a lot taller than they really were

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

Make the most out of a small

space Throw a cloth over a step ladder and put dishes on the steps suggests Agostini

Instead of tablecloths, buy a good white sheet Create heights out of whatever you have in your house, even a high chair"

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

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

Spray paint an old wicker basket gold and add a ribbon

and holly 'The sky's the limit," said Agostını

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You d be surprised at what you can pick up at Salvation Army Thrift Shops, Big Lot, Franks Nursery & Crafts, Michaels, Gordons, Costco, Sam's Club, flea markets and garage sales," he said In time, you'll have a collection of fun pieces to display food on like the funky fish platter that Agostini put his shrimp cocktail on

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

You just have to be creative It's all about little touches'

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Ornamental tradition alternative to gift giving

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To dress up ears of cooked

frozen corn, Agostini added chopped pimento to bring out the color Saute green beans in butter,

add toasted almonds, a shot glass of Amaretto and flame to burn off the alcohol Brunch can be whatever you

want it to be, said Agostini From smoked salmon and bagels with cream cheese to stir-fried chicken Include some heritage dishes

like grandmas pot roast, but most of all, have fun

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Visiting Mr. Green will make you laugh, cry

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In Visiting Mr Green the

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as The Children's Hour, which

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visiting Mr. Green

What: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents a poignant and funny play with a two-member cast When: 7 30 p m Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 8 p m Saturdays and 2 p m Sunday matinees, through Jan 5, 2003

Where: The Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

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

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

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

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

JET's 2002-2003 season includes the following perform ances Denial, and The Chosen as well as Guest Artist Series Mystery of Creativity, Shylock and HeartBEAT

Author looks at the 'Power of the Purse'

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"My bag says I m not really ready for a serious status bag yet I m not ready to be that grown up

Other purses with personality, according to Johnson, ınclude

Elegant icons, such as a Birkin or Kelly from Hermes, the Fendi Baguette or almost anything from Chanel, carry the message, "I'm worth it"

"There's a great dignity in carrying a bag with great lineage," she adds.

■ A 'bag of the moment," which is anything there is a waiting list for, means the owner takes fashion seriously

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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He'll be on hand for photos every Sunday through Dec 11 and will greet youngsters and their families at a Santa Breakfast, Dec 14 and 21

Santa breakfasts run from 8 30-10 30 a m and include pancakes, sausage, Danishes, coffee, hot chocolate and juice No high chairs or booster seats are available The breakfast is served family-style at tables that accommodate several guests Youngsters can meet Santa and will receive a gift Members pay \$25 for adults and \$20 for children, age 12 and under Non-members pay \$35 for adults and \$30 for children Reservations are available through the Detroit Zoological Society at (248) 541-5717

Wild Winter runs every weekend through February 2003 at the zoo, located at Woodward and the I 696 serv ice drive in Royal Oak

WILD WINTER

December Activities

for nonmembers

■ Santa breakfast - Enjoy a pancake

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day gift 8 30 10 a m Saturday, Dec 14

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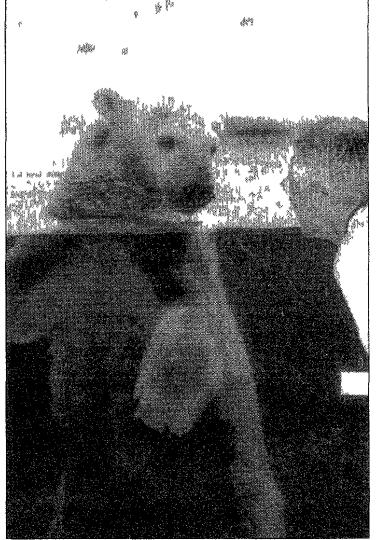
■ Santa photos - 11 a m to 3 p m

It consists of activities, such as ice carving, decorated holiday trees, musical performances and children's entertainment Most activities will be held indoors, at the zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Some musicals and performers stroll the grounds

Winter is a great time to view the zoo's snow monkeys soaking in their outdoor hot tub Or to see the arctic fox, with its white winter coat

The brightly colored red pandas look striking against the snow and wolvermes have been known to make "snow angels"

No winter visit would be complete without a stop at the penguin habitat or the Arctic Ring of Life, which allows visitors to watch polar bears and seals from inside a 70-foot-long clear tunnel Zoo admission is \$8 for adults, age 13 and over, \$6 for senior citizens, age 62 and over and students, ages 2-12, children under age 2 are admitted without charge The zoo is open 10 a m -4 p m daily



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■ Ice carving demonstration by Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving Club, 10 a m to 2 p m Saturday, Jan 4, 2003, in front of the zoo

Keeper talks - Every Sunday in January Information will be available on the zoo Web site at www detroitzoo org

Gemini - The duo sings about everyday experiences of childhood and growing up noon and 2 pm Saturday, Jan 11, 2003, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery

■ Mosaic Youth Theatre - Presents 00 Paw in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theatre Time to be arranged February 2003 Activities

Fortune Smiles - The strolling singers serenade with classic love songs 11 a m

to 2 p m Saturday Feb 1 2003

■ Valentine crafts - Saturday Feb 1 and 8, 2003 Time to be arranged

Mosaic Youth Quartet performs animal songs as they stroll the zoo on Saturday Feb 8 2003 Time to be arranged

■ Keeper talks - Every Sunday in February Information will be available on the zoo Web site at www.detroitzoo.org

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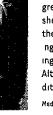
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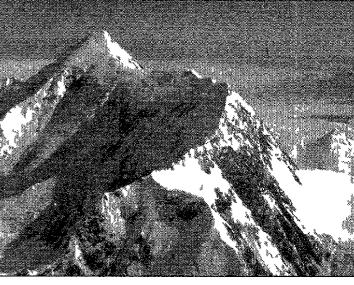
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The most common means of aerial photography is from commercial airliners

Even though you have no control over route or altitude, there are some things you can do to still get good pictures To begin with, select a window seat either in front or behind a wing Set your camera's focusing ring at infinity and the shutter speed control at 1/500 second or faster Because depth of-field in aerial photography is normally insignificant, a wide aperture is usually what you ll use in order to obtain as fast a shutter speed as possible

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

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



Monte Nagler shot Alaska's Mt St Elias from a commercial airliner A fast shutter speed negated the airplane's vibrations

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

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

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

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

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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WHAT WE FOUND

- For sock locks (for washing socks) try the Organize It on Livernois in the Campus Corner shopping center in

Rochester (248) 656 3350 - There has been no reply for the Machus salad dressing recipe - Chicory can be purchased at the Merchant of Fine Wine on 22250

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- Moth Ball flakes can be purchased at area Damman Hardware stores and area ACO stores - For Big Bend alarm clocks try area

Wal Mart stores FIND AND SEARCH

 A reader wants the address for the singer Andrea Boceili

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

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

 A store that sell the polish beer Zagorka for Margaret - A store that sells Weight Watchers butter spray for popcorn for Ann of Westland

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

- A store in the Farmington Hills area

soccer, hockey baseball, etc for Audrey of Livonia - A store that sells a frog clock for Renee of Westland

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Merrill Dow Pharmaceutical for Tricia of Bloomfield A store that sells wood cleaner for resurfacing a cutting board for Leo

 A store that sells the candy licorice snaps for Kathy of Plymouth - A copy of the 1945 volume 2 #3 Yank magazine for Roy

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Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Readers share 'Spectacular' Christmas memories

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"I was thrilled when the famous Rockettes began doing a Christmas Show at the Fox," said Mattingly "Seeing the Rockettes has brought back

many happy memories for me" Victoria Heigh of Rochester Hills also won four tickets to

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

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

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

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

Probably one of the most memorable times seeing the show was when our college

'I was so excited. It was a spectacular site! There was Santa's workshop and the talented Rockettes. Now I want to go back every year as a family tradition.

Maria Stoll 10 years old Livonia resident

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

CHILDHOOD MEMORY

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

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

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

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

A PROPOSAL

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

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

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

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



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





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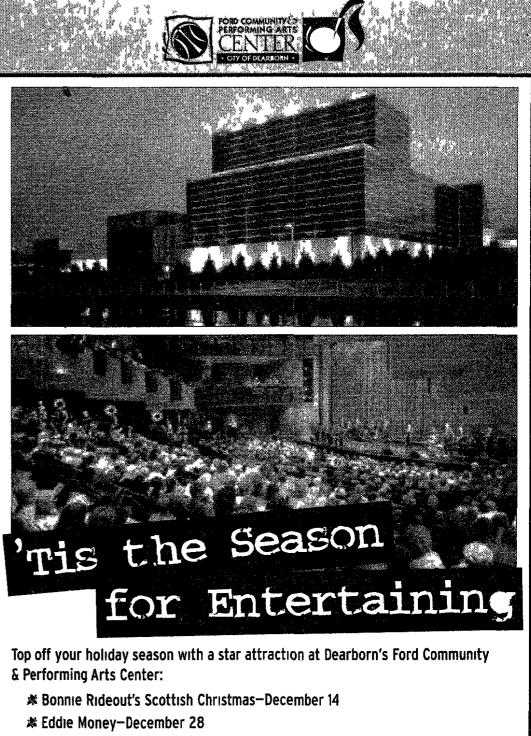




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Grand Rapids: Perfect weekend jaunt for holiday fun

BY MARY QUINLEY CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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



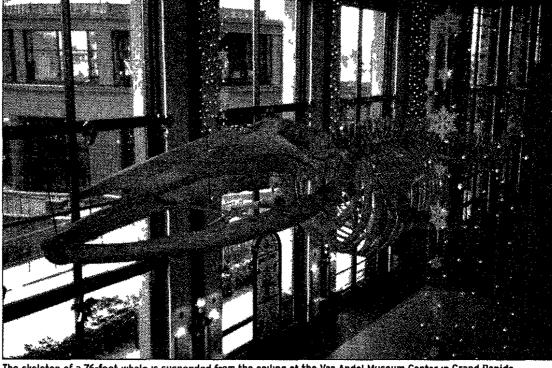
For information on all attractions, accommodations and holiday happenings contact the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 678-9859 or (616) 459-8287 or check the web at www.visitgrandrapids.org

fee is charged

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

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

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



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

For information call (616) 831-1000 or visit the web at www.gramonline.org

One of the Reeds' favorite stops is the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

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

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

"The Gardens are like a little oasis in midwest Michigan My favorite part is walking outside on the winding path," said Reed

Through Sunday, Jan 5, the Christmas Around the World & Holiday Traditions exhibit features children's activities, ethnic entertainment and decorated Christmas trees representing forty nations

On Thursday evenings in December, enjoy the luminarylit walkways via horse and carnage ndes

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

dens org If you look up in the main galleria of the Van Andel Museum Center you can't miss the skeleton of a 76-foot whale It's awesome!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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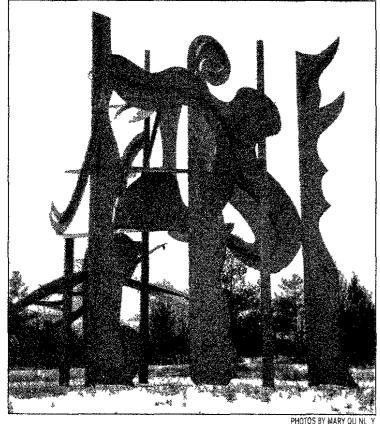
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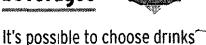
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Scots start slow

After winning its season opener at the Chuck Ressier Invitational hosted by the University of Rochester (NY) Alma College's women's basket ball team lost two straight to stand at 12

The Lady Scots defeated Mt Union (OH) 65 61 in their opener thanks in part to 11 points from Janeil Twietmeyer (Plymouth/Canton HS)

Alma then lost to the host team 79 60 with Twietmeyer scoring nine points and last Sunday fell to Franklin (Ind) College 69 49 with

Twietmeyer again scoring

nine points A senior forward Twietmeyer is averaging 97 points a game and connecting on 45 5 percent of her floor shots (10 of

She is 5 of 12 on three pointers (417 percent)

Nominations

Nominations for board positions on the **Canton Community** Junior Baseball Softball Association have been postponed until the Jan 15 2003 meeting

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

made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Jan 15 2003 meeting to be consid

All nominations are to be emailed to delcol@com cast net

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club -8 and under and 14 and under - will be held through the month of December

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Sports

Final Four!

Madonna's unbeaten in quest for NAIA title

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Shelley Stanton paced the Crusaders' attack with 22 kills (600 kill percentage), she also had 10 digs and two blocks Natalja Tinina had 15 kills (333), Tera Morrill (from Livonia Franklin) had 10 kills, Amanda Suder (Salem HS) collected 13 digs and setter Natalie Sayre finished with 47 set assists, two service aces and 10 digs As a team, Madonna hit 434 The

Crusaders had just four service aces, but the last one — by freshman Lansey Buche — came at a pivotal time, giving them the match-clinching point Westmont ended its tourney run with

a 27 9 record Its been a tournament of fabulous wins for the Crusaders They capped a 4 O run through Pool B with a five game victory over second seeded Dickinson

State (SD), 30-25, 30-24, 20 30, 15-

30, 17-15 earlier Friday In that match, the 32-year-old anton led the attack with 23 kills, 16 digs and two blocks Laura Lesko added 15 kills (303 kill percentage) and 11 blocks, Tera Morrill had 11 kills (526), 26 digs and two blocks, Natalja Tinina had nine kills and two blocks, Suder had 30 digs, and Sayre totaled three kills, 55

set assists and 14 digs "It was our best win of the year," said Abraham after beating Dickinson State "It was another tough team with a

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

Jerry Abraham Madonna coach

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

We're playing well in crunch-time situations We made the clutch plays" Madonna, which opened its pool play last Wednesday with a sweep of Palm Beach Atlantic, blew past Indiana Southeast 30-26, 30-16, 26-30, 30-17

and Walsh University (OH) 30-19, 30-

27, 30-17 in Pool B action Thursday In the win over Walsh (which finished 39-4), Stanton had 28 kills with a 684 kill percentage, as well as 17 digs and five blocks Lesko contributed 14 kills (778) and 17 digs, Tinina got 12 kills (500), Morrill had five kills and 20 digs, Hayley Myers had eight kills (583) and two blocks, Suder got 10 digs, and Sayre totaled 49 set assists

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

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

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

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

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Baechler on private schools: On target

Southeast Thursday at the NAIA Tournament

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

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

Risak

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

All sorts of things have been offered Very few, however, have been

ın hıs defense And that bothers me Because every public school football coach

PLEASE SEE RISAK, C4

Top scorers bolster Agape's hopes

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE AGAPE, C4

Despite losses, PCA looks promising

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

season led to the development of other players, which in turn should help this

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

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

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1st season full of questions for 'Cats

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BY CJ RISAK STAFF WRITER

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

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

That's life in a freshmen-only school

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREVIEW

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

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

At Plymouth, only one level currently exists

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

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

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

This has been an unbelievable opportunity,' he said But what will come of it? How good will the Wildcats be, now and by season's end, when they face those Class C varsity

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

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

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

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Power play gets Whalers 2 victories

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

Two Ontario Hockey League road games, two wins, seven goals scored Four of those goals came on the power play That's pretty good

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

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

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

OHL HOCKEY

two wins, assists coming from Karl Stewart and Chad LaRose John Vigilante and John Mitchell assisted on Wisniewski's second-period power-play goal, Mike Nelson and Sean Thompson drew assists on Sestito's third-period

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

Windsor pulled to within 3-2 with a power-play goal by Mike Jamas at 11 10, but the Spits could not get the equalizer

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

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

JARRETT IS TOP DEFENSEMAN

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

served as vindication for an honor he received a few days earlier

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday Dec. 9

Canton at Monroe 7 p m

N Boston Huron at Luth Westland 7 pm

Huron Valley at Greater Life 7 pm

Crestwood at Frank n 7 pm

Tuesday Dec. 10

Sa em at Bellev lle 7 p m

Canton Agape at Deerfield 7 p.m.

Clarenceville at Ply Christian 7 pm

Churchil at Dearborn 7 pm

Garden City at Frank n 7 pm

Redfo d Union at Stevenson 7 nm

Wayne at Romulus 7 nm

HOCKEY

Stevenson is 4-2 overall and

1-O in the Lakes CHURCHILL 7 CANTON 3 Dan Deuby scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (2.3 2.1) exploded in the final period to subdue Chiefs (1.1) in a WLAA Western Division game at Edgar Arena

The Chargers led 3 2 after two periods before outscoring Canton 41 in the final peri

Jim Krygowski Sean Burke Kyle Strong and Mike Dziewit each added one goal and one assist Ryan Wischmeyer scored the other Churchill goals Assists went to goaltender Dave Herrick

(23 saves) Steve Yarber Justin Toni and Jason

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

We put more emphasis on getting more

shots in a five on five situation. Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said

STEVENSON 6 NORTHVILLE 1 Tommy Zagata's hat trick lifted Livonia Stevenson (3 2) to a WLAA crossover win Wednesday over the Mustangs (32) in a game played at Edgar

After a scoreless first period Stevenson tallied four goals in the second period Zagata from Brian Shekell and Justin Dunn at 153 Zagata from Shekell and Erik Anderson at 9 37 Jeff Kraemer from Brandon Hoots at 10 30 and Dave Baruzzini from Jon Fritsch at

Northville's Jake Vitale broke Spartan net minder Rob Thomas's shutout bid with 40 sec onds left in the second period

Stevenson tacked two more scores on in the final period David Kubert from Kraemer at 421 and Zagata from Dave Mifsud at 13 09

We played hard for 45 minutes were improving every game. Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. We started slowly but Rob (Thomas) made some pretty good saves early for us before we got going

LADYWOOD 2 GP NORTH 1 Goals by Jess Blaesser and Jenna Keenan carried Livonia Ladywood (3 0) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory Wednesday over visiting Grosse Pointe North (2 2) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond

Megan MacDonnel chipped in two assists

Dana Chicklas had the lone goal for North

THE WEEK AHEAD

OL St Mary at Redford CC 730 pm Wednesday Dec. 11

A A Pioneer at Canton 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 13 Southfield at Canton 7 pm

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

A A Huron at Westland Glenn 7 p m Wayne at Dearborn 7 pm St Agatha at Clarenceville 7 30 p.m. Huron Valev at Mich Luthe an 8 pm (Lutheran East Tip-Off Class c) Buth West and vs. Luhe an North 5 p.m.

Saturday Dec 14 Huron Valley at Mich Lutheran TBA Lutheran East Tip Off Classic 5 & 7 p m

Redford CC vs Det Country Day at West Bloomfield 8 30 p m PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Saturday Dec 14

Portage Northern Tournament 8 a m Madonna Tournament 8 30 a m Deita CC Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Car eton Airport Invitational 9 am

Allen Palk Tournament TBA PREP HOCKEY Monday Dec 9 Ladywood at GP Un v Logett 6 pm

Tuesday Dec. 10

FH Harr son Inv tational 9 a m

Northville vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 630 p.m. Wednesday Dec 11

WL Central vs Canton (Arct c Edge) 6 pm Ladywood vs. Canton (Arctic Pond), 6 p.m. Franklin vs Stevenson (Edgar Arena) 8 p m

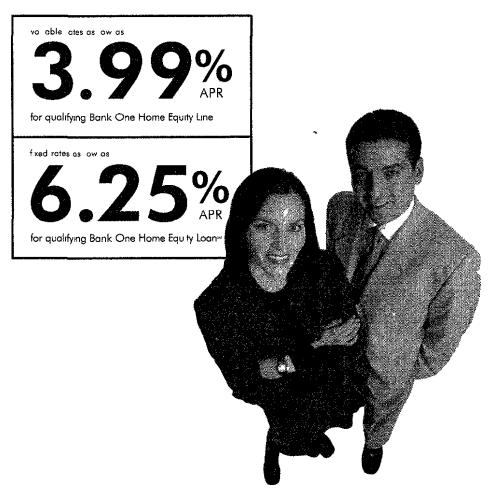
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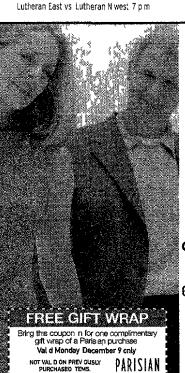
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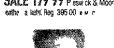
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For more information on the toy drive, please call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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

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

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Bruce Price, an experienced travel baseball coach with two prior World Series appearances, either at work at (734) 459-2960 or at home at (734) 453-9180

■ Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club — 8-and under and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December

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

HOOP REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school boys (grades 9-12) from 6 30-8 30 p m Tuesday and from 9 a.m -noon Saturday, Dec 7 at East Middle School Cost 1s \$125

SOFTBALL OPENINGS

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

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

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

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

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

HOOP TRYOUTS

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

The tryout schedule will be es Lessons are by appointment 1-2 30 p m (10-and-under),

2 30-4 p m (11-and-under), 4-5 30 p m (12-and-under), and 5 30-7 p m (13 and-under)

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

For more information, call Dale Drabicki at (248) 615-2373 or program director Patrick

Cannon at (734) 953-0854

COACHES WANTED

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

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

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■ Livonia Ladywood has two coaching positions open for the winter season — varsity hockey and freshman volleyball, also one for the spring season junior varsity soccer

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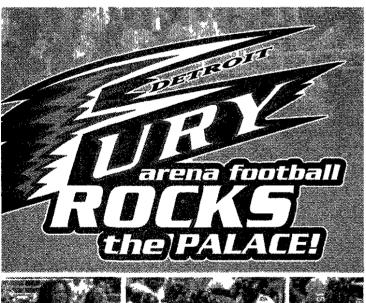
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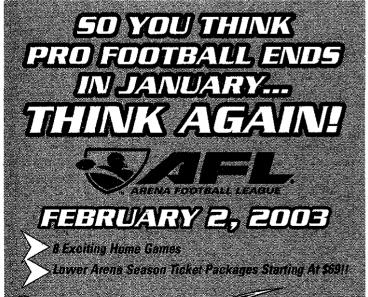


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would agree with Baechler's assessment

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

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

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

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

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

"I never said anything about them not working hard, and I never said anything about them recruiting," Baechler said

There was no disrespect to them or to the Catholic Church I wrote a letter to Tom Mach, a long letter, and I said the same thing I totally respect the guy'

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

If you're the parent of an outstanding athlete who will be a star in football, what would you

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do in this situation Enroll him at CC, with all of its tradition, or stay in the Plymouth-Canton school district, where he could end up at any of three schools - one of which won't even have a varsity program for another two years? Is that sour grapes?

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

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

This is not an accusation that CC recruits It doesn't need to, really Like Herrington at Harrison, dads want their sons to play football for Mach at CC

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

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

It's true Everyone knows it

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

round before being eliminated Is that fair? No But that's the way it is

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

We can resolve all of this quite simply, you know

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

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

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

C.J Risak can be reached at (734) 953

AGAPE

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

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

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

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

Others who could figure into

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

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

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

The Wolverines other weakness is that short bench

"Without a long bench, we have to stay in great shape, we have to stay out of foul trouble, and we can t have any injuries, Henry said "If we can continue to improve throughout the year, then

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

Athletic Conference next fall find motivations throughout

That means the team must the season, at least until the state tournament begins Certainly coaching at Agape

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

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

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

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

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

Returning are two seniors who should give PCA strength inside Clay Welton, a 6-foot-3 forward who led the Eagles in scoring, averaging 12 5 points a game (as well as 6 8 rebounds), and Ben Pew, a 6-4 center who didn't start but has "really improved in the last year He'll definitely have to play more minutes (this year)

What Taylor is really banking on is the further development of his backcourt, juniors Dan Carty and Ben Baloga When Bauslaugh suffered an ankle injury last season, both got more minutes, their improvement a year ago forced Taylor to give them additional playing time Carty, whos 6 feet, averaged nearly seven points a game, Baloga, who's 5-11, averaged 4 5 points while making 47 percent of his shots

I may have my best two guards as juniors in my 10

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

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

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

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

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

Others who figure to play a role for the Eagles are Drew Gallagher, a 5-11 junior guard, and his brother Steven, a 5-11 freshman who may play junior varsity too, juniors Jamin Ruark, a 5-11 guard Lew Tripp a 6 2 forward, and Kris Whipple a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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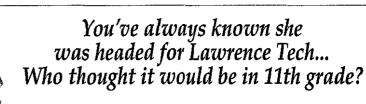
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Old-Timers Tournament a big success

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



Harrison

Also, event directors worked tirelessly to keep the event running smoothly and resulting

efforts of John

Chmelko, Sr

Chmelko, Jr

and John

ın a full house of bowling participants again

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

At 99, Saad is the oldest hving sanctioned American Bowling Congress bowler in the

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

Paladino, this year's presi-

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

Mark Hickok of Farmington Hills was the defending champion, but was unable to repeat Top honors went to overall

champion Bob Chamberlain

with a 779 series Hall-of-Famer Tony

Lindemann took first in the 80and-up division followed by Harold Porter and Charles Apligian Gene Rice earned the title in the 75-79 group, thanks mainly to a 300 game which he rolled in the opening set. He started the day with 15 consecu-

tive strikes and finished with 661 Gabe Fazekas was runner-up with 649 and Milton Patton

rolled into third place with 636 The 70-72 division was captured by Chester Oleszkowicz with 694, followed by Jerry Cole at 690 and Tony Ballarta

In the 65-69 group, it was Tony Loiacano taking first with 728 Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford was second with 701 and Bob Arnold placed third with 671

The 60-64 age division was

MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC

Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002

REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR

ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. That a public hearing will be held on

Tuesday December 17 2002 during a regular meeting of the

Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to

consider an application from Robert Bosch Corporation for an

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a proposed new

facility to be located within Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park,

Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan Plymouth Lakes

Corporate Park is located south of Five Mile Road east of

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8 00 a m to 4 30 pm Monday through Friday Any Township resident or member of any taxing

authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to

appear and be heard Written comments directed to the Clerk and

received prior to the meeting will be considered Following the

The public hearing commencing at 700 pm will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 on Tuesday December 17 2002

during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting Telephone number (734) 354 3224

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

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

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

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

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

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

as it is conducive to the bone

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

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

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

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

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

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association He can be reached at (734) 422 1609

SPORTS BRIEFS

WYAA HOOP SIGNUP

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE** COMCAST CABLEVISION OF THE SOUTH, INC.

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

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

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

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THOMAS WYSOCKI Secretary Board of Education

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Board Review



Heart attacks

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

This study is the first to determine that MRI is a strong prognostic forecast er says lead author Dr W Gregory Hundley a cardiolo gist and associate professor of internal medicine and radiology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston Salem NC Such information is important because it helps us identify which patients should receive more aggres sive treatment

Hundley's study yielded several important findings

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

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

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

These finding have inter esting implications says Hundley Patients with iso lated disease near the base and the middle of the ventri cle often are referred for procedures to restore blood flow This study suggests that in doing so you might alleviate chest pain but not prevent a cardiac death

🌃 Bipolar disease

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

The Manic Depressive Depressive Association (MDDA) Bipolar Support Group meets 3 5 pm the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Beaumont Hospital Administration Building 3601 W 13 Mile Road Royal Oak For informa tion call Kathie at (248) 544

Blood pressure

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

🌃 Holiday massage

If your employees seem bored with the usual office holiday party consider giv ing a stress relieving mas sage to those hard working folks instead It's easier than

you think! To schedule just call **Botsford Center for Health** Improvement in Novi at (248) 477 6100 Ext 247 A certified massage therapist will come to your workplace She'll bring a specially designed massage chair and give each employee a 10 to 15 minute massage The charge for ten employees in a two hour period is only \$125. Think how happy your employees will be with improved circu lation relief from muscle tension and stiffness and enhanced health and well



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

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

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

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

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

BE PREPARED

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

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

Being prepared, setting priorities and having a positive attitude are the best ways to handle the holidays, she says Her suggestions include

Have precut and convenience foods, such as vegetables and fruits, available to munch on at home and to bring to parties to share with others "When I make up a fruit tray for parties, I like to use

exotic fruits, such as mangoes, pomegranates, kiwis and persimmons These fruits are now more readily available and less expensive, and they look pretty and colorful on the serving plate'

A fruit dip can be added for the finishing touch Claye likes to mix vanilla low-fat yogurt with sugarfree hot cocoa to taste

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

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

Sharon Claye Weight Watchers

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

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

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

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

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

SET PRIORITIES

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

chose four small cookies or 8 small

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

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

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

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

KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

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

Focus on people and not on food "When I have to go to gatherings that I dread, I

search for someone who looks as miserable as I feel I strike up a conversation with them Often this person is grateful to talk with me and it's an opportunity to make a new friend" Don't be a victim!

> By choosing to take healthy steps, you'll have a positive and successful holiday season without "For many, it's too hard to lose weight

during the holidays You should consider yourself successful if you maintain the weight you

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Change your beverages to reduce your stress

BY SANDY BAUMANN CORRESPONDENT

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

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

Since the usual take-out coffee or soft drink is usually 12 oz, you don't have to drink very much to reach the recommended daily maximum (The Web site www.sleepfoundation.org/caffeine.html offers a Caffeine Calculator" that lists caffeine in beverages, chocolate, and pain relievers)

EFFECT ON THE BRAIN

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

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

Too much caffeine may also result in

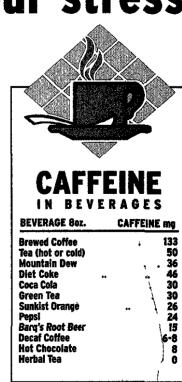
irritability Since caffeine is a diuretic, it increases excretion of water-soluble Bvitamins and Vitamin C These vitamins help the brain and adrenal glands cope with stress Deficiency in these vitamins results in irritability, confusion, memory loss, restlessness, anxiety, headaches, and

EFFECT ON THE BODY

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

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

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Red Cross offers winter safety tips

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

PREPARE WINTER STORM PLAN

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

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

- Stay tuned for storm warn-
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and your local radio and TV stations for updated storm

PREVENTING INJURY

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

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

overdressing or overexertion that can lead to heat illness

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

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

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

If you would like to make a contribu tion to the Red Cross call (313) 833 2664 or log on the Web site

BEVERAGES

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sium and calcium, leading to bone loss In a study of over 90,000 women, those who consumed the most caffeine had three times greater risk for hip fracture than those who consumed little or no caffeine

In the digestive tract, excess caffeine can cause or worsen ırrıtable bowel syndrome, ulcers, inflammation of the esophagus, heartburn, and hiatal hernia During digestion, caffeme reduces iron absorption and can lead to anemia. One cup of coffee can reduce iron absorption by 39 percent

For women, too much caffeine can cause sore breasts and PMS, these symptoms often disappear when caffeine is stopped Health Wisdom for Women reports that cafferne has been shown to increase the rate of miscarriage and low-birth-weight babies

SOFT DRINKS

Many persons, including teenagers, drink carbonated beverages, both diet and regular These carbonated beverages also present health hazards - even those without caffeine

Dr Jonathan Ewer, a chiropractor from Latrobe, Pa, has seen osteoporosis fractures in 13-year-old girls and men who

consume large amounts of carbonated soft drinks Phosphoric acid in soft drinks increases the risk for bone loss, because it reacts with calcium to make it

ınsoluble Sugared soft drinks raise the potential for obesity A 20-oz soft drink contains around 250 calories, which represents 1/8 of the daily caloric intake recommended for either an elementary school student or the average woman

A person who drinks three 20-oz sugared soft drinks weekly and does not increase physical activity may gain seven pounds a year

Diet drinks that contain aspartame increase the levels of dopamine in the brain, too much dopamine causes anxiety and headaches

WATER

Plain water is a great choice, because it enhances health According to Dr Batmanghelidi in Your Body's Many Cries for Water, drinking more water is a simple way to decrease hypertension

It also increases fluid in the joints, thereby lessening the pain and stiffness of arthritis Water restores fluid balance in the bowels, which reduces heartburn and constipation

It also hydrates the respiratory tract to decrease sinus problems,

asthma, and the potential for infection

In the book Overcoming Arthritis, West Bloomfield physician Dr David Brownstein recommends drinking one ounce of water for every two pounds of body weight If you eat many fruits and vegetables, you may need less water You are drinking enough water when your urme is the color of pale lemonade If you have congestive heart or kidney problems, consult your physician before drinking more water

Water fights fatigue Hikers find that they can hike longer when they carry and drink water than when they don't Thus, you can fight holiday stress (and save money) by switching from caffeinated beverages and soft drinks to water

For more information about food, beverages, and the brain, Baumann teaches a class, "Feed the Brain for Learning and Memory" at Henry Ford Community College on Saturdays, Feb 1 and 8 Register by calling toll-free (877) 855-5252

Sandy Baumann has a master s degree in biochemistry and is the author of Help Me Find My Memory She has served as a college biochemistry instructor a health editor and a direc tor of senior health promotion at a local hospital. You may write her at emergingfree2000@yahoo

WEIGHT

were at the start of the season," Claye says "You should plan to continue your weight-loss efforts as soon as possible after the holiday season ends

This dedicated Weight Watchers leader wants to help you with your healthy holiday menu planning by providing you with recipes that are not only good, but low in calories and points (Weight Watchers uses the "Winning Points" approach to weight loss) E-mail her at sclaye@ameritech net

OTHER HEALTHY HOLIDAY TIPS

Keeping a positive attitude during the holidays - and every day is also one of the best tips offered by Sarah Irving, a registered dietitian with the Beaumont Weight Control Center

- Irving offers these other tips ■ Preplanning is the key to success Identify those foods or situations which pose the biggest challenge for you Then develop strategies to cope with these foods and situations'
- Plan fun activities to stav active "Exercise can be a fun thing to do You can do such things as playing in the snow or

all the holiday decorations"

- Create a non-food holiday tradition 'Instead of baking cookies, make ornaments, wreaths or other decorations"
- Avoid hanging around the food table Often if food is outof-sight, its out-of-mind If you stay away from the food, you're less tempted to eat it
- Limit your alcohol consumption "Alcohol adds extra calories A regular (12 ounce) beer, for example, has 150 calones Limit your alcoholic drinks by having a glass of water or a non-alcoholic beverage in between Don't skip meals
- Oftentimes, when you skip a meal (or meals) to save the calones for parties, you tend to overeat, even binge, when you get to the party Eat healthy and low-calone foods the day of the event so that you can better control what you eat when you get to the party
- Don't forget to drink plenty of water Water fills you up and, oftentimes, when you think you're hungry you're just thirsty
- Send leftovers home with your guests Remember Out of sight, out of mind

FINAL THOUGHT

I was told early on in my

walking the mall while enjoying weight-loss journey that when making a trip to the buffet table, follow behind the slimmest woman at the gathering and put on my plate only what this person puts on hers

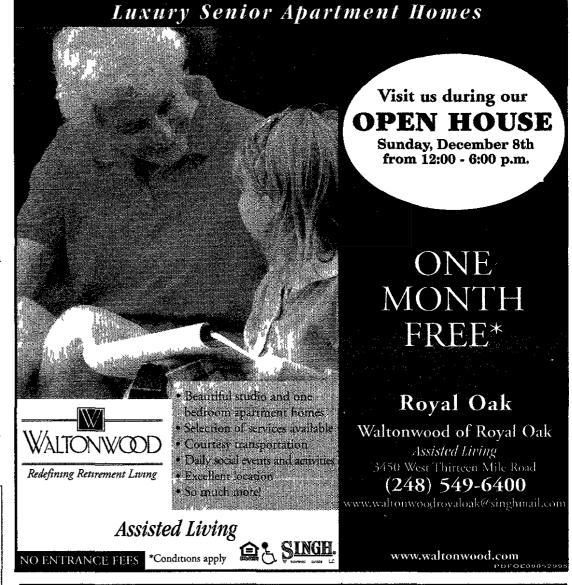
This, I was told, would guarantee that I wouldn't overeat This might work most of the time, but the two times I tried this I must have found the slimmest women with the biggest appetites They piled their plates with heaping portions of food! I would have loved following their lead, but, darn, I knew better!

Now I have my own way of handling buffets It's my '1 2 3 Plan 'I look over all of the offerings, then I select one protein, two starches/carbohydrates and three vegetables and/or fruits

And I get only one plate (even the salad, if chosen, must go on the same plate) and one trip to the buffet This works because a plate is only so big Heaping is allowed but only with the vegetables

Happy, healthy holidays¹

The Weight Control Center recently moved to it's new location in the Beaumont Health Center on Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak For information on weight control programs offered by the center call (248) 655 5900



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Holidays can intensify anxiety disorders

It's normal to worry from time to time, and everyone does it However, one in every four Americans suffers from some form of anxiety disorder at one point or another in their lives For these people, their excessive anxiety can dramatically effect quality of life This is especially so during the holidays, when added stresses can trigger an increase in panic attacks or acute social anxiety

Mental health specialists with the University of Michigan Health System encourage all of us to slow down and enjoy the holiday season, and for those individuals suffering from anxiety disorders to seek professional help But how can people tell when their state of high anxiety is such that they need professional help?

According to Joseph Himle, associate director of the U-M Anxiety Disorders Program, anxiety of a clinical nature hinges on how much it interferes with activities of everyday life Anxiety disorders people commonly seek treatment for fall into several groups generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and social anxiety dis-

Generalized Anxiety Disorder We all experience worry, but usually we're able to control it People with generalized anxiety disorder have difficulty controlling their worry Also, the disorder comes with other problems

or symptoms, such as difficulty sleeping, feeling tense, keyed up or on edge, or having problems with concentration or irritability

Panic Disorder

This is a condition characterized by sudden, unexpected surges of very intense anxiety and fear Often when people experience a panic attack, they have several physical symptoms that just don't make sense for the situation they're in These symptoms can include rapid heart rate, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort, shakiness, sweating, dizziness, even a feeling that things don't seem quite real Panic attacks commonly last just a few minutes, coming on suddenly and going away fairly quickly

Around a third of the population will experience an attack of anxiety at some point that makes no sense Most of us would dismiss it and carry on with our life, probably never to have another episode again People with an actual panic disorder have a different reaction, however They often characterize the experience as threatening or something to be afraid

"When the panic attacks increase in frequency and begin to interfere with a person's life, that signals panic disorder, a condition that often requires treatment," says Himle, who is

also a clinical assistant professor in the U-M Medical School's Department of Psychiatry

Social Anxiety Disorder Social phobias are a common anxiety disorder They affect approximately 13 percent of the population at some point in their lives, affecting women only slightly more than men For people with this disorder, the impact on their lives can be significant

"Social anxiety is really centered around a fear that people are evaluating you in a negative way or judging you in an unflattering way," Himle explains

This anxiety disorder can interfere with a person's social life, including interfering with the ability to make friends, making one feel anxious around other people, and yearning to be alone People with this disorder may find that interacting with someone on a date is so stressful that they prefer staying alone Others may choose a partner who is less threatening

Many people with social anxety disorder find themselves isolated, depressed and feel the disorder has made a substantial impact on their well-being

CHALLENGE

orders, the holiday season is

For people with anxiety dis-

often a challenge For instance, people with social anxiety may find it very difficult to attend office parties or neighborhood get-togethers

For someone with a panic disorder, the hectic pace of the holidays can raise levels of general anxiety to the point where it triggers more attacks of anxiety And people with panic disorders are sometimes challenged over the holidays to go places and do things like shop-

ping or visiting
'I think a gift we can all give ourselves during the holiday season is to take a little more time for rest, relaxation, satisfaction and to use this time to think about getting help if social anxiety, panic disorder or generalized anxiety are interfering with life," Himle says "We have treatments that are available for these conditions, and using the holidays to reflect and redirect our life in a more positive direction clearly makes sense"

There are two main interventions for people with anxiety disorders, and these include medications and psychotherapy The psychotherapies often center around something called cognitive behavioral therapy, which involves asking people to confront their difficult situa-

People in therapy also learn

ABOUT ANXIETY DISORDERS

- Anxiety disorders only infrequently occur in an isolated form They are extensively present with depression and substance abuse
- Anxiety disorders cannot be cured but full functional recovery is achievable
- People with anxiety disorders tend to be at a continuous risk of
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ways to manage their anxiety by using relaxation techniques Lifestyle changes can also help, these include exercise, sleeping at regular times or even finding a better balance between work and fun

"Medications and psychological treatments can be quite helpful for these problems, and there's real reason to come forward for help," says Himle

Cognitive therapists help people think more accurately about their situation and learn to judge risks more clearly

The fact of the matter is that most of the time, the things we worry about don't happen, a cognitive therapist helps people think more clearly and helps them gain their perspective about the real risks in life," he

Participants needed for child urinary dysfunction study

A major pharmaceutical company is screening children from 1 month through 15 years of age to participate in one of several clinical research studies An investigational medication will be studied for the treatment of neurogenic lower unnary dysfunction in children

These clinical research studies will collect data as a basis for a pediatric dosage recommendation, and evaluate its safety and effectiveness in children The studies will be conducted at multiple centers throughout the United States including Children's Hospital in function due to known neuro

Detroit, and will involve up to six visits over a period of up to 13 weeks

The investigational medication is classified as an antimuscarınıc drug, a class of drugs that is commonly prescribed for overactive bladder because they reduce the frequency and intensity of contractions of the bladder muscle The investigational medication is currently approved for use in adults

Children from 1 month through 15 years of age with neurogenic urinary tract dys

logical disease, who require intermittent catheterization, are being sought to participate in these clinical research stud-

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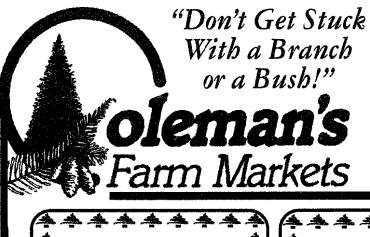
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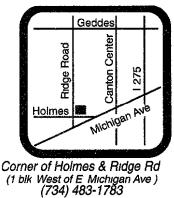
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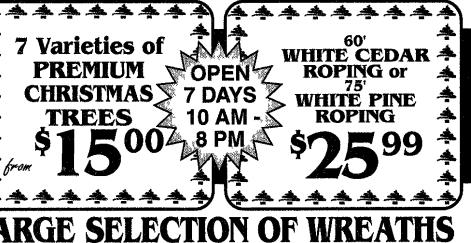
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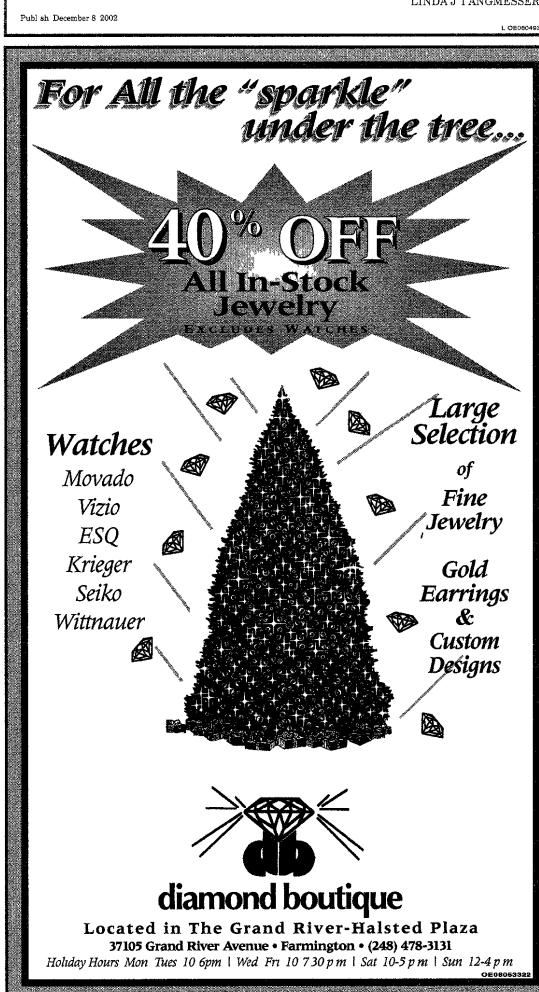
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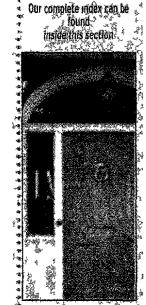
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"You get a lot for the money," said Brad Kallen of JK Construction "A lot of our things are standard We give overhead lights in bedrooms six-panel doors

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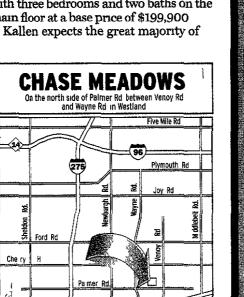
sure everything is taken care of," Udman said "Their aim is to please They're going to be around a long time" "We say let's make this be a fun thing

for you," Kallen added "This is an upscale, family-oriented new sub," Udman said "Wayne-Westland schools are good schools

(City) services are good here' "There's plenty of retail nearby – all major stores," Kallen said "It's certainly located close to all major expressways'

The raised ranch at Chase Meadows contains 2,200 square feet with a finished lower level and includes three bedrooms

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Wanita McMurrian ordered a colonial "As soon as I saw it, I fell in love," she said 'I liked the way it was set up, looked They were willing to work with me Price was reasonable. I love the (Westland) area"

JK Construction also has built at Silver Leaf in Pittsfield Township and scattered homes in West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Sylvan Lake, Kallen said

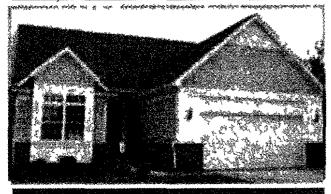
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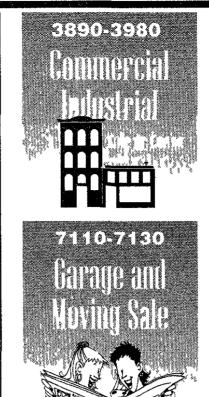








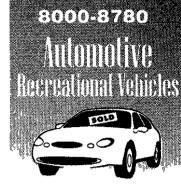












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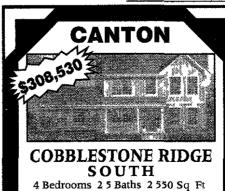


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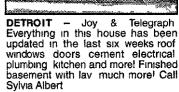




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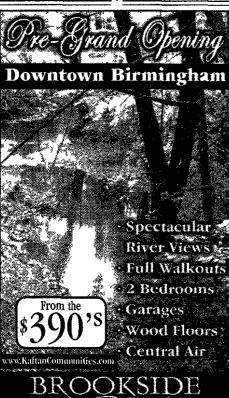
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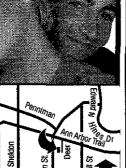
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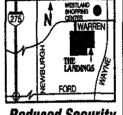
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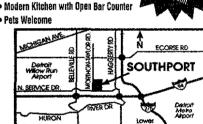
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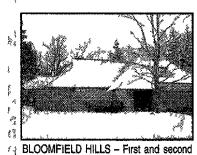
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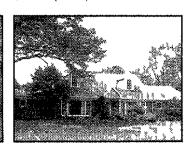
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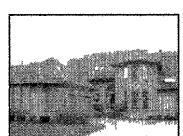
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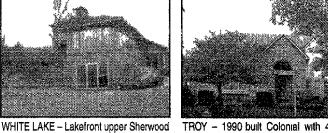
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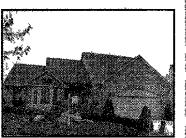


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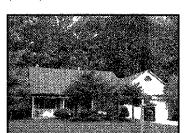




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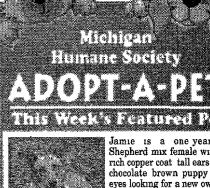
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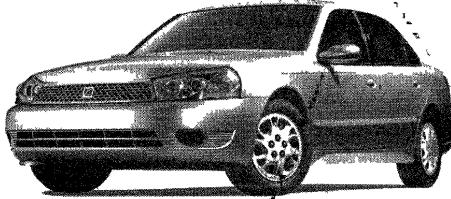
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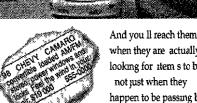
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