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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holiday closings: Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25, for the Christmas holiday. Offices in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28.

■ **Summit on the Park:** The Summit will close at 2 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 8 a.m. Saturday. The community center will be open for swimming and other activities during regular weekend hours, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Library:** The Canton Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25. The library will be open Saturday and Sunday.

■ **WTUA:** The Western Townships Utilities Authority will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25, and will reopen Monday, Dec. 28.

■ **Trash:** Regular garbage pickups will be made Thursday Dec. 24.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Toys and more: As if you didn't get enough Christmas morning, The Toy & Hobby Expo runs 3-9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the Novi Expo Center. The show will feature operating displays, including the world's largest mobile model railroad display. Vendors and collectors will participate. Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children 4-12. Parking is \$4. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

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Two not guilty in '97 slaying

Matt Leonard and Mark Edwards - two of three defendants charged in the ambush killing of David Martell - were acquitted of first-degree murder charges Thursday by a Wayne Circuit Court jury.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Not guilty on all counts. Matt Leonard and Mark Edwards did not murder David Martell on Nov. 19, 1997, at the Westpointe Mobile

Home Park in Canton. That was the decision from a Wayne County jury of seven men and five women, who cleared the teens early Thursday afternoon in circuit court.

"The jury saw that the prosecutor's case was weak," said Edwards' attor-

ney Dennis Shrewsbury. "There was not enough evidence to convict."

Leonard and Edwards were charged with first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and felony firearm use. The jury read verdicts of not guilty on each count for both after less than two hours of deliberations.

"I'm very disappointed," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Coyle said. He declined further comment on the case.

Martell's mother, Victoria Riordan,

was also disappointed. Prior to the reading of the verdicts, she commented about the possibility of Leonard and Edwards going free.

"That'll be hard to live with," said Riordan, who was "satisfied" with the job Coyle had done.

"I think he brought out the right points," she added. "I think he did the best he could do."

Leonard was also charged with receiving and concealing a stolen

Please see NOT GUILTY, A2

All that and Santa too



Just dessert: Allie Rushing, 2½, digs into her figgy pudding (actually chocolate) at the annual Brunch With Santa at the Summit. For more photos from the Dec. 13 event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Softball center deal gets final board OK

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The deal is done. The township's long-anticipated purchase of Canton Softball Center became official Tuesday with a unanimous vote of the board of trustees. It means a dozen new diamonds for youth and adult baseball and softball.

"Virtually every weekend will be filled (with tournaments)," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said, "from May to September."

Canton agreed to buy the 70-acre facility from sole owner Aaron Jade in late August. The township will spend a total of \$4.55 million to purchase land, buildings and Cleats II restaurant on the Michigan Avenue site.

Several funds will be used for the purchase. Some \$1.6 million will come from Canton's community improve-

ment fund, \$1.5 million from its general fund balance and up to \$2.5 million from the sale of Building Authority bonds.

Trustees authorized a bond sale on Aug. 25.

"The purchase will maintain the current business while more effectively utilizing the available reserve baseball/softball field capacity," Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack wrote in a memo to trustees about the purchase.

"It will provide Canton residents with a quality recreational facility and will enhance Canton's quality of life."

Jade will transfer titles to the township no later than Jan. 27.

While the purchase received support from local baseball and softball groups, others voiced opposition.

Please see SOFTBALL, A5

Making a point: District bans lasers in classroom

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY LAURIE K. CURCURI
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Hey, kids: If you attend Van Buren Public Schools and you get a laser pointer this holiday season, make sure you leave it home. Van Buren has banned hand-held laser pointers from district schools and busses.

From kindergartners to seniors, punishment now awaits laser-toting students. The district's Board of Education has implemented a "disciplinary procedure" regarding the use and/or possession of laser pointers.

"We have a policy of demanding good discipline in the district," said Deb Havens, the district's communication

specialist. "And this is a procedure to deny the improper use of laser pointers."

Superintendent James Richendollar said the district has not yet experienced any injuries or major problems involving the pointers.

"There is an obvious danger and distraction posed by the use of laser pointers," he said. "We are acting prudently on what may be a problem down the road."

The Food and Drug Administration has warned parents and school officials about the possibility of eye damage to children from hand-held laser pointers.

Please see LASER POINTERS, A6

Red and green - this Santa trims trees year-round

BY LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

At 13 years old, he found out there was no Santa Claus. He was devastated. At 16, Jason Neher of Canton took it upon himself to convince kids that there really is a Santa.

Now 20, he has several hundred children sit on his lap during the holiday season.

"I do this out of the kindness of my heart," Neher said, "Sometimes families are too busy to get to the mall." He never charges for his visit, but if

a place of business offers him money, he accepts. His rounds include subdivisions, client's homes, day care centers, schools, hospitals, restaurants and children's stores.

Neher recently made his third visit to Little Treasure Day care in Canton.

The center owner, Tracey Drain of Canton, said Neher is a giving young man.

"I am very impressed with what he does for the township and the age he is," she said. "A lot of people forget

Please see SANTA, A4

Too pretty to open

Tips that can help you get holiday gifts under wraps

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

If you're all thumbs and no imagination when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts, have we got some suggestions for you. With just a bit more than scissors and a roll of tape, you can transform a "Dad must have wrapped it" gift into a "Dad, who wrapped this for you?" masterpiece.

Hold your reindeers, guys. We're not saying all of you can't wrap. Women are known to sprout a fistful of thumbs when it comes to wrapping presents as well.

Our tips come from some of the finest wrappers in the area, from 13-year-old Kathy McQueen of Plymouth, who suggests putting jewelry in a burger box, to Mary Lynn Giovan, a Livonia

Churchill High School art teacher who wraps her gifts in beautiful fabric remnants and ties them with tulle and lace.

And then there's Martha Stewart, the world's quintessential expert on good taste, who suggests choosing two or three hues and using only shades in those colors for your papers and ribbons for a "stunning" effect beneath your tree.

Don't let Martha intimidate you. Here's the best red-ribbon gift-wrapping suggestions this side of the North Pole:

■ Brown paper is not just for mailing packages. Decorate it with gold star stickers and gold wired ribbon. Tie it



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Pretty patterns: Tanja Von Kulajta, owner of RSVP gift shop in Plymouth, sells hand-made and specialty wrapping paper.

OK, so you're not Martha Stewart when it comes to wrapping holiday gifts in spite of our great ideas. But if you can cut and tape, there's hope.

RSVP, a small gift shop at 829 Penniman in Plymouth, is a treasure trove of fine papers and ribbons. Owner Tanja Von Kulajta will not do your wrapping, but she'll help coordinate your selections and choose decorations.

RSVP carries 10 designs of motif papers made in England at \$1.95 a sheet and several hand-made papers with visible wood and flower fragments at \$2.25-\$4.75 a sheet. They also carry gold-

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Can't wrap, don't panic

Please see TIPS, A8

CANTON CONNECTION

Donations accepted

As 1998 comes to a close and tax season lurks ahead, Canton residents looking for ways to alleviate those IRS blues have a local solution.

By donating to the Canton Community Foundation, contributors may receive as much as 50 percent of their contribution back as a 1998 Michigan tax credit, said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director. The state has certified the foundation as a qualified community foundation, which provides this tax benefit to its endowment fund contributors, Noricks said.

The Canton Community Foundation supports local community members and organizations. This year, the foundation provided some 22 college and university scholarships to Canton residents. The foundation also funded the feasibility study on a potential performing arts education center in Canton.

In the past, the foundation has supported projects like construction of Heritage Hideout, the playscape in Heritage Park, Noricks said.

For more information about donating to the Canton Community Foundation endowment fund or for information about the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit program, call the foundation at 398-5000.

Temperate storage

Shurgard Storage, 2101 Haggerty, has added a number of heated and cooled storage units to its facility. The units have drive-up access. For information, call the Shurgard office, 981-0300.

DARE/Explorer help

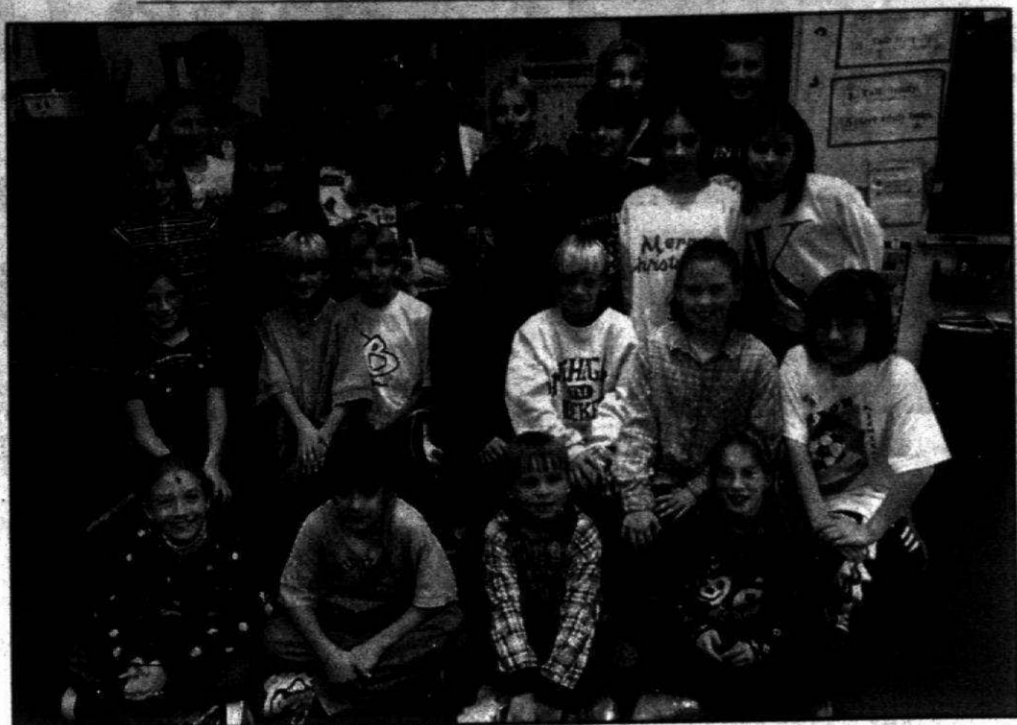
The Canton Police DARE program has received a \$990 donation from Paul Berry, owner of Lighthouse Oil Change on Ford Road. The money was raised when the shop donated \$10 for each oil change performed on one Saturday in October.

Meanwhile, the Canton Superbowl has donated \$511 to the police department to be used for the Explorer program. The joint program sponsored by the Public Safety Department and the Boy Scouts introduces young adults to career possibilities in law enforcement.

Stop here

New stop signs have been placed on Cherry Hill at Beck Road as a \$1.1 million road upgrade

Miller students make clothing bank donation



Holiday spirit: Students in Cyndi Naumoff's fifth-grade class pose Thursday with gloves, hats and underwear, (on the Christmas tree), they will donate to the Plymouth Clothing Bank. Naumoff is at left, rear.

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Shrewsbury said he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to time already served by Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway.

Going home
After processing at the Wayne County jail late Thursday afternoon, both Leonard, 18, and Edwards, 17, were expected home for dinner.

Shrewsbury felt the testimony of Shannon Edwards, Mark's sister, Tuesday put the defense's case "over the top." She told the jury that the two teens were at her home watching a movie at the time of the shooting.

"She was well-believed by the jury and everyone in the courtroom," Shrewsbury said.

Blanchfield's hearing
Martell, 21, was killed in an ambush-style shooting at Westpointe on Nov. 19 of last year. He was shot twice, including a fatal hit in the chest.

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Despite the loss Thursday, Coyle said he will not change his strategy in prosecuting Blanchfield.

Trial concludes
Testimony in the case against Edwards and Leonard, which began Nov. 9, concluded Wednesday. The day began with Hathaway hearing a motion for a "directed verdict."

Shrewsbury and defense partner Evan Callanan filed the motion. It asked that Hathaway not give the case over to the jury.

The motion asserted that the prosecutor failed to provide sufficient evidence that would allow

did not prove the elements of conspiracy in his case. He said Leonard never agreed or conspired to kill Martell with Edwards and Blanchfield.

"There was no specific agreement by Matt Leonard to do anything or what alibi to use," Shrewsbury said.

Coyle disagreed with the assertions.

He said testimony showed that Edwards and Leonard did conspire to kill Martell. Coyle further argued that spent bullet casings from .38, .25 and .22 caliber guns, which the defendants and Blanchfield had all been seen with days prior to the shooting, were sufficient evidence.

"If you take all the evidence," the assistant prosecutor said, "a reasonable jury could find that the defendants caused the death of David Martell."

Hathaway declined to rule on the motion.

"This is a serious enough case," she said, "with such heart-breaking evidence, I'm going to see if the jury finds there's enough evidence to find guilt. I will take the motion under advisement."

Hathaway added that she would consider the motion after the jury had reached its verdict.

The motive being that a friend of Martell's had robbed Edwards and Blanchfield of \$400. The man allegedly failed to deliver marijuana purchased by the duo.

Second, bullet casings found at the scene came from guns which the defendants had been seen with, said Coyle. Similar live .22-caliber bullets were found at Blanchfield's home.

Finally, Coyle said Edwards and Leonard had admitted to the murder to a friend, Chad Aho, who testified in the case.

"Is there a doubt in this case?" the prosecutor told jurors. "There might be doubt, but it's not reasonable. It's not reasonable to believe anyone else could or would have killed David Martell."

Callanan and Shrewsbury attacked Aho's credibility in their final arguments. Callanan also called Coyle's case a "hodge-podge" of inconsistencies in terms of testimony and evidence.

The attorney also pointed to Edwards' alibi, which was given in testimony Tuesday by his sister, Shannon. She said the both Mark Edwards and Leonard had been at her trailer in Westpointe watching a movie at the time of the shooting.

"Edwards wasn't there at the time of the killing," Callanan added. "He didn't do it."

Shrewsbury summed up by saying Leonard never conspired to kill Martell, never admitted to the shooting or owning a gun and never wavered from his alibi.

"My theory is supported by what you heard," Shrewsbury told the jury. "Don't take Aho seriously."

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Police officer injured while making arrest

A Canton police officer was injured Tuesday afternoon while trying to arrest a 20-year-old Belleville man.

Officer Dave Bojesic made a traffic stop on a vehicle at Haggerty Road and Annapolis Circle at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The operator, who was driving on a suspended license, was taken into custody without incident.

A passenger in the vehicle, the Belleville man, was found to have an outstanding felony warrant. Assisting Officer Dave Marinelli attempted to arrest the man.

The 20-year-old man pulled away from Marinelli as the officer tried to handcuff him. The suspect and officer fell into a ditch, at which time the man began kicking Marinelli.

The Belleville man escaped and ran from the scene on foot. He was later apprehended by Wayne police with the help of a K-9.

Marinelli suffered a fractured pinkie finger in the incident. He was treated at Oakwood Hospital in Canton.

The Belleville man is being held at the Canton Police Department pending charges.

B & E
A 40-year-old Canton was the victim of a breaking and entering Thursday at about 2:30 p.m. She returned home and was in her living room when she heard

someone in an upstairs bedroom.

She went to the second floor of the home to investigate. After opening a closet door, an unidentified man sprinted past her and ran out the front door.

The woman was uninjured. Police later arrested an 18-year-old Canton man in connection with the incident.

It was later learned that he had taken several compact discs and medicine from the home. He was charged with breaking and entering as well as larceny.

LARCENY
A 43-year-old Westland man was charged with operating his vehicle under the influence of liquor early Friday morning, according to reports.

The man struck a Detroit Edison utility pole on Michigan Avenue near I-275. Police found the man lying on the ground near his vehicle and allegedly intoxicated.

The man, who had suffered injuries to mouth and nose, tried to fight with officers at the scene. Police later obtained a warrant to draw blood from the man while he was being treated at Ann Arbor Hospital.

EQUIPMENT TAKEN
More than \$1,000 worth of construction equipment was stolen from La-Z-Boy warehouse on Haggerty Road early Friday morning.

Two chain saws valued at \$360, a circular saw worth \$130 and four drywall screwdrivers worth \$560 were taken from the site between 6 p.m. Thursday and 5:30 a.m. Friday, according to police reports.

Police have no suspects. It's the second time in the past several months the site has been burglarized.

MDOP
An estimated \$300 worth of damage was done to a Westland man's Chevy van Saturday evening when the incident occurred. According to reports, an unknown person knocked the van's rear window out.

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OBITUARIES
Additional obituaries, A8

MOLLY C. SIZEMORE
Private services for Molly C. Sizemore, 91, of Canton were held. She was born June 1, 1907, in Pineville, W. Va. She was a cafeteria worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Survivors include her daughter, Joan S. (George) Lenhoff, three grandchildren, Greg, Theresa, Carla (Jim), and Lynn, and four great grandchildren, Gregory, Matthew, Nicole, and Molly.

ANNE E. KANGAS
Private services for Anne E. Kangas, 80, of Plymouth were Dec. 12 in Lapham Cemetery, Salem Township. Local arrangements were made by Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

She was born May 23, 1918, in Hurley, Wis. She died Dec. 10 in Garden City. She was a home-

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Santa from page A1

Christmas is for giving and that's what he does. Poor kid works all day too and plays Santa at night.

When Neher visited Little Treasure he told the boys and girls a story in his Santa voice, passed out candy canes and gifts and put the little ones on his lap.

"He does a good job and looks great. He has a great make-up job. He looks better than Santas at the mall."

If you can't get to the mall and you are sitting in your living room one night and hear a police patrol car siren and hear a ho-ho-ho from the loud speaker it is Neher making his rounds through your sub while being chauffeured by an on-duty police officer.

The subdivisions usually announce his visit in advance and have a designated spot for Santa to make his list.

He said kids have a wide range of wishes but some things Santa can't deliver.

A 6-year-old boy from Canton asked if he could get his daddy back. Neher was stumped, then the boy's mother scurried the lad away. A 4-year-old boy in Canton asked for a baby sister. Neher told him that isn't something his elves can make.

He said when children ask for puppies and kittens he explains he has so many stops to make on Christmas Eve the puppies and kittens might freeze. Neher said his most popular requests are Beanie Babies.

'He does a good job and looks great. He has a great make-up job. He looks better than Santas at the mall.'

Tracy Drain,

Treasure Day care center owner

"It isn't always easy being Santa. I've gotten kicked, my beard pulled, bitten by my own dog and accused of being a phony," Neher said.

Neher takes his role very seriously. When he first transformed into the jolly old man in red he had a suit from a costume store. Now, he has a hand-stitched outfit of fine fabric, real black boots, a Santa belly, round bifocals (that he can't see out of), and make-up.

The rest of the year, Santa is president of Neher Perfect Lawn Care. The young, tall, thin entrepreneur started his rounds by offering lawn care customers a visit by old St. Nick during his off-season. Today, it has gone beyond his clients and become a part of his community service.

Neher started the business when he was 10, with his dad's mower, a few lawns and some motivation.

"I was always looking for ways to make money," he explained, "I wanted to buy Nike tennis shoes and save for a car."

At 15, his business almost hit the dirt. He wore-out his dad's

mower. Jason said his dad wasn't pleased, but loaned him money to buy commercial equipment.

Now, he has built up a business with 180 customers and nine employees that make-up three uniformed crews. He owns top-of-the-line equipment that he hauls in four, 24-foot racing trailers that double as moving billboards.

His services include lawn care, snow removal, sprinkler winterizing and, of course, Santa visits. Neher has one request for Observer readers this holiday season - if you know any children who still believe in Santa, don't spoil the fantasy.

Volunteer cited

Ronald Lieberman of Canton has been nominated to receive the 10th annual Citizens Insurance Senior Awards, which recognize outstanding volunteer services by senior citizens.

They are nearly 50 nominees from across Michigan who will be considered for the award. Ten winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize and a \$500 donation to the charity of their choice.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBBARDMAN

Christmas wishes: Santa (aka Jason Neher, above) talks with Rachel Rowe, 4, nearest to Santa at right, who reopened a gash in her chin and required stitches at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building in Canton. Rachel, of Garden City, is joined by her sisters Melissa, 6, at left, and Samantha, 2 1/2.



From his sack: Santa hands a candy cane to Briana Bock, 6, of Novi, who is joined by her brothers Andrew, 4, and Zachary, 3, in the Pediatrics department at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building in Canton on Wednesday.

County commission shelves smoking ordinance

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WAYNE COUNTY NEWS

Wayne County commissioners won't ban smoking in businesses within the county anytime soon.

They effectively snuffed out the issue Thursday by referring a proposed "smoke-free workplace" ordinance and a resolution encouraging state lawmakers to study the issue to a commission committee next year.

But the ordinance's author — Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit — believes the move kills the ordinance since committee chairs must gather enough votes to send the measure back to the full commission.

It appears that, for now, the ordinance doesn't have enough support from commissioners.

"Technically, it can be brought back, but practically, it's dead," Parker said. "I would like to revisit this issue once there is a ruling in the Marquette case. If it is upheld, I would like to bring this back."

Parker's original ordinance had called for a ban on smoking in Wayne County businesses,

including restaurants and bars. The commission's Committee on Health and Human Services, which Parker chairs, amended the proposal on Dec. 10 to soften the ban and restrict smoking in restaurants and bars to 25 percent of their seating areas by March 1, 2000. That revised ordinance then was sent back to commissioners.

Marquette County has passed a similar ban of smoking in its

restaurants, which is being challenged in court by the Michigan Restaurant Association.

The committee referral move came two days after commissioners conducted a public hearing on the ordinance where they heard comments from restaurateurs, bar owners and casino officials who opposed a ban and any restrictions, and supporters who liked the concept.

Harry Klingeman, represent-

ing the Michigan Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Association, said he believed the ordinance was illegal and pre-empted by state law. "I believe the state is the only one to regulate smoking," Klingeman said. "You should wait for the Marquette decision before you act."

He referred to a lawsuit filed by the Michigan Restaurant Association on a smoking ban in

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Request for Proposal for Career Preparation System Consultant. Specifications and fee schedule can be obtained by contacting Dan Phillips, Purchasing Department, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, (734) 416-2746. Proposals are due on or before Monday, January 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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Arthritis Today

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EARLY ARTHRITIS

In arthritis, you can treat what you can't detect. Physicians can appreciate that you find yourself so stiff in the morning that you can barely get out of bed. You find that it is mid day before you can walk and move almost normally, but are still not right. By evening you are as exhausted as if you had been up a day without rest.

With all these changes, it is possible that on examination you have no joint swelling, and that laboratory tests and x-rays don't show that anything is wrong.

However, the reality is that something is awry, and you need treatment now.

The problem of feeling it, but nothing shows occurs because early arthritis can cause inflammation that is localized in appearance and migratory in the joints involved. However, chemical changes cause by inflammation can reach throughout the body. Fatigue and aching will dominate a process that involves inflammation of the joints.

The pattern of your aching provides sufficient information to allow your doctor to go forward with therapy, even though the type of arthritis you may have - rheumatoid, psoriatic, post infectious or other - is still not clear.

At such times, you can begin taking anti-inflammatory medication. Your response to this therapy provides your physician evidence to how correct his inference is, that inflammation to be detailed precisely later, is the cause of your distress.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Josh Razgunas, 16, delivers the Canton Observer in the Sun-flower subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since March 1997.

2 school unions get new contracts

New contracts were approved this month for two Wayne-Westland school district unions. The Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association and the Wayne-Westland Business Administrators Association received three-year contracts running through 2001.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

WBAW will cost the district \$149,101 more in the first year, \$118,314 in the second year and \$79,861 in the third year. The salary increases for W.WCOAA will cost the district \$118,492 more in the first year, \$128,740 in the second year and \$94,725 in the third year.

Year-end planning can help trim '98 tax bill

Plotting year-end ways to shrink your 1998 income tax bill may not be anyone's idea of holiday season merriment. But between now and New Year's Eve, there are many things individuals can do to ensure they qualify for the new tax breaks.

Chapel of Angels Mausoleum Open House and Dedication Service Sunday, December 27, 1998 • 3 p.m. You and your family are cordially invited to your Chapel of Angels Mausoleum Dedication Service on Sunday, December 27, 1998.

Laser pointers from page A1

The light energy that laser pointers can aim into the eye can be more damaging than staring directly into the sun, according to an FDA statement. Federal law requires a warning on the product label about this potential hazard to the eyes.

Commission may take up countywide pest control

Wayne County commissioners may revisit an issue next year that one commissioner hopes to address in her district. Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, said this week that she expects the commission's Committee on Health and Human Services will discuss a county rodent control program next year.

Smoking from page A5

Marquette County. "Hotels and motels) are figuratively and literally these people's homes away from homes while they are traveling," Klingeman said. He called the ban an "invasion of privacy."

nick of time last 2 days doorbusters SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 • DOORS OPEN AT 10 AM! PLUS SAVE AN extra 15% ON SALE AND CLEARANCE ITEMS* WHEN YOU USE YOUR PARISIAN CREDIT CARD ALL DAY ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 98-8 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLES III, IV, V, VI, AND VII OF CHAPTER 18, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, COLLECTION OF FEES, MAKING OF INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING PENAL TIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE. THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCES.

Tips from page A1

- with braided twine or raffia and add a spray of cinnamon sticks, pine cones and walnuts. Or center a white, paper doll on top and wrap with dots of white organdy ribbon.
- Wrap travel-theme gifts in maps from your Atlas or globe compartment. Wrap a special gift in sheet music and tie with red and green velvet ribbon. Save the comics for your children's gifts and the crossword page for a puzzle buff.
- Wrap wine bottles in aluminum foil. Put confetti inside the bottle and tie with paper streamers. Or wrap the bottle in a big, colorful napkin.
- Wrap over-sized gifts in large, inexpensive plastic-coated holiday tablecloths.
- For a romantic gift, cover a box in gold foil paper, and glue five silver paper doilies on the sides. Make a bouquet bow from dried flowers, wrap it in cellophane and tie it with lace.
- Wrap a box of jewelry or perfume in a fancy lace hanky.
- Save those cardboard toilet paper and paper towel tubes and stuff them with small items like socks. Wrap them in tissue paper, tie both ends with ribbon and fan out the ends.
- A box wrapped in a swath of flowery chintz drapery gathered in a topknot and entwined with a silk rose is gorgeous. So is a gift wrapped in moiré wallpaper adorned with a cutout of cascading chintz roses. Stiffen roses with spray starch before cutting them out.
- Use wallpaper borders on presents wrapped in solid colors.
- Glue brightly colored buttons or peppermints on gifts wrapped in white paper. Varnish peppermints to keep color from transferring.
- Wrap just about any unusually shaped gift in tulle or netting.
- Instead of a bow, decorate gifts with feathers, seashells, cookie cutters, tiny Christmas tree balls bunched with wire, or strands of fake pearls.
- For a unique gift wrap, photocopy your favorite pictures. Color pictures can be done on 11-by-17-inch sheets and black and white on 18-by-24-inch sheets.
- Have a teenage girl? Fill a pair of tights with hair spray, shampoo and other grooming gifts. Tie legs in several places with elastic hair "scrunchies" to keep items from shifting.
- Have two teenage girls? Stuff the fingers of gloves with lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, barrettes, etc.
- Ready to wrap? Great, but before you begin, remember it's what's under the wrapping that's most important. One Christmas, my cash-strapped, then-16-year-old son taped two Dixie cups rim-to-rim with duct tape and used the space for his brother and contained about \$5 in loose change.
- We still laugh about that gift ... every Christmas.

OBITUARIES

GORDON S. RAYFIELD
Services for Gordon S. Rayfield, 71, of Livonia were Dec. 12 in the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Michael Panich officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario.

He was born Nov. 13, 1927, in Windsor, Ontario. He died Dec. 8 in Livonia. He was the president of his family-owned business, Triangle Book Binding.

Survivors include his wife, Leona; one son, Gordon Jr.; one daughter, Regina Miner; two grandchildren, Christopher Michael, Jonathan Gordon Ronald Miner; three sisters, Lillian, Lorraine, Audrey; and one brother, James Alfred.

JUNE DAVIS
Services for June Davis, 71, of Canton were Dec. 17 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Norman D. Long officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

She was born June 9, 1927, in Detroit. She died Dec. 14 in the

University of Michigan Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy; two daughters, Catherine L. Vanecek, Linda Anne Redmond; two sons, Lawrence R. and Gerald F. (Christina Brown); and six grandchildren.

GEORGE L. SALHANEY
Services for George L. Salhane, 67, of Canton were Dec. 18 in Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church with the Rev. Michael J. Matsko officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born April 20, 1931, in Detroit. He died Dec. 15 in Plymouth Court Nursing Home. He was a salesman.

Survivors include his wife, Deana; one brother, Mitchell; one sister, RoseMarie Hagar; and two grandchildren, Kelsey and Justin.

HAROLD E. KENDALL
Services for Harold E. Kendall, 79, of Plymouth were Dec. 18 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born April 27, 1919, in Cadillac, Mich. He died Dec. 14 in Livonia. He was a supervisor at the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for 44 years. He retired in 1982. He came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Standish, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneers Barber Shop Quartet. He loved to fish, hunt and sing with the quartet. He also sang at weddings and funerals with his sisters. He was active with his son in the Boy Scouts, an interest that he continued for many years after his son finished.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline of Plymouth; one son, Jay (Mercedes) of Romulus; one brother, Robert of Jackson; two sisters, Natalie Koch of Jackson, Lorraine Sulpher of California; one aunt, Annabelle Moffitt of California; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

MARY ROSS HILL
Services for Mary Ross Hill, 86, of Plymouth were Dec. 16 in Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin and Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

She was born Dec. 22, 1911, in Scotland. She died Dec. 12 in Plymouth. She was an executive secretary for Chrysler Corp.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth F. Hill, and one sister, Nan Cash. Survivors include her two daughters, Carol Ann Banner of Elm Grove, Wis., Patricia (Bob) K. Conrad of Plymouth, one sister,

Barbara Cole of Royal Oak; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446 or The Salvation Army, P.O. Box, 384, Plymouth, MI 48170.

RAYMOND GEORGE "MIKE" KIMBLE
Services for Raymond George "Mike" Kimble, 78, of Fenton were Dec. 16 in the chapel of St. John Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton with the Rev. David Harvey officiating.

He was born May 6, 1920, in Linden. He died Dec. 11 in Genesys Health Park. He was a 1938 graduate of Linden High School and was in the Sports Hall of Fame. In 1938, he opened a soda shop in Linden with his brother, servicing local residents with great ice cream and quick wit. Due to the impending war, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during World War II in the 158th Infantry in the Philippine Islands and Japan. When he returned from the war, he worked as a barber in Linden.

Local residents loved to get their hair cut by Mr. Kimble. He had the gift of gab and always provided his customers with their money's worth. Mr. Kimble was also active in local government. When he resided in Linden, he was an active participant in the VFW, Kiwanis and city council. In 1965, he and his family moved to Plymouth, where he continued with his Kiwanis membership, activities with the local government, including serving on the Council on Aging and even a run for the state Senate in 1977. One of Mr. Kimble's greatest accomplishments was working for the University of Michigan, first with the Space Research Program in Ann Arbor and then with the Natural Science Department in Dearborn. He had secret-level government clearance for Buic Space Project, Wright Patterson, AFB, Bendix Systems and Advent Satellite. He retired in 1982. He loved sports; he was an avid golfer and a medal winner in the Senior Olympics in Tempe, Ariz. He was also a true-blue University of Michigan football fan. He loved science, computers, reading history and life in general. His greatest joys in life were his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carlene Rae Kimble; two sisters, Deatta Young, Lillian Stevens; and three brothers, Phillip, Floyd, Ralph. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; one son, Douglas Kimble of Traverse City; two daughters, Catherine E. (Michael) Kandal of Bristol, Vt., Debra A. (Michael) Jett of Northville, twin grandsons, Christopher and Patrick Jett; and one granddaughter, Kera Nicole Kandal, aka Brush.

Memorials may be made to Linden High School Scholarship Fund.

Tax from page A7

(\$75,000 for singles). Eligibility to contribute to Roth IRAs and the new education IRAs starts to phase out for joint incomes above \$150,000 (\$95,000 for singles). And whether you're married or single, the right to convert regular IRAs into the new Roth IRAs is available only if your adjusted income is under \$100,000.

If you're bordering on the income limits for one of the tax breaks, there are some steps you can take between now and the end of the year that may help lower your income enough to make you partly or fully eligible for the tax benefit.

Employees can arrange with their employer to defer payment of year-end bonuses until after Dec. 31. Self-employed individuals can delay sending out bills so that customer payments won't arrive until next year.

Deductible expenses
Paying certain deductible expenses by Dec. 31 will also help.

There are several types of deductions that will reduce your adjusted gross income. They include business expenses incurred by self-employed individuals and rental property owners; job-related moving expenses; deductible retirement account contributions; alimony payments; and health insurance premiums paid by eligible self-employed individuals. The new student loan interest deduction will also reduce adjusted gross income, but not for purposes of determining eligibility for the student loan deduction itself.

Most other types of deductions, such as charitable contributions and other itemized deductions, won't affect your adjusted gross income - the figure that will largely determine your income-eligibility for the tax benefit. (Adjusted gross income is computed on tax forms before itemized deductions enter into the tax calculations.)

If your adjusted gross income is projected to be below the income-eligibility limits for a tax break, watch what financial moves you make between now and the end of the year to ensure you don't inadvertently end up above the income limits.

If your income is expected to be well above the eligibility limits this year, see if there is anything you can do in the remaining weeks of the year to help you meet the income-eligibility requirements next year.

For example, consider accelerating income into this year, such as by selling an investment early.

College expenses
If you're eligible for one of the new breaks for college expenses, check to see if you'll be eligible for the maximum benefit.

For instance, up to \$1,000 in student loan interest is deductible on 1998 returns. So if you're below the limit, pay amounts due on the loan by Dec. 31 to make the most of the new deduction.

The Hope Scholarship credit covers the first \$2,000 in tuition and fees, while the Lifetime Learning credit covers the first \$5,000. If you're below the limits, you may still have a chance to earn a bigger credit. When computing your 1998 credit, you're allowed to count prepayments of tuition for academic terms that begin in the first three months of 1999. So if by Dec. 31 you mail a check for \$1,000 tuition for the winter semester that begins in February, you can use that \$1,000 in figuring your 1998 credit.

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Utilities offer help on winter heat bills

Help with winter heating bills is available to senior citizens, low-income and unemployed utility customers.

The Michigan Public Service Commission encourages these customers to take advantage of the home heating help programs. All state regulated utility companies will offer assistance and/or shutoff protection programs this winter to assist families in need.

Customers facing heating bills they are unable to pay this winter should contact their local utility company now to sign up for the Winter Protection Plan, Home Heating Credit, Earned Income Credit, or other bill payment assistance and energy conservation programs.

Also, low-income homeowners and renters may be eligible for the Michigan Home Heating Credit and could receive \$100 or more to help pay heating bills.

Qualifying persons will be eligible to receive shutoff protection by participating in the Winter Protection Plan. Customer

enrollments in the Winter Protection Plan began Nov. 15. Eligibility details and forms are available from all Michigan Department of Treasury offices.

In addition, a family with a qualifying child and at least one worker in the household may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit. The basic credit can exceed \$2,200. A family without a qualifying child may receive a credit of \$340 or more. Application forms are available from the U.S. Department of

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threaded tissue paper in variety of jewel-tones at \$2.25 a sheet, brightly colored raffia ribbon at \$5.50 a spool, and organdy Midori ribbon from Japan at 95 cents to \$1.65 a yard.

"It's gorgeous, just gorgeous ribbon," said Von Kulajta of the Midori.

Don't have time to wrap? Don't panic. Head over to the Westland Center, where they have two gift-wrapping stations just waiting for your packages.

The stations, which also have a coat and package check, are located near J. C. Penney's and J. L. Hudson's. Choose from 16 wraps priced at \$2.50-\$6 depending on size. You must have your own box. None are sold. Presents do not have to be purchased in mall.

"We're making it as easy as possible," said Claudia Frederick, senior marketing manager, who added that most of the station's customers are men.

Sorry, guys. Happy Holidays anyway.



**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 98-9
CHAPTER 38
1996 FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE B.O.C.A. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF 1996, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF MATERIALS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES; ADDING, DELETING AND AMENDING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE 1996 B.O.C.A. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE, PROVIDING FOR FIRE HYDRANTS ON WATER VALVES, PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 38, Article 3, of the City of Plymouth Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38-66. Code Adopted.
The B.O.C.A. National Fire Prevention Code of 1996 as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. is adopted by reference as the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Plymouth governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials, and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises subject to the additions, deletions and amendments to the B.O.C.A. National Fire Prevention Code of 1996 as listed in Section 38-57 of this Chapter.

Sec. 38-57. Amendments.
The following sections and subsections of the National Fire Prevention Code of 1996 are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the National Fire Prevention Code of 1996.

F-101.1. Title. These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Enforcement Ordinance of the City of Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as such as the "Code".

F-111.3. Authorities at Fires and Other Emergencies. The Fire official or duly authorized representative, as may be in charge at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property is empowered to direct such operations as may be necessary to extinguish or control any suspected or reported fires, gas leaks, or other hazardous conditions or situations or taking any other action necessary in the reasonable performance of duty. The fire official may prohibit any person, vehicle or object from approaching the scene and may remove or cause to be removed from the scene any person, vehicle or object which may impede or interfere with the operations of the fire department. The fire official may remove or cause to be removed any person, vehicle, or object from hazardous areas. All persons ordered to leave a hazardous area shall do so immediately and shall not re-enter the area until authorized to do so by the fire official in accordance with the state and federal laws.

F-111.4. Interference with Fire Department Operations. It shall be unlawful to interfere with, attempt to interfere with, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or restrict the mobility of or block the path of travel of any fire department emergency vehicle in any way or to interfere with, attempt to interfere with, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or hamper any fire department operation.

F-111.5. Compliance with Orders. A person shall not willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the fire official or to interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.

F-111.6. Vehicles Cross Fire Hoses. A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, alley-way, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command at said operation.

F-111.7. Definitions of Authorized Emergency Vehicle. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be restricted to those which are defined and authorized under the laws of the State of Michigan.

F-111.8. Operations of Vehicle on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle giving audible and visual signal, the operator of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle or vehicles shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by the fire official or a police officer.

F-111.9. Vehicles Following Fire Apparatus. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm or to drive any vehicle within the block or immediate area where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

F-111.10. Unlawful Boarding or Tampering with Fire Department Emergency Equipment. A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of said fire department emergency equipment, climb, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the alarm, horn, bell or other sound producing device thereon or to tamper with or attempt to tamper with or attempt to tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or part of any fire department emergency vehicle.

F-111.11. Damage or Injury to Fire Department Equipment or Personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person operating emergency vehicle at any time to injure or attempt to injure or conspire to injure fire department personnel while performing departmental duties.

F-111.12. Emergency Vehicle Operation. The driver of any emergency vehicle as defined in subsection F-111.7 of this Ordinance shall not sound the siren or have the emergency lights on or disobey any existing traffic regulations, except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire. Tactical strategies such as, but not restricted to, "move-ups" do not constitute an emergency call. The driver of an emergency vehicle may:

- (a) park or stand irrespective of the provisions of existing traffic regulations;
- (b) proceed past a red or stop light or other sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
- (c) exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the action does not endanger life or property;
- (d) disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions;
- (e) the exemptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from

a distance of 500 feet of the front of such vehicle.

F-111.13. Street Obstructions. A person or persons shall not erect, construct, place or maintain any bumps, fences, gates, chains, bars, pipes, wood or metal horses, or any other type of obstruction in or on any street within the boundaries of the municipality. The word "street" as used in the Ordinance shall mean any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, and all public streets and highways within the boundaries of the municipality.

F-114.1. Property Identification Required. All property upon which houses, dwelling, buildings, businesses and other such structures are constructed with the City shall be considered developed property and shall have a property identification number which shall be posted on the face or other appropriate side of the house, dwelling, business or structure in a manner and location so that the identification numbers are clearly readable to a person of normal vision from the roadway.

Installation of property identification numbers shall be in accordance with the City Sign Ordinance, adopted July 1, 1991.

F-114.2. Designation of Numbers. The address numbers assigned by The Utility Company supplying electricity and pertaining to any building in the City shall be the building identification number. Any building not otherwise having been numbered by The Utility Company supplying electricity shall be identified by the owner of said building in possession or control thereof according to a designation determined by the Fire Chief in the following manner: One full address number shall be allowed for each ten (10) feet of fronted edge of each side of all public roads with even numbers assigned to the right-hand side of the public roads when the premises fronting said roads are facing westerly or northerly and with odd numbers assigned to the left-hand side of said roads provided rectifying lines on certain public roads which shall be corrected to each intersection may be established upon recommendation of the City Engineer.

F-501.3.1. Fire Detection and Suppression Companies, Registration. All fire extinguisher, suppression and detecting system installation and maintenance companies shall be registered with the Plymouth Community Fire Department before doing business in or serving any residence of the City of Plymouth.

F-503.4.4. Automatic Heat Detector System. In addition to requirements in F-503.4, an automatic heat detector system shall be installed throughout each dwelling unit, including garages. This system will be interfaced as to provide an audible warning bell or horn for condominiums.

F-504.6. Maintenance of Fire Suppression Equipment. A person shall not obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code except for the purpose of extinguishing fires, training or testing purposes, recharging, making necessary repairs or when permitted by the fire official.

F-514.11. Automatic Fire Detection System. If an approved fire suppression system is not required in any use group as defined in the B.O.C.A. Building Code as adopted, with the exception of single family dwellings, then an approved Automatic Fire Detection and Warning System will be required which is monitored 24 hours of every day by an approved alarm company (see F-514.11.1 for exceptions).

F-514.11.1. Multiple Dwelling Alarm Systems. Alarm systems required in multiple dwelling uses are not required to be monitored by an alarm company.

F-513.4. Alarm Notification. The first agency to be notified of a fire alarm or trouble signal will be the Plymouth Township Dispatch Center.

F-517.4. Blocking Fire Hydrants and Fire Department Connections.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to obstruct, remove, damage, deface, obstruct, or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or fire department connections for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property.
- (b) If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstruction or encroachment are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the municipal treasury on certificate of the fire official and within the approval of the chief administrative official and the legal authority of the municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.

F-517.5. Hydrant Use Approval. A person shall not use or operate any fire hydrant intended for the use of the fire department for fire suppression purposes unless the person first secures a permit for such use from the fire official and the water company having jurisdiction. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by and authorized to make such use by the water company having jurisdiction.

F-517.6. Public Water Supply, Fire Hydrants, Regulation. The fire official shall recommend to the chief administrative official of the municipality the location or relocation of new or existing fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official.

F-517.7. Prohibition Against Tampering with Hydrants or Fire Extinguishers. No person shall, without authority of the fire chief or his designated representative, open any fire hydrants, except for the purposes of extinguishing a fire or shall wantonly, maliciously, willfully or in a negligent manner tamper with, destroy, damage, disturb, impair any fire hydrant or firefighting appliance or alarm, including but not limited to, a supplemental fire protection system, a fire extinguisher, sprinkler systems or an automatic fire warning system.

F-517.8. Interference with Water Valves Prohibited. No persons, other than employees or agents of the City, shall open or close or in any manner interfere with or operate any valve in the City water system.

F-517.9. Authorization to Operate Hydrants. No person shall open or operate any fire hydrant connected with the City of Plymouth water system, except in the following instances:

F-517.9.1. Such a person is a volunteer employee or agent of the City.

F-517.9.2. Such person is an authorized or paid firefighter of the Plymouth Community Fire Department performing the duties of a firefighter under the direction and supervision of the chief of that department.

F-517.9.3. Such person has first applied for and obtained a permit from the City paying such charges as the City by resolution established therefore, acting solely within the provisions of the permission set forth and said permit, and complying with all times and conditions of the rules and regulations established by the City Commission or the City Department of Water & Sewer, or both.

F-517.9.4. Such person has first applied for and obtained a license to utilize such fire hydrants for fire emergency purposes only from the City, paying such charges as the City Commission may by resolution establish therefore, acting within the provisions of the license granted and complying at all times with the rules and regulations established by the City Commission or the City Department of Water & Sewer, or both.

F-517.10. Fire Hydrants, Obstruction and Tools. No person shall place anything within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant or otherwise obstruct any hydrant so as to interfere with its proper use. No person shall use any wrench or tool in opening any hydrant other than a regulation fire department wrench.

F-517.11. Private Fire Hydrant Installation Access, Use and Maintenance. A "private fire hydrant" is defined as a fire hydrant connected to the City water supply system but located on private property. The employees and agents of the City shall have the right to enter upon private property to determine whether a private fire hydrant exists. Further, the employees and agents of the City shall have the right to enter upon private property for the purpose of inspecting, installing, re-installing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, removing or operating a private fire hydrant. The owner, leasee or occupier of any of them, of private property containing a private fire hydrant shall be responsible for installing, re-installing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, removing and operating the private fire hydrant in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by and the payment of fees established by resolutions of the City Commission. The Chief of the Fire Department or the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department of the City may discontinue water service to any customer of or property served by

the City Water supply system having a private fire hydrant not in conformity with the adopted rules and regulations or failing to pay the established fees. Such a discontinued customer or property shall not be restored to water supply service until the Fire Chief and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer certify payment of all established fees has been made and the private fire hydrant is in conformity with the adopted rules and regulations.

F-517.12. No Liability. By adoption of this Chapter or by the undertaking of any acts or foregoing of same pursuant to this Chapter, the City makes no warranties whatsoever to any person or for the benefit of any property, and the City, its agents, employees and independent contractors shall not be held liable in damages or otherwise for any act or omission in any way pertaining to fire hydrants, whether public or private.

F-517.13. Penalties. Any person, form or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this Code shall be punished as provided in the City Code. Each day that the violation of this Chapter is continued or permitted to exist without compliance shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the same manner therefore prescribed.

F-517.14. Access to Fire Hydrants. All buildings and portions thereof in the City, occupied or used for an assembly, business, educational, high hazard, industrial, residential or storage use, relating to the ability of the Fire Department to serve the premises, with the exception of single family dwellings shall have supplemental fire protection provided consisting of water mains not less than 8" in diameter and dedicated to the public use of the City of Plymouth and its water system with said watermain having such number and size of hydrants gates and gate wells, and location of the same, as the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau shall determine reasonable and necessary in order to provide sufficient supplemental fire protection to the premises, but in no event shall such hydrants be located at a distance greater than 300 feet from the furthest point of the building by direct public road access or by direct private road access provided said private road is improved according to the minimum requirement of the Wayne County Road Commission and said fire hydrants shall be situated immediately adjacent to and in no event a distance greater than 15 feet from said roadway (see F-517.14.1 for exceptions).

F-517.14.1. Exceptions. When the Fire Chief determines that the size, construction, location, occupancy, use, or fire protection of a building otherwise subject to the provisions of Section F-517.14, may lessen the hazard to life and property from fire or explosion, the Fire Chief shall have the authority to vary the distance requirements set forth in F-517.14 as he shall deem reasonable each and necessary. However, in no event shall the 300 foot minimum be extended beyond 500 feet.

F-518.5. Fire Suppression Water Connections. Fire suppression water connections shall be located within 125 linear feet by direct road access of the fire hydrant which is supplied by a public water main.

F-519.6. Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers. A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the fire official, which is not in proper working order or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the fire official. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when said units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk.

F-519.7. Fire Extinguisher Required, Exceptions. All use groups except single family dwellings and dwelling units in multiple dwelling structures, are required to have and maintain a minimum of one (1) fire extinguisher or an approved equivalent type.

F-3102.2. Definitions. "Fireworks" shall mean and include any combustible or explosive composition as defined by the Michigan State Fire Marshal.

F-3206.10. Self-Service Fueling Stations, Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers, Installation and Training. Self-service Fueling Stations dispensing Class I flammable liquids, will be required to install and maintain a UL or other nationally approved testing laboratory, fixed pipe dry chemical fire extinguisher system with a combined manual and automatic control system. Said system shall be installed in an approved manner over all of the self-service dispensing areas. The manual controls shall be installed at the attendant console and be clearly marked as to its function. Weather conditions shall be considered to prevent clogging or the operations of the extinguishing system. All employees shall be adequately trained in the operation of the extinguisher systems and the proper use of portable fire extinguishers.

F-3206.11. Future Use. Any person within the City of Plymouth currently using self-service dispensing of flammable liquids or who intends to use self-service dispensing of flammable liquids in the future shall comply with the provisions of this section.

F-3206.12. Prohibition Against Combustible Liquid Processing or Industrial Facilities. No new bulk processing or industrial plants and distilleries or buildings, tanks or equipment used for the storage, processing, distillation, refining or blending of flammable or combustible liquids shall be located within the limits of the City.

F-3207.6. Restricted Locations. The storage of Class I liquids in above ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits of the City except:

F-3207.6.1. Skid tanks for construction purposes may be Permitted when application is made in writing and approved by the Fire Chief.

F-3207.6.2. A UL-approved farm storage tank of 275 gallons or less capacity may be permitted when applications made in writing and approved by the Fire Chief is within the limits of the zoning use district designated "AG" by the zoning ordinance of the City, provided that both:

F-3207.6.2.1. Proper diking and containment is provided and approved by the Fire Chief or his designee; and

F-3207.6.2.2. When installation complies with the Michigan Fire Marshall's requirements, NFPA 30, and all other applicable State of Michigan Department's requirements.

F-3207.7. Fuel Tank Identification. All approved above ground fuel tanks will be clearly labeled in printed words, to indicate the contents.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty.
Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00). Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. Savings Clause.
The rights and dues which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violation of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not effected or abated by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability.
If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 5. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinance.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

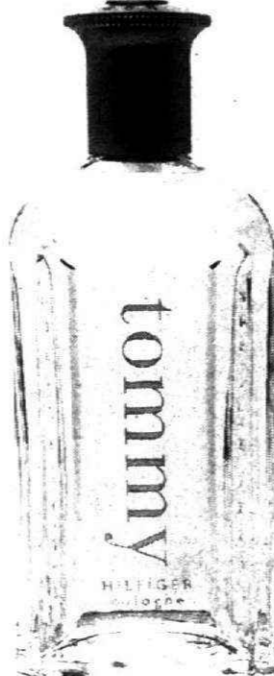
Section 6. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

CERTIFICATION
This Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 12th of December, 1998, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

DONALD DISMUE Mayor
LINDA LANGMESSER, CMCAAE City Clerk
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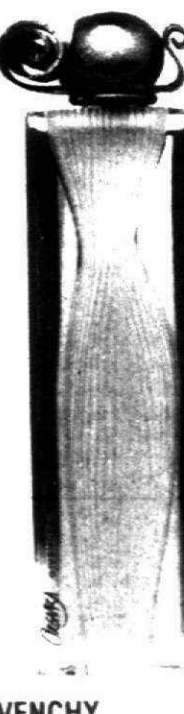
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STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Senators assigned

They don't take office until Jan. 1, but Senate majority leader-elect Dan DeGrow has announced committee assignments for the next two years. Committees are where bills are polished, crafted and lobbied before heading for brief debate on the full Senate floor.

Here is how area senators fared:

Appropriations, the big one where all the budget bills are handled - John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, moves up to vice chair, replacing the retiring Bob Geake of Northville. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, is added. Alma Smith, D-Salem, moves up to minority vice chair. Continuing as chair will be 78-year-old Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph.

Education - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, takes over as chair. Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, moves up to minority vice chair.

Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems - Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, continues as minority vice chair. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, is added. The committee gets a name change, from Agriculture and Forestry. Continuing as chair is George McManus, R-Traverse City.

Human Resources, Labor, Human Resources and Veterans Affairs - Rogers of Brighton continues as chair. Freshman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, becomes vice chair.

Judiciary - McCotter of Livonia comes in as vice chair. Bullard of Milford joins the panel. Rogers of Brighton continues as a member. Peters of

Bloomfield Township moves up to minority vice chair. In his third term as chair will be William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison.

Local, Urban and State Affairs - McCotter of Livonia starts his term chairing this panel, replacing Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake. Much "urban sprawl" legislation comes from this panel.

Transportation and Tourism - Bullard of Milford is chair; Bouchard of Birmingham becomes vice chair; Hart of Dearborn continues.

Roadwork

Michigan roads will get \$57 million in federal money for "high priority projects," said Gov. John Engler. Michigan's two U.S. senators, Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham, let the Michigan Department of Transportation make the selections rather than making the selections themselves. Among the 10 projects, by county:

■ Livingston - M-59 from I-96 interchange to US-23, 1.2 miles, resurfacing, total cost \$7 million, high priority funds \$4.8 million, year 2000.

■ Oakland - I-96 interchanges at Beck and Wixom roads, reconstruction, total \$71 million, high priority funds \$5.4 million, year 2002.

■ Wayne - I-75 and I-96 mainline from south of Grand Boulevard to Conrail Bridge, reconstruction, total \$109 million, high priority funds \$10.7 million, year 2003.

Bowing out

McCotter, Patterson leave 'em laughing

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Hey, who said the Republican commissioners from western Wayne County don't have a sense of humor?

First, Bruce Patterson thanked Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, for keeping him informed about "all the backroom deals" involving the commissioners.

A little later, Thaddeus McCotter thanked the commissioners for the chance to "cut my teeth on the Wayne County killing ground," namely the Democratic-controlled county commission.

"I will be better for it," McCotter said, amid chuckles and laughter from the other commissioners and the audience during Thursday's commission meeting.

It was the last county commission meeting for McCotter and Patterson, who are leaving the commission for Lansing as newly-elected state lawmakers.

Others leaving the commission were Kim Cockrel, D-Detroit, and Bill O'Neil, D-Allen Park, but it was clear the outgoing Republicans were the center of all the fun as the four commissioners received plaques from their colleagues.

McCotter leaves his commission seat to be the next state senator to represent



McCotter: Leaves his commission seat to represent the 9th Senate District.



Patterson: Departs to represent the 21st District in the state House.

governing bids concerning small and minority-owned businesses for Wayne County contracts.

"That was something that was very near and dear to my heart," Solomon said. "I will never forget it."

McCotter received his plaque, then stated that he wanted to "thank whoever paid for this lovely thing." McCotter cited a quote from Franklin Delano Roosevelt in how commissioners would be remembered. History will ask whether they brought integrity, honesty, courage and consistency.

The state senator-elect wished his colleagues well, then concluded with a poke at the county executive.

"He wondered 'How do I get rid of these guys?'" McCotter said. "Well, he got his wish."

Even with the tribute and accolades in their final hours as commissioners, McCotter and Patterson weren't finished yet with their attempts to scale down Wayne County government.

They introduced an ordinance that would "maximally improve the quality of life of the residents of Wayne County throughout the 21st Century."

It read: "Wayne County government is hereby dissolved."

It was defeated, 13-2.

the 9th District. As a commissioner, he represented part of Livonia and the cities and townships of Northville and Plymouth.

Patterson departs to become a state representative for the 21st District. He served on the commission for two terms, representing the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, and the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne.

As the two GOP politicians turned the pages of their county commission careers, the commission chairman Ricardo Solomon commended the pair for their service.

Solomon called Patterson a "very distinguished individual who brings a philosophy he believes in" to politics. "Sometimes we agree, sometimes we don't," Solomon said.

Patterson kicked off his remarks with the crack about the backroom deals, but then added he welcomed comments from the commissioners in Lansing.

"I would like to say what only they want me to say and that is 'goodbye,'" Patterson said.

Solomon praised McCotter for his work on an ordinance

Santa at Hines LightFest

Children of all ages can visit with Santa Claus, who will appear at Wayne County Light-Fest nightly through Dec. 24.

Santa's temporary residence is the Warrendale Picnic Area at the end of Wayne County Light-Fest, the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show. Photos with Santa, food concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warrendale site. A \$5 donation is suggested

with proceeds going to benefit the Dearborn Rotary Club's outreach efforts on a local and international level.

Wayne County LightFest is open 7-10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 1 except on Christmas Day. LightFest begins on Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland.

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LEGAL SENSE
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

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COOKING CONQUESTS



CHEF RANDY SMITH

Include some surprises on your menu

Here it is, my favorite time of the year. The chill is in the air, the snow is on the ground (well almost), and I look forward to spending time with my family and friends. During the holidays, I eagerly anticipate the arrival of out of town guests as much as a child waiting for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve!

This year I volunteered to cook Christmas dinner, and visions of sugar plums are dancing in my head. While the main dishes of our holiday feast will remain the same, my relatives have asked me to prepare a few new special appetizers and rich desserts. The pre- and post-dinner offerings provide the perfect opportunity to try something a bit more adventurous.

Surprise your family with new recipes for a flavorful holiday season that is sure to impress. You might actually surprise yourself and have these become new holiday traditions.

BELGIAN CHOCOLATE JEWEL

Serves 8

For the ganache

- 5 1/4 ounces heavy cream
- 2 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 1/2 ounces Belgian Bittersweet Chocolate
- 1/2 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Grand Marnier

Chop the chocolate into small pieces. Bring the cream to a boil. Place the butter and chocolate into a bowl and add in the cream. Whisk until you reach a smooth consistency. Add in the water and liquor. Pour the ganache into an ice tray and freeze until firm. When firm, remove from the ice tray and return to freezer until needed.

For the cake

- 1 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3 egg yolks
- 6 ounces Belgian bittersweet chocolate
- 4 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 egg whites
- 4 1/4 tablespoons granulated sugar

Cream together yolks and butter in a mixer. Add in the melted chocolate and mix thoroughly. Add in corn starch and almond flour and mix until fully incorporated. Remove to a bowl. In a very clean and dry mixing bowl, whip egg whites to a soft peak adding in all sugar at the end. Fold meringue into cake mixture and let stand.

Cake Assembly

Place cake batter into pastry bag and pipe a bottom layer into a non-stick muffin pan. Place a frozen ganache jewel into the center and pipe more batter around and over the jewel enough to cover completely. Place muffin pan in freezer and let set. Preheat oven to 325° F. and place muffin pan on middle rack. Cook until the top begins to crack slightly. Let stand 5 minutes, remove from pan and serve with reserved ganache or ice cream.

ARTICHOKE AND SPINACH DIP

Serves 8

- 1 (10 ounce) can Artichoke Hearts, drained
- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 2 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 6 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- Ground black pepper (to taste)
- 48 melba toast rounds

Thoroughly drain can of artichoke hearts and place in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- New Year's Eve alcohol-free drinks

Sleigh ride: Visitors will be able to enjoy a sleigh ride (weather permitting) through Greenfield Village during the holiday season.



Yesteryear: (Below) Turkey for Christmas dinner is one of the "Traditions of the Season" at Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum.

Christmas memories

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS...

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

OK, you've got your boots shined, the horse hitched, and the family waiting in the sleigh. It's 1880 in Wayne County and you're on your way to grandma's house for Christmas dinner. What will she serve?

It probably won't be venison, even though grandma lives in the country.

"A lot of the game had been driven away," said Jim Johnson, a food historian at Greenfield Village and a member of its special events team.

It may be a fresh cut of pork or beef. "They did butchering at this time of the year so you would have things to eat that you would not normally get," said Johnson. Most likely, grandma will cook a duck, goose or turkey. "We hear over and over again turkey being pushed for Christmas dinner."

■ **By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style**

By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style. Ethnic recipes were reserved for the holidays. If grandma is German, she may stuff that turkey with sauerkraut.

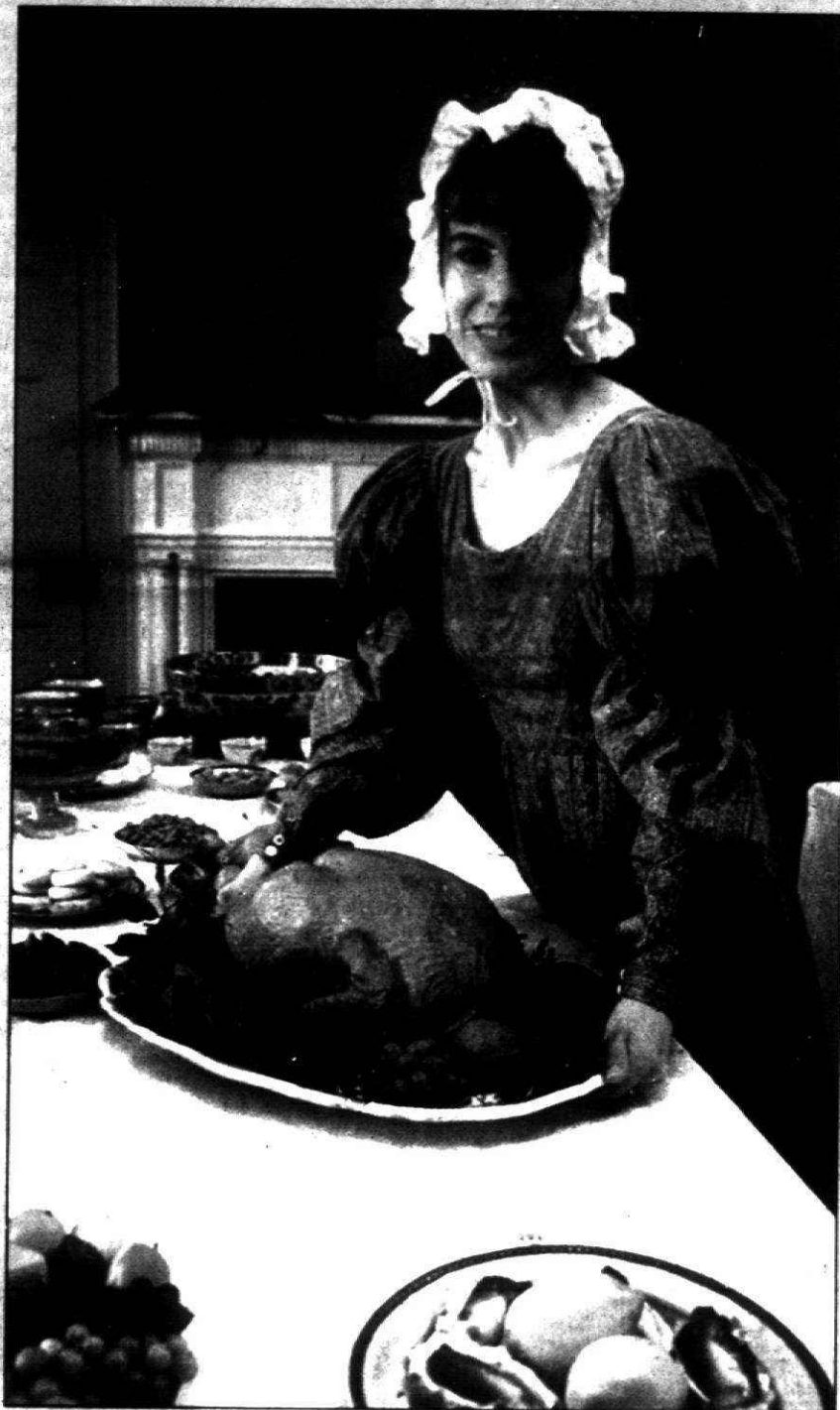
She'll also serve homemade bread and butter and lots of vegetables fresh from her root cellar, like turnips, parsnips and potatoes. Carrots are for dessert, in cakes or puddings.

Don't dare ask grandma to serve anything "medium rare" or "el dente." Cooks in the late 1800s feared undercooked food would make their guests sick. Only celery, which had its own special dish, was served raw.

By the 1850s, the hermetically sealed canning jar was perfected, said Johnson, so your Christmas dinner will include a variety of canned fruits, pickles and relishes. And if grandma hasn't been touched by the Temperance Movement, there'll be some spirits.

You may wish your family a Merry

Please see MEMORIES, B2



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON

WHERE: At Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

WHEN: Continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Museum & Village open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day.

ADMISSION: Adults \$12.50; senior citizens 62 and older \$11.50; children 5-12 years old \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take in the aroma of cooking demonstrations at the Edison Homestead where turn-of-the-century favorites like white fruitcake and lemon tarts will be prepared.
- Warm up at the Martha Mary Chapel and enjoy traditional holiday carols performed by a choir.
- Visitors will be greeted by a three-story holiday tree in the plaza of Henry Ford Museum. The Museum is also featuring a classic toy exhibit, and 720-square-foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track.
- While touring the Museum, boys and girls will have a chance to whisper their Christmas list in Santa's ear.

Champagne makes holiday splash complete



Pommery Brut Royal

For a number of years we've spotlighted a champagne house and domestic sparkling wines at this time of year. To qualify, the wines must be unique, have consistent quality and truly sparkling personality.

Getting top billing from France this year is Champagne Pommery. With Pommery there is not only the great history of a champagne house and Madame Pommery, but several delightful styles.

Pommery was founded in 1857 by Alexandre Louis Pommery. One year later, he died and his widow took over the business and made it a success. Until 1874, champagnes in general, had both high levels of sugar and alcohol, thought to be necessary to counterbalance champagne's natural acidity. The clever Madame Pommery knew from her contacts with the English that their tastes were evolving toward drier and lighter (lower alcohol) wine styles.

Therefore, Madame Pommery, together with her cellar master, took the financial risk of technical changes resulting in the creation of the first Brut, or dry-style champagne, most preferred today.

Pommery styles

Four Pommery champagnes are readily available in our market: Brut Royal \$36, Brut Royal Apanage \$42, Brut Rose \$44 and 1991 Brut Millesime (Vintage Brut) \$44. They are all excellent and preference one over the other is a matter of personal taste or what will be served as food accompaniment. In award-winning packaging, Pommery champagnes are gift-wrapped for the holidays.

Each champagne house considers its non-vintage Brut as a house style. Pommery Brut Royal is no exception. To maintain its consistent style, it is made from 40 different top crus in the Champagne region and is a blend of traditional champagne grapes chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier.

Pommery Brut Royal Apanage has singular charm and finesse. To achieve this consistency, only 12 Champagne crus are chosen for the wine that is 45 percent chardonnay. Aged in Pommery cellars longer than Brut Royal, Apanage is our personal preference as the perfect aperitif or champagne to be served with a fish course.

Pommery Brut Rose is fuller-bodied and more robust. It makes a perfect pairing with roasted quail, turkey or

Please see CHAMPAGNE, B2

SPARKLING PICKS

In addition to Pommery champagnes, Domaine Carneros Le Reve and Domaine Chandon Cuvee 2000, highlighted in the column, we recommend:

French Champagnes

NV Gosset Champagne \$41, but shop around because we've seen it for \$30; 1990 Bollinger Grande Annee \$70; 1990 Champagne Deutz Cuvee William Deutz \$85; NV Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42; and 1990 Moet et Chandon Cuvee Dom Perignon \$110.

California Sparklers

J Wine Company 1994 J Brut \$28. From Schramsberg 1994 Blanc de Blancs \$25; 1992 Blanc de Noirs \$25 (our favorite in this style from California); 1995 Brut Rose \$25. From Iron Horse 1993 Russian Cuvee \$26; 1993 Brut Rose \$28; 1991 Blanc de Blancs \$29 (very delicate); and 1993 Classic Vintage Brut \$26. The best wines for Christmas dinner are very versatile, matching with ethnic specialties, poultry or red meat. We highly recommend: 1996 Kunde Syrah Sonoma Valley about \$18 and 1996 Atlas Peak Reserve Sangiovese, Napa Valley \$30.

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Christmas over a glass of punch, eggnog, wine, ginger beer, ginger ale, or fermented cider. Or it may be over cordials. If you're lucky, grandpa will fix you a "shrub" while grandma's busy at the stove or fireplace. Shrubs are a lively concoction of fruit juice, maybe raspberry, vinegar and soda.

Time for dessert. Johnson said just about every culture in the area - English, Irish or German - made mince-meat pies. Everyone had an abundance of dried apples, raisins and nuts, the basic ingredients, along with suet, for a good mince-meat. If grandpa adds a little rum, you'll have a great mince-meat. Of course, the pie crust will be made with lard.

Grandma may have made a plum pudding, a dessert that crossed over all ethnic groups. She'll top it off with a brandy or rum hard sauce; a "fairy" sauce made from whipped butter and sugar; or a "foaming" sauce made with soda. (There may not be any plum in grandma's plum pudding. "Plum" refers to any kind of dried fruit, said Johnson, whose own family continues to make an English pudding with beef suet, brown sugar, butter-milk, flour, date and walnuts.)

You'll kiss grandma goodbye as you pull a cut-out cookie off the tree. Back in the sleigh and heading home, you'll snap those little bells and say into the crisp night air: "That was a fine Christmas dinner, with a hearty taste and feel to it."

Champagne from page B1

any game bird. Brut Millesime 1991 characterizes the vintage, but regardless of vintage, is always charming with a lengthy, creamy finish.

New from California

1992 Domaine Carneros Le Reve (the Dream) Brut \$35 is the newest sparkler from Domaine Carneros, Champagne Taittinger's California venture. It is a Blanc de Blancs (all white grapes, principally chardonnay).

Luxury Blanc de Blancs are rare even in Champagne, but it has been owner Claude Taittinger's "dream" to make the ultimate in sparkling wine deli-

cacy, a California sparkling wine with the elegance of Taittinger's Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs. Winemaker Eileen Crane, fulfilled the dream by crafting Le Reve, now the prestige cuvee of Domaine Carneros.

Early this decade, California's Domaine Chandon began planning for new millennium celebrations - literally a once-in-a-lifetime event! When the excellent 1992 vintage came along, it provided the base wine for Domaine Chandon Brut Cuvee 2000 \$25. Before its recent disgorging, it spent five years on the yeast developing complexity, richness, toasty notes and superbly creamy finish.

The name Cuvee 2000, bears not only special significance, but a warning. If you want top champagnes and sparkling wines for celebration Dec. 31, 1999, you need to be thinking about stocking up and securing your supply by no later than April 1999.

As an example, the 1992 Moet et Chandon Cuvee Dom Perignon will be released early next year. If you'd like magnums rather than 750mL bottles, you should purchase them as soon as possible, they're going fast! There will be a shortage of the best!

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Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Enjoy holiday recipes from yesteryear

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum.

MEAT PIE

Filling
3 cups chicken, cooked and cut up
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 parsnips, chopped
2 carrots, chopped
1 rutabaga, chopped
1/2 teaspoon marjoram

1/2 teaspoon parsley
4 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cups milk or liquid from vegetables combined with milk to make 2 cups

Preheat oven to 375°F.
Place onions, garlic, parsnips, and rutabaga in a medium pot and cover with water. Heat to boiling.
Reduce heat and cook until tender (about 20 minutes). Drain and mix with meat. Set aside. If using vegetable steaming liquid in sauce, combine with enough milk to make 2 cups.

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Cook until bubbly, stirring constantly.
Add milk and vegetable steaming liquid mixture slowly and continue to stir until boiling. Let it boil for 1 minute while you continue to stir. Mix with meat and vegetables.
Pour into pastry-lined baking dish. Top with marjoram and parsley. Cover and seal with pastry. Cut small slits into pastry to allow steam to escape. Bake for 45-60 minutes or until crust is golden.

PASTRY

1 cup shortening
2 cups flour
1/2 cup cold water
1 pinch of salt

Combine shortening and flour. Add water and cut with two knives until well combined.

Divide dough in half. Roll each half on floured surface to form top and bottom crusts. Line pie pan or small baking dish with crust. Set the top aside. Yields: 6 servings.

CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

Bread
1/4 cup warm water
1 package dry yeast
3/4 cup warm milk
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons soft butter
2 eggs
3 cups white flour
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1/2 cup chopped almonds
3/4 cup candied fruit

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. Let stand 5 minutes.

Mix milk, sugar, salt, butter, and egg in large bowl.

Add yeast and 1 1/2 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Cover and let stand 1 hour in a warm place. Add remaining flour so that the dough is easy to handle. Cover and put in a cool place for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F and butter a cookie sheet.
Turn dough out onto floured board and knead in fruits, nuts and lemon rind.
Roll dough to a 1/4-inch thick oval. Fold in half lengthwise, not quite to the edge. Press down along the edge to secure.

Place dough on prepared cookie sheet and let rise until double in size. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and glaze while bread is still warm.

GLAZE

1 cup confectioner's sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Blend sugar and lemon juice. Glaze bread while warm and decorate with fruits and nuts.
Bread recipe from Edison Homestead

Conquests from page B1

Clean and chop spinach leaves and add to the artichoke hearts. Combine remaining ingredients and pulse machine to a rough chop; do not puree.

Place a dip in an oven-proof gratin dish and bake at 350s until piping hot throughout (about 15 minutes).

Top dish with freshly grated parmesan cheese and place case-

role in the center of a large plate with toasted melba rounds scattered around the outside of the plate for dipping.

Chef Randy Smith is the Executive Chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham.

Look for his next Cooking Conquests column on March 21, 1999.

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Christmas Eve • December 24, 1998
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10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day • December 25, 1998
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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16360 Hubbard Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154 • (734) 421-8451

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The Rev. Willet J. Herrington
The Rev. Alan W. Brandemihl, Jr.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Carols
7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist (Substituting Provided)
11:00 p.m. Carols
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
December 26th
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
December 27th
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24
5 p.m. The Children's Service with the filling of the Creche.
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- Sunday, December 27th

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December 25 10:00 a.m.

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Family Learning Hour
9:45 a.m.
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Christmas Eve
Family Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Worship/Communion - 9:00 p.m.
Communion/Candlelight - 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - Worship/Communion - 10:00 a.m.

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Christmas Eve
Family Worship (with singing for the hearing impaired) 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve Vesper Service 7:30 p.m.
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December 24, 1998
Christmas Eve Family Service - Sunday School Program 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion 10:30 p.m.
December 25, 1998
Christmas Day Service with Communion 10:00 a.m.
December 31, 1998
New Year's Eve Service with Communion 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
1/4 mile west of Middlebelt
30000 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154
734-421-7249
Christmas Eve Family Service
7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 p.m.

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9600 Levee Redford 48239 313/937-2424
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Christmas Eve Family Services
4:00 & 5:30 p.m.
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Sunday, December 27
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M.

Christmas Masses
Dec. 24: 5 p.m. & Midnight
Dec. 25: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., & 11 a.m.
New Year's Masses
Dec. 31: 5 p.m.
Jan. 1: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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Music by Youth and Chancel Choirs

Resurrection Catholic Church
48755 Warren Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-451-0444
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CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th -
4:30 pm Children's Mass - All Saints Gym
4:30 pm & 10:00 pm Church
CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:00 am
NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st - 4:30 pm
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Jan. 1st - 10:30 am

St. Alan Catholic Church
2445 Coolidge Hwy
Between Maple and Bg. Beach
Bklyn.
Communal Penance Service: Tuesday, Dec. 23, 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass: Thursday, Dec. 24, 4:30 pm & 10:00 pm
Christmas Day Masses: Friday, Dec. 25, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm
New Year's Eve Mass: Thursday, Dec. 31, 7:00 pm
New Year's Day Mass: Friday, January 1st, 9:30 am

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams Rd
Bloomfield Hill
Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Festival, Holy Communion
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Festival
December 31st
7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
January 6th
7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
Festival of Lights

BIRMINGHAM First Presbyterian Church
10000 Maple Road
between Southfield & I-96
Birmingham, MI 48213
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 p.m. Family Service - Children's Musical -
Wise Guys and Starry Skies
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8:00 p.m. Carols, Sermon and Holy Communion
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Priest's Phone: (313) 784-9511
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Confessions 10:45-11:45 pm
carols begin at 11 pm
Christmas Morning Mass
9:00 a.m.
Confessions
8:00-8:45 a.m.

We Welcome You to Celebrate With Us
OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
23815 Power Rd. at Shawneetown
5.410 Mile bet. Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.
Farmington, MI 48336
CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
3:30 pm Children's Pageant in Church
4:00 pm Mass in Church
4:15 pm Mass in Church Hall
8:00 pm Christmas Mass in Church
11:00 pm Pre-Mass Program
12:00 am Midnight Mass
Feast of the Holy Family
Sundays, Dec. 27
4:30 pm
6:00 pm
Sundays, Dec. 28
8:00 am
9:30 am
11:15 am
1:00 pm
5:30 pm

O' Come and Adore Him

First United Methodist Church of Troy
248-879-6363
Liturgy - Services: 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Peacock
serving Troy and Rochester
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 Family Service
7:00 Candlelight and Carols
Child Care and Coffee Hour
11:00 Communion Service

THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
In Historic Franklin Village
United Methodist in affiliation, ecumenical in spirit
Christmas Time in a colonial setting
7:00 Traditional Family Service
Lessons & Carols with Candlelight
11:00 Service of Lessons & Carols with Candlelight Communion
(Both services include choir and special music)
Pastor: Karl L. Zeigler
Franklin Community Church
26425 Wellington
Rochester 11014
1 Block W. of Franklin Road

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20000 W. 13 Mile Rd. at Evergreen Rd., Beverly Hills
Children's Christmas Eve Service 5:30 P.M.
Service of Lessons & Carols 7:30 P.M.
Candlelight Communion Service 11:00 P.M.
Christmas Worship Dec. 27th @ 10:00 A.M.
Phone 248-646-9777

St. Paul United Methodist Church Bloomfield
Worship 11:00 AM - Summer 10:00 AM
Sun. School 9:45 AM - MEMBERS PROVIDED
Christmas Eve 7:00 P.M.
Reverend Jim Greer - Pastor
Barrier Free
165 E. Square Lk. Rd.
Bloomfield Hills
338-8233
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.gbcm-umc.org/paul

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
620 Romeo Street, Rochester
(Located 1 block N. of University & 5 blocks east of Rochester)
248-651-9361
5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
"How Silently, How Silently"
- Dr. Hickey
11:00 p.m.
WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
"Go and Tell John"
- Dr. Hickey
Crib and Toddler Care available at all Services

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
Welcomes You and Your Family Home for Christmas
Sunday, December 20
8:00 p.m. "In Dulci Jubilo" - a special concert
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Worship Service
8:00 p.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
10:00 p.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)
(734) 453-5280



EMBURY United Methodist Church
1803 E. 14 Mile Rd.
(1 block east of Woodward)
Birmingham
248-644-5708
Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!
Nursery Care Provided
Rev. Linda J. Donelson, Pastor

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30900 Six Mile Rd.
(bet. Middlebelt & Merriman)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
7:00 Youth led Family Service
11:00 Traditional/Communion
Clarenceville U.M. Church
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Christmas Eve Service
7:30 p.m.
Message:
"The Keeping of a Promise"
Please join us!

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573
Christmas Eve Services • Nursery Provided
4:30 p.m. Candles & Carols for Families
"Fulfillment" message by Dr. Large
10:30 p.m. Handbells play Carols
11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Carols
"The Christmas Paddle"
message by Rev. Willobee

Celebrate Christmas Joy with Us Novi United Methodist Church
41671 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Just West of Meadowbrook Rd.
248-349-2652
Christmas Eve Services
4:00 p.m. Family Festival Worship
7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
29887 W. Eleven Mile (west of Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills, Michigan - 248/476-8860
Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack
Rev. Kathleen Groff
Rev. Jane Berquist
Rev. Robert Bough
Mr. Melvin C. Rookius
Mrs. Emily Bodoh
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Thursday, December 24
carol singing, scripture stories, special music, sermon, candle lighting
4:30 p.m. - A family service with music by children's choirs
6:00 p.m. - A community service with music by youth choirs
8:00 p.m. - A metropolitan service with music by church choir
11:00 p.m. - A contemporary celebration with pop rock combo and multi-media
Come worship on the holiest night of the year!

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 24
7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Featuring:
★ Dramas
★ The First Gift (7:00)
★ Women of Bethlehem (9:00)
★ Children's Choir (7:00)
★ Chancel Choir
★ Hand Bell Choir
★ Candle Lighting
Nursery provided 4:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m. Organ Concert
10000 Beech Daly
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road
313-937-3170

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI
CHRISTMAS EVE - Three Services
Special Family Worship Service, Carols and Candlelighting, Nursery provided.
6:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
8:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
11:00 p.m. Special music by Choirs and Organ.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
248-626-3620
Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Brad
Educational Ministries: Margie Decker
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, Dec. 20th
Celebration of Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Festive music, a skit, "Stolen Jesus", and empowering words to take home with you.
ROAD TO BETHLEHEM, Drive-Through Living Nativity
Monday, December 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Follow the Starlit path to see the story of God's great love unfold.
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICES, Dec. 24th
5:00 p.m. - Family Service
Heart-warming children's Christmas program
9:00 p.m. - Multi-Media Musical Celebration
Lessons and carols to re-awaken the spirit of young and old.
11:00 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight Communion Service
Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.
Nursery care provided at all services.

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham
646-1200
Christmas Sunday - December 20
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"Somewhere Between Great Lakes Crossing and the Plains of Bethlehem"
Dr. William A. Ritter
Christmas Eve Services
4:30 p.m. Family Service
All Ages Welcome
Nursery Open
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00
Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter
"Were You Born in a Barn?"
Pastors:
William A. Ritter
Matthew J. Hook
Linda Farmer-Lewis
Carl Price
William Fryer

Health & Fitness

Kim Mortson, 734-953-2111

on the web: <http://observereccentric.com>

Sunday, December 20, 1998

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Volunteers sought

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Botsford Health Care Continuum with benefits such as a complimentary meal on the day you work and a 15 percent discount at the hospital's gift shop. Positions include general patient services, and non-typing clerical assistance. For information, call (248) 471-8082.

Blood pressure

St. Mary Hospital will host a blood pressure screen 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in the Target Department Store in Livonia. Garden City Hospital provides free blood pressure testing noon to 2 p.m. Jan. 4 (first Tuesday of each month) in the lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Everyone is welcome.

Botsford General Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings the third Wednesday of each month (Jan. 20) at Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile. Call (248) 477-6100.

Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club will host a free blood pressure screening. "Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked Monday, Dec. 28 (available the fourth Monday of every month from 8-10 a.m.) Located at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 477-6100.

Gifts for the health-conscious are easy to find

If you are struggling to find the perfect gift for folks interested in improving their health, don't fret. There are countless ideas that can make this Christmas great.

- Gift certificates allow the user to redeem them at their convenience and you can get them from almost anywhere - for almost anything such as health spas, fitness centers, healthy cooking classes, health-oriented programming, skating/skiing/golf/tennis lessons.
- Exercise shoes for running, walking, tennis, aerobics, etc.
- Healthy cookbooks, magazines, recipe books.
- Portable CD/cassette with headphones to use during exercise.
- Journal/diary to document calorie counting, daily eating habits.
- Reflective clothing for individuals who exercise at night.
- Water bottle.
- Water-proof watch.
- Battery/solar powered device to monitor pulse and heart rate.
- Bicycle, rollerblades, ice skates, skis, bowling ball, golf clubs, etc.
- Sugar-free candies.
- Exercise clothing.
- Gardening plants or seeds for fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, etc.
- Bottled water service.
- Exercise equipment (treadmill, stationary bicycle, stair climber, etc.)

HEALTHY HOLIDAY HINTS

Child-proof your home to safeguard little visitors

When the decorations come out, the grandchildren can't be far behind. "Having little ones underfoot can be a lot of fun - especially when you know, at the end of a long visit, they'll be going home with their mom and dad," says Botsford General Hospital Emergency Department physician Sanford J. Vieder, D.O. "But child-proofing your home is serious business, and you have to approach it by imagining yourself as a totally fearless, 2-foot-6-inch tall, two-year-old in a potential minefield." To insure your grandchildren's holiday are safe as well as fun, Vieder suggests:

- Placing medications in a place far, far away from little hands.
- Older people often leave medications out - perhaps without child-proof caps - on a counter or table top where they're a visual reminder to take them at a certain time during the day. That's great if you're an adult, but young children are curious about everything. Put them on a high shelf or another place where they won't be a temptation.
- Check the crib, playpen and booster seat.
- "Often grandparents will use the same furniture that their own children used when the grandchildren come to visit," says Vieder.
- That's a very bad idea. For example, new safety standards require that cribs have no wider than 2 3/8" between slats and that mattresses fit tighter in the crib. Lead paint is another real threat with older furniture. When in doubt, I suggest grandparents either borrow or rent new furniture.
- Bar the stairs and cupboards.
- If at all possible, make sure you have gates at both the top and bottom of stairs - and not the old, accordion-type gate which can be a real hazard," advises Vieder. "Buy the type that glides and locks into position; that's one purchase you'll never regret.
- Also, essential are safety latches for cupboard doors - particularly in the kitchen and utility room where cleaning agents and other chemicals are often stored.
- Get a car seat.
- According to Michigan's Child Passenger Safety Law, all children under the age of one must be properly buckled in an approved safety seat. Under the age of four, they must be protected by an approved safety seat or safety belt.
- Children should never be placed in a rear-facing infant seat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with an air bag," notes Vieder. "And grandparents, along with every other adult in a child's life, should always set a good example by wearing seat belts, too."
- Watch the pet.
- If you're not sure how well your other "family members" may feel around small relatives, either place them in another room or in a kennel. Otherwise, make sure you're keeping a watchful eye on both child and pet.
- Make a clean sweep.
- Lastly, Vieder suggests, making a thorough check of the house and remove any tantalizing items prior to the little ones' arrival. "Particularly during the holidays, 'edible' ornaments, holly berries and poinsettia plants should be placed out of reach, along with alcohol, perfumes and any other items that can be disastrous in small, curious hands.
- The old adage, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' is worth remembering," he says. "The holidays should be a happy time when families come together to share old memories and make new ones - but not in an emergency waiting room."

Food-centered occasions need special attention

It's that time of year again and most of us will attend at least one holiday party. These special occasions are often centered around food and can make many of us lose control. Try to remember the following tips for a happier, healthier holiday season.

- Don't arrive at any celebration hungry. Try to eat a piece of fruit or some yogurt before you go.
- Make one trip around the block before eating anything. Decide what you really want and then go back for it. Force yourself to make some choices without feeling the need to try everything.
- Position yourself as far away from the food table as you can. If you have to cross the room every time you want something to eat, you may think twice before reaching for something you don't really want.
- Eating slowly and savoring each taste is also a good way to stay in control. Try putting your fork down between bites, holding a glass of refreshing spring water, and engaging in conversation.
- Plan for celebrations by fitting in some extra activity during the week.
- Regular exercise during the busy holiday season will not only make you feel better, but it will reduce the stress that so often accompanies the holidays.
- Don't keep candies and cookies within reach at home or at the office. Try to keep fruits and vegetables handy when you need a snack.
- Remember that none of us is perfect. If you do overindulge at a celebration don't beat yourself up. Just pick yourself up, brush yourself off and start all over again. Two or three big meals won't make a difference in the long run. It's what you do the other 362 days of the year that really count.
- Remember the "reason for the season." Although traditional holiday celebrations include lots of fattening foods, remember what the holidays mean to you and focus on that.
- Establishing healthy patterns for life is the important thing. Small changes repeated over and over again will eventually become habits. Start developing healthy habits slowly. Start today.

Written by Florine Mark, president and CEO of the Weight Watchers Group of Farmington Hills.

Heart Smart® cookies make holidays healthier

Neighborhood cookie exchanges. Office parties. Gift canisters. Cookies inevitably make their way into homes, workplaces and schools during the holiday season. And they are probably one of the reasons the average American gains five to seven pounds during the holidays. "Many traditional cookies - rolled sugar cookies, nutballs, peanut butter blossoms - are loaded with fat. But you don't need to abandon your favorite family recipes," says registered dietitian Fay Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Heart Smart® program at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"With a few simple modifications, it's possible to create healthier versions." For example, traditional refrigerated cookie dough has about 5-6 grams of fat per serving (approximately two cookies). Box cookie mixes have up to 6-10 grams of fat per serving. If you are baking cookies for gifts or parties, Fitzgerald recommends giving them a healthier twist. Some suggestions for modifying your recipes include:

- Mix dried fruit such as raisins, prunes or apricots into cookie dough instead of high fat ingredients like nuts and chocolate chips; use smaller amounts of nuts (1/3 - 1/4 cup per recipe).
- For a satisfying crunch, leave the nuts in larger chunks; replace half the fat in the recipe with an equal amount of pureed fruit such as ripe bananas, stewed prunes, apple sauce or canned pumpkin.
- In addition, to reduce the overall fat, saturated fat and cholesterol content, try the following substitutions: instead of try-one cup butter, shortening, margarine, or lard use 2/3 cup vegetable oil.
- Whole milk - skim milk
- One egg - two egg whites or 1/4 cup egg substitute
- Full serving of salt - half the amount.

NEW YEAR HEALTH CALENDAR

- JANUARY 1999**
- MINI FITNESS CLASSES**
Schoolcraft College offers almost 60, four-week mini-physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.
- WED, JAN. 6**
STRESS MANAGEMENT
St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three-week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting on Wednesday, Jan. 6 through 20 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.
- ACUPUNCTURE/WEIGHT LOSS**
Presentation on how acupuncture can be an effective treatment for weight loss. Free of charge. Meets at Botsford Health Development Network at 7 p.m. 39750 Grand River. Call (248) 477-6100 for information.
- WED, JAN. 13**
WEIGHT MANAGEMENT
St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep it off. Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., C.D.E., LifeSteps is a safe and effective weight loss program that individualizes your new eating and activity patterns so that you lose weight permanently. A complimentary LifeSteps orientation class will be held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. The clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven-night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates include Jan. 7, Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535.
- MON, JAN. 11**
STOP SMOKING
If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital is offering a two-week, four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, from Jan. through Jan. 21, in the First Floor Conference Room. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.
- WED, JAN. 13**
HEART SMART EXERCISE
This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, such as high blood pressure or cholesterol and their families. Free. 6-7:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.
- THUR, JAN. 14**
HEALTHY COOKING
"Making the Best of Potatoes." If you think french fried, baked and mashed is the only way to prepare potatoes, think again. Meets at 7 p.m. at Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.
- THUR, JAN. 28**
THE ALMOST VEGETARIAN
Know what's good for you and your family, but not quite ready to take that all veggie, all the time plunge? 7 p.m. \$6 fee and pre-registration required. Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River. Call (248) 477-6100.
- JAN. 7-19**
STOP SMOKING CLINIC
The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking"

We want your health news

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

We also welcome noteworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 21

SPORTS SAFETY
Course trains individuals to become instructors to teach coaches and other interested individuals basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, choking and CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee includes course cost and materials, \$50. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

JANUARY

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MON, JAN. 4

CARDIAC SUPPORT
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. From 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-8242.

HEART PALS
Support offered for cardiac patients/families. Discussion, education and camaraderie are focus. From 7-9 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Call (734) 458-3242.

TUE, JAN. 5

HEART SUPPORT
This forum enables patients and their families to gain knowledge and insight into heart disease. Botsford General Hospital, Conference Room 3 West, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 615-7480.

DIABETES EDUCATION
Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 5 through Jan. 28. Registration is required by December 29. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

WED, JAN. 6

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP at (734) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Rd.

THUR, JAN. 7

HEALTH SCREENING
St. Mary Hospital is Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, in West Addition Conference Room B, near the South Entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. The blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

FRI, JAN. 8

REDUCING RISK
Dr. Marcella Salib will host a discussion on high blood pressure (hypertension) and stress at the Leather Bottle Restaurant. Guest speaker James Mikrut,

R.P.T. will be featured. The program will run from 1-2 p.m. (health-o-rama/2-3 p.m.). Subtopics will include cause/effect of hypertension, controlling and treating heart attack and coping and preventing complications of heart disease. The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of 8 Mile and Farmington roads.

MON, JAN. 11

ADULT CPR
Both day and evening classes available. \$20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 356-3900 ext. 255 to register.

TUE, JAN. 12

IMPOTENCY HELP
HIM (Help for Impotent Men) will discuss "Impotence: Man's Greatest Fear." Free of charge. 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 29050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

FELDENKRAIS
Feldenkrais Method® combines movement training and gentle touch to improve ease of movement, coordination, flexibility and posture. Taught through March 9 by certified Feldenkrais practitioner. \$100 fee for entire course. 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m. Preregistration/payment required. Botsford Integrated Medicine; call (248) 926-6370.

New Year's in cyberspace



MIKE WENDLAND

Visits with family and friends are how most folks will be spending Christmas Eve. And the Internet reflects that. December 24th is the slowest night of the year on the Net. You can actually dial your service provider and not get a busy signal. Except for a few sites, like the Santa Tracker (www.santatracker.com) Web site that lets families "track" Santa's Christmas Eve journeys on a radar-style screen, the Net is a pretty lonely place. But next week, on New Year's Eve, it's another story.

Virtual celebration
A lot of people celebrate in cyberspace. If you're looking for New Year's Eve online action, the Net is a virtual happening.

Let's start with the biggest and most familiar. Everybody watches Dick Clark ring in the new during his annual live broadcast. But the New York City Tourist Bureau "cybercasts" the dropping of the ball on the Internet. Their site is called New Year's Eve at Times Square (http://www.nycystourist.com/newyears1.htm). And besides a lot of pictures, it offers up a great col-

lection stories dating back to 1906, when the tradition started.

Speaking of tradition, there's a site that tells the history of the holiday (http://wilstar.com/holidays/newyear.htm). In case you ever wondered, the New Year has been celebrated since the Babylonians decided they needed another excuse for a good time some 4000 years ago.

One of our traditions is ... starting over. Everybody marks the New Year with a resolution or two. You know the old standbys ... lose weight, get more exercise, save more money, don't procrastinate. Well, to help you actually keep your resolutions, this site http://guestworld.tripod.lycos.com/BeOurGuest/NewYears/nysign.dbm lets you fill in an on-screen form, list your goals and then, every so often, it promises to nag you about it by sending you a reminder e-mail.

You can also see how your resolutions compare to others. My favorite was from a guy I found the other day who resolves to "pity the people who have to use an Internet source to get their lives in order."

If you really have no life, spend New Year's Eve at your computer, at the Virtual First Night Web site (http://www.virtualfirstnight.org/) which has links to more than 200 cities across the world that will be holding special online celebra-

tions. You can enter the First Night chat room and exchange resolutions with other loners similarly dateless, as you eavesdrop on webcam coverage of those who do have dates and are out celebrating.

As popular as all these 1998 New Year's Eve sites may be, wait till next year. Already several dozen Web sites are online hyping New Year's Eve 1999... like the "Billemium" site (http://www.billemium.com/home-e-frame.htm), which links to the International Register of Millennium Eve parties.

When I checked the other day, there were several hundred listed. If you're having one, you can post it here, too.

Webcams: I've added a webcam on my PC Mike Web site (www.pcmike.com). Thanks to the folks at 2cu.com, I'll be "Net-casting" my WXYT Radio show. Tune into the radio to hear the broadcast and log on to the Net to see what it looks like. This is in addition to the RealAudio update reports I "broadcast" on the site each weekday.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at http://www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Professionals are welcome from area corporations, companies and firms whose employees are active residents in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Professionals, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; fax (734) 591-7279.

New sales consultant
Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia recently welcomed Paul Keriacos of Redford as their new services sales consultant. He is responsible for marketing and sales and controlling the costs of food and beverages.



Keriacos

New hire
Kim Skeltis of Farmington Hills recently joined the team of Shandwick Detroit as senior account executive. Her responsibilities include media relations and internal communications for real estate and software manufacturers.

Recent promotion
Bradley J. Porter of Livonia was recently promoted to the position of general manager of The Dako Group, a technical contract and permanent staff firm in Troy. Porter will be responsible for the continued growth of the company and obtaining and exceeding company wide goals. He has been with The Dako Group for over three years.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Thanks for the memories

As the end of the year draws close, it's time to remember those whose courage and commitment have made all of us a little bit better. I'm lucky as an arts reporter to have met these people and brought their stories to the attention of our readers. Thanks for all the inspiration you've given us.

Potters for Peace

Kris Darby made it possible for all of us to learn about and understand the Nicaraguan culture when she brought clay artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez to Plymouth for a workshop at the Village Potters Guild. An active member of Potters for Peace, Darby visited the two clay artists in January for a "how to" on marketing their work. In exchange, the Nicaraguan potters revealed secrets about creating their work to



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Cultural exchange: Kris Darby, through the nonprofit organization Potters for Peace, brought Nicaraguan artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez to the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth for a workshop.

members of the Village Potters Guild. During their stay, Rodriguez and Guzman also relayed interesting facts about their culture.

The average monthly salary for a police officer or teacher is about \$140 in Nicaragua. Yet on their trip to this country, they missed the tranquil lifestyle at home. Rodriguez told us, "we have time during the day to just sit and visit. There's a very close fraternity with our friends and neighbors." Maybe, we could learn something from this third world country.

Sharing culture

Artists and entrepreneurs of the Woodland Indians Trading Co. and Gallery showed courage in opening a space for Native Americans to sell their pottery, jewelry, and beaded items.

It's no easy road for new businesses. The Redford gallery began offering workshops on dreamcatchers and cornhusk dolls to attract customers.

Thanks for sharing your Native America culture. We've all learned that Indians living in the Great Lakes area are as talented as their South-west brothers.

"Walk this Way"

Thanks to Ron Bachman for the courage to film the story of how he not only survived everyday life in a world that's frequently cruel to people with disabilities, but developed a positive attitude doing it. Bachman's legs were amputated at age four.

The film "Walk this Way," which premiered at the Penn Theater in Plymouth in October, showed vintage footage taken at the Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids after the surgery. Even back then, his courage to overcome the odds is an example for all of us to follow.

Bachman's proudest accomplishment, undoubtedly, was raising daughter Alicia, now a student at Michigan State University, by himself.

How does someone put a star on a Christmas tree when he can only walk on his hands? This was just one of the problem's Bachman solved when Alicia was 8.

Bachman's story proves attitude is everything. Where there's a will, there's a way. And he did it all with a sense of humor.

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The Best of '98



Beastly Delights: This dragon (c. 604-563 b.c.) is one of the animals on exhibit through Jan. 31 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

We live in a world of lists. To-do lists. Best-sellers' lists. Endless enumerations of popular opinions. All in all, a dizzying compilation of stuff.

Hopefully, the following list won't induce vertigo. And maybe, just maybe, it'll put some perspective on the people and events that distinguished the past year.

Here's hoping.

Indelible impressions

Best museum exhibits: "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art; "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels from the Vatican" at the DIA; "And I Still See Their Faces" at the Jewish Community Center; "Juke Joint" and "Detroit's Black Bottom" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Best gallery exhibits: "Martin A. Maddox: A Memorial Exhibit" at the Kidd Gallery; "Detachable Music for a Collapsible Culture" at the Detroit Artists Market; paintings of Lui Liu at Galerie Blu; "New Paintings by William Glen Crooks" at David Klein Gallery; "Street Scenes: New Paintings by Stephen Magsig" at Lemberg Gallery; "Book Works" by Donald Lipsky at Hill Gallery; and "Jeffrey Abt: Paintings and Drawings" at the Cary Gallery.

Best new/expanded museum: Cranbrook's expansive Institute of Science, including new permanent exhibits.

Best art festivals: First annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" in downtown Pontiac; Ann Arbor Art Fairs; and "Art & Apples," presented by Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Best invitational exhibit: Habatat Galleries' International Glass Exhibit featuring 65 leading artists.

Best expression of love in a gallery: Artist Terry Lee Dill's video testimonial of his eternal affection for his fiancée, Diane Roch Smith.

Best community dance production: Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's "Dracula."

Best fine arts competitions: BBAC's Michigan Fine Arts Competition; Canton Project Arts Fine Arts Competition, and Art in the Village sponsored

by the Livonia Arts Commission.

Best art exhibits for kids: "Beastly Delights" at the DIA; and, ongoing exhibits at Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.

Best emerging art community: Plymouth's Old Village.

Best art created on site: Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The 17th annual event takes place Jan. 13-18.

Best art created for a corporate setting: The swirling stainless-steel sculpture, "Eco," by Joseph Wesner of Birmingham.

The sculpture stands inside the Delphi building in Troy.

Overdue recognition

Best contemporary arts museum that's not officially called a contemporary arts museum: Cranbrook Arts Museum.

It's time Director Gregory Wittkopp, and Assistant Curator Irene Hofmann got the credit they deserve for their gutsy pursuit of provocative contemporary art exhibits.

Best literary undertaking: Author/funeral director Thomas Lynch of Milford, whose recent



Historical setting: Livonia Arts Commission president Bob Sheridan displays some of the work in "Art in the Village," held at Greenmead Historical Village in June. It was one of the Best Fine Arts Competitions in 1998.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

A jewel: Developer Chuck Forbes' bold decision to move The Gem Theatre saved the historic building from the wrecking ball.

book of poetry, "Still Life in Milford," reveals a literary artist in control of irony, metaphor and meter.

Best local literary journal: "Witness," edited by Peter Stine and published by Oakland Community College. A compendium of poems, essays and short stories by national writers inspired by social issues.

Best original composition by a local composer: "Tuskegee Airmen Suite" by Brian Belanger of Royal Oak, performed by the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

Best conversation about the arts: (OK, OK, this might sound self-serving.) The quarterly roundtable discussions on the arts sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Best efforts to build dance scene: MOT's partnership with the American Ballet Theatre to make the Detroit Opera House the midwest home for the legendary ballet company.

Outstanding performances by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, and Detroit Dance Collective.

Best progress by an annual art fair: The West Bloomfield Art Festival, which featured 200 artists from around the U.S.

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MUSIC

Trumpeter/actor returns home to play

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Todd Curtis' life is like a soap opera. Just when he seemed headed for success in the 1970s and 1980s, Curtis' career as a soap star was nearly cut short by an auto accident that left the Livonia native with serious facial injuries. At the time, Curtis was playing a rich playboy named Jordy Clegg on "Capitol." Undaunted, Curtis, and the producers, simply wrote the 1986 accident into the script after his release from the hospital.

Playing trumpet again wasn't as simple. Curtis was once a promising musician who'd perfected his skills at Boston University's Tanglewood Institute. The facial injuries Curtis sustained when he went through the windshield, more than likely, would prevent him from ever blowing a note again.

That was one of the hardest pills for Curtis to swallow. Before he'd won the

part on "Capitol," Curtis played with the Westside Jazz Ensemble while taking acting classes in California. After the accident, "any thoughts of trumpet were put on the shelf," however the emotional pain was tempered by the fact that Curtis had resumed his acting career.

Curtis needn't have worried when "Capitol" was canceled after a five-year run. Before long, producers of the "Young and the Restless" hired him to play Skip Evans, a photographer. Parts in action films such as "American Tigers," "Night Eyes 3" and "Out for Blood" followed his five years on the "Young and the Restless."

It was while filming "Chain of Command" in Israel that Curtis decided to visit his sister Heidi Hepler, who had moved to Rome in the early 1990s. The trip triggered a renewed interest in trumpet. Hepler, a vocalist, is half of a duo with husband Michele (Mekel-ay) Ramo.

Apprehensive to find out if he could still play, Cur-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Family affair: Todd Curtis (left) joins sister Heidi Hepler and brother-in-law Michele Ramo (above) for their rare mix of music.

tis finally picked up the trumpet again last year but told no one, not even his sister.

"It was the scariest thing that ever happened, nothing came out," said Curtis, "but trumpet is a different form of expression and I missed it. The last time I played was on 'Capitol.' I wrote a fanfare for the show. It was really a lot of fun."

Curtis didn't give up on his playing though. Gradually, his technique came back with daily practice. In June of this year, Curtis sent Heidi a tape of his

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Best from page C1

June's fair demonstrated the effectiveness of the chamber of commerce partnering with one of the area's biggest corporations, Henry Ford Medical Center, to promote the arts.

DIA extends Holy Land glass exhibit

(PRNewsWire) - Ancient Glass from the Holy Land, an exhibition on loan to the Detroit Institute of Arts from the Israel Antiquities Authority...

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Elaine Gurian. In a short period, both have broadened the perception of the Cranbrook Educational Community as a "destination point" to appreciate culture...

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Children are the future The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory should be applauded for stepping in to fill the gap in education when Arnold Williams Music closed in Canton...

Music from page C1

music. She cried after hearing it. She'd long waited for the day when her "little brother" would return "to his roots in music."



Ice creations: Richard Teeple (right) and helpers carve out an ice sculpture.

varied as the populace? commission relented, and this past September's event was a well-attended success.

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Symphony and Plymouth Symphony for their young artists competitions, and the Livonia Arts Commission for its visual and performing arts scholarship program...

Ramo. "The timing was there and the same thing happened to me. I didn't play guitar when I first came to this country, but at least I played violin..."

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ART GIFTS

- BBAC Gift gallery, through Dec. 23. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866.

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

- ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999.

DANCE

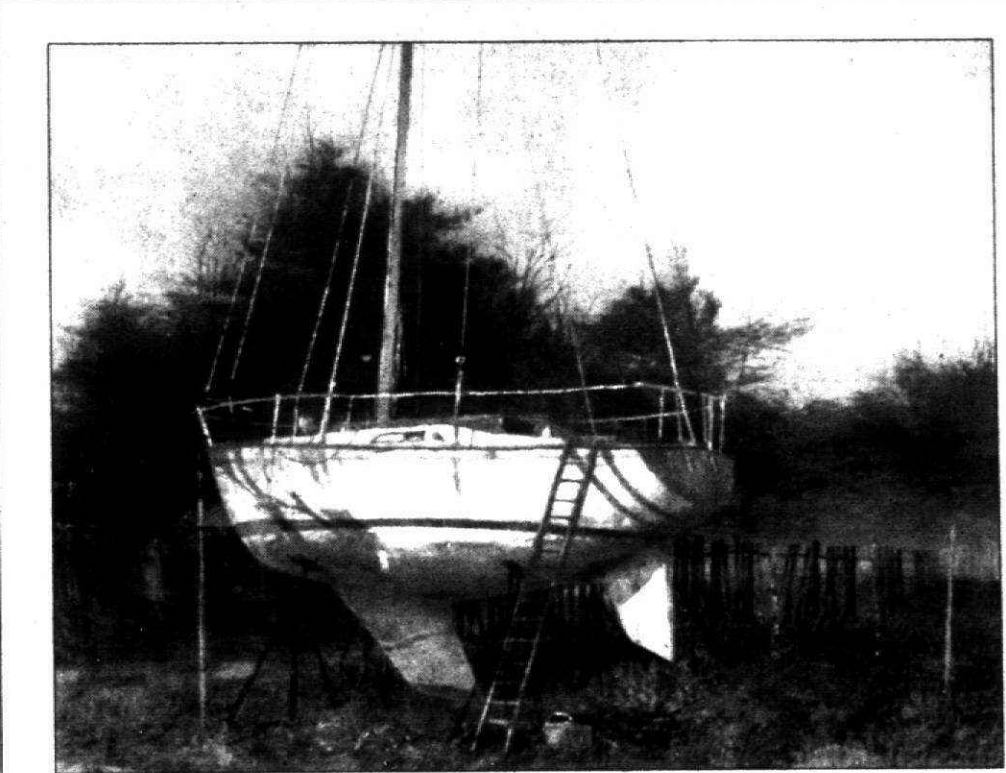
- ROMANIAN DANCE 2000-year-old folk dances performed by authentically costumed dancers.

CONCERTS

- ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH "Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," sung by choir of All Saints Church.

Note worthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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



New Paintings: Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, displays New Paintings by Fritz Mayhew through Jan. 21. The artist describes the work as "a reflection of the contrasts and similarities of between the two parts of the world in which we lived during the past three years, southeastern England and northern Michigan."

- DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details: (313) 833-4249.

MUSEUMS

- DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land."

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

- BBAC Through Dec. 23 - Wall drawing by Sol LeWitt, "Bands of Lines."

LECTURE

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Linda Bachrack, Editor 248-901-2567 lbachrack@home.com.net on the web: http://observer-eccentric.com Sunday, December 20, 1998

Beauty knows no shortcuts

Just completed my first week of makeovers at the beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi, and each woman I made up had the same question every woman has had since I started in the business 125 years ago. "How long will this take me?"

Let me tell you something... you, the woman who says to me, "I need an easy hairstyle because I am busy." If you were adept at hair, you would take the time. If you were adept at makeup, you would take the time. No one is so busy they cannot take the time for proper grooming. Yes, grooming. That's all makeup and skin care are. Just like brushing your teeth. You take the time for that, don't you? (Please God.)

In this day of e-mail, microwaves and faxes, it seems that everyone is looking for shortcuts. Stop it! Let's get our priorities straight. How you look should be your number one priority, since how you look directly affects how you feel.

Several wives tales regarding skin care proliferate from the words, "instant," and, my personal favorite, "anti-aging." Nothing is instant. Botox, which scares me to death, and could literally maim you for life, is something any sane person would not attempt. "Anti-aging"...what? Nothing and no one can get rid of a line or a wrinkle. Soften them, certainly. But get rid of them? Never. If you try that, as per a plastic surgeon's knife, you will look like you could star in Mr. Tennessee Williams's classic, *The Night of the Iguana*, and you'd play the iguana!

So, all of you Michiganders, how should you take care of your skin this holiday season? Two years ago I spent two months in the Ann Arbor area, starring in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." If you remember, that winter you had 10 straight days of 48 degrees below zero with the wind-chill factor. I thought I was in Hell and I have good skin!

My skin care regimen is for all of my readers, male and female. Clinique really said it best with its ad, "Clean, Clarify and Tone." At night I use an aloe-based cleanser on my face, rinsing with warm water. Freshener (which is astringent without alcohol) follows, and then I hydrate with my aloe creme with collagen and biotin (my 24 hour cream). Next, I apply night creme followed by eye creme. Sound intricate? Not really. When I have the cleanser on, I brush my teeth. That takes three minutes. The whole shebang takes a total of four!

In the morning, I wash my face with a mild cleanser that does not contain alkaline or lanolin, rinse off, apply freshener, and then my aloe creme. That's it! Women would then add moisturizer if they are wearing makeup that day. In the cold winter weather, be sure to wear additional moisturizer, preferably one that does not have a heavy water content. Water, cold wind on your skin, freezing, not a pretty picture.

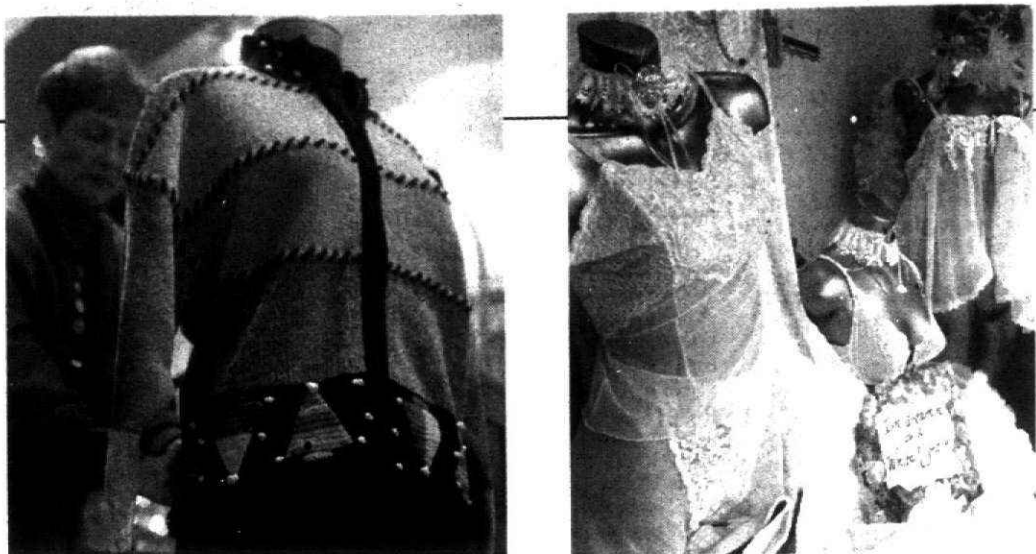
To complete your skin care regimen, if you are truly ambitious, you should perform a facial on yourself. Twice a week for normal to dry skin, three times weekly for normal to oily. It's really quite easy. First use an exfoliate (a product that sluffs off dead cuticle from the surface layer of the skin.) Rinse off and use a drawing masque. This will not only remove any blackheads/sebum buildup, but will also tighten your pores. The total process takes 20 minutes each time. Not a big deal! And well worth the time when you see the beautiful results.

Many of you have asked about the private makeover appointments at the Baronette in Novi. December and January are completely sold out (sorry again!) February has an added five days. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6588. You can also e-mail me at jwb@worldnet.att.net, or visit our Web site, jeffreybrucecosmetics.com. The minimum purchase of \$125 goes toward any Jeffrey Bruce aloe-based products used on you that day. You are one of four women for a two and one-half hour session (repetition breeds knowledge) and a great time is had by all. What a great holiday gift! ME!!! Of course, gift certificates are available.

I hope all of you have a beautiful and healthy New Year. See you in 1999!

JEFFREY BRUCE

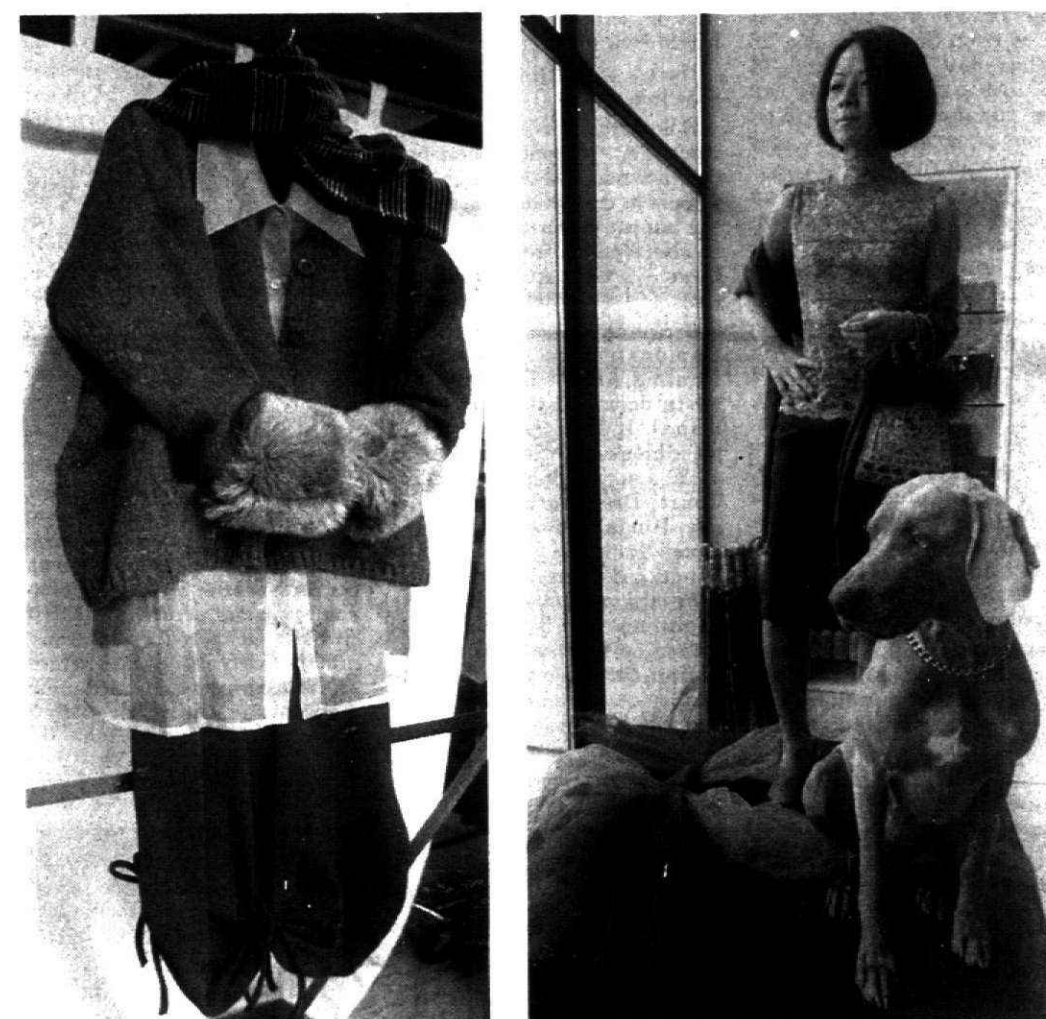
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Shapes of the season

Shop windows are filled with faceless forms, their curvy torsos draped in holiday finery and warm winter woollens. In anticipation of snowflakes, mannequins are bundled in scarves and sweaters, mittens and fur cuffs. Others model holiday attire, including beaded sweaters and sexy white lingerie. Whether you're yearning for the ski slopes or a cozy night in front of the fire, area retailers and their window sculptures show the fashions that fuel your fantasies.

-Linda Bachrack



Window gazing: (clockwise from top left) Knitwear from Anthropologie; Christmas sweater from Kathryn Scott; white nighties from Harp's; live mannequin Jade Thieu with Liebchen at Figaro Salon, clothes from Tender; snowboard attire from Structure; bundled up at Woodward & Maple; beaded sweater from Metropolitan Tailoring; (center) French flair from Lilith. All in Birmingham.

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News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

GOAL ORIENTED
"Mr. and Mrs. Hockey," Gordie and Colleen Howe, sign their biography, and...Howel, at Jacobson's Rochester Hills store. Second Floor. 12-2 p.m. (248) 651-6000.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

GO BO, GO BLUE
Bo Schembechler signs his book *Michigan Memories*, a record of "the Bo years" with the "amazin' blue" football team. 4-6 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward. Call (248) 203-0005 to request a signed copy.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

SEE THE LIGHT
John Wagner, author of *Michigan Lighthouses*, an *Aerial Photographic Perspective*, signs his book 1-5 p.m., Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

POST-CHRISTMAS TOYS
The Toy & Hobby Expo returns today and tomorrow to the Novi Expo Center. The show features fantastic operating displays, including the World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad. Today, 3-9 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6; ages 4-12, \$3. Parking \$4. 196 at Novi Road. (734) 455-2110.

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

To donate old bowling and golf trophies, call Greg Gilbert, Oxford Township supervisor, (248) 969-9479.

Colored light wheels for aluminum Christmas trees can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge Road in Royal Oak, and through the Hammacher Schlemmer catalog. 1-800-543-3377.

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To reach the company that makes custom made lipstick, call 1-800-MAKEUP4U.

Linda called to say that, as of December, **Nestle's Hazelnut Coffee** is back on store shelves, unfortunately only at Jewel Supermarkets in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Found a **Combi stroller**. Found the words to "Johnny Roebuck" for Mary Beth.

Found the "Parodies for Charity" CD.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR: Salada Tea 100 count regular tea bags (not decaffeinated).

Delores wants **Revlon Moon Drops lipstick** in Million Dollar Red (it came in a green tube). Deb is looking for the **Lustre Rose china pattern** by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).

Still looking for a **Drowsy doll**. Anna is looking for the book, **Temptations**, by Otis Williams from 1989 (a large paperback).

Sonya is looking for a 100% men's **wool Shaker sweater**. Lorraine wants a **Power Ranger poster**.

Bob is looking for a completely **disassembled Harley Davidson motorcycle** to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter project.

Eleanore of Warren is looking for **Zoya nail polish #0192**, color Coretta.

Doris is looking for the children's book (hardcover) **Little Wiener**.

Noreen wants a **1998 Farmington High School yearbook**, new/used.

Pat wants **children's metal dishes** from the 1950s with an Oriental theme and individual packets of gardenia scented bubble bath from the '50s.

A **Fisher Price alligator flashlight** from two years ago for Pat.

Doris is looking for **Clinique Cheek Base** in Peach Soft.

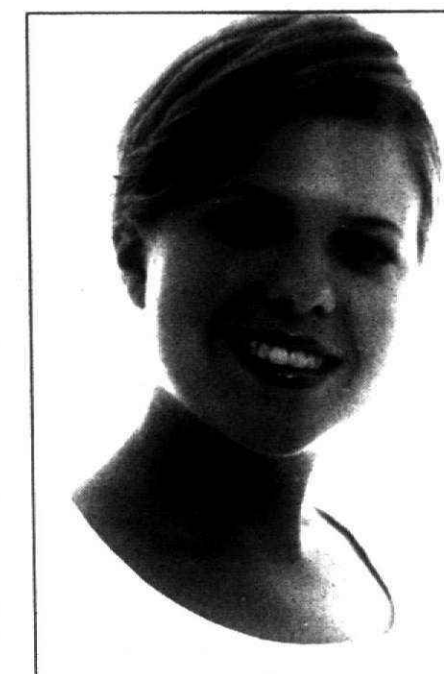
Lisa wants a man's bag pocket **wallet** made from seal skin. The game of **Flinch**, for Barbara.

Darryl is looking for **New Era Potato Chips, NeHi Creme Soda and Apple Easy Dessert** (in a box, like apple cobbler).

Jerry is looking for four colognes: **Faberge's Aphrodisiac, Woodhue, Nine Flags** by Colton Company, and **Russian Leather**.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

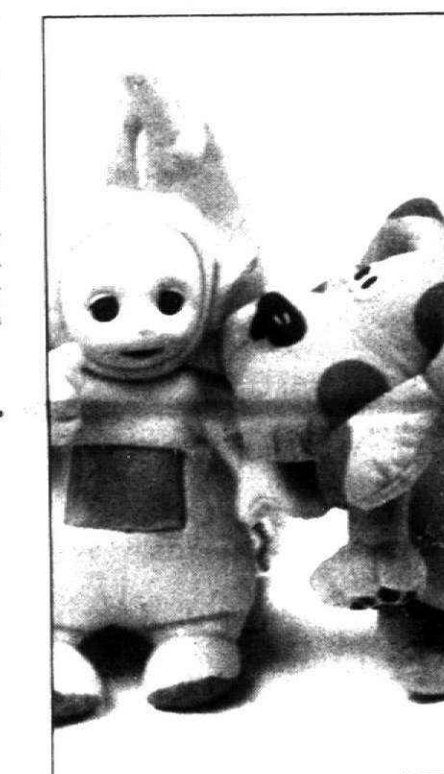
FRESH FACE



Jennifer Koshorek of Berkley has been selected as the "Face of Ms. J" Birmingham in the second annual Jacobson's Ms. J model search for its Midwest stores. Koshorek, 17, will be featured in visual displays and signage throughout the Birmingham Ms. J department. She also receives a Ms. J merchandise certificate for \$100.

Koshorek is one of 13 Midwest store winners. The Ms. J department features fashion-forward apparel catering to the 16 to 30-year-old shopper who's smart, hip and knowing.

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Westland Shopping Center's picks for the hottest merchandise trends this season include:

- Furby, the newest animatronic pet.
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- Wide-wale corduroy pants, track pants, bell-bottom denim, wide-legged denim, cotton fleece, hula girl dresses, cardigan sweater twin sets with velvet ribbon trim, messenger

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bags, Adidas fisherman hats, fatigues (Size 5-7-9, Rave, County Seat, Kohls, JCPenney, Sears, Hudson's).

- Handmade soaps and Bath Bombs** (The Bath & Body Shop, Merle Norman, Perfumania, Victoria's Secret)
- Special Editions Barbie**, Beanie Babies, Hallmark Ornaments (Beanie Baby Kiok and Fischer Hallmark)
- Reproduction jewelry**, including Titanic-inspired jewels and vintage chokers (Corey's, The Loop, Claire's)

For more gift ideas or holiday event information, call Westland Center Customer Service (734) 421-0291.

CYBER SHOPPING

According to a report from Dataquest, Internet holiday retailing will reach \$2.35 billion worldwide (more than double 1997 totals of \$1 billion). Roughly 10 percent of U.S. consumers polled made an Internet purchase during the week after Thanksgiving, according to Marketing Corp. of America. Says Josh Linker, president of GlobalLink New Media, this is due to a number of factors:

- Consumers have overcome their security fears and show it by using credit cards online.
 - Time management. People can do in 10 minutes, what would take them an hour at the mall.
 - Online access is growing. According to a Marketing Corp. of America study, half of U.S. adults have Internet access.
 - Simplicity. Instead of driving from store to store, consumers have an incredible resource of information at their fingertips.
- GlobalLink New Media is an Internet development company in Bloomfield Hills.

OF THE MOMENT

Metals In Time, a new sterling silver and watch store in Royal Oak, offers an unparalleled stock of watches, from the affordable Swatch to ceramic RADOs and a prestigious line of Maurice Lacroix. Until Christmas, all silver jewelry is 20 percent off. 416 S. Washington, (248) 582-9044.

EVENT HOTLINE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has launched a 24-hour hotline to give the inside scoop into all of Plymouth's great events. If you would like to know what's going on in town this weekend or even next month, simply call (734) 453-1540. The Calendar of Events also can be found on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Web page at plymouthchamber.org.

ELITE FASHION

Elite, the newest fashion retailer at Fairlane Town Center, delivers just what its name promises: high-style women's fashions and accessories that guarantee a one-of-a-kind look.

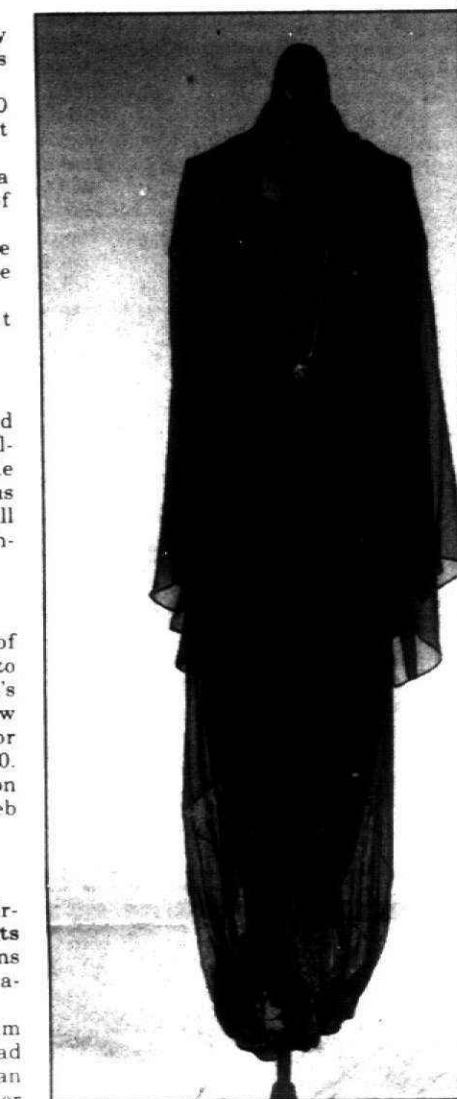
A local brother and sister business team opened the boutique that carries a broad size range, from 2-26. The new store began last April as a single Fairlane Town Center kiosk, selling accessories only. Before long, Elite amassed such a following, it simultaneously ran four different kiosks in the mall. The shop's selection spans casual through evening fashions, including coats. Also find handbags, scarves, sunglasses and shoes.

ISLAND APPAREL
If you plan to visit a balmy tropical island in the next few weeks, you might be shopping around for resortwear instead of wools. Roz & Sherm's Annie Frank suggests the following hot designers for cruise or resort attire:

- Tommy Bahama: Classy safari looks in khaki and pastel blue, including comfortable two-piece silks.
- Harari and Hino & Malee: Not found in your local retail mall, these two designers provide a vast assortment of simple, yet elegant, day into nighttime wear.

Any fashionable cruise outfit should have a pair of classy pumps to accompany it, says Frank. Roz & Sherm's shoe manager and buyer Paula Becker says lucite, high platform bottoms and strappy pumps are top sellers.

Tie the whole resort outfit together with sterling silver jewelry by three new designers - M&J Savitt, Vaubel and Lazaro.



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It's time to make plans to greet the new year

It's time to answer the question - "What are you doing New Year's Eve?"

If you haven't made plans yet, here are some options.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Christmas Festival" concludes with a New Year's Gala, conducted by Music Director Neeme Jarvi at Orchestra Hall in Detroit 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

In the last few hours of 1998, the DSO and guest violinist Alexander Markov, will perform a concert that includes violin sonatas, whirling waltzes, a powerful polka and titillating tangos.

Ballroom and tango dancers Glenn Clark and Cindy Gerlands, and Michael Finegan and Pamela Preczewski of the Stardust Ballroom will join Jarvi and the DSO, as will Peter Soave on the banjo (a member of the accordion family of instruments).

In addition to the music of the Joseph and Johann Strauss dynasty, this year's Gala will include a tribute to the tangos of Astor Piazzola. The concert will be followed by an elegant, Matt Prentice catered gourmet light supper with festive desserts and dancing on-stage to the sounds of the Keith Saxton Orchestra. A complimentary champagne toast will accompany a count-down to 1999.

Admission to this concert includes a Matt Prentice-catered dinner at serving stations throughout Orchestra Hall. Dinner includes appetizers such as smoked salmon on brioche canape with mustard sauce and fresh dill; whitefish pate on English cucumber rounds; and wild mushroom strudel.

Carving stations will provide marinated turkey breast with mustard thyme butter and apple cider sauce, as well as tenderloin beef with a choice of Bearnaise sauce, morel sauce or demi glaze. Cash bar stations also available.

The Keith Saxton Orchestra will perform hits from swing to Motown for those who wish to kick up their heels. Dancing will continue to 1:30 a.m.

Tickets range from \$50 to \$75, a limited number of box seats are available for \$100, call (313) 576-5111.

Here are some more New Year's Eve options:

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE Will present two special New Year's Eve performances of "Resident Alien," 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfield. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and party favors. Tickets for the 10 p.m. show \$50 per person includes champagne, party favors, and breakfast. Call (248) 788-2900 or <http://commet.net/jet> for more information.

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Special menu ranging from \$16.95-\$36.95. Party favors and complimentary champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627/(248) 399-6750 (rock)

RON BROOKS TRIO With Stephanie from the Flint band Oasis, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$50, \$90 couples. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

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RACHELLE FERRELL With Storming Norman Brown, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$26, \$36, and \$50. Party favors and champagne for 11 p.m. (313) 730-3490/(248) 645-6666 (jazz)

HOWLING DIABLOS With 60 Second Crush and Face, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$25 includes show, hors d'oeuvres and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (R&B/rock)

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 205-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance, only at the Blind Pig. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

"NEW YEAR JUBILEE" With performances by Josh White Jr., O.J. Anderson, Madcat Ruth and Kane, Paul Vornhagen, Wild Swan Theatre, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, and Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, throughout Ypsilanti. \$12-\$50 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. In advance, \$15 adults and \$5 children at the door. (734) 483-4444/(734) 995-7281 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org> (variety)

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JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE "Resident Alien," by Stuart Spencer, 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$35 includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres and "gizmos" for 6:30 p.m. show; \$50 includes the same plus breakfast for 10 p.m. show. (248) 788-2900

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE Fourth Street New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door, and includes buffet dinner, champagne toast, hats and party favors, and continental breakfast. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666/(248) 546-6410

VELVET LOUNGE "Sneaky New Year's Eve," a celebration of the repeal of prohibition, featuring complimentary champagne toast, and a performance by Superdot, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-7411

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS 7:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

CHARLES H. WRIGHT PARTY "Millennium Bound" features dancing with the Maestros of Music, Mike Brown and Joe Davison and Associates, complimentary champagne toast at midnight and party favors, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren St., Detroit. Black tie optional. \$70, \$125 per couple, \$150, \$250 per couple for VIP tickets, which include access to a private lounge with complimentary champagne and "high-end" hors d'oeuvres. (313) 494-5800

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B.B. QUEEN ROADSHOW 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge includes champagne toast, party favors, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300

DAVID SANBORN With Marilyn Scott, 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25, \$35 and \$50. 18 and older. Party favors and champagne provided for 11:30 show. (313) 961-5451 (jazz)

KIM SIMMONDS AND SAVOY BROWN With Mudpuppy, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

STUN GUN With Queenbee, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.tcom.com> (rock)

SWING SYNDICATE Performs as part of "Al Capone's New Year's Eve Party," 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$10-\$15, includes buffet and champagne toast. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS With Wallin' Inc., and the Reelermen, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$40, \$70 couples, includes champagne toast, buffet dinner and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

WITCH DOCTORS 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Goddard Road, Plymouth. \$10, includes party favors, champagne toast. Cover waived with dinner. Holiday menu includes lobster tail, prime rib, 1 1/2-pound T-bone, vegetarian dishes, and fish. 21 and older. Reservations preferred. (734) 455-8450

ALEXANDER ZONJIC 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bac1, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$15 includes music. 21 and older. (248) 253-1300 (jazz)

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY New Year's Eve Titanic-themed party, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Costumes are encouraged; prizes for best costume. \$45, includes four-course dinner, live music with GhettoBliss and Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, four-



New Year celebration: Welcome 1999 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Dec. 31. They're offering a smorgasbord of music, dancing and food.

Toronto celebrates new year with 'First Night' program

By LESLIE SALOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

Yipes! New Years is almost here and your family has no plans. Here's an idea:

Spend it in Toronto at the "First Night Toronto '99." It's an alcohol-free family fun and entertainment with a celebration of the arts with over 400 performers, 55 shows and 14 different stages both inside and outside around Harbourfront Centre.

It runs a full 12 hours from noon on Dec. 31 till midnight. It's the biggest New Year's Eve celebration in the city featuring

music, theater, dancers, film, storytellers, comedy, puppetry, clowns, visual arts, ice sculptors, jugglers, drummers, fire eaters, human statues, mimes and magicians.

Some of the headliners for the adults are Gowan, one of Canada's favorite pop/rock singer/songwriters, and Albert Schultz, who croons songs by Gershwin and Danny Kaye. There is also Salome Bey, known to many as "Canada's First Lady of the Blues," and the "Yuk Yuk Comedy On Tour," featuring two of Canada's funniest standup comics, Chuck Byrn and Terry McGurran.

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Whether it's ice skating, parading, or listening to some great music it's an evening your entire family can delight in, with something for everyone.

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For information call Harbourfront Centre Information Line: (416)-973-3000. Box Office: (416)-973-4000. Or visit their Web site at: www.first-nighttoronto.com

Leslie Salomon lives in Southfield.

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TRAVEL

Northwest beauty overcomes vacation's setbacks

BY RON PICARD
SPECIAL WRITER

I can't remember a vacation where so many things went wrong, at least at the beginning. We met my brother's family in Seattle for two weeks in the Pacific Northwest. We had planned to spend a few days in Olympic National Park before taking a driving tour through the Cascade Mountain Range.

Between our two families we had: your stereotypical screaming baby on the airplane (complete with a mom who didn't think to bring food or toys), a rental car agency that was not only not in the airport, but wasn't listed in the telephone directory, another rental car agency that charged for the most expensive insurance option available after we requested a waiver for the insurance, a rental car that was filthy, and a restaurant that didn't serve my lunch until the bill came for everyone else.

Not a good first day. It's not a good way to lead off a travel article either, but what can I say? If the trip hadn't gotten better I wouldn't be writing about it.

The first morning my wife, Rebecca, son, Andy, and I followed my brother's family (Tom,

Betty, Katy and Adam) north where we boarded a ferry to the Olympic Peninsula. On our way across the Puget Sound we got our first view of Mt. Rainier with Seattle's skyline in the foreground. Had we known that was going to be our best view of Washington's most impressive peak, I probably would have taken a few more pictures. Oops, sorry. I slipped back into that negativity again. The trip really did get better!

Olympic National Park

We decided to spend more time at Olympic than at anywhere else, mainly because of its diversity. There are three separate areas of the park and they've each got their own attractions. Mount Olympus, the highest peak in the Olympic mountain range dominates the interior of the park, while the Pacific coastal areas offer visitors a completely different aspect, with the Hoh rain forest situated in between.

There are a number of trails that run throughout the park. We decided hike along Hurricane Ridge and were rewarded with wonderful views of the Olympic mountains, the Straits of Juan

de Fuca and blooming wildflowers all along the trail. There are a number of waterfalls that are created from the mountain run off. We also hiked to Marymere falls, one that Katy and Adam had seen in a travel video.

We explored two of the park's beaches, Rialto Beach and Ruby Beach. We arrived at both just before low tide, which allowed us to wade out into the lowest sections of the tide pool. At Rialto Beach we were able to tag along on a ranger led hike. She took us out to where hundreds of starfish and anemones attached themselves to the rocks.

At the Hoh Rain Forest we hiked the two major trails, the Spruce Nature Trail and the Hall of Mosses Trail. Since it was the end of the summer they had received little rain the previous three weeks. The forest wasn't as green or wet as we expected. There was an extraordinary number of ferns growing on the ground and on nurse logs, old dead trees that as they decay become home to new trees.

Our hike through the Hall of Mosses trail (not to be confused with the Hall of Moses trail, which ends at the Red Sea...) was also led by a ranger, and no, she didn't provide that joke for us. We've found that when we explore new areas it's often beneficial to tag along with a ranger. They can provide local history and are able to point out things that we would miss on our own.

The Cascades

After leaving Olympic we headed south, following the Cascade mountain range. We stopped at Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens and made it as far south as Crater Lake in southern Oregon.

At Mount Rainier National Park we began by hiking to both Carter and Madcap Falls. There's no shortage of waterfalls to hike to so we stopped at the visitor center to get some recommendations from some of the rangers.

We headed up to Sunshine Point early the next morning. We went on a ranger hike to



Crater Lake: Rob, Rebecca and Andy Picard on Wizard Island in Crater Lake.

Emmons Glacier before opting for a lower elevation and warmer temperatures. We spent the rest of the day hiking to Sunrise and Clover Lake, where some of the local birds decided to try and steal our sandwiches. The kids thought it was pretty funny, but if the birds were that aggressive we didn't want to stick around to see what else was living there. On the hike back we saw a half dozen deer, including a couple spotted fawn. It seems the entire animal population of the park is accustomed to people.

Our next destination was Mount St. Helens. We drove to Windy Ridge where we hiked to Spirit Lake. As you approach the park, the first glimpse of the devastation is quite impressive. We came away with quite a few science fair ideas.

The entrance on the west side of the park takes you to Johnson Ridge Observatory where you can look directly into the ridge of what used to be the mountain. The new lava dome is visible complete with steam rising from fissures around the dome. We hiked a trail that went through a

pumas field where there was little growth, almost 20 years later. Overall this was one of my favorite parts of the trip.

From there our next stop was Crater Lake. Roughly 6600 years ago Mount Mazama erupted before collapsing in on itself. The resulting crater began filling with rain and snow and is now the deepest lake in the United States. There's not as much to do here as there is at the more famous parks in Washington, but we did hike to The Watchman, an old lookout tower that provided a panoramic view of the lake.

There are a lot of other attractions other than the volcano range, and we did take time to stop at a few. Fort Clatsop, where Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805-6, was on Tom's list of places to see, and Andy studied the Oregon Trail last year in school so we stopped at a couple of Oregon Trail museums.

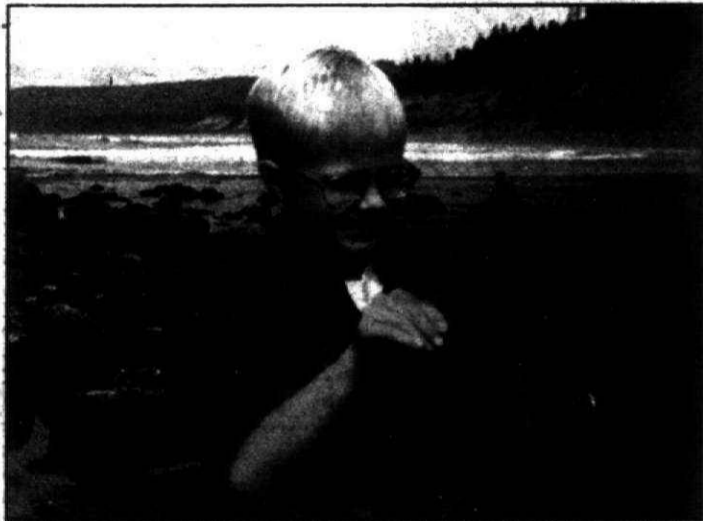
At Newberry National Volcanic we hiked through a mile long lava tube cave. Parts of the cave were 20 feet high and you can see small stalactites forming

on the ceiling. We also hiked to the Big Obsidian Flow, an enormous area of black volcanic glass. Like most things on this vacation the vastness of the formation is quite impressive.

On a whim we decided to visit the Historic Columbia River Highway. We were surprised at the beauty of the road. It was opened in 1915 and was based on European roads that incorporated the sights along the way instead of avoiding them. 600 foot waterfalls emptied into pools that were a few dozen feet from the road. By far this road was our most pleasant surprise of the trip and we'll make sure we spend more time in the area on our next trip.

Overall I would have liked to spend more time just about every place we visited. Since it was our first trip to this part of the country we took the "let's see it all" route. Next time we'll chose two or three spots and spend more of our time on the trails and less time in the car.

Ron Picard and his family live in Livonia.



Washington native: Andy Picard examines a sea star on Washington's rocky coast.

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Chiefs fall short

5 Whalers leaving

For the Plymouth Whalers, this has to come under the good news/bad news department.

The good news is that five Whalers have been selected to play for their respective countries at the World Junior Hockey Tournament. The bad news is, they'll be at the tournament for 10 days, which runs from Dec. 26-Jan. 5.

That happens to be during a very busy period for the Whalers. They play six games in that span — five of them on the road.

Now they'll have to play them without their top two defensemen, Paul Mara and Nikos Tselios, and center David Legwand, who was selected second overall in the NHL Draft last June. All three will play for Team USA.

Also missing will be wing Tomek Valtonen, who will play for Team Finland. In addition, Harold Druken — the leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey League with 38 goals and 64 points (through Wednesday) — is in Team Canada's training camp and is a favorite to make the squad.

A total of 10 countries will compete at the World Junior Tournament (under 20 age group), to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two pre-tournament exhibitions between the USA and Sweden teams are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

Whalers on TV

The Plymouth Whalers can be seen locally on cable television, with some games broadcast live and many others as replays.

Live telecasts by MediaOne begin at 7:10 p.m. with the pre-game show, featuring play-by-play announcer Eric Peasley and John Bower. Games on Dec. 29, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and March 13 have been selected to be televised live by MediaOne on channel 25 in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Playoff game coverage will be announced at a later date.

Replays of other Whaler games can be seen on channel 25 at 6:30 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, following live telecasts. Other communities (besides Plymouth, Canton and Northville) who will receive this service are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn Heights, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Roseville, Southfield, West Bloomfield and Westland.

PCA beats Bethesda

Plymouth Christian Academy held off a stubborn Detroit Bethesda 15-12, 15-14 in a tight prep volleyball dual Thursday.

Debbie Gaulis led the Eagles with eight kills. Karen Moran and Jenny Sutherland added seven kills apiece.

College news

• It's a good time to turn things around.

Wayne State's women's basketball team hoped to do just that when it met Rochester College Saturday. Led by junior forward/center Sarah Warnke (from Plymouth Canton HS), who leads the Tartars in scoring with 15.3 points per game, the Lady Tartars (1-8 for the year) had a chance to double their win total for the season (Rochester is 2-7).

Warnke leads the Greater Lakes Activities Association in rebounding (10.1 average) and offensive rebounding averaging (5.0), is fourth in defensive rebounding (5.1) and is tied for eighth in scoring (15.3).

• Katie Cushman, a senior guard for Madonna University's women's basketball team, ranks first in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in both assists (5.7 per game) and steals (2.7). Her teammate at Madonna, Chris Dietrich, is seventh in the WHAC in scoring (14.0 points per game) and assists (3.1).

The Lady Crusaders rank second in the WHAC with an 8-2 record. Spring Arbor (12-2) is first.

• Madonna's men's basketball team has struggled to find wins (the Crusaders were 2-10 going into the weekend) but not statistical leaders. Mike Massey ranks fourth in the WHAC in scoring (17.4 points per game) and Mike Maryanski is eighth (14.0); Maryanski is also seventh in rebounding (6.6).

Nick Hurley, a sophomore from Plymouth Canton HS, is fourth in the WHAC in both assists (4.3 per game) and steals (2.6).

The scouts who came to see LaVell Blanchard got what they wanted, and more.

Blanchard, smooth as creamery butter, scored 29 points Thursday night to pace Ann Arbor Pioneer to a 71-57 victory over stubborn Plymouth Canton.

Those who had seen Pioneer before know Blanchard isn't all the Pioneers are about. There's a young giant of a sophomore, James Bridgewater, who scored 15 points and is a presence in the middle.

"He's tough and a great worker, too," Canton coach Dan Young said of Bridgewater.

Canton got 21 points from forward Jason Waidman plus 10 apiece from guards Joe Cortellini and Mike Major.

"We hung in there pretty well for a while," Young said, "but they're pretty athletic."

"We played well at times. But we were inconsistent with both our passing and our catching. They broke down our team defense, which is a credit to Ann Arbor Pioneer."

"They have two very good players. There were stretches where we couldn't get any easy scores."

The Pioneers led by four after the end of the first period, 17-13, and tacked another three points on for a 29-22 halftime lead.

Ann Arbor put up a 22-13 third quarter to decide the outcome.

Something else that hurt Canton, as it does most teams these days, was an inability to hit free throws.

"We only made 10-of-24 of our free throws," Young said. "That's not very good. Those things made it difficult for us to have a chance."

"LaVell is a great player. They played good team basketball and pretty good defense. We had a hard time scoring."

The loss left the Chiefs 1-2 while the Pioneers raised their mark to 3-1.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL FURSCHEMANN

Searching for space: Canton's Jimmy Reddy (12) dribbles around Pioneer's Tobias McClure, something that wasn't easy to do against the talented Pioneers.

WRESTLING

Salem posts dual victories over CC, Clio

Nothing comes easy. But for Plymouth Salem's wrestling team, Friday's double-dual meet with Clio and Redford Catholic sure came easier than expected.

The host Rocks improved to 4-0 by thumping Clio, 64-12, and then handling CC, 58-24. The double victory improved Salem's dual record to 4-0.

The win over the Shamrocks was certainly easier than anticipated. Indeed, CC won the last three matches to make it a bit more respectable; Salem won 10 of the first 11, nine of those on pins.

The big match of the meet was in the 275-pound division, with defending state champ Casey Rogowski of CC going up against state runner-up Charlie Hamblin of Salem. The rematch favored the previous winner, with Rogowski pinning Hamblin in 4:34.

In fact, if there was a bright spot for CC, it was that all four of its wins came on pins. Brocc Naismith nailed Salem's Geoff Bennett in 1:36 at 215, Andy Conlin topped the Rocks' Pat O'Connor in 1:50 at 189, and Jeff Wheeler bested Salem's Steve Dendinos in 1:23 at 130.

Salem owned all else. Winners on pins for the Rocks were Jeff Bennett in 5:13 over Adam Stacey at 103; Ron Thompson in :33 over Paul Hagan at 112; John Mervyn in :36 over Josh Crawford at 119; Rob Ash in :56 over Matt Moraca at 125; Josh Henderson in :29 over Tom Kreucher at 135; Greg Petrovich in 3:51 over David Demray at 140; Greg Smith in 3:14 over Sean Bell at 145; Greg Eizen in 1:19 over Ed Zylak at 152; and Jason Bedoun in 1:53 over Blake Naismith at 160.

The only decision of the entire meet came at 171, with Salem's Mike Popeny shutting out Jessie Norman, 9-0.

There were seven more pin wins for the Rocks against Clio, to go with three decisions, an injury default and a void.

Winners on pins for Salem were Mervyn in 3:00 over Jason Dodge at

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SWIMMING

Canton goal: challenge for title

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CANTON PREVIEW

We're less than two weeks away from entering the final year of the millennium.

What better time could there be to shake up what has become the norm in boys swimming. Since the creation of the Western Lakes Activities Association, the dominant power in the sport has been Plymouth Salem. For the past six years, no other WLAA team has been able to knock the Rocks off their pedestal as the conference's best.

That could change this season. "What's going to be so fun this year is that no one in the conference is

that much above anyone else," said Plymouth Canton swim coach Kyle Lott. "I think it's going to be an extremely close (league) meet."

"Salem, Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington and us are all very close." Those four teams dominated the WLAA last season. The Rocks won the league title, with Stevenson second, North third and Canton fourth. The difference between first and fourth was 153 points; the difference between fourth-place Canton and fifth-place Farmington Harrison was 91 points.

The Rocks have lost a lot from their

1998 championship team. But so have the Chiefs, with Jason Musson, Matt Heiss, Jon Cook, Mike Dempsey, John Theisen and Andy Schmidt graduated, and divers Jim George and Ryan Cunningham deciding not to return.

However, while Salem has just a handful of new swimmers to offset its losses, Canton has an extremely strong freshmen group — one that, combined with a talented group of upperclassmen, could push the Chiefs to the top of the heap.

It's not something Lott will deny — or endorse.

"I believe this is our strongest conference team since I've been here," the Chiefs' coach said. "It's a little smaller swim team in terms of num-

bers, but it's a very solid swim team."

But . . . "I have to say Salem is still the best team in the conference," Lott added. "They lost a lot, but still have a heckuva group back."

North, which Lott said is "on paper, the No. 1 team in terms of returning talent," and Stevenson, also loaded with state meet-caliber swimmers, are definite threats to Salem's dominance. "I think we're the fourth-best team right now," he estimated.

The freshmen could alter that — especially considering the returnees: Leading the veterans are seniors Don LeClair, Kurtis Hornick, Justin Allen, Aaron Reeder, Chad Williams and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Co-captain: Justin Allen is one of Canton's senior co-captains, making him a team leader and a talented swimmer. Allen scored in the 100-yard backstroke at last season's WLAA finals, but he proved a capable performer in many events.

Chiefs stumble; Rocks rip Huron

Plymouth Canton got two individual wins from Don LeClair and the Chiefs won two of three relays in their season-opening dual meet Thursday against visiting Dexter, but it wasn't enough.

The Dreadnaughts finished first in six of nine individual events, which was just good enough to edge Canton 99-87.

"Dexter's a fantastic swim team, one of the top Class B teams in the state," said Chiefs' coach Kyle Lott. "I thought we'd do about how we did. We swam well, but they went 1-2-3 in diving, which was fantastic."

"But the swimming part of the meet went well (for us)."

LeClair, a senior, finished first in both the 50-yard (23.09) and 100-yard (50.59) freestyle. However, the only other win in individual events for the

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Accidents drop, fatalities rise for deer season

OUTDOOR INCIDENTS
The 1998 firearms deer season was safer than last year, but also more deadly.

The number of hunting accidents dropped from 27 in 1997 to 21 during the recently completed 16-day season. Unfortunately, four of those accidents resulted in the death of a fellow hunter, compared to just two fatalities last year.

While 21 accidents statistically makes hunting a safe form of recreation, with an accident rate of less than three per 100,000, that's still 21 accidents too many. Hunting is a recreational activity. Death and serious injury should not be a part of it.

As responsible hunters, we should all strive to reduce these numbers even further. Most every hunting accident can be traced back to a reckless or thoughtless act. That's why we must make safety a priority above everything else.

If every hunter used common sense and followed a few safety rules there's no reason we couldn't have an injury-free hunting season.

Unfortunately, in our quest for success, hunters sometimes throw caution to the wind and take shots without making sure their field is clear, or make reckless mistakes that result in accidental discharge.

There has been a drastic reduction of better than 80 percent in the number of hunting accidents since a couple of laws were enacted in the 1970s.

In 1971 the DNR implemented mandatory hunter safety classes for first-time hunters born since Jan. 1, 1960.

In 1977 a law was passed that requires hunters to wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color commonly referred to as hunter orange.

There are still a lot of hunting opportunities before the seasons of 1998 come to a close.

Be safe and be sure you're hunting with others who stress safety before success.

A majority of hunting accidents occur between members of the same hunting party. If you have a reckless hunter in your party let him know how dangerous he is and that his actions will not be tolerated.

Don't be shy. Let the individual know you won't stand for him jeopardizing your safety and for his recklessness continuing to hunt with him — for your own safety.

hunting continues to be one of the safest forms of recreation," said Herb Burns, DNR law enforcement chief. "But by obeying all hunting regulations and using common sense while handling firearms we can keep Michigan as the safest state east of the Mississippi."

The outdoors give us a great chance to spend many hours together," said Justin's father, Dick. "We go fishing or hunting together on almost every weekend."

"Dan Piergentili shot a 4-point buck on Nov. 28. The Redford resident was hunting along the edge of a corn field in Hillsdale County when the buck walked out into the middle of the cut cornfield.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to barker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

My address, phone number and e-mail address are listed at the bottom of this column.

*Sixteen-year-old Justin Kosik had a tremendous 1998. The Plymouth resident and junior at Salem High School bagged a gobbler during the spring turkey season while hunting in Hillsdale County. Kosik returned to Hills-

dale County for opening day of the firearms deer season and shot his first buck, a dandy 6-point.

A first-year bow hunter, Kosik also shot a doe during the early archery season.

Success reports from area hunters continue to roll in. Remember, if you, a friend or family member tagged a deer this fall let me know, then look for details in an upcoming issue of the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SHOWS

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be held Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing will be Feb. 17-21 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

SEASON/DATES

BASS
Largemouth and smallmouth bass season closes Dec. 31.

DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for other special seasons.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan

GOOSE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

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

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first 7 in the southern Michigan

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13-14, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

METROPARKS

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens).

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

CALL 1-800-47-PARKS

for more information.

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3372; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

Here's a few guidelines for Christmas tree buying



TIM NOWICKI

When my children and I went to cut down our Christmas tree the other day, the tree farm we went to had five different coniferous trees on display as we entered the gate.

There were white pine, scotch pine, Douglas fir. They all make fine looking Christmas trees.

White pine is our state tree and has five needles in a bundle as they grow on the twigs. It is the only coniferous tree in the eastern U.S. that has five needles in a bundle. The five needles can also represent the five letters in the word "white."

Uncultivated white pines often grow with large spaces between branches, but cultivated trees that are pruned can be nicely full.

Some trees get so full, or dense, that it's hard to hang ornaments on them. Speaking of hanging ornaments, white pine needles are

very soft and do not prick your hands while you decorate. Scotch pine is an introduced species to Michigan. It has adapted very well to our climate and soils.

The medium length needles, two per cluster, are very sharp. Their needles do hold ornaments very well and give a nice full appearance.

White spruce have short needles that can be prickly, but because they are short you can avoid them better when decorating.

Each needle is less than an inch long and squarish in shape if you cut it perpendicular to its length. An attractive feature of the white spruce is the presence of cones on the branches, a natural ornament.

They also, like some other coniferous trees, have a very pleasant pine fragrance.

White spruce are native to Michigan. They look similar to black spruce, but the cones of white spruce are more elongated and have a smooth edge to each scale.

Black spruce prefers wetter conditions and has a ragged edge to the scales of the cone. Today white spruce is frequently used for pulp, which is used in the manufacturing of paper.

Years ago native American used the pliable rootlets to sew bark pieces together. Blue spruce are prized for their color. Tree farms like them because they are able to grow in the dry sandy soils of Michigan.

Though a non-native spruce, people plant them regularly because they have adapted well to our climate.

Like other spruce trees the cones hang down from the branches. On the Douglas fir the cones stand upright on the branches.

Douglas fir along the west coast can be over 300 feet tall, but Rocky Mountain firs are much shorter and more drought resistant.

They make a great Christmas tree because of their color, density and because their needles persist longer than many trees.

Tree farms provide habitat for various birds and other animals. They may have trees in rows, but it's more attractive than concrete and strip malls.

Based on the number of people cutting down trees, it looks like we'll have tree farms for a long time. Happy Holidays.

A bit Moore

Moore's 20 lifts CC over Eaglets

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Orchard Lake St. Mary's scored 11 of the last 14 points in the second quarter to trail only 27-26 at halftime Friday against Redford Catholic Central.

Problem for St. Mary's was it didn't have Moore in reserve. CC senior guard Nick Moore scored 12 of his game-high 20 points in the third quarter and the Shamrocks held off the Eaglets, 59-56, in a packed and stuffy CC gym.

The Catholic League crossover win gave the Shamrocks a 3-0 record. St. Mary's fell to 1-2.

St. Mary's took its first lead of the game on a basket by Grant Mason early in the third quarter but a three-point shot by CC's Matt Lorida and five straight points by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 35-30 lead.

St. Mary's cut the deficit to one with a 7-0 run but CC took a 47-41 lead into the fourth quarter with a seven-point run of its own.

Moore started the spurt with a triple followed by consecutive baskets by Lorida and Dave Lusky.

Rob Sparks' only triple started the scoring in the fourth quarter and Lusky's basket off a sweet pass by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 52-41 lead with 6:48 left.

Moore made all four of his shot attempts in the third quarter, including three from three-point range.

Moore appreciates the effort of CC's frontline, which also includes 6-foot-6 center Chuck Cash.

"Anthony's a big body for us underneath and Cash is also playing good," Moore said.

Larry Batiste led St. Mary's with 16 points and teammate Maurice Searight added 14. Mason had eight and Jonte Jones seven.

With a quicker lineup, St. Mary's game plan was simple.

"We had to transition the ball and push it and, hopefully, we'd get quality shots — but we didn't," St. Mary's coach George Porritt said. "I thought our defense was good. Some of CC's (triples) were long bombs, great shots."

CC might need more of the offense Moore provided in the third quarter when it opens a tournament at U-D Jesuit against Cincinnati Hughes after Christmas.

There is a 45 on the court this year, but it's being worn by Lorida and not Chris Young, an all-state center last year who now plays at Michigan. While Lorida wears the number well, he's not as big a presence as Young, standing only 6-foot-4.

"Nick's got to realize Young's gone," Coratti said. "Once he got rid of the ball (tonight), St. Mary's didn't want him to get it back and he wasn't going to get it. I told him he's got to and (the third quarter) is how he's capable of playing."

BASKETBALL

"Coach said 'Nick it's time to take over the game,'" said Moore, who has signed with Toledo. "I took his advice, took more shots and they fell more in the second half than the first half. We made a lot of turnovers (in the first half), a couple shots didn't fall, they were running out and we were not getting back on defense."

The Shamrocks had 11 first-half turnovers to only seven in the second half. St. Mary's, which loves to press and fast break, committed just 11 turnovers.

Lorida joined Moore in double figures with 12 points, including 10 in the second half. Senior guard Dan Jess scored nine points in the first half, all on triples, and bruising center Anthony Tomey had a season-high six, all in the first half.

Even Tomey was surprised with his output. He scored the Shamrocks' first four points and maybe it was contagious. Before the end of the quarter, senior guard Dan Jess made two long-range triples to give the Shamrocks a 16-9 lead heading into the second.

"I'm not a scorer, I'm a rebounder," Tomey said, shaking his head.

"Anthony will give you everything he's got," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "You can never get upset with Anthony."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 21
Harrison at Oak Park, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22
Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Det. Crockett at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Seaborn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Dec. 26
Portage Northern Tourney, TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Dec. 26

(Schoolcraft Christmas Tournament)
Crestwood vs. Waukesha, 5 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. St. Clair, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27
Schoolcraft Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Dec. 26
(Schoolcraft Christmas Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Egan, 10:15 p.m.
Lakeland vs. Kennedy, 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27
Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 5 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Dec. 23
Elyria vs. Brother Rice
at Empower Arena, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27
Redford Unified at U-D Jesuit
Tournament at City Arena, 3 p.m.

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Bill Stewart. Despite missing most of last season with a knee injury, LeClair came back to finish fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (23.00) and 10th in the 100 free (51.07) at the WLAAs finals. Hornick finished fourth in the 500 free (5:08.06) and seventh in the 50 free (22.97) at the WLAAs. Reeder was sixth in the 100 backstroke (56.88) and 10th in the 200 individual medley (2:09.54). Allen placed 11th in the 100 back (59.37), and Williams and Stewart each scored in individual events, Williams in the 50 free and Stewart in the 500 free. "I like the attitude of our kids," said Lott. "We've got good leadership." That starts with co-captains Hornick

and Allen, but includes all the seniors. There are plenty of others who could catapult Canton from also-ran to contender. Included are juniors Matt Schacht (butterfly), Jeremy Cook (sprint free) and Blake Brunner (diving), and sophomores Jon Heiss (breaststroke), Andy Kee (distance free), Trey Gercak (backstroke) and Eddie Lindow (breast). Among the more promising freshmen — and there are 10 of them on a team that totals 24 — are Brad Nilson (back, IM) and Matt Wisniewski (distance free). "We've got a very solid freshmen class," said Lott. "Whether they're ready to make an impact at the league meet . . . well, I think they will."

Which is as much an endorsement of the team's leaders as the newcomers. Lott believes the sprint free events and backstroke are his team's strengths. "We've got great backstrokers," he noted, adding that at last Saturday's Eastern Michigan University Relays (Dec. 12) Canton finished first in the backstroke relay. "We've got four guys who could qualify for state in that." That group included LeClair, Reeder, Allen, Gercak and Nilson. In the sprints, there are even more options. "I think we've got as much speed as anyone in the conference," estimate Lott. "We've got six guys in the 23.0 range in the 50. I think that'll make our relays tough to beat. A

team might be able to load up on one, but as far as all three are concerned, I think we're as good as anyone. "You can't go wrong with speed." There are weaknesses in the Chiefs' lineup, however. With the unexpected loss of both Cunningham and George, the diving is left to Brunner. The 500 free is also a bit of a question mark. But there are far more strengths than weaknesses. "This is a different type of team for us than in the past," said Lott. "We may not have the numbers, but it's a better conference-meet scoring team. "We've got the potential to develop as well as anybody."

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Chiefs came from Aaron Reeder in the 100 backstroke (59.15). Kurtis Hornick did place second in two events, the 200 free (1:53.3) and the 100 butterfly (59.06).

Canton also won both the 200 free relay with LeClair, Chad Williams, Brad Nilson and Hornick (1:33.38), and the 400 free relay, with LeClair, Reeder, Justin Allen and Hornick (3:35.14).

The Chiefs, who swam in the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Relays Saturday, are now idle until Jan. 5 when they travel to Ann Arbor Huron for a non-league dual meet.

Salem splashes Huron
Andrew Locke won two races and Plymouth Salem swept the top spot in all three relays in dunking Ann Arbor Huron 119-67 Thursday at Salem.

Locke's wins came in the 50-yard (22.88) and 100-yard (50.69) freestyle. The Rocks also won four other individual events, with Brian Mertens taking the 200 free (1:55.57); Paul Perez capturing the 200 butterfly (59.61); Matt Casillas winning the 100 backstroke (1:02.44); and Aaron Shelton claiming top honors in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.43).

Casillas, Shelton, Perez and Locke combined for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:35.20); Jason Rebarchik, Casillas, Dan Jones and Locke were winners in the 200 free relay (1:35.20); and David Carlson, Jones, Perez and Jim Peace finished on top in the 400 free relay (3:43.08).

Salem is now idle until Jan. 7 when it travels to Novi.

- LIVONIA STEVENSON 135 MONROE 55**
Dec. 17 at Monroe
200 medley relay: Stevenson (Joe Buber), Kevin Van Tam, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler, 1:47.09; 200 freestyle: Justin Ketterer, 1:56.20; 200 IM: Erik Fak, 1:50.50; 200 fly: out; 50 free: Buber, 1:33.34; diving: Wade Zykowski, 1:33.95; 100 butterfly: Erik Fak, 55.00 (state cut); 100 free: Stevenson, 1:54.24; 200 free relay: Stevenson, Erik Buckler, Mike Malik, Brendon Truckert, 1:39.4; 100 backstroke: Bubitz, 1:06.67; 100 breaststroke: VanHam, 1:06.57; 400 free relay: Stevenson, Bubitz, Malik, Ketterer, Matt Sprouli, 3:47.55.

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Lichayim/Zelger-Gross: Steve Koberman, 217-235/647; Marshall Spinner, 236-207/636; Don Rosenberg, 223-204; Carl Berlin, 226; Len Moss, 219.
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Saturday Nite Mixers: Laura Dobrano, 203/550; Dave Keim, 232-215-210/657; Chuck Rosin, 226/568; Cand. Laprise, 268/592; Debbie Keim, 209/572; Jan Ream, 212/553; Kim Keim, 234/566.
- Sunday Goodtimers:** Wayne Lanning, 247-236/637; Mike DiAngelo, 213-239-237/734; Lynne Wegener, 233/604; Bill Weed, 215-237/643; Chris Brugman, 237/614; Ron Turner, 245-225/662; Tom Gow, 244-214/632; Bobbi Gooding, 231-591; Paula Wilson, 209-553.
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- University Mens:** John Weiss, 300-720; Chris Johnson, 277-690; John Cruz, 277; Jeremy Weiss, 690.
- Country Keglers:** John Kerrigan, 261; Kris Doudt, 256/661; Larry Kaplan, 266-662; Pat Formica, 246/638; Walt Ullrich, 245/690.
- All Over Mixed:** Greg Carlson, 247; Mark Tondreau, 238/630; Vicki Tondreau, 233/598; Maggie Olschanski, 212-512.
- Sunday Comics:** Andrew Boden, 257; Warren Whitehouse, 241/614.
- Strikers:** Rita Dawood, 219/526.
- Monday Midnight Men:** Messa Mikhail, 258; Saad Qarana, 236; Jim Abed, 236.
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- 206/693; Howard Kuratzky, 258-236/680; Steve Anandand, 223-223-216/660; Jeff Radner, 240-210/643; Steve Achtman, 230-221/631.
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- MERRI BOWL (Livonia)**
Saturday Nite Rollers: Bryan Macek, 268-300-243/811.
- K of C:** Steve Faydenko, 265-278-269/812; John Stephens, 754; Max Hansen, 737; Gordon Gregoroff, 702; Chris Tubaro, 702; Jim Muscat, 700; Frank Hoffman, 692; Mike Lanning, 679; Wayne Lanning, 673; Al Bushaw, 674.
- Mens Senior House:** Bob Campbell, 278-299-208/785; Bob Duman Jr, 279-228-226/733; Mark McCusker, 250-236-237/723; Rob Scheps, 268-247-238/753; Deny Archer, 258-232-
- 238/728; Eric Tutley, 245-248-268/761; Kirk Nagle, 246-247-238/729; Bob Trent Jr, 226-242-259/727.
- Newburg Ladies:** Fran Smith, 200; Kathy Duchene, 193; Alice Kolarov, 190.
- Senior Merry Bowlers:** Jack Hauswirth, 217/550; Al Dawson, 233/586; Joe Kubinec, 203/544; Harold Milner, 222/534.
- WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)**
Ford Parts: Mike Aniol, 657; Vaughn Pistolesi, 706; Mark Pollard, 681.
- Mens Trio:** Michael Ernst, 277/714; Jeff Adamczyk, 258/748; Dave Norwick, 279/717; Erv Watson, 300/726; Brian Ziembra, 701.
- Sparemats:** Annie Stokes, 247/624.
- Early Birds:** Debbie Ellsworth, 216; John Hixon, 204; Janet Chunn, 524; Sally VanAlta, 530; Judy Porter, 509; Fran Carlson, 528; Mary Sharrar, 525.
- Senior House - Premium Bowling Club:** Jeff Adamczyk, 256/721; Don Johnson, 300/755; Ken Kubit, 258/719.
- Midnight Mixed:** Noreen Rose, 601.

- WESTLAND BOWL**
Friday Mens Invitational: Mike Carter, 246/686; Tim Carroll, 266/652; Hector Ortega, 279/624; Eric Stamper, 240/671; Derek Blake, 278/745; Lary Malone, 245/614.
- Sunday Sleepers:** Kevin Moreno, 249/707; Robert Cook, 280/716; Jamal Hughes, 257/759; Joe Maner, 258/731; Tom Tappan, 270/734; Mike Gutowski, 257/712; Troy Linden, 258/701.
- Thursday Mens 950:** Tim Perrigan, 236/703; Fred Gallagher, 267/686; John Moore Jr, 259/707; Don Castaldi, 256/704; Phil Gerhart, 234/647.
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- TOWN n COUNTRY LANES (Westland)**
Friday Mens Invitational: Mike Rozycki, 757; Jason Parille, 278; Gary Pack, 258; Charlie Slaty, 276.
- MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)**
Wednesday Mens Senior Classic: Ted Kress, 232-279/695; Jess MacCioce, 244-237/245/726; Mike Adoran, 246-232/672; Hank Pearson, 206-247-222/675; John Yontz, 202-223-242/666; Mel Albrite, 206-248-242/666; Ed Dudek, 257-205-234/696; Wil Suokas, 256-234/687; Jim Hunt, 233-232/643; Rick Gorka, 269-235/686; Bob Wilson, 235-258/670.
- TROY LANES (Troy)**
Golden Gay: Don Wilmouth, 234.
- Church Fellowship:** Mike Meade, 256.
- Fast Lanes:** Sam Cinquemani, 254; David Crawford, 245.
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119; Dendrinis in 1:14 over Chris Stewart at 130; Ezians in 2:28 over Curtis Thompson at 152; Bedoun in 1:51 over Ryan Benner at 160; Popeney in 1:51 over Gavin Schriener at 171; Geoff Bennett in 4:26 over Chad Miller in 4:26; and Hamblin in 14 over Travis Welch at 275.

Salem winners on decisions were Ron Thompson, 10-7 over

Rich Cross at 112; Lucas Stump, 17-7 over Charlie Cross at 125; and Henderson, 5-4 over Joe Fusch at 125. Smith beat Miles Erickson on an injury default at 145, and O'Connor was a winner on a void at 189.

The Rocks' next match will be the Salem Invitational on Dec. 30.

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Keeping warm

There's nothing that can ruin a winter outing quicker than cold feet. For anglers and duck hunters who spend a lot of time in wet places, a pair of neoprene socks is just the thing.

The idea of crossing a leather boot and rubber boots has been around for most of the century. They have various names, depending on the maker. One of the first was developed by L.L. Bean in 1912 in an effort to help hunters keep their feet dry and comfortable.

It was a wonderful combination. Leather uppers allow the boots to dry, and the rubber bottoms keep out the

water.

The boots come in various styles from shoe-like affairs to calf length. Some are lined with Gore-Tex and others are unlined. The lining makes them warmer for the colder months.

The boots, sometimes called pac-boots, are available at area sporting goods stores and via catalogue. The prices range widely. Discount stores often sell them for \$20, but retailers like L.L. Bean sell them for up to \$125.

The secret here is deciding what they will be used for. A sportsman or woman is going to put plenty of miles on them. Buying a good pair is worth it.

Winter walking

Even a walk in a familiar park is a different experience on a pair of snowshoes. The sport is experiencing a resurgence. Unlike cross-country or downhill skiing, men, women and children can master walking on them in a few hours.

While sporting goods stores like the Benchmark in Farmington offer snowshoes, there's actually a factory in Michigan that produces traditional wooden ones. Iverson Snowshoe Co. is located in Shingleton in the eastern Upper Peninsula and offers various styles of shoes, plus furniture. The firm sells its wares at its factory. Just driving to the Upper Peninsula in the winter would make a great trip.

For information, contact the factory at P.O. Box 85, P.E. Maple St., Shingleton, MI 49884. The telephone number is (906) 452-6370, fax, (906) 452-6480.

If you have to ask...

There's an old saying that usually applies to yachts. We all know the answer: "You probably can't afford it."

But that also can apply to shotguns. Most shooters will recognize the names, Holland & Holland and Beretta. Both are makers of fine shotguns, some of which can fetch \$5,000 to \$10,000. If you want to get a glimpse of these wonders, the Internet can provide a view. The address is www.beretta.it

Reading material

We've all seen them. Outdoors magazines that tell us how to bag that big buck or catch the big fish. And we've seen the other ones that try to sell us every conceivable piece of equipment pushed by manufacturers.

For a refreshing view of the outdoors, pick up a copy of Gray's Sporting Journal. It's pricey, about \$36 a year. However, its photo layouts and stories bring the outdoors alive in an old-fashioned, dignified manner. The stories focus on people, places and game, not just equipment. It's refreshing. Also, it publishes outdoors art and poetry. It's worth a read.

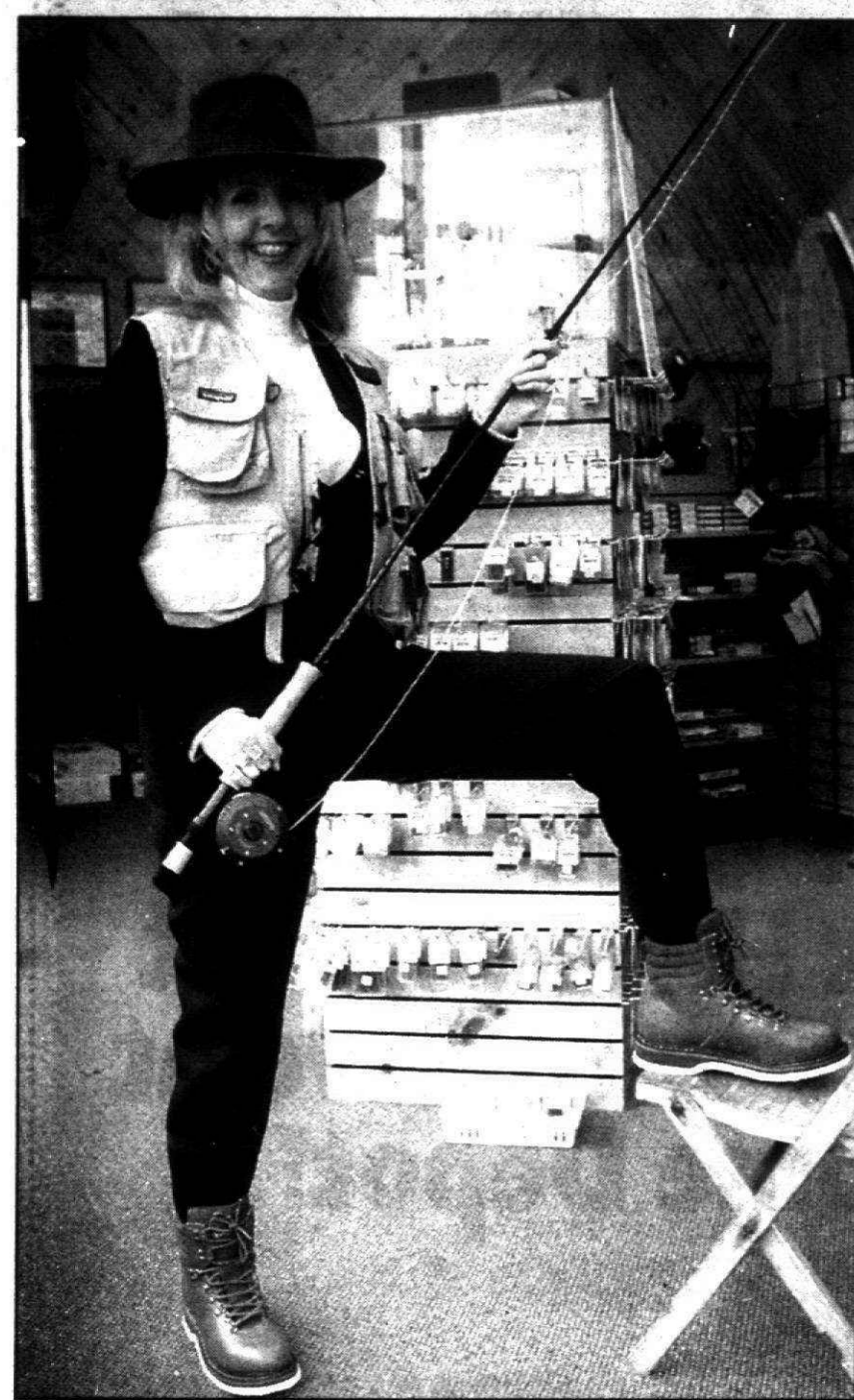
Staying dry

There's all kinds of pricy rain gear around that can cost \$200 and more. It's all great stuff. But so are plastic trash bags. You can turn them into a rain parka with a few slits, and they can serve as a sleeping bag in a pinch. The cost is cheap.

Just for women

While much sporting gear can be used by either men or women, there are some items that have been redesigned for use by women. L.L. Bean has produced a catalog just for women who like to spend their time in the outdoors. Bean has used female designers and product testers to produce the gear. Bean has produced such staple gear for women as boots, backpacks and sleeping bags.

When it comes to fly fishing, the firm has also come up with waders and wading shoes that actually fit women. Bean's toll free number is (800) 221-4221.



Dressing right: Heading out into our 'winter wonderland' means dressing right, from boots to waders to the proper vest for your fishing gear and a hat to keep your head warm.

Web sites take all the challenge out of finding adequate gear

The information age has certainly changed the world for outdoor men and women.

With a click, you can find out about the newest type of disc brake for a mountain bike, check on the price of a snowboard or the latest fancy shotgun from Beretta. There's also a Web site for classic fly rods that can fetch up to more than \$1,000.

Also, you can check on resorts, weather conditions, fishing spots, and obtain maps for hiking, backpacking or mountain biking.

To get all this information, all you have to do is press your finger on the computer, spell the word halfway right and there's a Web site.

But all new technical advances come with a dark side. When it comes to engaging in outdoor pursuits, that side is the loss of mystery.

Finding fly fishing equipment in the early 1970s was difficult. One shop I frequented was in a guy's garage, you had to call his house ahead of time to make sure he was home and would be around

when you showed up.

Once there, you were ushered into the backyard, there the old guy would unlock the shed, and you could pick through the flies and other gear he had for sale. The price of the flies was worth it. He'd ask which river you were heading to and he'd set out a selection for you.

There were the inevitable conversations about the weather, fishing conditions, which flies worked best in certain conditions and access sites to rivers. Over the years, you built up a relationship with him.

Directions to fishing places were vague and often quirky. "Go down the two track till you get to the CCC pines, and make a right near the pine that was struck by lightning a couple of years ago."

That sort of thing. One fishing companion regularly marks his spots with cigar butts. We have to get out of the truck and look for them. It begs the question: "How long does a cigar butt last on the ground in the woods?"

It's such mysterious questions that are being lost as the Internet demystifies every inch of ground and river in North America.

The Internet has even invaded the Ozark Mountains, a place in our country that's long been seen as a backwater of technical change, a place where the locals are afraid of outsiders and where good fishing places are found only through hard work.

Last spring I was doing some research on an upcoming fishing trip to the White and Red Rivers in the Arkansas Ozarks. I was just looking for the basics, the price of a fishing license, when the season started and where could I get some sort of map.

While clicking around, I popped the picture of an Ozark fishing guide, with his obligatory beard. He had his own Web site.

Fishing guides tend to be remote and often legendary figures. Getting a hold of them often involves calling a tavern some time after 10 p.m. Now here in the Ozarks is one with his own Web site.

Not only have some activities lost their mystery, but others have become bogged down with gear. Websites are usually maintained by businesses which have a commercial interest in an activity - in other words, they're trying to sell you stuff. And in many cases it's stuff you don't need.

These days it seems you need a degree in engineering to ride a bicycle in the woods. \$5,000 in gear to go backpacking for a couple of days and a \$10,000 boat to catch a few bass.

These ideas are being driven by corporations and delivered by Web sites. What's being lost is the knowledge obtained by experience. While we're up to our waders in data about equipment, we're losing the reason we bought the stuff in the first place, to get outside and do something.

John Muir, the 19th and early 20th century conservationist, went into the woods for days and weeks with a tea cup and loaf of bread tied to his belt and a wool blanket around his shoulders. He came back with astute observations that helped us preserve some of our natural resources.

That's the model we should have when it comes to outdoor activities. That isn't to say we can't enjoy a good, solid mountain bike, a finely made shotgun or a nice boat or canoe. All those items can help us enjoy the outdoors.

We need to remember that those things are tools we use for an outdoor experience. We're not out there just to use the stuff.

Prep bowling off and rolling

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The long-awaited high school program has started and teams will be governed by the Michigan High School Bowling Conference, which has teams in three divisions: Western, Northern and Eastern A.

The Western Division opened play last week at Cherry Hill Lanes and the Northern Conference started two weeks ago at Auburn Hills Lanes in Auburn Hills.

The Western Division consists of Westland John Glenn, the Dearborn area schools of St. Alphonsus High, Crestwood High, Dearborn High, Edsel Ford High and Divine Child and Detroit Mackenzie and North-western.

Auburn Hills Avondale, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Milford Lakeland, Waterford Mott, Clarkston, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and Waterford Kettering occupy the Northern Division.

The Eastern A Division is comprised of east side schools.

The Northern Division teams began their season on December 5th. The Mott High girls team has the early lead in a 30 point scoring system with a 57-3 record.

There have been some efforts in the past to get the high schools organized for bowling as an interscholastic sport.

However, this time the Single Delivery System, Strike Ten and the combined forces are behind this movement on a nationwide level.

It is well planned and coordinated with the right people running the show. The teams are basically bowling clubs. The kids are getting well qualified coaching and will still be able to compete in other sports.

The SDS has the combined resources of ABC, WIBC, YABA and the BPAA. Their idea that kids can compete in a non contact high school sport has wide appeal to a lot of parents who look for the youth activities which will help develop sportsmanship and competitive spirit without losing their teeth.

This has been the way that bowling has been able to self-perpetuate over the years - develop-

BOWLING

Tip of the Week: David Mahaz, Cloverlanes

David Mahaz is the owner of David's Right Line Pro Shop located inside Cloverlanes in Livonia.



David Mahaz

Mahaz has competed on the Pro Bowlers Tour with most of his action on the regional basis, however he has had some success on the National PBA tour as well.

His best year was 1991 when he had his first win. He got started bowling a bit late, but made up for lost time with talent and determination.

When Joe Morris was in town recently, he mentioned the lane conditions as the major factor in bowling today. How should bowlers learn to play the lane conditions?

My advice to the more serious bowler is to learn all you can about lane conditioning. subscribe to Bowling This Month magazine, talk to the local pro shop about how they oil the lanes at places that you usually bowl. The pro shop in that house could tell you more, like how often they oil, when they strip, and how much do they use from 10 to 10, the middle part of the lane. There is still a lot of guesswork when it comes to the oil. Talk to some of the better

players in the league and find out where they are playing. Q: If you watch the other bowlers and see which ones are throwing more strikes, will this tip you off as to how to make your shot?

What is more important in bowling is learning where the proper break point is. If someone is rolling good, whether a big bender or a straighter shot, it is good to know where the break point is, usually about 40 feet down the lane. This will allow you the most margin of error. In most houses, you can find the line that will get you to the break point whether it's over the second arrow or elsewhere.

Q: In the System of Bowling, they are supposed to use a light oil pattern for the first 10 boards, then double that in the middle boards, all across to the other side tenth board. Do most houses do this?

Most houses try to follow that pattern for league bowling, but there are more variables, as to when they oil, and how often they strip the lanes. The condition of the wood can cause even more variances. They may usually oil heavier oil on the heads to protect the wood. The ball hits at this spot and the wood has to be protected. The early oil helps provide a skid-roll hook reaction of the ball. There is a tendency to use more oil on the outside, making it best to use the track shot.

Q: Is it good to find the oil line to make a better shot?

It is true that there is an oil line in most houses. The more you move inside the more oil you catch, so you could typically call that an oil line. That could allow you a little more margin of error, as the ball will skid further before it breaks.

Q: As a pro shop operator, what do you recommend for the type of ball needed in todays conditions.

Most of that depends upon the individual bowler, how serious they are about the game. Most recreational bowlers would only need one or two balls, one shiny and one with a dull finish. That would handle the strike shot and spare shooting as well. The higher average bowler in the 180 to 210 range may want to have four balls for various lane conditions and a tournament bowler needs at least eight bowling balls and must understand the characteristics of each. At least one ball should have dull finish for oilier conditions, that is the most important factor next to the weight block. Once you understand these variables you can pretty much conquer any lane conditions.

Q: In a nutshell, what is the best way to play the lanes?

Generally, you want to play the shot that you are most comfortable with. For most bowlers, that's the second arrow down and in shot. Some houses may require more sking from the fourth arrow to the second arrow. In today's conditions for the last two years, the straighter shot is more effective than the big hook. The people with a simple down and in game are doing the most scoring and taking home the jackpots.

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