

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will be at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz, 2:30-8 p.m., for a blood drive. To make an appointment or for information call (734) 844-7099.

WEDNESDAY

Economic club: Economist David Sowerby gives his financial take on 2000 as guest speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon, noon at the Summit. Admission is \$15. Call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040, for reservations by Monday.

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers hosts its Holiday Social meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. Call (734) 451-5426 for information.

Lighten up: It's time to light the township Christmas tree. This year's ceremony - with refreshments and family activities galore - is set for 7 p.m. in front of Fire Station No. 1 at Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive.

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Two face trial in man's murder

Two of the three men charged in the Nov. 10 murder of Canton resident Gary Urban were ordered to stand trial. A third defendant in the robbery and slaying of the restaurant manager has a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

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Two Detroit men will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court in connection with the Nov. 10 murder of Canton resident Gary Urban.

Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, and James Erick Lee, 21, were bound over for trial by Dearborn Heights 20th District

Court Judge Mark Plawecki Wednesday.

The two men face first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges. Rodgers is also charged with one count of felony firearm.

Circuit Court arraignment for Rodgers and Lee is scheduled for Dec. 8.

A third Detroit man, Vernard Meadows, 20, will go in front of Plawecki Wednesday. He's charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Meadows, Rodgers and Lee face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony charges.

Urban was killed outside of a Dearborn Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a manager at about 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Before he could get into his car, police believe, a man robbed him and shot him seven times in the back with a .25-caliber handgun.

Urban was on his way to make a bank deposit at the time of the shoot-

ing. He was carrying \$1307 in cash as well as gift certificates.

Somehow, Urban was able to go back inside the restaurant and call 911 after being shot. He died at about 10:45 p.m. at Garden City Hospital of multiple wounds.

Wednesday's preliminary examination was held to determine if probable cause existed that Rodgers, Meadows and Lee killed Urban.

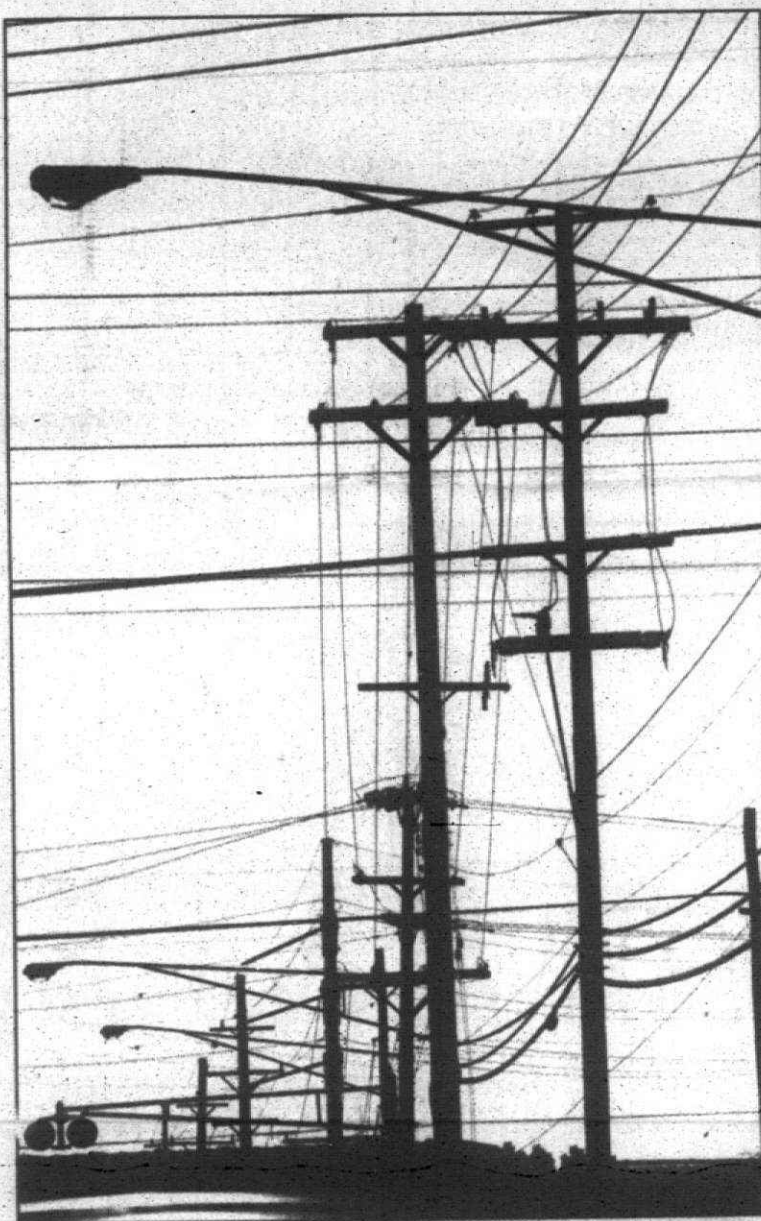
Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Joe Jansen called on one witness and several Dearborn Heights officers to establish probable cause.

The most damning testimony came

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RU Y2K OK?

Editor's note: It's called the Year 2000, the Y2K, the end of the millennium (which it isn't). Much has been written about what could happen about a month from now. However in advance of New Year's Day, the Observer decided to get some local viewpoints on what's planned and happening in our towns, and what you should do to prepare.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Power play: Keeping the electricity on, and other utilities operating, will ease any Y2K impact, local officials say.

Charter school plans return with new site

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National Heritage Academies will try for a second time to build a charter school in Canton, this time without all the controversy that surrounded the group's first attempt at locating in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Local school board members met with officers of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association this past week to tell them of plans for the charter school on 10 acres of property at the corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

"Generally speaking, they feel strongly about maintaining the rural nature of the area, especially with Ridge Road designated a natural beauty road," said Bill Case of Plymouth, one of the charter school board members. "They also had some concerns about outside lighting. I don't think we'll have any problems addressing those concerns."

John Goulet, a member of the homeowners association, agreed with the assessment of the major concerns.

"We respect what they had to say," said Goulet. "I think we'll be able to work with them."

Jeff Poole, vice-president of marketing for National Heritage Academies, said details of the new school are still being worked out.

"We don't have a specific site plan ready yet to present to the township," said Poole. "We're starting to move forward and hope we can begin construction in the spring."

Informational meetings for parents interested in the charter school will be held after the site plans are completed, probably in January or February, according to Poole.

With all the plans in hand and a new site, Poole is hoping to avoid the controversy that surrounded National

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Meals by the box: Ready-to-eat food is a big seller for Brian Wais, manager of Metropolitan Army and Navy store.

Cash registers jingling for Y2K

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A sign on the window of a store that says: "Don't be Scared. Be Prepared. We carry Y2K supplies," is getting a lot of attention.

Brian Wais, manager of Metropolitan Army and Navy in Westland, an outdoor outfitter and uniform shop, said he decided to post the warning after reading stories about potential Y2K problems earlier in the year.

He reports a 25 to 30 percent increase in business from customers preparing for potential chaos from computers getting confused about whether "00" means the year 2000 or 1900.

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■ What our towns planned, and spent, on Y2K
■ Utilities say: Don't worry
■ What about that home computer?

Sales in camping items, water purification tablets, sleeping bags, thermal underwear, blankets, freeze-dried foods and extended life candles are adding a boost to an otherwise slow time of year.

"What I've found to be the biggest sellers are the meals ready to eat," Wais said. "The scary thing is that people are buying a lot of ammo cans (metal boxes to store ammunition). For what I have no idea. You

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Cheap ways to survive it

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Want to do something about a possible Y2K problem without spending a lot of money? Here are some steps you can take while spending very little money.

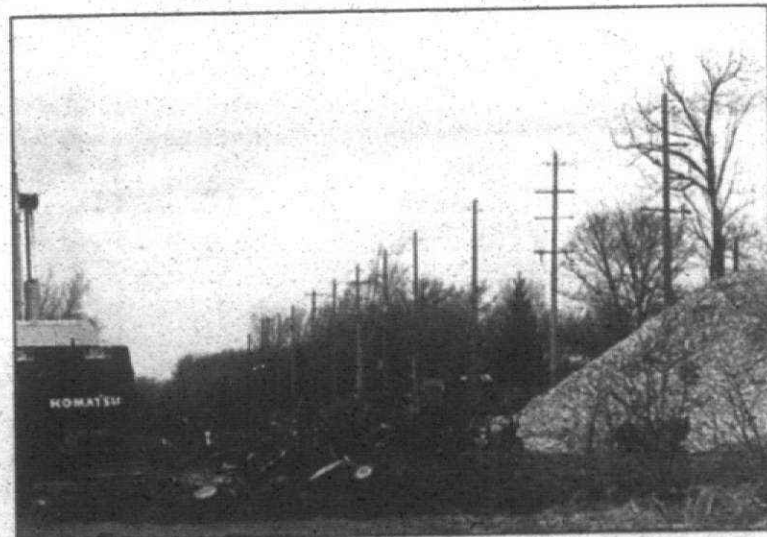
Store water in glass or plastic bottles. Or buy water from the store. To store tap water indefinitely, put 8 drops of 5-percent hypochlorite bleach into a gallon of clean water

and then pour the water mixture into a clean gallon bottle. Goal: half a gallon of water per person per day. Don't throw away the filled bottles - they are very cheap insurance.

Don't forget about the 40 gallons of potable water in your water heater. You might want to drain it now so that there will be no gunk in the water, should you need to use it for drinking, said Scott Wilson of Livonia Trophy, who is interested in

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Clearing a path for Morton Taylor



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Road project: Work is now under way for the Morton Taylor Road extension between Warren and Ford roads. Trees were cleared last week. The projected completion date is late spring or early summer, according to John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Roads department. This photo was shot looking North from Ford.



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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Jeremy M. Marek has been named Carrier of the Month for November by the Canton Observer.

He is the son of Ed and Nancy Marek of Canton.

Marek, 16, has been an Observer carrier since November 1997. His route is in the Holiday Mobile Home Park.

He is a 10th grader at Plymouth Canton High School where he has a 3.0 grade point average. His favorite subject is math.

Marek said the thing he likes most about being a carrier is the nice and generous people on his route. He says having a route has helped him develop sales skills, a sense of commitment and the ability to work with others.



Jeremy Marek

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Murder from page A1

from the defendants themselves. Rodgers and Lee were played tapes of police interviews with

defense attorneys. In his interview, Rodgers

admits to killing Urban. But he explained that the township man

was shot after struggling with him for control of the gun.

"I went to the parking lot," Rodgers says in the interview. "He came out and I ran up on him. I told him to put his hands up. He goes in his car and (I) went in there with him. He reaches for the gun and it goes off."

Rodgers said the gun went off several times during the struggle.

Jansen disputed his version, however. He said physical evidence doesn't indicate that Urban was shot at close range.

"It was a ridiculous, self-serving statement by Mr. Rodgers," Jansen said.

In the tape, Rodgers said he regretted the incident.

"I didn't have no right to take that man's life," he said.

At one point in the interview, Dearborn Heights Det. Sgt. Mike Petry told Rodgers that the tape would likely be heard by Urban's family. He asked him if there was anything he'd like to say.

"I'm sorry," Rodgers said, "I regret it. People told me never to regret what you do, but I regret it. I did it."

He told the detective that Meadows set up the robbery.

"It was a get-rich scheme from Vernard," Rodgers said. "He set it up. We knew when everybody left. When the last car left, I got

out of the car."

Testimony of Imani Good, a cousin of Rodgers and Meadows, seemed to buttress Rodgers' statements.

Good told the court he met with the defendants in Detroit the day after the shooting. He said Rodgers admitted to shooting Urban.

"I shot him with a .25. I unloaded the whole clip," Good said.

Good eventually led police to Rodgers and Lee on Nov. 12. He said he was motivated to turn his cousin in out of fear of his family's safety.

"I don't trust Lance Rodgers," Good testified.

Lee's taped interview with Dearborn Heights Police was somewhat less dramatic. He admitted to driving the getaway car, but denied that he conspired with Meadows and Rodgers to commit the armed robbery.

"I was driving, but I didn't know what I was getting into," Lee said.

Besides Urban's gun shot wounds, testimony revealed other physical evidence against the three men.

Meadows home was searched days after the shooting. Police recovered bank deposit slips from the Ponderosa in a washbowl of the home's basement.

Dearborn Heights police also testified that receipts were found in the home from Nov. 11 - the day after the shooting. They showed purchase of clothing, shoes and jewelry.

About \$250 in cash was also recovered.

Teen alleges abuse by father

A 17-year-old Canton boy is accusing his father of child abuse.

According to township police reports, the latest incident occurred Nov. 21. The teen told police Tuesday that his father, whose name wasn't identified in the report, pushed him against a wall in the garage of the family's home in the 400 block of Stonehenge.

He told police that he had been abused physically and verbally by his father for the past five years. The teen said his younger brother had also been abused.

COP CALLS

Reports said child protective services had been contacted. It was unclear if charges were going to be filed against the Canton man.

Marijuana

A 24-year-old Livonia man was arrested for possessing marijuana in Canton early Tuesday morning.

While on patrol a township officer observed a vehicle driven

by the man traveling faster than traffic on eastbound Michigan Avenue. He then pulled into a gas station for approximately five minutes, reports said.

The Livonia man then got back onto eastbound Michigan where he was stopped by police. Reports said the officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the car when he asked the man for his license and registration.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a marijuana joint, reports said. The man was then taken into custody and

given a 35th District Court appearance date of Dec. 23.

Rings stolen

More than \$2,000 worth of rings were stolen from a 67-year-old Canton woman's home recently.

A silver diamond ring and a gold wedding ring were among the jewelry pieces stolen between Nov. 5-6, according to reports. The woman, who reported the theft on Wednesday, said workers had been in and out of the house on those dates.

School district to hold Financial Aid Night Wednesday

A Financial Aid Night will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the Plymouth Salem auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Parents will learn the five Ws of financial aid including: What is financial aid? Why is there

financial aid? Who is eligible for financial aid? Where does financial aid come from? When and how to apply for financial aid?

Parents are encouraged to attend to get answers to these questions.

Bernice Lindke, Eastern Michigan University director of financial aid, will explain various financial aid opportunities and will give information that will be helpful when filling out the Financial Aid Form. The

financial aid forms will be available at this meeting. For further information, please call Salem counselor Jan Kavulich at 416-7761, June Swartz at 416-7760 or Canton counselor Gloria Banks at 455-6988.

Medalist Senior athlete is multi-sport success

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Most athletes would be satisfied with bringing home four medals from an Olympic competition.

Not Canton resident Jerry Gawura. Despite winning a gold, two silvers and a bronze at this year's National Senior Olympics, the 80-year-old thinks she can do better.

"I'm going to practice more than I did this time," said Gawura, who was proud of her accomplishment. "I feel pretty good about it."

The games were held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex and other venues in metropolitan Orlando Oct. 19-29. More than 12,000 athletes from around the world competed.

"It's getting bigger and bigger every time," Gawura said of the event. "We had excellent weather and had wonderful times."

More than 25,000 senior athletes competed to qualify for a trip to Florida, according to the National Senior Games Association, the organizing body for the event.

Athletes participated in 50 state senior games across the country. They had to medal or meet minimum performance standards to move on to Orlando.

Gawura, a township resident for two decades, qualified in six events at the Michigan Senior Olympic Games last July in Battle Creek. Said she has always loved athletics.

"I was a tomboy when I was younger," Gawura added. "I got back into sports after retiring."

The NSGA was founded 13

years ago to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through education, fitness, and sports, according to its Web site. The non-profit organization is based in Baton Rouge, La.

Just like the 1996 Olympics, seniors compete in either summer or winter games every two years. Gawura has been involved since 1989.

She started by playing softball. That's grown to volleyball, horsehoes, shot put, javelin and discus over the years.

While she enjoys all of the events, volleyball is her passion right now.

"I play three to four times every week," said Gawura. "I love it. I can serve the ball pretty good. I serve sidearm."

As for the Olympics, her top event was horsehoes.

She edged a Kansas competitor by two points to win the discus and javelin.

"She just missed a medal in the shot put. She had a throw of 17-feet 10-inches - less than a foot from the bronze."

Gawura's final medal came in softball where she helped

her team take the bronze. She said she fills in where needed on the squad, pitching and playing outfield and third base. "I have a good arm in the outfield," Gawura said.

You might ask what the 80-year-old's secret is for being able to compete so well. Secret training techniques? Diet? Nah, on both accounts.

"I eat what I want," Gawura said. "I'm a little heavy, but I do take a lot of vitamins."

She plans on competing in the next summer senior games in Louisiana in 2001. Gawura intends to practice each of her events more often prior to the games.

"I hope I can do even better," she said.

On the court: Jerry Gawura celebrates a point with her seniors volleyball team at the Salvation Army in Plymouth last week. Gawura, a Senior Olympian, won five medals at the 1999 Senior Olympics in Orlando.

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Canton files suit over WTUA site plan snub

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Acting on behalf of the Western Townships Utilities Authority, Canton has filed suit against Ypsilanti Township.

The move stems from that municipality's refusal to accept an authority site plan for a waste water treatment plant, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"We're doing what we have to do to protect our interests," he commented.

Township trustees authorized the suit Tuesday. Three attempts were made Monday to submit plans, but were rejected each time.

"The last time they said they wouldn't receive them until an agreement with YCUA was reached," Yack told the board. "It's our opinion that they've violated state law."

Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships form WTUA. The authority currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current treatment capacity of 29 million gallons of waste water per day.

WTUA waste water flows are projected to rise well beyond the plant's capacity. The authority has been left with the options of helping YCUA expand or building its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the latter at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with YCUA.

Talks between the authorities have been ongoing since then. A "final" negotiation session produced progress but few results on Nov. 19.

Operations Manager Tim Faas said WTUA decided to initiate

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the planning process for its own plant when an agreement wasn't reached.

But he said the move wasn't meant to end negotiations, only provide a viable back-up plan.

"We can't back off one option to pursue the other," Faas said.

Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Karen Lovejoy Roe said the move both shocked and angered YCUA.

"We were really disappointed," she said. "We felt like we had the parameters for a deal."

The two sides are expected to meet Dec. 15. Yack said a decision - one way or the other - needs to be made by that date.

"I think the 15th is the most important date so far," he added. "If we give again there will be no end to this."

Besides denying site plans, Ypsilanti Township has taken other actions to stop construction of a WTUA plant.

In September, Canton optioned 34.5 acres at I-94 and Rawsonville Road in Ypsilanti Township as the location for the plant. The site was chosen because of its proximity to existing WTUA waste water infrastructure.

That can easily be done even with its own plant in operation, Yack said.

"We will fulfill our end of the contract," he added.

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Tom Yack

the township board instead of just its planning commission.

"It has serious implications," Lovejoy Roe said of the potential WTUA plant. "It needs to be heard by our board in a public hearing."

The supervisor made no bones about the intent of the changes.

"We see it as a way of controlling what Canton Township is doing," Lovejoy Roe said.

She claims that by contract, Canton, Plymouth and Northville can't leave YCUA.

"They have an ongoing agreement with YCUA," Lovejoy Roe said. "We plan to enforce it. It's a legal document."

"We're not accepting WTUA's or Canton's site plan. We feel it's a breach of contract."

Yack agreed that WTUA does have a contract with Ypsilanti. But he said it stipulates that the authority send only one million gallons of water per day to YCUA.

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Rivers is keynote speaker for Dec. 1 AIDS service

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) will be the guest speaker at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church's World AIDS Day worship service Wednesday.

The service is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church, 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Our call to hold this service is a call both to compassion and to social justice," said the Rev. Larry Wik, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist. "The faith community must be present for all those affected by AIDS, and we must publicly lift up their concerns - our concerns - as a witness to all who would rather ignore AIDS and dismiss it as just a gay disease."

The multi-faith service will include readings from the Upanishads (Hindu) and from the Quran (Islam) as well as from both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, Wik said.

"Some might say this is an abandonment of our own faith. We believe this service represents a deeper understanding of our faith."

Those who have lost loved ones to AIDS, caregivers and others will share their stories. Among them will be Rivers.

"We were so pleased and grateful that Ms. Rivers agreed to participate," said Bob Simmons, coordinator of the service. "I know that her sharing will be very meaningful."

Those attending the service will be greeted with tables of food, clothing and other supplies earmarked for local missions as well as a memorial quilt piece.

Cherry Hill United Methodist church, shared by the Jewish congregation Bet Chaverim. For more information, call the church office at (734) 495-0035 or e-mail Rev. Wik at LawrenceAWik@prodigy.net.

Charter school from page A1

Heritage Academies' first site selection last year, on Beck Road north of Hanford in Canton.

Residents from Royal Pointe Subdivision vehemently objected to the charter school being built in their neighborhood, claiming the school would lower property values and increase traffic around their homes.

In the latest northwest Canton site, development is scarce and will follow after the school is constructed.

Case, who was not a charter school board member during the last controversy, admitted "the problem last time was just a bad site for the school. This site should go much better."

Along with Case, the board members chosen by National

A new kindergarten through fifth grade charter school can accommodate approximately 350 students. Each year a grade will be added until the school is a K-8 facility.

While many school districts see charter schools as a threat, taking away state foundation grant money each time a student enrolls in a charter school, Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Darwin Watts sees the new school as a challenge to public schools.

"It's good that people have choice," said Watts. "We could lose students, and dollars as well, but the positive is that it's forced us to talk about our product and how we can make it better."

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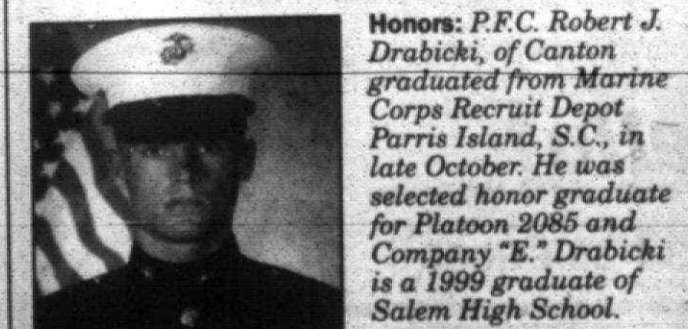
White wedding gowns and white bouquets have been traditional choices for brides since the day Queen Victoria wed white in 1840. Since then white and cream bouquets have remained symbolic of the quantities of purity and serenity.

A classic all-white bouquet may consist of a cascade of orange blossoms, roses, violets, carnations, and lilies. Another eye-catching choice is a posy of white stock, lilies of the valley, peonies, astringia, and freesia loosely wired together, and not to be overlooked is an abundantly lush nosegay of elephant ears and hyscynth, for rich texture. Just picked rosebuds may be paired with poufy peonies. Keep in mind, too, that classic all-white bouquets look even better by candlelight.

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HINT: To create a formal all-white bouquet, use just one or two varieties of a white flower.

Marine makes good



Honors: P.F.C. Robert J. Drabicki, of Canton graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in late October. He was selected honor graduate for Platoon 2085 and Company "E." Drabicki is a 1999 graduate of Salem High School.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE POLLACK

Private services will be held for Charlotte Pollack, 89, of Plymouth at a later date.

She was born April 9, 1910 in Berlin, Germany. She died Nov. 20 in Livonia. She was a sales clerk.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Greta Schnee. Survivors include her son, Peter (Shirley) D. Pollack of Plymouth; one granddaughter, Amy Pollack of Canton; and one grandson, Tyler Pollack of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral

Home, Plymouth.

RICHARD FRANK WAGNER

Services for Richard Frank Wagner, 75, of Plymouth were Nov. 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born June 21, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio. He died Nov. 23 in Superior Township. He was an estimator for the Campbell-Mann Construction Company in Dearborn for many years, retiring in 1992. He came to the Plymouth community in 1979 from Garden City and the Dearborn area. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Wagner of Plymouth; five children, Deborah (Paul) Fairbanks of Dearborn Heights, Janet (Will) Austin of Dearborn, Richard John Wagner of Dearborn, Robert John Wagner of Plymouth and Eric John Wagner of Plymouth; one sister, Adeline Craig of Illinois; and five grandchildren, Amanda (Nate) Howen, Haley Henson, Lindsay Henson, Heidi Henson and Gabrielle Austin.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

DOROTHY "PEGGY" M. GEORGE

Private services were held for Dorothy "Peggy" M. George, 75, of Plymouth.

She was born March 31, 1924 in Detroit. She died Nov. 22 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker who came to the Plymouth community in 1975 from Detroit. She enjoyed arts and crafts, bas-

ket weaving, stained glass, and needlework. She enjoyed family gatherings and especially enjoyed being with her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. George. Survivors include her six children, Cherie (Lawrence) Zuzak of Livonia, J. Douglas George of Plymouth, Leslie Ann Walt of Danvers, Ill., Jamie Sue Guenther of Southgate, Jody Eilyn George (Vincent Wilson) of Bethesda, Md., Robbie Jean Sedgeman of Canton, one sister, Shirley Anne Wolf of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and seven grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

EARL V. BELLANGER

Services for Earl V. Bellanger, 66, of Plymouth were Nov. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Father John Ortmann officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born May 1, 1933 in

White Earth, Minn. He died Nov. 23 in Livonia. He worked as a mechanic for 27 years for the Plymouth school system. He was very proud of his American Indian heritage. He attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Earl Bellanger. Survivors include his wife, Christine of Plymouth; one son, Ronald J. of Plymouth; one grandson, Anthony Bellanger of Westland, and seven brothers and sisters, Gladys Sroufe of Indiana, Doris Campbell of Indiana, Gloria Terrien of Westland, Florence Parks of Kentucky, Peter Bellanger of Livonia, and Kenneth Bellanger of Westland. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

RALPH AVERY DEETZ

Services for Ralph Avery Deetz, 88, of Duluth, Minn. (formerly of Plymouth) were Nov. 23 in Duluth.

He was born in Bloomington, Ill. and lived most of his life in Plymouth. He was a World War

II Navy veteran. He attended Illinois State for his undergraduate studies and received his masters degree from the University of Indiana. He was a teacher at Redford Union High School for many years and was also the swimming coach for both boys and girls teams, and cross country coach at Ypsilanti High School.

He was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award for distinguished contributions to swimming. He was a member of St. Edwards Episcopal Church in Duluth, active with the Elks (Hoops Program) and Lions Club in Plymouth and was an avid Michigan football fan.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Katherine and his second wife, Gertrude. Survivors include his son, William (Susan) of Duluth; one sister, Virginia (Robert) Thout of Leesburg, Fla.; three grandchildren, Chris, Emily and Abby. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Mary K.

Local arrangements were made by Jarvi-Dowd Chapel, Duluth Minn.

MADD, Michigan announces 1999 Life Saver awards

EAST LANSING, Mich. /PRNewswire/ — Some road patrol officers just have an eye for detecting drunk drivers and make a point of stopping them.

That was obvious Nov. 22 as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan announced the recipients of its annual awards presented to the state's top road patrol officers being honored for their efforts to combat drunk driving.

Each year MADD selects nine

road patrol officers for their outstanding work in stopping drunk driving, three officers from each area of law enforcement — sheriff, municipal and public safety, and state police.

While the award recipients show they're extremely effective in apprehending drunk drivers, they also have shown real concern about preventing those offenses in the first place, often being involved in community education and prevention pro-

grams and other related activities.

All of these qualities came together to set apart this year's award recipients. Both on the road and in their communities these law enforcement officers have proven their commitment to ending drunk driving.

The 1999 MADD, Michigan Life Saver Award recipients are: Trooper Donald DeSnyder, MSP, Detroit Post; Deputy Brian Feris, Wayne County Sheriff's

Dept.; Officer Scott Hayes, Southgate Police Dept.; Trooper Jody Huggins, MSP, Richmond Post; Trooper Jory Huggins, MSP, Metro North Post, Oak Park; Deputy Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.; Deputy Lewis Tyler, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Officer Jim Watson, Allegan City Police Dept.; Officer Paul Whelan, Keego Harbor Police.

"MADD believes these award recipients have saved lives by

their diligence. They give pause to potential drunk drivers who may reconsider getting behind the wheel if they face the deterrent reality of being detected, apprehended, and arrested by one of these perseverant officers," said Kenneth La Salle, Ph.D., executive director, MADD, Michigan.

The two-hundred member audience at the awards ceremony also heard from one of the state's leading traffic safety

experts who talked about the way to a long-lasting reduction in drunk driving.

In 1998 in Michigan 525 people died in alcohol-involved traffic crashes (38 percent of the total 1,367 traffic fatalities), with another 12,758 injured in alcohol-involved collisions.

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking

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 bid for the purchase of 250+ Bretford Traps and 100+ Rectangular Computer Tables to be purchased between December, 1999 and November 2000. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Dan Phillips in PCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Bid Opening: 2:30 p.m. - Wednesday, December 8, 1999

Board Review: Tuesday, December 14, 1999

Publish: November 28 and December 5, 1999

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 2, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-13 659 Ann Non-Use Variance Requested:
Pence - Air Flow & Height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Melanie Blair

Z-99-14 689 N. Mill Non-Use Variance Requested:
Outside display of merchandise
Zoned: B-1, Local Business
Applicant: Peggy Allgeier, Bellerose Antiques

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Publish: November 28, 1999

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THE YEAR 2000

Utilities: It's A-OK for Y2K

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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Just another day. That's what utility companies are expecting on Jan. 1, 2000.

The most critical service is electricity. Detroit Edison has spent \$80 million to ensure electricity is supplied to its 2 million customers and expects 2,000 employees to be available from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey believes an Edison outage would only occur if something "unexpected" were to fail. Kirksey chairs the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities. That group has heard from several utility companies this year, including Edison, on Y2K compliance.

"They have grids, technicalities, switching equipment, safeguards and everything they do on computers," Kirksey said. "I know it's redundant, but they're doing all they can do."

Edison officials said they have inventoried, assessed, repaired and tested about 140,000 critical software programs and devices that generate and distribute electricity. On June 30, Edison notified the North American Electric Reliability Council and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it has all systems "critical" to generating and distributing power ready for the year 2000 rollover.

New Year's Day will be "like any other day" that Edison provides customers with electric service, said Paul Childs, Edison's Y2K program manager. One difference: All substations will be manned.

"We expect there will be a greater likelihood of a service interruption resulting from bad weather or a vehicle hitting a utility pole and bringing a power line down than something related to Y2K," Childs said.

Edison also rehearsed the Dec. 31-Jan. 1 rollover in early September with 70 employees simulating the operation of its electrical system under Y2K-imposed scenarios.

The drill was completed on Sept. 9 to check for "99/99" glitches and involved deploying Edison employees and using backup voice communication systems. Personnel tended to substations and other locations to read and monitor equipment.

More than 30 million lines of computer code have been involved in the testing, Edison officials said.

"We feel we are ready for Y2K," said Scott Simons, Edison spokesman. "We are finishing up contingency plans for the rest of the year and basically, we're ready."

Kirksey believes there won't be any disruptions when the year 2000 strikes.

"I'm not overly concerned with electrical and gas energy, but I am still somewhat with Detroit Water and Sewerage (Department)," said Kirksey, adding that his concern stemmed mainly from receiving "mixed signals" from the DWSD on generators.

Water

Much of the water delivery in western Wayne County depends on electricity delivered to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

The DWSD system pumps about 280 million gallons during a typical day in January. The DWSD purchased an additional 108 megawatts of electricity, which cost \$55 million.

The systems are older and do not use a lot of computer technology to run the plant or the distribution system. It still can run through manual switches, if necessary.

The DWSD is also buying backup generators for their critical pumping stations for both water and sewer systems, to ensure water delivery, water treatment and the removal of wastes.

Natural gas

Michigan Consolidated and Consumers Energy provide all the natural gas to Wayne County. MichCon has tested all of its substations, said Cheryl Conway, MichCon spokeswoman. "We're confident that Y2K will be a non-event for our customers," Conway said.

MichCon has assessed, remediated, repaired and retested equipment so that its customers will not lose gas needed for heat or cooking on Jan. 1.

"We have large compressor engines that pull gas out of the ground and flow out of the pipeline," Conway said. "We can fall back on backup generators (for electricity to operate the compressors) if we need them."

And as a backup to the generators, the gas distribution system can be run manually, Conway said.

MichCon has more information on Y2K on its Web site, www.michcon.com, and includes a list of manufacturers' phone numbers for consumers who wish to check the Y2K compliance of thermostats, water heaters or other gas-related appliances or equipment.

Telephone

Ameritech officials believe their Year 2000 remediation effort has been substantially completed. The phone company continues to "fine tune and test the year-end business and contingency plans," according to the company's Web site.

The following services were pronounced "ready" for Y2K: Local switched telephone service and long distance services, Centrex service, dedicated and special access transport services, 911 emergency services, switched cellular voice and data services and wireless paging services.

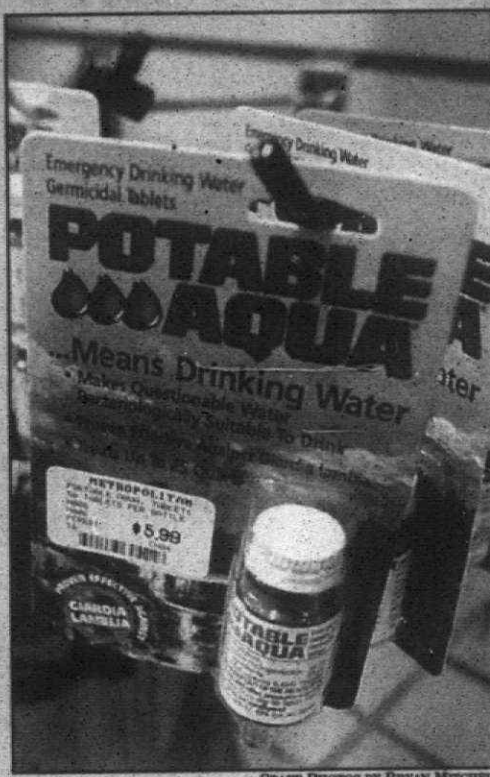
Traffic signals

County-managed traffic signals will work as long as there is power, which goes back to Detroit Edison's service.

Wayne County has tested all different types of signals and they are Y2K compliant, said John Roach, public information manager of the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

"We're confident we will have no traffic problems," Roach said.

Wayne County is working with local communities to put stop signs at intersections off to the side of intersections, where they can be moved into place by city workers if power goes out and no backup generator power is available at that intersection.



For sale: Tablets to make sure your water is drinkable, shown above, are among the products ready to help make people feel sure they're ready for Y2K.

Canton Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "We've really put a lot of work and effort into this Y2K issue," said Mike Ager, Resource Development manager for Canton Township. The township has disseminated information about preparing for Y2K in a special edition of its Focus newsletter, and is dedicating all its cable shows in December to Y2K. Township hall will be staffed for the midnight hour shift, and police and fire departments will be working double shifts.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. Excluding computer replacement, which is considered a routine expense, about \$40-\$50,000, said Tony Minghine, finance director. That figure includes costs for producing and mailing the special edition newsletter for residents, miscellaneous equipment and supplies and costs for additional staffing for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Yes, said Don Adams, Canton's emergency management coordinator. If needed, the township will contact the American Red Cross, which has a pre-arranged agreement to use public buildings such as schools for emergency shelter and to provide cots and food. The Summit on the Park community center could also be used for emergency shelter.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "It looks good," Adams said. But, "I'm not naive enough to think we won't have some small disruptions. It's not armageddon."

Garden City Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "All city employees will be working," said David Harvey, Garden City police chief, adding that full staff will be in force Dec. 30 to Jan. 3, 2000. "We will be working regardless of the holiday." He said he predicted all areas under the city's control will run smoothly, but an increased number of party goers and severe weather might cause some problems. The police department will be working 12-hour shifts.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. City Clerk Allison Bettis said the city, as of early November, planned to buy several emergency generators at about \$900 each, and replace roughly 10 personal computers for Y2K compliance. Miscellaneous expenses such as flashlights and other emergency provisions are also planned.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Yes. Exact shelter sites have not yet been finalized, but likely spots could be Maplewood Community Center and possibly the junior high and high school. Arrangements for shelters would be made through the American Red Cross if necessary.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "I think we're one of the better prepared cities anywhere," Harvey said. "All traffic lights have been tested." Detroit Edison, MichCon, the Wayne County Road Commission and Detroit Water and Sewer have all advised us (that they are Y2K compliant).

Plymouth Twp. Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "Our intent is to have our emergency operations center up and running from 9 p.m. Dec. 31 to 3 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000," said Chuck VanVleck, Plymouth Township's emergency management coordinator. Key people are expected to be on hand at the center, located in the police station. A "rumor control" committee will also be working the phones. Residents with non-emergency questions about Y2K are being asked to call that number at (734) 463-3869, not 911, VanVleck said.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. Not available.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Yes, if necessary, the township would use Salvation Army facilities or schools, VanVleck said.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "The township is prepared to help our citizens if needed," VanVleck said. "Our attitude is it's just another emergency in the winter."

Check computer service shops, Web sites to rescue your PC

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Before you start worrying about your computer dying on Jan. 1, what kind of personal computer do you have? If you have an Apple product, such as a Macintosh, you don't need to worry too much about your computer - the Y2K problem is pretty much a disease of Windows/Intel-based computers.

But since almost all home computers are Windows/Intel-based computers, a lot of people should be concerned. The newest models of Windows-based computers have already been prepared for Y2K. But how about those of us who have older models?

The Web, a child that grew with the explosion of the home computer, may be able to come to your rescue. Or at least it will tell you whether you will have a working computer come New Year's morning.

One Web site for checking Y2K compliance is the Web site run by Ziff-Davis, the company that publishes PC Magazine. Not only does the Web site have a test available for you to download, it has a list of many other sites that provide test programs or fixes or both. Some of these other Web sites will want to sell you software. It's your decision whether you want to buy.

The address of the Ziff-Davis site is www.zdnet.com/vlabs/y2k/testy2k.html. The address of the list of other Internet test sites is www.zdnet.com/pcmag/special/y2k/testing.html.

Another way to check out your computer is to call your favorite computer-repair place. If they offer the service, they will be happy to check out your computer - and perhaps "repair" it so that the Y2K bug won't bite your computer.

If your computer flunks the "I-can-handle-Y2K" test, you will need to spend money. If your computer is old enough, you might be better to buy a newer and faster and more powerful computer that was built to be Y2K compliant.

If your personal computer is of more recent vintage, you may be able to buy software or hardware to make your personal computer Y2K compliant.

Now, if every Web site on the Internet is Y2K compliant, you will be able to surf the Net with confidence. More likely, even if your computer is Y2K compliant (or cares nothing about Y2K), some other Web sites won't be there until their Webmasters have their problems fixed.

Farmington Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "All the department heads are going to be working," said Michael Lasley, assistant city manager. The city hall will be set up as an emergency command center, or a base of operations if anything goes haywire. An amateur or ham radio operator will be on hand as well.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. "This question is impossible to answer accurately," according to Bill Richards, assistant city manager. The city has upgraded all software and when necessary, hardware to make systems Y2K compliant. Separating the Y2K-specific expenses from the routine computer upgrading expenses wasn't possible to do.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. "Each city has an emergency operations plan in the event of a disaster," Goss said. If needed, the city of Farmington would work with Oakland County in setting up emergency shelters, but larger cities would work on their own in setting up emergency shelters.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "Basically we have gone through all our critical systems throughout the city and have validated that they are Y2K ready," Goss said. "The bottom line is it's a continuous process."

Livonia Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. Since January, Livonia has held monthly meetings of department heads, elected officials, police and fire officials, utilities, hospital representatives, etc. They've held two exercises. They have a police department generator running on natural gas and 11 portable generators that will run "priority traffic signals" to keep police on the beat; they have more than 100 school buses arranged for transportation needs; police will use new portable radios and use various amateur/CB radio groups or clubs; and there's a police training room in the basement of police station set to be the command center. "We're going to man the fire stations. That's going to be our communications link for certain neighborhoods," said Alden Sawyer, emergency and information coordinator.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. \$345,000, said Dan Putnam, information systems manager for the city of Livonia. That figure includes \$170,000 for public safety communications upgrades and about \$175,000 for computer/software upgrades.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Livonia: The city is set to operate two shelters (Stevenson and Franklin high schools), courtesy of Livonia Public Schools.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. Livonia: "It feels like there has been so much done by so many people and such huge sums of money spent, I just can't feel that there will be any major interruptions to our critical systems," Sawyer said.

Redford Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley has met with all his department heads," said Leo Snage, director of Redford Township's Department of Public Services. In addition to regular meetings, the township has also purchased emergency supplies, such as generators, and stop signs. Township hall will be staffed at midnight Jan. 1 to ensure any problems are handled quickly. "All the key personnel will be on hand," Snage said.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. Roughly \$100,000, according to Finance Director John Cubba. That includes \$24,000 for software upgrades, \$55,000 for hardware, \$2,500 for new finger-printing equipment and \$3,000 for Dictaphone equipment.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. "Any municipal building could be used," Snage said. In addition, school gymnasiums also could be used.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "For knowing the uncertainty and not knowing what's going to happen, the township has done a good job," Snage said. "The nice thing about living in the United States is we'll have a six-hour lead time," he said, referring to the time zone difference between the U.S. and New Zealand, the first country to experience Y2K.

Farmington Hills Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "We will have key staff members on site and available," said Michael Lasley, central services director for Farmington Hills. A call-in plan will be implemented if necessary, bringing in additional staff, Lasley added. The 911 system has been fully upgraded, and the telephone system has been replaced with Y2K compliant equipment. "We've retired a number of systems," he said.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. About \$100,000, said Lasley. That includes software upgrades and \$4,000 to replace the phone system.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. School buildings would be used if needed. The American Red Cross would be responsible for setting up emergency provisions in shelters if needed, Lasley said.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "We've been working on this project close to two years now," Lasley said. "We feel very confident and comfortable with where we stand. I would say we're very ready."

Plymouth Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. The city has evaluated its information systems and made necessary replacements or upgrades, according to Tom Alexander, information systems manager for the city of Plymouth. Hard copies have been made of all vital files just in case. "We're going to have a couple of people on staff, but not necessarily in city hall," Alexander said of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Extra police officers will be on patrol to handle usual New Year's problems, such as drunken driving. Other staff members will be on call if needed.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. An estimated \$50,000, which includes \$23,000 for new personal computers, \$15,000 for a new phone system and other miscellaneous expenses, Alexander said.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Yes. Plymouth would work with Wayne County Emergency Management Division and with the Plymouth Community Fire Department in setting up emergency shelters within the community. "There would be buildings available," he said. "Which ones will be determined on a case-by-case basis."

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "I would say that regarding the systems and equipment that the city has direct control over, the city has done a good job in identifying, analyzing and making sure it is Y2K ready," he said. "For the systems that the city does not have direct control over, we've got assurances from those companies that we'll have service."

Westland Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your town?

A. "All directors and extra staff will be on hand at city hall," said Charles Nalbandian, Westland information management director. In addition, outdated personal computers and some police communications equipment have been replaced. "The computers have all been checked out" for Y2K compliance, he said.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations?

A. "We don't really have one account that we could say is a Y2K account," said Nalbandian, who was unable to provide a figure for the Observer. Many of the expenses, such as computer replacement, were routine and not directly Y2K related.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city?

A. Bailey Recreation Center, the Friendship Center and other city buildings could be used. "There's no way for us to accommodate 85,000 people," he said.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is:

A. "I think we're prepared," he said. "I think in terms of city functions there shouldn't be any problems. The message really is for people to prepare as much as they can. Something can happen at any time during the year."

County OKs contracts with 6 care management agencies

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Wayne County will spend \$288 million over the next three years to six agencies to assist juveniles under court supervision along with their families.

Wayne County commissioners approved six contracts Tuesday - five contracts went to care management organizations and one to a juvenile assessment center.

Growth Works of Plymouth received approval of its \$37.5 million contract, and Central Care Management Organization of Westland received a \$63.2 million contract.

Other agencies were Black Family Development of Detroit, \$64.4 million; Starr-Vista, Detroit, \$83 million; Bridgeway Services, Detroit, \$51.8 million and the JAC Partnership, Detroit, \$7.9 million.

The CMOs are part of the county's new approach to providing juvenile services through community-based agencies known as CMOs. In western Wayne County, Growth Works will oversee programs by providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, case management, and educational and employment options.

Some commissioners wanted to earmark money in the CMO contracts for drug prevention

programs for youths who were considered at risk but not in trouble with the law.

Commissioners added provisions that require quarterly reports from the agencies to the Health and Community Services Committee and Youth-At-Risk Task Force and permit financial audits. The agencies must comply with a "rigorous evaluation schedule."

Commissioners also added a provision that each CMO must "cooperate with and support a rigorous and independent evaluation of program outcomes" and require compliance by the juvenile assessment center (JAC Partnership).

Commissioners approved the contract even though they did not obtain a comprehensive plan they requested from the Department of Community Justice. Commissioners added a provision calling for a plan no later than Feb. 1, 2000 on delinquency intervention "to prevent recidivism on the one hand and to avoid widening the intake net on the other hand."

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon reviewed the contract changes with commissioners and reminded them the contract was for 2.9 years with a renewal option. "It doesn't call for a rebid, it calls for renewal," Solomon said. A financial penalty against the CMO - used to

presumably encourage the rehabilitation of the juvenile - should not be included in the contract, Solomon said, as he read from a report from the county commission staff.

That report suggested the contracts should remove references to "bonus" and "penalty" and use "incentive payments" instead. The report pointed out the lack of an audit provision in the contract, which commissioners corrected. The report also noted that no court agreement had been proposed between Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court and the Department of Community Justice.

Last week commissioners discussed that relationship and requested an agreement from court administrators and the Department of Community Justice. A draft agreement was distributed at Tuesday's meeting that called for the following:

■ The County will agree to contract with juvenile assessment center contractors to provide assessments in mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, employability, educational competency, family functioning and other areas to develop "the most effective plan of care" for juvenile delinquents referred to the Department of Community Justice by the Third Judicial Circuit Court.

■ The county agrees to monitor and evaluate programs, while the court will administer juvenile probation, intensive probation, status offender programs and the Clinic for Child Study.

■ The Court and county agree to coordinate delinquency case-work services to avoid duplication to the same family.

■ Both will coordinate the development of a juvenile justice case management information system for use by the court and county.

The agreement also called for "de-escalation" of delinquent

youths from out-of-home residential placement and refer them to the county. The court agreed to assign all commitment review hearings or "change of placement" hearings to one referee's docket.

County officials told commissioners they should not revise a third-party reimbursement formula to earmark 20 percent of funds for prevention programs because Wayne County would have to split that money with the state, according to Tom Naughton, Wayne County's chief financial officer. Other county

officials said Medicaid reimbursements, presumably made for CMOs, must be separated from the county's child care fund.

Eventually commissioners approved the six contracts, 14-1, with Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, opposing them because he wanted more prevention dollars directed by commissioners into these contracts.

Parker introduced a resolution calling for \$1.5 million for prevention programs, which was referred to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means.

Madonna director wins 3 TV awards

Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University in Livonia, has won awards for the three television shows he hosts and produces.

Swift received the Philo Farnsworth Award from the Alliance for Community Media for "Global Connections," "Time Out for Opera" and "Dining Out." The Farnsworth Award recognizes excellence in community programming. All three shows are produced by Swift and Bloomfield Community Television.

"Global Connections" is a weekly, half-hour series which focuses on international connections between people in Michigan and the rest of the world. Swift has interviewed guests from the arts, religion, education, science and politics such as TV personality Casey Kasem, author Elmore Leonard, actor Jon Voight and Cardinal Adam Maida.

Interviews with Midwest opera stars, by Swift and co-host Karen DiChiera, are featured in "Time Out for Opera."

"Global Connections" and "Time Out for Opera" are aired on Bloomfield Channel 11 and Flint public television station

WFUM Channel 28. Segments are shot on location at local restaurants in "Dining Out," the half-hour show which informs viewers about dining opportunities throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

As director of Madonna University's Center for International Studies, Swift oversees affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Taiwan and the People's Republic of China. He also supervises an International Studies Certificate, which provides Madonna students the opportunity to add a global perspective to their field of study.

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Y2K and is making preparations that can be recycled into everyday life.

Set aside food in cans or sealed glass jars. "Put away canned things that are fully cooked," suggests Lois Thieleke of the Michigan State University Extension Service. But be sure it's food you normally use.

"Store foods you can incorporate in your cooking later," Thieleke said. Peanut butter and jelly will store well in a cool place. Honey stores beautifully. "Pretend you're on a camping trip," Thieleke said. "Kids like salsa and chips." Set aside a case or two of soda pop.

"Have things in the fridge for a salad," Thieleke suggested.

It's a good idea to cut down any dead trees you have, said Wilson.

"And I've heard about filling your bath tub with water a couple days before the New Year."

Fill your car's gasoline tank after Christmas. That way you have a source of warmth, transportation, a radio (and perhaps a telephone).

Fill your snow blower's gasoline tank after each use.

Buying a battery-powered radio was Bill Cassell's first step in getting ready for any possible Y2K problem. Cassell, director of the Information Technology Management Association, put together a Y2K personal diary to help people prepare for all but the most violent Y2K reactions. Cassell can be reached at bcassell@itma.net.

Cassell recommends partially filling your bathtub just before Christmas and then filling it a couple days later. Why so early? Would the water supply be enough for everyone in the U.S. to fill their tubs on Dec. 31, 1999?

Make sure you have fresh batteries for your radio. You can even buy a wind-up radio that needs no batteries.

The American Red Cross wants people to be sure they have a flashlight or two. A flashlight, too, needs fresh batteries.

Many cellular telephones are battery powered.

Is your cellular telephone battery fresh?

Check the weather-stripping around your home. Fix it if needed. Likewise, check the caulking around your home.

Don't count on candles. The Red Cross warns against using open flame, especially if communications with the Fire Department are dead.

If you smoke, buy a carton or two of cigarettes before the first of the year.

Withdraw some cash from the bank. Keep it (safely) around your home. If nothing happens, put it back in the bank to pay off those holiday bills.

"No adventurous travel for me. I plan to watch the (New Year's) ball drop on my TV," Cassell explained.

If you use a Visa credit card, also get a MasterCard or a Discover card or an American Express card, just in case.

Put aside a two-week supply of personal medication. If the medication needs to be cooled, find the ice chest.

Before the new year strikes, set your refrigerator to make extra ice cubes to keep the medicine cool.

'Pretend you're on a camping trip.'

Lois Thieleke
MSU Extension Service

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think to yourself: 'Do they know something that I don't know?'

Sales in riot helmets worn by police have risen, too, Wais said, adding that area police departments have apparently updated their inventory recently.

Army surplus stores aren't the only businesses that are ringing in the new year with the sounds of cash registers opening and closing.

Preparing for it

Customers preparing for Y2K are also putting dollars in the pockets of local business people who are selling everything from cords of wood to prescription drugs and bottled water.

For instance, homeowners buying wood are up 30 to 40 percent from this time last year, according to John Steinkopf, of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills.

"It's hard to keep it in stock right now," said Steinkopf adding that cords sell for \$75 each not including delivery.

Dan Mosher, manager of Livonia True Value Hardware, said the fireplace department in his store has had the highest volume of traffic recently.

"Wood burning stoves are becoming more popular," he said. "But I have a feeling that after the first of the year it will go bye-bye. Kerosene heaters had all but died out, and they came back."

Gas logs, kerosene heaters, oil lamps, and generators that start around \$750 are selling more than usual, too.

"If you live in Livonia you're going to keep your batteries and flashlights up to date, because of all the power outages we've had,"

Mosher said.

"People are taking a certain amount of precautions, because of Y2K. Personally, I think it's calmed down a lot."

While survival type books aren't that popular with shoppers at B Dalton Bookseller in Westland, religious books related to Y2K, like "Y2K: The Millennium Bug," and commemorative millennium tomes, like "Century" by Peter Jennings are selling quickly, according to store manager Andie Brock.

Chris Kulesa, a bookseller at Waldenbooks in Livonia, said he fielded only a few calls from people looking for Y2K survival tip books.

Water sales flow

Across town in Plymouth, however, the story is different. While he didn't say exactly how much sales have increased, William Patrick, vice-president of retail sales at Absopure Water Co. in Plymouth, reported a significant rise in orders from this time last year.

"We are warehousing the product in the event that orders will go even higher as we get closer to the end of the year," Patrick said. "We have a lot of grocery store chains getting ready for December and individuals who are ordering larger amounts than normal and we're getting prepared to meet those needs."

Joe Belloni, assistant manager of Office Depot in Livonia, said customers aren't rushing in to buy new computers. But, they are stocking up on bottled water, toilet paper and computer programs that claim to detect whether or not computers are Y2K compliant. They cost

between \$15 and \$35.

Since no one really knows exactly what will happen when midnight strikes, it's hard to say how effective the software checks are, Belloni said.

"Honestly, I think it's (the Y2K scare) is a bunch of bunk," he added.

While arguments can be made that we can survive without computers, living without food is impossible. By mid-November people weren't running to their grocers to stock pile food.

Jim Swoboda, Spartan Stores' director of strategic business development based in Grand Rapids, said there was an increase in bottled water sales during the summer that the company attributes to Y2K concerns. The company supplies independent retail grocery stores throughout Michigan, northern Indiana and northern Ohio.

"It's not happening now," he said. "The news has been good about Y2K and every system that has come to a critical date has all passed with flying colors. Y2K is already upon us. A lot of things have forced 2000 to be on dates and they're working just fine."

Stocking up vs. hoarding

Food suppliers' biggest concern is if people decide to hoard.

"If business goes on as normal, from a consumer buying perspective, everything should be fine," Swoboda said. "And every indication is that is what they're doing and we applaud them for that."

Aside from warmth and water, the next most important necessity is medication. "Yes, there is an increase, but it's really, really tiny," explained Philip Kraft,

Medi-mart pharmacist in Westland.

"In the last week, I got two calls about it," Kraft said. "One woman wanted a three month supply. I think it's (problems caused by Y2K) imagined and the media would like to create something happening."

Sav-Mor Westland Maple Drugs pharmacist Charles Cavanaugh reported a larger increase in orders.

"I believe we're getting people who are stocking up, but I don't believe it's necessary," he said. "I don't believe there will be a problem. It's mostly the elderly being afraid. I really couldn't put a number to it. But it certainly is there. I've been trying to allay their fear that there will be a problem."

If Y2K does cause problems, making sure that you're hitched to the right person might be another concern. Robert Burger of Cameo Wedding Chapel in Plymouth, has seen an increase in calls from people wanting to get married in November and December.

"I don't know if it has anything to do with Y2K, or not," he said, adding, however, that it is unusual to get a high volume of calls for weddings near the end of the year.

While some people are legitimately making money on Y2K concerns, others are pulling off scams. One of the most popular involves telephone calls from people saying they are from the customer's bank or credit card company and they need account numbers to either transfer money or change data.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ladywood ices Lakers

Katie O'Dea continued her scoring surge Tuesday with a hat trick, leading Livonia Ladywood to a 6-1 victory over West Bloomfield in a Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game at Arctic Pond in Plymouth Township.

O'Dea, a senior, now has 14 goals on the year.

Sophomore Mickie Fallon and senior Andrea Schammel each added goal and two assists. Junior Tiffany McFaddin also scored for the victorious Blazers, now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in league play.

WHAC honors Malewski

Brandy Malewski, the junior middle hitter for Madonna University's volleyball team from Redford Thurston, didn't just land a spot on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-league team.

She was named player of the year. Malewski led Madonna — which tied Cornerstone University for first place in the regular season — in kills with 603, kill percentage at .496, solo blocks at 158 and total blocks at 575. She was third among the Lady Crusaders in digs with 566 and had 35 service aces.

Madonna finished 29-14 overall, 11-2 in the WHAC.

Stephanie Uballo, a senior middle hitter, and Kelly Artymovich, a junior outside hitter, were also selected to the all-WHAC team.

Sarkesian leads Irish

Talk about big goals.

Mia Sarkesian, a sophomore midfielder for Notre Dame's women's soccer team, scored her third goal of the season at the most opportune of times — with nine minutes left in regulation in a scoreless deadlock.

Playing Stanford in a third-round match in the NCAA Tournament, Sarkesian fielded a rebound just outside the left side of the penalty area, settled it and rifled a shot into the upper right corner for the game-winning goal.

The 1-0 victory put the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish (20-3 overall) into today's NCAA quarterfinal against Nebraska (22-1-1 overall).

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Bobcats recently captured the boys under-9½ Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Youth Soccer League with an 8-0-2 record.

The Bobcats, coached by Chuck Cole and John Dzwonkowski, outscored their opponents 60-13.

Members of the Bobcats include: Kyle Caparella, Patrick Cole, Michael DeLuca, Andrew Dzwonkowski, Matt Greenman, Mark Johnson, Brian Klemczak, Chris Long, Sean Samaan, Max Schwartz, Austin Schwartzberger, Colin Soltis, Alan Stackpole and Zach Tigani.

Ambassador honored

Michael Smith, of the Compuware Ambassadors has been named North American Hockey League player of the week for the second-straight week.

Smith scored five goals in two wins over the Grand Rapids BearCats last weekend, including four (two on power plays) in a 7-4 victory at Compuware Arena last Saturday (Nov. 20). Smith has scored 11 goals in his last five games.

He leads the Ambassadors with 16 goals and seven assists, 23 points.

Collegiate swim note

Kalamazoo College's Steve Domin (Livonia Stevenson) won both the 50- and 100-meter freestyles, along with being a member of the victorious 200 freestyle relay team as the Hornets recently defeated previously unbeaten Calvin College in men's swimming.

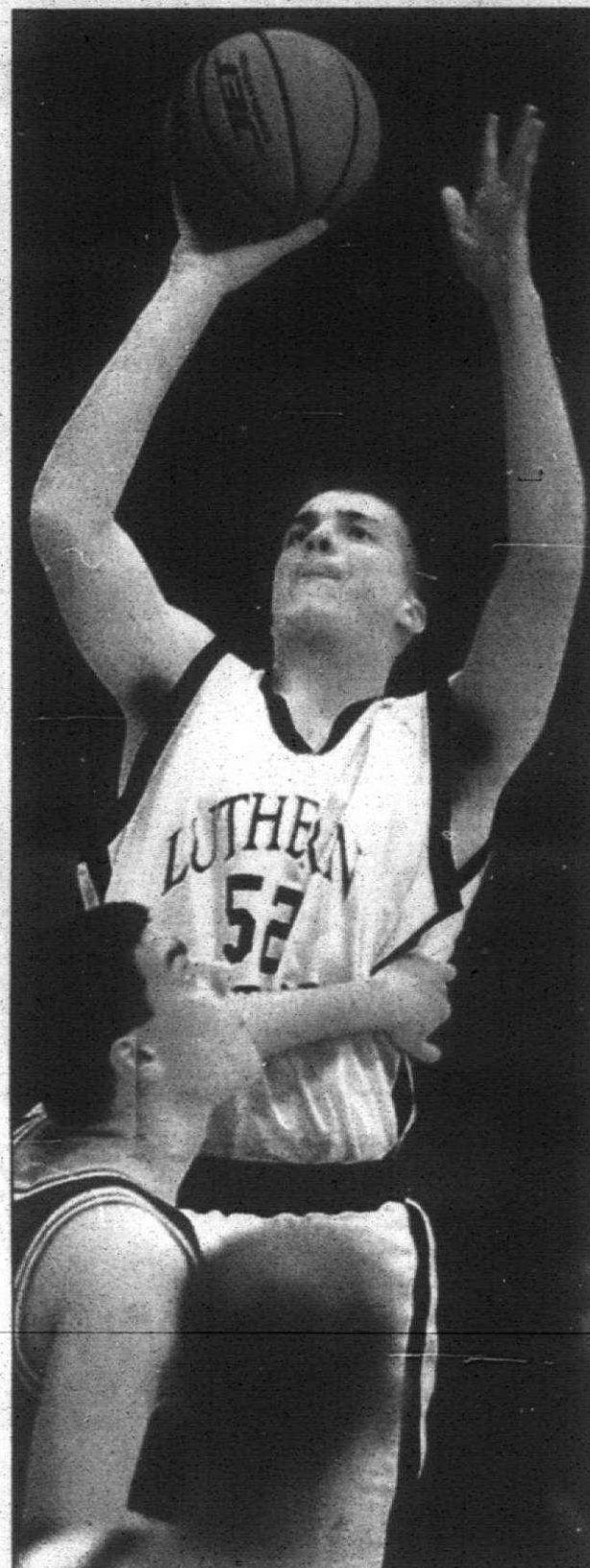
PCJBA hoop signup

Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4 at East Middle School.

The cost for boys and girls in grades 9-12 is \$100 per person.

To submit items to the Observer Sports Scene, write to: 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Cagers ready for tip-off 2 transfers could bolster Glenn cause



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Sharpshooter: 6-foot-6 Andrew McLaughlin and his Lutheran High Westland teammates hope rise above the competition this season.

BOYS SEASON PREVIEW

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The good news at Westland John Glenn is that the Rockets have a lot of talent on their boys basketball team.

It's also the bad news.

Coach Mike Schuette of John Glenn is challenging his players to remember that five players have to share one basketball and that the object of the game is to win.

"If everybody does what their role is," Schuette said, "we could have a pretty good season."

"But if everybody wants to be the star, we're going to have a mediocre season."

The return of 6-foot-8 Yaku Moton gives Westland John Glenn what few other teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association have — a bona fide Sequoia in the middle.

North Farmington's 6-6 Emir Medunjanin and 6-5 Adrian Bridges are the only one-two post tandem who can match up with Moton's size and strength in the post.

Moton left John Glenn after his sophomore season for Mt. Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina. Things didn't work out, so he's back.

The Rockets also have 6-4 forward Ben Harris, a strong rebounder, plus guard Eric Jones, a four-year varsity player, to give other teams severe matchup problems.

And in the second semester, 6-5 junior forward Aaron Marshall, a transfer from Buffalo, N.Y. becomes eligible to play and the word is that he is, indeed, a player.

This means that right after Schuette's team has gone through December figuring out which players it can rely on in each situation, it will have to go through the process all over again with Marshall factored in.

Schuette wants this influx of talent this year to bring the team closer together, not break it apart.

How well the talented Rockets adjust will determine just how successful a season they have.

The Western Lakes should be stronger than it was a year ago. The league was short on tall players last year.

In fact, the whole Livonia-Westland area has more experienced decent players coming back.

Livonia Churchill brings back 6-4 forward John Bennett (17 points per game), a prolific outside shooter, 6-2 forward Avery Jessup and 5-11 guard Randall Boboige.

Livonia Franklin has a core of 6-3 forward Derek Schema, 6-4 junior center Mike Copeland and 6-2 junior Joe Ruggiero to build around.

Livonia Stevenson brings back 6-foot guard Keshay McChristian, 5-11 guard Mike Lenardon, 6-3 forward Harland Beverly and 6-foot forward John Van Buren.

Rick Coratti of Redford Catholic Central lost a Division I player, guard Nick Moore, to Toledo along with multi-sport starts Dave Lusky, Dan Jess, Chuck Cash and Anthony Tomy.

But he returns outside shooting in 6-4 guard Rob Sparks and 6-5 forward Matt Lorida. Sparks won't be able to play until at least January due to back surgery.

Coratti is also counting on quality minutes from 6-3 sophomore Tom Jackaki.

Schuette sees "North Farmington, Farmington, Walled Lake Western, Northville" as WLAA powers. "And Salem and Canton are always good. Then, too, Farmington Harrison has a lot of people back again."

"Canton will be much improved," Churchill's Rick Austin said. "They have a bunch back. Everybody in our division will be much improved."

"Northville has great size coming back, as well. It's going to be a tough division this year. I don't see anybody standing out."

"The league is very good every year," coach Dan Robinson of Franklin said. "This year is not any different. It would be

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RU freezes Stevenson, 2-1

PREP HOCKEY

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This hockey score sheet resembled more of a rap sheet — two pages to be exact.

Not a lot of scoring, but a lot of penalties — 36 all told — as Redford Unified defeated Livonia Stevenson for the first time in school history, 2-1, Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

For Redford Unified second-year coach Pete Mazzoni, it was his first victory over his alma mater.

Two goals by junior Cody Bartlett and solid goaltending by sophomore Ian Hannan proved to be the difference as RU, made up of players from both Redford Union and Thurston high schools, ran its overall record to 3-0. Stevenson is 1-1.

"It was an emotional game and sometimes the heat of the moment gets the best of the kids," Mazzoni said. "The ice surface made it not the best of conditions. It negated our speed so we had to play a little more physical."

Many of the penalties were coincidental roughing calls, extracurricular stuff after the whistle. During one stretch in the second period there were as many as eight players in the penalty box at one time.

Eighteen penalties were called on each side.

"It was a hard-fought battle," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "RU is a



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Checkmates: Stevenson's Mike Perrino (left) and Redford Unified's Kyle Robertson battle for the puck in Wednesday's game.

nice club and I wish them well.

"For us it's time to get back to work."

The two teams were partners last year in the Suburban High School Hockey League, but now have gone their separate ways.

Stevenson belongs to the new Western Lakes Activities Association, while

RU is a member of the Michigan Mega Conference.

"There was not a lot of flow, both teams played hard, physical, close-checking hockey — a great effort by both teams," Stevenson assistant coach John Fenech said. "Both times we came

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CROSS COUNTRY



Kelly Travis-UNC-Charlotte
Earns All-America honors

Fast crowd: Charlotte's Travis runs among elite

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Kelly Travis takes shots and medication for asthma, but that didn't stop her from breathing down the necks of some of the nation's elite collegiate cross-country runners.

The 1998 Livonia Stevenson High graduate came into her own during her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, earning NCAA All-America honors with a 30th place finish at the nationals held Nov. 22 in Bloomington, Ind.

"It's amazing how she leapt-frogged from last year to this year," UNC-Charlotte coach David Hall said. "Kelly has been good all year. She did not have a bad race. She's the kind of athlete who was always motivated to get better."

Travis, who ran 17:22.7 on the hilly 5,000-meter course at the NCAAs, became only the second UNC-Charlotte woman to earn All-America recognition.

In the Conference USA Championships held last month in Charlotte, Travis finished second and broke Molly Kerin's 5K school-record with a time of 17:07.5. She then qualified for the NCAAs with a sixth-place finish at the Southeast Regional (17:24) in Greenville, S.C.

"I just took things more seriously, I knew what I wanted to accomplish and I increased my mileage from last year," said Travis, who often put in 60-mile weeks. "I felt stronger every week, and from there I set new goals."

But Travis never dreamed about going to the NCAAs until she broke through at the Conference USA meet.

"I just adjusted my focus in the middle of the year," Travis said. "It was scary, but it was also exciting."

"Sometimes my coach can be a little intimidating and sometimes he's hard to understand, but once you know each other's goals, it can work out well. He's good at getting you to focus on the challenge at hand."

As a freshman, Travis not only had to adjust to asthma and allergies, but also to a warmer climate and a new environment.

"She had some nice performances, but she also had to deal with the normal aches and pains of a first-year runner," Hall said. "Over the winter she trained hard and you could see she applied herself more and more."

Hall began to see Travis' talent emerge at the end of the spring track season.

In the Conference USA spring meet, Travis ran 17:23 in the 5,000 and came back to run 10 minutes-flat in the 3,000.

"Those were good double efforts," Hall said. "She ran those two races over a span of three days. She also ran a good 5K race at the Penn Relays, which is a big meet."

Over the summer, Travis worked two jobs, one as a waitress and the other as a clerical worker, while juggling a running schedule prescribed by Hall.

Travis often trained with for-

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Tom Eller, Livonia Stevenson; Jeff Szypula, Garden City; Pat Griffin, Redford CC; Brett Stinar, Plymouth Salem; Mike White, Livonia Stevenson; Tim Kaminski, Livonia Churchill; Brian Horr, North Farmington; Josh Ray, Redford Thurston; Justin Gerwatowski, Farmington High

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Keith Schenkel, junior, Plymouth Salem

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HONORABLE MENTION
Farmington: Karl Lapeta, Andrew Buck, Chris Nollen, Jon Kambouris, Matt Gargano, Nick Ramirez; North Farmington: Andrew Hathaway, Mike Buchwald, Gion Gokas, Eric Phillips, Dan Shiner, Farmington: Tony Ales, Kris Wong, Eric White, Erik Oswald, Eric Springer, Derek Laskowski; Livonia Stevenson: Nick Zibon, Dan Lipon, Brian Braun, Matt Kozintz, Mike Thomas; Livonia Churchill: Eric Scilla, Shaun Murray, Ricky Strain; Brian Emrich, Dave Campbell; Livonia Franklin: Mike Vega, Rose Bohler, Karl Douglas, Bryan Nekowazy; Westland John Glenn: Jeff Stelby, Matt Truesler, Corey Dahn, Jeff Ruppel, Derek Giamondi; Wayne Memorial: Shane Nowak, Scott Teasdale, Justin Smoes, Austin Tucker; Lutheran Westland: Jason Davis, Ryan Rose, Brad Nolter, Brian Wondol; Plymouth Canton: James Steinert, Adam Davis, Aaron Schmidt; Plymouth Salem: Ben Wlechowicki, Nick Tochen, Dustin Orban; Redford Catholic Central: Ken Toporek, Chris Podolski, Josh Brooks; Redford Thurston: Kevin Gudowski, Chris Rodriguez, Kyle Karm, Redford Union: Adam King, Mary Barran, Aaron Carlin, Garden City: Greg Novich, Pat Sym, Todd Angeli, Lee Oltersdorff; Plymouth Canton: Travis Yonaman, Mark Erickson, John Sink, John Dale, Chad Butera.

Salem, Stevenson secure 3 spots each on All-Area

Redford Thurston and Plymouth Salem have had very different traditions in boys soccer. Salem is a perennial state champion contender while Thurston has never made a serious run at a post-season title.

Salem kept its rich tradition in fact despite fielding an inexperienced varsity team, while Thurston may have started a winning tradition behind the play of a talented senior class.

Each advanced this season further than some may have expected, just making their coaches, Jeff Neschich at Thurston and Ed McCarthy at Salem, co-coaches of the year in Observerland. The Eagles had their best season in Neschich's three years at the helm, winning a Division II district championship and finishing 16-3-1 overall. The Eagles' only two losses in the regular season came to Garden City, which won the Mega Conference White Division championship. "It's been challenging, a lot of work," said Neschich, a former

varsity coach and varsity assistant at Plymouth Canton. "The key to the season was having eight seniors being three-year starters. "For three years I've been working with these guys and we were all on the same page. They had a lot of pride in winning, a desire to be successful."

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Beloit's best

Gridder honored: Ryan Culloty of Beloit (Wis.) College, a 6-foot-4, 250-pound defensive end from Livonia Stevenson High School, recently won all-Midwest Conference recognition for his gridiron and academic achievements. The history major was one of five Buccaneers to earn All-Academic Midwest Conference. He was also all-Midwest honorable mention for the second straight year. Culloty finished his career as the fourth all-time Buccaneer defensive-point leader as Beloit finished 7-3 overall and 6-3 in the Midwest. For his career, Culloty, who started 38 straight games, was credited with 412 defensive points, including 121 this fall. In 1998 he tied for the team lead in that category. Culloty also is second all-time in "forces" with 182. As a freshman, Culloty was Beloit's defensive rookie-of-the-year. "Ryan Culloty is my kind of football player, head coach Ed DeGeorge said. "I enjoyed coaching him because he's tough and enthusiastic. He loves to play and to make contact." DeGeorge also recognized Ryan's parents, Dennis and Marilyn Culloty, at the team banquet, noting: "I don't remember them ever missing one of our games during the past four years — and that's putting on a lot of mileage."

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CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF LIVONIA-WESTLAND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Rick Austin, fourth year.
Last year's overall record: 7-14.
Conference: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Scheduled season opener: Tues., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: 6-2 Sr. F. Avery Jensen; 6-3 Sr. F. Josh Odum; 6-4 Sr. F. John Bennett (All-Area honorable mention); 5-11 Sr. G. Randall Bobo (All-Area honorable mention); 5-8 Sr. G. Brandon Galloway; 6-1 Sr. G. Brad Benson; 6-0 Sr. G. Ryan Cousins; 6-0 Sr. G. Kevin Kotzian.
Promising newcomers: Will Pengra, 5-7 Jr. PG, Brandon Dokins, 6-2 Jr. G, Dan Kuatari, 6-1 Jr. G, James Buchan, 6-5 Jr. G, Dan McMahon, 6-3 Jr. F, Shane Ramin, 6-5 Sr. G, 7 p.m.
Austin's 1999-2000 outlook: "Things look very promising. I'm proud of our players and our program."
"We're stronger, more athletic. We worked on our basketball fundamentals — each player in the program — so we're much more fundamentally sound than we have been in the last three years."
"Our players believe they can compete with the other teams in the league."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dan Robinson, fourth year.
Last year's overall record: 1-19.
Conference: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Scheduled season opener: Tues., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Notable losses to graduation: Dustin Kuras.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Head coach: Dan Ramthun, fourth year.
Last year's overall record: 14-8.
Conference: Metro Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Tom Habitz (All-Area honorable mention) Gordie Engel; Ryan Olinger (All-Area honorable mention); track hurdler at Michigan State; Mike Randall.
Leading returnees: 6-1 Sr. G. Charlie Noth (All-Area honorable mention); 6-0 Sr. C. Andrew McLaughlin; 6-2 Sr. F. Brian Noth; 5-10 Sr. G. Aaron Sant; 6-4 Jr. C. Ernie Fackler; 6-2 Soph. F. Brent Hantz; 5-10 Sr. G. Mike Moser.
Promising newcomers: 6-6 Jr. C/F Nate Meekes (transfer from Saginaw Valley Lutheran); 5-10 Jr. G. Luke Kasten (transfer from Wisconsin); 6-9 Jr. C. Nate Reinhold; 6-1 Sr. F. But Decker.
Ramthun's 1999-2000 outlook: "We've got a lot of height."
"We'll try to run. We should be able to get some rebounds and go with them."
"As for a team goal, we were second in the conference last year and would like to keep that standard of do better."
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WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Mike Schutte, eighth year.
Last year's overall record: 14-8.
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Notable losses to graduation: Marty Kennedy (All-Area honorable mention); Brett Koch.
Leading returnees: 6-0 Sr. G. Keshay McChistion (All-Area honorable mention); 5-11 Sr. G. Mike Lander; 6-3 Sr. F. Harland Beverly; 6-0 Sr. F. John VanBuren.
Promising newcomers: 6-0 Sr. F. Todd Chausse; 5-9 Jr. PG Pete Piro; 5-10 Jr. G. Ryan Curt; 6-0 Jr. F. Bob Zapiski.
Newman's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're looking to improve on that 6-5 record."
"We need to win more games in our league, that's what we're shooting for."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Chuck Henry, 23rd year.
Last year's overall record: 7-14.
Conference: Michigan Mega Conference (Red Division).
Scheduled season opener: Tues., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Notable losses to graduation: Jamar Davis (All-Area fourth team); Nathan Wade (All-Area honorable mention).
Leading returnees: 5-11 Sr. G. Shane Nowak (All-Area honorable mention); 6-4 Sr. F. Justin Jones; 6-3 Sr. G. Tara Smith; 6-3 Soph. F. Jeff Logwood.
Promising newcomers: 5-11 Jr. G. Gary Johnson; 6-4 Jr. F. Shannon Jeffries.
Henry's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're hopeful that we're going to be better."
"I think we have certain amount of depth, especially at the perimeter positions."
"We're not very big. I just hope that Logwood can get over his bad back. He hasn't had a full practice yet."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Bill Dyer, second year.
Last year's overall record: 8-14.
Conference: Metro Conference.
Scheduled season opener: Tues., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Notable losses to graduation: Nick Moore (All-Area first team, basketball scholarship to Toledo); Dave Lusky (All-Area honorable mention, playing football at Eastern Michigan); Dan Jase (All-Area honorable mention, center cross country at Indiana); Coach Gash (playing basketball at Indiana); Anthony Tom (playing basketball at Eastern Michigan).
Leading returnees: 6-5 Sr. F. Matt Loidas (All-Area honorable mention); 6-4 Sr. G. Rob Sparks (All-Area second team, out until January due to back surgery); 6-5 Sr. F. Jeff Moore; 6-2 Sr. F. Rod Hunt; 6-0 Sr. G. Steve Iv.
Promising newcomers: 6-0 Jr. G. Anthony Coratti; 6-1 Jr. G. Mark Willoughby; 6-2 Jr. G. Ryan Ciesleyk; 6-5 Jr. C. Steve Larkin; 6-3 Soph. F/G Tom Jase; 6-4 Jr. F. Jeff Moore.
Dyer's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're looking for improvement."
"We've got a lot of returning experience, plenty of guys who have played a lot."
"The kids expect to do better. They've put it on themselves to do better."
"We're going to play a little bit faster. We're looking for a solid season from these guys. We should be much improved over last year."

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tough to pick just one that would be a favorite. So again, "The nice thing about the Western Lakes," Stevenson's Tim Newman said, "is that anybody can beat anybody on a given night."

"It's a good league from top to bottom, and fun to play in." At Wayne Memorial, Chuck Henry has potential. His problem is more of a league thing than talent. The Red Division of the Michigan Mega Conference is a powerhouse of basketball.

"Our league, my goodness," the 23-year veteran said. "Willow Run is loaded. Romulus is loaded. Belleville has another very good team. Then there's River Rouge."

"We've got to be better to be competitive." The Zebras' chief loss is fourth-team All-Area Jamar Davis. But guard Shane Nowak returns along with 6-4 forward Justin Goins and 6-3 guard Tara Smith.

What Wayne needs is 6-3 Jeff Logwood to get well. He's got a bad back and that is not a good injury to have in a sport that demands sudden stops, starts and running up and down a hardwood floor.

The Catholic (Central) is "always pretty balanced and tough," Coratti said. "We play (Orchard Lakes) St. Mary's before Christmas, and they're supposed to be one of the top teams in the state and a traditional rival. They're always tough."

Coratti hopes to replace Moore by committee. "It's always a problem when you replace a player who's started three years that was his caliber. But we're going to have more depth, so that's how we're going to replace him."

"We hope we can put up a few threes. That's always been our thing." Second-year coach Bill Dyer at Livonia Clarenceville and veteran Dan Ramthun of Lutheran High Westland will be battling for position in the Metro Conference.

Ramthun can put the area's biggest team on the floor if he

decides to field 6-6 Andrew McLaughlin, 6-4 junior transfer Nate Meekes and 6-9 junior Nate Reinhold on the floor at the same time.

Lutheran Westland lost Tom Habitz, Ryan Olinger and Gordie Engel to graduation but Charlie Noth and that raft of tall talent should make the Warriors tough to beat.

"Hamtramck will be the team to beat in the Metro," Ramthun said. "And Harper Woods, Lutheran North and Cranbrook will also be tough."

"The league is set up differently this year," Dyer said. "And I like it."

To play everybody just once. Then there is a Metro Conference tournament in February. So you have an eight-game league season plus the tournament.

"Our sights are set on winning the conference championship, then, if possible, the district championship, too."

"I think we'll be much improved, barring injury." The Trojans return their team from last year virtually intact.

Key players are 6-4 junior center Scott Wion, 6-2 forward Tim Shaw, 6-3 forward Rick Burack and 6-foot guard Tim Kied.

Coch Tom Bartholomew returns to the helm at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran after a two-year absence and has a core of three seniors back from a team which won just twice last season.

Bartholomew will rely on guidance from 5-11 guard Rene Arnel, 6-1 forward Alan Kleinske and 6-foot forward Jeremy Huby — his three seniors, plus 6-1 junior Tom Bribery.

He also has help from sister school Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 5-8 transfer Steve MacDonald.

"We're not big," Bartholomew said, "so we're going to try to play up tempo and push the ball — the whole game if possible."

"I'm happy with what's going on thus far."

Sill party celebrates \$1 million

Everyone in the room shouted, "Surprise" as Aleta Sill stepped through the doorway.

Many of her closest friends, teammates past and present had arranged a grand surprise party in honor of her achievement: first female bowler to top \$1 million in career earnings.

It was a well-kept secret. She thought she was going to Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia to give another routine lesson.

Her mother, Lori Michael, flew in from Florida for the occasion.

After giving everyone hugs and kisses, Aleta gave a short speech; short because she said, "This tops everything."

Sill lives in Dearborn now, but her roots were in Garden City and Westland where she grew up and started bowling as a skinny little kid.

The party was topped off by a fine buffet dinner and a cake decorated for the occasion. Cameras were clicking away and everyone signed her scrapbook for a memento of the occasion.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, Jackie Haner, 17, became the first girl in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic League to roll a 300 game.

This took place at Cloverlanes in Livonia as she boomed out a three game set of 233-300-256 for a 789 series, including 17 strikes in a row.

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BOWLING & RECREATION

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

DEER

Archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 482. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 9-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE

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

PHEASANT

A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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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 Laporte at (248) 478-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of

Thankful for turkey as symbol for nation

As you relax today and eat your turkey leftovers, you might reflect on the fact that you could have been eating our national symbol.

Benjamin Franklin was a strong proponent of making the wild turkey our national symbol.

Europeans, before exploration to the New World, did not know of the wild turkey. Only two species of turkey exist in the world and both are found in the New World.

The North American wild turkey that we are familiar with today, and the species colonists found plentiful during their first Thanksgiving, ranges throughout the U.S. southern Canada, Hawaii and parts of Mexico.

It is not found in Alaska. Only one other species can be found in the world and that is the ocellated turkey, which is found on the Yucatan Peninsula.

Europeans became familiar with the wild turkey when it was brought from the New World as a domestic bird.

Natives in Mexico and Central America domesticated a race of the wild turkey that is now extinct. Explorers took birds back to Europe and then the early colonists brought them back to the New World.

In colonial days, turkey habitat was extensive and turkey populations were high.

Turkey need not trees like oak, hickory and beech. They also rely on flowering dogwoods, blackberries and other soft mast. Poults, or young turkey, eat primarily insects.

Mature forests with grassy openings from recent fires were prime areas for wild turkey.

When human populations grew and forests were cut down for fuel, lumber, and clearing for agriculture, the wild turkey population declined.

Loss of habitat, in combination with increasing hunting pressure due to increasing numbers of people, caused the wild turkey population in the U.S. to drop to an estimated 30,000 birds.

Michigan had a good population of wild turkey that were found in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula. In the 1830s, records show settlers hunting them in Dearborn and Clarkston. But by 1900 it was assumed that the wild turkey in Michigan had been extirpated.

Fortunately the wild turkey did not go the way of the passenger pigeon.

Several efforts were made between 1900 and 1954 to reintroduce turkey back into Michigan. These early efforts used domestic turkey which proved to be too vulnerable to predators.

About 1954, the Michigan DNR introduced turkey from Pennsylvania that were 7-years old. These birds and subsequent reintroductions were successful.

Today, 175,000 wild turkey are found in Michigan. They are found throughout the Lower Peninsula.

This past summer when driving along US-23 toward Oshtemo, I had two stop twice while hens and their poults crossed the road.

In spring, I was also fortunate to see some gobblers strutting their stuff next to hens.

Watching males fan their tail, fluff their body feathers to enlarge their appearance and listening to gobbling calls takes me back to the days of the colonists when they found the wild turkey abundant and prolific.

Thanks to the efforts of state agencies and private organizations, the wild turkey has now become a common sight in many parts of the U.S.

It is indeed a success story that illustrates what can be done to improve and maintain our wildlife heritage.

NATURE NOTES

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AREA COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

Banker at buzzer beats Crusaders

It was a battle, start to finish. But in the end, this game turned out the same as two many of Madonna University's men's basketball games — as a loss. Rudy Elliott, who had hit just six of his previous 19 shots, barked in a layup at the buzzer to lift St. Mary's College to an 80-78 victory Tuesday at Madonna.

ROUNDUP

Crusaders to 1-6. St. Mary's is 3-6.

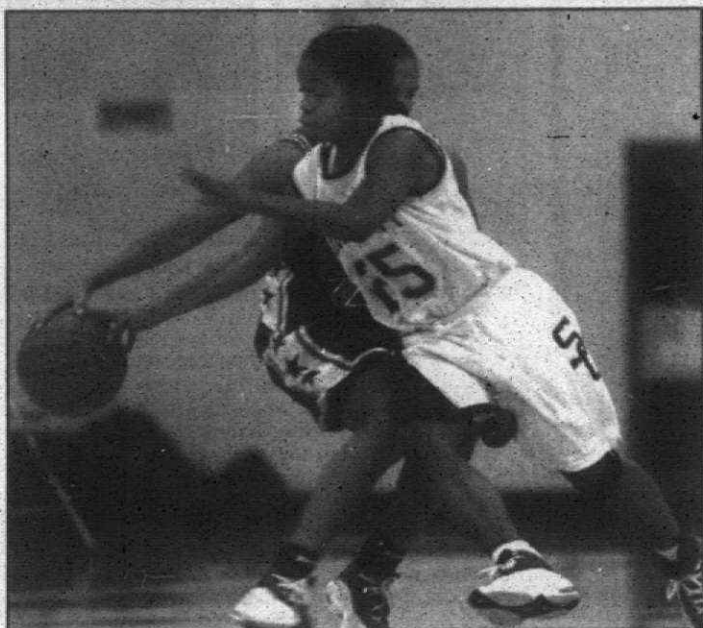
The game was close throughout. Madonna led 28-24 with 7:28 left in the first half, but scored just four more points the rest of the half as the Eagles went on a 12-4 run to take a 36-32 lead into the intermission.

The biggest lead for either team came with 16:49 left in the game; a basket by Elliott put St. Mary's up 45-36. The Eagles were up 53-47 with 13:47 left when Madonna rallied, going on a 10-0 run to regain the lead, 57-53 with 11:27 to play.

The biggest lead for either side after that was five points.

A layup by Jason Skoczylas with 3:44 to go gave the Crusaders a 76-72 advantage; however, they scored just two more points, a pair of free throws by Aaron Cox with :23 remaining that knotted it at 78-78, setting up Elliott's game-winning.

Cox led Madonna with 19 points; he also had five rebounds and three steals. Skoczylas added 16 points (on 8-of-11 shooting from the field) and six boards. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Massey totaled 13 points, five boards and four assists.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Ballhawk: Schoolcraft College's Antonei Watson (front) picks off a pass against Lansing Community College.

St. Mary's was paced by Milius Jones with 20 points. Elliott had 18 and four steals, and Al Rogers and Chris Shepard had 13 points apiece; Rogers also grabbed eight rebounds and Shepard had five steals, while Isiah Carter scored six points and hauled in 13 boards.

St. Mary's forced 26 Crusader turnovers (the Eagles had 19), but Madonna hit 32-of-65 shots from the floor (49.2 percent) compared to St. Mary's 32-of-71 (45.1 percent).

Lady Ocelots stalled

A slow start to the second half proved costly for Schoolcraft College's women's team, which lost 65-61 to Lansing CC Tuesday at SC.

The loss dropped SC to 1-2; Lansing evened its record at 2-2. The game was close through the first half, with Lansing taking a 30-28 advantage into the intermission.

But the Lady Ocelots stumbled through the first 17 minutes of the second half and trailed, 61-47.

SC came alive in the final minutes, closing to within four, but time ran out on its comeback. Antonei Watson topped the Ocelots with 16 points; she also had six rebounds and nine assists.

Carla Saxton had 14 points, and Angelica Blakely and Janel Olson had 11 points apiece, with Blakely grabbing 12 boards and Olson seven.

WEEK AHEAD

ONTARIO HOKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Nov. 28

Whitby at Windsor, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Whitby vs. London Knights

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Whitby at Owen Sound, 2 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Salem vs. Farm, Unified

at Puy Cultural Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Ladywood at G.P. South, 5:30 p.m.

Redford CC at G.P. Liggett, 6 p.m.

Canton vs. Stevenson

W.L. Western vs. Churchill

at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Red, Unified vs. D.J. Crestwood

at Canfield Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

Franklin vs. Northville

at Arctic Pond, 7 p.m.

Salem vs. Millard

at Lakeland Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Franklin vs. Farm, Unified

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Salem vs. Churchill

at Puy Cultural Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Red, Unified vs. DeltaSalle

at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.

Canton vs. Northville

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at Redford Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Schoolcraft at Albion JV, 5:30 p.m.

Madonna at Albion, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Madonna at Mt. Vernon, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Madonna at Mt. Vernon, 1 & 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 1

K'zoo Valley at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Houghton at Madonna, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Urbana (Ohio) at Madonna, 4 p.m.

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out on top last year. Now we only play them one time per year so there's a good rivalry that has developed."

After Stevenson fought off a late first-period power-play, Bartlett slipped a shot behind the back-side of Stevenson net-minder Chris McComb with 2:21 left in the period to make it 1-0 for RU. Kevin Moodie assisted on the goal.

In the second period, Stevenson sophomore Mike Ventimiglia tied it with 9:28 remaining on assists from Mark Nebus and Bryan Dery.

But the deadlock didn't last long as Bartlett went top-shelf just three minutes later on assists from Jason Moul and Dave Sellin.

The second-period goal proved to be the game-winner.

"Bartlett has stepped up his game this year," Mazzoni said. "He kind of finds his way around the net and he creates space for himself."

RU took six penalties in the final period to Stevenson's four, but was able to keep the Spartans off the scoreboard.

"During the pivotal part of the game we kind of lost our composure," Mazzoni said. "We took some penalties, but we did a good job of penalty killing."

"And Hannan played a phenomenal game. He's a big-game goalie."

The shots were virtually even with RU holding a slight edge, 26-24.

"I think our team this year understands the team concept better and they'll sacrifice individual stuff for the team," Mazzoni said. "I think we're more disciplined this year in that aspect."

Now the only thing left for RU, and Stevenson for that matter, is staying out of the box.

REDFORD CC 9, RICE 2: Junior Rick Buttery scored two goals, both short-handed, to lead Redford Catholic Central to a lopsided win Wednesday over host Birmingham Brother Rice.

Also scoring goals for the Shamrocks, who improved to 1-1 overall, were Brian Williams, Brett John, Tim Rybinski, Mike Ratigan, Mike McLean and Eric Reinhardt.

Starting goaltender Ben Dunne and Andrew McCoy, who played the final 7 minutes, faced a combined 20 shots.

CC, which led 4-0 after one period and 7-0 through two, fired 40 shots on the Rice net.

"The kids played really well," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We had five rookies score goals and that's very unusual."

Whalers win 2

The Plymouth Whalers inched closer to the .500 mark in the Ontario Hockey League with a 2-1 victory Thanksgiving night over the host Brampton Battalion behind Tomas Kurka's game-winning goal in the final period.

Shaun Fisher and Randy Fitzgerald drew assists on Kurka's goal, his 11th of the season, as the Whalers improved to 11-12-3 in the OHL and earned their third straight road victory.

Goaltender Rob Zepp, who gave up a second-period goal to Lukas Havel (his 13th), made 19 saves to preserve the victory before 1,761 fans in Brampton.

The Battalion lead the Midwest Division of the OHL at 13-7-4.

On Wednesday, the Whalers turned back the host Owen Sound Platers at the Baysboro, 4-2, as Justin Williams had a goal and assist for the winners.

Kurka, Stephen Weiss and Eric Gooldy also scored for the winners.

The loss dropped Owen Sound to 8-13-1 in the OHL.

The Whalers also have to lose backup goaltender Aaron Molnar, who has reportedly left the team for unspecified reasons.

The Whalers have replaced Molnar on the roster with former London Knights goaltender Bill Ruggerio.

That brings the Whalers' roster to 11 Detroit-area players.

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mer Stevenson teammate Jeanette Stojcevska, a DePaul (Ill.) University senior who finished 13th this fall in the Conference USA meet. Travis also completed weekly progress cards and send them back to her coach.

"We saw glimpses of Kelly's ability at the end of the spring, and then it was kind of unfortunate because then the season ran out," Hall said. "The reason she improved is the consistency of her training at a high level, day-in and day-out, every week."

The mileage and the pace got faster each day.

Hall also believes Travis has the will to succeed.

"It's hard to push every day, but Kelly wanted to do better," he said. "You have to make the commitment before you do it and she kind of bought into the training program. She bought into the whole package."

"You could see she did her work over the summer because when she came back to school she was fit and ready to go."

The NCAA meet in Bloomington could have been overwhelming experience for the UNC-Charlotte sophomore, but she hung tough against a quality field of 250 runners.

"It was really scary when I got there, it was a big shock because there were so many fans and so many people," Travis said. "It was very competitive. I just tried to focus in on the people from my region. I got bumped around the first mile, so I just kept my hands out. Everybody

was fighting for position because it was so close."

Becoming an All-America is a big sacrifice, but Travis is willing to pay the price.

"You have a set schedule, you run twice a day, go to class, then you have to go home and do your homework, and then get to bed early," she said. "But I guess I'm never satisfied, that's what keeps me in the sport."

Travis plans to major in communications and obtain a minor in social work. She also

does volunteer work, coordinating a campus organization for advocating educational literacy.

Travis spent the Thanksgiving week at home before returning to school. She is under orders to take two weeks off.

For now, Travis is breathing easier. Then it's on to the indoor track season.

"Track season we do a lot more speed, so it affects my asthma a little more, but I'll just deal with that," Travis said.

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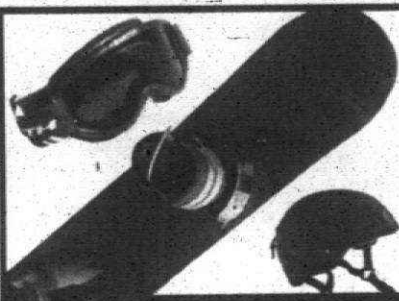


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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Give thanks by helping others

Over nine years of covering the arts for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, I've had the opportunity to meet many giving artists and everyday people who've been an inspiration to me.

I'm grateful to have shared, for however brief a time, in their work to help homeless people, survivors of domestic violence, and people going through trying circumstances.

They shy away from recognition for their good deeds. If not for writing stories about various benefits, I probably never would have known of their contributions. Due to the lack space, I can only mention a few but maybe they'll inspire you as much as they have me.

Two "heroes" who give consistently to causes are watercolorist Louis Redstone and Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti, whose 9-foot bronze sculpture was recently installed in front of the new Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plaza in downtown Detroit. Grateful for accomplishments in their respective fields, they believe in giving back to the community. Whenever asked, Redstone donates his vibrant abstract paintings to auctions for nonprofits such as Very Special Arts, which provides programs in music, drama and the visual arts for persons with disabilities. The 96-year-old Redstone, whose architectural firm was in Livonia for many years, and his wife Ruth, have set up scholarships at the University of Michigan's School of Art and Architecture. They leave a legacy that will last longer than the Michael A. Berry International Terminal, Louis designed at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

DeGiusti donates his wall reliefs and a portion of the proceeds from sales of his work at an annual auction held in Oakland County. That auction assists the troubled children and families at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills. It's just one of the benefits DeGiusti gives to and in turn touches many people.

Filling empty bowls

Sandra Shemanske's enthusiasm for Pewabic Pottery's annual Empty Bowls effort to help feed hungry people is catchy. I met "Sandy" when I wrote about the annual effort by pottery artists to craft bowls for the benefit. Money from the sales of soup and bowls help stock the shelves at Gleaners Food Bank.

COTS

Then there are the artists, including Carlos Diaz (chairman of the photography department at Center for Creative Studies and a former Livonia resident) and celebrities who painted masks for COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter). "MaskerAide" auction. The event raised nearly \$100,000 for homeless people in April. Birmingham residents Dr. Robert Higgins, who is surgical director of thoracic transplants at Henry Ford Hospital, and his wife, Molly, chaired the effort with Beth McKeown. COTS helps homeless people help themselves by providing shelter, meals, clothing and comprehensive life-management services. The benefit auction will be Saturday, March 18, at the Detroit Yacht Club. For tickets, call (313) 831-3777.

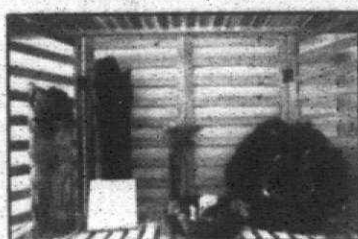
As with all nonprofits, COTS could use more help. It takes a lot of resources to provide more than 300 meals a day and 50,000 emergency shelter nights a year. COTS has to turn away 25 people a day due to lack of space, said staffer Joyce Dallas.

And, of course, this time of year brings other needs. You can make someone else's holidays brighter by supplying blankets, rattles and clothing for infants, toys for children, and socks, scarves and bedroom slippers for adult men and women. Through

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A blanket of clay dust covers the work surfaces and wheels at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, but not for long. Come Dec. 2-4 those same tables and several shelving units will be filled with bowls, vases, fountains, wall relief, ornaments, and an array of functional and decorative art.

If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind work that says the recipient is special, several galleries and nonprofit art organizations offer everything from jewelry to decorative objects for the home. Table top fountains remain popular with buyers, according to Annette Horn at Native

West in Plymouth and Ruth Price, one of 20 Guild members creating reasonably priced ceramic works for holiday giving.

"Everybody's creativity is different," said Price, who's been working in clay for nine years. A charter member of the Guild, she studied ceramics at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "There's quite an array in variation for gifts."

Price began hand building her works eight months ago after surgery on her hand for carpal tunnel syndrome left her unable to work on the wheel. Now after wedging, cutting and rolling clay, she forms bowls, platters and vases. An imprint of an evergreen bough adds texture to a large bowl she refers to

as art for dining room or coffee tables. Price likes to work big. Sprigs of holly accent a turkey platter.

"You can use any materials that are interesting," said Price.

The shelves in the kiln room are filled with works waiting to be fired. Shards of glass placed on the bottoms of Price's fluted bowls will soon melt into abstract patterns. This is just one of the techniques the Plymouth potter uses. Glazing then scraping surfaces allows the natural clay to show through sculptural floor vases. Access to chemicals means Price's colors are as varied as the forms. A square serving

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ART WORKS MAKE THOUGHTFUL GIFTS

Holiday Art Shows

■ **Village Potters Guild**
6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at 340 N. Main St., Suite G-4 behind Jack Dunleavy's Grill, Plymouth (734) 207-8807.

■ **Native West**
3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

■ **The Art Gallery/Studio**
Noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, Dec. 6-10, and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at 29948 Ford Road in Sheridan Square, Garden City, (734) 513-4044.

■ **York Street Glass Works**
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday through Friday, Dec. 24, at 875 York St., Plymouth, (734) 459-6419.

ANIMAL ART

Artist paints 'purrfect' portraits

WHAT: Kristine Dumm paints a watercolor portrait of the store cat.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

WHERE: Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe, 35582 Grand

River at Drake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 442-0840.

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Kristine Dumm admits it's unusual for a pet portrait artist not to have at least one dog or cat. After all, the Redford artist specializes in watercolor paintings and drawings of animals.

It's apparent by listening to Dumm speak about dogs, cats, horses, and iguanas, the love for them is there. She just hasn't had the opportunity to express it.

"Our only pet is a goldfish I won at a church festival," said Dumm. "We lived in apartment so we couldn't have an animal. But now



that we have a house and our son is past the tail-pulling age, we hope to get a puppy in spring."

Dumm's sensitive portrayals of animals include a horse and colt at Maybury State Park, a kitten lounging in a bowl at Upland Hills Farm, and her brother's beagle

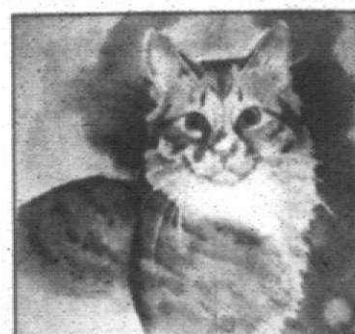
puppy who didn't want to sit still to have its photograph taken. Dumm uses photographs as reference for the paintings and drawings.

"I'm always armed with my camera," said Dumm. "He was just a farm cat I tried to catch in different poses."

A black and white watercolor of a little girl and her dog was created after a vintage sepia-toned photograph. Dumm searched for the photograph for several years before creating this dramatic portrait.

"People didn't seem to have

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Pet portraiture: Kristine Dumm's watercolor portraits "Oscar" (above) and "Tuffy" (at left), are on display at Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe in Farmington Hills.

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Don't buy into the madness of the holidays



NICOLE STAFFORD

Yes, the madness, holiday shopping has begun. And, it is madness. Even if you, unlike myself, bubble over with the spirit and magic of the season every year and wouldn't think of giving up the holidays for anything, it still is madness.

That's because the joyful, giving and celebratory spirit of the holidays never fails to mutate into a wraith of "I ought, I should, I have to, I better, I need..." and so forth.

I think you know what I'm talking about. That moment in December when gold-colored cocktail napkins won't do because you need cocktail napkins with gold wreaths. Otherwise, your holiday napkins won't match your holiday china.

You've also decided you ought to purchase a dozen or so holiday-scented candles. They, too, should be gold.

While you're out shopping, which you seem to be doing every day, you realize you ought to buy your boss' dog a Christmas present. Everybody else in the office does.

Hey, maybe you should buy the next-door neighbor's kid's dog, a pet toy, too.

Another should-do is the holiday newsletter. All your friends are keeping you up-to-date on their lives, thus you should, too. At the very least, you should write something more than "Season's Greetings" on the 150 cards you have to buy, address and send in the next few weeks.

Other common "ought-to's" include: baking and decorating cookies for Santa (even though the kids are grown and don't believe anymore); buying co-workers token holiday gifts; impulsively getting into the spirit by purchasing a red sweater to wear to the annual Christmas Eve party down the street; making jars of relish to give to each and every host at each and every party you attend; and endeavoring on projects inspired by Martha Stewart.

Before you know it, your to-do list is impossibly long, painful to consider, a constant reminder of your inadequacy as a cheerful, holiday giver.

And, as a proponent of having fun whenever you can, this saddens me. There are many "ought-to's" in this world. That the holidays ought to be fun is one of the few I support.

However, unless you're willing to give up your list of "ought-to's" in favor of a list of "I-can't" or "I'll-try," you'll feel like you're on the clock during the next month, rather than doing nice, thoughtful things for family and friends on your own time.

I'm certainly not recommending you rebel against the holidays by refusing to buy gifts or decorate the house. Hey, you even can bake a few cookies and buy holiday candles, if you'd like. Go ahead, buy a bone for the boss' dog.

The point is: do whatever you want, but do what you can and want to do, as opposed to what you should and ought to do.

If you reasonably can and sincerely want to spend an entire afternoon driving all over town to find cocktail napkins with gold wreaths, by all means, do it. Otherwise, buy a set that will suffice. Pick them up at the Hallmark store when you're buying cards and wrapping paper. It's called one-stop shopping.

Another thing: there's no such thing as the perfect gift. The perfect gift is a myth. Besides, family members and friends who are worthy of elevated stress levels induced by shopping actually care about you and your well-being, thus, would prefer you didn't work so hard on their behalf.

One more thing, keep in mind you probably don't need any particular piece of merchandise to make your holiday celebration a good one. On the other hand, retailers measure the success of their holiday season based on how much you and I buy. They need, not you. Happy shopping.

It's a tradition Shoppers flock to malls after Thanksgiving feast



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Holiday giveaways.
Merchandise discounts.
An opportunity to finish holiday shopping early.

There's a plethora of reasons so many shoppers head to local malls and downtown retail districts to shop the day after Thanksgiving.

But abiding tradition is probably their strongest motivation.

In a day of rampant commercialism, a sea of merchandise to choose from and long waits at computer registers, shopping rituals and mere tradition help keep shopping enjoyable.

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Jakubowski, who, along with daughter Nicole, woke at 6 a.m. Friday morning to join hundreds of other shoppers at Oakland Mall in Troy.

"You take off work and just shop. It kind of sets the mood for the holidays," said Jakubowski.

But Jakubowski and other shoppers' post-Thanksgiving shopping traditions are more elaborate than just hopping in the car and heading to the mall.

The day before, Jakubowski scans newspaper ads for merchandise bargains and giveaways, makes a list of items she'd like to purchase and jots down a shopping itinerary and ranks her tasks by importance.

Diane's annual Christmas shopping starts at 11 a.m. in the car and heading to the mall.

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every year, topped her list. Like Jakubowski, Tina and Jackie Lock, of Utica and their untied Linda Innes from Indiana, "cruise" newspaper ads on Thanksgiving Day in search of bargains, then develop a shopping plan of action.

The group dragged themselves out of bed at 4 a.m. Friday because, according to tradition, the needed to stop by Target and Meijer before making their way to Oakland Mall.

Once there, they make a beeline to Hudson's where yet another ritual is enacted — a wait in line to purchase a Hudson's holiday Santa Bear.

"We have like a master plan," said Jackie.

In addition to getting a start on their holiday shopping, taking advantage of bargains and going home with a few freebies, the Lock sisters enjoy paying witness to the frenzy.

"We'll have stories to tell all year long," Tina said of shoppers' behavior, charging store entrances, fighting for merchandise and running down department store aisles.

"I think for me it's the tradition of coming and watching these crazy people, and knowing we're one of those crazy people, too," said Jackie, adding, "It's fun. ... Not shopping today would be weird. I don't know what I'd do."

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Always and forever: Sisters Tina and Jackie Lock, at left, with their aunt, Linda Innes from Indiana, have a tradition of coming to Oakland Mall in Troy after Thanksgiving dinner at grandma's house. The trio rose from bed at 4 a.m. Friday morning, so they could stop by a few other stores before heading to the mall for bargains, giveaways and people watching.

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WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:
- The game "Catch Phrase" is sold at Target and Kay-Bee Toy stores.

- Buster Brown children's clothing is available at Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and at the Kensington outlet mall in Howell.

- Red Cross shoes can be bought at the Red Cross Shoe store on Ford Road, west of Lilly, in Canton.

- Personalized children's books are sold at the Livonia Civic Center Library gift shop.

- Personalized children's book are made at Genesis Books, a home-based business, (248) 360-9677.

- Leather jackets repairs are done at Hands-on Leather, (734) 459-6560.

- Dream Catchers can be found at the following locations: Woodland Indian Trading Company on Six Mile in Redford; Scott Coburn Western Wear on Farmington Road; Fred Rocks on Dixie Highway in Waterford; Southeastern Michigan Indians' Detroit American Indian Center, (313) 535-2966; Hands-on Leather, (734) 459-6560;

- A female mannequin can be purchased through the Celebration Fantastic catalog, (800) 235-3272.

- A laptop desk with formica top and bean bag base is available at Gail's Office Supply stores in Birmingham, (248) 642-6830, and Bloomfield Township, (248) 626-4700, and at Big Lots on Livonia in Troy and the Meijer store in Westland.

- White shelf paper is sold at Damman's Hardware in Farmington.

- One Quiet Village album by Martin Denny and Roger Williams with the song "Yellow Bird" is available from a reader.

- One American-Indian Barbie is available from a reader.

- Used bridal dresses are sold at Melinda's Custom Dressmaking in Southfield, (248) 352-0993.

- A reader called to say she knows the lyrics to "Little Buckaroo."

- A reader tells us Kathy's Cheesecakes went out of business three years ago.

- Another reader tells us there was only one copy of the St. Agatha 1984 High School yearbook.

- We need the Birch Run Vanity Fair store's telephone number.

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- A video tape of the Gem Theatre being moved might be available through the Gem Theatre.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
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Native West in downtown Plymouth; and Home Spun Gifts in Westland Mall.

- An under-the-cabinet knife holder can be bought through the Home Center catalog, (800) 303-5114, and at Kitchen Glamour stores.

- One six-inch Revere frying pan is available from a reader.

- Walled Lake Shoe Repair on Pontiac Trail repairs leather jackets, sells wall-hanging shoe shine kits, and plastic rain boots.

- Replacement parts for antique oil lamps can be purchased at Great Midwestern Antique Emporium on Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains.

- A pattern for making quilts from T-shirts can be found in the Clotilde catalog, (800) 772-2891 or www.clotilde.com

- Yardley lavender talc powder can be bought at F&M stores and through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.

- One 1948 Royal Copenhagen Christmas plate is available from a reader.

- Sander's products are available at The Chocolate Shop in Farmington. The original Sander's bumpy cake recipe is available at Hagelstein's Bakery stores, 800 S. Washington in Royal Oak, (248) 541-0566, and 14 Mile Road in Clawson.

- The game Mille Bourne can be found at Noodle Kidoodle stores in Rochester and Farmington.

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- The "Jesse" doll from the Baby'sitter Club for Gloria.

- Farmington High School yearbooks from 1995 and 1996 for Melissa.

- A doll that moves its arms and head when you pull a string from its back (8-12 inches) for Sandy.

- A "Helix" plastic spinning spiral for Barb.

- A store where Arpege perfume is sold for Martha.

- A Waterford crystal 1980 Christmas ornament for Mike.

- The video movie "Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit" for Delores.

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TRAVEL

Spunky 'senior' doesn't miss much in New Mexico

BY BEVERLY A. LEN
SPECIAL WRITER

The group cheered as Mom declined help, then charged down the face of a 35-foot sand dune. I scrambled after her, gave her a pat on the back and wheezed, "Not bad for 80." Twenty sets of eyes widened and 20 jaws dropped in unison.

Traveling with my spunky "senior" Mom is never dull.

Scorching daytime temperatures at White Sands, N.M., convinced us that an early evening dunes tour would allow us to live to enjoy other parts of America's 47th state. During the day, temperatures often reach 115 degrees with a humidity of 4 percent. Under these conditions, a glass of ice water did not sweat.

Mom and I did.

At night, however, temperatures can reach freezing.

So at 7:30 p.m., we stood at the base of a gleaming, white gypsum dune. A park ranger conducted a walk among some of the smaller dunes of this 146,535-acre National Monument. Most of the area appears barren, but a few tenacious plants, animals and insects have adapted to the harsh environment.

We watched a beetle-sized "stink bug" tiptoe across the sand. The bug is the equivalent of a skunk and nearly as potent. "Give the bug plenty of space," the ranger advised, as he led us to a tall dune to watch the sunset.

As the sun sank lower in the sky, winds whipped fine mists of sand farther up the dunes. By 8:30, the sun winked behind the San Andres mountains creating a 360-degree pink ring around White Sands' Tularosa Basin.

We put on sweaters and walked back to the car in respectful silence of nature's awesome performance.

Nature performed another spectacular feat at our next-day destination, Carlsbad Caverns.

This time, we beat the heat by taking an elevator to the "Big Room," 850 feet below ground. The temperature is a constant 56 degrees.

There is also a mile-long natural entrance, from which thousands of Mexican freetail bats fly at sunset. We opted for the ride down because we faced a 1.5-mile trail within the chamber.

The 60 million-year-old Big Room chamber is 1,800 feet by 1,100 feet. The ceiling rises to 255 feet in one area. Throughout



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Bigger than life: More than one-and-a-half times life size, this bronze horse gallops outside the Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso.

the Big Room, huge stalagmites grow from the floor, reaching toward equally huge stalactites hanging from the ceiling. In the dimly lighted chamber, we walked slowly along the path, holding on to a railing.

On our self-guided tour, we listened to descriptive commentary through headphones. The commentary was triggered by electronic signals at points of particular interest. There were long stretches of silence, allowing us to gawk at the ghostly displays.

Suddenly, two thin hands grabbed my arm; I heard a muffled scream. I yelped and turned. Mom was holding onto my arm for dear life. Seems the volume on her headphone had been bumped up. When the commentary was triggered, it scared the daylight out of her. Now, we held on to the railing, weak from laughter.

We had had a lot of laughs since leaving Livonia two weeks earlier. Mom had packed a "goodie box" of low-calorie snacks, utensils, plates and LYSOL spray. At each motel, Mom sprayed and wiped until the room was shrouded in a LYSOL mist. We left a trail of surgically sterile rooms through seven states.



Good business: Space aliens help sell, especially in the famous UFO town of Roswell.

Everything was so antiseptic, I had to eat a spoonful of dirt just to keep my immune system going.

By the time we left Santa Fe, heading for Albuquerque, Mom needed a rest (all that cleaning, you know.) She didn't want to miss having dinner at Sandia Peak, so she stayed at the motel while I toured Old Town Albuquerque.

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can fare, either inside or on the patio.

If New Mexican food is not to your palate, everything from American hamburgers to French crepes can be found. I think I walked every inch of Old Town. By the time I returned to the motel, I was exhausted; Mom was ready to tackle all 10,378 feet of Sandia Peak.

We took the 2.7-mile tramway. From the tram, we had an

incredible view of 11,000 square miles. At the peak, we had dinner, then shivered in the mountain air to watch the sunset. The performance, with heat-lightning flashes, was out of this world.

Even farther out of this world is Roswell; at least some of its visitors have been otherworldly. Although Roswell's economy is based on agriculture and oil production, it is best known for the purported 1947 crash landing of an alien spacecraft, with occupants. The International UFO Museum and Research Center on Main Street, houses tacky

displays, re-creations and "art" focusing on sightings. A tour to the crash site is also available. I had to drag Mom to the museum. The crash site wasn't even suggested.

Mom wanted to go to the new Tinnie Mercantile where, unlike Main Street stores, there are no references to space aliens. Then, she wanted to be on the road again.

Less than two hours west of Roswell is the late 1800s town of Lincoln. Here, Billy the Kid was to hang, but he killed his guards and escaped. Lincoln's sheriff, Pat Garrett, eventually tracked Billy down and shot him.

The courthouse, jail and other buildings are all open to the public. One home of special interest is that of Dr. Earl L. Woods, who reportedly graduated from the University of Michigan.

Twenty miles past Lincoln is Capitan, "Birthplace of Smokey the Bear." In 1950 the cub was found clinging to a burned tree after the Capitan Gap wild-fire.

His fur was singed and his paws charred. He was nursed back to health, became the symbol of forest fire prevention and lived out his days at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

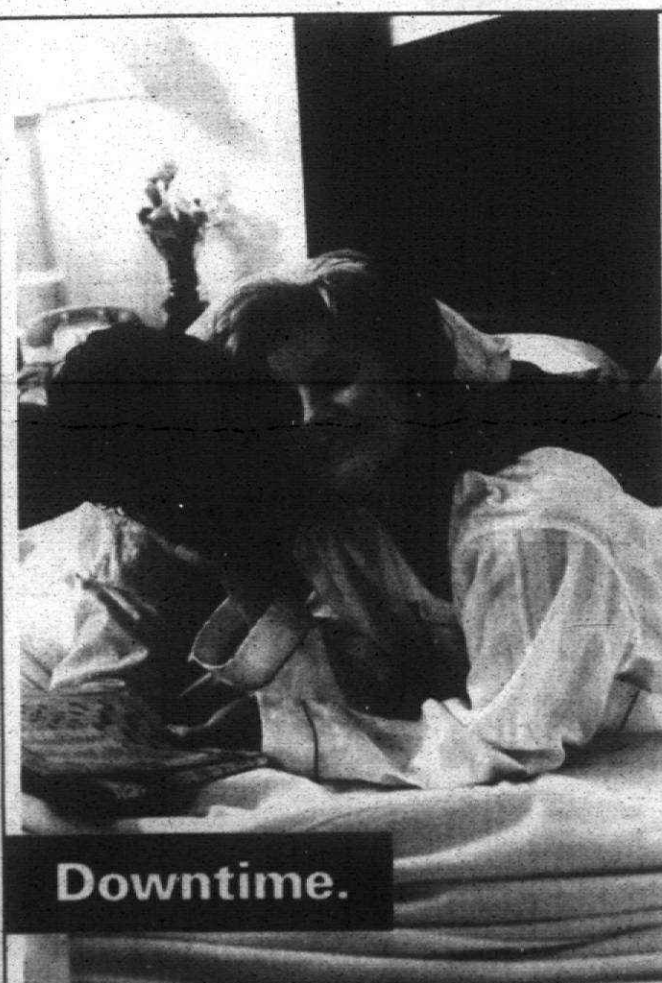
Only 30 minutes from Capitan is Ruidoso Downs, home of the famous racetrack and the Museum of the Horse. Outside of the museum seven breeds of horses are represented in a painted bronze sculpture "Free Spirits at Noisy Water."

More than one and a half times life size, the band of horses appear to be caught in mid-gallop.

We had been galloping around New Mexico for almost a month. It was time to head for home. Mom had just enough LYSOL left to make the trip.



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COOKING CONQUESTS



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Greet guests with Southern hospitality

The van is washed, oil changed, tires checked - we're off to the beautiful state of Kentucky. Our destination is Berea, a small college town on I-75 south of Lexington.

Berea is known as the Folk Art Capital of the state. Nestled among the Appalachian foothills is Berea College, a liberal arts college where students receive tuition-free education in return for working in one of their many departments.

Students produce exquisite furniture reproductions, woven items, rag rugs, brooms of all shapes and sizes, metal work, pottery, photographic essays of mountain people and much more. Berea is also the home of Boone Tavern Hotel a popular Southern inn built in 1909. Students from the college's hotel management and culinary arts programs operate the inn. The servers are enthusiastic and friendly. Crisp white table linens, sparkling glasses and fresh flowers on tables create an atmosphere of Southern hospitality at its best.

Regional flavor

The dinner menu is prix fixe, but you are sure to find new and different menu offerings with regional flavor. The real reason I keep going back to Boone Tavern is their southern spoon bread. For those of you who haven't tried - or even heard of - spoon bread, it is the most elegant preparation of cornmeal in all of Southern cooking. I find white stone-ground cornmeal makes the best spoon bread and the tastiest, but the white cornmeal found in supermarkets will also produce a fine product. Spoon bread should be moist and soufflé-like with the consistency of baked custard.

Spoon bread is best served throughout your meal in a simple stainless steel bowl straight from the oven - just scoop it out with a large spoon, top with butter and enjoy.

The following recipes can produce a delicious meal just in time for holiday entertaining that show Southern hospitality at its finest!

SPOON BREAD

- 1 1/4 cups cornmeal (white)
- 3 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar (optional; the recipe the Tavern Hotel uses does not include sugar)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs (well beaten)
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder

Bring milk to a boil, add cornmeal gradually and stir constantly for 10 minutes until thick.

Remove from heat - allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes. The mixture will be very stiff.

Combine eggs, salt, baking powder and melted butter in the bowl of a mixer. Use whip attachment and gradually add cornmeal until well combined. Beat for 15 minutes. Pour into a well-greased, large skillet or two well-greased baking dishes. Bake at 375°F in a pre-heated oven for 30-35 minutes until puffed and lightly browned. Serve immediately.

FRUIT PUNCH

- Juice of 3 lemons
- Juice of 3 oranges
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 quart chilled iced tea
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, chopped
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherry juice
- 1/2 pint grape juice
- 1 quart ginger ale
- 1 1/2 cups water

Boil the pineapple, water and sugar for 15 minutes. Cool. Add lemon.

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What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
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AWREY Bakeries

A sweet wonderland

STORY BY RENEE SKOGLUND PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Beautiful, big blocks of butter making their way up the conveyor belt toward a huge vat of sticky croissant dough:

Such was my introduction to Awrey Bakeries the day they were making croissants, biscuits, Danish and chocolate cake. Mmmm, the aromas coming from those cavernous baking facilities ... like mom's kitchen on steroids!

"It's a precision mom's kitchen. We're trying to define what all those moms do instinctively," said John Curtin, Awrey's president.

The croissant dough - all 1,000 glorious pounds - soon would be layered with the butter, rolled to just the right thickness, cut and trimmed to just the right shape, and, finally, baked to perfection. Depending upon the customer's order, Awrey's uses either butter or margarine, but always the meticulous process is the same.

"We'll end up with 32 layers, and that's what make croissants flaky," said Larry Whitucki, director of quality assurance.

The bakery was founded in 1910 in the Detroit kitchen of Mrs. Fletcher Awrey. As her reputation grew, the company opened a succession of neighborhood baked goods stores, supplied from the family's first "volume baking" facility on Tireman. The three Awrey boys - Elton, Wilbur and Thomas - often made deliveries in a horse-drawn wagon and later in a Model-T truck.

The company moved to its present 25-acre site on Farmington Road in Livonia in 1967. It now has 477 employees with nine family members at the helm. A \$20 million renovation is planned over the next two years. According to Curtin, Awrey's is the largest family-owned bakery in Michigan, probably in the country.

The entire operation is based on blend of technology and taste buds. Every product is tested for height, diameter, weight, appearance and, of course, taste. Working at Awrey's requires self-discipline. I was amazed there weren't a ton of chubby employees. The bakery definitely wouldn't be a stop on a Weight Watcher's tour.

After cooling, the baked goods head to a freezer area the size of the North Pole, where they're held before being shipped out. "Once it's thawed, it tastes homemade," said Curtin, who seldom leaves the office without an armful of goodies.

If the intoxicating smells of almond and chocolate permeate the air at Awrey's, then it's a dusting of flour that covers the floor. It takes a lot of ingredients to produce the 90,000 cases of sweet stuff that's shipped across the nation and to Canada every week. Flour is shipped in by rail car.



Rolling in dough: (Top photo) Chuck Goldston keeps a watchful eye as a load of croissant dough gets poured into a trough. (Above) Kim Oatneal uses a deft stroke to smooth out the icing on an Awrey's Tropical Chocolate Cake. Care to lick the spoon? (Below) Reese Gordon loads trays of unbaked Danish.

Whitucki provided the statistics: 15 million pounds of flour a year, 8 million pounds of sugar a year, and 700 pounds of butter an hour. That's right, an hour!

From croissants, our entourage headed to the Danish department, where the dough is funneled into a cone-shaped twister, precision cut by a culinary guillotine and plopped into a well-greased pan. After they're baked, the Danish are plucked up, a dozen at a time, by a robotic arm and sent on their way to be iced.

Take your pick - raspberry, apple, strawberry or cheese. Whitucki prefers strawberry, while Curtin loves the cheese, but employee Darryl Junior, who loads and unloads trays of Danish all day, doesn't like Danish at all.

"I don't eat sweets. That's not

bad, is it?" he asked.

"When I look at the fat calories in our Danish Grande, it stops me in my tracks," said Curtin, shaking his head.

As if anything could top croissants and Danish, our next stop was the cakes. A zillion layers of Awrey's Tropical Chocolate Cake passed before me on a winding conveyor belt. Employees in white suits and hair nets put the layers together, first slathering them with a coconut filling, then frosting the tops and sides with chocolate.

"It's supposed to taste like an Almond Joy candy bar. That's what we went after," said Rick Krolicki, director of research and development.

Our last stop was the taste-test room. Krolicki had formulated a new chocolate cake recipe, and two

Outlet store

For many metro Detroiters, the holidays wouldn't be the holidays without a stop at the Awrey Bakeries Outlet Store.

WHERE: 12301 Farmington Road, Livonia.

STORE HOURS: Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

CREDIT CARDS: All majors, except American Express.

The outlet store, which Awrey's has expanded four times, offers thrift in prices, not quality. There are no returns from supermarkets. Perhaps the icing on a Danish will be missing a squiggle or two, but all items are fresh.

"If we don't have enough runner-ups, it's front-line products," said John Curtin, Awrey's president.

Awrey's also supplies the outlet with products not available in supermarkets. When it comes to cakes, the outlet sells Peanut Fantasy, Raspberries and Cream, Cherry Cordial, Death by Chocolate, Raspberry Nut, and Cream Cheese Carrot.

"We're kind of the test market," said Betty Jean Awrey, vice president.

Awrey's doesn't bake pies, but the outlet carries Grand Traverse pies. They're delicious, said Awrey.

Best of all, said Awrey, everything sells at a reduced price. "We take off the rent we pay in a supermarket."

Would you like to see the face of a loved one on a cake? No problem. That's a piece of cake at Awrey's. Thanks to great-granddaughter Kelly Jean Awrey, the bakery now does "Photo Cakes." A quarter sheet cake sells for \$15, and a half sheet cake sells for \$25.

For more information about the outlet store and Photo Cakes, call (734) 522-1100 or fax (734) 522-1453.

recently baked layers awaited us. The suspense mounted as he inverted the layers onto the counter and sliced off small pieces.

The morsels received more scrutiny than a glass of Chablis at a wine-tasting festival: Good texture, fine but dense; Not too crumbly. Will stand up to frosting. Nice color. Great taste.

"I'd give it a 100 percent," said Betty Jean Awrey, vice president. "I love it."

"I'm the quality control guy. I'd give it a 99," said Whitucki.

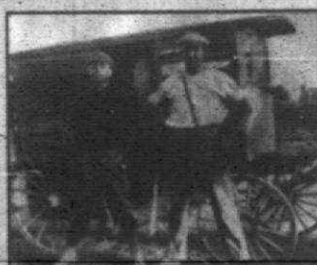
"Ninety-nine percent," said Curtin.

As for me? I knew I was participating in an Awrey's milestone: the birth of a new recipe. I gave it a 99.9. After all, I make a pretty good chocolate cake myself.

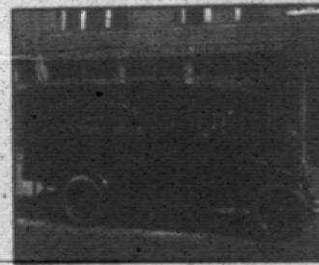
A little taste of history



Making deliveries: Thomas Awrey "peddles" baskets of freshly made pastries and other goodies in a Detroit neighborhood in the bakery's early days.



Those were the days: Two of the Awrey boys, Tom (left) and Wilbur, stand in front of one of the company's first delivery vehicles, a horse-drawn wagon.



Sweet delivery: A Model-T truck pulls out of Awrey's first "volume baking" facility on Tiremen Street in Detroit.

An Awrey's memory

Margaret Cartier, 81, of Redford Township remembers when the Awrey's delivery truck would come through her neighborhood twice a week in the late '50s and early '60s. Her children were young, and she was a stay-at-home mom who didn't know how to drive a car. She counted on the milkman at her back door and the Awrey's man at her front door.

"There were two brothers, Ralph and Bob, I think. They'd come to the door with big baskets full of goodies. I'd buy the lunch sticks with white frosting, the cupcakes piled high with chocolate frosting and nuts, and I'd buy the Long John coffee cake."

The two brothers often let Cartier come into their truck. "I remember that truck smelling so good. They'd pull out the shelves, and I'd say, 'I'll take this. I'll take that.'"

Sometimes, if I didn't have enough money, they would charge it. They kept track in a little brown book. I'd pay them at the end of the week. They were so nice."

Cartier longs to step inside that truck one more time. "I'd give anything to have a Long John coffee cake. I wish they still made deliveries."

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orange, cherry juice, cherries and tea. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and grape juice. Pour over ice in a punch bowl to serve or make a smaller quantity and serve as an appetizer.

ROAST LEG OF LAMB

- 6-7 pound leg of lamb (trimmed of all excess fat)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 sprigs of fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves of garlic, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon flour

Wipe meat well. Place in roasting pan and cut shallow slices across leg. Make small cuts with the point of a knife and insert garlic slices. Melt butter - tie the sprigs of rosemary together and dip it in the hot butter. Brush the meat thoroughly with it. Sprinkle the meat with salt and pepper and dredge lightly with flour. Roast in a slow oven (250°F) for about 3 hours, basting frequently with your rosemary bundle.

You will find that slow cooking is hard to resist. The result is tender, evenly cooked meat with an intense depth of flavor. Use a meat thermometer to reach your desired tempera-

ture. Cooking at 200-250°F is perfectly safe for almost any cut of meat.

CAPER GRavy

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup drippings from lamb (skim off melted fat)
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup drained capers

Make a roux (a light sauce made of butter and flour) in roasting pan and cook for 2 minutes. Pour the drippings into the roux and stir to mix well and prevent lumps. Cook 5 minutes.

Add pepper and cream. Add capers. Cook for an additional 2 minutes.

Chef's note: The reason for making a butter roux and not using the lamb fat is to achieve a mild lamb flavor. The lamb fat is often too overpowering. If you don't have enough pan juices for the gravy, add warm water to the right quantity. Finally use a whisk in making sauces and gravies.

Chef Carol Haskins is the pastry and consulting chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham. Haskins was the first certified female executive chef in Michigan.

Recipes inspired by Awrey Bakeries

See related story on Taste front.

AWREY STYLE STUFFING MIX

- 8 cups dry cubed bread (a 20 ounce loaf of Awrey Stuffing Bread, trimmed of crust)
- 1 tablespoon rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon dry minced oregano leaf
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dry minced parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt

Mix all ingredients together as listed, thoroughly coating cubes of dry bread in the seasoning ingredients. Store in an air-tight container at room temperature to use within 30 days.

To use mix - Melt 1/4 pound butter in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add 1 1/2 cups prepared chicken bouillon or canned chicken broth to the melted butter and stir in stuffing mix to moisten well, keeping the mixture on medium

heat until all dry pieces have been moistened in the butter-soup mixture.

Coat, cover and refrigerate until completely cold before applying to the cavities of a 10 to 16 pound turkey prior to oven roasting the bird. Remove stuffing from roasted bird before serving.

Recipe from Betty Jean Awrey, Awrey Bakeries, Inc.
Remember when the Fuzzy Navel cocktail was introduced? An Awrey Bakeries employee, who has since retired, invented a recipe for Fuzzy Navel Cake. The cake is no longer offered by Awrey Bakeries, but you can make it home. Betty Jean Awrey prepared this recipe for publication in "Traditions America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook" printed a couple of years ago by the Parade Company.

"It's delicious," said Awrey. And you'll discover it's easy to make too.

FUZZY NAVEL CAKE

- 1 box orange cake mix

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup peach jam
- Peach Buttercream Frosting - recipe follows

Using an orange cake mix, prepare the cake according to directions for two 8-inch round cakes. After the cakes are baked and cooled, pour 1/4 cup orange juice over each layer.

Spread one cake layer with peach jam. Place the other cake on top of the jam layer. Finish the cake with frosting it with peach butter frosting. Serves 8-10.

PEACH BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups plus 1/2 cup, plus another 1/2 cup sifted confectioners (powdered) sugar
- 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
- 2 large eggs - whites only
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 teaspoons water
- 1/2 cup peach jam

Note: You can substitute your favorite buttercream frosting. Add a splash of vanilla and peach jam for flavor.

A RECIPE TO SHARE

Cookbook benefits children with arthritis

If you're shopping for a holiday gift for someone who likes to cook, consider "A Slice of Life Cookbook."

Published by the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, the cookbook is a delicious collection of kitchen- and family-tested recipes. There are even some recipes by local chefs.

Cookbook proceeds benefit children with arthritis. "A Slice of Life Cookbook" is available for \$12.95 at many local bookstores, or by calling (248) 424-9001. Cookbook co-chairwoman Lori

Lipshaw called to share one of the recipes from the cookbook, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes submitted by Executive Chef Jeff Baldwin of Mac and Ray's Restaurant in Harrison Township.

ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

- 4 pounds red skin potatoes, washed well (unpeeled)
- 3 whole garlic bulbs, peeled into individual cloves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons whole butter, softened
- 1 cup julienne cut fresh spinach leaves

Salt and white pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat garlic cloves with olive oil and roast in oven until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven and reserve. Boil red skin potatoes until fork-tender and thoroughly drain.

While red skins are cooking, heat cream in a pot on a stove top until simmering. Add roasted garlic cloves to cream. Continue to simmer on low heat to thoroughly combine flavors. Mashed cooked red skins with a fork or potato press. Add butter, roasted garlic, cream, salt, pepper and spinach. Keep warm until ready to serve. Serves 5.

Go to the Web for latke recipes

MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the victory of the Maccabees against the ancient Greeks, and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It honors the miracle of a small flask of oil, which lasted eight days.

The Hebrew word "Hanukkah" comes from the same root as the word for education, "chinuch." The first night of Hanukkah 5760 (1999) is Friday, Dec. 3, and the last night of candle lighting is Friday, Dec. 10. The candles are lit starting at nightfall, and they should burn for at least half an hour.

It is traditional to give Hanukkah gelt (chocolate coins, or other presents) to children after testing them on Jewish subjects.

Typical fare for the holiday includes dishes prepared in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes), or sufganiot (doughnuts) to recall the miracle of the oil.

If you are looking for Hanukkah on the Net, you can find such things as a virtual dreidel, and a cantor to sing for you in real audio at www.jcn18.com/scripts/jcn18/paper/Article.asp?ArticleID=703.

There's even an on-line menorah, with daily candle lightings at www.torah.org/chanukah.html.

And, of course, there are recipes! So, fire up your comput-

er and visit any of these eight sites:

An easy recipe for perfect potato latkes can be found at the Hagshama Department of the World Zionist Organization Web site. The page is entitled, "A byte of Hanukkah." A recipe for sufganiot (doughnuts) is also available on the website at www.wzo.org.il/encount/recipes.htm.

Lots more latkes, as well as Italian or Parisian Hanukkah dinners for eight and more, can be found at <http://food.epicurious.com/ba/b02/menus/hanukah.html>. The site includes wine recommendations, and offers different recipes for each night of Hanukkah. Visitors may post reviews and cooking tips for individual recipes on the site.

Suggestions for putting variety in the holiday, while deepening your understanding of the celebration, can be found at www.jcn18.com/scripts/jcn18/paper/Article.asp?ArticleID=1853.

Follow the link to the JCN House of Latkes for some interesting twists, such as jalapeno latkes served with salsa. Note: This site may include far too much variety for some. One of these recipes was not kosher, as it called for crab meat. Perhaps you may want to try adding leeks, parsnips, zucchini, or carrots to a favorite recipe, instead.

While there are many latke recipes as there are grandmothers who made them, "crispy" is the word from friends that identifies some of the best latke fare. But, since "crispy" and "fried in oil" generally mean "fattening," I went surfing for some lighter latkes.

If you're not supposed to have so much oil, www.jfood.com offers the following solution: Spray a cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray or Pam and put your latkes in a hot (450 degree F) oven for about 5-8 minutes on each side.

A holiday menu that is healthy yet traditional stars lightened sweet potato latkes topped with golden cinnamon applesauce, and a slimmer-

down rice pudding. These recipes can be found at www.womensedge.com/holiday/recipes/hanukah/.

Healthy holiday recipes are showcased at www.maven.co.il/rasp/ID=10431.

"Oil is for menorahs" says the site, which provides a collection of hearty, yet low-fat fare. Web site author, Rosalyn F. Manasse, has published a cookbook, "Easy Kosher Cooking."

You'll also find links to other Jewish holiday menus are at her Web site.

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Following the link to Hanukkah recipes at www.ourdaily-bread.com/recipes/category/hanukah.htm yielded 11 holiday selections, with links to other recipes covering more than 30 categories, such as bagels and dairy-free fare.

The vegan section includes 45 vegetarian recipes. An easy ingredient applesauce recipe and directions for a delicious sweet and sour brislet were taken from the site. The brislet can be cooked on top of the stove, or in a Crock pot.

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Please pass the latkes, brisket

See related Hanukkah sites story.

PERFECT POTATO LATKES

- 6 large potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup flour

Grate potatoes and onion (preferably by hand). Remove excess liquid. Mix in other ingredients. Fry small spoonfuls until golden brown. Drain and serve hot.

Recipe from www.wzo.org.il/encount/recipes.htm

HANUKKAH SWEET-AND-SOUR BRISKET

- Yield: 8 Servings
- 6 pound beef brisket
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 large yellow onions, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 4 large celery stalks and leaves cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 8 ounces chili sauce or spicy ketchup
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, firm pack
- 1/3 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 12 ounces beer
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 4 large baking potatoes, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- Salt/pepper to taste

This dish may be simmered on top of the stove, or cooked in a Crockpot. You may make it in advance and chill in refrigerator up to 5 days or freeze it for up to six months. Wrap before freezing.

Sear meat, fat side down for from five to ten minutes. When brown, turn and brown on the other side. Remove brisket. Skim off any fat and discard, leaving drippings in pan. Add water, onions, celery, chili sauce, vinegar and molasses to pan and mix well. Return meat to pan, cover and cook over medium-low heat for 3 hours.

Add beer, paprika and potatoes. Re-cover and cook for an hour longer, adding water, if needed, to keep moist. Serve on warmed platter surrounded by potatoes and cooking liquid.

Crockpot directions: Sear meat as directed, then place all ingredients except salt and pepper in a large crockpot set on high heat. Cover and cook for 6 to 8 hours or until tender. Let brisket cool in liquid for 30 minutes, then transfer to a container.

Pour the cooking liquid and potatoes in a bowl. Discard bay leaves. Let cool for at least 2 hours, then skim off fat. Return liquid and potatoes to pot with a lid. Cut meat across grain into 1/4-inch slices; add to the liquid. Cover and reheat over low heat in Crockpot or heat in the microwave. Adjust seasonings. Serve on warmed platter surrounded by potatoes and cooking liquid.

Recipe from: www.our-daily-bread.com/recipes/hanukkah.htm

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Research patients

If you are depressed and are 18 years of age or older and you need treatment with antidepressant medication and you have had at least one previous episode of depression and your current depression is at least eight weeks long, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical study in major depression. Participants will receive free psychiatric evaluations by physicians specializing in the treatment of major depression; free study-related medical examination and laboratory evaluations and free study medications. Call the Psychopharmacology Research Corporation at (248) 932-1905 (28800 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 150), Farmington Hills.

Pre-marriage counsel

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers of Livonia will offer couples applying for a marriage license, counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple/\$15 single. Program runs from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 1. To register call (877) 345-5500.

Chemical sensitive

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends (MCSF) is a free support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants, such as smoke, fragrances, pesticides, cleaning supplies, new construction materials, etc. Informational meeting is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at 14550 Stonehouse Street in Livonia. Call (248) 349-4972 for information or a newsletter.

Fit to ski

Get conditioned for skiing as Frank Kava, M.S., P.T. presents a seminar for all individuals interested in skiing. The objective will be to identify common musculoskeletal weaknesses in skiers; demonstrate proper exercises to strengthen key muscles used for skiing; demonstrate proper stretching techniques for muscles important in skiing. Comfortable exercise attire is recommended. Program begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 through Oakland Physical Therapy P.C. at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physician Office Building), 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B 124 in Novi (at Grand River and Beck Roads). There is no charge for this class, but class size is limited. RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

Thyroid support

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet Jan. 10 with therapist Jacqui Magon Yoga, speaking. Members meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. For more information call Tracy Green (734) 455-7945. Or you can visit their Web site at <http://toimunity.nlive.com/ce/thyroid>.

The soy story

Learn more about the benefits of soy, different types of soy products and how to cook with soy. Cost is \$10. Program begins at 6 p.m. at the Providence Medical Office Center in Novi.

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Ken Birch-Wanbaugh is one of an estimated 45,000 women in Michigan who suffer from epilepsy. After more than a decade of seizures, emotional pressure, depression and discrimination, she's speaking out about her personal pain in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan during Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Birch-Wanbaugh, a resident of Livonia, looks back over the last 12 years and quietly breathes a sigh of relief. She's been seizure free since May 1998 after undergoing brain surgery under the care of Henry Ford Hospital neurologist Dr. David Burdette and neurosurgeon Dr. Kost Elisevich.

The 31-year-old was not born with epilepsy but began having seizures in 1987 after a serious auto collision from which she suffered a closed head injury and slipped into a six-hour coma.

A common misconception about the neurological disorder is that people are born with epilepsy. On the contrary, 70 percent of cases have no known cause while the remaining 30 percent are frequently caused by head trauma, brain tumor, stroke, poisoning, infection or maternal injury.

"My life really changed after the car accident," said Birch-Wanbaugh. "I was 19 years old, trying to go to school, work and have a social life and I was having grand mal seizures that were really impacting the three things that were most important to me."

The trauma her head suffered led to disturbances in the electrical activity of the brain. These disturbances would take the form of seizures. Epilepsy is actually a generic term for a variety of seizure disorders differentiated by recurring seizures of varying degrees that affect the nervous system.

Birch-Wanbaugh's grand mal seizures continued for two years beyond her car accident with no relief from medication. They would most often occur during her menstrual cycle due to changes in her hormones, over the holidays and at final exam time when her stress and anxiety level was up. Usually a temporal lobe seizure would precede the grand mal. These are "red flags" so-to-speak, an individual experiences prior to the grand mal. Temporal lobe seizures do not result in unconsciousness or convulsions but in "auras" or brief periods of time when the person appears to be staring off in a trance for nearly one minute.

Asking for help

Living in Lansing at the time, Birch-Wanbaugh was forced to rely on the kindness of friends, college acquaintances and the public transportation system to go to school, shopping, the grocery store, or out socially. "Not being able to drive wasn't easy. Especially being in my 20s. It was really hard to have to rely on people to take me places and I was too stubborn to ask my parents for help," recalled Birch-Wanbaugh. "Some of my friends just stopped calling me."

A person with epilepsy isn't eligible for a driver's license unless they are seizure free for at least six months.

The stress from the seizures and depression took their toll and she eventually dropped out of college. "I went for a good part of the semester without telling my family. I would just go and sit in the lobby. The only person that knew was my best friend at the time."

Then in the spring of 1989, Birch-Wanbaugh met her future husband, Jeff, a Redford Township police officer. The Livonia woman says it was Wanbaugh who put her at ease about her disorder by coming right out on their first date and asking questions. "He drilled me with questions. He never had a problem with it and has been amazingly supportive."

The pair were married in 1994 and she continued on what she calls a "roller coaster" of mood swings and weight gain from her constantly changing medications. Eight months into their marriage the Livonia couple learned they were expecting a child. Here was considered a high-risk pregnancy because it was necessary for her to remain on epilepsy medication because a grand mal seizure could easily harm the baby.

Although Nicholas Wanbaugh weighed less than 5 pounds at birth he was healthy and proved to be the turning point in his mother's life. "I was still having seizures after he was born and I worried I would have one when I was holding him. I didn't want to have my son grow up watching me have seizures."

After reading about a surgical procedure in a newsletter from the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, she met at length with a neurologist from Henry Ford Hospital who initially prescribed two different medications before considering surgery. Neither worked.

She then underwent six months of testing according to Dr. Kost Elisevich, senior staff member of the department of neurosurgery and surgical director of the epilepsy program at Henry Ford Hospital. One of the last procedures Birch-Wanbaugh went through during the phase I series of tests involved her

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It's not uncommon for patients have seizures after the surgery but they're significantly reduced in number and intensity. Elisevich estimates that 70-80 percent of patients who undergo surgery come away seizure free.

"From a psychological standpoint brain surgery is quite a thing to go through. I have a lot of respect and awe for patients when you realize what they go through and how debilitating a seizure disorder can be."

In November 1998, Birch-Wanbaugh, six months seizure-free, received her driver's license after 11 years without one. "It was incredible to be able to go places without leaving to rely on someone else to take me there."

Today, 18 months after the surgery, Birch-Wanbaugh is fully recovered from brain surgery with only a memory of her epilepsy. "I want people to understand that there is no stereotypical epileptic. Epilepsy has been a closet disease too long. There are more than twice as many people with epilepsy than there are of people with muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and cystic fibrosis combined."

Best friend: Keni Birch-Wanbaugh gets a hug from her son, Nicholas. After his 1996 birth, the Livonia mother decided to undergo brain surgery to improve her seizure situation.

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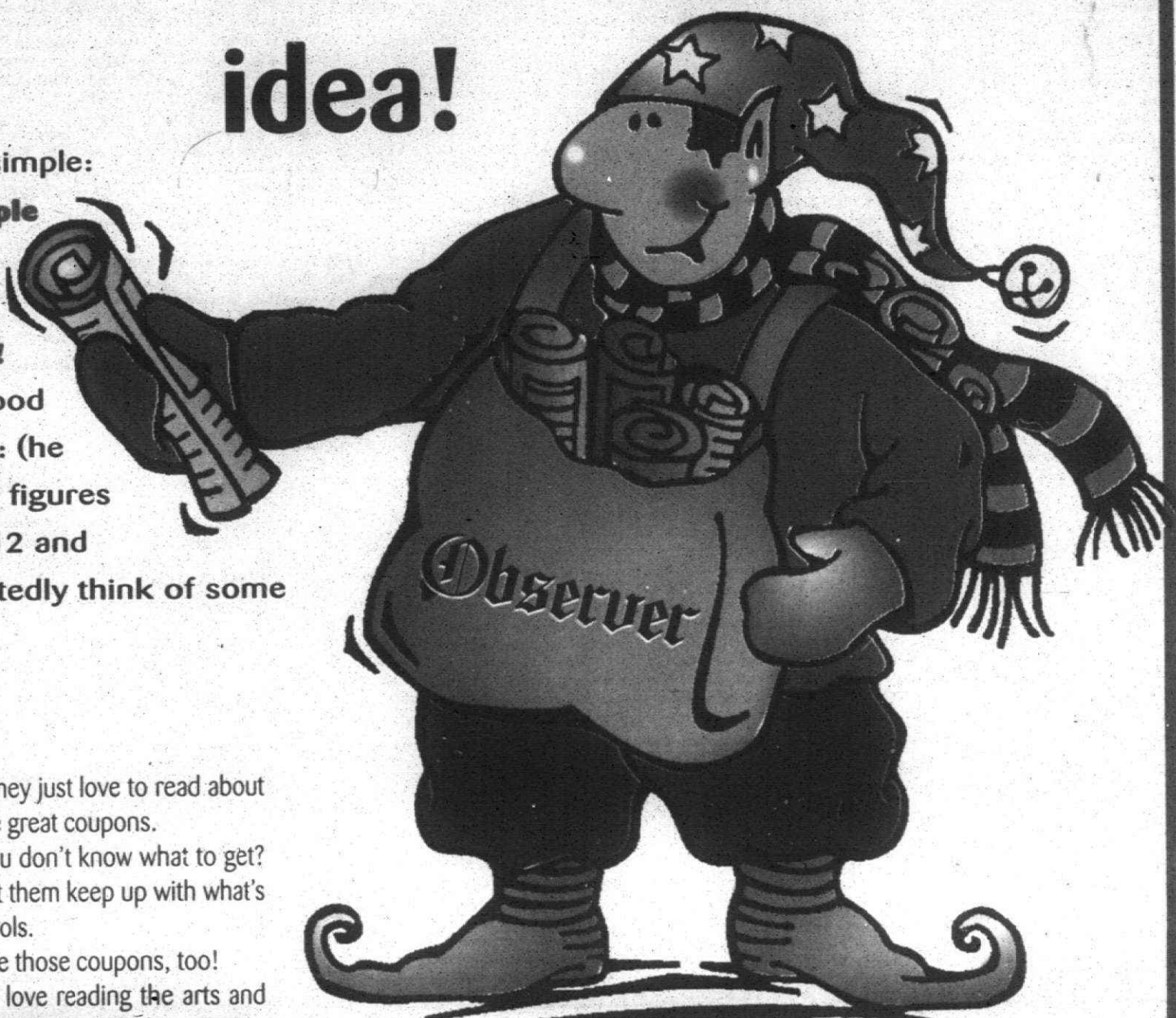
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**Give those special people
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