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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holiday closings: Canton Township offices will be closed Friday-Monday, Dec. 24-27, for the Christmas holiday. Offices at 1150 S. Canton Center will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Summit on the Park will be open for swimming and other activities 8 a.m.-noon Friday, Dec. 24. The community center will be closed Saturday. For further information on holiday hours call (734) 397-5110.

The Canton Public Library will be closed Friday-Sunday, Dec. 24-26. It will reopen at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

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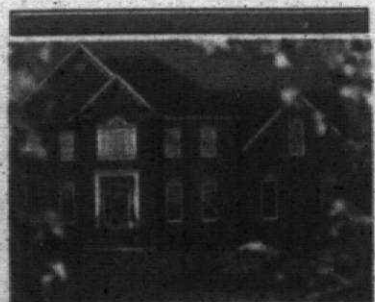
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Trustee makes abrupt departure

■ Citing personal reasons, longtime Plymouth-Canton school board member Roland Thomas resigned his seat Friday. The board will appoint someone to fill the remaining 1½ years of Thomas' term.

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Saying only that the reason is "very personal," Plymouth-Canton school board member Roland Thomas Friday morning resigned from his position on the Board of Education.

Moments after voting in favor of hiring Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher as the district's next superintendent in a special meeting, Thomas handed fellow trustees a one-sentence letter announcing his resignation.

"Effective January 1, 2000, I am resigning my position as trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education," the letter said.

After giving out the announcement, Thomas walked out of the meeting as other board members continued executive session.

In effect, it was the last meeting for Thomas. The school board doesn't meet again until Jan. 11.

"There will be an appropriate time to

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Roland Thomas

Superintendent pact sets \$125,000 salary

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Friday afternoon offered a contract to Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher, 50, to become the district's next CEO.

And, if all goes well, the i's could be dotted and the t's could be crossed as early as next week.

"We sat down and compared notes," said Booher. "We'll probably get together next week to continue discussions. The track for closure is very soon."

School board President Sue Davis

and Trustee Mark Slavens met with Booher Friday afternoon in Berkley, offering her a contract. Davis is hoping to have negotiations wrapped up by the end of the year.

No one is officially saying how much Booher is being offered; however, sources indicate the contract is worth \$125,000 a year. Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said it's "safe to assume the offer is more than the \$120,000 former superintendent Chuck Little made" before he left last July.

If a contract is extended and final-

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Primary fails to excite

■ PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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A scant turnout is expected in Canton and Plymouth for the Feb. 22 presidential primary.

Just 10 to 15 percent of registered voters are likely to cast ballots, according to local officials. Voters must register by Jan. 24 to be eligible for the primary.

"It's usually a very low turnout," Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said. "I guess people don't have an interest in it, generally."

Anyone may vote for candidates from any party.

While the ballot will not become official until Dec. 21, a number of Republican, Democrat and Reform party candidates are already certified. According to the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections, they

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Just in time for the holidays



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Trim that tree: The Canton Historical Society held its holiday bake/craft sale last Saturday at the museum on Heritage Drive.

Township board gives developers final OK

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Cherry Hill Village is a step closer to reality.

The massive development, which will include at least 1,300 homes on 338 acres on the township's far west end, was granted final approval Tuesday by Canton's Board of Trustees. Ground-breaking is scheduled for late spring or early summer next year.

"I think we have a really dynamic plan," said Biltmore Properties Vice President David Stollman. "I believe it

will turn out to be what everyone wants it to be."

The Troy-based development firm will have spent nearly two years and several million dollars on the project by the time the first shovel hits dirt. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said Biltmore's hard work has paid off in terms of planning.

"It's probably the most complete (planned development district) submission we've seen," he said. "By far."

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE

Cherry Hill will be bordered by Saltz Road in the north, Proctor in the south, Napier in the west and Denton in the east.

Biltmore is incorporating the village's history, in terms of existing buildings and architectural styles, into the project.

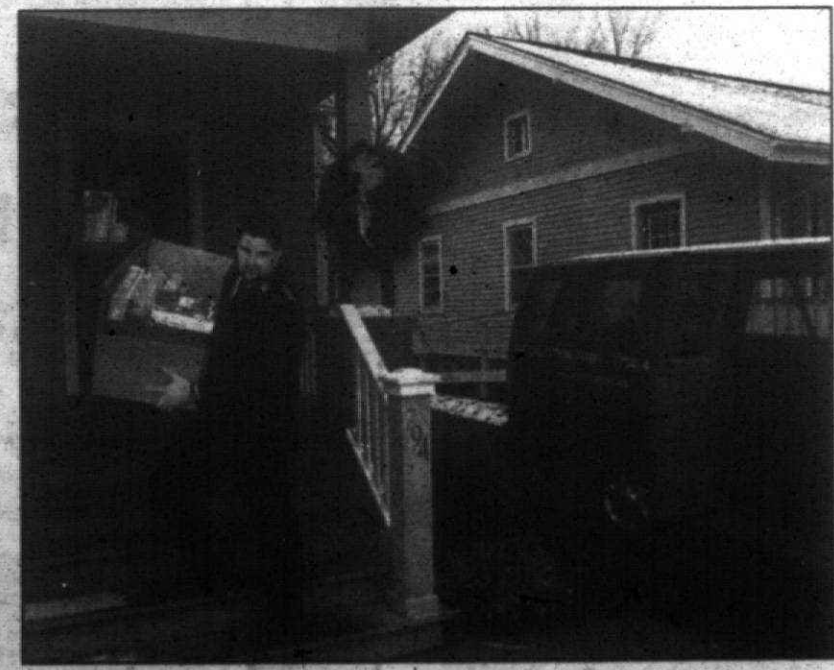
Cherry Hill School, for example, will be at the new village's center. The village church and cemetery will be important elements in the development

as well. Biltmore was granted preliminary PDD approval in September. Several minor changes were made to the final plan.

An additional parkway was added. It will connect a wooded square near the village's core at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads to a large park in the southeastern part of the development.

A conscious effort has been made to preserve open space in Cherry Hill, according to developers. A system of parks, greens, squares and bicycle

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Collection day: Salvation Army Lt. Jim Spencer (foreground) and Observer reporter Scott Daniel haul donated items from the Observer office on Main Street in Plymouth into the Salvation Army van Thursday.

Cheer Club

Salvation Army, Observer end another campaign

The Observer office in Plymouth no longer looks like the toddler aisle at Toys 'R Us or the canned goods section at your favorite supermarket.

That's because another Cheer Club campaign has wrapped up. And thanks to generous readers of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, disadvantaged area families will have a merry Christmas.

The Salvation Army van pulled up to the Observer office Thursday to collect dozens of packages donated by readers since the Cheer Club campaign started Nov. 22. There were toys, games, dolls, hand-knitted scarves, gloves and blankets, as well as store-bought winter clothes and enough packaged food to last well into the next millennium.

The donations will be distributed to families in Plymouth, Canton and

Northville throughout the holiday season.

The Observer wishes to thank all who donated to this year's campaign and became "members" of our Cheer Club. Contributions in the last week have come from:

Plymouth residents Doyal and Bea Gray; Peggy Soave and Mike Beercroft; Kim, Ellen, Emily, Alison and Alex Arble; Brian, Donna, Adam and Gerard Hubbell; Christian, Maribeth and Sara Gietzen; Julie Krause; Beth and Carol Carole.

Canton residents Marc and Nancy Faerber; Chuck and Cindy Martin; Tom and CC Sovine; Joanne Rajt; The Simpson family;

Plymouth Township residents Shirley Keil; Alan and Marry Ann Van

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Canton police corner, ticket Peeping Tom

A 35-year-old Canton man was arrested for being a Peeping Tom early Thursday morning.

According to township police reports, officers went to the 2000 block of Briarfield at 6:40 a.m. on a call that the man was looking through the window of a home on the street.

Canton officers found a man walking down Briarfield near the home. After asking what he was doing, officers searched the man and discovered a digital video camera.

The 35-year-old man told police that he had passed by the home six to eight times hoping to

"catch a glimpse" of an 18-year-old girl in her window. A witness said a man had been watching the home for months.

Police issued the man a citation for being a disorderly person - Peeping Tom. He now has a 35th District Court appearance date of Jan. 14 in Plymouth.

Police don't believe the 35-year-old man is the same man involved in three Peeping Tom incidents in Canton last month.

Larceny

A compact disc player was reported stolen from the car of a 29-year-old Canton man either

late Monday or early Tuesday. Someone smashed the driver-side window of the 1997 Chevy Cavalier to get at the stereo, which was valued at \$240, police reports said. The incident occurred in the 7000 block of Meadowbrook.

MDOP

About \$1,400 worth of damage was done to a 21-year-old Canton man's car Monday. Someone used a hammer to

smash out the rear and passenger-side windows of the vehicle, a 1987 Oldsmobile. Several body panels were also smashed, reports said.

Fraud

A fake \$20 bill was discovered at a Michigan Avenue gas station Wednesday.

Reports said the bill was exchanged for service, although the type of service wasn't specified.

COP CALLS

Retail fraud

A 41-year-old Grayling man was arrested for trying to shoplift at \$75 coat from Meijer Wednesday.

Police reports said the man went into a fitting room and then concealed the jacket. The 41-year-old man then tried to leave the store but was stopped by store loss prevention officers. Canton Police later discovered three outstanding arrest warrants for the Grayling man.

Home invasion

A 20-year-old Canton man and

his girlfriend were the victims of a home invasion late Tuesday.

The couple were unloading groceries at their home in the 1700 block of Regency when two men came in behind them, reports said. One of the suspects, who was described as 5-foot-10-inches and 180 pounds, pushed the Canton man over his couch saying, "You ripped off my boy, now your ass is ours."

Reports said the 20-year-old man got up, punched a second suspect and ran out of the apartment. The two suspects eventually caught up with him, but no further punches were thrown.

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discuss why, but not now," said Thomas. "It's too emotional to talk about it."

"I thought about this for about a week," he said. "It has nothing to do with my colleagues, the new high school or the hiring of Kathleen Boohar, whom I fully support."

Thomas would only say it was a "situation that drove me to the decision."

"I made a commitment to myself and the community that when I couldn't be objective as a board member on certain issues I would step down," he added. "I'm very principled."

Thomas has spent two stints totaling 15 1/2 years on the

board. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in July 1982. In June 1983, he was re-elected and served three consecutive four-year terms. After taking a couple of years off, Thomas ran again and was elected in June 1997 to a four-year seat.

"I'm just shocked," was Trustee Judy Mardigan's reaction. "Roland brings a lot of experience to the board."

"None of us had any previous knowledge," added Trustee Liz Givens. "He'll be sorely missed." A couple of board members expressed hope Thomas would reconsider.

"He's a seasoned member of

the board. I hope he reconsiders, but I'll respect his decision either way," said board member Darwin Watts.

"He gives us a history of what has happened in the district, which is especially helpful to new board members and the new superintendent," said Trustee Steve Guile. "I hope he reconsiders."

Thomas will be leaving with approximately 1 1/2 years left on his term. The Board of Education will appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the June 2000 school board election. The MI, 48170, or call the community relations office at (734) 416-2757.

Anyone interested in being appointed to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education can send a letter to Judy Mardigan, Board Secretary, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 464 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or call the community relations office at (734) 416-2757.

Contract from page A1

ized soon, Boohar said she would be able to start her new position some time in February.

In a 7 a.m. board meeting Friday, trustees voted 7-0 to offer Boohar a pact. The vote came one day after teams of school board members and community leaders visited Berkeley schools in an all-day site visit to find out more about Boohar before officially offering the contract. "I met with board members, various staff, assistant superintendents, business leaders ... and everyone was extremely positive about her," said Slavens.

"They talked about her leadership qualities, her vision. She's also very good at involving the schools with the business community and local government."

"We tried and tried and tried to find negatives about her, but we couldn't," said trustee Liz Givens. "I don't think we learned anything new, but we reaffirmed that she's an excellent leader, she knows how to deal with people, gets things done efficiently and people enjoy working with her."

Davis said many in Berkeley noted Boohar's high standards.

"She has high expectations and everyone is expected to work to the level she expects," said Davis. "She's visible in the community and the parents love her."

And I heard over and over about her great communication skills. Pioneer Middle School Principal Tom Owens was one of those who participated in the site visit, and told board members he's excited at the possibility of working with Boohar.

"We heard that she's an independent thinker, does things logically and is a technology leader," said Owens. "One of the

comments we heard is that she lets teachers color outside the lines."

Boohar said if she signs the contract, she'll move into the district with her husband, Steven Bassett.

"I think it's important to be in the community where the school district is," said Boohar. "I'll be relocating."

Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott said that while his contract with Plymouth-Canton ends in mid-January, he may be able to help fulfill the superintendent's duties until Boohar comes on board.

Cheer Club from page A1

Kerkhove; Leona Bargende; and Terri Barbara;

Ed McDiarmid of Southgate; Susan Haar's first grade class at Tonda Elementary School; Daisy

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2-year Sheldon shutdown may be avoided

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Officials from Wayne County Public Services, the City of Plymouth, and Plymouth Township agreed Monday to study alternative measures to a two-year closure of Sheldon Road at the railroad crossing.

A railroad bridge is being built there next year.

The county will provide a report at the end of the third

week in January.

"The report will look at options that were discussed with the county relative to the bypass road," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services. "There are a number of physical limitations to the site, such as engineering factors, soil condition, etc. The report will include these factors in the analysis and the evaluation of the various options. The intent of the analysis will be to eliminate and/or reduce the closure

RAILROAD OVERPASS PROJECT

period for Sheldon Road to a minimum time period. The cost/benefit ratio will also be included in the analysis."

The Plymouth Township board is expected to discuss this report at its first public meeting in February.

According to Wayne County officials, the only potential route for a temporary bypass road is

along the west side of the project, through the parking lot of the multi-tenant building on Sheldon Road owned by REDICO Management Inc., which is in the southwest quadrant of the project.

REDICO is concerned about the impact of losing the parking lot for such a length of time, according to Kevin Maillard,

director of engineering for Wayne County Public Services. Negotiations are expected to be reopened with REDICO.

"We want to minimize the impact," said John Roach, public relations spokesperson for Wayne County Public Services. "We are putting forth a good faith effort."

The county will look at ways to stage the construction before it needs to close Sheldon Road totally, Roach said.

"If all parties don't agree, the project won't happen," Roach said.

The county plans to construct a railroad bridge at the railroad crossing. There are 15 railroad crossings in Plymouth and Plymouth Township and the new railroad overpass and Sheldon Road underpass are expected to provide more convenience for motorists who are frequently held up in traffic that backs up from the railroad crossings.

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Amber Alert links police, media on kidnappings

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A planned link between law enforcement and the electronic media is designed to foil child kidnappings in Michigan in their early stages.

Amber Alert, through which a police agency can, with a single fax, inform all radio and television stations in its area of a child abduction, has proven successful in Texas and California, its proponents said Thursday.

The systems can make the public, including motorists who are listening to their vehicle radios, the eyes and ears of the police shortly after a kidnapping is confirmed.

"We think this is a really terrific program," said U.S. Sen.

Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) on Thursday. "It'll give us one more tool to be as effective as we can."

"It should be effectively implemented in every corner of this country," said Mark Klaas, the father of a 12-year-old, Polly Klaas, who was abducted in California in 1993 and later murdered.

Abraham, Klaas, Michigan State Police Sgt. Greg Jones and others joined Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Police Chief Pete Kunst at Livonia Police Department headquarters Thursday to announce the program.

Amber Alert of Michigan president Robin Trumbull said the system should be up and running by March.

With Amber Alert, named after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas, who

was kidnapped and killed in 1996, police fax descriptions of the child, his or her abductor and any vehicle involved to Michigan State Police, along with other relevant information, once they confirm an abduction has taken place and the child is in danger.

State police then notify the media in that area. Radio stations are to interrupt programming, while television stations can display it in a "crawl" across the bottom of viewers' screens.

"By activating Amber Alert, we create a net," Jones said.

The system has been successful in two cases, Trumbull said.

In one, a motorist spotted an abductor's pickup truck minutes after a broadcast and called police. In another, an abductor

who heard his own description on the radio got scared and returned the child.

"It's much more effective when you've got 10,000 people looking for a perpetrator" as opposed to a dozen or so law enforcement officials, Trumbull said.

Kunst said the system would save critical time in the case of child abductions. Right now, he said, a detective would have to be pulled off the case to notify all broadcast outlets individually and explain the details.

"In a critical incident, such as an abduction, time is of the essence," Kunst said.

In order to prevent abuses, a standard set of criteria would have to be met before a case could be broadcast on Amber Alert, Jones said. The exact criteria have not been finalized, he

said. Klaas said that when his daughter was kidnapped, it was decided the information should not be for the media. Therefore, it was not broadcast to police in the field because it was feared the media would be monitoring the police radio frequency.

Two sheriff's deputies unwittingly helped the abductor 20 minutes after the kidnapping, Klaas said.

"They helped him pull his car out of a ditch and sent him on his way. Unbelievable," he said.

Trumbull said Amber Alert of Michigan has applied for non-profit status and is accepting donations. Trumbull, of Battle Creek, can be contacted at (616) 964-7100 or (616) 789-1302, or via e-mail at ameralert@mi.net.



U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham

June 10
Klaas said his organization, the Klaas Kids Foundation, will match up to \$3,000, donations to Amber Alert of Michigan.

Business panel gives upbeat forecast for metro economy

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After nine years of economic expansion, one of the longest periods of growth in U.S. history, a slowdown could actually provide some welcome relief.

"There is going to be a mild pullback, there is no question," Larry Yost, chairman and CEO of Meritor Automotive, told members of the Detroit Economic Club Monday, Dec. 13, during its annual Economic Outlook Luncheon.

"For those of us that are in the (auto) industry, it is expected. Not only expected, it is welcomed ... We look it as an opportunity to get some breathing space ... It is time for us to get back to basics. There are a lot of things we need to work on, time to market, time to customer. And given all the overtime that we have all been putting in, it is really important that we get back into balance our work and families, because people have been spending too much time at work."

Still, that "pull back" won't necessarily be recessionary. Yost explained that while initial projections for the year 2000 had been that the economy would see at least one quarter of "negative numbers," the belief now is that overall the economy will grow 3 percent for the year. He said he could only describe that as "robust."

That was the consensus of the remainder of the panel, selected

by the Economic Club to give a look ahead at business, jobs and spending for the coming year ... at least one more year of growth before any slow down is anticipated.

In fact, Eugene Miller, chairman and CEO of Comerica Bank, said the biggest danger to the U.S. economic outlook is that "federal spending is accelerating in anticipation of the election next year. The markets no longer look kindly at election year."

Tim O'Brien, of O'Brien Waterford Construction in Pontiac, told the Economic Club he foresees a 7 percent growth in the construction industry in the Detroit area, surpassing the national expectations for the building industry. In the Detroit area, construction will continue to be dominated by "mega-projects," like casinos and sports stadiums in Detroit, he said. "Housing starts will likely decline by about 7.5 percent. Despite that drop, the decline in units represents a number similar to what was the entire market only a few short years ago."

The biggest obstacle to construction is a shortage of labor, O'Brien said.

Floyd Hall, chairman, president and CEO of the Troy-based Kmart Corp., said that even if there is a slow down in the economy generally, an "anticipated increase in the population in the Detroit metropolitan region" will bring retailers here more cus-

tomers.

The real challenge to retailers, he said, will be the growth of e-commerce, purchases made over the Internet. It won't be additional spending, he concluded. The money spent on purchases made over the World Wide Web will be money transferred from more traditional "bricks and mortar" retailers. But, he predicted, as more traditional retailers enter the e-commerce arena, there will likely be a shakeout of companies doing business on the Web. Kmart, for instance, plans to jump into sales over the Web in the coming year, he said.

Miller said he believes the current booming economy can be sustained into the next century, as long as business and political leaders remember what brought us to this point.

Miller said the Federal Reserve's "focused resolve" at keeping fluctuations in interest rates down has had much to do with that growth.

Additionally, four factors have contributed to the length and strength of the current economic boom - declining inflation and a strong dollar, streamlining of businesses, both through mergers and internal cost cutting; waves of new technology; and increased globalization of trade.

If businesses and political leaders remain focused on those areas, Miller said, it should be "more of the same" for the economy in the future.

Madonna launches adult nurse practitioner master's program

Anticipating the future career needs of nurses, Madonna University in Livonia will offer a new master's degree and certificate program with an adult nurse practitioner specialty. The program, which begins in January 2000, prepares nurses to diagnose and manage primary health needs of adults.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, future career opportunities will be best for nurses with advanced education and training, such as nurse practitioners. Overall, the Bureau predicts that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average, or

21 to 35 percent, for all occupations through the year 2006.

"The adult nurse practitioner specialty provides the advanced practice nurse with the knowledge to make sophisticated health management decisions," said Dr. Mary Wawrzynski, dean of the College of Nursing and Health. "The training is vital, since an increasing number of complex procedures, which once were performed only in hospitals, are being carried out in physician's offices and clinics."

The adult practitioner specialization will be offered as a master of science in nursing degree, as well as a post-master's certi-

cate for nurses who already possess a master of nursing degree.

Upon completion of either the master's degree or the certificate, students will have the educational theory and clinical practice necessary to take the National Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification exam through the American Nurse Credentialing Center and become licensed as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Michigan.

Students enrolled in the program will benefit from the expertise of faculty members who are active nurse practitioners.

"The nursing faculty are pleased and excited to now offer the adult nurse practitioner specialty and post master's certificate. The nurse practitioner specialty will allow our graduates to work in multiple practice settings, offering comprehensive primary health care in collaboration with other health providers," said Betty Dornbrook, assistant professor and a nurse practitioner.

Dornbrook will coordinate the program with Deborah Dunn, also an assistant professor and nurse practitioner. Assistant professors Gail Lis and Theresa

Jamison, nurse practitioner, will teach in the program along with Dunn and Dornbrook.

For convenience of students, classes will be scheduled in the evenings and other suitable times.

"We recognize that students who enroll in the program will most likely be working adults, so we have designed the program so it can be completed on a part-time basis," said Dr. Edith Raleigh, dean of graduate studies.

The Madonna University nursing program was established in 1962 and is one of the largest

four-year nursing programs in Michigan. At the graduate level, the College of Nursing and Health also offers a master of science in nursing with specialties in nursing administration, adult health, chronic health conditions, as well as a dual degree in nursing administration and business. The adult practitioner post-graduate certificate joins two existing certificates for the nurse educator and nurse entrepreneur.

For more information, call Madonna University's graduate studies office at (734) 432-5667 or e-mail muinfo@smtp.munet.edu

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an uncommitted ballot in each party if none of the candidates capture their fancy.
 In the city of Plymouth, 6,900 residents are registered. Clerk Linda Langmesser thinks the primary's timing will have a lot to do with the number of votes cast.
 "A lot of people go south for

the winter," she said. "It's usually a pretty low turnout."
 The city had a 13-percent turnout in the 1996 primary.
 "I think it will be in that range again," Langmesser said. "I wouldn't expect anything more than that."

Plymouth has shrunk from five to four voting precincts. Central Middle School will host precinct No. 3, while the rest will be at Plymouth's Cultural Center.
 Plymouth Township, meanwhile, will have one new precinct and a total of 17 in February.

The new precinct will be at Temple Baptist Church. The precinct is bounded by Beck and Napier roads running east and west, Ann Arbor Trail and North Territorial running north and south.
 The township has 20,000 registered voters. Deputy Clerk Sandy Growth declined to predict what the primary turnout will be but said, "We expect it to be low."

In Canton, 12 percent of registered voters participated in 1996. Bennett expects similar numbers this time. More than half likely will come from absentee voters.
 "We have a pretty strong and active senior population," Bennett said, noting that senior citizens comprise the bulk of such voters. "We've made out 9,000 (absentee) applications for people over 60."

Each precinct typically has three workers: a chairman, vice chairman and inspector. Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 for the day.
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trails are just a few ways that's being done, they say.
 Other changes include realignment of some home lots. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said the move was made to take advantage of natural features in Cherry Hill.
 "By and large," she added, "this plan is as we've seen it in the past."

Biltmore was also more time to complete Cherry Hill

than a typical planned development. Township ordinance requires that PDDs be finished in six years. But Biltmore will have 15 years to finish after trustees granted an extension as part of the final approval.
 Housing prices at Cherry Hill Village are expected to range from \$130,000 to \$500,000.
 Smaller, less-expensive homes — such as "cottage" and "village" lots — will be near the village

center. According to Biltmore, the idea is to have many residents within walking distance of downtown shops and restaurants.
 "Estate" lots will be larger and located at the development's perimeters. Some will feature wooded enclaves.
 Community planner Jeff Goulet said Cherry Hill Village will be developed in phases over at least five years.

Phase one, Stollman said, would include 289 units. The phase would spread from the village center east to near Denton Road.
 The phase would include a variety of housing types, said Goulet. Density will be limited to four homes per acre throughout the development, he added.
 Biltmore will go before Canton's Planning Commission next month with phase one plans.

OBITUARIES

RUTH D. MUNSHAW

Services for Ruth D. Munshaw, 88, of Chelsea, were Dec. 18 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.
 She was born June 22, 1911, in Ambler, Mich. She died Dec. 13 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker. She attended business school at Davenport College in Grand Rapids. She was an executive secretary for the vice president of the A&P grocery Co. She was a secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.
 Survivors include her son, Randy F. Munshaw of Wayne; one daughter, Cara (Cal) M. Frappier of Lansing; one brother, Max Switzer of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Phyllis Larsen of Big Rapids, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Arielle Frappier.
 Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley

Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or to Chelsea Retirement Community, Alzheimer's Unit, 801 W. Mission St., Chelsea, MI 48118.
DOROTHY FAY CLARK
 Services for Dorothy Fay Clark, 75, of Plymouth were Dec. 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with David Thomas officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.
 She was born Sept. 5, 1924, in Detroit. She died Dec. 11 in Plymouth Township. She was a homemaker and enjoyed being a part-time guide at Greenfield Village for many years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Livonia. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Plymouth. She loved to watch sports on TV and was an avid reader.
 Survivors include her husband, Robert of Plymouth; one daughter, Cynthia A. (Dennis) Saulsbury of Plymouth; one son,

Robert D. (Brenda) Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Daniel L. Sparks of Lansing; two grandchildren, Clark D. Saulsbury of Plymouth, Rachel N. Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; and one great-granddaughter, Kristina A. Saulsbury.
 Memorials may be made to the Rochester College, Rochester, Mich.
HELEN CECILIA HASTINGS
 Services for Helen Cecilia Hastings, 83, of Plymouth were Dec. 17 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence A. Pettie officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.
 She was born May 4, 1916, in Detroit. She died Dec. 13 in Plymouth. She participated in numerous community organizations as well as activities at her church. She was an active leader in Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts when her children were young. In later years, she served as a

sponsor to church converts, sang in the church choir, served on the local Council on Aging and was active on a bowling team, the O.L.G.C. "Fifty-Plus" Club, the Plymouth Creditors, and the Plymouth Township Seniors Group at Friendship Station. Her hobbies included playing cards, bird watching and craft projects.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, George L. in 1983. Survivors include her two sons, George Hastings Jr. (Gail Brod-fuehrer) of Virginia, Thomas H. Hastings (Allen McCue) of California; one daughter, Mary M. (George) Abick of Plymouth; three sisters; and three grandchildren, William, Helen, and Emma.
 Memorials may be made to Karmans Cancer Institute or the Individualized Home Nursing Care, a hospice organization in Ann Arbor.

1.6 million to travel over the Christmas holidays

An estimated 1.6 million Michiganians — 17 percent of state residents — have travel plans for the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey. The number represents an increase over last year, when 1.4 million state residents made holiday travel plans.

Although 71 percent of travelers surveyed plan on visiting relatives, only 37 percent of those traveling will remain in Michigan. Popular destinations outside Michigan include Florida (18 percent), California (13 percent) and Indiana (13 percent).

Six percent of respondents indicated they have special travel plans related to the celebration of the Year 2000.

"We anticipate busy travel volumes — on land, sea and air," said AAA Michigan Director of Vendor Relations and Travel Support Larry Dickens. "We're booking cruises and land packages this season. As usual, we urge travelers to plan ahead and remain calm when things get crowded."

Other survey findings:
 ■ The average trip will include three travelers and last eight days — three days longer than the

average Thanksgiving weekend trip — and the average amount spent will be nearly \$850.

■ Eighty-four percent of the trips planned will be inside the United States, with 87 percent of those trips exceeding 100 miles.

■ Most of the Michigan destinations will be in the Lower Peninsula (93 percent), and these are most likely to be in the northwest (23 percent), southwest (10 percent) and central (19 percent) regions.

■ Seventy-two percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van. Thirty-two percent will travel by air, an increase of six percentage

points over last year.

TOP 10 DESTINATIONS

Based on requests for AAA TourBook (guides and TripTik) routings, this winter's top 10 destinations (including Christmas/New Year holiday period) are:

By air: 1) Orlando, 2) Las Vegas, 3) Tampa, 4) Phoenix, 5) Caribbean.

By land: 1) Florida (Orlando, Daytona, Gulf Coast), 2) South Carolina (Myrtle Beach), 3) New York (NYC and ski resorts), 4) Ontario (Niagara Falls, Toronto), 5) Illinois (Chicago).

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 39 cents more for a gallon of gas this year.

Nationwide, a near-record 44.6 million Americans are expected to travel during the Christmas/New Year's holiday — the second-highest number for any holiday period. Growth in travel for this period has increased 63 percent since the beginning of the decade. Approximately 35 million people plan to travel by auto this holiday period, while 9.6 million will go by plane, train or bus.

The official 78-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23, and runs to midnight Sunday, Dec. 26. The 1999-2000 New Year holiday period (also 78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, eight persons died in Michigan in eight fatal traffic crashes. None of the crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by two of the victims who had belts available.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes statewide. At least two of last

year's crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by four of the victims who had belts available.

AAA Michigan reminds motorists that, as of Oct. 1, 1999, they will face tough new drunk driving laws. Drivers convicted of drunk driving now face severe consequences, including loss of vehicle.

AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of non-alcoholic drink recipes, visit News & Info at www.aaamich.com).

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Far from home

Exchange students deal with being away for the holidays

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For hundreds of area foreign exchange students, this holiday season will be their first away from home. They will think about family and friends back home, but, thanks to host families, few will be homesick. They look forward to participating in American holiday customs and sharing a few of their own.

Ha uskaa joulua!

If Satu Rehumaki, 17, a foreign exchange student at Plymouth Canton High School, were spending the holidays at home in Oulu, Finland, she would head to the sauna on Christmas Eve morning. It's a Finnish tradition. "It's to get clean for the new year," she said.

She would attend church with her family in the late afternoon and sit down around 6 p.m. to a feast of ham and several vegetable casseroles. Afterward, there would be a visit from Santa Claus, or *Joulupukki*, who, according to Rehumaki, comes from Finland.

"Ya, he lives there, in Lap-

land."

This year, Rehumaki may play a few Finnish Christmas carols for her host parents, Ken and Mary Beardsley. She has studied classical music for 10 years, and the Canton Rotary, which sponsored her visit, rented a piano for her. Of she may attempt once again to make Finnish meatballs with her host dad. Their initial effort for a school project was less than successful.

"It was like meatballs with dill relish in the middle," said Ken Beardsley. "After we stiffened it up to make it stick, I wasn't sure it was Finnish."

Mutlu Yillar!

Melis Mani, 18, a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia, comes from Ankara, Turkey. She has settled into the home of Ron and Deanna Gaffne, compliments of the Livonia Rotary's foreign exchange student program. She will be with the Gaffnes through the holidays before moving on to two more host families.

Although Mani is a veteran traveler - Luxembourg, France, Italy, Spain, Greece and Bulgaria -

ia - this is her first stay in the United States and her first time away from home for New Year's Eve.

Turkey is predominantly a Muslim country, so the holiday emphasis is on Dec. 31 rather than Dec. 25, said Mani. On New Year's Eve, after exchanging gifts and eating a big dinner of stuffed grape leaves, rice and spiced chicken, she and her sister, Bercis, 21, go out with friends.

"We don't sleep that night," she said, smiling. "Sounds like a typically American way to celebrate, except for one unusual tradition."

"In Turkey, five minutes before the new year, people change their underwear for new ones, like new red ones. They think it will bring good luck to them and it will bring them money in the new year."

When told by the Gaffnes that she had to make a Christmas list, Mani at first drew a blank. However, she's a fast learner, and certain CDs soon came to mind by groups such as Scorpions, Cranberries, Shania Twain and Smash Mouth.

Although Mani is a veteran traveler - Luxembourg, France, Italy, Spain, Greece and Bulgaria -



Finding home: Students Anne Katrin, Anna Oliviera Camara and Soeren Roepstorf study the globe.

"We sat down and came up with about 30 things," said Deanna Gaffne.

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That's "Merry Christmas" in German, Danish and Brazilian Portuguese.

Anne-Katrin Grosse, 16, of Germany, Soeren Roepstorf, 15, of Denmark, and Anna Oliviera Camara, 17, of Brazil are foreign exchange students at Canton City High School. It's the first time they have been away from home for the holidays.

In the Grosse household, Christmas Eve celebrations

began early in the day with a birthday party for a cousin. Afterward, the family visits the graves of their grandparents. By 5 p.m., they're in church, where Grosse plays the flute and takes part in a Christmas play. Her oldest brother remains at home to prepare dinner and trim the tree.

Upon returning home, Grosse and her other brother wait outside until her parents ring a bell announcing that all preparations have been completed. Only then can the younger children enter and see the Christmas tree for the first time.

The evening is filled with games, story telling, singing and music, with Grosse playing the flute and her brother the guitar. Celebrations continue for a few days. The family dines at a special restaurant on Christmas Day, and on Dec. 26, Grosse's mother roasts the traditional goose and serves it with red cabbage and chestnuts.

Christmas is always festive, since it's the only time Grosse's oldest brother is home. "That is the most important thing I'll miss on the holidays: playing games with my big brother," Roepstorf lives in Vallee, an old, small town south of Copenhagen that has a castle and an ancient church. Uncles, aunts and cousins come over to share Christmas-Eve celebrations.

"We pretty much cook all day," he said. "We have duck with potatoes and a special salad. As a dessert, we eat ris a la mande. That's rice and cream with cherry sauce. We put an almond ring in it. We always say, 'Whose got the almond?' When you have it, you try to hide it."

After dinner, the family lights the candles on the Christmas tree. "It has to be a real tree and real candles," said Roepstorf. "And then we just sit and have fun and open the presents. It takes pretty much all night."

In Brazil, it is not the custom to have a big Christmas tree or lots of decorations. "We don't have Santa in all the places," said Camara. The emphasis is on the Christmas Eve meal, which is eaten quite late. Camara, Grosse, and Roepstorf are amazed at how early Americans eat their main meal.

"You can only eat at 11:30 p.m. or midnight because that's Christmas," said Camara. "Before we eat we have champagne and wine." Her father usually supplies the wine, "because he doesn't know how to cook."

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Do you routinely review your monthly telephone bill and its itemized charges? If not, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) recommends that all consumers begin checking their monthly bills as a matter of routine.

Telephone bills have become more complex and sometimes may include unfamiliar and even inappropriate or incorrect charges. Therefore, it is wise for consumers to become familiar with the charges their telephone service provider assesses to their account monthly.

A monthly bill will always include charges for basic local exchange service. Other charges may include:

- Costs for optional services, such as a second telephone line;
- Long distance charges from other companies;
- Voice messaging services;
- Inside-the-home wire maintenance contracts; and
- Customer calling features (the specific names for these services can vary from company to company).

It is a good idea to review your bill monthly to ensure that charges appear only for the services you ordered. If a charge does not appear to be correct, call your local telephone company and request an explanation.

Upon request, the company must provide a complimentary copy of the rate schedule applicable to your usage. Note, however, that the MPSC does not regulate the rates and charges for optional services, and the charges may change without notice.

Unfamiliar charges that may appear on your monthly local and long distance bills and are required by state or federal laws:

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- Local Number Portability Charge - covers the cost for customers to keep the same telephone number under certain conditions.

For questions regarding the above charges, call your local or long-distance telephone company.

Some actions you can take to protect yourself:

- Always review the summary of long-distance calls and verify that you or someone in your household is responsible for those listed on the bill.
- Immediately contact the telephone company and request an investigation if you don't think you are responsible for a

particular call.

Because of the changing nature of the telecommunications industry, there may be charges for other telephone services on your bill that are not addressed in this alert (e.g., returned check charge, minimum long-distance calls charge, etc.).

If you have questions about other service charges appearing on your bill, contact the telephone company. Always follow up with a letter and keep a copy for your records. Remember basic local service cannot be terminated for non-payment of non-regulated service.

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Col. Paul Dronka, commander of defense contract management command - Detroit.

Dronka has 15 years experience working with small businesses, and experience with the Secretary of Army Research and Development (Procurement) at the Pentagon. He will guide the seminar, answer questions and explain how government contracting changes impact individual businesses. The government is this country's single largest buyer of goods and services.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m., in room 310 of the McDowell Center. Other seminars in the series are aimed at disadvantaged (a) companies, women-owned firms and minority companies unable to attend earlier seminars. The fee for each seminar is \$10. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438.

Seminar offered on contracting

If your company is considering competing for government contracts, attend How to Become A Government Contractor at Schoolcraft College Thursday, Jan. 13.

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The seminar will be presented from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for a \$25 per person fee. To register, call the Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road.

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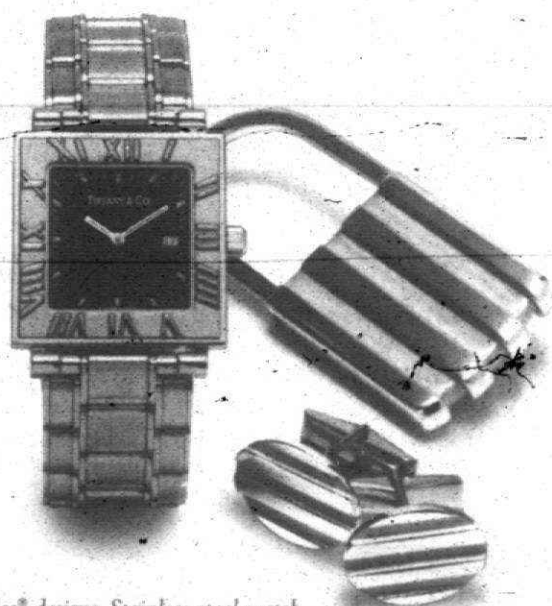


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Chiefettes place 3rd

The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes finished third in the varsity High-Kick Division II competition at the Mid-American High School and Collegiate Dance Team Championship held Nov. 14 at Saginaw Valley State.

High-Kick state champs the past two years, the Chiefettes were the grand champions at the Mid-American Pom-Pom Summer Camp last July at Grand Valley State in Allendale. The squad also received honors such as most congenial, senior kick line-second place, and peppy pom squad.

Anyone interested in seeing the award-winning routines should plan on attending the Chiefettes Variety Show Saturday, Jan. 15 in the Salem HS auditorium.

Team members are Kelli Andersen, Liz Bahrou, Becky Baloga, Michelle Bernard, Genevieve Blazer, Justine Blazer, Melissa Bohanon, Janelle Broadway, Katie Chamulak, Jackie Custer, Katie Dysarczyk, Lauren French, Melissa French, Katie Gazsi, Amy Herberholz, Nikki LaVallee, Jeana Little, Brandy McGrew, Mollie Megasko, Taryn Natola, Aimee Ostach, Sarah Palmer, Lauren Richter, Brittany Rivers, Allison Snell, Tracy Timmerman, Lindsay Tomlinson, Lindsay Ursitti, Liz Wisniewski and Cara Woodbury. The team is coached by Kristen Manore and Danielle Voyles.

Bray is all-tournament

Mark Bray, a senior guard at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, was named to the all-tournament team last weekend as the Dutchmen finished third in their own Hope College Tournament.

Bray scored 20 points in a 96-87 loss to St. Xavier (Ill.) last Friday in the opening round, then added 16 points in an 82-72 victory over Trinity Christian (Ill.) in the consolation final.

For the season, Bray is second on Hope in scoring, averaging 11.1 points a game, and he leads the team in floor shooting (56.8 percent) and three-point shooting (46.2 percent). Bray is second in assists (2.6 per game).

Hope is 4-4 entering the Christmas break.

Correction

A photo that appeared in last Thursday's Observer identified a swimmer as Salem's Brian Mertens.

The photo was actually a Canton swimmer, Brad Nilson.

Omission

Erin Rogala, who qualified for the state finals in the 100-yard breaststroke, was inadvertently left off the honorable mention list for the all-Observer swim team.

Rogala was clocked at 1:11.64 at the state finals.

Madonna camps

•Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger will conduct a Winter Hitting Camp for baseball at Madonna Sunday, Dec. 19 and Monday, Dec. 20.

Class times are 1-4 p.m. for 13-18 year-olds and 5-8 p.m. for 8-13 year-olds. Cost to register at the gate is \$100 per person.

For further information, call Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

•A four-session camp for softball fundamentals — bunting, fielding, throwing, sliding and defense, plus hitting off live pitching and a pitching machine — will be conducted in January at Madonna University.

Saturday sessions run from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and from 3:30-6 p.m. Jan. 15. Sunday sessions run from 2-4:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Cost is \$90 for all four sessions. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University softball. Class size is limited.

For more information, call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Canton can't stop defending champs



BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Half-time of Thursday night's Plymouth Canton-Ann Arbor Pioneer basketball game served a dual purpose.

The 10-minute intermission gave players on both teams a chance to catch their breath after 16 minutes of up-tempo action. More importantly, it allowed time for the rim on the Pioneers' end of the court to stop rattling following a series of gym-rocking, alley-oop dunks by senior swingman James Bridgewater.

Led by Bridgewater's above-the-rim heroics, the defending Class A state champions ran away from Canton, 72-56, to improve their record to 3-1. The 6-4, 180-pound leaper emphatically jammed home three perfect feeds from backcourt running mate Garrett Quinn

in the first half on his way to an 18-point night.

"No, it's not a set play," a grinning Pioneer coach Brian Townsend said, referring to the pass-catch-slam sequence his team pulled off four times against Canton (Ryan Sidney also had a dunk).

"But we teach the kids to run through the lane without the ball, and if it's there, the guards know to make the (alley-oop) pass. Tonight, it was there — at least in the first half."

"Canton turned up its defensive intensity in the second half and didn't allow us to do much."

The difference between the first half

and second half was like night and day for the young Chiefs, who fell to 1-2 with the setback. After looking tight and mistake-prone early — they committed 13 turnovers and trailed 40-19 at the half — the Chiefs regained their poise and confidence, and outscored the Pioneers 37-32 in the second half.

"We came out in the second half and decided to play like we're capable of playing," said Canton coach Dan Young, referring to his inexperienced, yet potential-packed, team. "I liked the way we competed in the second half. We didn't back down."

If he'd had his preference, Young

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Promising start Canton, Salem both looking good

BY C.J. RISAK
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Expectations were modest, but results certainly weren't at the season-opener in gymnastics for both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

Those two hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron Thursday at Canton's Phase III gym. Going into the quad meet, Canton coach John Cunningham had hoped his team would start this season scoring in the 130 range and end it in the 140s.

Salem coach Melissa Hopson, trying to cope with the loss of one of her top scorers in Melissa Drake (foot ligament injury), didn't have numbers in mind. She just wanted to use the meet as a barometer, to see what needed to be fixed.

Both coaches got what they wanted, and a bit more. "I felt really good about it," said Cunningham after his Chiefs finished first in the quad, scoring 133.1 points — equal to their best score of last season. "I was remembering where we left off last year and where we were beginning this year."

"We're definitely several marks up from where we finished last year."

For Salem, the start wasn't quite as impressive on the scoreboard, but the Rocks did pretty well just the same, placing second with 128.95 points in what proved to be a down-to-the-wire finish. They were just ahead of both Pioneer (128.65) and Huron (128.5).

"I was pleased with the way things went," said Hopson. "There are a few things that need to be worked out, and will be with some more practices."

"I can't expect anything more for a first meet."

There was additional bad news for the depth-plagued Rocks. Emily Nicolau, a sophomore who was expected to help fill the gap created by Drake's injury, suffered a hyper-extended knee and is expected to miss about three weeks.

"She's one of our hard workers," said Hopson of Nicolau. "It seems we have that luck this year."

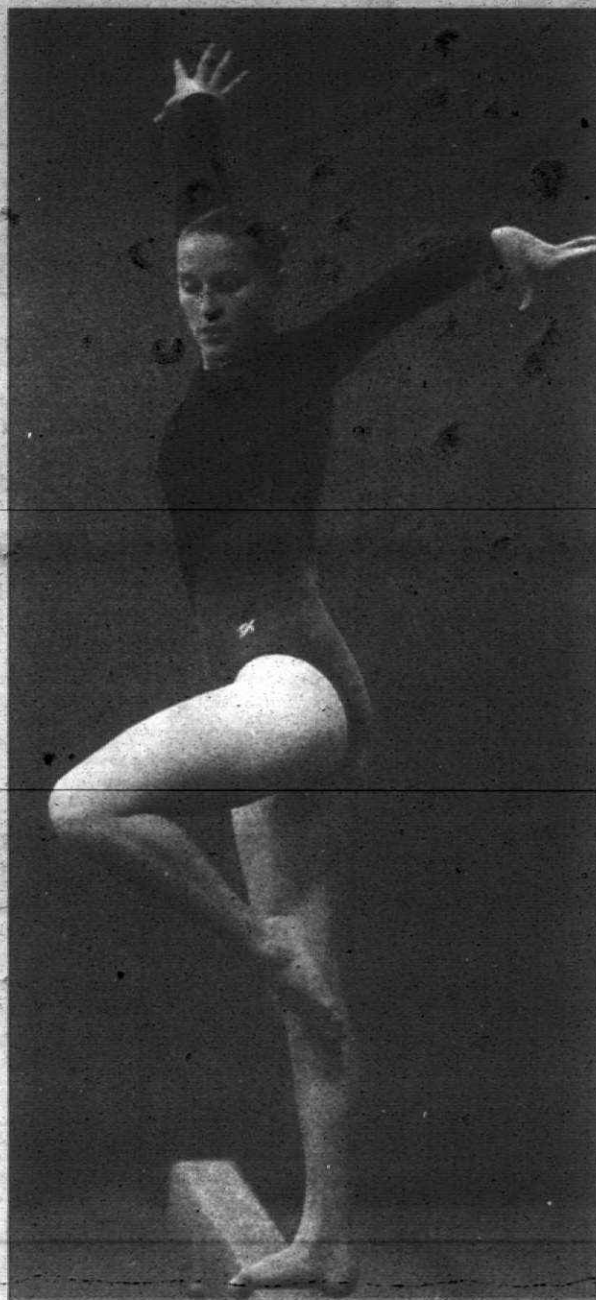
Still, there was plenty for both coaches to be pleased with. April Aquinto, a junior at Salem, posted the best all-around score of 35.1, and Amy Driscoll, a junior at Canton, was next best with a 34.75.

Third on the all-around list was Canton senior Liz Fitzgerald at 34.35, followed by Salem freshman Bethany Bartlett at 34.15.

Aquinto was first in the balance beam with an 8.8; she tied for second in the vault with an 8.5, and took second in the floor exercise with a 9.2. Aquinto was fourth in the uneven parallel bars with an 8.6.

Driscoll, who has been plagued by injuries for the past two seasons, turned in a solid performance for the Chiefs. She won the floor exercise with a 9.3, took second in the bars with an 8.95, and was fourth in both the vault (8.4) and beam (8.1).

Fitzgerald, who is a member of Canton's marching band



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

A solid mark: Canton's Liz Fitzgerald turned in a sound performance in the balance beam, finishing second with an 8.55.

and so got off to a late start in the preseason, seemed in good shape. She was second in the beam (8.55), tied for second in the vault (8.5), fifth in the floor exercise (8.95) and sixth in the bars (8.35).

Bartlett, in her first varsity performance, had both ups and downs. The Salem freshman won the vault (8.85), was third in bars (8.75), fourth in beam (8.1) and ninth in floor exercise (8.55).

"She's very hard on herself as a competitor," said Hopson of Bartlett.

The difference in the meet wasn't so much each team's top scorers, but rather "the depth factor," according to Cunningham, noting that five of his six competitors in the floor exercise scored 8.0 or better (Kristen Schilk, sixth with an 8.8; Lauren Christiansen, 8.35; Jill Rakovitis, 8.15).

"The kids were pretty consistent," he noted. "But we're still not where we want to be."

Noting Salem's losses to injury, Cunningham added, "I think they would have been right with us, duking it out."

"We had a nice meet, but by no means was it our best. We've got lots of room to improve."

Hopson got more than what she was looking for in the meet. First, what she was looking for: "The beam is still a key for us," she said. "Once we keep our feet on the beam instead of on the ground, we'll be better."

"The bars were a pretty good event for us, considering it was our first meet."

Then there was what she wasn't looking for, but got anyway — a second-place finish. "That was exciting to see, when we placed second. I didn't really set anything as a team goal."

Cunningham is confident his Chiefs will reach the goal he set for them by season's end and be scoring consistent.

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SWIMMING

Rocks romp past Huron; Chiefs stall

There were no double-winners in individual events for Plymouth Salem's boys swim team in its season-opening dual meet at Ann Arbor Huron Thursday.

Guess that's the bad news. "Not that it really is bad. Because the only reason the Rocks had no double-winners was that they didn't any. They dominated their non-league foe in posting a 111-75 victory."

"Not a bad opener," admitted Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We moved some people around from our blue-and-white meet, and we got to swim everybody."

"Huron's a good team, so I was very pleased we were able to win so handily. We were getting ready for the Western Lakes Relays on Saturday, and we wanted to see as many different guys as possible."

"It worked out well for us."

Salem had individual winners in four events: Mike Johnson won the 50-yard freestyle (24.00). Ben Czialo was first in the 100 butterfly (58.15). Brian Mertens claimed top honors in the 500 free (5:00.86) and Jason Rebarchik was best in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.24).

In the 200 medley relay, Eric Lynn, Rebarchik, Czialo and Aaron Shelton were winners (1:46.70), and in the 200 free relay Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Ryan Kappler and Dan Jones captured first (1:35.10).

The Rocks took a 1-0 dual-meet record into yesterday's conference relays meet, which Salem hosted. Their next dual meet is Jan. 6 against Novi at Salem.

Canton crushed

It was an inauspicious start to Ed Weber's career as Plymouth Canton's swim coach.

The Chiefs managed just one win in losing their first dual meet of the season, 137-49 at Dexter Thursday.

"We got shellacked," was Weber's

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WRESTLING

Canton gains 2 more dual meet victories

The surprise is over. But the shock waves continue to rumble.

Plymouth Canton's wrestlers joined everyone when they beat Plymouth Salem in their opening dual meet. But that was two weeks ago.

On Thursday, the Chiefs once again proved this was no flash-on-the-mat deal by traveling to Lansing to do battle against East Lansing and Lansing Everett. The result: A pair of victories, 63-23 over Everett and 54-27 over East Lansing.

The two dual-meet wins boosted Canton's record to 4-0.

John Pocock, wrestling at 140 pounds, and Joe Faraoni, at 145, both collected a pair of wins via pins. Pocock defeated Everett's Amir Davis in 1:32 and East Lansing's Robert Foltowski in :44; Faraoni was a winner over Everett's James Jalinas in 1:03 and East Lansing's Cameron Patterson in 1:50.

Other double-winners for the Chiefs were Kyle Pitt at 103, Doy Demsick at

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High flyin': Salem freshman Bethany Bartlett won the vault and scored 8.55 in the floor exercise.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Ocelots romp past Sinclair; Madonna falls

Nice warm-up. Which is all Wednesday's home game against Sinclair (Ohio) Community College was, in truth — preparation for a much tougher test, which came yesterday at Owens CC (Toledo), ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA Division II.

Sinclair was not test at all for Schoolcraft College's men's team, which raced to a 50-21 lead by halftime, then coasted to a 102-51 triumph.

The win improved SC's record to 6-3. "I thought that was one of our better efforts of the year defensively," said Ocelot coach Carlos Briggs. "We're starting to share the ball more, rotate the ball better."

"And we're cutting down on our turnovers, which has been an Achilles heel for us."

Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Lamar Bigby with 22 points. Robert Brown added 17 points and 14 rebounds. Quentin Mitchell had 12 points, and Chris Colley and Dwight Windham netted 10 points apiece.

Madonna wins, but loses

BASKETBALL

It has been one dark December for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

First the Lady Crusaders lost leading scorer Kathy Pangonis. Then last Saturday, back-up center Stephanie Uhallo — an all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball player — suffered a severe knee injury and is lost for the season.

That was followed by more trouble. In Thursday's non-league game against visiting Wayne State, starting center Lori Enfield suffered a severe finger injury that could keep her sidelined for a considerable length of time.

With the bench shrinking each game, it seems amazing that the Crusaders can put up much of a fight. But they not only put up a fight against WSU, they got a victory — 74-61.

The win boosted Madonna's record to 6-4. The Lady Warriors are 4-6.

The Crusaders, who lost Enfield after just five minutes, still built a 10-point lead by halftime (37-27), thanks to 14

first-half points from Chris Dietrich. Dietrich finished with 17 points, making all three of her three-point attempts.

Jen Amy's basket and free throw brought the Warriors to within four (47-43) with 12:48 left in the second half, but they could get no closer. A basket by Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) and a triple by Jackie Kocis pushed Madonna's lead back to nine (52-43) with 11:52 remaining.

Joining Dietrich in double-figures in scoring were Kocis with 12 and Carissa Giziaki with 10. Fiorenzi finished with nine.

Giziaki also totaled seven rebounds, five assists and three steals. WSU got 14 points from Amy and 11 from Liz Beach.

Madonna outshot the Warriors, converting 22-of-48 from the floor (45.8 percent) compared to 25-of-79 for WSU (31.6 percent).

The Crusaders also hit 7-of-11 three-pointers (63.6 percent) compared to 4-of-28 for WSU (14.3 percent) and were 23-of-27 at the line (85.2 percent); the Warriors were 7-of-11 at the stripe (63.6 percent).

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WSU men rout Madonna

The question is, why play this game?

Madonna University's men's basketball team had virtually no chance when it took on Wayne State Wednesday in Detroit. And it showed from the start: the Crusaders fell behind by 26 at the half and ended up absorbing a 103-49 shellacking.

The loss left Madonna at 2-12 for the season.

Not much went right for the Crusaders. They converted just 20-of-57 floor shots (35.1 percent) and were just 3-of-15 from three-point range (20 percent); at the free-throw line, Madonna made 6-of-9 (66.7 percent) compared to WSU's 20-of-23 (87 percent).

The Crusaders were outrebounded 46-38 and committed a whopping 33 turnovers compared to 11 for the Warriors.

Jason Skocrylas led Madonna with 17 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 11 points. No one else scored more than six.

WSU got 14 points apiece from Adam Jones and Alex Ward. Brent Wall and Charles LeSurre added 12 each. Ben Bakken scored 11 and A.W. Canada had 10. Jones also had a team-high 11 rebounds and eight steals, and Andy Dold collected eight assists and five steals.

Madonna played without sophomore Mike Massey, the team's top scorer who sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

SC women fall

An 11-point advantage evaporated down the stretch for Schoolcraft College's women's team, which lost at Lansing CC 55-51 Wednesday.

The defeat left the Lady Ocelots carry a 1-6 record into the millennium break. They don't play again until Jan. 3 (at Macomb CC).

With 11:30 left in the game, SC had an 11-point lead, but squandered it. Janelle Olson and Antone Watson topped the Ocelot scores with 13 points apiece; Angelica Blakely added eight points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots.

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Ambassador is player of month

Michael Smith of the Compuware Ambassadors has been on a tear, no doubt about it. And on Friday, he was recognized for it.

Smith was named the North American Hockey League's player of the month for November. A rookie in the NAHL, the Hamilton, Ont., native had 13 goals and three assists in nine games in November, with four multiple-goal games, three

ADVERTISING CORRECTION

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For the season, Smith has 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points, placing him seventh in the league in scoring and second in goals; his four short-handed goals is tied for first in the NAHL.

Smith, a 5-foot-10, 184-pounder, has led Compuware in scoring for most of the season. He has committed to Niagara University for next fall.

U-M bound

Mike Roemseny, one of Compuware's top defensemen, has verbally committed to the University of Michigan. He will leave the Ambassadors at the Christmas break for U-M.

Roemseny is the second key loss for the Ambassadors. Earlier this month, forward Steve Jackson announced he will leave at the break to enroll at Michigan State.

"Mike will be missed, but this just shows the caliber of players, and the level of competition,

throughout the NAHL that has prepared him for this opportunity," said Compuware GM/coach Mike Vellucci, who following last season sent 10 players to the NCAA Division I ranks.

"Michigan is one of the premier programs in the country, and the Wolverines coaching staff has full confidence in Mike's ability to step in and contribute right away."

"The same can be said for forward Steve Jackson, who is joining another premier program, Michigan State, after the holidays."

A 5-11, 175-pounder, Roemseny is in his third season with the Ambassadors. He played in 50 regular-season games for the league and national championship team in 1998-99; thus far this season, Roemseny has collected two goals and five assists in 18 games.

Kowalski commits

Craig Kowalski, the all-star goalie for the Ambassadors, has made his choice: He'll attend Northern Michigan University next fall.

The 5-9, 190-pounder backstopped the Ambassadors to 34 wins, the Robertson and Gold Cup titles last season. This year, he's 13-8-1 with a 2.76 goals-

against average and a .911 save percentage. He led the NAHL to a third-straight Top Prospects tournament title.

"The bigger the game, the better Craig plays," said his coach, Mike Vellucci.

Stars selected

USA Hockey has announced the 20-player roster for the junior select team that will compete in the Viking Cup later this month at Augustana College in Camrose, Alberta.

Three members of the Compuware Ambassadors were among those chosen: defensemen Mike Roemseny and Andy Burnes, and goalie Craig Kowalski.

"The USA junior selects will go against national under-18 select teams from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden; all-star teams from the Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan junior hockey leagues; and the host Augustana College Vikings."

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The Western Wayne Wildcats have a series of tryouts coming up for their various girls basketball teams when the new year arrives.

Jan. 3: 11-and-under ('88), 6:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 12-and-under ('87), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Jan. 4: 14-and-under ('85) and 15-and-under ('86), 6:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82) and 18-and-under ('81), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Jan. 5: 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under ('87), 8:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

Jan. 7: 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82), 18-and-under ('81), 6:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Camps/lessons

Softball holiday camp: This camp, hosted by the Sports Academy in Novi, will be a specialized elite camp covering hitting, pitching, fielding and more. Professional instructors and All-American players will serve as instructors. Live infield and batting practices will be given, and players' skills will be evaluated, with individual drills available.

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League-leaders

Robert Brown, a freshman

member of Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, remains among the top five in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Brown is third in scoring, averaging 17.0 points per game, and is fifth in rebounding, averaging 8.6 per game. He is also second in field goal shooting (61.1 percent).

SC's Chris Colley leads the conference in free-throw shooting percentage (81.4 percent).

The Ocelots were 5-3 through last weekend.

As far as the SC women's team is concerned, well — balance is the key word. The Lady Ocelots have three of the conference's top four scorers in Carla Sexton and Janelle Olson (14.0 points per game each) and Angelica Blakely (13.8 points per game).

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Wednesday, Dec. 22
Chumby vs. Stander Rice
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Western
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 7:20 p.m.
Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
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Press can't keep Agape from gaining its 1st win

The strategy employed by Westland Huron Valley Lutheran was clear: pressure Canton Agape Christian into making mega mistakes.

It didn't work. Agape handled Huron Valley's pressure with ease, scoring mega baskets off of it en route to a 73-38 non-league victory in a game played at Marshall Middle School.

"We started hitting some shots," said Agape coach Keith Anleighter. "That was the difference."

"I'm proud of the way our kids played. In the first quarter, we played real good defense, and we started to shoot well because of that."

The Wolverines evened their record at 1-1 with the win. Huron Valley slipped to 0-3.

Agape led 20-4 after one quarter and never retreated. "They pressured us the whole game and we went through it like butter," said Anleighter. "They guys liked that. They got into a flow."

Chief among those who took advantage of the Hawks ill-fated pressure was senior guard Julian Wettlin, who led Agape with 25 points. He also had eight rebounds and eight steals.

Paul Anleighter, a junior guard, contributed 21 points and seven assists, and sophomore forward Josh Anthony added 10 points for Agape.

Huron Valley got 10 points from Alan Kleinke, a junior forward, and seven from Jeremy Husby, a senior center.

Agape extended its lead to 36-11 by halftime before throttling back a bit in the second half to outscore the Hawks 37-27.

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said he would have chosen a slower, more deliberate pace to the game.

"I credit Pioneer for making us play the way they wanted to play — up-tempo," Young said. "They were aggressive on both ends of the court, which made us play at a quicker pace. We had some nice runs in the second half, just not enough."

Pioneer's first basket of the night — a three-point shot by Quinn that touched just about every inch of the rim before getting into the net — turned out to be a bad omen for the Chiefs.

In the opening quarter, the Pioneers repeatedly turned defensive steals into easy offensive baskets, the last of which was Bridgewater's first, dished with one second showing on the clock, giving the home team a 22-7 advantage.

Pioneer swingman Ugo Nwankwo staked his team to its largest lead of the game, 32-7, three minutes into the second quarter when he converted two free throws. Bridgewater closed out the second stanza with two slams in the final minute.

Led by senior Jason Waidmann, the Chiefs mounted a serious rally in the third quarter, when in one five-minute span they trimmed a 21-point Pioneer lead down to 46-34.

Canton came within inches of cutting its deficit to only 10 with two minutes left in the quarter, but a Waidmann lay-up rolled

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A.A. Huron 65, Salem 58: Defense was lacking for Plymouth-Salem Thursday at Ann Arbor Huron, and that translated into a high-arc three-point shot to put the home team up 49-34.

The Chiefs never drew closer than 15 points until the game's waning moments.

Waidmann put on an impressive show in the paint for the Chiefs, pouring in 19 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

"Jason is really turning into a great player," Young said. "And he's improving every game."

After a slow start, the Chiefs' biggest outside threat, Mike Major, warmed up and finished with 15 points, including three triples.

Senior forward Dan McLean also played well for Canton, netting nine points. McLean buried 7-of-9 free throws.

Sidney and Quinn complemented Bridgewater's team-leading scoring effort with 15 points each. Quinn also distributed seven assists.

The Chiefs hits 19-of-54 shots from the field (35 percent) and 13-of-19 free throws (68 percent). The Pioneers shot a sizzling 55 percent (25-of-45) from the floor and 76 percent (16-of-21) from the free-throw line.

Both teams had trouble taking care of the ball. Canton turned it over 17 times while Pioneer committed 20 miscues.

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BOWLING AND RECREATION

Bearly possible: Bear range stretching south

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

A surprise encounter with a Michigan black bear has landed a Thumb-area bow hunter in a world of trouble.

While hunting deer from a tree stand in Tuscola County on the afternoon of Oct. 7, the hunter allegedly shot a black bear because "she was fearful and did not know what the bear would do," according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Jason Haines.

Bear encounters are extremely rare in southern Michigan so it's not inconceivable to think the hunter was quite surprised by the appearance of the bear.

However, since there is no bear hunting season in the Thumb, or anywhere in southern Michigan, shooting one is a game law violation.

A Tuscola County property owner notified the DNR that a black bear had been killed on his property by an archery deer hunter. The hunter allegedly shot the bear at approximately 6 p.m.

that day. The bear was found dead the following morning.

"Basically the hunter claimed she was fearful and did not know what the bear would do," explained Haines. "The animal didn't make any attempt to climb the tree and was on the ground on all four feet when she shot it."

"I couldn't determine any good, valid reason for the bear to be killed so I turned the case over to the prosecutor's office and charges were filed."

A costly mistake

The illegal killing of a bear in Michigan is a misdemeanor and carries a sentence of a mandatory five days and up to 90 days in jail, revocation of hunting privileges for the remainder of this year and the next three years, \$1,500 in restitution along with additional fines and court costs.

The Upper Peninsula and the extreme northern parts of the Lower are traditionally thought of as Michigan's black bear range, but sightings and bear encounters in the southern Lower Peninsula are occurring with more frequency as the bear population grows and its range expands.

The DNR estimates that Michigan's bear population is growing at an annual rate of approximately six-percent in the Lower Peninsula and five-percent in the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to the Sept. 10-Oct. 26 bear hunting season, there was an estimated population of 14,000 bears across northern Michigan.

"Their range is expanding, too," said DNR biologist Tim Reis. "Based on the number of observations we have received there are more and more instances when bear show up in the southern Lower Peninsula, particularly on the west side of the state."

"We've had several reports of bear sightings just north of Grand Rapids and one of a sow with cubs."

Summer residents

Reis feels the young, 160-pound bear shot in Tuscola County may have been establishing a home range in the area and could have been there since early last summer.

"It's uncommon for a bear to make long movements like that at this time of year," Reis said. "Cubs will stay with a sow for two winters. Then,

when she's ready to reproduce again in the spring, she'll get real aggressive with her cubs, especially the young males who will leave the area and venture out on their own."

"As they try to establish their own home range they'll undoubtedly encounter other bears and they'll get run off until they find a suitable area. But that usually occurs in the spring and early summer, not in the fall. There's a pretty good chance this bear had established a home range and maybe even started denning in the area."

Two summers ago a young male bear was spotted several times near Clarkston and Grand Blanc. That bear showed up in early summer and eventually made a 100 mile-plus trek to Port Austin before being captured and relocated back into northern Michigan.

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

Gift-giving is no problem for those who love nature

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICK

People who enjoy the natural world and the outdoors are not hard to buy for during this gift-giving season.

If you do not have a gift for someone who enjoys nature, here are a few suggestions.

Being outside is the most important place for people who enjoy nature, so why not give them places to go? Fortunately in the Detroit area there are several places that fit

the bill.

The Huron-Clinton Metro Park Authority has a ring of parks that surround the city of Detroit and its suburbs. There are many places in them to hike, bike, fish and swim.

A season car pass would enable an outdoor lover to explore the forests, fields and wetlands all year long.

This same idea holds true for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation system, along with the state parks and recreation areas. While vacationing or traveling away from the Detroit area the pass holder can enjoy natural beauty as far north as Fort Wilkins State Park in the

Keweenaw Peninsula.

Outdoor enthusiasts also need to be comfortable. I think a lot of people don't enjoy the natural world because they are not prepared for it.

Hiking trails for a couple hours, or snowshoeing in winter off the beaten track is not like hopping from one store to another, or getting out of the car and into a warm house.

Proper footwear, comfortable clothing and a fanny pack with a water bottle are just a few examples of essentials for a modest hike.

Those hikers who plan to be outdoors longer need even more

equipment like raincoats, compass, whistle and waterproof matches.

Consider a gift from one of the outdoor stores like REI, Gander Mountain, The Benchmark, or Dicks, all of whom sell clothing designed for extended outdoor adventures.

A gift certificate for a good pair of hiking boots will allow the recipient to get a comfortable make they will appreciate every time they take to the field.

These stores and others also have books and gadgets that make an outdoor experience more enjoyable. Binoculars, sunglasses, warm gloves, practical hats and lots of other ideas that

may fit the person you're buying for.

Many organizations are instrumental in preserving land, buying land, protecting land, or educating people about the natural world.

Most of these organizations publish attractive and informative magazines about the natural world.

Subscription money is used to establish new preserves, maintain existing land and to alert the public of land that is valuable.

Michigan has a chapter of the Nature Conservancy, whose pri-

mary goal is to buy and protect prime natural areas.

The Detroit Audubon Society is affiliated with the National Audubon Society, which is an active environmental organization.

The National Wildlife Federation is active in the state through its affiliate, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

A membership to these, or other groups of your choice, would give the nature lover information and a place to visit.

Our local libraries have addresses for these groups.

Enjoy the natural world and have a Merry Christmas.

All types of balls available for the 'different' bowler

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Dear Santa: With less than a week till Christmas, is it too late to wish for a new bowling ball?

I already have one or two I like a lot, but Ebonite has come out with the new 'Skull' ball.

It may seem ghoulish, but this is a lot different from the dull or mundane black, red or blue.

They have developed a Fun Ball series that has already brought forth the brightly colored Zebra and Tai Chi balls in polyester.

The Skull ball was introduced in prototype for the movie 'Mystery Men' starring Jeanine Garafalo, not exactly a box office hit, but coming to home video in January.

In the movie, this ball supposedly contained the skull of Garafalo's father, Carmine the Bowler, who was slain by the mob. The ball then became a

weapon for her to avenge his death.

Even though the motion picture won't win any Oscars, the ball caught the attention of many fans and Ebonite began production in November, announcing that 8,000 of these would be available that month.

"The supply was sold out before they even hit the shelves," said Bill Scheid, Ebonite president. "In a category that was virtually non-existent, the Fun Balls were quickly sold out and had created a lot of hype and Beanie Baby mystique."

Beyond being eye-catching, the new Skull ball is a technological wonder.

Utilizing Everclear, an exclusive polyester to create a completely clear veneer, Ebonite engineers were able to create the first actual see-through bowling balls.

Other see-through balls were clear, at best. This type of ball will have a very low hook coefficient, therefore it will perform best as a spare ball, or for use on very dry lanes.

"The bowling industry has been into the movie for a very long time," says Bob

Reid, vice-president of marketing for Ebonite. "Not only have we been caught up in a technology to improve scores of a small percentage, the real serious bowlers, the industry simply overlooked the millions of recreational bowlers."

"More importantly, the industry forgot what made bowling a wonderful sport from the beginning — fun."

"Millions of dollars have been spent to find the right core shape, weight and veneer for different types of bowlers and conditions."

The highly aggressive balls that many bowlers are using help produce a more powerful shot, but they make spare shooting more difficult.

With the Fun Balls, spare shooting is just a step back to straight balls. If you can throw it, you should make most of the spares.

As for the Skull ball, the production run will be limited, so if you want to own one of the freakiest balls ever, see your pro shop guy right away.

In the Bacardi/Blue Ribbon group scratch tournament last week at West-

land Bowl, Chris Mowinski emerged victorious after a final match dogfight with Bill Zacheranik.

It was Zacheranik, however, who stole the show, by being high qualifier with a 300 and 278 among his three game total of 805.

Bill also breezed by his match play opponents only to lose his carry in the final match, enabling Mowinski, who was a steady performer all day to take home the \$1,500 first prize.

In the second match-play round, Mowinski defeated Gary Dyanaraj, 219-170; Bill Zacheranik downed Jim Graves, 249-223 and Mike Gehrke bested last month's winner, Don Parks, 211-193.

Zacheranik got a bye, then Mowinski bested Gehrke 279-184 to move into the final match. The next event is slated for 11 a.m., Jan. 15, 2000, at Drake's Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Congratulations to Jeff Nieman for his victory over Jeff Potts of Redford in the Midstates Masters 198 division bowled at Super Bowl in Canton last Sunday.

Early power-play goals carry Chargers

BY BRAD EMMONS
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Every hockey team now has a loss in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Livonia Stevenson was the last to fall from the ranks of the unbeaten Wednesday as Livonia Churchill skated past the Spartans at Edgar Arena, 3-1.

The outcome left both teams at 4-1 in the WLAA.

The Chargers jumped on top of Stevenson 2-0 after one period on a pair of power-play goals.

After Stevenson was whittled for a delay of game, Churchill's Aaron Jakubowski knocked in a rebound from Sean Smith and Sean Szostak at 2:45.

The Chargers then took advantage of a two-man advantage later in the period when Adam Krug scored from Smith with 5:53 left in the period.

There was no scoring in the second period, but it was not uneventful as Stevenson coach Mike Harris, who had com-

HOCKEY

plained loudly to the officials about excessive noise from Churchill's sound system, tipped over a mounted speaker just behind the scoring table. (See related story.)

Churchill was able to fight off a two-man disadvantage at the end of the period, but Stevenson scored 1:47 into the final period

on a goal by Mark Blazek from Mark Nebus and goaltender Kevin Marlowe.

But the Spartans could not get the equalizer past Churchill junior netminder Matt Williams and Jason Turri followed with a short-handed goal from Nathan Jakubowski with 6:35 left to seal the victory.

"We had been in the holiday spirit too long," said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, whose team was coming off a 4-2 upset loss

to city rival Franklin. "We did not want to give Stevenson odd man chances and get caught pinching in."

"Our power-play and penalty-killing came through for us. The kids exuded poise and confidence when the pressure was on and when Stevenson carried the play."

Williams, who has started all seven Churchill games in place of All-Stater Ryan McBroom (groin injury), was sharp all

night, stopping 18 shots.

"Matt has done a nice job for us," Hatley said. "He takes it one game at a time. Jim McBroom, our goalie coach, works with him every day and you can see Matt get a little better each time out."

"You can't ask for anything more."

Stevenson's inability to work its power-play was a key factor in the defeat.

"We dug a hold with two

power-play goals and that put us on our heels," Harris said. "Our power-play struggled and that short-handed goal (by Turri) killed us. Special teams killed us."

The Chargers went with an aggressive special teams scheme.

"We wanted it, but the whole Churchill team played well," Harris said. "We just couldn't execute. Our power-play cost us but we'll regroup. TWE have good character."

A speaker casualty: Too loud

BY BRAD EMMONS
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Was it live or was it Memorex? Livonia Stevenson hockey coach Mike Harris stopped the blaring music Wednesday night at Edgar Arena, but may have run afoul of his administration.

Harris, who complained to Ron Nomura's officiating crew during the second period about a noisy Livonia Churchill sound system coming from the scorers box, took matters into his own hands when he hopped through the Spartans' penalty box and tipped over a mounted tripped speaker in Stevenson's 3-1 loss.

Officials then stopped play and made Churchill administrators pack up the equipment. A Churchill student, who operates the system, plays a variety of tapes during interludes of action during the Chargers' home games.

"It was very distracting and I asked the refs to turn it down because I couldn't communicate with my players out there on the ice," Harris said afterwards. "It's sad to say we had to take action, but this is a hockey game, not a rock concert. We're here to play hockey."

Neither Churchill principal Rod Hosman or his counterpart at Stevenson, Dr. Dale Collier, were in attendance at the game.

But the two conferred about the matter Thursday morning.

Churchill administrators did not comment on the incident, but Collier said, "I'm investigating and handling the matter."

"The newspaper is not the place to air it out because I may leave myself vulnerable," Collier said. "But I've taken care of the situation and I'm waiting and watching for the cards to play out."

"There's nothing I could say now that is appropriate other than what happened was inappropriate and it doesn't meet the standards of high school athletics or the school's standards."

"I apologized to Mr. Hosman," Harris, who accompanied his team to a two-day tourney Friday and Saturday in Marquette, admitted "my action was not acceptable, but when you can't think, we need to do something."

On Thursday, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage did not know if the speaker had been damaged.

Ironically, Western Lakes Activities Association hockey coaches did not recommend playing music during league games at a pressroom meeting, but were later overruled by their athletic directors.

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PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

TREE RECYCLING

Ten Oakland County parks will accept Christmas trees for recycling, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week, Dec. 26-Jan. 16. Drop-off sites include: Addison Oaks near Oxford; Glenn Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills; Groveland Oaks near Holly; Independence Oaks near Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Lyon Twp.; Orion Oaks in Orion Twp.;

Red Oaks Golf Course in Madison Heights; Springfield Oaks in Davisburg; Waterford Oaks in Waterford; and White Lake Oaks near Pontiac. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks offer extended drop-off times through Jan. 30. Trees must be free of all decorations, metal objects, strings and plastic. Large quantities leftover from commercial lots will not be accepted. The trees will be processed into wood chips and distributed free on select Saturdays at Orion Oaks.

ANIMALENUM

Live animals, slides and mounts will help illustrate how animals tell time during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Independence Oaks.

SUNDAY SNOWSHOES

Take a snowy hike on snowshoes during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, and again on Sunday, Jan. 30, at Independence Oaks. Call the Friday before the event to register for the upcoming Sunday. The game is dependent on snow.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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HOCKEY NOTES

Roemensky to U-M

Mike Roemensky, one of Compuware's top defensemen, has verbally committed to the University of Michigan. He will leave the Ambassadors at the Christmas break for U-M.

Roemensky is the second key loss for the Ambassadors. Earlier this month, forward Steve Jackson announced he will leave at the break to enroll at Michigan State.

"Mike will be missed, but this just shows the caliber of players, and the level of competition, throughout the NAHL that has prepared him for this opportunity," said Compuware GM/coach Mike Vellucci, who following last season sent 10 players to the NCAA Division I ranks.

"Michigan is one of the premier programs in the country, and the Wolverines coaching staff has full confidence in Mike's ability to step in and contribute right away."

"The same can be said for forward Steve Jackson, who is joining another premier program, Michigan State, after the holidays."

A 5-11, 175-pounder, Roemensky is in his third season with the Ambassadors. He played in 50 regular-season games for the league and national championship team in 1998-99; thus far this season, Roemensky has collected two goals and five assists in 18 games.

Junior stars selected

USA Hockey has announced the 20-player roster for the junior select team that will compete in the Viking Cup later this month at Augustana College in Camrose, Alberta.

Three members of the Compuware Ambassadors were among those chosen: defensemen Mike Roemensky and Andy Burnes, and goalie Craig Kowalski.

The USA junior selects will go against national under-18 select teams from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden; all-star teams from the Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan junior hockey leagues; and the host Augustana College Vikings.

The tournament format features preliminary round-robin games, followed by play-downs for the eight teams that survive the round-robin portion of the tournament. It all culminating in the Cup championship game Jan. 5.

The tournament begins Dec. 26.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

1999 — a fruitful year for the arts

The end of the year is typically a time to assess our growth and set goals for the next 12 months. Several arts organizations and individuals deserve a pat on the back for introducing and encouraging the arts in our communities in 1999.

These supporters deserve praise for their commitment and working together:

■ The Michigan Jazz Festival Committee for producing its annual festival — which featured nearly 200 musicians at Schoolcraft College — and for hosting a series of concerts spotlighting the music of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman and Count Basie at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The committee also held a workshop at Clarenceville High School to nurture jazz skills in student musicians. They've already started planning their sixth annual jazz festival, which is scheduled Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College.

■ Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra president Don Soenen, the Canton Community Foundation, and Partnership for the Arts for their efforts to build a performing arts center in Canton.

■ Canton Project Arts for showcasing photography from a Focus: HOPE



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARMICHAEL

United in song: Members of the St. Edith Church Choir joined together with singers from 10 local Catholic churches for a Thanksgiving Festival concert.

program that transcends barriers between Detroit area students. The workshops brought students together and promoted harmony by exposing them to people of diverse racial, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds.

■ The Livonia Arts Commission and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) for awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to promising fine arts students. The students may or may not pursue a career in music, dance or painting, but they'll have formed an appreciation for the arts and, it is hoped, support arts in the future.

■ Jack Pierson, a former Livonia resident, and Matt Michaels, a Southfield pianist whose jazz trio plays at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City, for giving their time and expertise to high school and college students at the 20th annual Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. The students took part in the educational programming led by Pierson and Michaels, a professor

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Moving exhibit: The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City displayed portraits from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series.



Sweet Music

Musician cultivates ethereal sounds of dulcimer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Charlene Berry taps out melodies on her hammer dulcimer as easily as if she were speaking. After playing the multi-stringed instrument for nearly 15 years, she's comfortable creating ethereal melodies.

Berry doesn't really need to practice her instrument to play a variety of music ranging from folk renaissance to modern. After all, she's performing at venues ranging from the Plymouth Historical Museum to art fairs every week. And come January she'll be passing on her knowledge by teaching dulcimer at Village Music in Plymouth.

"There's a nationwide revival of hammer dulcimer," said Berry, who originally played pipe organ.

"The sound of the instrument is so unique and pretty and not locked into any one style. People are more conscious of their history. They're looking back. That's why Victorian festivals and Civil War reenactments are so popular."

An advocate for the revival of this ancient instrument, Berry believes the soothing sounds of the dulcimer can bring peace and healing as well as set the tone for meditation. She frequently touts its benefits on her radio program, "Dulcimer World," heard 7-8 p.m. Fridays on WPON AM 1460.

A librarian at Madonna University in Livonia, Berry has intensely researched the dulcimer, a popular instrument during the lumberjack era in Michigan.

"The history dates back to biblical times when it was known as the psaltery, the gut-stringed instrument mentioned in the Bible," said Berry. "It was plucked in ancient times. During medieval times, they started using wire string. Stravinsky used large European type dulcimers. The dulcimer can play loud or soft. A harpsichord couldn't. The dulcimer lost popularity when the piano was introduced."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Soothing sounds: Charlene Berry taps out ethereal melodies on a dulcimer.

New Year Jubilee

On Dec. 31, Berry along with more than 50 musicians and performers will celebrate the New Year during a celebration in downtown Ypsilanti. The hard driving blues of Madcat & Kane, children's songs by Gemini, steel drum music by Nite Flight, LaRon Williams' African American folk tales, the Paul Vornhagen Jazz Ensemble, Mr. B's boogie wogie piano, and the comedy and magic of Boyer & Fitzsimmons will assist revelers in ringing in 2000 at the event, which is open to the public.

Berry's two CD's "Hymns of Prayer & Praise" and "Dulcimer Americana," which features selections including mountain, folk tunes and original music, along with her "Joy, Peace, Healing" cassette will be available for sale.

"It's a beautiful celebration in and around historic Depot Town," said Berry, who became "hooked on dulcimer" then joined the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society for support in learning the instrument.

Berry is looking forward to teaching classes at Village Music because she believes that learning to play dulcimer is a way of instilling self-esteem in people who thought they could never learn an instrument.

"Anyone can play one but no one can master it," said Berry, who also teaches dulcimer through the Clarkston community education program. "The music is very therapeutic and it helps to show students that they can play music."

With prices for student dulcimers ranging around \$250 to \$350, Berry recommends students rent their first instrument then shop around. Students have spent \$600 for a dulcimer only to find out they're not interested in dulcimer after all or they don't have time for it.

"We thought it was an opportunity to offer something different and kind of historic in Old Village," said Norma Atwood, owner of Village Music, which also offers classes in Kindermusik, and private voice and piano. "The classes tie in with the third level of Kindermusik (ages 6-7) where they're learning dulcimer as part of trying to learn the basic instruments — percussion, string and wind. The fingering is a little difficult on the dulcimer but they're learning."

REPORT

Unprecedented findings could be catalyst for a cultural boom

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It's still too early to assess the impact of a study coordinated by ArtServe, but local arts organizations are enthusiastic about utilizing the findings to increase audiences and funding for programs.

Released Monday, Dec. 6, by Southfield-based ArtServe Michigan, a statewide advocacy and networking agency for artists and arts groups, the study indicated the area already ranks high on the list of cities valuing the

arts. ArtsMarket Inc., which conducted the in-depth analysis of audiences for cultural activities in the seven-county southeastern Michigan region, revealed 57.6 percent of households attend or participate in the arts. That's several points above the national average of 49 percent estimated by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The report, entitled "Southeastern Michigan Geodemographic and Database Analysis," is an exhaustive analysis of the audiences of 59 nonprofit regional arts organizations. It examines types of participation, and pre-

sents an empirical breakdown of the demographical segments who attend cultural events, including concerts, plays, exhibits at arts and historical museums and art associations. Funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, the analysis offers no easy solutions but requires arts organizations to intensely study its 400 pages, evaluate their current audiences and determine opportunities for expansion.

The estimate that 2.8 million people already support arts in the area is promising news to Plymouth Community Arts Council assistant director Betsy Calhoun. Calhoun provided ArtServe with the council's database, which was then plugged into existing demographics.

"The study as a whole has potential, but it's going to take us awhile to use it," said Calhoun. "We found that basically our audience is families. It will help refine our audience. They found that 24.8 percent of what's called successful suburbanites are supporting the arts. And that the total regional audience is higher than other parts of Michigan and the U.S."

The study is all part of the arts council's master plan to develop its audience. Stella Greene was recently hired

as development director to help build corporate and individual support, membership and to apply for grants to

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Flourishing: Young students line up outside Orchestra Hall for a matinee concert.

Local organizations participating in the "Southeastern Michigan Geodemographic and Database Analysis" include:

- Ann Arbor Art Center
- Canton Project Arts
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
- Detroit Institute of Arts
- Detroit Opera House/Michigan Opera Theatre
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Farmington Players
- Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village
- Musica Viva International Concerts
- Plymouth Community Arts Council
- University Musical Society
- Very Special Arts Michigan
- WDET-FM, WEMU-FM, WTVS-TV

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For more information, call ArtServe Michigan, (248) 557-8288.

- Key findings**
- Wayne County draws the highest crossover from other counties, including 46 percent of the audiences living in Oakland County.
- 85 percent of prosperous baby boomers participate in the arts.
- 75 percent of the top 1 percent of affluent residents participate in the arts.
- 25 percent of people who participate in the arts donate, but that figure falls to 8 percent when donations excluding public broadcasting are considered.
- More than 90 percent of people who participate in the arts are single-ticket buyers.

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meet the arts council's \$200,000 operating budget.

The study is going to help us continue to offer our programs (classes, cultural events and youth theater)," said Calhoun.

Growth opportunity

Mike Yeager was excited to learn that the results of the study strengthen the case for building a new performing arts center in Canton Township.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has long believed that arts and cultural participation is a major contributor to the quality of life in a community. Yack and Township treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter founded Canton Project Arts to provide residents with the opportunity to attend cultural activities in their own backyard.

So the study's finding that people who live in Wayne County are affiliated primarily with local organizations is particularly encouraging. The study further showed that Wayne and Oakland county venues and organizations draw the bulk of audiences in the area and that Wayne and Washtenaw counties show the most growth opportunity.

"I think it's something that as time goes on will be beneficial in building an audience database," said Yeager. Canton Township liaison to Canton Project Arts, the township's official arts organization, "That's important in the cultural development in the township and will help with

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Barbara Kratchman
Executive director of ArtServe

developing a performance arts center. We'll be able to plug into the database to find out what kinds of programs to bring into the center."

Yeager appreciates ArtServe's ongoing commitment to provide workshops and consultations to help arts organizations determine how to use the findings of the demographic report. It will help Yack, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra president Don Soenen, the Canton Community Foundation, and the Partnership for the Arts to lead the effort in building the performing arts center in Canton.

A business plan, which is now in the works, will finalize the size of the theater, the cost and operating expenses. Yeager said the study's recommendation that arts organizations diversify programming in order to capture a greater market share is important for the survival of the performing arts center.

"We're very enthusiastic about what ArtServe and the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation is doing," said Yeager. "In the future we'll be able to go back and refer to the study."

Gene Hammonds, president of

Canton Project Arts, agrees with the study that the arts are definitely on an upswing. As Canton Project Arts president, he sees how far the organization has come since its founding in 1992. A fine arts exhibit in October, spring theater series and performances for youth offer a variety of arts activities for every age.

"Every year we try to take on one more project," said Hammonds. "In the year 2000 we'll have an art exhibit, theater or other cultural activity every other month." (And of course they're still looking for volunteers to make them reality.)

Tool for growth

Over the last two weeks, the ArtServe study has been received as the ultimate "told-you-so" tool for arts advocates. The southeastern Michigan region can now point with pride to the findings.

"We've been looked at as a blue-collar town, as not being sophisticated enough to appreciate the arts," said Barbara Kratchman, executive director of ArtServe. "For years, we've been looking for ways to make a convincing argument that the cultural industry is important to our way of life, and now we have it. A thriving culture is good economics."

"A study like this will make everyone more self-sufficient and independent," said Kratchman. "It also provides information about why arts organizations should collaborate. So many of them share audiences."

Culture is regional

The Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, established three years ago with \$1 million from the Lila Wallace Foundation, is currently in the third year of a five-year, \$4.5-million effort to fund local arts, ethnic and civic organizations working to cultivate culture in the metro area.

Not only are the empirical findings of the demographic report invaluable for nonprofit arts organizations trying to identify and build audiences in times of reduced public funding, but art advocates contend that the extensive analysis offers a compelling case that culture in metro Detroit is defined regionally.

This is a sign, perhaps, of the perceived wall crumbling between the city of Detroit and the surrounding suburbs.

"There's a tremendous level of cooperation across regional and county lines," said Larry Coppard, senior consultant at the Community Foundation. "We haven't seen the type of parochialism that has plagued other regional issues."

ArtServe's Kratchman predicts that the findings in the demographic analysis will help the campaign to pass a regional arts tax. Until now, discussions about the proposal have been contentious among Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. The latest notion involves a half mill assessment on property in Oakland and Wayne counties. Tax revenue would finance the operating budgets for the area's 14 major cultural institutions. And each county would also receive a block grant to divide among local arts groups.

Dynamic changes

On the surface, cynics could contend that if arts organizations succeed at the business of marketing, then they might need even less public funding. That, according to Louise Stevens of Artsmarket Consulting, fails to consider the inherent difference between art and commerce and the utter upheaval of arts funding over the last decade.

"Arts organizations need to realize that the marketplace is dynamic," said Stevens. "They need to find ways to rebuild earned income and build awareness among contributors."

Typically, funding is derived from public, foundation or private donations, and revenue generated from ticket sales, referred to as earned income.

Largely because of the explosion in the entertainment economy, nonprofits have been forced to compete alongside for-profit venues.

"We'd like to believe that the arts can stand outside the marketplace, but they don't," said Stevens.

Consumers want value for their money. The days of boosterism and supporting the "arts" because it's the "right" thing to do are over.

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Frank Provenzano contributed to this story.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Weekends of special holiday sales. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. in December. 1516 South. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Side deadline is January 3. Cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M Studios is holding All Day Student Paint Workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30 at 8691 N. Lilley at Joy Road, Canton. The cost is \$24 for each session. There will be drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. To register, call (734) 453-3710.

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Registration runs now through Jan. 10 for classes on abstract painting, portfolio preparation and beginning blacksmithing. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 964-8004, ext. 101.

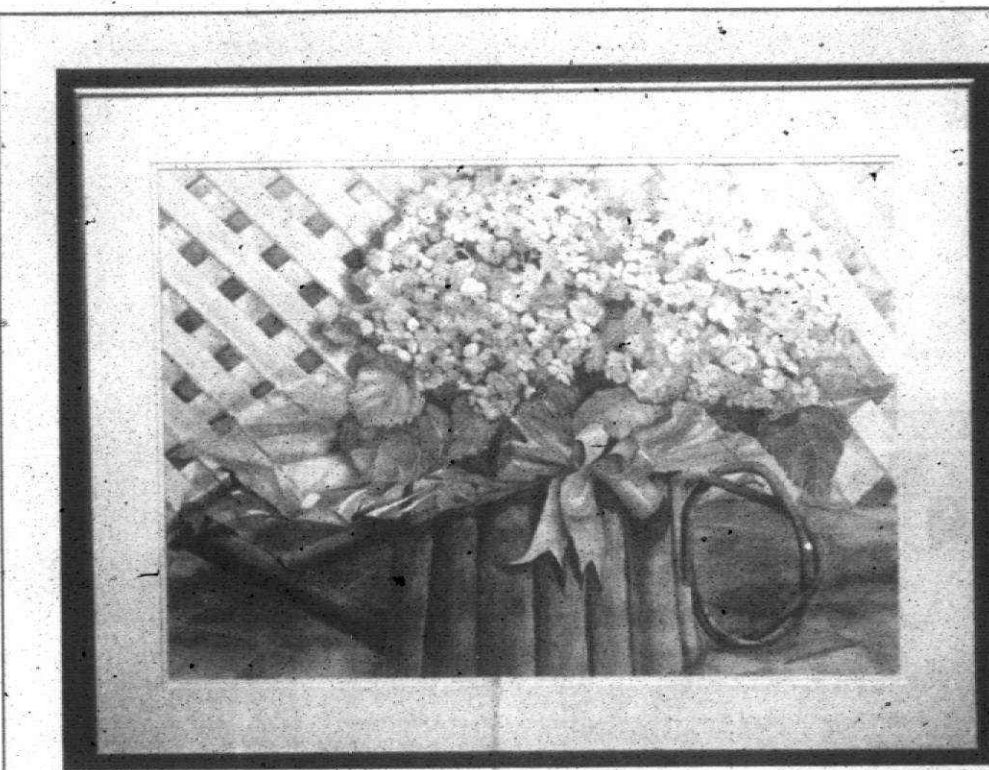
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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
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Floral art: This is one of 49 paintings in a one-woman show featuring the work of Audrey Harkins at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. The Livonia Arts Commission's exhibit of watercolors continues through Thursday, Dec. 30. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26.

15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Road, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

THEATER
CENTURY THEATRE
"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays; 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays; 8:30 p.m. Fridays; 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodward, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347.

GEM THEATRE
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 3 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

JET THEATRE
"Prisoner of Second Avenue," previews Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26, show dates Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900.

CONCERTS
CLASSICS AT THE LAKE
Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zorich perform a "Piper's Holiday Concert" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce. (248) 683-1750.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
A Yuletide Benefit Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Andiamo's Italia Ristorante Banquet Center, 7096 East-14 Mile Road in Warren. (248) 650-2655.

DSO NUTCRACKER
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale perform the Nutcracker through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ
The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Larry Norzoro, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
Presents "Once upon a December" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Middlebelt south of 8 Mile, Livonia.

MUSIC AT KIRK IN THE HILLS
Annual service of lessons and carols, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Christmas Eve Holy night services, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Celebration, a family style musical variety show through Monday, December 20 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5130.

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GALLERY EXHIBIT (OPENING)
SOUTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Opens Monday, Dec. 20 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equila Slaughter through Jan. 31. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)
ARIANA GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 - Feliz Navidad! featuring doo-dads for holidays. Through Jan. 1 - "Let There Be Light." 119 S. Main St. Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - Oil paintings by Lila Kadaj, 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CASS CAFE
An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

CITY GALLERY
Through Dec. 23 - Art for the Holidays! Boutique sponsored by the Dearborn Community Arts Council. Dearborn City Hall, 13615 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (913) 943-3095.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY
The lusters of Paul Katrich. 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 28 5400 Guilan Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY
Through Jan. 9 - "364 Days" featuring Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 14 - "The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 651-7641.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Dec. 30 - An exhibit by the Chaldean American Association of Fine Arts. 47 Williams Street. (248) 333-7849.

COOP GALLERY
Through Jan. 14 - Glenn Barr: Underbelly. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

GALERIE BIEGAS
Through Jan. 1 - Breaking Through: a multi-media art exhibit. 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

GALERIE BLU
Through Jan. 4 - Works by Lenore Gimpert. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Dec. 31 - new work by Kreg Kallenberger. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

SUSANNE HILBERY GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through mid-Jan. - A group show of abstract art featuring Jasper Johns, Al Held, Richard Prince, Joan Mitchell, Stephen Ellis, Barbara Voss and William Wood. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Dec. 30 - Audrey Harkins watercolors in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Dec. 29 - Bob Roderick LGB trains in the exhibition cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490.

MANISCALCO-GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 9 - Colors and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture. 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through Dec. 20 - Document USA, a survey of art at the end of the millennium. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Jan. 17 - Views and Visions, an exhibit of the Midford Village Fine Arts Association. 12 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 - Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Earthy Treasures," the annual holiday show and sale. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through Jan. 26 - "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

PRINT GALLERY
Through Jan. 5 - Mona Lisa Mania. 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SISSON ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 14 - Unconformity: Unexpected Layering. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 845-6490.

SOUTHLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 - Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christine Redmond. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Jan. 2 - The Paintings of Ned Bittiger. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

TOUCH OF LIGHT
Through Dec. 30 - The holiday glass show featuring the work of John Fitzpatrick. 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

U OF M SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Jan. 5 - Works by Vincent Castagnacci and Nicole DesChamps at the new UMSAD Gallery on Main Street. 306 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-2976.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - Shirley Crane Gallier "Small Works" and Sandra Belcher ceramics. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 31 - "Talking Shops: Detroit's Soulful Signage," photographs by David Clements. Walter P. Reuther Library, Woodcock Gallery, Cass Ave. at Kirby, Detroit. (313) 577-2662.

WOODS GALLERY
Through Jan. 13 - The Plain Air Society Artists. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

VOLUNTEERS
ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, week-days, evenings, Saturdays. (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. The village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, is open in October and December. (734) 477-7375.

LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Seeks volunteers to work at the Vest Pocket Library located in the Civic Park Senior Center for a three-hour period once a week. 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 476-0700.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. (248) 349-0376 or http://www.mcbb.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS
CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT TOURS
Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candelight glow. 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Dec. 26-27. Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets \$7/per person and family tickets \$20 in advance. (248) 477-7375.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHORAL SERVICES
7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-2206.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION
Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing. Friday, Dec. 31. Pine Knob Carriage House, Clarkston. \$125 per person. Call (248) 673-4932.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Starring the Rockettes Friday, through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515.

"WILD LIGHTS"
Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak. \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835.

GALLAGHER II
New Year's Eve Party!!
Smash Act
is set in Stratford, Conn. 10:00 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 4:00
Counting to the Fisher Theatre December 1st
7 PM and 10 PM
Tickets - \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50
Call Ticket Master Now For Tickets
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Scallops and Crabmeat; with
additional Caribbean Entrees
and side dishes.
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Island Drinks, package-6.
• Champagne Toast at Midnight
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• Champagne Flute
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Our Customers'
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Band & DJ
• Premium Bar
Package - 6
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(734) 422-4550
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Rejoice, the Savior is Born



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25630 Grand River Avenue • Redford Township, MI • (313) 533-2266
http://www.grace-lutheran.org

Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 19th: Worship of Carols, music and sermon. (9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on *Don't Be Afraid!* Based upon Luke 1:29.

Sunday School Children's Program - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Worship Hours at 7:00 p.m. (Family Service)
11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)

Rev. Victor Halboth will preach on *A Fearless, Fearless Christmas* based on Luke 2:10.

Christmas Day - Worship Hour at 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion celebrated. Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on *Keep Christmas* based on John 1:14.

All services will include carols, special music by the Music Ministry of Grace Church, and inspirational/motivational messages! All are welcome!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
20806 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-474-0875

CHRISTMAS EVE
6 pm Family Worship
Children's Program
11 pm Candlelight Service with Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY
10 am Worship with Communion
NEW YEAR'S EVE
7 pm Worship with Communion

Two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services!
7:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Come and Celebrate the Joyous Wonder of Christmas!

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Downtown Birmingham
Bates at Willis Street • 248-644-0550

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pastor William F. Hopper • 248-478-6520
35300 West Eight Mile Road • Farmington Hills, MI 48335
(between Farmington & Halsted/Newburgh)

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve
Family Service with Carols & Readings... 5:30 p.m.
Holy Communion with Candlelight... 11:00 p.m.

Historic Mariners' Church
A House of Prayer for all People • The 1928 Book of Common Prayer
Friday, December 24 - The Eve of Christmas
Celebrating our 150th Anniversary of moving (on Christmas Eve 1949) from our wooden chapel to our present stone church building

The "Eve is as the Day"
7:30 and 11:00 p.m. - Duplicate Services • Festival Chapel Communion

Sunday, December 26 - The First Sunday After Christmas
8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion • 11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Thursday at 12:10 p.m.

Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage
Enter on Jefferson at Woodward
The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Pastor • Kenneth J. Stewart, Organist & Choirmaster
(313) 259-3206

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (LCMS)
900 W. Hamlin Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 652-8420

The large church alternative.

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Worship especially for children & their families
11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship

New Year's Eve
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24, 5 p.m.
This beautiful hour-long service will be filled with carols, a variety of Christmas music and a special time for children. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.

North Farmington Community Church
32500 West 15 Mile Rd. (bet. Orchard Lake Rd. & Farmington Rd.)
248-626-6900

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
(734) 261-1360

Sunday the 19th, 6:30 P.M.
St. Paul's Lutheran School Christmas Pageant.

Friday the 24th, 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Festival Worship

Saturday the 25th, 10:00 A.M.
Christmas Day Festival Worship

"...give him the name Jesus...
...he will save his people from their sins."
(Mt. 1:21)

Risen Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH
46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 • (734) 453-5252

"Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship"
4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.

"Christmas Day Worship"
10:00 a.m.

"New Year's Eve Worship"
7:00 p.m.

"EVERYONE WELCOME"

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9083 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI
734-591-0211

DECEMBER 24th
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 25th
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

A Barrier Free Facility
For The Handicapped

Antioch Lutheran Church ELCA
Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve - 4:00... Children's Christmas
6:00... Family Worship
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day - 10:00... Lessons and Carols

December 26 - 10:00... Holy Communion

December 31 - 8:00 p.m. From Age to Age: A Service of Worship and Prayer

Antioch is located at the NE corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Hills
(248) 626-7906
The building is barrier-free.

LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
14750 Kinloch
Redford, Michigan • (313) 532-8655
Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (734) 261-6422

Christmas Eve Service... 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Day Service... 10:00 A.M.
New Year's Eve Service... 7:00 P.M.
New Year's Day Service... 10:00 A.M.

CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28000 New Market Road
(next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 • (248) 553-3380

Christmas Eve

Family Worship (with signing for the hearing impaired) 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Vespers Service 7:30 p.m.

Please join us to celebrate God's gift to us - Jesus!

EMBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1803 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham
(1 block east of Woodward)
248-644-5708

Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M.
with Carols & Anthems, and the Christmas Story.

Also, special services Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26 at 10 A.M.
and First Sunday of 2000, Jan. 2 at 10 A.M.

Everyone Welcome! - Nursery care provided at all Services

Clareville United Methodist Church
20300 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia
(248) 474-3444

Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor

December 24, 1999 • Candlelight Christmas Eve Service • 7:00 p.m.

December 26, 1999 • Christmas Service • 10:15 a.m.
Christmas Concert • 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Larry Karow, Pianist

December 31, 1999 • New Year's Eve Youth Event • 9:10 a.m.
Nursery provided for all services

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail • Livonia, Michigan

Christmas Eve (Three Services)

Special Family-Worship Service
(with carols and candlelighting, nursery provided) 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Service
(with carols & holy communion) 8:30 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Service
(with carols & holy communion) 11:00 p.m.

Special music by Choirs and Organ

Antioch Lutheran Church ELCA
Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve - 4:00... Children's Christmas
6:00... Family Worship
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day - 10:00... Lessons and Carols

December 26 - 10:00... Holy Communion

December 31 - 8:00 p.m. From Age to Age: A Service of Worship and Prayer

Antioch is located at the NE corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Hills
(248) 626-7906
The building is barrier-free.

New Life Lutheran Church ELCA
Plymouth, Michigan
734-459-8181
www.newlifelutheran.org

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4 p.m. & 11 p.m.
- at St. John's Episcopal Church - 574 S. Sheldon Road

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:15 a.m.
at Bird Elementary School - Sheldon Road at Ann Arbor Trail
734-459-8181

Come, Worship Christ, the Newborn King!

Candlelight Communion Services
Christmas Eve
7:00 and 11:00 P.M.

Faith Lutheran Church
30000 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
5885 Venoy Road, Westland, MI 48185

Christmas Eve Family Service... 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion... 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Service with Communion... 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Service with Communion... 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 Sheldon Road (just south of Warren)
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 459-3333

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Dec. 22... Advent Cantata... 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24... Christmas Eve, Family Worship... 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24... Christmas Eve, Worship/Communion... 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 24... Christmas Eve, Communion/Candlelight... 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 25... Christmas Day, Worship/Communion... 10:00 a.m.

THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
- Historic Franklin Village Green -
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"Christmas Time in a colonial setting"

5:00 P.M. "Family Christmas Eve Service" (with children's message)
7:00 P.M. "Service of Lessons, Carols and Candle lighting" (with Franklin Ringers)
11:00 P.M. "Service of Carols, Candle lighting and Communion"

All services include special music

Sunday, Dec. 26 One service at 10:00 a.m.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
26425 Wellington
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
1 Block West of Franklin Road

Pastors:
Karl L. Ziegler
Murphy S. Ehlers

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573

Christmas Eve Services
4:30 p.m. Candles & Carols for families
"Yes to God" - message by Rev. Willobee
9:30 pm Handbells play carols
10:00 pm Candlelight & Carols
"Lighten Up" - message by Dr. Large

Nursery Care Provided

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. for Families
with Young Children
5:30 p.m. for Families
with Elementary Children
Nursery Open

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00
Mediation by Dr. William A. Ritter
"All This, And Figgly Fudding Too"

Sunday, December 26
8:45, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"What's In A Number?"
Dr. William A. Ritter

Pastors:
William A. Ritter
Matthew J. Hook
Lisa McVernon
Ruthie F. Quattrone
Carl E. Price

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.
★ Family Musical "Twinkle"
A multi-generational choir presents a delightful story with an important message with lights, drama and lively music.
★ Closing service with individual candles
★ Nursery provided for preschool children

Sunday Dec. 26
one service
10:00 a.m.
Blessing of the children & their toys

9:30 p.m.
★ Adult Choirs
★ Hand Bell Choir
★ Communion
★ Candle Lighting

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Message: "No Crib For A Bed"

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Message: "EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE"

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Senior Minister

Rev. Mary E. Biedron
Associate Minister

Steven Kosinski
Director of Music

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 West Maple Road
Birmingham, Michigan
(248) 644-4010

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
Children's service and pageant 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight and carols 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
Family supper 6:00 p.m.
Worship service 7:00 p.m.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 646-5041

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight, Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m. Festival
NEW YEAR'S EVE 7:30 p.m. Service
JANUARY 6th 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Newborn King!"

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Special
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8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
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620 ROMEO STREET
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN 48307
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248-651-9361

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
"The Wonder of It All" - Dr. Hickey
11:00 p.m.

WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Sermon - "Great Get 'n' Up Morning" - Dr. Hickey

NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES

Orchard United Methodist Church
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, December 19
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

DRIVE-THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY
Monday, December 20

6:00-9:00 p.m. Church parking lot

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES
December 24

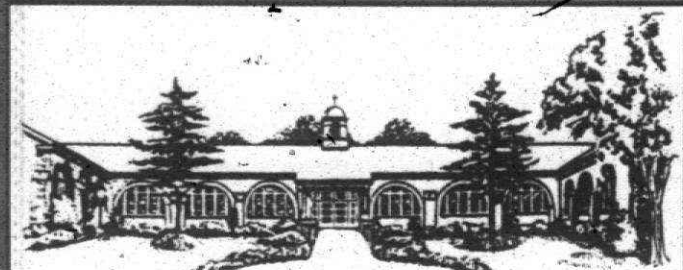
5:00 p.m. Family Service
9:00 p.m. Worship Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m. Worship Service of Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion
Nursery care provided at all services

Sunday, December 26
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
(Cris through 4th grade)

Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Diagonal Minister Margo Dexter
www.orchardumc.org 248-626-3620

Rejoice, the Savior is Born

Come Home for Christmas!
Join St. Owen Catholic Church for worship this Christmas season.
6969 Franklin Rd. Bloomfield Hills
— Communal Penance —
Monday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.
— Christmas Mass Schedule —
Family Mass December 24, 5:00 PM
Evening Mass December 24, 10:00 PM
Christmas Day 9:00 & 11:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
25225 CODE ROAD, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm. & Midnight
Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon
NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Saturday, January 1 - 8:30 am & 10:00 am

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4300 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
248-781-9424

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

RINGING IN THE MILLENNIUM
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9:00 P.M.
RECEPTION IN SOCIAL HALL

NEW YEAR'S DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.
(NO EVENING MASSES)

We Welcome You to Celebrate With Us
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Christmas Liturgy Schedule
Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24
3:30 pm Children's Pageant (Church)
4:00 pm Mass with Children (Church)
4:15 pm Mass (Family Center)
6:00 pm Mass (Church)
11:00 pm Pre-Mass Program (Church)
12:00 m. Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 26
8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
Friday, December 31
4:30 pm 9:30 am & 4:30 pm
Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 2
8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm

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Christmas Worship
CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday, December 24
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CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:30 Mass
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at Wayne State University. In September, Pierson revived the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble. Expect great things from him as he directs the ensemble in 2000.

■ **Ken Gross** and The Art Museum Project for the exhibit "Diversity: Victims and Survivors" in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The exhibit combined Richard Kozlov's stark black-and-white paintings with selected interviews from the university's Holocaust Survivor

Oral Histories. The archival collection, assembled by history professor Sidney Bolkosky, made visitors witnesses to the atrocities committed against Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

■ **Artraia USA** for exhibiting works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Museum. Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Peter Max were among the 250 American artists who interpreted space program activities for those of us who couldn't be on site.

■ The Detroit Women Writers for publishing their "Century of Voices" anthology. The book documents the accomplishments of local women writers during the past century.

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council raised awareness of the plight of migrant workers by exhibiting the paintings of West Bloomfield artist Nora Mendoza. The works touched viewers with their depiction of life in the fields.

■ The singers and bell ringers from nearly one dozen local Catholic church choirs who came

together to present a Thanksgiving festival concert at St. Edith Church in Livonia. The churches (from Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Canton) are all members of the Northwest Wayne Vicariate.

■ My special thanks to The Art Gallery/ Studio and director Norma McQueen for exhibiting portraits from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series. Baum painted these moving artworks on site in Nicaragua, Mozambique,

Belfast, Israel/ Palestine and on the Thai-Cambodia border. If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homedomain.net

New kids' books make ideal gifts

VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to make this final Christmas of the century truly memorable for that special youngster on your list? Any of the following books will prove to be a gift that continues giving, even as we move into the next millennium:

■ **"Sector 7,"** by David Wiesner (Clarion Books, \$16).

This enchanting picture book by the author/illustrator of "June 29, 1999" contains not a single word of text, but is nonetheless an extraordinary literary experience. Ever engaging, sometimes comical, and ultimately moving, "Sector 7" shows us an imaginative schoolboy who, on a "field trip" with his class visits the Empire State Building's observation deck. There, he meets a companionable compulsion who whisks him away to Sector 7, a magical place in the sky where clouds are designed and manufactured.

The concluding scenes of this book are truly exceptional, both in themselves and in how they are exquisitely linked to the preceding pages.

■ **"Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry,"** by X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy, illustrated by Karen Lee Baker (Little, Brown and Co., \$10.95).

This newly-revised edition of "Knock at a Star" is all about the delights of words and wordplay.

In sections titled "What Do Poems Do?", "What's Inside a Poem?", "Special Kinds of Poetry," and "Do It Yourself," kids can enjoy becoming better versed with verse.

From anonymously written nonsense rhymes to the works of such greats as John Updike, William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost, Michigan's Theodore Roethke, and many more, this well-organized anthology more than lives up to its subtitle. Best of all, it's a book the entire family can savor together.

■ **"The Very Noisy Night,"** by Diana Hendry, illustrated by Jane Chapman (Dutton, \$15.99).

Little Mouse is trying to be brave, but the wind is making a frightful racket. Ditto for that spooky old owl, and a "burglar" bent on breaking into the tiny mouse house (said "burglar" is a tree limb, scratching at a window). Big Mouse ultimately succeeds in providing just the right touch of cozy comfort, however, and all ends happily in this charming bedtime mouse tale.

There's definitely nothing mousy about Chapman's artwork. It's as colorful and fun to look at as your granny's crazy quilt.

■ **"Here Comes Mother Goose,"** edited by Iona Opie, illustrated by Rosemary Wells (Candlewick Press, \$21.99).

In this fat volume, Wells' lively artwork adds new punch and pizzazz to such classic favorites as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," "Pease Porridge Hot," "As

I Was Going to St. Ives," and "Bobby Shaftoe."

Some verses — such as "What Are Little Girls Made of?" — have been freshened with a contemporary twist. Throughout, the zany cast of characters is headed up by dozens of our furred and feathered friends. Ducks, chicks, hamsters, kittens, bunnies, and (of course) geese abound.

■ **"The Gargoyle on the Roof,"** by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Peter Sis (Greenwillow Books, \$16).

Though tiny tots may be spooked (especially at bedtime), older kids will probably find this inventive collection a spine-tickling, rib-tickling delight. In verses like "Mother Gargoyle's Lullaby," "Bugaboo," "My Sister is a Werewolf," and "A Vampire Speaks of Grooming," Prelutsky displays his wonderful way with weird. Sis' oddly tinted illustrations add yet another turn to the bizarre bill, and hit the spot precisely.

■ **"The Birchbark House,"** by Louise Erdrich (Hyperion, \$14.99).

A National Book Award finalist, "The Birchbark House" tells the engrossing story of an Ojibwa girl growing up in the Lake Superior region in the mid-19th century.

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TRAVEL

New York dazzles during the holidays

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

No city wraps itself up for the holidays quite like New York.

If you are traveling to the Big Apple anytime between now and New Year's, you are in for a treat.

The bright lights that always shine in Times Square are rivaled by the dazzle coming from streets and stores, plazas and parks throughout the city at this time of year.

Rockefeller Center is a traditional focal point of the holiday hubbub. The giant Rockefeller Center Christmas tree boasts 30,000 light bulbs on five miles of wire. This year's tree, according to the center's holiday hotline, is a 100-year-old, 100-foot-tall, 55-foot-wide Norway spruce, imported from Connecticut.

And you'll most certainly want to check out the windows of the big department stores: Barneys New York, Bergdorf Goodman, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Innovative Christmas themes abound, but because this is also the turn of the century some stores have chosen to focus on the millennium.

Lord & Taylor looks toward the future through the eyes of children from around the world. Five of its Fifth Avenue windows recreate familiar landmarks from various countries and continents, with the sixth window a global tribute. Each features animated figures of children, dressed in fashions appropriate to their heritage.

Barneys New York, living up to its cutting-edge reputation, isn't content to confine its windows to one century. Entitled "Two Thousand Years of Talk," they pay homage to five icons of communication from the past 2,000 years. Each icon is represented by a seven-foot-tall head, made up of art surrounded by a variety of materials, with a mouth that constantly moves.

Cleopatra represents "Girl Talk" and is constructed from



Talk: The "Girl Talk" window, one of a series on the theme "2,000 years of talk," which drew crowds to Barneys New York.

more than 1,000 bottle caps, many filled with the image of Hollywood beauty queen Elizabeth Taylor. Other talking heads are of William Shakespeare (Sweet Talk), Queen Elizabeth II (Tiara Talk), James Brown (Jive Talk) and Millennium Man (Cyber Talk).

Truer to the Christmas theme, Saks Fifth Avenue's windows

feature an animated interpretation of a new book, "Auntie Claus," by Elise Primeval. The windows tell the story of Sophie, described as a rather precocious New York child. She learns the true meaning of the holiday spirit from her aunt, who turns out to be Santa's sister. Hand-sculpted figures are dressed in costumes made from velvets, fake



Window shopping: Bergdorf Goodman windows depict a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas (note partridges and pears).

furs and silks. (The book for children ages 4 to 8 was reviewed favorably last week by the *New York Times*.)

Displays at the Waldorf Astoria hotel reflect its history as "the largest and most opulent

hotel in New York" at the turn of the last century. In the newly published book "New York, An Illustrated History," authors Ric Burns and James Sanders report on its relocation from Fifth Avenue and 34th to its present

Park Avenue site in 1931.

The lobby, adorned with art deco murals and mosaics, is the setting for the re-creation in miniature of wintry street scenes from the Waldorf's past set against blow-ups of vintage photographs of the original hotel.

The windows at F.A.O. Schwarz toy store depict various adventures of beloved author E.B. White's "Stuart Little," obviously well-timed for the film that opens this month. And Tiffany & Co. continues its impressive run of highlighting spectacular pieces of jewelry in sophisticated wintry settings.

Much as I enjoy the windows, it's the street scenes that I really love: the delicately lighted trees on the grassy median of Park Avenue, with the limestone and brick facade of St. Bartholomew's Church (1919) as backdrop; the parade of candy canes on 57th Street west of Fifth Avenue; the golden snowflake-dangling high above Fifth Avenue at 57th Street.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. Your comments are welcome by calling (734) 953-2047 or e-mailing jberne@aatt.net

Festive scene: This photo, taken in the lobby of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, depicts scenes of the Waldorf at the turn of the 20th century.

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Q. How can I avoid crystallization of the sugar when making candy?

A. Make sure the sugar is completely dissolved before it reaches a boil. Stir the sugar and liquid together thoroughly. Bring the sugar syrup slowly to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover the pan while the syrup is coming to a boil, the condensed steam will wash down the side of the pan and help prevent crystallization.

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BEEF UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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On the 13th day of Christmas, my true love brought me beef! Gregg Johnson of Canton is a beef-loving, grill-happy, deep-frying man who loves to cook for his friends. This past Thanksgiving he injected a 14-pound turkey with Cajun spices and boiled it in oil. The bird cooked in 45 minutes. If he gets enough requests, he might just deep fry another turkey for Christmas.

"When it deep fries, the spices

kind of explode inside."

However, Johnson's first love is beef, especially steak, which he learned to cook when he was 9 years old.

"I loved steaks. I'd ask my mom to cook me steaks all the time, one for breakfast, one for lunch, one for dinner. She went out and bought a countertop broiler and left a few steaks in the fridge, and I was on my way, Jack. That was my starter kit."

Today, Johnson has perfected his mother's technique. He starts with a two-pound black angus porterhouse, pokes both sides with a sharp knife to tenderize it, then sprinkles both sides with seasoned salt, pepper and some garlic powder.

Sounds ready for the grill or broiler, doesn't it? Wrong. Johnson always rubs a few pats of butter (real butter, buddy, not margarine) across the surface of one side of the steak for some extra juices, which he uses to sauté mushrooms.

Finally, for an extra, extra touch, he squeezes a bit of fresh lemon juice over the top. This is a man infatuated with flavor.

He broils his steak on high about eight to 10 minutes per side, flipping just once. "They're very tender and rare," said friend Terrie Poe. "I like mine well done, but he likes his rare. I always make him cook mine a little more."

Roasts

Although it's hard to beat a perfectly prepared steak for a



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Picture perfect: (Center photo) This seasoned, two-pound porterhouse is dotted with butter for extra juices before heading to the broiler. (Above) Gregg Johnson checks on the progress of his buttered huddles while keeping an eye on the sautéed onions and baked beans.

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- **Chimichurri paste** - Chopped Italian parsley, olive oil, white vinegar, minced garlic and salt.
- **Bouillon herb paste** - Beef bouillon cube (crushed) or granules, olive oil, fresh or dried herbs.
- **Southwest paste** - Finely chopped dried tomatoes, minced chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, minced garlic and oil.

romantic holiday dinner for two, premium roasts - ribeye, rib, tenderloin and top loin - are perfect for entertaining larger crowds. Select roasts that are bright cherry red in color without any grayish or brown blotches. They can be stored unopened in the refrigerator three to four days before cooking.

Try dressing up your Christmas or New Year's roast with a seasoning rub prior to roasting. A rub containing liquid such as oil or mustard is sometimes called a "paste." The result of this rub-down is a crusty finish after roasting and a juicy, tender roast. Always prepare these roasts by dry heat: Roasted in

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Cookbook for manly taste 'buds'

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Is there a cooking-impaired man on your Christmas list? If so, consider "Bake It Like a Man," an entertaining and practical cookbook that demonstrates the ability to bake, broil and braise has nothing to do with estrogen.

"Life under roofs is centered in the kitchen. It's where humans go for good news and bad, to celebrate birthdays, perform home surgery, and crack pecans," said Irish-born author David Bowers.

"All real human drama takes place in the kitchen. And for too long, it's been the sole domain of woman. But man has an equal right to the place, and it's time he asserted himself domestically."

Yes, guys, it's home-home-on-the-range time.

The index to "Bake It Like a Man" reads like a do-it-yourself home-repair manual: Men and

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Festive bubbly: Domane Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium magnum bottle is dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened on the front.

Some fizz for holiday bubbies

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Are you planning to open a premium bottle of champagne or sparkling wine this holiday season? Here's some fizz, ed.

Joy Sterling, marketing director of her family's Iron Horse Vineyards in Sonoma County, Calif., considers champagne a "subset" of sparkling wine.

"The word champagne is like Kleenex, a brand name that has become part of common speech," she said. "For the purist, Champagne is a geographic region of France, and only wine from there can legitimately be called champagne."

Call it what you will, the real difference between champagne and California sparkling wine is the fruit. California enjoys more sunlight hours, therefore the fruit is richer and more flavorful.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Blood drive

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Menopause support

The next Menopause Support Group meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 in the West Addition A of the Marian Women Center at St. Mary Hospital. A speaker has yet to be announced. There is no charge.

Dr. Michael Gatt, OB/Gyn will discuss "The Modern Approach to Menopause" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, 35475 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For information call (734) 655-1100.

Alzheimer's support

The Marquette House Alzheimer's Support Group will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. The group is open to families and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's. The Marquette House is located on Marquette Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland (across from John Glenn High School).

CPR course

Garden City Hospital will offer an American Heart Association CPR Instructor course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000. Successful completion of this course allows participants to teach both medical and lay persons the skills required to perform Basic Life Support such as CPR and removal of airway obstructions on adults, children and infants. To qualify you must hold a current Basic Life Support-Healthcare Provider Card from the AHA. Call (734) 458-4333 to register.

Dyslexia support

Dr. Arthur Robin, professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine will present an informative discussion about treatment and behavior management from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. Parents, advocates, students and those who wish to learn more about dyslexia are encouraged to attend. Event will be held at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute — Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 737-0044.

Blood drive

Community Choices, Inc. is having a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 26405 Plymouth Road in Redford Township. To schedule an appointment call (313) 937-4170. Walk-ins welcome. Please come and give blood, save a life and get a cookie.

We want your health news

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

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

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Cornea recipient sees miracle in donation

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You wouldn't have to ask Katie Dougherty twice if she enjoys seeing her five grandchildren — there isn't a question the answer would be yes. But to Dougherty the doubt lied in whether she'd be able to "see" them for very much longer.

The 68-year-old Canton resident had been plagued with vision and eye-related problems for as far back as she can remember.

"I've been to see so many ophthalmologists I've lost count," quipped Dougherty.

Approximately 20 years ago Dougherty's lens in her left eye was removed due to a cataract.

The purpose of the lens is to focus images sharply on the retina. When the clouding or cataract occurs, the lens is no longer able to focus clearly onto the retina. After surgery, the eye is unable to focus because it does need a lens to function normally again. The alternatives are cataract glasses which are thick and heavy, a contact lens which is worn on the eye, or a lens implant or intraocular lens, which is an artificial lens placed within the eye.

Glasses were out of the question because she had such good vision in her right eye. "The doctor said I would have a thick lens on one side of the glasses and a regular in the other," said Dougherty. "My brain wouldn't be able to tolerate it."

The optician then tried a contact lens. "That didn't work either. My eye just couldn't acclimate to it." After two different contact lenses Dougherty gave up and settled for the loss of vision.

"I was totally blind in that eye after they removed the lens," said Dougherty. "I don't know how I drove all those years without getting in an accident."

The 68-year-old also had no peripheral vision and no depth perception, making life somewhat frustrating.

"I would over estimate things when I walked because I couldn't tell how far I was from a step. I would drop things if people reached out and handed them to me and when I was pouring cream in my coffee I would pour it all over the table because I thought I was pouring it right into the cup. My husband was very patient."

Then in 1991 Dougherty received an artificial lens implant that restored vision to her left eye. Unfortunately, a common occurrence following this type of surgery is a detached retina. The condition was detected during a routine

checkup and Dougherty was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery.

"I didn't even have time to go home and pack a bag," said Dougherty.

In the past eight years the Canton senior has had cataract surgery in her right eye, once considered her "good" eye, and again a detached retina developed. An artificial lens was implanted just like the one in her left eye.

More bad news followed. The lens that was implanted in 1991 was being rejected by her eye and was rapidly deteriorating.

"They told me I'd have to have the lens removed and receive a cornea transplant," recalled Dougherty.

Gift of sight

In September of 1998 Dougherty received a cornea for her left eye from the Michigan Eye-Bank of Ann Arbor. She was awake during the procedure, performed by Dr. Roger F. Meyer of the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center. Meyer, a staff member of the Kellogg Eye Center and a professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, removed the old lens and transplanted the donor cornea, the clear surface at the front of the eye.

A corneal transplant replaces a diseased segment of an impaired cornea with a similarly shaped piece of a healthy donor cornea. According to the Michigan Eye-Bank/Midwest Eye Banks Transplantation Center, approximately 130 people in Michigan are currently waiting for a corneal transplant.

A year following the transplant Dougherty has 20/30 vision thanks to the cornea donation.

"People say to me, 'Let someone else donate,' but if everyone felt that way no one would donate. It's so important to get donors. I can see now, thanks to someone's unselfish generosity," said Dougherty.

Recently the 68-year-old became an ambassador for the Michigan Eye Bank in hopes of sharing her story with others and spreading the urgent news about organ and tissue donation.

Dougherty's first public appearance as a Michigan Eye-Bank ambassador occurred in the fall when she was the speaker at the Detroit Federal Executive Board's Ninth Annual Disability Awareness Training Seminar for federal employees.

Dispelling myths

Lisa Langley, a registered nurse and an 11-year professional educator for the Michigan Eye-Bank, said there are several aspects of organ and tissue

Special gift

While families gather during this holiday season, the thoughts of many of us turn toward giving thanks for the many gifts that we have received this year. To do so is to express our thanks in tangible ways even as we seek to find the perfect gift for the loved ones in our lives.

This year, the Michigan Eye-Bank asks you to consider giving a gift to someone that you may never meet. This is a gift that is so valuable it is beyond measure, encompassing, life, sight, and hope; yet it is virtually cost-free to the giver. It is a gift that is literally within the power of each of us to offer and makes a powerful impact on individuals, families, as well as communities.

By signing a donor registry card and telling your loved ones of your wishes to donate your eyes and organs after death, you could potentially give the gift of sight to one or more of the 130 persons in Michigan waiting for a corneal transplant. By donating your eye tissues to research (Gift of Hope) scientists are able to develop new

donation that people misunderstand, including whether their religion will allow them to become a donor after their death.

All major religions approve of organ and tissue donation and acceptance," said Langley who, as a regional coordinator, works in conjunction with 30 hospitals throughout southeastern Michigan regarding the procurement and retrieval of tissue.

The registered nurse noted there is no cost to the donor family because the recipient's insurance takes care of the cost of procurement. "People also need to know that when eye tissue is removed, no matter what is removed, everything is replaced with something artificial." It's possible to have an open casket," said Langley.

Langley said talking about your wishes regarding organ donation may seem like an unusual topic during the holidays, but it's actually an ideal time. Signing the back of your driver's

license isn't enough because it's not considered a legal document and ultimately your family makes the final decision.

"Giving the gift of sight to someone whose vision was robbed from a blinding eye disease is one of the most valuable gifts you could give and you may have to receive yourself one day," said Langley.

"Langley looks forward to having Dougherty speak at future engagements throughout southeastern Michigan. "She was very well received at the training seminar and she has a wonderful story to share as a successful recipient."

If you would like more information about organ and tissue donation, contact the Michigan Eye-Bank/Midwest Eye Banks and Transplantation Center at (800) 247-7250 or (734) 764-3262. The MEBC has a Web site at www.mebtc.org.

Organ donor list expands

MICHIGAN

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently announced that 100,000 names have been added to the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in just one year thanks to the Department of State's new organ donor enrollment card program.

Only about 15,000 names were on the Gift of Life registry before the enrollment card program began in August 1998.

"The numbers say it all — our message about greater organ donor awareness is touching people's hearts, and they are responding by placing their names on the organ donor registry," Miller said.

Make donation wishes known throughout family

As holiday greeting cards start to fill mailboxes, many Michigan residents are finding an unusual surprise tucked inside. Michigan Donor Registry cards are being inserted into greeting cards by a growing number of people, according to The Gift of Life Agency, Michigan's licensed organ and tissue recovery agency.

"The greatest gift one can give is the Gift of Life," said Tammy Havermahl, Public education director. "This year, we are being contacted by a significant number of people who want to send donor registry cards to their friends and family."

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"Taking time at the holidays to discuss your donation wishes with family members is the most effective way to ensure that your personal wishes will be carried out," said Havermahl. "Listing your name on the Michigan

Donor Registry is one way to begin a family discussion about donation. Family consent is always obtained before any organ or tissue recovery efforts begin."

The number of Michigan patients waiting for organ and tissue transplants continues to grow. Currently, over 2,500 Michigan patients are on the organ waiting list while thousands more await a tissue transplant. Each month nearly 20 patients will die needlessly while waiting for an organ transplant.

"You can help solve the organ donor shortage by simply encouraging your family and friends to communicate their wish to be an organ and tissue donor," said Havermahl.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, or to receive Michigan Donor Registry Cards, call The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, (800) 482-4881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

WED, DEC. 22

MENDED HEARTS

A national support group for patients with heart disease and their families. Each meeting offers support in coping with the various challenges of heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free of charge at Batford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 411-8870.

TUE, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE

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Breake Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

FRI, DEC. 31

Y2K WALK/RUN

Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Cross Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31 at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:55 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Bro-

head Armory, 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and \$15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. More information on the event may be obtained by calling (313) 556-0560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. or at www.activeusa.com and selecting "Michigan" events at the top of the screen.

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

EATING DISORDER

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females — call (734) 458-4330.

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