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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Canton Township offices** will be closed Friday-Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 3 for the New Year's 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. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1. The community center will resume regular hours on Sunday, Jan. 2. For further information on holiday hours call (734) 397-5110.

**The Canton Public Library** will be closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. It will reopen at noon on Sunday, Jan. 2.

### MONDAY

**Exhibit: The Plymouth Community Arts Council** features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are by appointment through the holiday season. Call (734) 207-3918.

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## Family sees 'outpouring of help'



**Eriksson School students, staff and parents raised \$10,000 in four days to help the Toepfers, a Canton family devastated by a traffic accident near Lansing the day before Thanksgiving.**

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When it comes to giving to those in need, the holidays tend to bring out the best in people.

That caring spirit was no more evident than at Eriksson Elementary in Canton last week when parents, stu-

dents and those who just wanted to help raised \$10,000 in just four days for a Canton family whose lives have been turned upside-down.

"I knew Eriksson had a reputation in the school district for being family oriented, but I didn't know it was this type of kindness and generosity," said Principal Jim Burt, who transferred to

Eriksson this year. "I'm just shocked."

The money was raised for the family of Eric and Michelle Toepfer of Canton, which was involved in a highway accident near Lansing the day before Thanksgiving, while on the way up north to spend the holiday with relatives. A car traveling eastbound on I-96 crossed the median and hit their van in the westbound lanes.

Two of the Toepfers' three children were hospitalized, and Eric, 35, remains in a coma in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. The ordeal has left the Toepfer family devastated and in need

of financial assistance.

Toepfer's neighbor, Kelly Harr, asked Burt to help.

"The only thing we did was put out a letter to parents asking for donations for the family," said Burt. "I was hoping for a few hundred dollars, considering it was the last week of school before the holiday break."

"What we got was an outpouring of help," he said. "Kids were bringing in plastic bags with their quarters, dimes and pennies. The PTO chipped in with \$600. Others heard about the family

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## Hospital tries to be 'home' for holidays

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The room where Ruby Hancock sleeps seems too small, even for a 21-month-old child.

Her mother, Andrea, sits on a small couch alongside the high, metal crib and waits for Ruby to wake up. Then, they get to go home.

And when you're in C. S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor less than 10 days before Christmas, going home takes on a whole new meaning.

"We're just hoping we won't have to be in," Andrea says, watching as her daughter stirs. "It would be sad to have to be in on Christmas."

Chances are, Ruby will spend the holidays at home with her twin sister, Alice, and 3-year-old sister, Madeline. She is being treated for leukemia, but her prognosis is good.

Doctors make every effort to get their patients home for the holidays, whether it's a pass for the day or permanent discharge. Still, a small number of children and their families end up trying to cobble together a Christmas around the centerpiece of critical illness.

"It's hard right around the holidays, because as many as they can get out leave," says Child Life Specialist Theresa Foster. "The ones who are here are the sickest."

Everyone on staff puts in long

## IN THE Spirit OF Christmas



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMAN

**Therapy: Renee Linley of Plymouth, 16, recovering from appendicitis, gets a visit from Kathy Mount and her poodle Bambi at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Below, Mount and Bambi bring presents and good tidings to LaRonn Graham of Toledo, 9. At upper left, children who will spend Christmas in the hospital got to choose from a basket of stuffed puppies.**

hours to ensure those kids have as enjoyable a Christmas as possible. Nurses on the midnight shift deliver a present Christmas morning, and Santa makes a visit with more presents later in the day.

But all who spend time at Mott during the month of December receive a little extra dose of holiday spirit—delivered by a cadre of dedicated, generous health professionals and volunteers who seem to love every child as one of their own.

One leader among the citizens' brigade is Kathy Mount, a Plymouth woman whose spirit and energy have driven donations valued at a quarter million dollars,

just this year. She credits her community, which has wholeheartedly supported her efforts.

But clearly, this is Mount's mission in life.

On the afternoon of Dec. 20, she was preparing for one of several holiday parties held between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hers will include gifts, high school carolers and a visit from her pet, Bambi.

The apricot poodle carries on a legacy initiated by Mount's first poodle, Brandy, who started delighting patients at Mott Children's Hospital in 1977. When Brandy died at the age of 18, Mount became terribly depressed and was

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## Monday deadline set for WTUA lawsuit

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Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships want a show of good faith from the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority.

So much so, in fact, that they're prepared to file a lawsuit if they don't get it by Monday.

The Western Township Utilities Authority's board voted unanimously Monday to demand written assurance from Ypsilanti Township that it will not pursue land use designation changes for a 34.5 acre parcel next month.

The parcel, which is currently under option by Canton, could be used to build a WTUA wastewater treatment plant.

"It would be appropriate for them to make a move in our direction," Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik advised the board. "I think that would send us a good signal."

WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment facility.

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

Talks have been on-going since then. What was supposed to be a final negotiation session Dec. 15 produced more questions than results, however.

Monday's WTUA meeting weighed options in response to that session. The decision was to continue talking with Ypsilanti, but only if the organization would make a show of good faith with the written letter.

YCUA made a similar demand at the Dec. 15 negotiation session.

The authority asked WTUA formally declare that it wouldn't pursue litigation against Ypsilanti Township. The litigation, which Canton nearly filed in

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## Woman, 48, dies in crash on Ford

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A 48-year-old Ann Arbor woman was killed early Wednesday morning after her car was broadsided on Ford Road near Napier.

Jyothi Eadara was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after 9 a.m. Canton Police officer Leonard Sohemanske said the woman was likely at fault in the accident.

"The preliminary indication is that she was improperly passing," he said, "and caused the crash."

The incident occurred at 9:03 a.m., according to township police reports.

Eadara was heading eastbound on Ford about a quarter-mile east of Napier. She was attempting to pass a school bus, said Schemanske.

She lost control of her 1995 Chrysler and went onto the north shoulder of Ford. The car then skidded back into westbound traffic. Eadara's car grazed a 49-year-old

Canton woman's 1992 Pontiac.

She was then hit broadside on the driver's side door by a 30-year-old Canton woman driving a 1996 Pontiac Sunfire. Schemanske said the second Canton woman suffered minor injuries and was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Eadara died moments after the crash. It took emergency workers about an hour to get her out of her vehicle.

It's unclear exactly how fast her car was traveling.

"That's what the investigation will determine," Schemanske said.

It was the ninth fatal accident in Canton this year and the second this month.

Robert Puttock III, 53, was killed Dec. 6 on Ford Road just west of Morton Taylor. There were eight traffic deaths in Canton last year.

It was the fourth death on Ford Road this year and the second west of Canton Center, where the speed

Please see **CRASH**, A8



CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

**JONATHAN FRYE**  
Jonathan Frye, 13, has been named Carrier of the Month by the Canton Observer for December.

Jonathan delivers the Canton Observer in the Cavalier Village subdivision and has had his route since June 1998.

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grader's favorite subjects are Spanish, math and band. His hobbies include baseball, volleyball, and Star Wars collecting. He is in Youth Leadership Canton, on honor roll, first chair-flute, and received band camp scholarships.

Jonathan wants to join the Air Force when he graduates from high school and then go to college to study to be an archaeologist, paleontologist or marine biologist.

Getting up early, good pay and nice customers are some of the things he likes about his route.

Dependability and organization are some of the skills he has developed.



Jonathan Frye  
Jonathan is the son of David and Maureen Frye. He has a twin brother, Jason.

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# Davis: Booher pact nearly a done deal

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Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Sue Davis hopes to have a contract agreement for a new superintendent as early as Monday.

Davis and Trustee Darwin Watts met with Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher, 50, for approximately 2-1/2 hours Wednesday in an undisclosed meeting place in Plymouth. Another session to hammer out a new contract is slated for Monday.

"She wants to come here and we want her here," said Davis. "There are a few adjustments we need to make, and I want to make sure the rest of the school board members know before agreeing to them."

The board, which unanimously voted to offer Booher a contract, has reportedly tendered an offer of \$125,000 for her to become the district's next superintendent. Booher is earning \$111,000 in her present position.

Booher had indicated that if a

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

contract were signed by the first of the year, she could join Plymouth-Canton sometime in February. Davis said Wednesday there may be a possibility that Booher could take over the district's top spot as early as Jan. 31.

Booher would become Plymouth-Canton's first female superintendent. She'll replace former superintendent Chuck Little, who left the district in July. Little was making \$120,000 when he left.

The district has been paying interim superintendent Ken Walcott \$10,000 a month to fill the void until a new superintendent is found. While his six-month contract is up in mid-January, Walcott has expressed an interest in helping the district until Booher assumes control.

## Spirit from page A1

n't sure she could go on. On a day when she'd decided she just couldn't take it any more, Mount prayed that another pet would come her way. Bambl appeared that afternoon, sick and in need of medical care.

"She wouldn't even let you look her in the eye," Mount said. "I told my husband I was going to give her three months. By Christmas morning, I'd taught her 14 tricks. A year to the day of Bambl's last visit, I brought her to Mott."

Since then, Bambl's visits have become a staple of Mount's holiday visits. All year through, she collects donations and provides gift packages, toys and games for the play and activity areas, as well as clothing and other items for children who are virtually abandoned at the hospital.

### A Christmas journey

There's just something special about Christmas, though. It's reflected in Mount's voice as she looks forward to a journey that begins with picking up stacks of sweatshirts, T-shirts, toys and games from their storage space in a Plymouth business owner's conference room.

"I just know there'll be so much joy rained on this place tonight," she said just moments before she walked out her front door. My Bob (husband) went out and bought 400 cupcakes, so parents and siblings can have treats, too. We're going to do every little thing we can think of to make this glorious."

Twenty volunteers help with everything from gift packaging to delivery. Even with their help, her volunteer work is a full-time job, and she's grateful to have Mount finds her reward in knowing she's brought joy to the heart of a sick or dying child, some of whom have little else in the world.

Not long ago, she received a \$200 donation from a church and wondered how to make the best use of it. She alerted the staff at Mott, who called back the next morning. Mount's voice shook with emotion as she related what they told her.

"They had a little boy who had been dropped off at the hospital by his parents," she recalled. "They said, 'He's in an empty crib, in an empty room.' The family said not to call until he was dead. He had a brain tumor."

Though she wasn't feeling well herself, Mount shopped that afternoon and made sure the child had toys and mobiles hanging from his crib. Nurses told her the only reason he sat up was to play with the mobiles.

Another child hasn't had a visit from his family in five months. Several couples from Plymouth are combining their resources to buy him some new clothes. Those stories of abject need, filled by a generous community, are typical of the holiday season at Mott, staffers say.

### Special activities

They, too, go out of their way



Four-legged friend: Kathy Mount and her dog Bambl visit with Emily Comstock of Lapeer, 10, at Mott Children's Hospital.

to ensure a wonderful Christmas for every family touched by illness and pain.

Development Officer Karen Larson can list a range of activities that set a dizzying pace at Mott, beginning in September. Staff members spend countless hours planning events with an emphasis not only on the kids, but their families as well.

"We really work to be inclusive, so all the kids can participate in all the events," she said. "Volunteers will bring activities to kids who can't leave their beds."

Visits with Santa via ham radio, a holiday store where kids can purchase gifts for their parents and siblings and pre-Christmas parties pave the way for the Jolly Old Elf's Christmas Day visit. Surprisingly enough, all of Santa's elves don't work at the North Pole.

Some of them appear to have full-time jobs at Mott. Take Canton resident Shannon Scott, an art therapist who works with kids in rehabilitation after spinal cord or head injuries, as well as those who are seriously ill.

"Most kids, as they're growing up, are trying to be independent," she explained. "There's a huge loss of control (with hospitalization). You walk in, they take away your clothes, and they give you a gown and a number."

### Feelings magnified

The children she helps are often anxious about being away from friends and family and afraid of their illnesses and treatments. The holiday season only magnifies those feelings.

Scott pays close attention to families who appear to be struggling financially. Having a child

in the hospital often results in monumental medical bills—as was the case last Christmas for the parents of a little girl who was being treated for a failing kidney, while her sister was hospitalized in Grand Rapids with leukemia.

The hospital connects parents with agencies designed to help with those needs, and community donors have kept Mott supplied with gift certificates for local restaurants, hotels and movie theaters, so stressed parents can take a break. Siblings are pulled into the circle as well, because in all the hub-bub around the sick child, their needs sometimes go unmet.

"They're just kids, so they don't have the ability to reason it out," Scott said. "They feel jealous, and then they feel guilty because of the jealousy."

Child Life Specialist Theresa Foster sees the same kinds of problems in her work, which also centers around helping kids and their families cope with hospitalization. She, too, has been working on Christmas since September.

### Feeling like home

If she and Scott are tired of it all, it just doesn't show. Both of them appear to have boundless enthusiasm for their work and the people they serve. "Because kids are in and out so much, I have a personal relationship with them," Foster said. "We try during the holidays to make it feel as much like home as we can."

The scent of freshly baked and decorated cookies can be followed from anywhere in the hospital to the fifth floor. Kids help decorate a huge Christmas tree in the lobby and color in line drawings of the hospital's res-

ident artist creates along a wall of windows.

Without question, Foster said, the holiday spirit at Mott goes above and beyond the norm.

"These kids are really showered with donations, gifts, parties and visits from Santa," she said. "We've had a few years where it was just too much."

Larson said staff members have sealed back a little. "We've learned how to make the best of both worlds, and to balance things," she said.

The Holiday Store is an important part of the balancing act. Volunteers help children pick out presents for their families, with some even dashing back and forth to the rooms of those who can't get out of bed, to finish their gift lists.

"When they feel the real spirit of Christmas is when they can go out and get something for someone else," Foster said.

Some families postpone their holiday celebrations until after their child is out of the hospital. The parents of one little girl decided, instead, to bring the family to the hospital for their celebration.

### Delayed celebration

The Hancock don't know yet whether Ruby will be hospitalized over Christmas. If she is, Andrea said, the family will just celebrate whenever Ruby comes home.

Ruby has already experienced a bit of the Mott holiday spirit. Though she missed the floor's holiday party, staff members saved some presents for her, which delighted Andrea as well.

"They all know Ruby, and they love Ruby," she said, adding all the activities and extra effort help immeasurably. "It's really important to have a break from the room. We both need it. As hard as it is for Ruby to be in the hospital, it's hard for the parents, too."

Foster can keep some distance, but it's obvious in how she responds to Ruby that she gets attached to her patients. The toughest part of her job, she said, is watching how some kids fight so hard, and still lose the battle.

"I've seen kids and families with amazing attitudes and strength," she said. "You look back, and it makes you go even further into making each opportunity better, because you know that's going to be such a lasting memory for that child."

Foster displayed some strength of her own this year, by running in a fund-raising marathon in memory of one young woman and in honor of two other patients. Scott also finds some comfort in the strength shown by many families and watching sick kids throw themselves into the spirit of Christmas activities.

Some years, though, the burden of grief can be overwhelming. "Last year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we had sixteen deaths," she said quietly. "I went to Christmas Mass and just lit a lot of candles. You can't take it home with you."

## Four generations glide through time on a hand-made sled

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Once upon a time there was a man named William F. Plumsteel, who loved to work with his hands. He lived in Bay City and made his living as a school custodian. However, he was a carpenter at heart, a fixer of things, a tinkerer. He built his family a comfortable house in a working-class neighborhood, and during the Great Depression, he raised rabbits for food. His family never went hungry.

When he had time, he made rough wooden toys for his children, Margaret and William. One day, he made them a sled, a red one with a detachable handle and long yellow runners. On snowy, wintry days Margaret pushed her younger

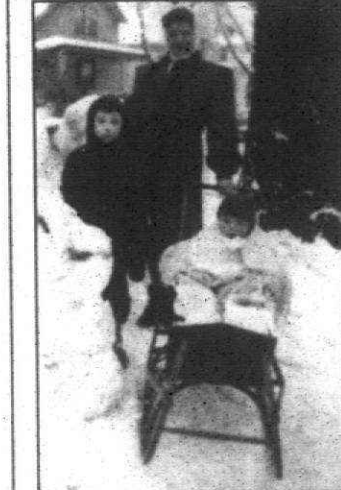
brother in it and sometimes treated her beloved dolls to an outing in the fresh air.

The children soon outgrew the little red sled, and after young William died of tetanus at age 12, the sled became little more than a memory. It gathered cobwebs in a shed behind the family's home.

But this is not the end of the story.

Margaret Plumsteel grew up and married Lester Humphrey. Soon, she dusted off the sled and pushed her own children in it. Richard Humphrey, now a retired school teacher who lives in Plymouth Township, doesn't remember sitting in that sled. But he did. There's a picture in the family album to prove it.

"All I remember was it was something from my mother's



Days gone by: Margaret Humphrey (above, left), whose father built the historic sled, enjoys a winter walk with her two sons, William, 7, and Richard, 2, who's sitting in the sled all bundled up. In the photo at right, 2-year-old Amanda Humphrey, Margaret's granddaughter and Richard's daughter, waits patiently in the sled for her big sister, Rebecca, 7, to give her a push through the snow. Rebecca cuddles a big, black, bushy cat named Bugger.

## Home site thief targets fixtures, damages door

More than \$1,600 worth of equipment was stolen from a home under construction late Monday or early Tuesday.

According to township police reports, faucets and toilet water efficiency units were among the items stolen. Someone entered the Lotz Road site by prying open a garage door.

More than \$100 worth of damage to a door was done. Police are investigating the incident.

### Christmas lights swiped

A home in the 39000 block of Walls had some of its Christmas lights stolen Tuesday between 8 and 10 p.m., reports said.

The red-colored tube lights, which were located on landscaping around the home, were valued at \$300. Police have no suspects.

## COP CALLS

### Warrants

A 29-year-old Wayne woman was arrested in Canton Tuesday after a routine traffic stop.

The woman, who was heading southbound on Haggerty Road near Singh Street, was stopped by township officers for doing 56 mph in a 45 mph zone, reports said.

Police discovered three outstanding warrants against the woman after doing a background check. Two of the warrants were for failure to appear for Michigan State Police and Washtenaw County Police.

### Ring returned

A 35-year-old Canton woman reported her wedding ring stolen Tuesday.

## Family from page A1

and we received a \$1,000 donation from the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation and \$300 from Detroit Edison.

"Ninety-five percent of the people who gave didn't even know the family," added Burt. "I just think people realized this could happen to them. It touched a nerve."

Michelle Toepfer, 33, was completely surprised when she received a check for \$10,000. "I don't know how to thank everyone," she said. "Words aren't enough. I'm just overwhelmed by the generosity."

Toepfer, who has been living in a Lansing motel with her children in order to be close to her husband, said with this being the holiday season, the ordeal has been much harder on her family.

"I don't know how to thank everyone. Words aren't enough. I'm just overwhelmed by the generosity."

—Michelle Toepfer

to endure this situation." Harr, who helped begin the drive for donations, is also overwhelmed by the generosity of the community.

"It's incredible that we received so much support from so many people," said Harr. "Sometimes you have little faith in society, and then something like this occurs. It's really a wonderful thing."

LT Jim Davison of the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation said his organization will continue to take donations for the Toepfer family.

childhood. One year she brought it here and put Christmas presents in it. And other times she put her dolls in it. Her favorite doll was named Philadelphia.

Rebecca Ohtonen, the oldest of Richard and Alyce's two daughters, remembers that Christmas with the present-filled sled. "I don't know how old I was, but on Christmas Eve, I remember creeping down the stairs to check out the stockings. My eyes got diverted to this sleigh full of things. It was wonderful."

When she was a little girl, Rebecca pushed and pulled her sister, Amanda, down slippery sidewalks and across snow-covered lawns in the sled. The two girls were almost the last Plumsteel descendants to use it. After his mother died, a few years ago, Richard and Alyce had an estate sale.

"We almost sold the sled," Alyce said. "At the last moment, we took the price tag off."

They kept the sled in Alyce's sister's barn in Dundee. After all, it was too awkward to store in the Humphrey's small garage. One day, a tornado destroyed the barn. And, just like in stories with happy endings, the little sled came through unscathed, missing nothing more than a 3-inch sliver of wood.

"It was meant to survive," Alyce said.

Today, the little red sled with yellow runners resides happily in Graye's Greenhouse, which is owned by Alyce's mother. It awaits a fourth-generation rider. Rebecca now has an eight-month-old son, Alexander. He's a big boy and may be ready for his first ride. "It would be fun to do that," Becky said.

William F. Plumsteel would agree. That's why he made the sled. The end.



Number four: Alex Ohtonen, 8 months old sits in an old sled which his mother Rebecca Ohtonen (left) and his grandfather Richard Humphrey sat in when they were children. The sled has been in the family for four generations.

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## AROUND TOWN

### PAINT WORKSHOPS

■ D & M Studios will be offering All Day Student Paint Workshops during the school break from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28; Wednesday, Dec. 29; and Thursday, Dec. 30 at D&M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The workshops are for students 6 and older. The cost is \$24 for each four-hour session. There will be drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. Bring a lunch and join us for a fun way to use your time by creating. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

### GUY LOUIS

■ Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express Musical Program will perform at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Plymouth Penn Theatre. Tickets are \$6 per person. This is a show for young people of all ages. For more information, call Cook Development at (734) 453-3230 or the Penn at (734) 453-6530.

### TAI CHI SOCIETY

■ The Taoist Tai Chi Society (a non-profit organization) is forming new beginner evening Tai Chi classes starting Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, in Livonia, 38121 Ann Arbor Road. Day classes also available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit the website at [www.ttc.org](http://www.ttc.org). For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

### BEGINNER'S YOGA

■ There will be beginner's yoga classes held from 9-10:10 a.m.; 10:30-11:40 a.m. Monday mornings in Plymouth and from 7-8:10 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning Monday, Jan. 3 and Wednesday, Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building in Canton on Canton Center Road. Instructor is Dr. Jacqui Magon. Cost is \$60 for seven

weeks. To register or for more information, call (734) 454-0935.

### HOCKEY GAME

■ All elementary and middle school students can enjoy free admission to the 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Canton vs. W.L. Central game and/or the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Salem vs. Stevenson game, both held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To receive free admission, pick up a flier from your school and present it at the gate. Fliers will be available the week of Jan. 3.

### AUDITIONS

■ Whistle Stop Players will hold auditions for ages 5 and up for the spring musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends." Auditions will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, or Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkelman Hulse Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Participation fee due upon casting is \$100 for members (student membership is \$25 for a year). Scholarships are available for those in need. Fee includes costumes, scripts, cast party, etc. Rehearsals are Sundays and/or Thursdays for most cast members. Performances are April 30 through May 19 at the PCAC and local schools. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

### BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

■ The next meeting of the Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current and incoming players are invited to attend.

### ART CENTER

■ The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering new creative courses for its winter session, which begins Jan. 19. The new courses to be offered include Abstract Painting, Portfolio Preparation and Beginning Blacksmithing. Registration runs from now until

Jan. 10. Class space is limited. To register or for more information on winter classes offered at the Ann Arbor Art Center, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101, or drop by the Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

### ME & MY SHADOW

■ New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin on Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins on Jan. 17, 2000. New Morning is certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more information contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

### YMCA

■ The 38th Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, elect officers and to conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

### ELECTION WORKERS

■ Canton Township needs precinct inspectors to work the polls on three election days in 2000. The dates are Tuesday, Feb. 22 (presidential preference primary); Tuesday, Aug. 8 (township and state primary); and Tuesday, Nov. 7 (presidential, township and state general election). Qualified applicants must be Wayne County residents 18 or

older, and registered to vote in their community. Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 for the day, with hours 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For an application, contact the clerk's office at (734) 397-5367.

### SEMINARS

■ Plymouth Independence Village will host two seminars at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, with guest speakers, Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx. Hanson and Marx are from All America Financial and will lecture on long term care insurance and senior estate planning. The lecture is open to the public at no cost. For more information, call 453-2600 and ask for Bryan Neal.

### EXHIBIT

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. (through the holidays by appointment only). Call (734) 207-3918.

### CENSUS 2000

■ The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for people who want to earn some extra money while helping out their community. Enumerators are needed for the 2000 Census in Canton and neighboring communities. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. In order to find people at home, census takers must work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid weekly, paid to attend training, and are reimbursed for mileage costs. Pay is in the \$13-\$15-per-hour range. Bonuses are available for exceeding production and quality stan-

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### KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

### DINNER/AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to "Escape To The Caribbean." The annual fund-raiser dinner/auction will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000. Auction items will include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture, and of course all kinds of art. Dance to the "Couriers," back by popular demand. Entrees to select from include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken, or orange roughy. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$20 is tax deductible). Advance sale tickets are only \$50 each if purchased before the end of the year. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

### DISCUSSION GROUP

■ "Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group, will meet in

the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these topics may join the "Shooting The Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

### KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

### NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

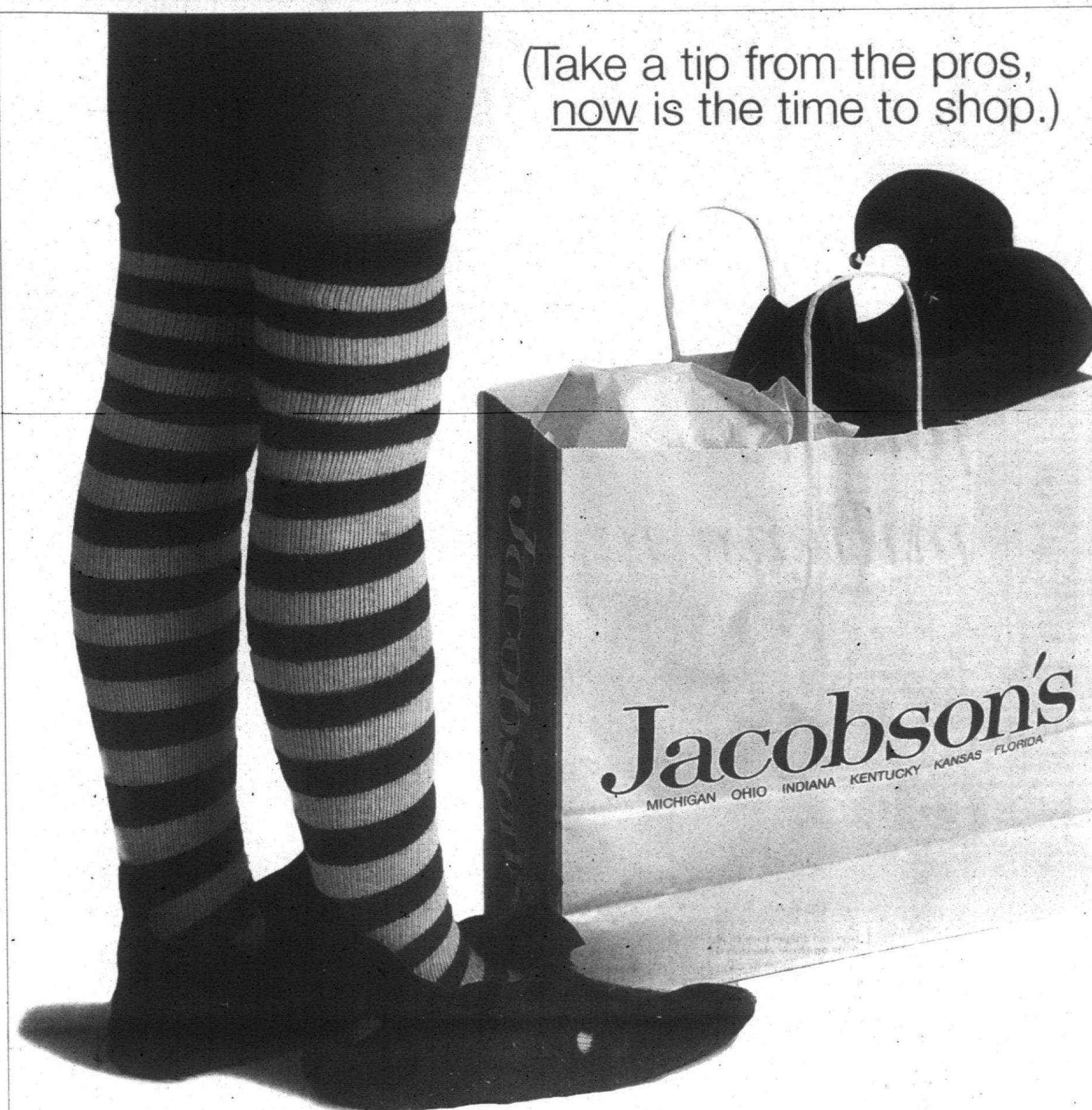
■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been established for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. Call (734) 455-6250.

■ First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

■ Garfield Co-op still has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is located in Livonia, at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

### VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music is registering new students for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kindermusik is music education and joyful learning for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for newborns to 7 years old. For more information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825. Early registration is encouraged.



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## You're sure to find plenty of trendy goods on sale

### THE REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Of all the ways to spend the day after Christmas, shopping is on the top of many, many lists.

And, the question that's probably on everybody's mind is "what's going to be on sale?"

There were many fads and trends this season, so rest assured there will be many items on sale racks and tables the day after Christmas.

Retailers have tired of their fall and winter apparel and already need to make room for spring and cruise merchandise. In fact, spring collections are expected to arrive in stores in January and February.

That's good news for fashion devotees and those of us who passed on expensive trends, like Pashmina shawls and scarves. I did a bit of shopping with retailers' space concerns in mind. I also talked with store owners about what they expect to see on sale the day after Christmas.

In general, trendy merchandise and anything shoppers saw in abundance will be readily available at bargain prices following Christmas. Since just about every retailer stocked up on cashmere apparel and accessories, from boat-neck sweaters to living room throws, shoppers are likely to find a plethora of cashmere goods with slashed price tags. Even cashmere classics - a black turtleneck, colorful twin-set or winter scarf - will likely be available at bargain prices.

Stores also have been teeming with scented goods and aromatherapy products aimed at easing stress, promoting relaxation and living well.

Given the sheer quantity of scented merchandise and the array of choices in the category, fragrant candles and aromatic bath products are sure to be out there at basement prices.

The days after Christmas will likely be an excellent opportunity to snag a deal on a leather jacket, jeans or skirt since designers and retailers offered a plethora of leather apparel this year. Micro-fiber apparel and goods also were abundant, so look for bargains on wallets, bags, purses and boots in the fabric.

Of course, holiday merchandise will also be marked down. Beyond holiday cards, wrapping paper and tree ornaments, look for special occasion sweaters that can be worn in the evening and in the day.

In luxurious fabrics, like cashmere and mohair, with beads, sequins and other shiny details, many special occasion sweaters can be purchased by last-minute planners to pair with dressy bottoms to wear on New Year's Eve. Other evening wear, including those trendy ball skirts, also will likely go down in price after Christmas.

Other merchandise that shoppers will likely see at bargain prices include bead bracelets in vibrant colors, sterling silver jewelry, felted-wool clothing, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, puffy, quilted-nylon outer wear, especially vests, and just about anything made of fleece.

Also, many retailers began discounting their merchandise before Christmas, so keep in mind that items you saw on sale while shopping for gifts may be available for even less on December 26.

Lillith in downtown Birmingham, for example, began their semi-annual sale the week of Christmas. Among the items discounted by 30 percent were tulle skirts in silver and magenta and cashmere sweaters.

Rear Ends in West Bloomfield also marked down fall apparel prior to Christmas. Items on their sales racks included fur-trimmed sweaters by Erik Stewart, knit tops and sweaters by Buffalo and Esel. At Maxwell, a men's clothing store in downtown Birmingham, designer sportswear by Hugo Boss, Zegna and Zanello, as well as wool, three-button suits were put on sale before Christmas.

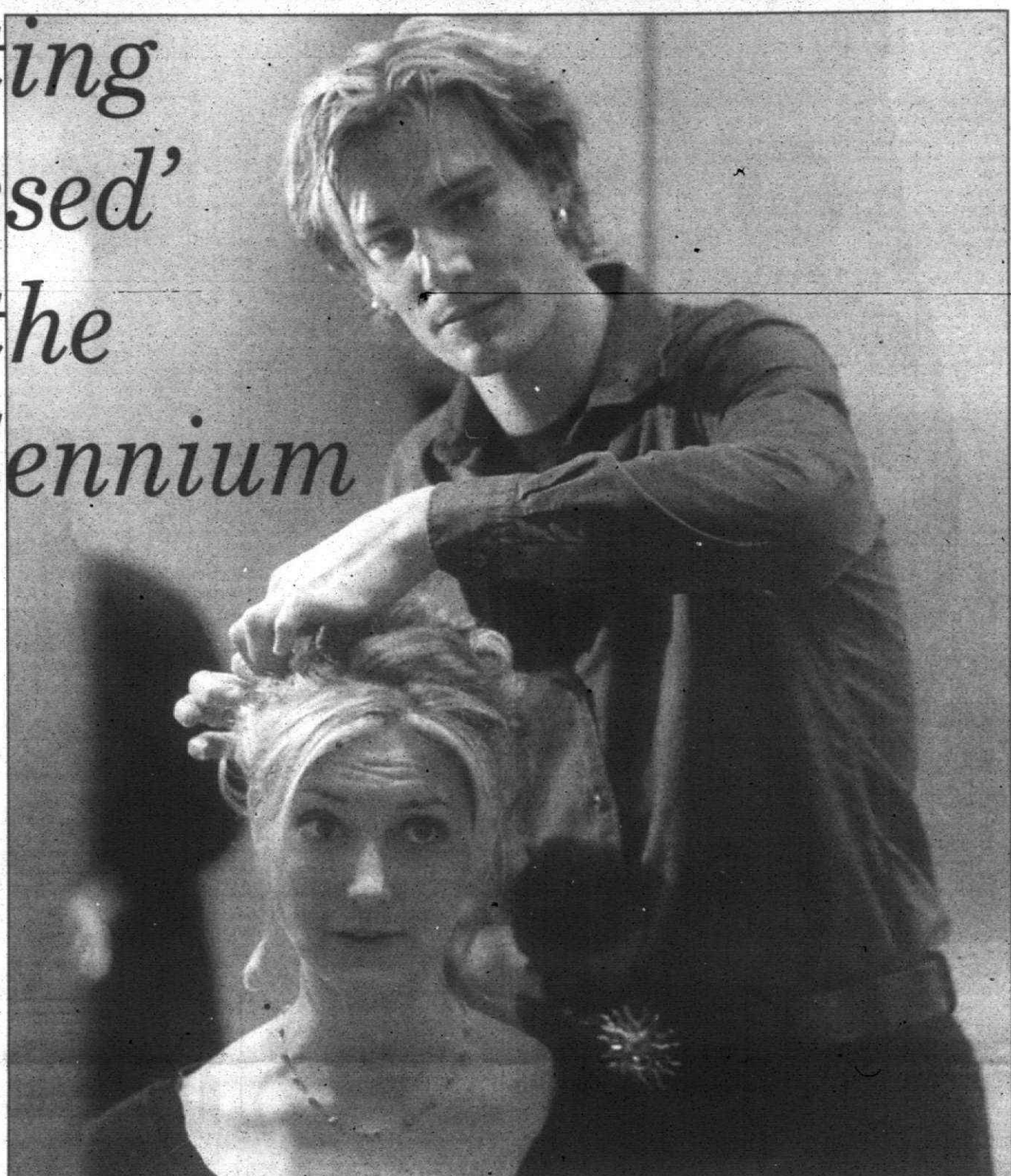
In other words, if you're looking for a bargain, chances are you'll find many, especially on trendy items, overstocked merchandise and goods that went on sale before Christmas. Happy bargain-hunting!

Cari Waldman is a free-lance stylist and writer who lives in West Bloomfield. Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at [OBE@att.net](mailto:OBE@att.net).

## Getting 'tressed' for the millennium

STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

**Hair for the party of the century:** Jeremy Lyle, stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, works with Jamie Michalski's hair for the holidays. There's no particular look for women to obtain for New Year's Eve parties, according to Lyle and other area stylists. However, important characteristics to keep in mind are sleek and shiny and hair with texture. Up looks are soft and more natural this year.



## There's no particular look, but lots of options

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The dress is certainly a head-turner. And those heels for which you shopped forever certainly give you a long, lean elegance. Accessories? You've got that down to a fine art. Looks like you're ready to take on New Year's Eve in high style.

But what about your hair? For the final party of the 20th century, you should settle for nothing less than the perfect coif.

Like fashion, this year's most popular hairstyles embrace the past with a nod to the future, so don't be surprised, if you see a retro do or two on the dance floor.

"We're going back to looks I've seen before in my 30 years in this business. Styles are retro, allure and renaissance, but each generation gives it a twist," said H.C. Scott, owner of Scott's Hair Unlimited Salon in Rochester and past president of the Michigan Cosmetologists Association.

In the '60s, "ratting" gave hair volume and height. Now, in the twilight of the '90s, teasing the hair up in back is termed "back-combing." But, instead of

Crystal coif: Holiday hair is easy to style using a jeweled headband from Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

Decorative up-do: Magnetic rhinestones lend elegance to upswep hair styled at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

pasturing hair high up, stylists are striving for more of a natural look around the face.

"It's not like a bouffant. You're not going to get big hair," said Lisa Willard, a stylist at Salon International in Plymouth and resident "up-do" specialist. This year's look is either more loose and tasseled or smooth and slick with very large, interwoven curls, she said. Willard terms the look a "controlled mess," and keeps it elegant, loose and fun.

"In the past years, it's been twists and tiny curls. Thank God they're not doing that again," she said. And, even short hair can be given an "up-style," said Willard.

Jeremy Lyle, a stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, had a different take on shorter hair. Bob's with interior layers and a wind-blown look are popular for the holiday season, he said.

However, there isn't one particular hair look that women should be striving to obtain, whether they have long or short hair, he said. One characteristic of current hair trends is that styles are "more sleek and shiny," he said. "Textures are also very important this year, either with the cut or with styling products," Lyle said.

For straightening hair and making it sleek and shiny, Lyle recommends using a finishing product called

Straight by Bumble & Bumble. Buff, a weightless, greaseless pomade by Sebastian, does a good job at creating texture in the hair, said Lyle.

Hair ornamentation, including clips, rhinestones, bobby pins and other accessories, are still popular, especially with the younger crowd. However, Lyle said many of his clients are shying away from these accessories.

The same applies to hair glitter. "Glitter is in, but light glitter," said Scott. "If it's heavier, it looks like dandruff."

At Salone Nadwa in Novi, owner Nadwa Yono uses a simple style to give volume and texture, then pulls hair into a ponytail, rolls it over to one side, and pins it. She often adds a decorative headband or magnetic rhinestones to complete the look. She prefers magnetic to Velcro clips because they stay in place better.

"We had the butterfly clips last year. Now they're out, but accessories are the biggest thing going on. A lot of major designers are using them in shows," Yono said.

What stylists do agree on is suiting your hair style to your clothing. Whether your party plans include an elegant ball or something a little more reved up, the hair style you choose should complement your outfit.

"The first thing I ask is 'What are you going to wear?' That has a lot to do with how the hair is put up," said Lyle. For spaghetti straps or bare shoulders, he suggests leaving the hair down to frame the face. With a higher collar, putting up the hair offers balance.

For those with medium or long hair lengths who prefer to do their own New Year's Eve style, Willard suggests using big rollers. Let the hair fall and then pick up strands and pin them, she said. Or, just let the strands hang loose. For the holidays she said, "There's no real set style. It's whatever looks good on you."

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**HUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAY**  
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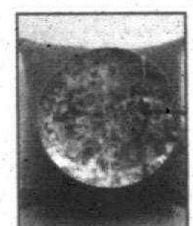
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**Spring lips:** Beauty retailer L'Occitane will introduce a lip color collection in March 2000, \$13-16 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



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- A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural areas for Tom.
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- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.
- Oneida "Twin Star" silverware by Betty Crocker for Janet.
- A store where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold for Jean.
- A set of Ben Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.
- A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.
- A millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joanne.
- A store or stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo 'pasta sauce is sold for Alice.
- A store where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available for Mary.
- A salad dressing called He-Man.
- Roquefort cheese for Lee.
- A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.
- A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size 5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.
- The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.
- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through the Sears Wish Book) for Carol.
- An antique, full-size, brass rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.
- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.
- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.
- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.
- A store that sells Benson's fruitcakes for Brenda.
- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.
- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.
- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.
- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.
- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.
- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

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## OBITUARIES

### LOUISE W. BRADLEY

Services for Louise W. Bradley, 94, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville with the Rev. Douglas W. Vernon and the Rev. Thomas M. Beagan officiating. Private burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

She was born Nov. 1, 1905 in Chicago. She died Dec. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. She graduated

from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree. She was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity for women, the Tuesday Musicals, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 115, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was also a musician with the Plymouth Symphony for many years. She was preceded in death by

her husband, Frederick W. Bradley. Survivors include her two daughters, JoLouise (Jack) Seidler of Capac, Mich., Trudy E. Bradley of Westland; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Seidler of Warren; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist of Northville Memorial Fund. Local arrangements were made by The Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

## Owner boosts sports, profits at store featuring area teams

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Greg Every practices what he preaches while making money doing what he loves best — boosting local sports.

But he doesn't get involved with all sports teams, just those in southeast Michigan. "I could see a lot of New York Yankees and Notre Dame items but I don't. I'm a homer," he said, evidenced by his wardrobe of a Detroit Tiger cap and golf shirt and Red Wing jacket.

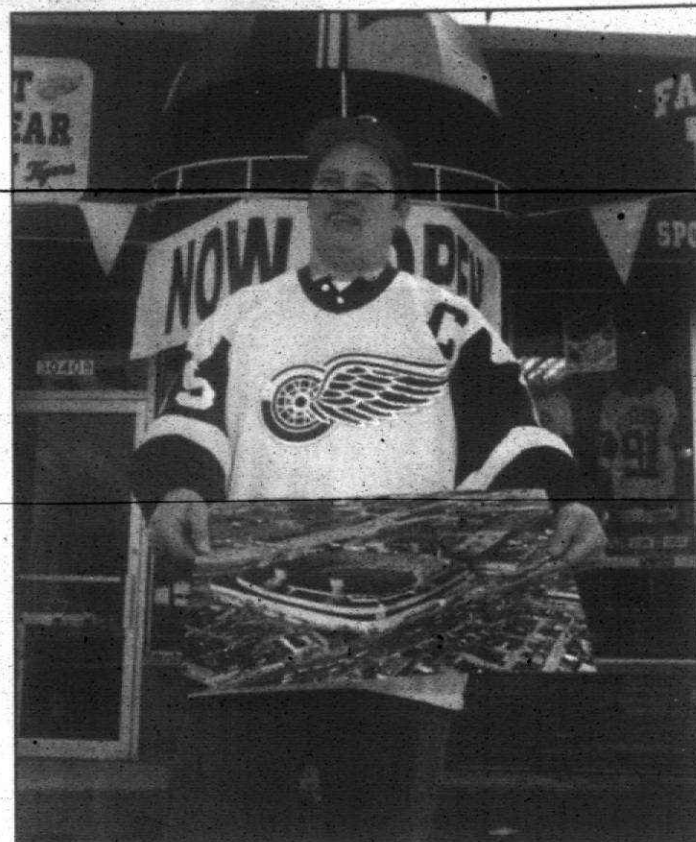
The owner of Fanatic U has something for everyone who is a fan of the Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, Pistons, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Added to his inventory are autographed jerseys.

The latest is a wide-angle shot of the last game at Tiger Stadium on Sept. 27 and initiated by Tiger Rob Frick, who hit a grand slam homer in the stadium finale.

He has expanded his business of popular sports apparel and souvenirs from what used to be temporary roadside locations during major sports events.

Now he opened his second location, on the southwest corner of Ford Road and Henry Ruff, between Middlebelt and Merri-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL  
Proud owner: Greg Every shows off his wide-angle shot of the last game at Tiger Stadium.

Franklin High School, Every and a friend bought some T-shirts near the end of the Tigers' 1984 season in which the team won the American League pennant and the World Series.

"It was the T-shirt with the 'Bless You Boys' slogan from TV's Al Ackerman," Every recalled.

"We sold shirts the night the Tigers clinched the pennant and more than 500 the night they won the World Series," he said.

That started the business career of Every who had specialized shirts and souvenirs made for championship teams and "went on the road" across the country.

The business was so successful that the 1991 World Champion Atlanta Braves "helped me buy me first house" and the Red Wings capturing the 1997 Stanley Cup helped in the purchase of his second home.

After the 1984 Tigers' champi-

onship season, Every took his business on the road with the next big event being Super Bowl XX, held in Palo Alto, Calif.

In 1996, he put down his foundations in opening the souvenir and apparel business in a small store-front location on Joy Road and Inkster. Later, he relocated to a strip retail center on Five Mile and Merriman.

The Garden City location is his second.

The business helps Every with family get-togethers as he can conveniently provide souvenirs or clothing for young relatives.

Every said his wife, Jodi, sometimes reminds him to "put on a normal shirt," instead of the sports items.

He also commented that while he enjoys competing in football, golf, volleyball and softball, he will cut back because of the birth of their first child, a son, six weeks ago.

## WTUA deadline from page A1

late November, would compel the township to accept site plans for a wastewater plant.

WTUA stated that it would be happy to write a letter — provided Ypsi make the same pledge. The Ypsilanti authority balked at the request on Dec. 15.

WTUA maintains that it must continue to pursue the option of building its own plant as a back up to negotiations with YCUA for an expansion of its facility.

"I think we have to keep all our options available to us," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "I don't want to see us have an option shut."

Without making a firm demand of YCUA, that's exactly the possibility the townships were facing.

Machnik told the board Ypsilanti Township could act on the land use changes as early as Jan. 13. He said such changes would likely exclude WTUA from building a plant.

It would force the townships, in other words, to stay with Ypsilanti and help pay for its expansion. Monday's move by the board will put a barometer on Ypsi's commitment to negotiating in good faith, Keen McCarthy said.

"We're asking them to do a simple thing: to assure us that they mean what they've said to our faces," she added.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is skeptical of YCUA's intentions.

"I'm not sure they want a deal," he commented. "I see no motivation. They don't need capacity, so they don't need to move."

Yack thinks even if YCUA

## Crash from A1

limit is 55 miles per hour.

Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said speed wasn't the problem in this accident, however.

"If you're trying to pass on that road now," he commented, "you're taking your life into your own hands. The amount of traffic and construction out there has gone way up."

The former Westland resident who now lives in Plymouth, has been a sports nut since he was 5 years old.

He recalls clearly that as an 8-year-old, he retrieved golf balls from the fourth hole of the nearby Hawthorne Golf Course on Merriman north of Warren Road.

"I lived off the fourth hole, which was next to my back yard (on Carrousel Street in Westland)," said Every, 36.

A 1981 graduate of Livonia

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE**  
**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

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- Zoned: B-2, Central Business
- Applicant: Tri-Mount Companies

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**Say it with Flowers**  
by Steve Mansfield

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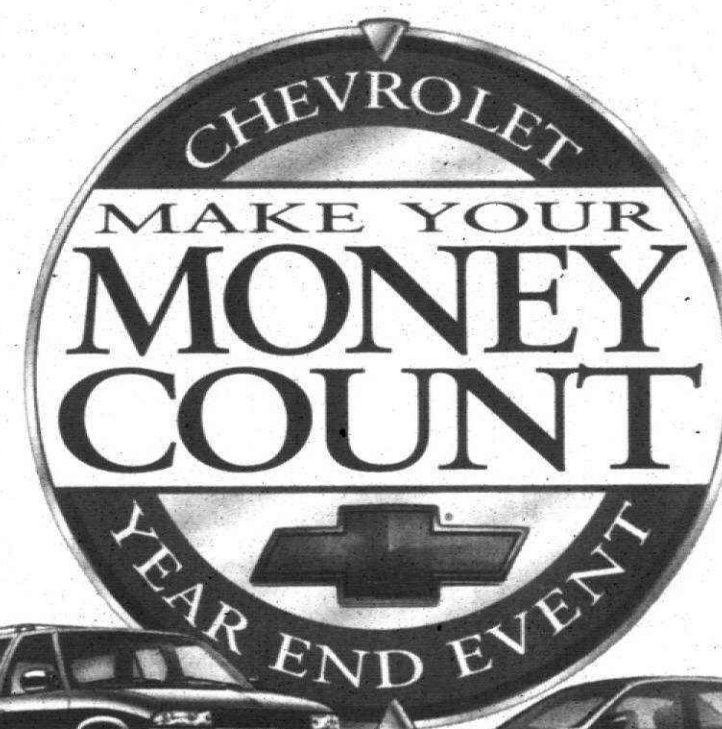
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## Water Department says fill the tub

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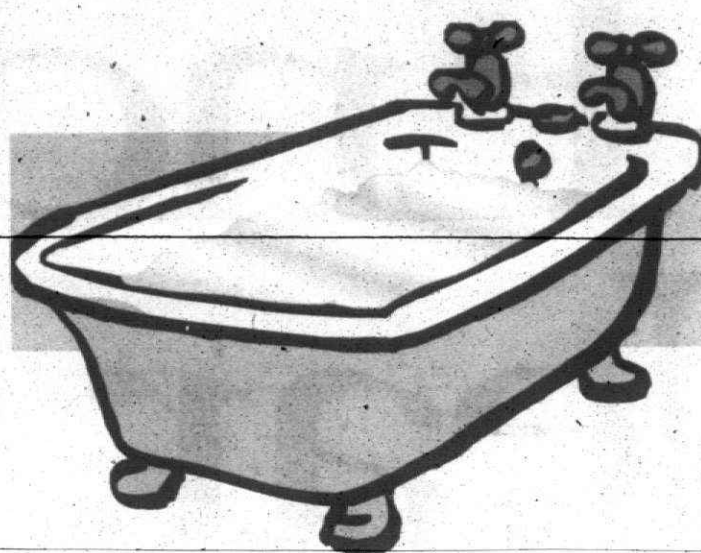
Fill up the tub. Residents can prepare for Y2K by filling their bathtubs before 10 p.m. Dec. 31 to use the water to flush their toilets.

A Detroit Water and Sewerage Department spokeswoman called the tub fillup a "precautionary measure." The DWSJ has spent \$50 million to prepare for Y2K and water department officials say they don't anticipate computer glitches from their end of it and uninterrupted service.

Still, consumers face the possible usual winter storms at this time of year that may create pump problems for Detroit water if power is lost.

"If by some fluke, a storm or power outage occurs, people (who fill their tubs) will have water to flush their toilets," said Dorothy Mann. "We're just telling people to do this as a precautionary measure."

The Red Cross and Federal



Emergency Management Agency have recommended that residents prepare for Y2K and consider incorporating some of the following emergency preparedness guidelines into their family's routine:

■ Store one gallon of tap water per person, per day, for cooking, drinking and personal hygiene — enough for a three-day period. Plastic food-grade containers with screw-top lids can be used for pop, milk and orange juice.

■ In case of low water pressure, conserve water and limit its use to essential needs until pressure is back to normal.

■ If your home or business loses heat, turn off the water where it enters the building at the meter. Drain the pipes to prevent them from bursting.

DWSJ officials believe their greatest challenge may be a loss of electrical power. They have provided for backup power service and partnered with other utilities. These efforts will enable the DWSJ to maintain at least some water pressure and prevent sewage from backing up into basements.

The water supply system also has limited automatic controls. All systems have manual overrides, officials said. Gates and valves "minimize" the probability of backups, the DWSJ said.

Y2K preparedness information can be found on the DWSJ website at [www.dwsj.org](http://www.dwsj.org).

## Cold weather brings hypothermia danger

Wayne County Health officials are urging residents to listen to weather forecasts and dress appropriately to prevent hypothermia, a condition that begins when the body's core temperature falls below normal.

"Hypothermia can result from several small errors such as taking off a glove, eating snow for thirst or unzipping a jacket," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director for the Wayne County Health Department. "The signs of a hypothermic individual include a pale, puffy face, cold feet, hands and face, listlessness, drowsiness, mental confusion, poor coordination, loss of consciousness and irregular heartbeat."

People who know they will be exposed to cold should take the following precautions:

■ Wear several layers of warm, loose clothing, especially headgear.

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Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk  
Wayne County Health Department Medical Director

■ Wear protective, waterproof and windproof outer garments.

■ Keep head and neck covered to help retain body heat.

■ Stay dry.

■ Don't drink alcoholic beverages.

If you suspect a person is experiencing hypothermia, seek prompt medical attention and then do the following:

■ Remove any damp clothes and dress the person in dry clothes or blankets.

■ Give the person warm, not hot, liquids to drink.

■ Allow the person to warm up gradually in a warm room.

■ Give the person a warm, not hot, bath.

The National Institute of

Aging indicates that 28,000 people die from hypothermia each year, with older people making up a big percentage of this number. Normal age-related physical changes, certain medications and some illnesses all increase susceptibility among the elderly to the dangers of cold weather. Others at increased risk are infants, drug or alcohol abusers and the homeless.

"Older people may be less able to shiver effectively, which is one of the ways our bodies heat up," said Dr. Lawrenchuk. "As people age, they may lose their sensation to temperature changes and may not be aware they are in a dangerously cold environment. We're asking people to watch over seniors who may be ill or live alone, especially during winter's coldest times."

For more information on hypothermia, contact the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000.

## New law requires full disclosure on local tax increases

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State lawmakers want local governments to make full disclosure of tax increases and bond issues put before voters.

House Bill 4177, sponsored by Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, has won the approval of both the House and Senate — by 107-0 and 36-0 votes respectively — and now awaits the governor's signature.

Specifics of tax proposals are often left out of the language, according to legislative analysts. Local officials, for instance, often do not include in the ballot language the tax rate they are seeking when approval of bond issues on the grounds that fluctuations in the community's state equalized valuation can cause the tax rate to fluctuate, too.

As a general obligation bond issue, municipalities are required to set whatever rate is needed to meet the payments on the bond.

HB 4177 requires that an estimated tax rate be included for bond issues, but states that the general obligation bonds will not be affected if the tax rate is calculated in error.

Specifically, the bill requires that municipalities seeking property tax increases include:

■ The rate to be authorized.

■ Estimated revenue from the increase in the first year.

■ Duration of the tax increase in years.

■ A statement of purpose for the tax increase.

■ A clear statement as to whether the proposal is a renewal or new tax.

When municipalities ask for approval for bond issues, they'll have to include:

■ The amount to be borrowed.

■ The number of years for which the bonds could be outstanding.

■ The purpose of the bond issue.

■ An estimated tax rate needed to cover the cost of repayment.

In the case of revenue bonds, the legislation requires municipalities to state the specific source from which those revenues will be derived.

## Toy backs diaper tax exemption

State Rep. Laura M. Toy is co-sponsoring legislation providing a sales tax exemption on infant diapers and adult incontinence undergarments.

Toy said the measure will provide much-needed tax relief to all Michigan families.

"The money young families will save could purchase a car seat, stroller or other needed items," said Toy, R-Livonia.

"This legislation will help many young families in Livonia and Redford as well as some of our older residents."

New parents will purchase about 8,000 diapers during their baby's early years.

"With an average cost of approximately 40 cents per disposable diaper, that's a total sales tax of almost \$200 per child," Toy said.

Honored: Marjane Baker, a teacher at Tonda Elementary School in Canton, and first-grade student Shadi Jammoul receive an award for the school's naturalization project.



## Schools, residents cited for Rouge River projects

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An advisory council overseeing the Rouge River has honored two schools and residents for three projects to enhance or protect the Rouge River.

Tonda Elementary School in Canton received a habitat protection and enhancement honor roll award on Dec. 15 from a subcommittee of the Rouge River Remedial Action Advisory Council. Tonda teacher Marjane Baker and first-grader Shadi Jammoul accepted the award for the school's creation of a native habitat for wildlife and fish on Fellows Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River.

Salem Elementary School in Salem Township was honored for the South Lyon Community Schools Outdoor Environmental Lab project, for students and local residents to experience and learn about Johnson Creek, its floodplain and its relationship to the Rouge River.

Selena Brown of Northville and the city of Northville were honored for their partnership in creating the city's first citizen-initiated "Prairie Park," an all-native Michigan, wet prairie of wildflowers and tall grasses in the Middle Rouge River floodplain near Novi and Eight Mile roads.

Bill Craig, a member of

RRAC's habitat and headwaters committee, said the committee looked for effort from individuals and communities in improving the Rouge River to honor.

"At Tonda, the students removed trash, removed invasive species and planted natural native species," Craig said.

Tonda's 635 students created an outdoor learning laboratory by planting more than 1,000 native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers along a section of stream bank that once contained only turf grass. The project also included bird and bat nesting boxes and a wooden observation deck.

The Tonda project demonstrated protection or enhancement of habitats in the Rouge River watershed, strong partnerships, linked economy, environment and society, and commitment to sustainability, Craig said.

## Conference center opens at Metro

DETROIT, Dec. 21 /PRNewswire/ — Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport and the Detroit Regional Chamber announced Tuesday the opening of a new conference center to be located at the airport's Smith Terminal.

The state-of-the-art center was built by a partnership of both public and private investors.

The Detroit Regional Economic Partnership worked on behalf of economic development organizations from Detroit; the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. It also teamed up

with over 125 private sector investors including: Ford Motor Co., General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Northwest Airlines, Detroit Edison, Bank One and Comerica to build the facility.

"What an impressive welcome for visiting business prospects and corporate officials," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "It is appropriate to be opening this center during the holiday season — the spirit of cooperation that went into building this beautiful new facility is a shining example of local leaders working together to give something back to the community."

"Detroit's business and economic development community now has the opportunity to use

this unique setting to show off all that southeastern Michigan has to offer, and to welcome visitors right here at Metro Airport — the gateway to our wonderful and diverse community."

The new airport presentation center will be available to all public and private sector investors, said Richard Blouse Jr., president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber. "State-of-the-art communication technologies, including video and teleconferencing, Internet and fax hook-ups, flat screen televisions, presentation equipment, and fully equipped workstations will be available for partners and guests looking to do business or promote economic development in southeastern Michigan."

Other recent improvements at Wayne County's Metro Airport include a new roomier security checkpoint at Concourse A & B, new restaurants and improved menus at concourse snack stands, more efficient security and triple arrival curbside access to Northwest flights.

## Auto Club says be a friend first, then a host

Holiday partying has begun. What's the most important thing you can do as a host to assure that guests enjoy your soiree?

The Automobile Club of Michigan suggests every party-giver should make it a primary goal to be "First A Friend, Then A Host" by including nonalcoholic options among the beverages served.

To help out, the Auto Club has published its 21st annual Great Pretenders Party Guide. The colorful, 20-page booklet includes 15 prize-winning, alcohol-free recipes for party drinks, and photos of the amateur mixologists who created them. Also in the booklet are party-snack recipes from three of Michigan's leading chefs.

The booklet provides facts about the dangers of drinking and driving and a review of new legal penalties drunk drivers face in Michigan.

"Parties with family and friends are a great way to celebrate the holiday season," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan's manager of Community Safety Services, "but some people might be tempted to drive after drinking too many alcoholic beverages."

In 1998, 525 people died in Michigan in crashes where alcohol was a factor, and another 12,758 were injured," Basch notes.

To focus attention on the danger of drinking and driving, AAA Michigan started the "First A Friend, Then A Host" program in 1978. The Great Pretenders Party Guide is the centerpiece of the program.

The guide includes these tips for being "First A Friend, Then A Host."

■ Serve a variety of nonalcoholic beverages, and don't force alcoholic drinks on guests.

■ Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation, party games and lots of good food.

■ Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.

■ Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption.

■ Encourage car pooling, and have small gifts for designated drivers.

■ Don't let a guest drive who has had too much to drink. Take the keys, call a cab or insist the guest spend the night at your home.

AAA Michigan will distribute more than 65,000 copies of the Great Pretenders Party Guide free. There are available at all AAA Michigan branch offices, or by calling toll free 800-AAA-MICH (222-6424) or by e-mail to [pr@aaamich.com](mailto:pr@aaamich.com).

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## FOCUS ON WINE



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## Clink glasses and toast the new year

The countdown has begun. Here's some fizz to help you pick a memorable bubbly.

Champagne should be served chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves five glasses.

Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an all-sparkling wine dinner.

### Bubbly styles

Sparklers labeled Blancs de Blancs are almost always 100 percent chardonnay. They are delicate and dry. It is traditional to match them with oysters, smoked salmon, caviar or paté. They pair with soft cheeses, such as brie, goat cheese and gorgonzola.

Non-vintage (NV) bruts represent a producer's style. They are generally blends of chardonnay and pinot noir. Vintage-dated bruts represent the characteristics of a particular year, and are generally only made in top vintages. Both take to salty foods, such as nuts, thin slices of Parmegiano-Reggiano cheese, prosciutto or freshly-popped popcorn (no kidding).

A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

A Blanc de Noirs is made from pinot noir and takes to any dish with mushrooms. It's also excellent with game birds or poached salmon. For dessert or ushering in the millennium in a special way, serve it with chocolate-dipped strawberries and amaze your guests.

A Brut Rosé and rack of lamb is sensational. Try it with steak or Mediterranean cuisine, including grilled tuna with a tomato, olive oil and garlic sauce, duck or venison.

A bubbly dubbed tete-de-cuvée is the top wine in that brand.

Champagne or sparkling wine, in a 1.5L bottle, also called a magnum, has the best taste. No one really knows why, but it's true. Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium bottles (both 1994 and 1996 vintage) are available in magnum at \$53. The bottle has been dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened onto the front. Good looks and great taste. Domaine Carneros is owned by Taittinger Champagne of France.

Marketing surveys indicate that more than half the people who have never drunk champagne before will this New Year's Eve, and nearly all people who have celebrated with champagne before will make a choice that is higher in price than their usual selection.

Here are our favorite bubbly baubles for your champagne glass:

- **Blanc de Blancs**  
1993 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$69  
1993 Domaine Carneros Le Reve \$50  
1991 Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs \$30  
1996 Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs \$28.50
- **Non-vintage Brut**  
Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42  
Champagne Deutz Brut Classic \$38  
Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32  
Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut \$19
- **Vintage Brut**  
1988 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70 (made only in years of exceptional quality such as 1979 and 1985, then 1988)  
1992 Schramsberg J. Schram \$65 (tete-de-cuvée)  
1991 Iron Horse Brut LD \$60

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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**Festive sips:** At the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest in Southfield, contestants prepared their holiday alcohol-free drinks for the judges to taste. Pictured (left to right) are Dorothy Dandridge Delight, James Galway's Flute, Uncle Milt's Miami Beach Malt, Savory Sinatra Sizzler, and Kirk Chocolate Maltby.

## 'Stars of the Century' this year's theme of Zero-Proof Mix-Off

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Thick and creamy, with just a hint of almond, Kirk Chocolate Maltby - named for the Detroit Red Wing hockey player, will help you achieve your goal of serving tasty, but alcohol-free, drinks on New Year's Eve.

Created by Margie Thomas of New Hudson, the drink was judged number one by me and two other judges in a Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan on Oct. 7 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield's Town Center.



**Cheers:** The judges, Keely Wygonik (left to right), James Galway, and Sgt. Michael Mellec, clink glasses to toast the holidays and sample Savory Sinatra Sizzler, one of the drinks entered in the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest at the Westin Hotel in Southfield.

Joining me at the judge's table were James Schultz, administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Center, and Sgt. Michael Mellec of the Southfield Police Department.

The Southfield contest was one of three. The others were in Petoskey and Grand Rapids. Five finalists, selected from entries from all over the state, were chosen to mix their drinks in person at each of the three Zero-Proof Mix-Offs.

Three local community leaders tasted the drinks at each mix-off and picked their favorites. The winner in each contest received \$500 and the Golden Stirrer Award plaque. Runner-ups were awarded a ski or golf weekend for two at a Shanty Creek Resort, plus \$50. Honorable mentions each received \$50.

This year's theme was "Stars of the Century." In addition to Thomas, the finalists at the Southfield Zero-Proof Mix-Off included Victor Garske of Birmingham, Darryl James of Southfield, Camille Barr of Harper Woods and Renee Reeves of Milford.

Garske was named a runner-up for his James Galway's Flute, a flavorful blend of raspberry and lemon sorbet, lemonade and sparkling raspberry juice.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Barr for her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, James who created an exotic drink he named Dorothy Dandridge Delight after one of the first African-American women to achieve stardom in Hollywood, and Reeves for Uncle Milt's Miami Beach Malt named after comedian Milton Berle.

As the finalists prepared their drink, they described the ingredi-



**First-place winner:** Margie Thomas garnishes her Golden Stirrer Award-winning drink, Kirk Chocolate Maltby, named after the Detroit Red Wing Hockey player.



**Runner-up:** Victor Garske of Birmingham pours raspberry lemonade into "flutes" to make his special drink, James Galway's Flute, at the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.



**Honorable mention:** Darryl James of Southfield measures Ribena, a black currant juice drink mix, as he prepares Dorothy Dandridge Delight, an exotic drink named after an actress.

ents and explained how they created it.

We were told to rate the recipes based on appearance, taste and creativity of the name (each recipe was to be named after a famous entertainer or sports celebrity).

Taste was the most important factor, but the drink also had to look nice and be easy to make.

As James created his drink, he explained that because he thought Dorothy Dandridge was beautiful and exotic, he chose really interesting ingredients including Ribena, a concentrated black currant juice

drink mix, and aqualibra, a sparkling fruit and herbal drink.

Garske said his James Galway's Flute can be prepared in any kind of glass and describes it as being "cool and refreshing," just like the music James Galway plays on the flute.

As she created her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, Barr played some of Frank Sinatra's music. Because "Sinatra did everything with a passion," one of the ingredients in her drink is Old Orchard Apple Passion.

Please see PRETENDERS, B2

# Gala brings families together for food, fun

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Take eight couples, 21 kids, and two days, and what do you get? The ingredients for a memorable New Year celebration.

Lisa Rahn and Tina Forsberg of Beverly Hills began organizing a New Year's Gala four years ago to provide themselves and their children a fun, wholesome and safe way to end one year and begin the next.

The group divides up between two houses for dinner, which is traditionally lasagna.

"When I say divide up, I really mean divide," said Rahn. "One spouse goes to one house, the other to the second. Children from one family are also divided between the two houses. This way the guests mingle with others instead of with their own families."

"But this is only a temporary separation, only for dinner. At 10 p.m. we all end up at one of the houses for dessert and our New Year's Eve party. All the families help provide the food for the dinner and the party afterward."

Their celebration follows a traditional mode with hats and noisemakers (packed away each year for the next year). For the midnight toast, adults are served cham-

pagne. The children are served grape juice.

"Sometimes we have everyone write down and bring their best memory of the past year to share with the other guests. This year, in keeping with the new millennium theme, we're going to bring written thoughts and items for a time capsule. We just haven't decided where we're going to bury it," said Rahn.

The group's celebration doesn't end at midnight. Fathers rise early on New Year's Day to prepare breakfast at still another house. Spouses and children arrive later for an abundant first meal of the year. Then the wives go to a movie, while their husbands and kids watch football games on TV.

"We rejoin our husbands and kids for the Rose Bowl Game, and for more food and togetherness," said Rahn. According to Rahn, their annual celebration is full of friendship, food and fun. "And what can be better than that?"

### TRADITIONAL FAMILY LASAGNA

- Vegetable oil spray
- 1 pound ground round
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided

- 1 (16-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups cream-style cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- 10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

Spray a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with vegetable oil. Brown meat in skillet over medium heat; drain excess grease. Add next five ingredients. Simmer uncovered for 20-30 minutes (until thickened), stirring occasionally.

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients, except mozzarella cheese and noodles.

Layer half the noodles on bottom of pan. Add a layer of half the egg mixture, half the meat mixture. Top with half the mozzarella cheese.

Repeat layers. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving. Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Lisa Rahn



# Toast 2000 with alcohol-free drinks

See related story on Taste front.

**KIRK CHOCOLATE MALTY**

1 1/2 cups vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream  
2 cups skim milk  
5 tablespoons chocolate malted milk powder  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
Whipped cream  
Shaved chocolate

Mix ingredients in a blender until smooth.

Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

Serve in a daiquiri glass with a straw. Makes three 8-ounce servings.

Recipe compliments of Margie Thomas of New Hudson, Golden Stirrer Award Winner, AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off Contest held at the Westin Hotel in Southfield on Oct. 7.

**JAMES GALWAY'S FLUTE**

1 pint Haagen-Daz raspberry sorbet  
1 pint Haagen-Daz lemon sorbet  
1 cup Minute Malt raspberry lemonade  
1 bottle St. Julian raspberry sparkling cider/juice

Using a 1-inch or 1 1/2-inch ice cream scoop, place one scoop of lemon sorbet in the bottom of a champagne flute.

Top that with one scoop of raspberry sorbet.

Pour in 1/4 cup of raspberry lemonade, then fill the flute with the sparkling cider/juice.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe compliments of Victor Garcke of Birmingham, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

**DOROTHY DANDRIDGE DELIGHT**

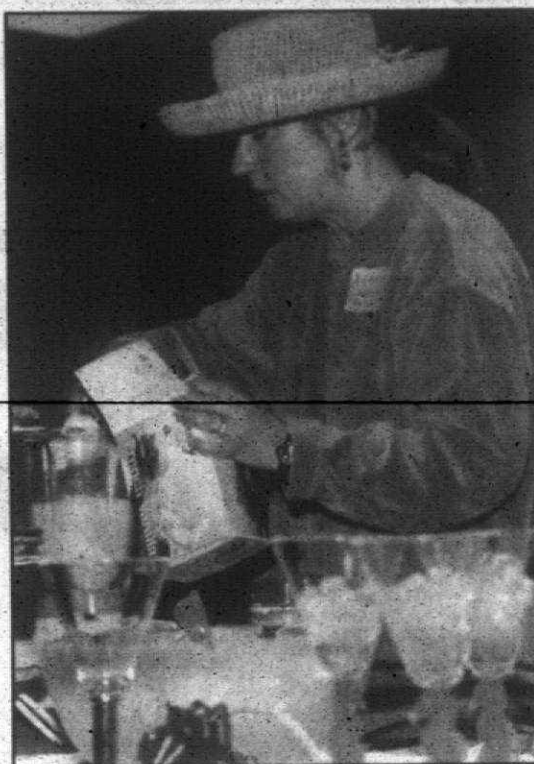
1 1/2 ounces Ribena concentrated black currant juice drink mix  
1 ounce Rose's lime juice  
1 1/2 ounces Original Aquafaba sparkling fruit and herbal drink  
3 or 4 ice cubes  
Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink  
Lime slice

Stir first four ingredients well in a tall Collins glass with a long muddling spoon.

Top with Brazilia drink. Stir well again. Garnish with lime slice.

Makes 1 serving

Recipe compliments of Darryl



James of Southfield, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

Note: Ribena, Aquafaba and Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink are available at Merchant's Fine Wine and other specialty stores.

**Milty's Malt:** Renee Reeves of Milford adds ice cream to her blender to make Milty's Miami Beach.



**UNCLE MILTY'S MIAMI BEACH MALTY**

2 scoops French vanilla ice cream  
1 banana, sliced  
2 ounces cream of coconut  
16 ounces lemon-lime soda, chilled  
1 tablespoon malted milk powder, or to taste  
1 ounce Santa's White Christmas flavoring syrup (or almond syrup)  
Splash of Rose's lime juice

In a blender, mix juice, soda, sorbet and apricots, in that order. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour into two 8-ounce glasses. Garnish with pineapple slices.

Makes 2 servings.

Recipe compliments of Camille Baar, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

**Sizzler:** Camille Barr of Harper Woods pours a serving of Savory Sinatra Sizzler, a tasty blend of apple passion mango juice, club soda, peach sorbet and apricots. The drink was named in honor of Frank Sinatra.

(optional)  
Garnishes: Whipped cream, sweetened coconut sprinkles, almond sprinkles, star fruit slices

Combine ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Pour into three 10-ounce glasses and garnish with whipped cream, sprinkles of sweetened coconut and almonds and slices of star fruit.

Makes 3 servings.

Recipe compliments of Renee Reeves of Milford, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

## Wine from page B1

(seven years on the yeast in the bottle before disgorging, tete-cuvée)

1990 Piper-Heidsieck Brut Vintage \$50

1993 Champagne Deutz Brut \$48

1993 Reeder Estate Anderson Valley L'Ermitage \$38 (tete-cuvée)

1994 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut \$24

1994 Iron Horse Russian

Cuvée \$25 (creamier than the Classic Vintage; also suitable as a dessert pour)

1993 Schramsberg Reserve \$47

1996 Iron Horse Wedding Cuvée \$30

1995 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs \$28.50

1993 Brut Rosé

1993 Champagne Deutz Brut Rosé \$52

Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$40

1996 Schramsberg Brut Rosé \$28.50

1994 Iron Horse Vineyards Brut Rosé \$28

1993 Extra Dry Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Extra Dry \$32

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## Out with the old, in with the new year

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Will you be cooking or going out on New Year's Eve? Most of us will be staying home, enjoying the passing of the old year, and welcoming the new, with family and friends.

My husband, David, and I will share cooking responsibilities. He likes steak, I like seafood. On New Year's Eve we each eat what we like, count our blessings, and make goals for the new year.

Just before midnight, I'll hurry, like I always do, to open all of the doors of our house to let out the old year, and let in the new. Some of our neighbors think we're crazy, but I insist on pounding on pots and pans with a wooden spoon at midnight, just like I did when I was a kid.

This year almost everyone you talk to admits to being a little nervous about the new year. Are you worried about Y2K? Just in case, I stocked up on bottled water, firewood, and canned goods. Our barbecue tanks are filled with propane, and this summer's power outages were a good dress rehearsal. We have extra candles, and flashlights that really work. I hope we don't need them, but just in case, we're ready.

Sylvia Treiman, home economist for the MSU extension of Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline, said water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade containers.

Allow at least two quarts of water for drinking and two

quarts for food preparation and hygiene. Therefore, a total of one gallon per person per day is recommended for storage.

As we bid farewell to 1999, and welcome 2000, here are some things to ponder:

■ The next time you take your vitamins, toast Casimir Funk, a chemist from Poland, who coined the term "vitamin," in 1914.

■ "One hundred years ago, people sitting down to a meal were simply looking for something hot, filling and, in most cases, inexpensive," said Melanie Polk, a registered dietitian and director of Nutrition Education at the American Institute for Cancer Research. "The notion of a 'balanced diet' was still quite abstract."

■ In the 1940s and 50s, as women began to enter the workplace in large numbers, time for food preparation became more limited. Products like Bisquick, Spam, instant oatmeal, canned tomato sauce and pre-sliced American cheese began to appear. Frozen dinners and fast food chains came on the American food scene.

"The focus was on quick, simple meals," said Polk. "At mid-century, ease of preparation was still paramount. It wasn't until the '60s and '70s, when nutritional research really began to gain the nation's attention, that food manufacturers started to offer options that were both quick and health-conscious."

In the 1980s and 1990s everyone got health conscious, and started eating low-fat this and no-fat that. New rules about nutrition labeling set standards for what can officially be termed low-fat.

What will the new year and millennium bring? Current studies show we were starting to eat more beef reversing a trend that began in 1970 when per capita chicken consumption increased 39 percent while beef consumption dropped 19 percent.

Blame it on all those high protein diets. We're eating more eggs too.

How about you? Have you made any new year's resolutions to eat healthier foods?

If you want some inspiration, circle 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, on your calendar. Sandra Dalka, Pysby, of Beverly Hills, will explain how she lost 170 pounds "Slow But Sure," at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham.

Prysky wrote a book about her experiences, "Slow But Sure. How I lost 170 pounds with the help of God, Family Circle Magazine and Richard Simmons." She'll be discussing her book, and the challenges she faced on her journey to lose weight, and keep it off on Jan. 10. The program will include a reading and book signing. Call (248) 647-1700.

I met Prysky in 1993 when she weighed 325 pounds. She said she wanted to start writing for a newspaper again, and to lose weight, a lot of weight. Over the years, Sandy and I have become friends. Her articles have appeared on the pages of Taste and Entertainment. In fact, there's one today. See recipe to share.

Sandy's an inspiration, and a good writer too. She's proof of the old adage — "If you think you can, you can."

Happy New Year  
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# Floating fruit salad bright with berries

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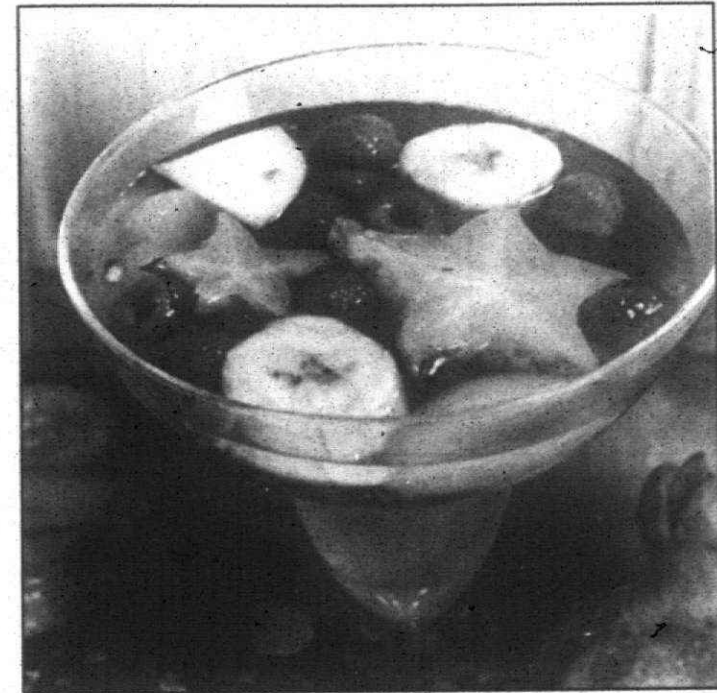
Fruit salad was the consolation prize of desserts when I was growing up. My mother's bowl of diced fresh fruit — hard cubes of apple and pear, slices of sometimes unripe banana and tart orange, punctuated by green grapes and red grapes with pits — provided something vaguely sweet at the end of the meal. It was better than no dessert, but barely.

As a teenager, I encountered somewhat more interesting versions of fruit salad when I began to explore New York City, where I grew up. French restaurants then, in the 1960s, served Maceo-dine, a mixture of fresh fruit splashed with liqueur. Although no sweeter than my mother's

fruit salad, it provided my first experience with getting a bit tipsy. Some Chinese restaurants served blocks of a milky white, almond-flavored gelatin floating with canned fruit salad in lots of the cloyingly sweet canned syrup. Nicely presented in a footed dessert dish, the fruit was mushy, but the almond part was great.

The moment when I realized fruit salad could be exciting came in Paris at a three-star restaurant. It was 1981 and Nouvelle Cuisine was at its height.

When the Fruit Soupe Exotique, part of the prix-fixe menu, arrived, it was a melange of fresh lychee, kiwi, and pineapple, sliced paper-thin, plus wisps and dots of passion fruit, all swimming in a glass bowl. The



Holiday surprise: Bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars, Floating Fruit Salad is a tasty way to serve fruit.

**FLOATING FRUIT SALAD**

2 cups sugar  
6 strips lemon zest, each 2 inches by 1/2-inch  
1 1/2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns  
1 kiwi, peeled  
1 star fruit  
1/2 medium banana  
1 medium peach, halved  
1/2 Fuji apple  
1/2 bosc pear  
2 passion fruit, or 2 rings fresh pineapple  
1/2 cup fresh raspberries, or frozen, thawed  
1/2 cup pomegranate seeds (optional)  
Fresh mint for garnish

Place the sugar in a large pot. Add 5 1/2 cups water. Add the lemon zest and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 5 minutes.

Steep the syrup until it cools to room temperature. Pour the syrup through a strainer into a large glass or other serving bowl. Reserve 3 strips of the lemon zest. Discard the other solids. Cut the zest crosswise into the thinnest possible strips. Add

them to the syrup.

Cut the fruit as follows and add it to the bowl of liquid: Slice the kiwi crosswise as thinly as possible. Cut the ends off the star fruit. Standing it on one end, vertically cut the hard outer tip off each point. Lay the fruit down, and cut it crosswise into thin stars. Slice the banana as thinly as possible.

Cut the peach halves crosswise into thin slices. Stack the slices and cut them in half crosswise. With a melon baller, scoop out the core of the apple. Slice it like the peach. Cut the neck off the pear and discard. Core with the melon baller, and slice it like the apple.

Cut the passion fruits in half. Scoop out the flesh and seeds, adding them to the bowl. Or, thinly slice the pineapple rings vertically, making tiny wedges. Add the raspberries and pomegranate seeds to the bowl. Cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 6 hours.

To serve, ladle 3/4 cup of the fruit and liquid into large wine glasses or clear glass bowls. Garnish each with a spring of fresh mint.

Nutrition information: Each of the eight servings contains 243 calories and less than one gram of fat.

liquid, a light, barely sweet syrup, was a procession of unexpected flavors. They rolled intriguingly from vanilla to hints of fresh mint and lemongrass, followed by the aromatic lingering of lime zest. Light as a tropical breeze, this new fruit salad, beautiful and full of surprises, was as satisfying to me as the most voluptuous chocolate dessert.

Since then, I have created at

least a half dozen variations, each tuned to the season and the occasion, like this one, bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacob, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 691-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

■ **Corsi's Banquet Center** — Family New Year's Eve celebration served buffet style 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Features homemade lasagna, roasted chicken and beef, potatoes, vegetables, two soups, pizza, salad and dessert bar. Beverages, tax and tip not included. The cost is \$10 adults, \$9.75 senior citizens, \$5.50 children under age 10. Reservations a must. Corsi's is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, between Inkster and

Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

■ **Chicken soup contest** — Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, noon Friday, Feb. 25. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. First prize is a feature segment on Keith Farnie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield, third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

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mango juice.

Reeves wore a straw hat as she prepared Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malt, a fruity tropical blend of vanilla ice cream, banana, coconut, lime juice and lemon-lime soda. "It's an easy, breezy drink," she said. "I think it will appeal to everyone in the family. It's smooth and refreshing, with or without ice cream."

As the contestants mixed their drinks, the judges and I tasted each one for his creativity and delicious taste. We could pick only one winner, and Thomas' Kirk Chocolate Malt — ice cream blended with malted milk powder or syrup, almond extract, topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate — was our favorite hands-down.

Now in its 21st year, the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest is part of

### Tips for being "First a Friend, Then a Host"

- Serve a variety of nonalcoholic beverages, and don't force alcohol drinks on guests.
- Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation, party games and lots of good food.
- Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.
- Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption.
- Encourage car pooling, and have small gifts for designated drivers.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Irish to gather for music, dance

Every year around Christmas time, Mick Gavin revives a tradition borrowed from his native Ireland. Before immigrating to America in 1974, the Redford fiddler and his neighbors used to gather to play music and dance. The evening began with "gambling dens" where revelers would vie to win two turkeys, two chickens, a pig or a lamb.

While party-goers won't be able to win Sunday dinner at "Crossroads Ceilidh" Wednesday, Dec. 29, at The Ark in Ann Arbor, they will be able to watch world-class step-dancers from Riverdance, hear award-winning musicians, and maybe even kick up their heels a little while listening to traditional Irish and Scottish jigs and reels.

"It's just a gathering that was the social activity in the farming area," said Gavin. "I remember at age 8 or 9 in the 1940s, going with my father in a horse and buggy. After the gamble was over, local guys would take out their fiddles. They would clear the kitchen to play then clear the floor for set dancing."

Four years ago Gavin brought the idea of an Irish gathering to David Siglin at The Ark. This year, Gavin's lined up Plymouth dancers Paul Cusick and Michael Belvitch, and Pat Quinn of Battle Creek. All three went on to perform with Riverdance after studies at the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland. Nick Gariess, who's performed at Wheatland and other folk festivals throughout Michigan, also will dance.

**Family affair**  
Gavin and his sons Michael and Sean will play as well. Sean finished second in the All-Ireland Championship's Grupai Cool (group music) division in August in the town of Ennisceorthy in Wexford County, Ireland. A flutist and student at U of D Jesuit High School, Sean will join three of the original group members—Jeremy Kittle, Colleen Burke and Colleen Shanks—to play their winning number. The fifth member, Tyler Duncan, remained in Ireland to study uilleann pipes.

"We're going to celebrate the end of the century with an Irish bash," said Gavin, who plays 7 p.m. Sundays at Connor O'Neill's Irish Pub in Ann Arbor. The highlight is these kids from Riverdance.

**Seasoned Riverdancer**  
Paul Cusick's seen a lot of the world since he danced at last year's Ceilidh. Since August, he's performed with Riverdance in Cologne, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Zurich, Rotterdam, Vienna and Prague.

Cusick arrives home from Germany just in time for the Ceilidh then.

# The Best of '99

An entertaining year that pushed aesthetic boundaries, celebrated diversity

Another "Best of" list? Well, yeah. But this one is different. Decidedly different. This list makes no pretentious proclamations. We tried, but couldn't come up with any.

Admittedly, the following list is a year-end, highly unscientific sampling of what several staff writers deemed to be interesting. In other words, here are our opinions.

**Best Installation of Permanent Gallery:** The DIA's modern galleries, featuring interactive kiosks and a fascinating overview of works from Picasso to Rauschenberg. (Finally, modern art with a decidedly contemporary presentation.)

**Best Artist Unbound by Preconceptions:** Gerhard Knodel whose "Skywalking" exhibit at the Sybaris Gallery went beyond the expected display of textiles, and investigated space, motion and light.

**Best Improv:** Nancy Hayden, first-year director of Oakland County's Arts, Culture & Film office. Hayden, former member of "Second City," showed that a passion for the arts can compensate for a lack of bureaucratic background.

**Best Spectacle That Wouldn't Go Away:** The Three Tenors extravaganza before, during and after their Tigers Stadium concert in mid July. (Concert received rave. Egos barely fit into the old ball yard.)

**Best Spectacle That Went Away:** Installation artist Jeff Bourgeois' "shock art" exhibit that closed one day after it opened because the material was deemed inappropriate.

**Best Musical Documentary Exhibit:** "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. (Gospel, Blues, Jazz and Motown all under one roof.)

**Best Fans:** The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts for their ongoing support in raising funds and awareness about the local arts scene.

**Best Weird Exhibit:** "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science" at Cranbrook Art Museum. Where do you draw the line between a frog in formaldehyde and installation art?

**Best Photography Exhibits:** Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks and "Walker Evans: Simple Secrets" at the DIA.

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**Best Father & Son Team:** Joe Dobbins, Sr. and Joe Dobbins, Jr., whose work was exhibited during African-American History Month at Umoja Fine Arts in Southfield.

**Best Team In Planning an Event:** (1.) Janet Torno and the staff at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; (2.) Jonathan Witz and staff who organized "Arts, Beats & Eats"; (3.) Jewish Book Fair staff of Amy Brode, Carrie Kushner, Sylvia Gotlib and Andi Wolfe.

**Best Alternative Exhibit Space:** Detroit Contemporary in Detroit, which opened in early March.

**Best Mystical:** New works by Ed Fraga were featured at the Lemberg Gallery.

**Best Local Exhibit:** Robert Wilbert's new paintings at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery. A master painter at the top of his art.

**Best Import Exhibit:** "A New Russian Realism," the works of Natalya Nesterova, Vasily Shulzhenko and Sergei Shershiak at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

**Best Exhibits With A Conscience:** "Diversity: Victims and Survivors," Richard Kaulow's paintings with selected interviews from the Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Paintings from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series at The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City.

**Best "Out-of-this-World" Exhibit:** Arttrain USA's "Artistry of Space," works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Museum.

**Best Use of Limited Resources in Theater:** The Heartlands Theatre

Company led by founder Jan Radcliff of Birmingham. Heartlands conducts a 12-hour playathon, a new plays program and seminars for actors.

**Best Everyman Artist:** Sculptor Joseph Wesner, whose bronze sculpture exhibit at Hill Gallery in April gave a new perspective to the metaphor of the mind.

**Best Debut:** Eisenhower Dance Ensemble for their New York City debut in mid June at the Dance Theatre Workshop.

**Best Left Undeputed:** Andrea

Bocelli's tepid performance in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Werther."

**Best Biggest Donation:** Josephine Ford, Richard Manooogian and A. Alfred Taubman's lump sum \$50-million donation to launch the DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign.

**Best Book By An Inspired Father:** Tim Smith, a reporter for the Farmington Observer. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, who was born 15 weeks premature, inspired his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Premature Babies."

**Best Photography Books:** Ted Nelson's "The Nature of Kensington" and Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick's "Stranger in the Woods."

**Best Music Festival:** Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, held in mid June.

**Best Free Jazz Festivals:** Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College and Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Hart Plaza.

**Best Musical Series:** University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

**Best Friend:** Frank D. Stella. He's

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

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All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodworking classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

**KINDERMUSIK**  
Registrations being taken for the Winter/Spring session beginning Jan. 30 for piano, violin and organ lessons at Evola Music, 7170 Hagerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

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**Holiday program: Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a mandala sand painting at The Detroit Institute of Arts Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31, as part of the DIA's holiday programming. Millions of grains of sand are laid into place on a platform to form the image of a mandala, or cosmogram. The opening ceremony is noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. The monks will continue working daily on the painting 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can ask questions at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily until Friday, Dec. 31, when the mandala will be dismantled. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward Ave. in the University Cultural Center. Recommended admission is \$4 adults, \$1 children. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the monks will perform "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" robed in magnificent costumes and playing traditional Tibetan instruments. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Dec. 26-Dec. 31. For a schedule of holiday programs, call (313) 833-4249.**

cal ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

**NAVEL ACADEMY**  
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly, 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon; every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

**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 Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

**CONCERTS**  
**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"A Century of Song: From Vienna to Broadway to Hollywood" at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 and 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31. Legendary jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter performs at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

**FIRESIDE INN JAZZ**  
The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Barbara Ware at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756.

**FOR KIDS**  
**CRANBROOK PLANETARIUM**  
Extended holiday hours and planetarium program December 27-31. Schedule includes a Young Stargazers program 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Millennium Sky Show (ages five and up only), 2 p.m. Holiday Lasers, 3 p.m., Millennium Sky Show, 4 p.m., Holiday Lasers, 5 p.m., Millennium Sky Show. There is no 5 p.m. show on Friday, Dec. 31. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-60-CRANBROOK.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY**  
Through Jan. 29 - "From Papyrus to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-9377.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**  
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland, 525 50th State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

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

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A puppet performance by the Detroit Puppet Theater of the

Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man" with sign language interpretation, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 in the Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

**MUSEUMS**  
**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**  
Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-60-CRANBROOK.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan. 2 - Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan. 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 - The Painted Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

**TROY MUSEUM**  
Through March 30 - "Going West-Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Watties, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

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

**COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY**  
Graduate Works in Progress exhibit. 28 5400 Gullen 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. 27 - The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 543-1868.

**U OF M SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN**  
Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

**GALERIA BIGEAS**  
Through Jan. 1 - Breaking Through: a multi-media art exhibit. 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 967-2662.

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

**G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wands, 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.

**SOUTHWEST PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Through Jan. 31 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

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

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

**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) 416-4487.

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

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

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

**SYBASIS GALLERY**  
Through Jan. 15 - Carrie Seid: New Work. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

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

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

**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 Social Sinage," photographs by David Clements. Walter P. Reuther Library, Woodcock Gallery, Cass Ave. at Kirby, Detroit. (313) 977-2662.

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

**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.

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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 lessons, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. (248) 646-3347.

**LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
Greenwood 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.mccb.org.

**DOMINO'S FARMS ST. NICHOLAS LIGHT DISPLAY**  
Through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday (\$5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday (\$7 per car), 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Proceeds benefit more than 60 Detroit children charities. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers and Gleaners Food Bank. (734) 930-4430.

**WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST**  
Through Thursday, Dec. 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, along four-and-one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted. (734) 261-1990.

**"WILD LIGHTS"**  
Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday). Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward and I-96, Royal Oak. \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5855.

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**"LIBERTY HEIGHTS"**  
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s, which focuses on the struggle, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Ed Harris, Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna.

**"DINNER THEATER"**  
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Saturdays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays, and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

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Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.

**"BALLYCASTY"**  
Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver team up in this sci-fi action comedy about a popular television series. The star and co-stars are abducted by friendly aliens who, after intercepting broadcasts of the TV series, believe that they are real intergalactic fighters.

## GREASE ESCAPES

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**CHICAGO EVENT**  
Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Lights continues until the day after New Year's at the famed Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The event keeps alive a tradition begun 58 years ago as a United Nations Day salute to American allies involved in the war. Today 43 trees and three crèches decorated by the city's cultural and ethnic groups offer an opportunity to peek into a "global living room." The museum also illuminates the season with a lights collection, including those that explain the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year, Diwali (Hindu and Sikh festivals), Ramzan (Islamic Americans), Ramadan (Muslims), Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day (Buddhist), and St. Lucia Day (Swedish tradition). The holiday show includes "Kid Stuff," an exhibit of popular childhood toys down through the years; highlight is a giant Radio Flyer wagon at the museum's main entrance. The museum is at 57th and Lake Shore Drive in downtown Chicago. Holiday hours include being open Jan. 1, call (800) GOTOHMI for hours or check www.michicago.org - an excellent and detailed Web site.

**SKI HOT LINE**  
AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan offer a guide to services at all of Michigan's ski areas and it is available free at all Auto Club offices. Also, the ski phone line will start up in December. Call (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328) for daily ski conditions. The same number will get a free copy of AAA's Ski Michigan booklet, which contains a two-for-one coupon for mid-week skiing at participating ski resorts. In south-east Michigan, Alpine Valley near Milford will use a water-cooling tower to help make dryer snow earlier in the season. They have remodeled their lodge and will be offering Sunday night lift tickets at 40 percent off for their 40th anniversary. At Pine Knob in Clarkston they have increased their snowmaking capacity, lengthened the race hill by 25 percent, and upgraded the lodge and cafeteria.

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ART BEAT

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**MUSIC CLASSES**  
Village Music is now taking registrations for classes in Kindergarten, piano, guitar, and private voice and piano at the studio, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 24. To register or for more information, call (734) 354-9825. Village Music owner Norma Atwood, who was recently honored by the Kindergarten Educators Association, is also looking for new members (ages 8-15) for the Rising Star Singers. The choral group of students, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 4 at Village Music.

**PAINT WORKSHOPS**  
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.

Art classes for the winter term begin the week of Jan. 3. Five week classes, including preschool and ceramics, begin the week of Jan. 10.

**AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS**  
Conlen Productions presents "Amah! and the Night Visitors" 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 at the church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joy Road, Westland; 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 near Beech Daly and Five Mile, Redford.

"Amah!" is a tender Christmas season musical drama for the entire family. The story is about a very poor, crippled boy and his mother who receive a visitation from three kings as they journey to worship the newly born King. Admission is free but dona-

tions will be accepted after the performance. For more information, call (248) 478-8932.

**SLIDE/LECTURE**  
Multi-media artist/designer Sandra Weed will give a slide/lecture presentation 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan meeting begins with a short presentation by fiber artist Judy Dunnet of West Bloomfield followed by Weed's slide/lecture and workshop. Dunnet will speak about transferring images to fabric by using a computer. Weed, a Westland artist, will show slides of her work including paintings, clothing and fabric collage murals. She will also talk about the creative process from idea to finished work. A workshop by Weed will follow from 1-1:30 p.m. The subject is creating images on fabric with tools such as candles, crayons and permanent markers. The cost is \$30 members, \$40 non-members (includes all materials for project).

To reserve a space and materials kit, call Judy Dunnet at (248) 363-5697 by Jan. 5. Weed's lecture is \$5 for non-members.

**VAAL CLASSES**  
The Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers weekday, evening and Saturday classes beginning Jan. 7.

Oil Painting with Lin Baum, Creative Approach to Watercolor with Edie Jopich, and Watercolor & Mixed Media with Marge Chellstrom are among the subjects scheduled. Pastel, drawing and portraiture are also available. Workshops include perspective, mastering color, and watercolor monotype. Peter Gillman will teach design elements for

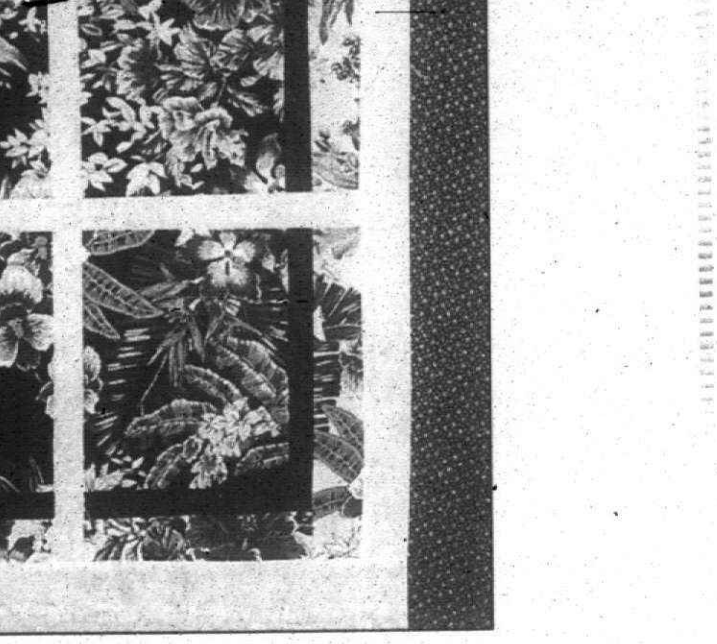
Visit a group class free during Open House Week Monday-Saturday, Jan. 17-22 at Evola Museum, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton.

Call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times.

Evola offers group classes in Kindermusik, piano, violin and organ.

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color, batik, and swing dance. Also take advantage of the brown bag art lectures and drop-in art studio. For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART.



**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
Schoolcraft College is looking for exhibitors for its Spring Craft Show Saturday, March 11. The juried show features 150 crafters who paint or create sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarvings.

Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application, if they have not been accepted for a previous show. To apply, contact the Marketing and Development department at (734) 462-4417.

Fiber art: Westland artist Sandra Weed gives a slide/lecture presentation on her work, which includes this floral fabric wall hanging.

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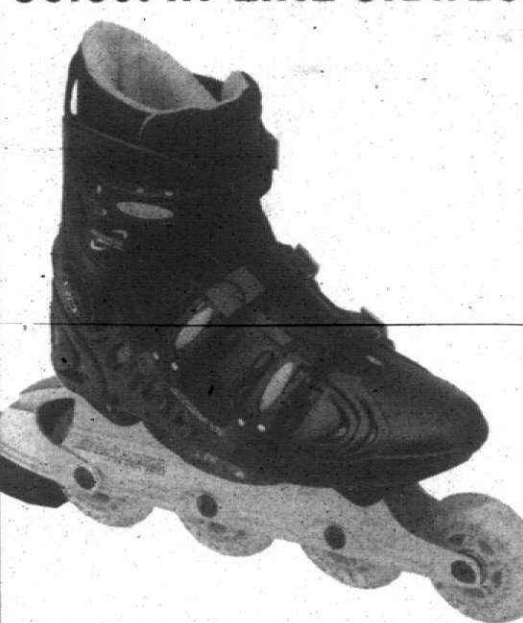
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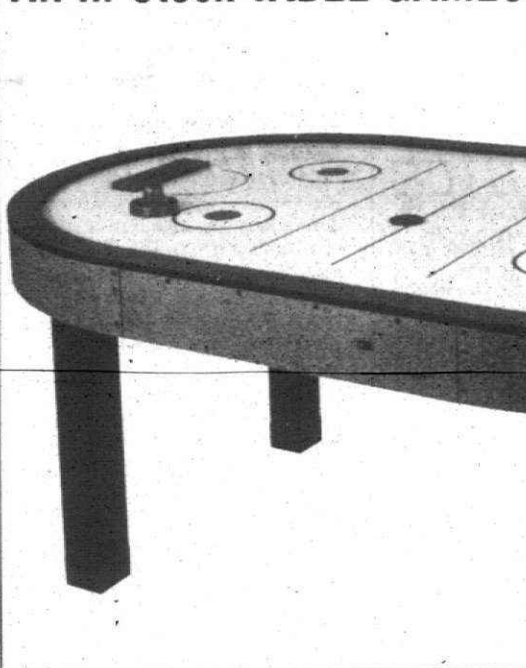
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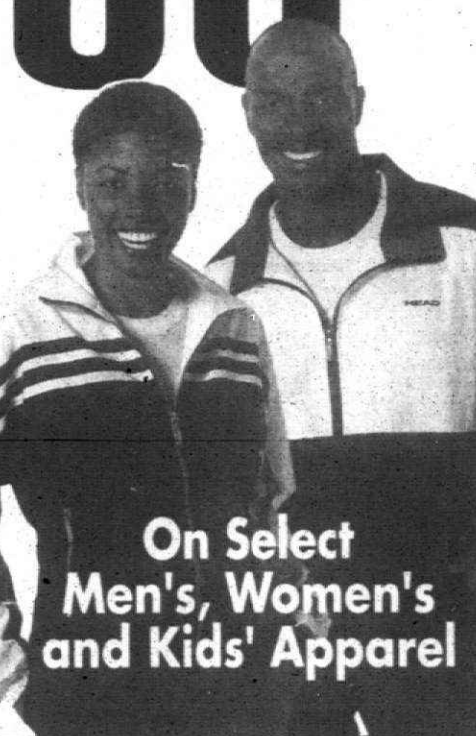


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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### A career best

Alma College's women's basketball team evened its record at 4-4 overall with its first-ever win over Defiance College, 55-48 on Dec. 11.

A major part of this milestone victory — the Scots had lost seven-straight times to Defiance — was Janell Twietmeyer, a freshman forward from Plymouth Canton HS. Twietmeyer scored a career-high 17 points and also grabbed six rebounds as Alma won its second-straight game in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

On Dec. 8 against Hope College, Alma broke open a tight game early in the second half after two Twietmeyer free throws had knotted the game at 31-all. The Scots were in control from that point on, eventually posting a 58-52 victory.

Twietmeyer is averaging 7.1 points and 5.8 rebounds overall while playing 18.1 minutes per game; in MIAA play, she's averaging 10 points and six boards in 17.3 minutes.

### Men's racquetball

A 13-week men's racquetball league, sponsored by Canton's Parks and Recreation Services, will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

Court times will be between 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Players will be divided into divisions, based on ability level.

Cost is \$100. There are no residency requirements. For further information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at (734) 397-5110.

### 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.

Increasing arm strength and bat speed, plus other conditioning drills, will be included. Registration cost is \$75; the camp will run from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 28-30.

Register by phone by calling (248) 380-0800, ext. 112, or send a check to the Sports Academy, 22515 Hespil, Novi, 48375.

**Baseball holiday camp:** A specialized, elite camp featuring hitting, pitching, fielding and more is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 28-30 at the Sports Academy in Novi.

Registration cost is \$85. Professional players, scouts and All-American players will serve as instructors. Live infield and batting practice will be given. A Tampa Bay Devil Rays scout will evaluate players' skills, with increasing arm strength and bat speed, as well as other conditioning drills, serving as priorities.

Register by phone by calling (248) 380-0800, ext. 112, or mail a check to Sports Academy, 22515 Hespil, Novi, 48375.

**Madonna softball camp:** 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.

### AAU hoop tryouts

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), 6-7:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 12-and-under ('87), 7:30-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 13-and-under ('86), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

**Jan. 4:** 14-and-under ('85) and 15-and-under ('86), 6-7:30 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), 8-9:30 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), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 14-and-under ('85), 15-and-under ('84), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

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

## Hammye ranks No. 1 on WSU's win list

He is a familiar fixture at area high school and junior college basketball games.

And judging by his 6-foot-9 frame, there's no mistaking Wayne State University's Ron Hammye is a basketball coach.

And when you strike up a conversation with this gentle giant you get a strong sense he has a passion for Dr. James Naismith's game.



BRAD EMONS

A resident of Canton Township since 1989, Hammye toils in relative obscurity as the Tartars' — wait a minute, it's Warriors now — head men's coach.

He's been at the inner city school 12 years as a head coach after serving previous six as an assistant under Charlie Parker.

The 43-year-old Hammye is what you call a survivor.

Besides being a gentleman with good reputation among his players and his fellow coaches, Hammye manages to get his share of victories.

He made history Dec. 15 in a lopsided

win over Madonna University when he surpassed Joel Mason as WSU's all-time winningest coach.

That night Hammye notched his 187th victory.

In 12 years, he is 189-134 with three appearances in the NCAA Division II Sweet 16, including a trip to the Final Four in 1993.

Two of his teams have gone 25-5 and Wayne State has won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference titles four of the last eight years.

Being at one college, whether it's Division I, II or III for 18 years, is an

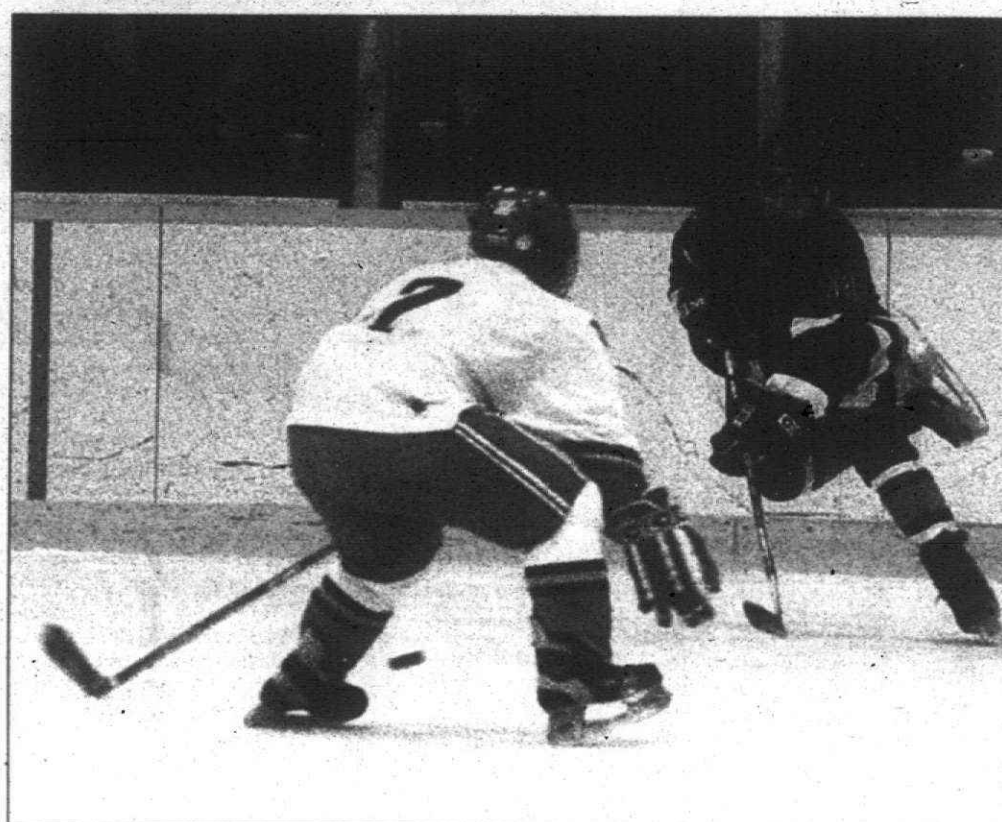
accomplishment in itself.

"I'm just glad to have a paycheck and do something I really like to do," Hammye said. "I've been blessed to have great kids and great assistants. That's the reason I've been able to hang in there."

Although Wayne State's academic reputation is second to none, recruiting qualified academic basketball players to the Detroit campus is tricky.

But Hammye proves he can get the job done.

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**Goal-scorers:**  
Salem's Mark Nagel (14) maneuvers past Western's Eric Wojciechowski, the kind of move that resulted in a goal for Nagel. However, Wojciechowski scored three goals for the Warriors to lead them to a 6-3 win.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

## GYMNASTICS

### Improved: Chiefs 4-0

The score wasn't as high, but the result was satisfactory for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team, which defeated Vassar 129.10-127.55 in a dual meet last Saturday (Dec. 18).

The Chiefs, who defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Plymouth Salem in their first competition and scored 133.1 points in the process, improved to 4-0 with the triumph. The reasons the score was somewhat lower were understandable, according to coach John Cunningham.

"They use a wrestling mat for their floor routines," he explained. The harder surface restricts the bounce gymnasts can achieve, thereby limiting the stunts they can do in the floor exercise.

Canton's scores in that event provided the proof. Amy Driscoll had the top mark for the Chiefs, a 9.05 — good enough for second place. After that, however, the next best score was Liz Fitzgerald's 8.1. Maggie Bett was fourth with an 8.05.

By comparison, at their previous quad meet which featured Canton's spring mat, the Chiefs had five of their six gymnasts score 8.0 or better, with Driscoll getting a 9.30.

That wasn't the only reason for the lower point total, though. There were a few slips on the balance beam, which also hurt scores. Kristen Schilk led Canton in the event, finishing fourth with an 8.3. Fitzgerald was fifth (8.25) and Driscoll took sixth (7.95).

Canton's best finish of the day came in the vault. Driscoll and Fitzgerald tied for first with 8.45s. Jackie Bennington placed fourth (8.2) and Jill Rakovitis was sixth (8.1).

In the uneven parallel bars, Driscoll was second overall (9.05), with Fitzgerald fourth (7.4), Rakovitis fifth (7.05) and Bett sixth (7.0).

In the all-around, Driscoll's 34.5 was good for second overall. Fitzgerald placed third (32.2), Bett was fourth (30.60) and Schilk finished sixth (30.30).

Canton is now idle until Jan. 5, when it hosts Western Lakes Activities Association rival Brighton — expected to be one of the state's top teams — at 7 p.m.

## Not enough Quick strikes lead Western past Salem

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Two spurts.

That was the difference in the game between Western Lakes Activities Association hockey rivals Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Western, played Wednesday at Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Warriors scored two goals in a 50-second span in the first period, and added two more in a 10-second stretch in the second on their way to a 6-3 victory.

The loss left the Rocks at 1-5 in the WLAA, 1-9 overall. Western is 3-2-1 in the WLAA.

"We made a couple of crucial mistakes in the first couple of shifts and we got burned both times," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "This was a lot closer game than the score indicates."

The Warriors' Nate Aubuchon opened the scoring with a power-play goal just 1:21 into the opening period. Fifty seconds later, Western's Eric Wojciechowski made it 2-0 with the first of his three goals in the game.

Salem managed to narrow the deficit to 2-1 with a goal by Steve Nagel, assisted by Dave Bida, with 2:42 remaining in the first period. In the opening minutes of the second period, it appeared the Rocks would maintain

the momentum.

Then, four minutes into the period, a pane of glass along the boards broke and the game was delayed for 25 minutes while it was replaced.

"We had the momentum on our side and lost it," said Feiler.

Just 25 seconds after play was resumed, Western's Vince Azzopardi made it 3-1, and 10 seconds after that Wojciechowski upped the Warriors' lead to 4-1.

The Rocks didn't surrender. Mark Nagel got a goal with 2:43 to play in the second period, assisted by Steve Nagel, to make it 4-2.

A goal by Adam Jones with 12:48 remaining in the last period pushed Western's advantage back to three goals (5-2), but the Rocks answered with a goal by Drew Styles (assisted by James Pawlica and Matt Lindberg) with 4:27 to go.

But it never got closer. Wojciechowski closed out the scoring with an empty-net goal with 1:02 left.

Scott Stukel, a freshman, stopped 30 shots in goal for Salem. John Petrou had 19 saves in goal for the Warriors.

The first half of Salem's first season is history. The Rocks don't play again until Jan. 8, when they host Lakes Division leader Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

"We've gotten better every game

since the start of the season, except for that one lapse against (Livonia) Franklin," said Feiler. "In every other game, we've shown some improvement. The kids are learning what needs to be done, how to execute."

"They're learning to anticipate instead of reacting has taken longer than I thought it would. They've had a few lapses, but we've got a young team."

**Canton 15, N.B. Huron 0:** Last Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Plymouth Canton pushed its overall record over the .500 plateau with a rout of New Boston Huron.

The Chiefs are 5-4 overall; they remain 3-3 in the WLAA.

The result was never in doubt. Canton led 4-0 after one period and 10-0 after two.

Sean Depp scored three goals and assisted on another, and Brad Wolfe and Jeremy Majszak each collected two goals and an assist. Eric Mayer, Ryan McCabe and David Commiskey got two goals apiece, with Andy Plagens and John Bockstanz adding a goal and two assists each.

Mike Carson had four assists and Jack Ware got three. Charles Kemp was in goal for the shutout.

The Chiefs meet Wyandotte Roosevelt at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Yack Arena.

## Ocelots clobber St. Clair, 150-58

BY C.J. RISAK  
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"All I want for Christmas is

Those who follow Schoolcraft College men's basketball must figure there's nothing left to wish for. Check all the key numbers and compare them to those posted four short years ago, and the turnaround is simply astounding.

Proof provided: Last Wednesday, the Ocelots entertained St. Clair College from Windsor. Now in the pre-Carlos Briggs-as-coach past, this would have been a game SC would have hoped to win — unlike most of their other games, in which they were shellacked.

That's not the case any longer. Now it's SC doing the shellacking, something St. Clair experienced last Wednesday — by a 150-58 margin.

"We played hard, got up and down the floor," said Briggs. "And we shot the ball better than we had in a while. It

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helps when you get a lot of easy baskets off your defense.

"And it helped that St. Clair played an up-tempo style, which is conducive to our kind of game."

Seven of the Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Lamar Bigby's 32 points (he also had eight rebounds). Robert Brown had 28 (and a team-high 14 rebounds). Quentin Mitchell got 24 and Tony Jancevski — from Plymouth Salem — netted a career-best 19 (with eight boards).

Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Chris Colley finished with 11 apiece, and Dwight Windom got 10. Reggie Kirkland had seven points and 10 assists.

Greg Layson led St. Clair with 18 points.

The win boosted SC's record to 7-4 going into the holiday break. The Ocelots are now idle until Jan. 3, when they play at Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference rival Macomb CC.

"It's going to be a dogfight," said Briggs of the upcoming league schedule. "There are more teams that are equal than in the past. The competition has been raised, which is good for Michigan junior college basketball."

It's also nice to see that SC is part of that dogfight. Before Briggs arrived on the scene prior to the 1997-98 season, the Ocelots had trouble winning 10 games in a season much less posting a winning record or — heaven forbid! — challenging for a league championship.

They've done all of that since he's been here, however, and more.

The holidays were always a time of

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Two down: Robert Brown gets two for SC with a dunk.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Salem matmen 4th

Hartland emerged with the top finish at Tuesday's Plymouth Salem's B Wrestling Tournament, scoring 203 points to lead the 19-team field. Novi placed second with 193.5 points, followed by Adrian with 190.5 and Salem with 161.5.

Other Observerland teams included Livonia Stevenson, seventh (129); Livonia Churchill, ninth (91.5); Garden City, 12th (70.5); Westland John Glenn, 13th (64); and Plymouth Canton, 14th (62).

Two Rocks came away with titles. Mike Goethe went 3-0 at 103 pounds, pinning Novi's Craig Hearn in 2:45 in the final to place first; and Tony Kennard posted a 3-0 mark at 135 pounds, pinning Garden City's Lev Mergian in 3:55 in the final.

to take top honors.

Hartland's Marc Kasabasic, wrestling at 125, was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

## PCA loses opener

Big things were expected from the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team, but the start wasn't up to anticipation.

The Eagles, who returned most of their players from last season's 21-5 squad, opened their season at Hamtramck St. Florian with a 55-42 loss Dec. 14.

"We played poorly," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We played flat. I think the guys came out expecting to win."

The Eagles were within four in the final quarter, but after a

missed dunk, a three-point play for St. Florian and a PCA turnover, the game was lost.

Part of the problem: forward Deric Isensee, the Eagles' all-state player as a junior, and center Mike Huntsman were limited to eight and four points, respectively, and they combined for just 11 rebounds.

A.J. Sherrill led PCA with 14 points; Dave Carty added 12.

"It made it a long break for me and the boys," said Taylor. The Eagles play twice this week at the Lenawee Christian Classic, meeting Adrian Madison at 7 p.m. Monday and host Lenawee Christian at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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

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dread in SC's past. As the first semester drew to a close, the playing careers of several Ocelots who couldn't make grades would end, too.

That isn't the case any longer. For the second-straight year, Briggs assured that every SC player would make grades and remain eligible to start the second semester.

In fact, the team's overall

grade-point average could be close to 2.9 — and that's "the best since I've been here," Briggs said. "The LAC (Learning Assistance Center) and the administration have both been very supportive."

It all made that 7-4 record a bit more acceptable. Briggs thought SC "should have finished no worse than 8-3. But

we'll learn from that." It all makes SC's future look bright. Or is it?

The key figure in all of this is Briggs, but his prospects aren't so certain. He has no full-time position at SC.

With the job he's done, it won't be long before some other school finds him a full-time job, with coaching included.

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"North Carolina has a system, but at Wayne State you adapt your coaching to meet the strengths of your players," Hammy said. "Sometimes you have big teams, and sometimes you have small teams. We don't have a system. You have to adapt to the kind of teams you have."

Hammy usually studies and learns as he goes along.

"I've watch a lot of basketball and of course I steal everybody's ideas," he said.

Hammy starred at Genoa High School (just outside Toledo) and led his team to the 1974 state Class AA semifinals.

It was under his high school coach, Dave Hitchen, that he learned the rudiments of the game.

"He was a big influence on me," Hammy said. "He stood for morals and doing things the right way."

"He also knew how to treat people, how to be kind and how to be tough. You have to know what the

kids are feeling, even the ones who think they should be playing more and sit the bench. You have to have compassion for those kids as well."

At Bowling Green, Hammy lettered all four years and played in 101 games, finishing 11th on the all-time BG scoring list with 1,208 points and fourth in rebounding (810).

He attended two NBA camps, his first stop in Kansas City where Cotton Fitzsimmons was the coach and the players in camp included Billy McKinney, Darnell Hillman and Tom Burleson.

"Phil Ford was holding out for more money at the time," Hammy recalls.

He also played for the Fresno (Calif.) Stars of the Western Basketball Association and had another NBA tryout in 1979 with the San Antonio Spurs before hanging up his sneakers.

"I saw the handwriting on the wall," Hammy said of his pro aspirations.

## Pee Wee Open league champs



Rollin' into first: The Skatin' Station roller hockey team claimed the Pee Wee Open league title when they played the Central Red Army to a 3-3 tie Dec. 12. The game was tied at 1-1 after one period and 2-2 with seven minutes left when Red Army took its first lead. Skatin' Station's Brett Giacomino (from Canton) scored the equalizer with less than three minutes left, and goalie Jeff Brown (from Livonia) assured the tie with three great saves in the final two minutes. Other team members are Dave Brown (Livonia), Kevin Etzel (Northville), Ryan Fox (Novi), Justin Allen (Plymouth), and Brandon Eggesfield, Zach Rourke, Kevin Tollison, Ryan Gore and Nick Pesant (all from Canton). Justin Pesant is the team trainer, and Jay Pesant is the team's coach (both from Canton).

## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Through Dec. 21)

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	24	8	1	50
Kingston Frontenacs	20	9	3	44
Bellville Bulls	19	11	1	39
Peterborough Petes	17	13	4	38
Oshawa Generals	15	14	3	34

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	19	11	5	44
Sudbury Wolves	13	16	4	31
North Bay Centennials	12	18	5	30
Toronto St. M. Majors	8	24	2	19
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	27	1	11

West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Windsor Spitfire	22	8	1	46
S.S.M. Greyhounds	20	14	2	46
Plymouth Whalers	18	14	3	40
Samia Sting	15	15	5	35
London Knights	10	18	5	25

Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Brantford Battalion	15	13	5	37
Ernie Otters	15	16	1	32
Kitchener Rangers	12	17	4	31
Guelph Storm	12	17	1	26
Owen Sound Platers	9	21	2	24

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HOCKEY STANDINGS

(Through Dec. 22)

Western Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Churchill	4	1	0	8
Livonia Franklin	3	2	1	7
W.L. Western	3	2	1	7
Plymouth Canton	3	3	0	6
Northville	1	3	0	2

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	5	1	0	10
Farmington	4	2	0	8
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Wednesday Men's Title: John Wodarski Jr., 257/762; Steve Hubbe, 269/739; Dennis Seeman, 267/721; Mark Payne, 268/703; Paul Wright, 266/698.  
Early Birds: Kathy Janik, 203; Marilyn Gould, 508; Pat La Morand, 200.  
Ford Parts: Ron Harmon, 700; Jim Jones, 690; Dan Cheviliet, 717; Minh Grougan, 257/611; Jerry Miller, 675.  
Jacks & Kris: Kris Maki, 289/707; Joe C. Morge, 628; Art Maki, 270/738.  
Senior House: Mickey Smith, 257/720; Mark Chrysler, 299/719; Lorne Green, 257/711; Greg Wuzd, 266/708; Dave Norwick, 256/738.  
Midnighters: Frank Nickowski, 221/650; Tim Mielczarek, 242/621; Colleen Cacicco, 218; Doug Wiseman, 234/592; Paul Bruckner, 222/593; Evans Brown, 232.  
Gay '90s (Seniors): Glen Snyder, 208; Howard Fetherston, 212-213/616; Chuck Simpson, 202; Stan Skubinski, 244-203/641.  
Senior House: Bernie Hillbrandt, 216.  
Crownclaves (Livonia)  
FolMoCo Thursday: Steve Bester, 288; Bill Crabtree, 279/738; Chuck O'Rourke, 275/790; Gene Kaminski, 277; Brian Lettland, 258/733.  
Tuesday Seniors: Dave Gold, 227/559; Norm Kovala, 277/660; Harry Askerman, 266/574; Ken McDaniels, 232-225/202/659; Chet Zajac, 205/561.  
Junior House: George Jackson, 279/677; Vern Strachowski, 257/723; Christopher Pribe, 277/715; Ron Blachy, 268/658; Al Hall, 267/706.  
St. Aidan's Men: Keith Isaac, 226/600; Mike Kowalski, 257/692; Bob Racey, 258/666; Joe Naujoks, 278/654.  
Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic: Steve Engstrom, Jr., 254-258/257/769; Ryan Warner, 277-268-203/748; Jackie Haner, 235; Roy Hixon, 289; David Gray, 257; David Jacobs, 252/610.  
All-Star Bowlerettes: Tamika Glenn, 290/769.  
Maori Bowl (Livonia)  
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Susan Tossa, 200; Betty Ford, 219/523.  
Garden Lanes (Garden City)  
St. Line Classic: David M. Barker, 224-268-215/707; Larry Curtis, 258/693; Dan Bollinger, 241/667; Frank Bollinger, 237; 226/664; Mark Owens, 230/643.  
Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Sue Siemien, 279-267/741; Cheri Moscarello, 278/682; Dawn Williamson, 244/627.  
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)  
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Joe Buzanowski, 241/678; Stan Gagecki, 249/635; Ron Lancaster, 257/596; Bob Sherwood, 255/614; Al Harrison 246/650; Tony Wolak, 249/686.  
Friday Seniors: Jim Kiebas, 279/650; Bud Kraemer, 266/643; Jack Dahlstrom, 253/639; Al Thompson, 253/647; Ray Olson, 244/626.  
Good Neighbors: Annette Trader, 204; Salie Merchant, 191; Gail Galtz, 190; Yvonne McCarthy, 500.  
Redford Bowl  
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Men): Dick Zieman, 273/610; Bob Chuba, 233/648; Tim Magyar, 233; Tony Ballara, 224/610; Rod Fiora, 221/638.  
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Ladies): Judy Washington, 199; Janice Ream, 197; Gloria Metz, 188; Pam Jones, 186/513; Sharon Beardsley, 182.  
Oak Lanes (Westland)  
G&G Auto: Paulette Daniels, 237/617; Tim Sprague, 235/613; Shannon Klebach, 215; Judy Gentilia, 224; Linda Batke, 209/558.  
Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)  
Friday Mixed: Marc Blevins, 300.  
Airlines: Jim Irvine, 237-259; Brad Falot, 141.

257/694; Jim Matties, 275/700.

Biltmore: Cheri Brezovsky, 222/626; Christine Lowe, 205; Kelly Ruane, 203/546.

Westland Lanes (Livonia) Junior House: June Peet, 223/660; Gloria Picard, 209/624; Kathleen Biales, 235; Marley Reed, 234/640.

Westland Bowl

Monday Morning Men: Bob Simmons, 248/655; Fred Heater, 226/561; Pat Stever, 224/670; Walter Machnik, 221/609; Ver non Looney, 215/600.

E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 201/576;

Bill Bergvin, 186; John McIntosh, 182/521;

Sally Mersino, 221/570; Diane Vandermeir, 180.

Sunday Sleepers: Brian Gross, 300/777;

Rich Trullard, 289/790; Don Vojtkowski, 280/735; Bob Scheps, 279; Gary Bignwell, 279/667.

Thursday Nite Mixed: Franklin Borer, 266/655; Dan Harrison, 259/639; Daryl Lapham, 238/602; Candy Bailey, 235/588; Helen Osterander, 221/504.

Westland Champs: Sunday Gains, 256/648; Suzanne Ellis, 226/544; Charlene Keller, 226/655; Donna Middelditch, 223/591; Mary Marvoso, 215/580; Yvonne Skibbe, 215/535; Angela McAllister, 212/536.

NASCAR Title: Lou Swindell, 222/576; Dan Doodle, 213/522; Mike Boucher, 211/591;

Doug Elsey, 202/567; Holly Stevenson, 180.

Youth leagues (Saturday Coca Cola Majors): Tom Wieding, 246/561; Jason McMillin, 222/566; Tim Caldwell, 214/539;

Corey Robertson, 213/540; Jennifer Goins, 214/532; Crystal Trongo, 214.

Saturday Coca Cola Juniors: Darrell Olds, 222/605; Aaron Manning, 193/536; Trey Raynes, 192/535; Heather Lindon, 180; Samantha Kimber, 176.

Saturday Coca Cola Preps: Christopher Hittunen, 145; Adam Whalen, 142; Mike Mar- tin, 130; Holly Clendening, 158; Olivia Lafor- tune, 147.

Saturday Coca Cola Bantams: Logan Chas- ton, 126; Steve Murphy, 107; Jesse McSh- erty, 103; Donnette Mood, 87; Kayla Fisher, 67.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Guys & Dolls: Kevin Papke, 267-280/723;

Keglers: John Turpell, 201-265-236/702.

Plaza Men: Al Kooter, 299/742; Jeff Ellenwood, 298/730; Jim Campbell, 286/696; Brian Puckett, 268; Terry Mills, 264/696; Chris Kloc, 257/692.

Super Bowl (Canton)

GM Wednesday: Dave Jacobs, 203-300/247/750.

Friday Funsters: Joe Cabrera, 235/550;

Cliff Richards, 241-239-238/718; Ben Hornik, 212/563; Sterg Chamis, 201/534; Freda Bernhardt, 180; Carl Waters, 200.

Saturday Youth (10 a.m. Majors): Ken Bas- man, 207/532; Todd Schemanski, 214/616;

Jon Robison, 211/578; Pat Brown, 209/588.

Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Preps): Danny Nadrowski, 174; Derek Schwartzberger, 185; Danielle Korstjens, 132.

Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Majors): Matt McCaffrey, 221/544; City Caiscross, 214/557; Drew Barth, 555.

Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Juniors): Ryan Craig, 200/560; Domenic Gallo, 183.

Friday Youth (Majors): Steve Reitzel, 238/629; Tim Moncreiff, 236/603; Leon Wash, 240/603; Brian Peczynski, 212/561;

Brent Moore, 202/569.

Friday Youth (Juniors): Eric Paulus, 251/635; Justin Bonkowski, 515; Matt Up- ford, 181/502; Karen Henke, 153.

Friday Youth (Preps): Ricky Huddleston, 166.

Thursday Youth (Juniors/Majors): Mandy East, 181; Brian Stack, 502; Jeff Hadis, 126.

Thursday Youth (Preps): Scott Gaskowski, 155.

Thursday Youth (Bantams): Steven Albert, 141.

## Bowling's past makes future look bright



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playing conditions that are both consistent and variable for the times.

Local associations have maintained the integrity of the game through the efforts of many who give their time on a voluntary basis for the betterment of the sport of bowling.

These local officials have dedicated their knowledge and ability to foster the growth of the game and create more interest.

The future looks bright indeed for bowling in the next century.

•The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held its Tenth Annual Tourna-

ment of Champions last weekend at Thun- derbowl Lanes.

The event also marked the changing of the guard, as Ken Charrette made his retirement official.

Ken had been executive director for the past 33 years and has been a class act both on and off the lanes.

As for the tournament itself, 57 champions vied for the top prizes, and the qualifying rounds narrowed the field down to the top ten: Doug Evans, Dave Hoffmeister, Larry Walker (Garden City), Ken Kossick (Can- ton), David Mahaz (Northville), Arnie Gold- man, Chris Marshall, Jason Johnson (Farm- ington), Robert Mireles and Dick Beattie.

Evans, Walker and Beattie are in the MMBA Hall of Fame. During the qualifying rounds on Saturday, two perfect games were bowled — one by Larry Franz of Redford and another by Evans, who averaged 246.7 in the early rounds.

In the finals on Sunday, Hoffmeister of Eastville took top honors and a prize of \$2,000 while Beattie came in second and won \$1,100.

Third-place money of \$800 was won by Walker. Farmington's Johnson, who rolled a 300 game in the finals, finished in fourth to

take away \$700 in prize money.

Charrette was given a standing ovation during the opening ceremonies in apprecia- tion of his outstanding contributions to the organization, which he helped from its incep- tion to make the most successful tournament for scratch bowling in the Midwest.

If you're not a really good bowler, do not enter this type of competition.

Lee Snow of Farmington will take over the helm from Charrette. He has the vision and ability to keep the MMBA on course.

•Ebonite International has recently made posters of Aleta Sill in recognition of her becoming the first woman to top \$1 million dollar mark in career earnings.

You can see this excellent picture on display at many local pro shops as she uses Ebonite balls exclusively.

Already an attractive lady, this picture shows a glamorous side of Sill that says, "A great bowler, and a real American beauty."

It took Sill 19 hard years to do win her million as the cash prizes in the early part of her career were not big.

She also shot another 300 game at Clover- lanes in Livonia last week.

That's about the 30th one for her — she's stopped counting.

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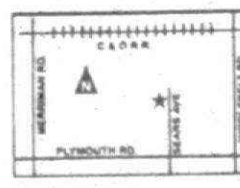
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## Going, going, gone

Auto auction may be your answer to an affordable car

By KEN VAN STEENKISTE  
STAFF WRITER

Going once, going twice, sold! That's the sound of a good deal going down at the Midwest Auto Auction in Redford. If you're looking for an older used car at a great price, then you should put your bid on one of the area's only auctions that's open to the public. The auction, located at 14666 Telegraph, is held twice a week — once at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and again at 10 a.m. on Friday. While it won't cost you a dime to get on the auction floor, it may save you hundreds of dollars.

"A lot of people come here right after work. We didn't always have a night-time auction but there was such a demand we added one," said owner George Badeen.

In these days of Internet bidding and electronic price wars, it might surprise some attendees that a real, live auctioneer calls out bids in a stereotypical drawl that seems more suited to the Kansas state fair.

And while the Midwest Auto Auction does have an Internet presence, it also has an owner who hails from the deep south and has schooled the uninitiated on the finer points of calling an auction.

Badeen, who was born in Kansas and raised in Texas, started out towing cars over twenty years ago at the Midwest Auto Auction. He spent time as a clerk before finally becoming an auctioneer himself, and to this day he still runs the auction when he finds himself in a pinch for a good deal caller.

While some of his auctioneers honed their skills at special schools through out the Midwest, Badeen said his expertise comes from hands-on experience.

"A couple of other auctioneers have helped me out along the way, but I just picked it up over the years. I had a good ear for the rhythm and the chant.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARROLL

**Making deals:** Midwest Auto Auction owner George Badeen shows off some of the used cars that will soon be on the auction block.

It's been a while since I've done it on regular basis, but I did recently have to fill in when we had an auctioneer come down with a bad sore throat," Badeen said.

Most of the auction's cars come from used car dealer's lots or bank repossessions. They're separated into a little "line" for auction: the "a" line, which is comprised of newer, better quality cars, and the "b" line, cars which have higher mileage and more wear and tear.

The sellers pay a flat \$75 fee to enter their vehicle, then an additional percentage of the final sale.

Badeen said about 225 cars usually change hands during one of the sales, although the auctions are usually a little slower during the holidays. "It's pretty dead until about the second week in January," he explained.

Internet aficionados can view a live stream with sound form the auction twice a week.

"We have certain customers that like to watch the auction as it happens to see if their sales are going through," Badeen said.

However, Midwest hasn't yet ironed out the kinks of electronic bidding.

"We'd like to get into (Internet auctions) but we haven't launched anything yet. Selling cars out of state can be a real headache, you get in to a lot of different regulations and different sales taxes. It could be done, but we need to put a lot more work into it," he explained.

Midwest has also sponsored several charity auctions, the most recent of which supported extracurricular activities and equipment for schools in Redford, Badeen said.

For more information, point your web browser to [www.midwestautoauction.com](http://www.midwestautoauction.com).

## 1946 Squad car was one of first models off the line after WWII

By RICK FEIBUSCH  
O&E WRITER

When peace finally broke out at the end of WWII it was time for the auto manufacturers to re-tool from the swords of military production to the plowshares of personal transportation. Ford, like most of the other car builders at the time, dusted off the existing 1942 tooling, went to work on simple trim and grill facelifts and started spitting out as many "new" 1946 models as possible. With no new cars for over four years, the public was snapping up anything that was available. Government agency's were also limping along on well-worn vehicles and, at times, were able to get priority over the public.

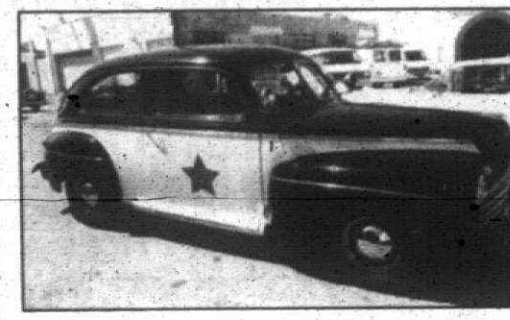
This 1946 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor sedan was purchased by the Oakland Police Department. While city governments usually

buy lower priced "fleet" models, Oakland was forced into the Super Deluxe because Ford saw no need to build the pre-war, entry level Special model and regular Deluxe sedans were in short supply. The only option on the car was a set of factory "heavy duty" 15 inch wheels (Fords came equipped with taller 16" units). Upon delivery, the sedan was fitted with an Edison two-way radio, (Calling all cars... calling all cars...)

Unity spotlights, some white door panels and a star on the door. It's funny to think that in such a short time we've come from stock Ford Tudors with broadcloth upholstery to today's screened-in rolling mini-jails.

### On patrol in the 1946 Ford Squad Car

This drive report car is owned by Skip Silva of San Leandro.



CA: Skip had seen the car for years languishing away in the garage of a neighbor. The neighbor had bought the car at a Oakland city auction in 1950. The Tudor had just 63,000 miles on it. It was driven home, parked in the garage and just sat there. By the 70s the engine had frozen but the neighbor still refused to sell. Finally, in 1978, the owner, in the midst of a

divorce, had to sell the car and called Skip.

Silva pulled the heads, hammered on each piston till it came loose, but then it all back together and drove it

off. After a while it started smoking pretty bad so the heads and pan were removed and new rings and rod bearings were installed. The Tudor now has over 68,000 miles on the odometer and runs great. Skip has done a few other modifications as well. He works for the City of San Leandro and had access to a set of modern 15 inch police pursuit radials - some "take

### The Classic Drive

Slide behind the wheel with me and we'll take this old Ford out for a ride. The car feels big, but not too big or overstuffed, and tall, with lots of headroom. All of the controls are easy to get to and the steering wheel is at a tolerable angle. The car starts smoothly and settles down to that lovely flathead burble... burble, burble.

The shifter works well as it slides into first - give it a little RPM and we're off. Smooth and powerful are the words that come to mind as we run it

through the gears. I had never driven an original stock post-war Ford sedan before and was really surprised at the performance for a car of that era. I'll bet that only a few luxury cars with big engines and tall gearing could run away from it. It leaves stock Chevys and Plymouths from that era in the dust!

The handling is also very good. Usually, in my experience, radial tires make older cars feel mushy and squirmy. In this application, the tires somehow canceled the straight axle Ford's tendency to follow imperfections in the road and "hunt" from side to side. This car rode smoothly and required much less correction at the helm. A run over to an industrial area allowed me to test the siren. It wound up slowly, just like in the movies, and took at least three minutes to wind down. Great stuff!

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