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The Observer wants to put you in the Feb. 13 bridal and anniversary special section. We will run testimonials on successful marriages from couples that have been married 30 years or more. Send a wedding photo, a current photo and a short explanation of your marriage's success to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlinaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by Wednesday, Jan. 19. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your photos back. (People who participated last year are not eligible this year.) Questions? Call Ralph at (734) 953-2054.

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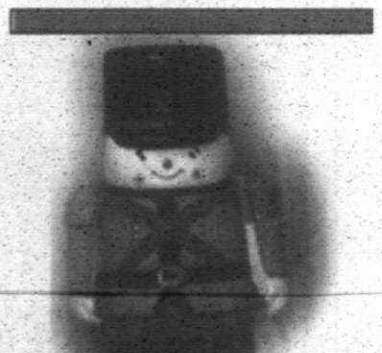
Cold as Ice: The annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular gets under way today. Look inside this issue of the Observer for a special section.

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Mastering the Web: Pam Laing is the volunteer Webmaster for the Gallimore School home page, one of four elementary school Web sites in the Plymouth-Canton district.

She's Gallimore's link to the World Wide Web



BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Pam Laing of Canton has become such a valuable parent volunteer at Gallimore Elementary that her colleagues joke about making sure her youngest child doesn't advance to middle school.

"We're not going to let her youngest (child) pass," media aide Kathy Pratt said, referring to Laing's 8-year-old son, Matthew. Laing's big contribution at Gallimore was

helping create Gallimore's Web site, the Plymouth-Canton district's first. Laing, now Webmaster for the site, was nominated as a Canton Observer "Everyday Hero."

The people behind setting up www.resa.net/gallimore, took a determined attitude, Laing, 35, said.

"Two years ago a teacher here wanted to have a committee to start a Web site," she recalled. Though the committee fell through, the believers were still up to the task.

"We got together and just said, 'Let's get this

Please see **LINK, A2**

Ringworm outbreak closes practice gym

■ **HIGH SCHOOL**

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Plymouth Salem High School officials have closed the school's wrestling room until they get clearance from the Wayne County health department as a result of a high number of ringworm cases.

The move affects practice for the school's wrestling team and cheerleading squad, as well as fifth- and sixth-hour wrestling classes.

A Thursday home wrestling match had to be rescheduled because the room was shut down.

School officials say the fungus has

Please see **RINGWORM, A4**

Wastewater dispute nears resolution

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The Western Townships Utilities Authority expects to decide on Jan. 24 how to proceed in its dilemma over future wastewater flows.

Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships have been involved in a two-year dispute with the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority over the timing, breadth and control of facility expansion.

Such an expansion or a completely

Please see **WTUA, A3**

Think positive Sportscaster has upbeat message

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A good attitude and a smile go a long way.

That's the message sports broadcaster and motivational speaker Mark "Doc" Andrews had for a Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon crowd Wednesday. He told a gathering of more than 100 community and business leaders that life is about choices.

"You have a choice to change the future," Andrews said. "Be a little more positive with the people you come into contact with and things will change."

The Detroit native works as part of the WOMC (104.3 FM) morning show with Dick Purtan. He began in radio shortly after high school and has worked in the field as well as television since.

Andrews, who is about 4-feet tall, began speaking professionally in 1991. His talks range from teamwork and customer service to motivational and cultivating a positive attitude.

"I speak at 30 to 40 engagements per year," Andrews said. "I'd like eventually to do one a week."

He touched on several topics Wednesday. Andrews said he thinks of each day as a gift.

"I try to do something positive every day," he said, "because we don't know if we'll be here tomorrow."

Please see **MESSAGE, A3**

High-profile speakers on chamber agenda

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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David Griffin is on a mission.

The new president of Canton's Chamber of Commerce is determined to promote and grow the organization over the next year. He succeeded Tony Kwilos on Jan. 1.

"We need to create more awareness about the chamber and more community spirit," said Griffin, who operates

the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. "We want to take it to the next level."

The chamber's monthly luncheon is one of best ways it has of promoting itself, he added. Top speakers pull in crowds and raise awareness of the chamber, said Griffin.

"It gives us a lot of exposure," he said.

U. S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, and state Attorney General

Please see **CHAMBER, A3**

Second try for charter school

■ National Heritage Academies is back with a new site for its proposed charter school. The Canton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing 7 p.m. Monday on the controversial plan.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A company wanting to build a charter school in Canton will again go before the same board that denied its request last year.

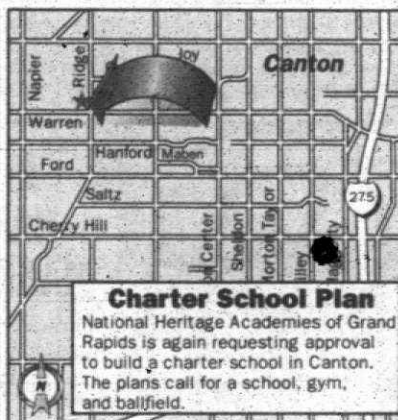
National Heritage Academies Inc., based in Grand Rapids, will present charter school plans to the Canton planning commission Monday, Jan. 10. The site is on the northwest corner of Ridge and Warren.

"We're hopeful that we're approved," said Jeff Poole, vice president of marketing for National Heritage Academies, a management company.

The plans are similar to last year's plans, only this time a gymnasium has been added, bringing the estimated cost up from \$2.5 million to \$4 million. The school building size was reduced from 40,000 to 30,000-square-feet. The current site is the same size, 10 acres, as last year's proposal near Beck and Hanford roads.

The planning commission denied a special land use request in March 1999 — the only approval needed for what was then proposed as a school building with playground, baseball field and parking lot.

Please see **CHARTER SCHOOL, A2**



Charter School Plan
National Heritage Academies of Grand Rapids is again requesting approval to build a charter school in Canton. The plans call for a school, gym, and ballfield.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

No-shock jock: Mark "Doc" Andrews, part of the morning team at WOMC-FM, addresses the audience at Wednesday's Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.



Chamber President David Griffin

Burglars strike during man's winter vacation

About \$2,000 worth of equipment and cash were reported stolen from a Canton man's home between Dec. 24 and Jan. 8.

According to township police reports, the 30-year-old Canton man left for vacation on Dec. 24. He returned to his Geri Street home Monday and found a pair of televisions, stereo, beer and cash missing.

Reports said entry into the home was gained through a basement window. Police have no suspects.

Unlawful entry
Canton Police arrested an Inkster man Monday for breaking into an office trailer in the 4600 block of Hemingway.

An employee of Pulte Homes arrived at the trailer about 8 a.m. Monday and noticed candy wrappers and empty pop bottles on several desks. Reports said she found the man underneath a desk moments later.

The man told her he was hid-

COP CALLS

The vehicle, a 1994 Honda, was parked near her home in the 8400 block of Brookpark. A compact disc player and a number of CDs valued at \$450 were missing.

Revoked
A man was arrested for driving with a revoked license Monday.

The man, driving a 1974 Chevy truck, was headed westbound on Michigan Avenue when a Canton officer noticed that the vehicle had a cracked windshield. After making a traffic stop, the officer discovered that the man's license had been revoked and arrested him.

Numbers
Property crimes topped the list of infractions in Canton from Dec. 31 through Jan. 1.

Ten larcenies and 11 malicious destruction of property crimes were recorded. Canton Police received 245 calls for service for the time period.

Larceny
More than \$400 worth of stereo equipment was reported stolen from a 20-year-old Canton woman's car Monday.

Leadership group to examine health services

Leadership Canton class members will get a behind-the-scenes look at health and human services available in Canton Township Friday during the program's

Health and Human Services Day. Activities in the all-day seminar will be sponsored by Family Service Inc. and St. Joseph

Mercy Health Systems. The Leadership Canton program has monthly sessions geared toward all aspects of the community's development.

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done," Laing said, referring to herself, her husband, Paul, and a Gallimore teacher, Colleen Van Riper. "It fascinated me. I thought the school should have a Web site."

But as with many tasks, it was easier talked about than accomplished.

"We know nothing about creating Web sites," said Laing, who holds an accounting degree from Michigan State University. She works in software support for Eagle Business Solutions in Farmington Hills and said she uses the computer frequently at home.

To get the Web knowledge, she took classes at Schoolcraft College and learned the basics of Front Page - a Microsoft program for designing Web pages. She also visited other school sites to get some ideas.

"I do it for the kids," Laing said of volunteering. "They're only little for such a short period of time."

Other schools have approached Laing about setting up their own Web sites and she's helped get them started. So far, only three other schools have Web sites that have been approved by the district.

As Webmaster, Laing spends about 10 hours weekly updating the site. She makes free labor from her daughter, Samantha, 10 who types up lunch menus.

"She loves doing it," Laing said.

On the site, users can view calendars, lunch menus, look at individual classroom pages and even get information for reading tests. A road runner, the school's mascot, greets page browsers.

Longtime friend Kathleen Hattie nominated Laing as an Everyday Hero and also helps update the Web page. Hattie met Laing five years ago when both their sons attended preschool together. They live in the same Canton neighborhood.

"She's someone who's good to have on your side," Hattie said. "She'll go the extra mile. She's just a good lady."

Schools jumping on the Web

Gallimore is one of four schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district with its own Web page. Several schools are in the process of getting them.

Allen, Hoben and Lowell are other schools with Web sites. All can be accessed through the district's Web site, at www.k12.mi.us/.

All official school Web sites have to be approved by the district, said Judy Evola, Plymouth-Canton director of community relations.

"We ask (schools) to make sure the content of the Web page is what meets the community of that school," Evola said.

Schools are also recommended to do some kind of formal or informal survey to find out what staff, parents and students want out of the site - in order to tailor it for their needs.

Once the site is developed, the school needs to submit it to the district for review.

"Once completed, I review the content and it goes into a staging area," Evola said. "Then we talk about what needs to be added."

Schools also need to sign papers stating that they take responsibility for keeping the site up to date and for making sure none of the links are inappropriate.

"We wanted to do more around town," said Mike Watts, executive director of the ice show. "Everything always centers around Kellogg Park."

the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association to tell them of the plans. Under state law, public schools (including charter schools) aren't required to submit site plans to the municipality or meet local building codes. They must meet state codes prior to occupancy.

Although a charter has already won preliminary approval from Central Michigan University, building can't take place unless the state Legislature lifts the cap on the number of university-chartered schools allowed in Michigan. Gov. John Engler supports lifting the cap but was unable to move legislation through the state House and Senate last month.

"At issue is whether it will be available in 2000 or 2001," Poole said.

Poole described New Heritage's proposed curriculum as "back to basics."

"There will be a strong emphasis on reading and mathematics infused with a moral focus and parental involvement," he said.

"One of the goals will be helping our children learn and understand the basic values of respect, honesty, generosity and kindness. Really, it creates an environment for good, sound learning."

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Support from interested parents has been a driving force behind the school. Last year, 378 students signed up to come to the school - enough students to fill kindergarten through fifth grade, Poole said.

"There is tremendous parental support for the school," he said.

But getting support from neighbors is a different story. Residents living near last year's proposed site opposed the plan because of traffic, decreasing property values and other concerns.

Hot prosecutor's race heads up county elections for '00

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Wayne County voters will see their share of presidential politics, political advertising and campaigns before Michigan's Republican presidential primary on Feb. 22 (the Democrats hold their nominating caucus in March).

They also can expect to see some contested races on ballots in August and November for county seats.

While the office of county executive is not on the ballot this year, the prosecutor's office will be up for grabs with John

O'Hair's decision to retire.

That is expected to be the most contested race in county government, which will also include races for county sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and county commissioners. Candidates who have verbally expressed an interest in the prosecutor's office include Mike Duggan, deputy county executive; Virgil Smith, a state senator from Detroit; and George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor.

Candidates in the county races must file by May 16 for the primary election.

With all of them Democratic incumbents and Wayne County

largely Democratic, the Aug. 8 primary election winners in the races for prosecutor, sheriff, treasurer and register of deeds would be favorites in the general election on Nov. 7.

In 2000, voters also can expect the following:

■ **County commission:** In western Wayne County, that includes four commission seats on the ballot, along with the 11 others representing the rest of Wayne County.

Among those up for election are Democrats Kay Beard, whose district includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland, and

John Sullivan, who represents Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the cities of Belleville, Wayne and Romulus.

Republicans Lyn Bankes, who represents Livonia west of Middlebelt Road, and the townships and cities of Plymouth and Northville, and Kathleen Husk, who represents Livonia east of Middlebelt Road, Redford and Dearborn Heights, would also be

up for re-election.

■ **The county parks millage.** Voters approved 1 mill in 1996 to fund parks improvements, and now that millage will expire at the end of the year.

County commissioners haven't yet placed that proposal on the ballot. "The county will have some serious discussions on whether it should be on the 2000 ballot," said Hurley Coleman, parks director.

County voters also shouldn't be surprised if commissioners place one or two proposed charter amendments before them. In 1996, they added charter language strengthening the duties of the auditor general and corporation counsel. Last year voters eliminated a county tax allocation board that was found to be obsolete.

Classes focus on information technology

Information technology companies can learn about the future of government contracting in the third in a series of seminars at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Schoolcraft College.

This session in the series, "Coffee with the Colonel," is aimed at IT firms, who can meet and ask questions of Colonel Paul Dronka, commander of

defense contract management command in the Detroit region.

Dronka has 15 years experience working with small businesses, and experience with the Secretary of Army Research and Development (Procurement) at the Pentagon.

The seminar will be conducted in room 310 of the McDowell Center. Other seminars in the

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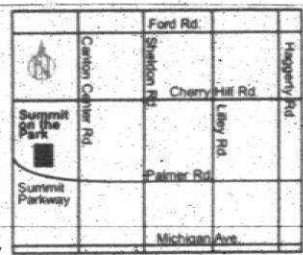
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Academic standouts

Both Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's football teams had standouts academically — enough to make both team honorable mention academic all-state football teams for 1999.

Canton and Salem were among the 15 Division I teams honored state wide.

Individually, Salem's Daniel Jones and Canton's Nick Stonerook received academic all-state special mention.

Twietmeyer steps up

Every game, Janell Twietmeyer seems to get better.

The freshman women's basketball player at Alma College, a Plymouth Canton graduate, collected a career-best 19 points on Dec. 22, but it didn't help the Scots as they lost 89-83 at the Next Level Desert Classic, played in Las Vegas.

Alma bounced back to beat St. Mary's College, 66-58 Jan. 2 in South Bend, Ind., and once again Twietmeyer did her share, scoring 16 points as the Scots improved to 6-5 overall.

For the season, Twietmeyer has improved her scoring average to 9.1 points per game (11.5 in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games); she is also pulling down 5.9 rebounds a game (7.0 in MIAA play). She is tied for second on the team in rebounding.

Sharks strike back

The Plymouth-Canton Great White Sharks avenged an earlier tie in the tournament against the Dearborn Fliers by beating the same team 4-2 in the finals in the Mite Division of the Allen Park Hockey Association Christmas Tournament.

Team members of the Sharks are Ryan Nick, Connor Dresser, Cody Adams, Westley Hill, Kyle Korte, Jaiaraj Arya, Jordan Smith, Brenden Dunleavy, Tyler Sultana, John Eckley, Travis Hall, Jacob Underwood, Derek Simancas and Riley Groenewoud.

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is currently taking registration for youth soccer from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at its offices, located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Cost for six-year-old, seven-year-old and eight-year-old players living in the city of Plymouth is \$45; the fee for non-residents in those age divisions is \$65. For all other age divisions, the fee for city residents is \$50 and for non-residents it's \$80.

All registrations require a birth certificate. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Hoop shoot

The Plymouth Elks Club is sponsoring its own local version of the National Elks Hoop Shoot from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallimore Elementary School gymnasium, located on Sheldon south of Joy.

The contest is open to boys and girls, eight to 13 years old. There is no cost to compete, and there are no residency requirements.

The contest is a best-of-10 free-throw shooting competition. There will be three age divisions for both male and female: 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds. Division winners will advance to the regional round of the Elks Hoop Shoot.

Those wishing to participate are asked to register with the Elks by calling them at (734) 453-1780. Again, the competition is free; also, cost for transportation for the winners to participate in further rounds is covered by the Elks.

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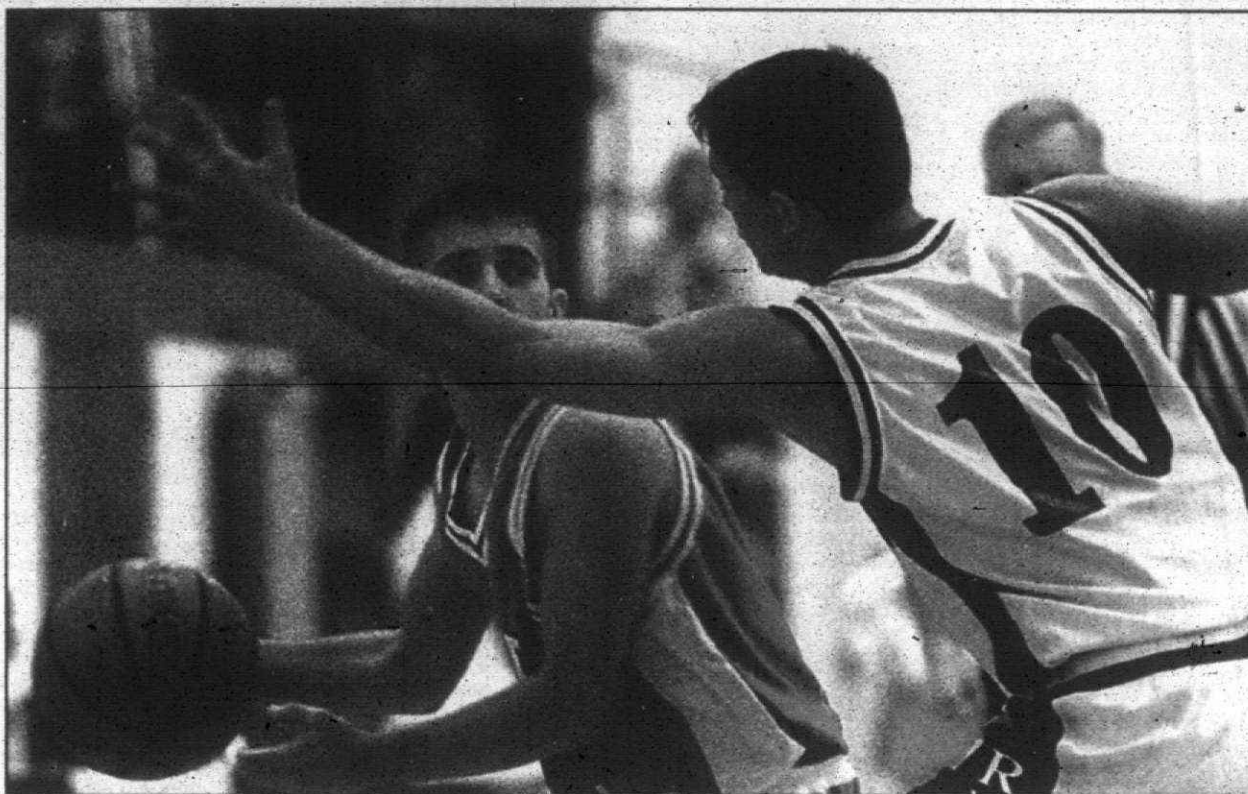
A new over-50 hockey will be being formed Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

The league is open to retirees, second-shift workers or players with a flexible schedule looking for a fun and recreational hockey.

Game times are 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, starting Jan. 18. The cost is \$165 per player (includes 10-game schedule, plus playoffs, along with free donuts and coffee following games).

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

Canton repels Salem



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Good start, solid finish carry Chiefs

Seeking a win: Canton's got out of the gate quickly Friday, thanks to Jimmy Reddy (above left, guarded by Salem's Ryan Cook). The senior guard hit four three-pointers in the game, which ended in celebration for Reddy (below center) and Nick Cabauatan (21).

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A game like Friday's Plymouth Canton at Plymouth Salem encounter is a good argument for longer games.

Instead of four quarters, why not six sixths? Or even eight eighths?

Why not? A game like this was too good to end.

When the final seconds were ticking away, the overflow crowd at Salem's gym was still roaring, the 10 players on the court were still lunging for every loose ball, and the game was still tight — as it had been almost since the opening tip.

And it might have been extended into another period if Ryan Cook's final shot, a 12-foot jumper in the paint, had rolled around the rim and fallen through. Instead, the Salem guard's shot fell out, and the Rocks had fallen to Canton by a 47-45 margin.

For Salem, the loss meant an 0-1 start to the Western Lakes Activities Association season; the Rocks are 2-4 overall. Canton is 1-0 in the WLAA and, for the first time, the Chiefs win one at the buzzer (after losing four like that) to improve to 2-5 overall.

What kind of game was it? Canton's Dan Young summed it up best when asked when he thought a victory was within his team's grasp: "Not until the horn sounded."

Although effort and emotion was never lacking on either side, in the final analysis it was probably merciful that no overtime was needed. Certainly Canton wouldn't have welcomed it; point guard Jimmy Reddy was barely able to walk, with cramps in both legs, and three other starters had four fouls.

"It was right down to the wire, the

last possession," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, who has witnessed numerous similar finishes in this series. "It could go either way. You can't ask for more."

(Cook) got a good look."

If the game had continued on the pace set in the opening moments by Reddy and Cook, the point totals would have reached triple figures. Reddy got the Chiefs rolling fast by hitting three straight three-pointers in the first 2:03; Cook countered for Salem with two threes and a two-pointer, making it 9-8 after just 2:23.

"I think that was big," said Young. "We've been talking about getting out to a good start, and Jimmy did it for us."

The Chiefs stayed with Dr. Jekyll for another minute, scoring seven more points (they were 6-of-8 from the floor,

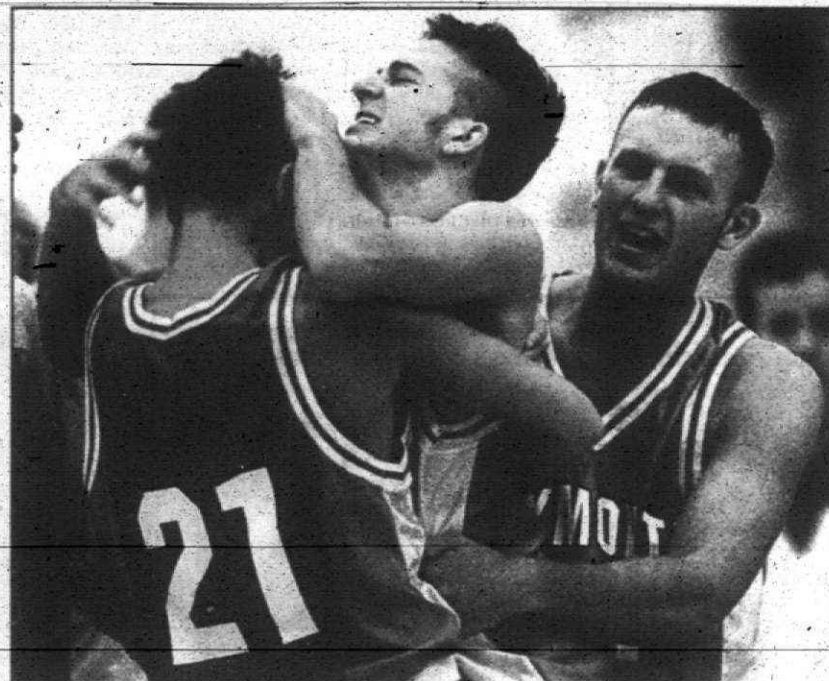
including 4-of-4 threes, in the first four minutes) to open up a 16-8 lead with 4:10 left. Then they reverted back to their role as Mr. Hyde.

A bucket by Kenny Nether gave Canton its biggest lead of the game at 18-8 — but that didn't come for another three minutes, as both teams went cold. Salem didn't stay that way, however, trimming the deficit to 18-12 going into the second period.

The Chiefs couldn't find the basket for almost the entire second quarter, allowing what had been a 10-point lead to melt away. The Rocks scored what amounted to 17-straight points as Canton missed nine consecutive shots in the second quarter and committed seven turnovers.

Only a strong finish to the half saved

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WRESTLING

Meet changed, room is closed by outbreak

BY C.J. RISAK
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When is a situation out of control? When does an outbreak become an epidemic?

And when does a problem, fed by public hysteria, get out of hand?

Plymouth Salem administrators say they have tried to prevent what should be a minor problem into becoming a major catastrophe.

The Salem wrestling team had to reschedule its opening dual meet of the Western Lakes Activities Association season against Walled Lake Central from last Thursday to Feb. 4 because of an outbreak of ringworm, a highly contagious skin disease. Of the 40 students on the varsity and junior varsity team, 25 have reportedly been afflicted.

Although contagious, ringworm is not a dangerous problem. "Ringworm is right there with athlete's foot," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "It's not that hard to get rid of, once the kids get some (antiseptic) cream on it."

Still, the large number of cases reported has parents and administrators concerned (see story on A1). The Salem wrestling room has been closed as a precaution, since the outbreak at present seems difficult to control.

"I think it will be open by next week," predicted Brian Wolcott, Canton's and Salem's athletic supervisor. "We've done a lot of cleaning. That room is spotless."

Aging, cracked mats in the wrestling room, which is shared by the Salem cheerleading team, are currently under suspicion. Department of Health officials have been asked to investigate the matter.

How much this will affect Salem's season is difficult to judge. The Rocks who have been cleared by physicians and are able to workout are currently sharing Canton's wrestling room.

"They're doing everything they can," assured Krueger. "They've cleaned that room as clean as you can. We've spent over \$1,000 on disinfectants just for our shoes."

Ringworm is not uncommon among wrestlers, but Krueger, who has served as Salem's wrestling coach for more than 20 years, said he could "recall years when we didn't see any ringworm at all."

Which makes the current situation so baffling. Still, seven Salem wrestlers were cleared to compete at Saturday's Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational.

Krueger believes that while such a problem is certainly serious, if it had occurred later in the season "at district or regional time — my goodness."

"We're doing everything we can do, we just haven't pushed the right button yet."

Please see WRESTLE, B6

It's a snap: Sgroi fulfills his dream

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Joe Sgroi received a taste of what it's like to be a University of Michigan football player in the Spring Game last April.

The walk-on from Redford Catholic Central played some as a linebacker and after the game received, on a much smaller scale, the attention scholarship players get.

"The fans crowded on the field and anyone in uniform they asked for autographs," said Sgroi, a Plymouth resident who used to live in Livonia. "I thought 'Wow, this is cool.'"

Sgroi also understands, and laughs, about the fact that some autograph seekers came to him because they didn't feel like waiting in line for one from stars like quarterback Tom Brady.

Little did anyone know this long shot would become one of the Wolverines' starting long snappers.

This is Sgroi's sophomore year at U-M, his first on the football team, and he would have been happy just standing on the sidelines in a U-M uniform at home games.

Earning playing time as a linebacker is still a long-range goal but his long snapping, a skill becoming more appreciated at all levels, couldn't be overlooked.

PROFILE



Joe Sgroi
U-M's long-snapper

His chance came and he made the most of it, starting as the Wolverines' long snapper on punts for the last 10 games, including U-M's thrilling overtime win over Alabama in the Orange Bowl.

After all that, signing autographs in a hotel lobby in Miami had to feel so much more natural.

It's a snap

Jeremy Miller, a 6-foot, 234-pound junior, won the long snapping job on punts in the preseason but was lost for the season after breaking his arm against Rice in the second game.

In stepped Sgroi, who was told at mid-week before a game at Syracuse that he would take the trip and start as the long snapper on punts.

Ironically, Sgroi said he started snapping better after finding out he would be the starter.

"It was really exciting. Everyone kept saying 'this is so huge you're going to be so nervous,'" said Sgroi, 5-11 and 210 pounds. "I was more excited than nervous. We work real hard on special teams, punting in particular. Coach (Lloyd) Carr said punting is the most important play in football."

Carr was as impressed as anyone with his debut. "I guarantee everyone in this locker room has respect for the job Joe Sgroi did this week," Carr said after that game.

The U-M punters fielded all of Sgroi's snaps this year though not all met his approval. Still, none of the punts were blocked.

"I had a few where the punter had to move more than I'd like, or reach up, but nothing over his head," Sgroi said.

With Miller returning from injury there's no assurance Sgroi will keep the job.

"He's a real good long snapper and I'll have to work real hard to keep my spot," Sgroi said.

Rob Renes, whose weight approaches 300 pounds, handled the snapping on field goals and placekicks since Sgroi is not the desired size the coaches want for those duties.

Long snapping is nothing new to Sgroi, who han-

Please see Sgroi, B6

Cards shock Madonna Whalers stay red-hot

By C.J. RISAK
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Taking 'em to school.

It's true that Madonna University's men's basketball team is awfully young — in Wednesday's Silverdome-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener against Concordia College, the Crusaders started three freshmen and a sophomore — but by now they must have discovered that in every game, win or lose, there's a lesson to be learned.

Certainly the Cardinals delivered one, rather harshly, at Madonna's gym Wednesday, handing the Crusaders an 80-71 whipping.

Pre-game analysis made Madonna a heavy favorite, even though the two teams entered the game with only three wins between them. However, Concordia appeared to be at a distinct disadvantage with four players unavailable for various reasons.

That left coach Chip Wilde with seven players to call upon, the tallest of them 6-foot-5 sophomore Mike Havlik. No one else was over 6-3.

With virtually no bench to summon, Wilde had to limit his team's defense to zone. Also, of the one senior and three juniors the Cards have on their roster, the senior and one of the juniors were among the missing.

No experience. No bench. No size.

And yet, Concordia — 1-13 coming into the game — dominated the Crusaders (now 2-15). The Cards refused to give in to fatigue in the second half, taking the lead for good midway through the first half and never allowing Madonna to get closer than the final margin in the game's last 10 minutes.

The big thing is, the guys feel they've had more than their share of adversity, and it's making them stronger," said Wilde. "We have just eight guys, and one of them (freshman forward Eric Nistad) was hurt and couldn't play tonight.

"We're just trying to stay in it, keep it close and be in a position to win it. That's the attitude this

team has."

Not giving in to adversity — that's a lesson Madonna should master.

Even though the Crusaders had a size advantage, with four players 6-5 or taller, even though they had a bit more experience with two seniors; even though they had nine players available (Mark Mitchell, a junior forward, was out with a rib injury), including the return of sophomore Mike Massey, the team's leading scorer last season who missed three games due to a suspension; even though they had the home-court advantage, Concordia outplayed them.

"We didn't play very well," admitted Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki. "We were flat. We didn't play with any intensity. They came in here and took it to us."

"We were not smart. I'm very disappointed. I can't fault the young kids. I've got to stick with them. They had no big guys, but our big guys were non-existent."

Indeed, Concordia outrebounded Madonna 43-36. Dave Behnke, a 6-2 junior guard, riddled the Crusaders for 28 points, but just as damaging, he slid past the Madonna defenders to grab a game-high 15 rebounds.

Madonna's rebounding leader was 6-5 senior Jason Skoczylas with seven.

The game was close until the latter stages of the opening half. A basket by Trevor Hinshaw put Madonna up 21-20 with 9:33 left in the half; it was the last time the Crusaders led.

Concordia outscored Madonna 10-2 over the next five minutes and 19-10 in the last 9:33 to carry a 39-31 lead into the intermission.

Behind Massey's offensive spurt, the Crusaders closed to within 44-40 at the first 5:17 of the second half. Massey accounted for seven of their first nine points of the half.

But they never got any closer. It was 48-44 with 14:29 to go, then the Cardinals outscored

By ED WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Zepp. Zero. Zilch.

That's how much success opponents have had the past month against Rob Zepp, the Plymouth Whalers' suddenly unbeatable goaltender.

The 18-year-old draft pick of the Atlanta Thrashers won his ninth-consecutive start Wednesday night, knocking away 28 Guelph Storm shots in the Whalers' 4-2 victory.

The win — Plymouth's 13th in its past 15 games — improved the Whalers' record to 21-14-3 heading into this weekend's two-game set against London (away) and Belleville (home).

Zepp's Hasek-like streak has ignited the Whalers, who have risen from the depths of mediocrity into the role of contender in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Entering Wednesday night's game, Plymouth trailed division front-runner Sault Ste. Marie by just six points.

"Great goal-tending," Plymouth coach Peter DeBoer answered, when asked to explain the key to his team's recent resurgence. "Rob Zepp has played outstanding the past month. He's leading the league in goals against (2.32 going into Wednesday's game) and is near the top in save percentage."

"He's definitely been one of the main reasons we've been able to turn things around."

The Whalers welcomed back defenseman Shaun Fisher Wednesday night. Fisher, who resembles Jaromir Jagr in his pre-haircut days, returned to the ice after missing a month with a broken forearm.

"Shaun is the quarterback of our power play, so it was nice to get him back," DeBoer said. "We played very sound defense tonight, and Shaun had a lot to do with that."

Guelph goalie Craig Anderson matched Zepp's flawless net work for the first 20 minutes Wednesday night, turning away all eight first-period Whaler shots as the two teams battled to a scoreless tie. Zepp had 13 saves in the opening period, three of which came in a 15-second flurry with just under five minutes to play.

Plymouth's George Nastos finally broke the scoring ice just over two minutes into the second period when he rifled in a power play goal off a feed from left wing Eric Goodly.

The Whalers doubled their lead less than two minutes later when left wing James Ramsey out-hustled two Storm defensemen to the puck just inside the blue line, then threaded a pass to Rob McBride, who back-handed a shot past Anderson.

Guelph dented the Whalers' lead at the 7:51 mark of the second period when center Joe Gerbe — the smallest player on the ice — one-timed a

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 11

River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Riverview at Salem, 7 p.m.
Brighton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Blm. Groves, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Pk. Christian, 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wld. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Wld. at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 10

Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 6 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Agape at Macomb Christ., 6:30 p.m.
Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at PCA, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Churchill at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Tpsilanti, 7 p.m.

Borgess at U.D. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zoe at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Harper Wld. at Luth. Wld., 7 p.m.
Agape at Pk. Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Whitmore Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Tournament, 9 a.m.
Macomb CC Invitational, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 13

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14

Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Ply. Whalers vs. Brampton at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 10

Salem vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Ladywood vs. Kingswood at Arctic Pond Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford United at Carleton, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Stevenson vs. Franklin, Churchill vs. A.A. Pioneer, at Edger Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Troy at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Redford Unified vs. Birm. Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Northville vs. Franklin at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Novi vs. Canton at Pk. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeside Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 16

Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeside Ice Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Canton at Pk. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Redford Unified at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Madison at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Alpena at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 1 p.m.
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Allen Pk., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Mercy at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
Det. Urban at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wld. at Luth. Wld., 7 p.m.
Agape at Pk. Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Whitmore Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Tournament, 9 a.m.
Macomb CC Invitational, TBA.

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Fast - and deep Canton, Salem splash to wins

A new beginning.

That's what Ed Weber was looking at when he took over as coach of Plymouth Canton's boys swim team, and now the Chiefs have a great foundation to build on.

Weber won his first-ever home swim meet, and it came against a quality opponent last Thursday — Ann Arbor Huron. Canton prevailed by a 102-84 margin.

It wasn't the front-line talent that won this meet for the Chiefs, although they performed admirably. It was the quality of their depth that proved to be the difference.

"That's really where we won the meet — depth," said Weber. "We're pretty excited. As my athletic director put it, we're undefeated in our home pool."

Canton collected just four first-place finishes, but gathered seven seconds (in 12 events) and 11 thirds.

Individual winners for the Chiefs were Matt Wisniewski in the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.20) and Jon Heiss in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.26).

Other firsts came from the 200 medley relay team of Brad Nilsson, Ed Lindow, Aaron Reeder and Matt Schacht (1:49.68), and the 200 free relay team of Reeder, Steve Rice, Nilsson and Wisniewski (1:36.69).

Nilsson also finished second twice, in the 200 individual medley (2:14.22) and the 100 free (51.22). Other seconds went to Wisniewski in the 500 free (5:25.23); Reeder in the 100 but-

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| Western Division | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-------------------|---|---|---|------|
| Livonia Churchill | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Livonia Franklin | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| W.L. Western | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Plymouth Canton | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Northville | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |

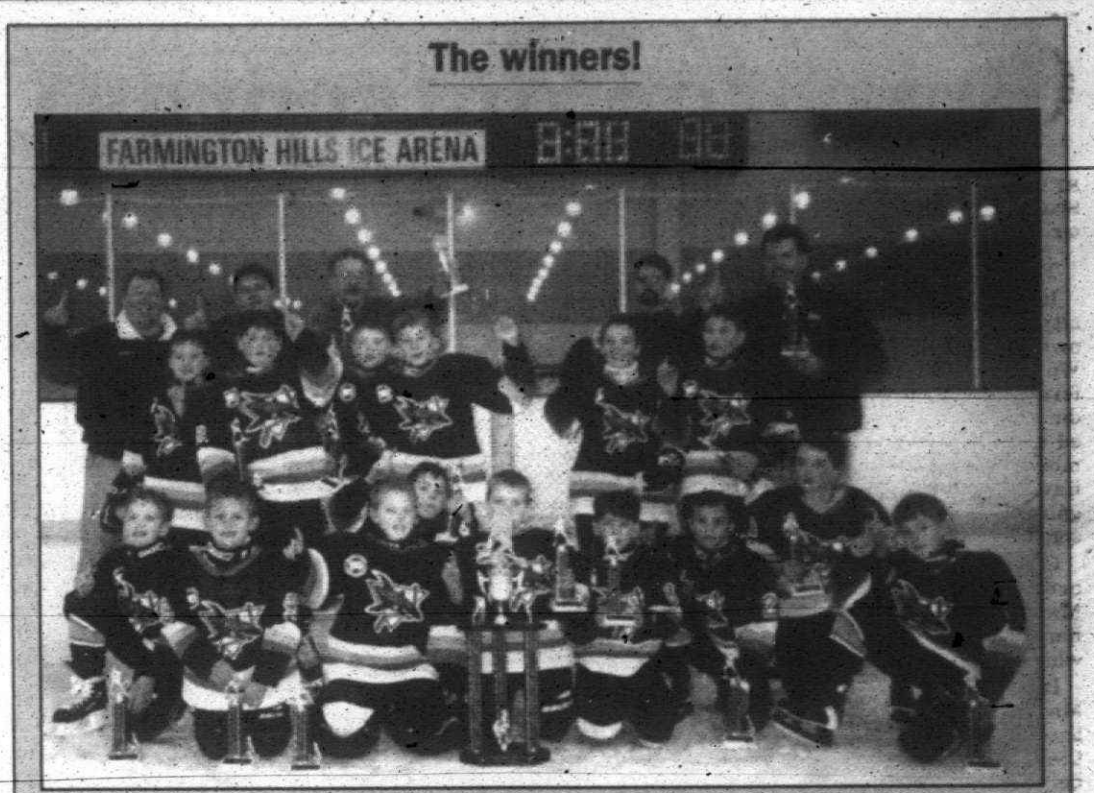
| Central Division | W | L | T | Pts. |
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| Livonia Stevenson | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Farmington | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Plymouth Salem | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| W.L. Central | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Depp's late goal earns Chiefs a 4-4 tie

Sean Depp's power-play goal at 11:37 of the final period gave Plymouth Canton (6-4-1, 3-3-1) a 4-4 tie Wednesday with Livonia Franklin (4-2-2, 3-2-2) in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey match played at Livonia's Edger Arena.

John Bockstanz and Eric Mayer assisted on the goal.

Franklin jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Josh Garbutt (from Gordie Statham) and Trevor Skoczen (from Adam Bierley).



Tournament champions: The Plymouth Canton Mite BB Hammerhead Sharks hockey team captured the championship trophy recently at the fifth annual Farmington Hills Holiday tournament in Farmington Hills Ice Arena. It is the second consecutive year the Hammerhead Sharks won the Mite BB holiday ice event. The Sharks posted a 3-0-2 tournament record, besting the Farmington Falcons 5-0 in the title game. Strong goaltending by Adams Powers and playmaking by Bryan Davison earned them co-MVP honors for the tournament. Davison led the scoring effort and posted a hat trick in the championship game. Teams members pictured are (front from left) Spencer Hicks, Shaun Simancas, Scott Iannetta, Adam Powers, Andrew Doenitz, Dominic Bonnell, Nick Pizzo, Roman Kahler and Jeremy Lindbauer. Also (standing from left) Wesley Brock, Michael Schultz, Bryan Davison, Ian Barnaby, David Swierszcyk and Sam Ott. Team member David Grassley is not pictured. Head coach is Tim Davison (right back row). Assistant coaches are (back from left) Jeff Powers, Jerry Simancas, Frank Iannetta and John Kahler. Red Lobster sponsored the Sharks in the holiday ice event.

PREP HOCKEY

Canton got two back in the second period — Dave Cominsky (from Brad Wolfe and Nick Norville); and Wolfe, a power-play from Jeremy Majszak.

The Chiefs took the lead early in the third period on Wolfe's second goal

from Majszak, but Franklin answered at 7:31 on Andy Garbutt's goal from Gordie Statham and Josh Garbutt, followed by Josh Garbutt's goal at 10:23 from Paul and Gordie Statham.

Chris Garbutt stopped 18 shots in the Franklin nets, while Ryan Ziglinski turned away 25 in the Canton goal.

"Chris Garbutt played a great game for us," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "But we played sloppy and very undisciplined in our systems. A few of our players played very well, but we did not have a team effort."

"Canton is a very good hockey team and Dan Abraham has them working them hard."

"They were the better team in the ice, but we got lucky with the tie."

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Brighton outscores Canton

In some ways, Plymouth Canton's dual meet against Brighton Wednesday was actually a step forward. As the Chiefs gymnastics coach, John Cunningham, pointed out, "Compared to the 133 we scored against Ann Arbor Huron, our routines were probably cleaner."

Unfortunately, those routines were also full of mistakes.

Which is why the Chiefs scored just 129.95 — seemingly a step backwards to some, but not to Cunningham.

An attempt to do more difficult routines worked in many instances, but also resulted in a higher number of slips.

"We fell on (uneven parallel) bars, we fell on (balance beam), and we've been working on some big-time vault routines, but most

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were small-time," he said.

If there's any consolation, it's that Brighton — certainly one of the top contenders for the state championship — would have been tough to beat with even a great performance. The Bulldogs scored 160.85 in the meet, nearly 11 points better than Canton.

Brighton's Kim Matte posted an all-around score of 36.45, finishing first in the bars with a 9.15, the beam with a 9.45 and the floor exercise with a 9.6.

The Bulldogs' Jenn Dion added a 35.45 all-around score.

Canton's best all-around total was 33.65

by Liz Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald finished third overall in vault with an 8.75, fourth in beam with an 8.3 and fourth in floor with an 8.8.

Other top scorers for the Chiefs came from Amy Driscoll, who posted a 32.95 all-around by finishing third in floor with a 9.0 and fifth in bars with an 8.3; and Kristen Schilk, whose 31.25 all-around total was forged with a 7.85 in beam and an 8.45 (sixth) in floor.

Despite the mistakes, Cunningham was "quite impressed with my kids." He figures Canton should be capable of cutting the deficit between itself and Brighton in half by season's end.

Canton is at Walled Lake Monday, then travels to the Rockford Invitational Saturday.

CC outshoots Borgess; Glenn stalls

It was an NBA kind of night as Redford Catholic Central outgunned Redford Bishop Borgess, 105-85, in a Catholic League Central Division boys basketball game played Friday at Detroit Benedictine.

Junior guard Ryan Ceskey led the victorious Shamrocks (3-4-1) with 31 points and eight rebounds. Senior forward Rob Sparks added 23 points, while junior guard Anthony Coratti contributed 19.

Donald Didlake paced Borgess (3-3, 1-1) with 22 points.

CC rang up 15 three-pointers and led 50-31 at intermission.

BASKETBALL

Dave Gregor and Tim Ferng added 15 and 11, respectively, for Northville, which outscored Glenn 44-19 in the second half.

Yaku Moton, a 6-foot-8 senior center, led Glenn with 18 points and 15 rebounds. He scored 13 in the second half.

Brent Bogle and Michael Gores contributed 15 and 10, respectively.

W.L. Central 85, Franklin 82 (2 OT): The Patriots gave the host Vikings a battle but fell just a shot short.

Mike Copeland hit a 15-footer with one second to go in regulation to tie the score, 66-66, for Livonia Franklin (1-5) and the two teams staggered through the first overtime until time ran out

with the score still deadlocked. "Once we fell behind," said Patriots' Coach Dan Robinson, "we never really got back on top. We had some shots and opportunities we didn't take advantage of."

Franklin held a 36-27 lead at the half but was outscored in each of the final two periods of regulation.

The Patriots got 21 points plus 10 rebounds from forward Joe Ruggiero and 19 points plus nine rebounds from center Copeland. Tim Borrie had 18 points, including four three-pointers.

Steve Horn burned Franklin for 32 points, also making four long-distance shots. He also sank all but one of his seven free throws.

Central made 26-of-45 free throws, a statistic that was padded because Franklin had to foul at the end of the game. The

Canton-Salem from B1

The Chiefs. Nether put in a banker from underneath and was fouled; he converted the three-point play to make it 25-21 with 22.6 seconds left. The Rocks then turned it over and Canton's Jason Waidmann scored with eight seconds to go, making it 25-21 Salem at the half.

Neither team led by more than five in the second half. Finding a single factor responsible for the win is difficult, but one pivotal element favoring Canton was its long-range shooting. The Chiefs had six threes to Salem's two.

Two of Canton's triples came in the closing seconds of the third quarter, one by Nick Cabauatan with 32 seconds left and, after Gabe Coble scored on a putback for Salem, another by Reddy at the buzzer to give the Chiefs a 36-35 lead.

Jeff Haar got the opening basket of the final quarter to put the Rocks back in front by a point, but Canton took the lead — for good, as it turned out — by scoring the next five points.

Salem kept it close, however. Consecutive baskets by Matt McCaffrey in a 24-second span narrowed Canton's five-point lead to one with 25 seconds left.

But both teams missed key free throws down the stretch, with the Chiefs' Nether and Dan McLean and Salem's Andy Kocloski each making 1-of-2 in the last 18 seconds.

"The kids played awfully hard, and they played smart," said Salem's Brodie, noting his team committed just 14 turnovers. "We had chances. Both teams had chances the whole game."

"We haven't been very good at the line all season. And when you're behind, you've got to make them."

Salem was 15-of-24 (62.5 percent) at the line; Canton converted 13-of-21 (61.9 percent).

Nether led Canton with 14 points — seven of them coming

in the fourth quarter. Reddy finished with 13 and Waidmann had eight.

Salem got 16 points and eight rebounds from McCaffrey; Cook and Haar added eight apiece.

"We've been fighting and fighting," said Young. "We've been in so many games like this. But we kept fighting and hung in there against a great team."

"The guys made the plays down the stretch. Players make plays — that's what we've been saying."

In a game like this, all it took was one player making one play more than the opposition.

PCA 65, Monroe 32. Mary's CC 51

Plymouth Christian Academy arrived late for the start of the second half, and it nearly cost the Eagles.

After building a 31-16 lead over Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Friday at PCA, the Eagles frittered it away by sleepwalking through most of the third period, getting outscored 16-3 in the quarter.

"They went to a half-court press in the third quarter, and for some reason it was real effective," said PCA coach Doug Taylor.

Using an electrifying dunk by Mike Huntsman midway through the last quarter to pull away from the Falcons.

PCA evened its overall record at 2-2. St. Mary's CC is 3-4.

Dave Carly led four Eagles to reach double figures in scoring, posting in 20 points — including 10-of-13 from the free-throw line. Deric Iense added 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals. D.J. Sherrill had 16 points, and Huntsman finished with 11 points and 12 boards.

St. Mary's CC got 14 points from Eric Lehmann and 12 from Ben Brenston.

GDBA meeting on agenda

By now, every league president within the scope of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association has received notification of the GDBA semi-annual meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at Sunnybrook Lanes, located at 17 Mile Road, west of Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. It is easily accessible by I-96.

Every league should be represented by at least one of its officers.

On the agenda is a review of 1998-99 expenditures and nominations for directors and officers (of the GDBA Board of Directors).

This is your opportunity to have a voice in the affairs of your organization. The GDBA is in place to serve the needs of the bowlers and their leagues. If you are having problems, this is the time to help get them resolved.

It is soon to be new year's time. Before you and your league officers sign, make sure that you know what your bowling center is asking of you and your league, as well as what your league is asking of the Bowling Center.

The contract is a legal document and a commitment on behalf of all parties. It is hoped that officers will honor their trust with their league and take an active interest in the future activities of the local associations, whether it is GDBA, Wayne-Westland or any others in this area.

Your association will soon be attending the American Bowling Congress national meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. and this is also another way of serving the needs of the 70,000 plus mem-

BOWLING & RECREATION

Ice fishermen should take precautions

Rain showers and balmy temperatures Jan. 2 put a damper on area ice fishing, but the recent cold spell has whipped inland lakes in Southeastern Michigan back into shape.

"The rain we got on Sunday froze on Monday and helped get things back on track," said Ron Jedicki, owner of Hook, Line & Sinker Bait and Tackle Shop in downtown Lake Orion. "The guys I've talked to said there is still four to six inches of ice on the smaller lakes. They're pretty much staying off the bigger lakes like Orion, but the smaller lakes are in pretty good shape."

"The Coast Guard is telling people to stay off the ice because the wind is breaking it up, but I think they're pretty much talking about Lake St. Clair. These little lakes aren't affected by the wind like Lake St. Clair is."

Jedicki said anglers were catching good perch and pike on the Stringy Lake Chain in Oxford. Blue gill and crappie action has been slow.

As of Tuesday evening, Pontiac Lake in Waterford had up to 6 inches of ice, according to Paul Frederick, manager of KD Outdoors on M-59.

"I had one guy in today who said it was pretty firm. There was four to six inches out there," Frederick said. "I haven't heard much about the other lakes, but Pontiac Lake seems to be in decent shape."

Crappie and walleye have produced the hot bite on Pontiac Lake. No reports of jankers have come in, but a lot of good entries have been caught.

Further south on Wayne County's Belleville Lake, anglers have been shying away from the ice since Sunday.

"Before the rains came we had four inches, but no one has been out since," said Ron Seagraves, of South Street Tackle in Belleville. "They were catching some silver bass and some perch last week. If we get a couple good days of cold weather, we should be OK again."

The outlook appeared bright for the weekend with freezing temperatures returning to the area for the remainder of the week.

Think safety first

While area lakes should be in good shape for anglers by the weekend, you should always use caution when venturing out on the ice.

Ice thickness can sometimes be misleading.

Thin ice (at least 3 inches) that has frozen solid and remains frozen can be safer than 4-to-6 inches of ice that has frozen, thawed, then refrozen again.

Stay off ice that is soft and mushy or tends to bend or drop when weight is placed on it. The best ice is hard, blue or clear ice. Ice that has a grey or white tint, or is full of bubbles, should be avoided.

Remember, too, that warm or sunny weather weakens existing ice. Check ice throughout the season to confirm uniform thickness across the lake.

Ice near rivers and stream mouths should be avoided, as well as ice around docks and rafts, especially early in the season when ice is still forming.

It's a good idea to keep a rope, hose or ladder close by when venturing out on ice.

If a companion falls through try to keep the person relatively calm. Rescue the person with a rope, ladder, jacket or branch, but never put yourself in jeopardy by running out onto the ice.

If you fall through, again, remain calm. Keep your arms extended so your head doesn't go below the surface.

Ice spikes, or simple wooden blocks with spikes driven through them, will help in gaining a grip on the wet, slippery surface. Kick with your feet, pull with the spikes and roll out of the hole.

If you try to climb out you're likely to break more ice along the edge of the hole and will exhaust yourself. Once out of the water continue to roll until you are well away from the hole.

Shed your wet clothes for dry ones as soon as possible since hypothermia can begin to take hold in as little as three minutes.

Winter recreation on Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes can be fun and enjoyable. Common sense should always dictate your activities and take the time to check ice before venturing out.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric newspaper. Contact Parker by writing to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48003.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASONS/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

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BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wednesday Nite's Senior Classics: Rich Pak, 234-279/704; Tony Balotta, 268-6713; Cliff Taylor, 232-248-641; John McKeever, 279/640; Stan Gacki, 257/666; Tony Ladd, 229-209/222/660.

Monday Seniors: Mel Albrite, 257/707; Jack Dahlstrom, 235-244/665; Jess MacCioce, 225-235/693; Alvar Fredeen, 252/654; Don Martin, 257/637; Ed Clack, 257/637; Phil Seiders, 257/637; Dave Davis, 247/675; John Blunden, 234/658; Stan Gacki, 225/637; Bud Kraemer, 256/643; Ed Adams, 233/626.

Good Neighbors: Gloria Merrit, 200; Pat Hapuk, 195; Tina Lemons, 193; Alicia Walter, 193.

Westland Bowl
Sunday Sleepers: Shawn Arbogast, 300/684; Robert Scheps, 290/779; Steve Felschak, 290/686; John Hurley, Jr., 287/775; Ryan Wilson, 279/744.

Monday Morning Men: Randy Kline, 248/669; Pat Stover, 244/637; Bob Simmons, 232/626; Jay Kovach, 226/621; Vernon Looney, 222/608.

Thursday Nite Mixed: Brian Bailey, 257/641; Ken Forbes, 257/641; Dan Harris, 226/618; Genevieve Flores, 223/620; Candy Bailey, 214/604.

Westland Champs: Sunday Gals, 237/546; Candy Lockwood, 225/642; Donna Middich, 221/549; Cathy Franckez, 217/544; Lucia Olvera, 194/534.

9 Out To Lunch Bunch: Scott White, 260/636; Randy Mulin, 245/590; Jim Laur, 244/655; Bill Freeman, 243/608; Shirley Couchman, 192.

A.M. Ladies: Joan Taylor, 213/571; Louann Salvendy, 192/521.

Proprietors Travel: Fred McLean, 300; Russ Schaffer, 300.

Wednesday Ladies Junior House: Gloria Picard, 269/621; Marcey Reed, 264/648; Kathleen Bales, 235; Jessie Ross, 229; Jane Pegg, 223/560.

Our Gang Mixed: Chelle Cutler, 248/658; Mimi McMillen, 264/551.

Monday Seniors: Betty Fort, 257/637; Mary Tost, 257/637; Betty Fort, 257/637; Mary Tost, 257/637.

Wednesday Morning Early Birds: Linda Brandt, 218; Dolores Pfeiffer, 216; Judy Prokes, 211; Esther Tondreau, 200; Elaine Churchover (December Bowler of the Month), 204; Mary Hosts, 201.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Wednesday Classic: Murray Hole, 289/774; Don Parks, 289/759; Ed Dudes, 279/742; Ron LeChevalier, 279/728; Larry Lantz, 279/718.

Senior Men's Invitational: Bill Funke, 266/697; Charley Orbecky, 675; Jerry Cole, 560; Mike Belovich, 266/654.

Westside Senior Men's: Don Hochstadt, 243/646; Tony Santoro, 244/645; Bill Fife, 238/624.

Cloverlans (Livonia)
St. Aidan's Men: Rich Raack, 253/663/663; Dan Gavin, 258/653; Jim Seagren, 246; Chris Skaggs, 234; Bob Jackson, 226/619.

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WOODWORK

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died those duties four years at CC and since the fourth grade at St. Michael School in Livonia.

"John Dupuis (a St. Michael coach) taught me, he is real good at it," Sgroi said. "That's definitely where I learned it."

Sgroi was a two-year starter at linebacker for the Shamrocks, earning first team All-Observer honors as a senior when CC won a Class AA state championship.

When used exclusively as a long snapper, Sgroi takes a different mentality to the field.

"It's so much different going in to long snap as opposed to high school where you're playing every single play," he said. "In high school you try to get so pumped up. Now it's just the opposite and I just try to relax. You could be too excited and intense and snap the ball over the punter's head."

Academics first

Sgroi attended a U-M football camp the summer before his senior year at CC and knew his only chance to ever play there would be to walk on.

He passed up football scholarship offers to smaller schools and decided to attend U-M for academic reasons, choosing to not play as a freshman. He carries a 3.2 grade point average and hopes to be accepted into the business school.

"I talked to the (U-M) coaches and they invited me to play as a walk on but I changed my mind and thought my career was over," said Sgroi, who had a change of heart after his first semester. "I kind of missed it and after being here said 'I could hang with those guys.'"

The snap is the No. 1 priority but Sgroi managed a few tackles, including one that caused a fumble which was recovered by a teammate against Northwestern.

He also had a humbling experience against Penn State when an opponent put him on his back while chasing a Nittany Lions' punt returner.

"I was coming down the field to make the tackle and the guy was mirroring me down the field," Sgroi said. "When the returner turned down field, I opened a clear shot for (the Penn State blocker) and he flipped me around pretty good."

Sgroi hopes to someday earn a scholarship at U-M or more playing time on special teams, and even at linebacker where the depth is plenty and gets better each recruiting year.

Sgroi isn't as undersized as he is slower than the Wolverines linebackers on scholarship.

"That's what I'm working towards, being on the field as much as possible," he said.

Wrestle B1

The Rocks are expected to compete at North Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Canton falls to Western

After such a promising start to their season, Thursday's WLAA opener against Walled Lake Western was less than hoped for.

The Chiefs let a 15-point lead escape and ended up suffering their first dual-meet loss, 39-36. They are 4-1 overall.

"It's a little disappointing," said Canton coach John Dem-sick. "We came up short. In a couple of matches, it seemed we didn't have the fire."

"I knew Western was very strong and it would be tough, but we could have won it."

When Canton's Shaheem Rajae pinned Western's Ron Grabowski in 2:46 in the 171-pound match, the Chiefs had a 36-21 advantage. But the Warriors responded, getting pin wins from Pat Clark at 189, Neil Rutherford at 215 and Tony Henery at 275.

"A number of our guys did extremely well," said Dem-sick. "We're still working on the building (of the team). This does give us a wake-up call, a reminder that we have a way to go."

Canton winners were Kyle Pitt at 103, with a pin of Dan Drenikewski in 1:06; Doy Dem-sick at 119, with a pin of Craig Bujold in :39; Greg Musser at 130, with a 4-2 decision over Adam Lessner; John Pocock at 140, with a pin of Mike Law in 1:10; Joe Faraoni at 145, with a 6-5 decision over Geoff Zilan; and Mike Bonner at 160, with a win over Josh Bagalay by disqualification.

The Chiefs host WLAA foe Livonia Churchill at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Maybe playing on kickoffs or a little bit at linebacker. Most of the linebackers here are 230 or under so size is not a big disadvantage."

His parents, Roy and Kathy, appreciate the replays of his games more than he does.

"We do nothing but watch film all week long," Joe laughs. "I get to see a lot of snaps during the week."

Roy Sgroi, a Michigan State graduate, has done the unthinkable,

changing allegiance to U-M.

Sgroi's younger brother, Mike, is a junior at CC and an outstanding placekicker. Joe's brother and parents attended the Orange Bowl.

Joe dreams of someday snapping for his brother's field goal or extra point attempts in a U-M game.

"He's never been a Michigan fan but he's starting to become one," Joe said of his brother.

WRESTLING RESULTS

Tri-Meet Redford CC 72 Lansing Waverly 12 Wednesday in Lansing

103 pounds: Matt Koziara (CC) decisioned Mike Luft, 11-2; **112:** Chris O'Hara (CC) pinned Larry Scates, :35; **119:** Tim Mulroy (CC) pinned Ethan Durer, 1:08; **125:** Josh Crawford (CC) pinned Ryan Harrell, 5:45; **130:** Justin Geraldo (LW) pinned Ben Kreucher, 2:31; **135:** Jeff Wheeler (CC) won on void; **140:** Jay Abshire (CC) won on void; **145:** Nick Van Core (LW) pinned Mike Werner, 5:45; **152:**

Sean Bell (CC) won on void; **160:** Mitch Hancock (CC) won on void; **171:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) won on void; **189:** Frank Mathias (CC) won on void; **215:** Matt Williams (CC) won on void; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (CC) won on void.

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103: Scott Cornell (GL) pinned Koziara, 4:48; **112:** Bobby Beach (GL) pinned Chris O'Hara, 1:59; **119:** Mulroy (CC) pinned Bobby Corey, 1:19; **125:** Steel Osborn (GL) pinned Josh

Crawford, 1:44; **130:** Jake Ambler (GL) pinned Kreucher, 2:51; **135:** Wheeler (CC) dec. Justin Le, 18-3; **140:** Abshire (CC) pinned Josh Uptigrove, :32; **145:** Tyler Hubert (GL) pinned Werner, 2:22; **152:** Belf pinned Brandon Smith, 1:54; **160:** Hancock (CC) pinned Jacot Thom, 1:24; **171:** Dan Paff (GL) dec. Rogowski, 11-10; **189:** Jacob Carter (GL) dec. Andy Conlin, 13-6; **215:** Brian Chayne (GL) pinned Williams, 1:13; **heavyweight:** Andy Isler (GL) dec. Parr.

CC's dual meet record: 6-5.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Sculptor goes public about the role of art

When Sergio DeGiusti was approached by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to create a sculpture for its new building in downtown Detroit, one of the Redford artist's first considerations was giving a face to the health care company. DeGiusti believes public art should make viewers think and not just serve as decoration. He'll give a lecture on the subject, and show slides of public art, including his 9-foot bronze sculpture of mankind in different stages of life and death, Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Farmington Hills Branch Library.

DeGiusti hopes passers-by search for their own meaning in the shrouded figures emerging from "Urban Stele," installed in October in front of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield headquarters in downtown Detroit.

Concern for mankind

The word "Stele" refers to an upright slab or pillar which is engraved with inscriptions or images, and used as a monument or commemorative mark-



Urban Stele: Sergio DeGiusti stands next to the bronze sculpture he created for the plaza in front of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield building in downtown Detroit.

er. The front of "Urban Stele" looks like an ancient frieze and incorporates the heads of people from various cultures amidst flowing drapery. The back includes an imaginary landscape that speaks to the natural forces of time on our planet. Fossils and anthropological remnants symbolize primordial life.

"The Role and Importance of Public Art"

What: Redford artist Sergio DeGiusti gives a lecture to the Farmington Artists Club.
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.
Where: Farmington Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road, (between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads), Farmington Hills.
Farmington Artists Club: Meets the second Wednesday of every month. For information about joining the club, call Helena Lewicki at (248) 478-9243.

person will see something different. You have to leave out the obvious. When you don't, there's nothing to think about."

Artists who "play it safe" is one of the concerns DeGiusti will address in the lecture hosted by the Farmington Artists Club.

"Public art is part of a history of people, a reflection of the values of a society," said DeGiusti who feels "that the public art being created today lacks insight." In the lecture, he'll dis-

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Spirit Earth: Todd Marsee exhibits his paintings in a one-man show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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Todd Marsee is not averse to using any method necessary to create his paintings. A wax paper technique gives the exteriors of cathedrals a lyrical look, while the mixing of acrylic wall paint, watercolors and inks imparts the images of leaves onto newer works. Marsee began painting gingko leaves to experiment with a new set of watercolors.

All of these innovations can be seen in "Spirit Earth," Marsee's one-man exhibition at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The show demonstrates that there are no limits for Marsee when it comes to conveying the beauty of nature and architecture in painting. The Plymouth artist even collaborated on a watercolor of a stained glass window and gargoyle with his wife, Kara. He painted the ethereal window; she the gargoyle, a creature that seems to come to life before it.

"Part of the excitement is that I don't always know what I'm going to come up with," said Marsee.

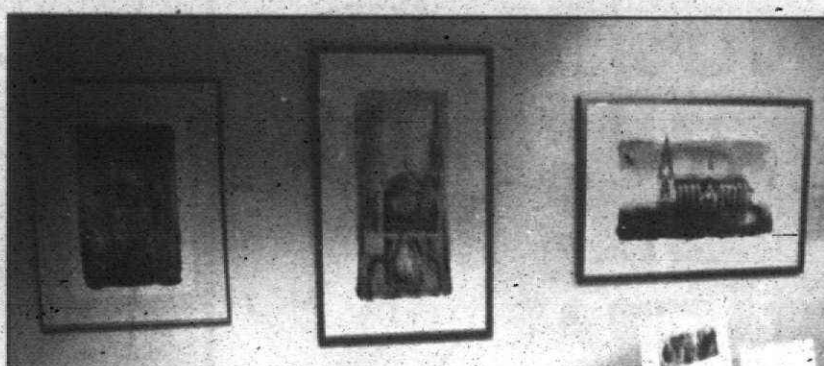
Love of nature

A lone evergreen appears throughout many of the works and frequently is silhouetted against a purple sky. Marsee uses it to convey to viewers a love of nature. He and Kara enjoy hiking in the mountains in Colorado and on Lake Superior's shoreline.

"The tree is an interpretation of a view you'd have in the Rockies," said Marsee. "Sitting on the mountains, you can look out and feel your connection to the universe. The pine tree represents the forest. The circle is spirituality and the universe. The colors I chose to be soothing. I hope people get a feeling of relaxation, that all humankind is one on this earth. I would like to stress peace with everyone."

"Spirit Earth"

What: Todd Marsee exhibits recent watercolors inspired by nature and architecture.
When: Through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Tuesday and Thursday, and until 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, weekends by appointment.
Where: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278.



Gothic architecture: A trip to Spain inspired Todd Marsee's paintings "Cathedral" (left), "Cozart Cathedral" and "Ode to Joy."

Marsee's Cherokee and Osage heritage inspired his Indian-theme works "Dream Spirit" and "Earth, Wind, Fire, Water." Between them they incorporate bird feathers, a wasp nest and oak leaves retrieved from vegetation and creatures living on Mother Earth.

One of the first works in which he dealt with the subject of nature, "Earth 94," was painted during his student days at Sienna Heights College in Adrian. It was while he was studying for a bachelor of fine arts degree that Marsee met Kara.

"I started that in college. Walking along on hikes, I'm always picking up leaves," said Marsee. "The gingko-leaf paintings were inspired by hiking. There's quite a few Gingko trees around town. I'm trying to capture the spirit of the earth through a leaf."

Full circle

Marsee comes full circle with the show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Classes at the arts council aroused Marsee's curiosity about drawing and painting when he was young.

"I took my first classes downtown at the PCAC when I was 7 or 8, so it's an honor to have a show here. It shows how important it is to support the arts."

Arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin bought a four-panel work that incorporates many of Marsee's subjects. She's been following his painting for some time.

"I love his work because I love nature," said Tobin. "Todd has such a unique motif. I can spot his work anywhere. I first saw it at Bushel's Cafe and then at Art in the Park in Plymouth. The one I bought has a bit of all of his favorite subjects - a

PAINTER CONVEYS EARTHY SPIRIT IN ETHEREAL WORKS

pine tree, leaves and a planet. It's earthy."

Marsee's interest in gothic architecture comes shining through in the translucent paintings of cathedrals. "Ode to Joy" was created while listening to Marsee's favorite Beethoven symphony. A trip to Spain inspired the paintings "Cathedral" and "Cozart Cathedral." Marsee fell in love with the Gothic architecture of cathedrals while visiting Spain with his class from Plymouth Salem High School. His interpretations of the cathedrals have an ethereal feel to them, as if they were part of the earth. It's a complete departure from the designs Marsee produces for his day job as creative director at Insite Web Design in Plymouth. Clicking keys

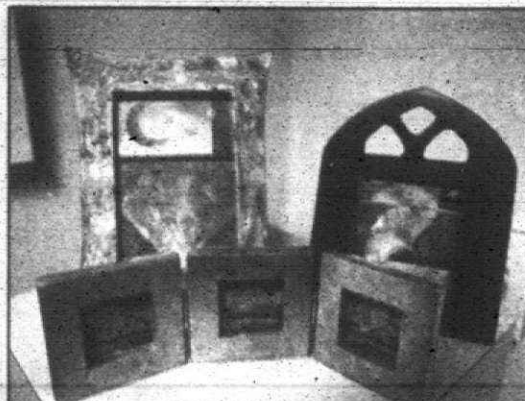
and a mouse, Marsee creates and maintains client Web sites.

The Gothic cathedrals are "a conglomeration of all the cathedrals I've seen," said Marsee. "They're amazing pieces of architecture with detail everywhere you look."

Reasonable

At a time when art prices are soaring, Marsee's works are reasonably priced. Unframed paintings sell for as little as \$15.

"I want them to hang on people's walls and not in my basement," said Marsee.



Bird's eye view: Todd Marsee's smaller works make a nice grouping for an end table, shelf or just about anywhere.

DANCE

Events provide overview of history, styles of dance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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To simply say the Stuttgart Ballet is one of the most respected and oldest ballet companies in the world - dating back to 1609 - might leave the wrong impression.

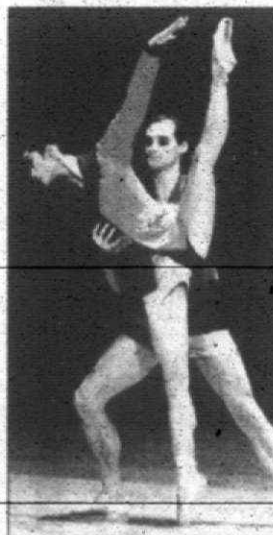
To add that the German-based company woos audiences with technical precision and beauty still wouldn't conjure up the full picture for those interested in attending their local debut this week at the Detroit Opera House.

Stuttgart's current contemporary repertoire is known for giving dance-goers astonishing beauty and amazing precision, while seducing their audiences.

"Because of the athleticism and the movement and the dealing with relationships - male and female dancing together - and the costumes, it is very seductive," said Bradley Stroud, director of dance at Michigan Opera Theatre, presenters of the concert.

"With a lot of contemporary dance, you don't know what's going on, and it's not fun to watch," said Stroud of Birmingham. "This is so beautiful, even those audience members who don't know much about contemporary dance will enjoy the performance."

Of the six sizzling pieces slated to entice Detroit



Body power: The Stuttgart Ballet's athletic ability and stamina flows in the company's performance of "Kazimir's Colours."

audiences, one, entitled "Delta Inserts," comes from choreographer Kevin O'Day, a native of Detroit.

O'Day, who has performed with several nationally recognized companies, including the American Ballet Theatre, the Joffrey Ballet and Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oak Dance Project, is known for keeping his dancers in constant, kinetic motion within the space of the stage.

Set to gritty, electronic, blues-based music by American composer John King, "Delta Inserts" explores love and war between the sexes and gender roles at the close of the 20th century. O'Day shifts between pitting his dancers against one another and unifying them in action. And, the effect is a dramatic and turbulent display of athletic prowess.

While several pieces from the company's Detroit program are set to music by classical composers (Brahms, Shostakovich, Vivaldi and Bach), and the marks of classical ballet are ample throughout the wide-ranging production, Stuttgart takes a turn towards performance art with "Dos Amores."

Taking love in all its forms, particularly the phenomenon of falling in love, as its subject, "Dos Amores" incorporates six silver pendulums and 12 dancers into the choreography. Two poems written

Perspectives on dance

■ **Stuttgart Ballet:** Sensual ballet works including "Delta Inserts," choreographed by Detroit native Kevin O'Day and three American premieres, **Detroit Opera House**, Detroit, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets \$17-62. Students from local dance studios who contact DOH receive two tickets for the price of one. Call the box office, (313) 237-7464 or TicketMaster, (248) 645-6666.

■ **Bebe Miller Company:** Challenging cultural identities through post-modern dance - **Power Center for Performing Arts**, Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Tickets \$16-32. Call (734) 764-2538.

■ **When the Spirit Moves:** Exhibit of dance as a subject of African American art and conveyor of history - **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History/Detroit Historical Museum**, Detroit. Exhibit opens Saturday, Jan. 22, and continues through Sunday, April 23. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. Call (313) 494-5800.

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cuss what is good art and what is decoration.

DeGiusti should know. He's been creating and photographing sculpture for more than 30 years. If you missed his exhibit at the Cary Gallery in Rochester in October, plan to attend the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's showcase of DeGiusti's work in September.

Challenging people

"We want to be placing art-works for people to learn something. Public art has to challenge people's perception of a monument. The decorative is mundane with highly recognizable imagery that doesn't challenge the psyche. European sculpture has a history of not being afraid to challenge the public."

Blue Cross/Blue Shield spokesperson Kaye Moore-Doane likes DeGiusti's work because it prods viewers to contemplate its meaning. DeGiusti was just one of five artists the health care company chose to create art in this manner. A mobile by Christine Hagedorn of Troy was installed inside of the new building at Lafayette and Beaubien. Detroit artist Gilda Snowden

"We invite visitors and potential members to attend the lecture because Sergio DeGiusti is so well known. I want to see more of his work and hear him talk. You always learn something."

Alice Hoch

Farmington Artists Club spokesperson

Painted a colorful abstract for the lobby. Robert Sestock, Royal Oak, and Kenneth Thompson, Blissfield, created outdoor sculptures.

The commissioning of public art is part of an ongoing commitment by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to support Michigan artists while creating a pleasant working environment for employees.

"Our art committee had a specific agenda," said Moore-Doane, who works in Southfield. "We're going into the new millennium. We wanted to stress that we help people go from sickness to wellness. And part of those who we care for are children."

In addition to content, DeGiusti had to take into account the site where the sculpture would be installed. At the lecture, DeGiusti will give a brief description of the process that

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by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda overlay contrasting musical selections, sparse percussion and baroque by Vivaldi.

Unlike most New York City-based dance companies, which are attracted to straight, clean lines and quick movements, the Stuttgart embraces hallmarks of Western European dance, lyrical beauty and emotion.

"(Stuttgart) is a different vocabulary, a totally different movement," said Stroud. "You recognize a lot of classical ballet in this, but it's contemporary. It's a good indoctrination for anyone who has not seen a lot of contemporary dance."

Dance, like technology, boomed in the 20th century and is poised to evolve in new directions in the next millennium, particularly as dance companies and performance venues search for ways to make dance more accessible and appealing to mainstream audiences.

Dance created today engages us in dialogues about politics and culture, relays historical experience and, even, impacts other art forms.

While that might sound like a stretch, it comes together when audiences are able to consider

contrasting dance styles at once. And, metropolitan Detroit dancers and those curious about the art form have been afforded such an opportunity.

Along with Stuttgart's visit, two radically different dance events are slated for January: a visual exhibit of African American dance in art and history opens Jan. 22 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Historical Museum.

Running through April 23, the exhibit explores how African American art portrays their culture's dance, and how these dance forms represented the African American experience and generally impacted American dance.

New York's Bebe Miller Company also takes up issues of cultural identity on Jan. 15 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

A product of post-modern dance, choreographer Bebe Miller mixes performance art with contemporary dance, making political statements about race and community along the way.

In "Going to the Wall," one of two pieces the company will pre-

sent, the audience witnesses a series of stories representing community, "otherness," group rebellion and alienation. In "Solo," Miller herself performs the music and monologues that accompany the choreography.

"With Bebe Miller it's not just what's happening on the stage with movement," said Ben Johnson, director of education and audience development for the University Musical Society, which produces the event.

"It's the overall effect of the production. She sets an introspective mood. It's a very meditative experience."

The program includes a post-performance discussion led by Miller and a pre-performance lecture to help audience members less familiar with post-modern and contemporary dance put the company's work in context.

"That's what it's all about—educating our audiences," said Johnson. "I think that there are a lot of exciting things going on dance right now. People who are into theater and visual art would have a natural connection with dance today. These are art creators, rather than just dancers."

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

JAZZ MUSICIANS WANTED

The Schoolcraft College Jazz band has a few openings for the second semester. Rehearsals/auditions will be held Monday, Jan. 10 in Room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

There are possible openings for drums, piano, guitar, and other sections. For more information, call Jack Pierson at (734) 420-8964.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Schoolcraft College's music department continues its free concert series with violinist Paul Kantor, cellist Sarah Cleveland, pianist Michelle Cooker, and

soprano Glenda Kirkland noon Wednesday, Jan. 12 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Program highlights include the Trio, Opus 32 by Anton Arensky and selected songs by Sergei Rachmaninov.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet Plymouth watercolorist Toni Stevens at a reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Stevens' one-woman show, "Looking Back/Facing Forward," continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the library.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22. "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening.

Tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5, \$15 for a family (three or more). For advanced ticket reservations or more information, call (734) 397-6450.

Mother Goose will delight young children with a visit. Magician/folklorist Marc LeJarett dazzles children and adults with magic tricks woven in his tales of old. Adult workshops will stress the use of story to preserve family history and build character. The children's show takes place 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russell Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or email for further info to CoufLinks@aol.com.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

The Oakland University Community Chorus will hold auditions for new singers from the community 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 in Room 134 Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus. Following the audition, regular rehearsal will be held 7:45-10 p.m. This is the second half of the Oakland University Community Chorus' 37th Season. The Chorus will perform its spring concert on April 14 at Varner Recital Hall on the OU campus. Highlighting the program will be Arthur Honegger's oratorio, "King David." Vocal experience is required. Registration fee is \$40. For more info, call (248) 370-2030 (department office), or (248) 370-2038 (director's office).

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

CANTATA ACADEMY

Auditions for new members will be held on Sundays in January. The choir has appeared with every major orchestra in the Detroit area and has made biennial tours to Europe. Experienced singers are asked to call the organization's voice-mail at (248) 358-9668.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip-hop, ballroom, stretch classes for ages 3 to adult. 5951 John R. Troy, (248) 828-4080.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

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

METROPOLITAN SINGERS

The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pop, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals begin at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. (734) 455-8353.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Nifty 40 for new members by appointment. Winter semester rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 11. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For information call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in oil, watercolor, mixed media, portraits and figurative drawing in Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES

D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 625—Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Registration runs now through Jan. 10 for classes on abstract painting, portfolio preparation and beginning blacksmithing. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Winter 2000 classes for children: through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan. 15. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the



Notable: William Moss painted Music Hall in Detroit when it was Michigan's only Cinerama theater. Moss will sign his prints and the "Days of Detroit" calendar, which benefits the Detroit Historical Society, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16 at Creative Framing & Gallery, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. His visit coincides with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Gallery co-owners Chris Burke and Pat Korona invite the public to "feel free to come inside and warm up with Bill and have a cup of hot chocolate." For more information, call (734) 453-2810.

Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

DRAWING & PAINTING

Classes taught by Karen Halpern—watercolor painting Wednesdays, Jan. 12-March 22; drawing, Mondays, Jan. 10-March 20; oil and acrylic, Fridays, Jan. 14-March 24. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 738-2500.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

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. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical 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, 28632 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

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

The afternoon meeting and concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 features numerous musicians with a program dedicated to the National Federation of Music Clubs. Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

BORDERS MUSIC

Michael Gould performs the Japanese bamboo flute at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14 at Borders Books & Music, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-3980.

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Piano soloist Anna Sprinkler performs 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Kravitz Court, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

CANTORIAL CONCERT

Cantor Stephen Dubov, from Temple Beth El and pianist Marty Mandelbaum will perform at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13 in Jaffe Hall at the

Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

THE CASSIDYS

The Dublin group with championship dancer will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at Athens High School, John R. at Wattles, Troy. For information call (810) 979-8406.

CHOPIN RECITAL

Piotr Folkert performs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14. Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, Hagoian World of Rugs, downtown Birmingham. 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. "Fantasies and More" at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, featuring performances by baritone Simon Estes and several Detroit church choirs, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Call (313) 576-5111.

SPIRIT ARISING

A celebration of faith at the dawn of a new millennium takes place in downtown Birmingham, Jan. 9 featuring preacher Dr. Tony Campolo and Christian recording artist Ken Medema, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. Medema will offer a musical concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. First Baptist Church, 300 Willets at Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch for ten weeks, Mondays, beginning Jan. 24. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Animal Tracks: learn to identify bird and mammal tracks for ages 5 and up. 10 a.m. noon, Saturday, Jan. 15. Pre-registration required by Jan. 9. The Sunday Brunch & Science Lecture Series presents Thirty Years of Earth Surfaces: The Earth inspired Art of Irving Zane Taran, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Reservations required at (248) 645-3210, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1:800-60-CRANBROOK.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER

Various Kindermusik classes for new born to 7 years now through April 22. Enroll anytime. Classes held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 354-9109.

KINDERMUSIK

For children 18 months through 3 years. Weekly classes of singing, dancing and playing musical instruments. Classes are Saturdays 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. for ages 3-1/2. The winter term begins Saturday, Jan. 15 at Marygrove

LECTURE

MICH ORIENTAL ART SOCIETY

A lecture by Susan Erickson, entitled "Collecting Art in China: Berthold Laufer's Expeditions," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, Troy Library, Big Beaver at I-75, Troy. (248) 398-7696.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

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

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Feb. 14—Candace Compton Pappas and Stephen Covic. Through Feb. 5—Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

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

The Americans, Through Jan. 9—College, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1253.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. A 10-week class on Wed. and Thurs. beginning Jan. 26 and 27. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

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"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 Feb. 13—The Painted Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 29—Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes through April 2, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

TROY MUSEUM

Through March 30—'Going West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars.' 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

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.

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Add color to winter looks with gloves and hats



CARI WALDMAN

While the outlook for spring apparel is bright and sunny — just take a glance at the glossy pages of the most recent fashion magazines — the weather forecast still calls for another few months of cold temperatures where you and I live.

Chances are you already own a scarf, hat and gloves at this point in the fashion season. But haven't you tired of throwing on that same boring trio of winter garments? Do you yearn for a punch of style and the prospect of change?

So, what does it take to put a little bit of spark into your mid-winter routine, you ask?

Introduce color and texture to your outdoor wear. You'll find bundling up gets a little more fun.

Even if you're not aching for color and variety, scarves, hats and gloves can be purchased at real-deal prices thanks to post-holiday markdowns.

Cyberspace bargains I recommend dragging your computer mouse to the world of web shopping, especially if holiday gift shopping has left you tired and frenzied. You'll find loads of hip scarves and hats that can be easily integrated into both winter and spring wardrobes.

At Banana Republic's shopping website, bananarepublic.com, for example, there are an abundance of markdowns on the retailer's winter cashmere collection.

Cashmere head bands in black, ebbstone, egg shell, and navy are priced at \$14.99. Cashmere skull caps with ribbed trim have been reduced to \$24.99.

At Bluefly.com, a general shopping web site, knit designers "525 Made In America" and Christopher Fischer propose a relaxed sophistication with chenille and cashmere pieces in a host of hot colors, including orchid, petunia, lime, turquoise and pink.

Could there be a better way to perk up your basic black coat than tossing on a few of these vibrant colors?

While visiting bluefly.com, I also recommend clicking the link to the web site of knit manufacturer Noodle. The company uses needles to create a curly knit with the look and feel of Persian lamb.

Comprised of 60 percent wool and 40 percent acrylic, the charming scarves knit looks expensive but isn't. Scarves and hats run \$42.95 and come in shades of red, aqua, black and gray.

Big retailers have color and bargains, too. Colorful, luxury outer wear also is available at bargain prices at local Ann Taylor stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The retailer's cashmere-blend scarves and gloves come in hot pink, apple-green and lilac and are marked down to \$25 and \$35.

And, Hudson's has the ultimate solution for those who still need to indulge in a bit of funky fashion. The retailer's fun, floppy, fleece hats, which can be pulled over the ears, have been marked down to 50 percent.

Other large retailers, such as Kohl's, Kmart and Meijer, took part in the color outdoor accessories trend as well.

And while supplies are limited on their sa's tables, a bold colored hat, scarf or pair of mittens at up to 40 percent off is certainly worth the stop.

So, whether you actually need new winter gear to keep you warm or you really don't, there's nothing holding you back from indulging in an extra set in sun-inspired colors like apple green and bright pink. No matter how gray and dark the days get in coming months, you'll feel fresh and uplifted!

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Mountain style Ski and snowboard wear makes a crossover

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Traditionally, selecting gear to wear on the slopes has been an opportunity to indulge in one's more flamboyant sense of style. Skiers have long donned waterproof attire in bold and bright colors. Consider neon green ski suits.

Even shocking pink has been considered a traditional color for women's ski wear.

Snowboarders, on the other hand, have opted for excessively oversized pants and jackets in counter culture earth tones. Just a few years ago, snowboarders proudly carved down the slopes in tongue-in-cheek, jester-style hats that practically skinned the snow's surface.

But times have changed; and, technology is king. Thus, function has taken precedence over style for skiers and snowboarders.

"That's the most important thing — trying to get function and attractiveness mixed in," said Antoine Farris, co-owner of downtown Birmingham's Pogo Skateboard Shop, which sells snowboarding attire. "People are starting to crossover. Style is a big factor, definitely, but people are starting to realize that function can be style, too."

Interestingly, such an emphasis on function has led to a blending of snowboard and ski wear design and style, said Eric, a resident of Troy.

When snowboarding came into the mainstream, skiers, who, traditionally, have worn close-fitting attire, started to take a closer look at the boxy, off-beat garb as a comfortable and functional alternative.

"It's more fitted than what snowboarders originally came out in, but it's a little bit more generous of a cut," said Dave Czerwinski, owner of downtown Rochester's

features: Extra pockets to keep personal items dry and safe, and Lycra hand gaiters to protect against snow are a few features to look for in outerwear for both sports, clothing available at Don Thomas Sporthaus.

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Don Thomas Sporthaus, 1215 E. Main St., Troy, 44609. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

KNITTING SHOW The Knitting Room, 251 Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Classic Elite Yarns featuring new garments and yarns from new patterns through Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. Call (248) 540-3623.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 GEOFFREY BEENE SPRING COLLECTION View Geoffrey Beene's Spring 2000 special order collection for women at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 INDOOR SIDEWALK SALE Stores at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield put their



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLNITZ
Function and style: Lindley and Bob Thomas, co-owners of Don Thomas Sporthaus in Bloomfield Township, model colorful, but functional, outer wear suitable for snowboarders and skiers from their store.

The Ski Company, which caters to both skiers and snowboarders.

But snowboarders also have "matured," said Czerwinski.

"They've realized that it's really uncomfortable to be cold. They still want a little bit of the snowboard fashion statement, but they want function, too. They want to stay warm." Consequently, snowboarders customers are more concerned about technical features and have been opting to wear less oversized clothing, he said.

While many outdoor garment companies are producing crossover apparel that's suitable for both skiers and snowboarders, telling the difference between clothing specifically designed for each of the sports has become difficult.

"It's a fine line," said Lindley Thomas, co-owner of Bloomfield Township's Don Thomas Sporthaus, which carries snowboarding and skiing gear, including crossover, women's and children's lines.

Manufacturers have not only blended styles but also clothing features, she said. More and more ski wear, for example, is equipped with extra pockets for CD players, season lift passes and credits

card — a hallmark of snowboarding apparel. "Pit zips," pockets that unzip to help the wearer cool down are another trait of snowboarding garb that ski wear manufacturers are adopting.

New apparel features to look out for include: Lycra hand gaiters that envelop the hand and keep out snow; pockets for CD players, goggles and other items; coiled elastic holders for keys and season passes; and pockets within pockets.

Generally speaking, both snowboarders and skiers are wearing lighter-weight, but highly waterproof, pants and jackets. To stay dry, they're turning to technical fabrics like Goretex in their outerwear. And, for warmth, they're layering technical garments and wool sweaters underneath.

The emphasis on function also has more of both winter sports enthusiasts wearing helmets. Likewise, more snowboarders are starting to buy gloves, rather than oversized mittens.

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TRAVEL

'Weekend' book shows there's plenty to love in Ohio

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Mary Quinley of Livonia has turned her love of travel and a childhood habit of keeping journals into her first published book: "52 Ohio Weekends."

"My dad love to travel," she said. "A lot of my love for the adventure of travel came from him."

The "weekends" books are part of a series of books from NTC/Contemporary Publishing in Chicago and include titles for Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, Florida, Texas and New York, among others.

"I would have liked to do Michigan, but it was taken," Quinley said.

She does recall that her dad took the family to Ohio on vacation several times. She has been to every weekend spot in the book at least once in her life, she said. She has made a special effort to visit most Ohio places during the last five years.

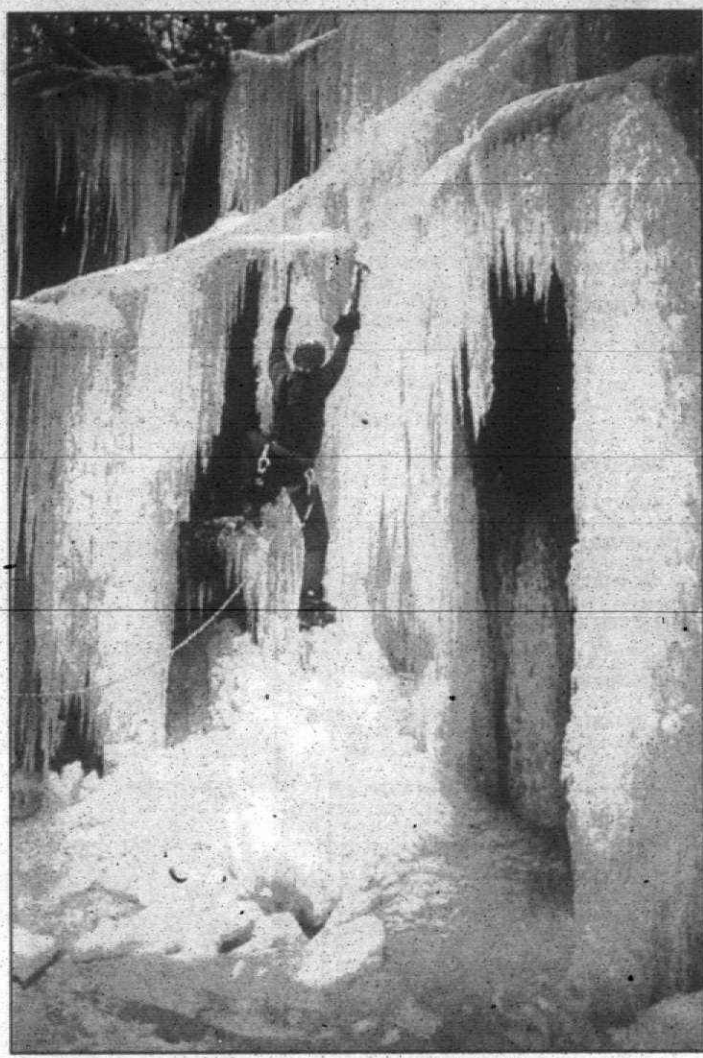
The Ohio weekends that are her favorites?

"One favorite is unusual. I went with my son Jonathan (then 14; now a college student, 18) to the outskirts of Chillicothe (due south of Columbus) to see the play "Tecumseh," about the Shawnee leader. He was impressed and so was I."

From her book:

"The year is 1784. The still, summer evening explodes with howling, screeching voices. A bloody skirmish near the banks of the Ohio River takes place before the hushed crowd. Frontiersmen, caught in an ambush set by the Shawnee Indians, scurry frantically out of sight. As the powerful tale unfolds, galloping horses appear from behind the trees, tomahawks zip across the stage, and a canoe skims the surface of the man-made pond in the background."

"The audience senses Tecumseh's pain and frustration. The young Shawnee leader longs for peace. He simply wants the land that was taken away returned to his people."



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Slippery slope: Ice climbing is one of the many outdoor recreational activities in the Hocking Hills area.

The play runs during summer months; call (740) 775-0700 for information.

Another favorite of Quinley's is The Wilds, east of Columbus not far from Interstate 77 near the small town of Cumberland. Here, there is an impressive outdoor complex for endangered species. The complex can be viewed via bus tours. Call (740) 638-5030 or check www.thewilds.org on the Web.

"I also like all the little islands along Lake Erie like Put-In-Bay and Kelleys, the Marblehead Peninsula with little shops and lighthouse."

Another favorite is Amish country. Amish country in Ohio may not be as well known as those in Pennsylvania and northern Indiana.

"We had a real Amish dinner in Mesopotamia at an Amish home. I would say that it was a



Charming: Covered bridges are part of the charm of weekends in Ohio.

very special trip. The man of the house took us for a buggy ride before dinner."

Mesopotamia is a tiny village east of Cleveland and north of Warren.

From the book:

"(Wife Sara's) food disappeared as rapidly as the natural outdoor light slipped away. As darkness surrounded our intimate dinner party, Lester (Amish husband) wandered off, found the torch, and lit the kerosene lamp - the house has no electricity."

The "slice-of-life" travel adventure is typical of the matter-of-fact way author Quinley tells us about Ohio.

You have to call a non-Amish bed and breakfast in the village if you'd like to eat at the Amish home: (440) 693-4186.

Some other Ohio travel spots to consider:

■ The whole Hocking Hills area, a highly recommended outdoor recreation area south of Columbus. "There's hiking here for all abilities, die-hards and beginner" says Quinley. Plenty of caves, rock formations and waterfalls.

■ The U.S. Air Force museum in Dayton - great for all ages.

■ Floodwall art at Portsmouth, a city down on the

Ohio River in south-central Ohio.

■ Toledo, especially the zoo and the "hippoquarium," where you can be "nose to nose with the hippos."

■ The Golden Lamb restaurant in Lebanon, Ohio, an old stagecoach stop. Literary (Charles Dickens) and political figures stayed at the inn. "Meals, served in one of several Early-American inspired dining rooms, are exceptional," Quinley writes.

■ Ohio as the state that produced the most presidents: Both William Henry Harrison and son Benjamin Harrison lived in North Bend; U.S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant; Warren Harding conducted the "front porch" campaign from his home in Marion; there is a Taft memorial in Cincinnati; the Rutherford B. Hayes center is in Fremont; William McKinley was born in Niles, Ohio, and lived in Canton, Ohio.

■ Quinley is neutral on Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She notes the museum is great for the early history and background of rock and roll. Teenagers may find it not as contemporary as they might imagine.

The book is organized by geo-

graphic regions, and the 52 chapters give you something to do for every weekend. At the end of each chapter are extensive phone numbers, addresses and Web sites, where possible, for the events and places discussed.

The book does have one small map. Anyone looking through the book for something to do will want to have a good Ohio map handy. Many weekend recommendations are a one- or two-hour drive. Those trips that go to the southern reaches of the state may take five to six hours.

From the book:

"The third Saturday in January attracts throngs of hikers to Hocking Hills State Park for the annual Winter Hike. Unpredictable January squalls oftentimes produce frigid, bone-chilling winds. The ranger-led six-mile trip weaves up, down and through a winter paradise of natural formed bedrock. Take a lunch break at Cedar Falls, the halfway marker. In extreme cold, the 90-foot waterfall at Ash Cave freezes, forming an awesome icicle mass."

A quick peek at this book will be sure to thaw some of that anti-Buckeye State feeling generated each year by Big Ten football games.

Quinley's book is available at B. Dalton in Westland Mall, Barnes and Noble stores, and Waldenbooks in Livonia. Quinley will sign copies of her book Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alfred Noble Branch of the Livonia library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia; (734) 421-6600.

The writer makes her home in Livonia with her son and her husband, Fred.

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Been to places a day's drive


from southeastern Michigan?

Had any funny, unusual or adventurous travel experiences?

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If so, tell us about it by con-

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KELLI LEWTON

Keep 'gene' cuisine out of your diet

When... We are free and clear of most of the millennium hoopla! I found it most interesting to watch and follow the news during New Year's week. Much of what I read had something to do with food - getting it, storing it and reconstituting it.

Yet it seems a bit ironic that we become cognitive of our food sources only when we are hit with potential disaster. The concept that we may have trouble finding wholesome food for our families is foreign to most of us.

The Y2K bug could be a baby bug next to the ones that genetically engineered foods could produce. Believe it or not genetically engineered foods are taking a stronghold in the American diet.

The U.S. will be entering its fifth growing season of genetically altered crops this year. There will be some estimated 50 million acres of American farmland sprouting biotech crops. Corn, soybeans, cotton and potatoes have been engineered to produce their own pesticides or withstand herbicides.

Information resources

■ Mothers for Natural Law — (515) 472-2040
■ Greenpeace — www.greenpeace.org

Over 30 farming organizations, Greenpeace, Mothers for Natural Law, Chefs Collaborative 2000 and other groups and individuals, including myself, are demanding that genetically engineered foods be labeled as such.

Genetic engineering

In a nutshell genetic engineering takes the process of nature out of the fields and into the laboratory. Scientists cut little bits of genes from one organism and splice them into another totally unrelated species. For example, they have spliced a gene from a flounder and encrypted it into a strawberry with hopes that the new berry will tolerate colder temperatures.

Corn and soy crops are being spliced with virus genes so that they will be insect and disease resistant. Even our dairy supply has been compromised with the well known Bovine Growth Hormone that has been linked to numerous kinds of cancer and been reported to build up our natural immune system against the efficiency of antibiotics used to treat numerous illnesses.

Present day concerns

By manipulating the genetic code of living organisms, genetic engineers are manipulating life processes. Once introduced into the environment, a genetically engineered organism can reproduce or interact with other species, and could cause irreversible damage to plants, animals, and affect the core of our ecosystem. This translates (in my opinion) into health and quality of life issues for present day and future inhabitants of Mother Earth.

Health is also a major concern posed by the alteration of natural foods. For example, they have spliced a gene from a Brazilian nut with a soybean to create a complete protein. But what these mega-companies have failed to do is to substantiate these alterations with adequate testing. It has been found that people with food allergies and sensitivities have experienced problems, not to mention those of us who like to abstain from certain foods for personal and or religious reasons.

Profit is never far behind most scientific endeavors and these genetically engineered crops are dominated by a few multinational corporations including Monsanto, Novartis,

Please see UNIQUE, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Feeding large families

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

His portrait is almost as familiar to Americans as George Washington's on the dollar bill. He has a wide brimmed, black hat and long magnificent gray hair. Oh yes, and he's a Quaker. The man on the cylindrical package is so familiar to us because for generations we have grown up with oatmeal in the house. Not that it was eaten every day, but it was there.

Grains

Oat is a grain. Early humans realized that rather than eating all the seeds they gathered, they could plant the seeds and ensure a steady supply of food for the band. The first seeds planted were grains. Down through the millennia, humans improved on these staples of life. The family of grains includes the well-known such as wheat, corn and rice, and the exotic such as the Incan quinoa and North African couscous.

Arguably the most humble of the grains is oat. We trace the origins of wild oats to Western Europe. From there the grain spread to other parts of the world. Apparently it was found growing as a weed with barley. Indeed, most of the oats grown today are feed for animals. Oats are hardy; they grow in the colder climates and can survive in poor soils. With sufficient moisture, oats will grow on soils that are sandy, low in fertility or highly acidic.

Quite an impression

Oats have made quite an impression in contemporary America. Once thought of as a lowly breakfast cereal, which took a while to boil and then had to be flavored with milk and brown sugar to make it palatable, oats made a startling comeback. The grain received some very good press when scientists and nutritionists discovered it could lower blood cholesterol. Even "Cocoon" alumna and trustworthy old guy Wilfred Brimley was on TV with regularity spreading the word to anybody who hadn't been paying attention to the news.

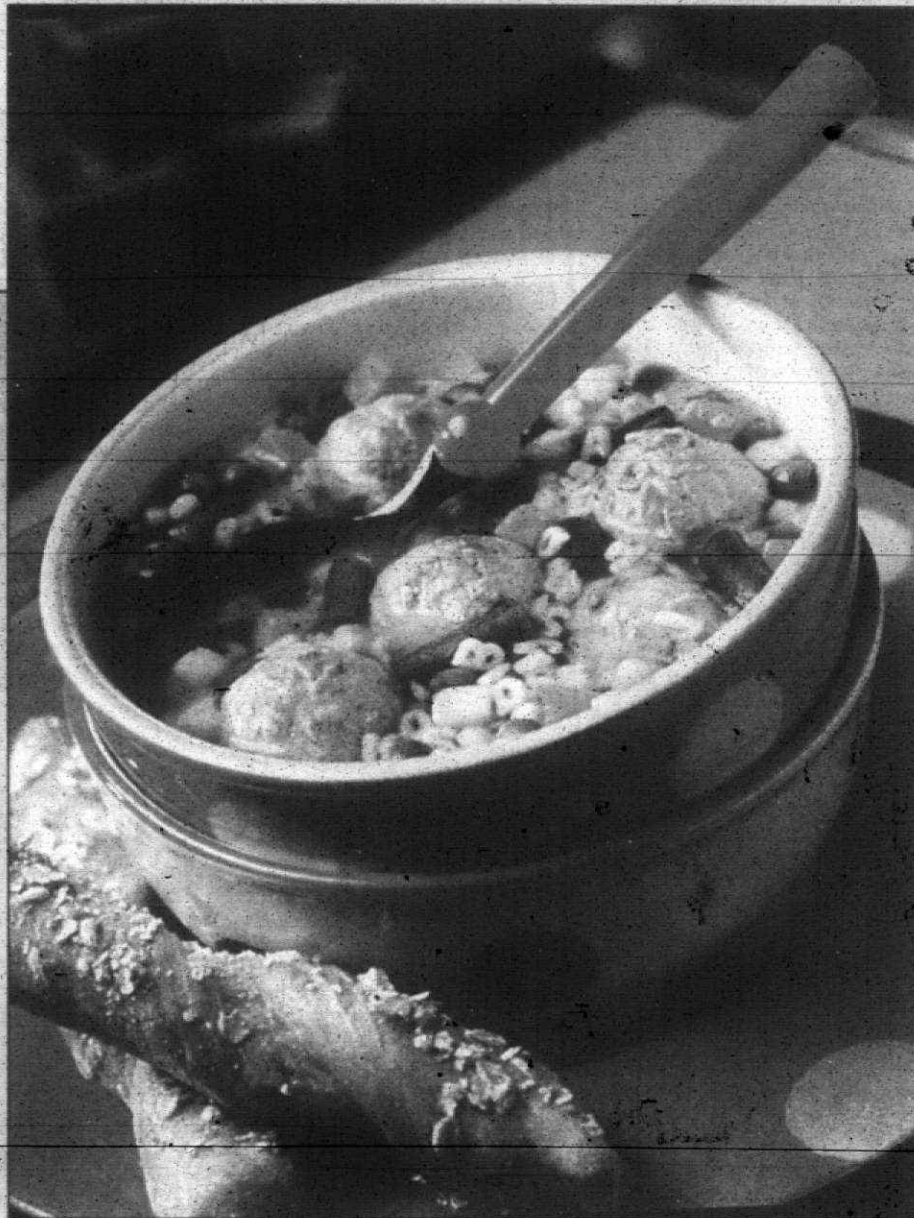
How good is oatmeal for the body? To begin, oats are the only grain that rates the Food and Drug Administration seal of approval. Oats help prevent heart disease because they're high in soluble fiber, which lowers your blood cholesterol level. Whole-grained oats are rich in vitamin E, some B vitamins, calcium, iron and protein.

The actual way that oat works its magic isn't fully understood. Soluble fiber forms a gel as it passes through the intestines. This serves as a binding agent to help slow or stop the flow of cholesterol through the digestive tract.

Side dish

The whole oat kernel (groats) takes about as long to cook as rice and can be used as a side dish for dinner. Rolled oats are groats that have been heated and flattened so they cook more quickly. "Old-fashioned" oats cook in about 20 minutes. If the groats are sliced before being flattened they become "quick-cooking." Oat bran is the outside layer of the groat and can be cooked as porridge in about 6 minutes.

Oats and other rolled grains can be purchased in thicknesses ranging from very thin (instant) through Quick, Regular and the thickest of all, Old-fashioned. If you are making a granola to appeal to young children try using a thin variety and regular for adults. The Old-fashioned is the chewiest.



QUAKER OATS

Meal in a bowl: ABC Meatball Soup is a "30-minute meal in a bowl." Quick or old-fashioned oats add a "nutrition boost" to the meatballs. Fruit and bread sticks complete the menu.

OATMEAL

It's not just for breakfast

"healthy as a horse!" Pull that old man on the cereal box out of the cupboard and you'll see there is some truth to that.

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See recipes inside:

Oatmeal is quick and easy to make. For variety use half fruit juice or milk and half water for the cooking liquid. After cooking, stir in chopped fruit, nuts, coconut, sugar or honey and spices. Adding dried fruit as it's cooking makes the cereal sweeter.

Or try these toppings:

Wheat germ, granola cereal, pecans, almonds, walnuts, macadamia nuts, banana, sunflower seeds, berries, fruit preserves, dried fruit, chopped apples, diced peaches, crushed pineapple, stewed prunes.

Shortcuts

To speed up breakfast preparation in the morning, make hot cereal the night before using the thermos method: Bring cereal to a boil and stir until it thickens; then put it into a preheated wide-mouth thermos. Put on the lid and let it stand overnight. Before serving add a little hot water or milk if it is too thick. Send your family off in the morning with a nutritious start. David Burke, Chef/proprietor of Park Avenue Cafe in New York City and Chicago

EATING HEALTHY

Bean soup's a lazy cook's 10-minute special

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Beans. You probably don't need another reminder of what a paragon of nutritional virtue they are. You already are familiar with the bean's rich contributions of protein, B complex vitamins, minerals and fiber to our diet. Their role in helping control diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers is supported by many research studies.

Yet, most of us don't serve beans as a main dish unless they're combined with an abundance of fat and meat. Not so, my bean soup.

You'll probably agree that nothing tastes better on a cold winter's day than bean soup, especially if it's low in fat but doesn't taste like it.

If you're nodding yes, but thinking, "Who's got the time to soak beans, chop ingredients and then cook the soup for at least an hour?" this recipe is for you. It's one of my lazy cook 10-minute specials.

The soup is a vegetable main course that's served with crusty French bread slices. The soup ingredients are probably already resting in your pantry. Your taste buds will welcome the flavors after holiday indulgences.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a

quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

TEN MINUTE BEAN SOUP

THAT TASTES LIKE IT WAS COOKED FOR HOURS

- 2 (15 ounce cans) cannellini beans (or your favorite), rinsed and drained
- 1 (1.5 ounce package) onion soup mix
- Flour for thickening
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1 (15 1/2 ounce) can sliced carrots, drained
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can diced tomatoes with Italian style herbs
- 2 tablespoons light margarine (squeeze bottle)
- Dash of freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Prepare onion soup according to package directions.

Add oil. Using 1 tablespoon of flour per cup of soup, make paste with water and add to soup.

Cook over medium heat until slightly thickened. Add carrots, beans, margarine and tomatoes.

Reheat to serving temperature. Sprinkle with parsley and Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

Nutrition facts per serving: Calories 265, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0.2g, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 1.0-72mg

Food exchanges: 2 starches, 3 vegetables, 1/2 fat

To lower sodium, cook a chopped onion in 2 1/2 cups of reduced sodium vegetable or chicken broth to replace packaged soup.

Unique from page D1

Zeneca, Aventis and Dupont. It is shared belief in most grass roots organizations that these companies are the only beneficiaries of genetically engineered food products.

Facts and tips

These genetically engineered crops have already been approved for sale - soybeans, corn, canola, flax, papaya, certain potato breeds, sugar beets, tomatoes, yellow crook-neck squash, radish, cotton, dairy products from cows injected with the genetically altered hormone "recombinant bovine growth hormone."

Many prepared foods are hiding places for genetically engineered foods which often contain soy, canola or corn products of some variety. Buying organic produce, and being careful about where you shop, is the best way to ensure that you do not bring genetically altered foods to your table. Whole Foods is one of the grocery chains in our area that refuses to sell genetically engineered foods.

Concerns

In addition to the potential for environmental devastation and health concerns that genetically engineered crops impose, the government is not mandating that these food products be labeled. Companies that manufacture genetically engineered foods are infringing on our right to information about the foods we choose to nourish our families and ourselves.

I urge you to make a resolution this year to become more informed about genetically engineered foods. Make yourself heard and defend your rights as a consumer. Find out if the market you shop at carries genetically engineered foods. Don't allow gene cuisine to become an ingredient in your diet to ensure many healthy New Years to come!

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

Store water for up to 6 months

"In case of an emergency you can store some water ahead of time," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the MSU extension of Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

"Water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade containers. Water should not be stored in containers that have previously held toxic chemicals.

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."

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It's time to try Thai cuisine

Hot-and-spicy ethnic cooking has great appeal for Americans. This is apparent by the consistent popularity of Szechuan Chinese and Mexican food.

It's not surprising, therefore, that the flavorful cuisine of Thailand has become another favorite in recent years, especially now that many essential ingredients for preparing Thai food can be found in your local supermarket.

Thai cooking has been influenced most notably by Chinese and Indian cuisines. The Thai people originally migrated south from China in the 13th century bringing with them a wealth of Chinese stir-fry dishes. Later, traders from India introduced curries, which were modified into distinctive Thai flavors.

Hot chili peppers, ginger root and garlic also contribute to the taste of Thai food. These ingredients are balanced by the cooling influences of coconut milk, mint and lemon grass. Galangal (like ginger but with a more acidic flavor), pungent fermented fish sauce, aromatic kaffir lime leaves and sweet-sour tamarind give

Thai dishes their hot, fragrant, pungent or slightly sweet flavors. This balance of many complex flavors is the hallmark of Thai cooking.

Rice and fish are staples of the Thai diet. Rice is featured as the main course in Thai meals, with tidbits of spicy fish, meat and vegetable dishes as side courses. Consider a plate of steamed rice with bite-size pieces of chicken in a light curry sauce or stir-fried with chilies and basil. Try mixing rice with a bit of steamed fish and a few helpings of stir-fried vegetables, or with raw veggies dipped in a hot fish sauce. These typical

Thai dishes fit well into a healthful, low-fat eating plan, as recommended by health organizations such as the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Thai cooking is essentially fast cooking, an often essential benefit for hurried Americans. With the right ingredients at hand, it's simply a matter of putting them together. Indispensable ingredients for Thai cooking, such as fresh cilantro, chilies, limes, ginger, coconut milk and

dried rice noodles can be found in most supermarkets.

If you don't have access to an Asian grocery for other ingredients, you can come close by substituting gingerroot and lime for galangal and lemon or lime zest for lemon grass. To control fat content, use evaporated skim milk for part of the coconut milk in Thai curries. For equipment, you'll need a blender or food processor to make the pastes and sauces, and a wok for stir-frying. Then you're ready to start.

SESAME NOODLES WITH SHRIMP

- 8 ounces rice noodles or vermicelli pasta
- 1 cup reduced fat/sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup Thai-style fish sauce (called Nam pla, it's available in the oriental section of the supermarket)
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup bean sprouts

- 3 green onions, cut on an angle into 1-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted

Cook noodles according to package directions and drain in a colander. In a small bowl combine broth, fish sauce, vinegar and sesame oil.

Spray a large skillet or wok with vegetable spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add garlic.

Cook garlic, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Add noodles and broth mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until liquid is almost absorbed, about 5 minutes. Stir in shrimp. Cook for two minutes. Stir in bean sprouts, green onion and sesame seeds. Cook for 1 minute more. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: Each of the 4 servings contains 323 calories and 4 grams of fat per serving.

Cook's tip: Cooked chicken or assorted vegetables can be substituted for the shrimp.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Serve festive seafood this year

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli Lewton.

BUCKWHEAT BLINI WITH SMOKED SALMON RELISH

- 2 1/2 cups milk (110°F)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons yeast
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 5 egg yolks
- 3 1/4 cups buckwheat flour
- 5 egg whites (beaten until soft peaks form)
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup corn kernels, roasted in pan under broiler

Warm milk to 110°F. Mix half of the egg yolks with milk and blend.

Add remaining egg yolks. Mix flours together. Add flours to milk mixture.

Fold in soft peak egg whites and roasted corn. Add heavy cream. Let rise at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Refrigerate overnight. Make pancakes on griddle in desired size. Top with smoked salmon relish.

Makes 36 blini, serve as appetizer.

SMOKED SALMON RELISH

- 1/2 pound smoked salmon, small diced
- 3 tablespoons small diced red onion
- 1 tablespoon capers

- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped chives
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix relish ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Place a small dollop on buckwheat blini, serve with your favorite mustard sauce or sour cream.

SEAFOOD BAKE

- 2 puff pastry sheets
- 3 pounds cooked shrimp
- 1 pound crab
- 2 pounds cooked salmon
- 2 Idaho potatoes, sliced thin
- 1 onion
- 3 cups fresh spinach
- 2 cups assorted sliced mushrooms
- 3/4 cup sherry
- 3 tablespoons chopped herbs
- 2 cups heavy cream

- 3 whole eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Pinch salt & pepper
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 pound cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Line 12-inch casserole style pan with puff pastry. Sauté onion and spinach and wilt. Sauté mushrooms until tender de-glaze with sherry and reduce. Mix cream, eggs, spices and herbs.

Layer seafood (1 layer shrimp, crab, salmon) alternating with vegetable and cheese mixture. Pour cream mixture over entire finished layered product. Sprinkle top with Parmesan cheese. Bake 350°F for 40-45 minutes.

Serves 8 people as a main dish.

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Enjoy the nutritional benefits of oatmeal

See related story on Taste front.

ABC MEATBALL SOUP

- Meatballs
- 1 pound ground turkey breast or lean ground beef
- 3/4 cup oats, (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/3 cup barbecue sauce or ketchup
- Soup
- 1 can (49 ounces) reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
- 1/4 cup alphabet-shaped pasta
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, (do not thaw)

Heat broiler. Lightly spray rack of broiler pan with no-stick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine meatball ingredients; mix lightly but thoroughly. Transfer to a sheet of foil. Pat mixture into 9 by 6-inch rectangle. Cut into 1 1/2 inch squares; roll each square into a ball. Arrange meatballs on broiler pan.

Broil meatballs 6 to 8 inches from heat about 6 minutes or until cooked through, turning once.

While meatballs cook, bring chicken broth to a boil in a 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add pasta and frozen vegetables; return to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 8 minutes or until vegetables and pasta are tender. Add meatballs and cook 1 minute. Serve immediately.

Yield 6 servings.

Nutrition information per

serving: Calories 200; calories from fat 30, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0.5g, cholesterol 35mg, sodium 720mg, total carbohydrates 19g, dietary fiber 4g protein 25g.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

This traditional Latino dish is a spicy meat relish that we have adapted to a meatless version without losing the pizzazz. It is great served with a green salad and Cuban-style black beans and rice.

OATMEAL/WALNUT PICADILLO

- 2 cups walnut pieces
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 1/2 large onion, chopped fine
- 1/2 teaspoon sage
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- oil for browning (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup tomato paste
- 3 1/2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup cooked green chilis (or a 4-ounce can)
- 1/2 cup (1 small jar) stuffed green olives, cut in half
- 1 large, tart green apple, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup raisins

Grind walnuts in food processor and combine with oats, eggs, milk, onion, sage, salt and pepper.

Form patties and brown on both sides in a lightly oiled skillet. Break up burgers with a fork (picadillo means "bits and pieces"). Dilute tomato paste in veg-

etable stock. Add bay leaf and pour into skillet. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to a simmer. Cook uncovered, stirring often, for 20 minutes. Add chilis, olives, apple, and raisins, bring to a boil again, and simmer just until apples are tender. Serves six.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 480, protein 14g, fat 38g, sodium 894mg, carbohydrates 30g. Percent of calories from fat 71.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

VANISHING OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 3 cups oats (either quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup raisins

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, salt, cinnamon, and baking soda; mix well. Stir in oats and raisins; mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack.

Cool completely. Store in tightly covered container.

Nutrition Information: 1 cookie, calories 100, protein 2g, total fat 4g, saturated fat 1g, sodium 75mg, carbohydrates 15g. Calories from fat 40, dietary fiber 1g, sugars 8g, cholesterol 10mg, percent of calories from fat 37.

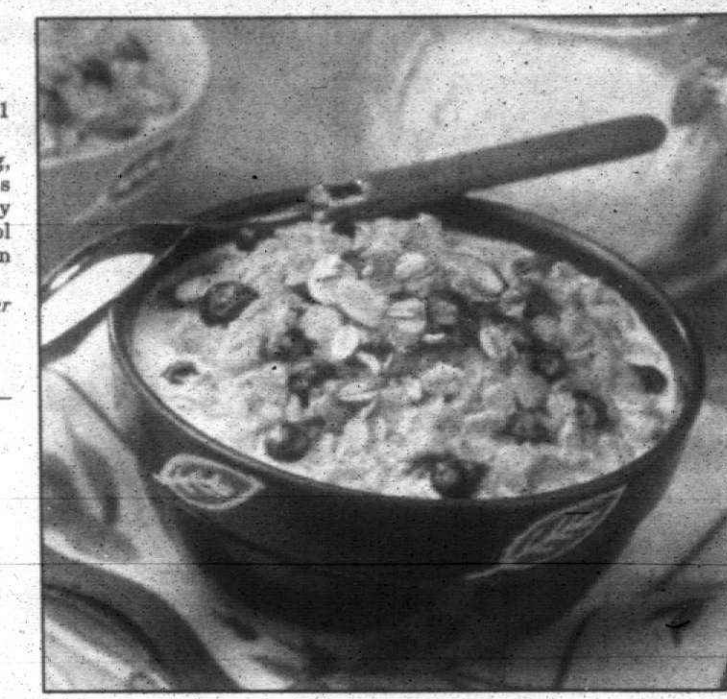
Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

BERRY ALMOND CRUMBLE OATMEAL

- Topping
- 1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Oatmeal
- 3 cups fat-free milk or low-fat soy drink
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup frozen (do not thaw) or canned (drained) blueberries

For topping, combine oats and almonds in a medium skillet. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats, stirring occasionally. Gently stir in blueberries. Continue cooking until blueberries are heated through and most of the liquid is absorbed, about 1 minute.

Spoon oatmeal into five cereal bowls. Sprinkle topping over oatmeal.



Breakfast: Berry Almond Crumble Oatmeal offers the good-for-you trio of whole grain oats, blueberries and almonds.

Yield 5 servings

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 370, calories from fat 60, total fat 7g, saturated fat 0g, cholesterol less than 5mg, sodium 90mg, total carbohydrates 68g, dietary fiber 6g, protein 13g.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

WHAT'S COOKING

ULTIMATE CHICKEN SOUP CONTEST

Temple Kol Ami will host its Second Annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest at noon Friday, Feb. 25 in the Temple social hall. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form and may include a brief explanation of the soup's origin, if possible to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. All mailed entries must be postmarked Jan. 28. A panel of judges will select the top 10 finalists who will be notified by Friday, Feb. 11.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call the Temple (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you. The winning recipe will be served at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

First prize is a feature segment on "Keith Famie's Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield and third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

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