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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Canton Township administrative offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the New Year's Day holiday.

Summit on the Park is open 8 a.m.-noon today and Monday.

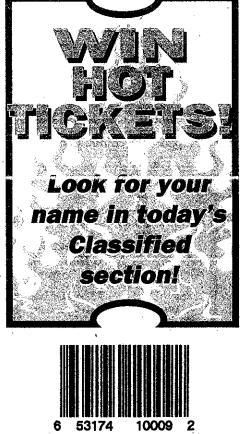
The Canton Public Library is closed today and Monday. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Beginning this week, library hours have been expanded to 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon-6 p.m. Sunday.

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Judge is in for OUIL offenders

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Approximately 30 first-time offenders for alcohol-related offenses will spend a portion of the new year's holiday at 35th District Court in Plymouth, part of a new program designed to keep an eye on those already on probation for

drunken driving offenses.

which stands for Courts Acting Together for the Community at the Holidays, a random number of first-time offenders who are on probation will report to 35th District Court at 5-7 p.m. Dec. 31 and 7-9 a.m. Jan. 1 for a preliminary

Please see COURT, A2

runken driving offenses. Under the program called CATCH, Cops expect calm New Year's

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

The Canton Township Police Department is expecting a quiet New Year's Eve again this year. Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the township has seen

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Letter perfect

Eyes 'smile' with Lions' donation

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

ive-year-old Casey Boyle held her face four inches from her new Braille writing machine and announced, "I can spell my name, see?" Her short fingers pressed deliberately against the machine's large keys until a series of five bumpy letters were imprinted on the heavy manilla paper.

Casey peered through her silverrimmed eyeglasses at the strangers who gave her

We but six tennis balls in a muffin tin to practice making the letters."

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Lions

Livonia.

-Jane Shannon, Casey Boyle's grandmother

the machine and beamed. "Thank you!" Those strangers were members of the Canton Lions Club, who presentyoung Casey with a

Perkins

Brailler

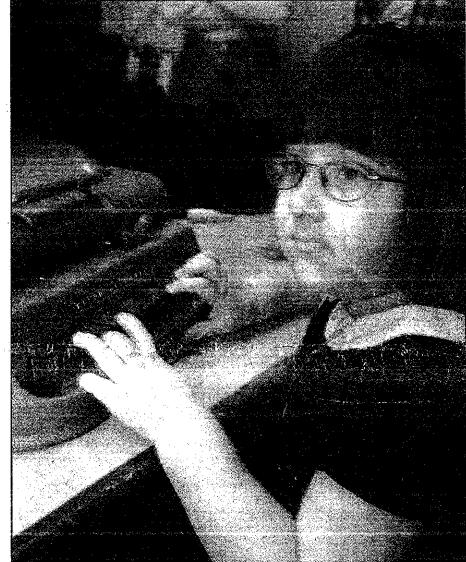
Wednesday

at the Can-

ton Chamber Compresident Bob Boyer explained the machine is an expensive tool - costing around \$1,000 and Casey's mother approached him about purchasing it for her daughter because she was learning how to

Casev's grandmother, Jane Shannon of Plymouth, said the family had

write Braille at Perrinville School in



Spell in out: Casey Boyle, 5, learns the art of written communication on her Brailler, which was donated by the Canton Lions Club. Casey's vision problems stem from the genetic disorder, neurofibromatosis.

asked the Lions Club for three machines, one for each of the three Canton students in her preschool class. She said while the club was willing to try, it turned out that two of the students wouldn't need the machine. One fortunate student will be able to read very large letters.

The other has developmental issues and learning disabilities, Shannon said, and wouldn't be able to master reading.

Shannon said last summer, she and Casey's parents joined the little girl in learning how to write Braille.

Please see LIONS CLUB, A4

Foundation fund-raiser takes off

WINTER BALL

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

Folks in Canton will polish up their dancing shoes and fall off their New Year's diets for just one evening in January

The Canton Community Foundation will host its seventh annual Winter Ball Jan. 19 at Laurel Manor.

Joan Noricks, foundation president, said the elegant event is the organization's largest fund-raiser of the year, and provides scholarship money for some 25 col-

M 'We create an . evening that's like a wedding. but without a bride and groom.'

-Joan Noricks, Foundation president a typical fund-raiser, with auctions, drawings or raffles. "We create

that's like a

lege-bound

But it's not

students.

wedding, but without bride and groom, Noricks said. "People love coming to this party to socialize, renew old

acquaintances and catch up." Calling the event a "Who's Who of

Western Wayne County," Noricks said the ball has sold out every year since its inception. The first year, we had 900 people

attend, and we were shocked," Noricks said. The event was an instant hit and the guests have numbered 1,400 a year

She added the Winter Ball is a public event, and even though it's known for its notable attendees, all communi-

Please see BALL. A3

Speaker has tips for local businesses

ECONOMIC CLUB

Doing business in Canton presents some unique challenges, says consultant Sandy Boulton.

Boulton will give insight on how to market yourself or your business in the Canton community when she is the featured speaker Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce January Economic Club luncheon.

The luncheon, which begins at noon at the Summit, will also feature the installation of the chamber's 2001 board of directors. The event is cosponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Rudolph/Libbe.

Boulton has 17 years experience in

Please see ECONOMIC CLUB, A3

Closed shop makes cyber-move

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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Reme Collectibles has gone out of business, but hasn't really gone out of business.

The collectibles shop, which until last week was located at 42839 Ford at Lilley, has closed its doors after 11 years in business. The store sold dolls, figurines, stuffed animals as well as porcelain and crystal pieces.

But the shop is keeping its virtual doors open to shoppers who'd rather buy collectibles over the Internet. A Web site is under construction and is expected to be up by March 2001.

Owner Reme Tillman said she will produce a line of collectible dolls for various designers, including Monica Montoya. The dolls will be sold on-line and through catalogs to individual customers and to wholesalers.

It was just getting too expensive to operate the store, Tillman said. Rent and utilities cost \$10,000 monthly, and the foot traffic jams just weren't happening.

Internet sales, however, have been very brisk. Tillman began selling the

Please see COLLECTIBLES, A3



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Changes: Reme Tillman has shuttered her Ford Road collectibles store in favor of doing business strictly on-line. A Web site is under construction and is expected to be up and running by

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Tonda Scouts get in the spirit of the season



Donation: Girl Scout Troop 433 from Tonda Elementary School in Canton delivered gifts, toys and food to the Plymouth Salvation Army Distribution Center on Dec. 14. Pictured (from left) are Dana Anderson, Sharon Falardeau, Amy Lesinski, Abby Pairitz, Kristin Hartwig, Emily Geister-Danville, Christina Burns, Kim Leboida and Katie Kubacki. The Tonda Girl Scout cluster, consisting of 11 troops and 125 girls, donated Christmas gifts, a complete holiday dinner and boxes of food to their adopted family through the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by the Salvation Army.

Inkster man jailed for assaulting officer

remains in jail after being arrested for retail fraud and assaulting an officer.

On Dec. 23, the Canton Police Department responded to a call from Canton Super Kmart. The suspect had allegedly attempted to walk out of the store with more than \$1,000 worth of mer-

The suspect gave police several aliases, and at first, the police were not able to identify his name, or his gender, as the suspect was dressed as a woman.

The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Canton Police Department. After he was fingerprinted, the suspect fell backward on the floor,

complaining of chest pains. . The suspect was taken by ambulance to Annapolis Hospital. The officer that followed

removed the suspect's handcuffs so he could be treated.

Doctors treating and testing the subject determined that there were no signs of a heart attack, so the officer informed the suspect that he would be

returning to lockup.

"I'm not going," the suspect informed the officer, and turned to run away. The officer chased him through the emergency room and wrestled him to the ground in front of the nurses'

The suspect began throwing punches. The officer punched back, and the suspect hit the officer in the jaw.

"I feared for my safety and the possibility of an escape," reported the officer.

COP CALLS

The suspect was arraigned at the 35th District Court and is currently being held on \$100,000 bond because he is a habitual offender.

Death investigation

Canton Police are investigating a death which may have occurred as early as Dec. 5.

A manager from Fordham Green Apartments contacted the Canton Police Department on Dec. 26 to check the well-being of a 68-year-old tenant. The resident's former wife had contacted the manager after attempting to reach him by phone for more than two weeks.

The manager, a maintenance worker and a police officer knocked on the man's door, and

no one answered, so they gained entry to the apartment using a

Upon entering the apartment, the officer noted a strong, foul odor. They found the man lying on the floor next to his bed. He was covered with a blanket and the phone was off the hook, lying next to his head.

The apartment manager called 911, and the Canton Fire Department arrived, and pronounced him dead.

The police officer noted that it was apparent the man had been dead for quite some time. Investigators found a prescription medication bottle that was filled on Dec. 4. The apartment manager had last seen the man on Dec. 5, and police found mail in his mail box dating back to that

Court

breath test. Anyone testing posi-

tive for alcohol will be required





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to appear before Chief Judge John MacDonald or Judge Ron Lowe for probation violation.

Any defendant who fails to report to the court for testing will also be required to explain the absence to the judge. Those that test positive or fail to report for the breath test face up to 93 days in jail.

Random testing for alcohol use is always a condition of probation for anyone convicted of an alcohol-related offense, McDonald said. "Every person sentenced to a term of probation is required to fulfill a number of obligations, such as a number of days on the work detail program and/or community service, communicate on a regular basis with their probation officer, plus attend a substance abuse pro-

"In addition, two conditions of probation include they must not use, possess or consume alcoholic beverages or products that contain alcohol. They must also submit to a test for alcohol upon the request of a probation officer or police officer. This is where the CATCH program comes in."

Lowe said the program is not designed to punish defendants, but rather to help them.

We realize the holiday season is a very difficult time for a person with an alcohol problem," Lowe said. "The temptation is great to cheat. By random testing during the holiday we can give them the incentive not to break from abstinence and thereby protect the public."

MacDonald said he likes the program and plans to expand it. "Drinking and driving has become socially unacceptable," he said. "This is a good program that has been done in several other courts. We're also considering implementing the testing on Super Bowl Sunday and St. Patrick's Day." Beginning Jan. 11, first-time

drunken driving offenders will attend a Victims Impact Panel. The program, sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, will include relatives of victims killed in drunken driving accidents telling their stories in an attempt to stop drinking and

The 35th District Court has jurisdiction in the cities of Plymouth and Northville, as well as the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

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The scholarships include (for Canton residents only):

Canton Business & Professional Women - \$300 maximum (up to two available)

Available only to women returning to the work place who need further training, and who have already begun a course of study and have completed at least three credit hours. Part-time students can apply.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Grant - \$500 (two available)

Eligible applicants must be majoring in business. The student must attend one of the following schools: Cleary College, Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College, Wayne County Community College or Lawrence Technology University.

Yazaki North America Inc. Grant - \$3,000 (two available)

One male and one female high school senior will be selected. The recipient must attend a school located in Michigan. The grant is renewable for four years by maintaining a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a.

For Canton or Plymouth applicants: Canton Community Foundation/Cleary College

Grant - \$500 (two avail-Eligible applicants must be attending, or plan to attend Cleary College full-time. Cleary College and the Canton Community Foundation are matching funds to make these grants possible.

Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University Grant -\$500 (four available)

Eligible applicants must be attending, or plan to attend Eastern Michigan University full-time. Eastern Michigan University and the Canton Community Foundation are matching funds to make these grants possible.

Canton Community Foundation/Schooleraft Community College Grant \$500 (two available)

Eligible applicants must be attending, or plan to attend Schoolcraft College full-time. Schoolcraft College and the Canton Community Foundation are matching funds to make these grants possible.

Canton Community Foundation/University of Michigan-Dearborn Grant \$500 (two available)

Eligible applicants must be attending, or plan to attend University of Michigan-Dearborn full-time. UM-Dearborn and the Canton Community Foundation are matching funds to make these grants possible.

Marold Rosin/Canton Community Foundation Grant - \$500 (three avail-

A minimum of two grants will be made to non-traditional students - students who have had an interruption in their education. The balance will be given to traditional students.

Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast Grant - \$500 (one available)

Available to high school seniors. Eligible applicants must be accepted to a posthigh school educational institution for full-time study. A cumulative g.p.a. of 3.0 or above is required

■ Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship - \$500 (one available)

Available to students who are accepted to or currently attending any Christian college or university, for a fulltime program in any major. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 g.p.a. and demonstrate "giving back to the community" by submitting documentation of at least 50 hours of community service.

■ President's Student Service Scholarship \$1,000 (four available)

Available to high school seniors. Applicants must submit at least 100 documented community service hours. No minimum g.p.a. Required. For more information, visit www.student-service-

Lawrence Technological University/Canton Community Foundation Grant - \$1,000 (one available)

Available to all current Lawrence Tech students and high school seniors who have been accepted of the upcoming school year. Both part-time and full-time students studying any major are eligible. A cumulative g.p.a. of 3.0 is

Ball from page A1

ty members are welcome and would have a great time at the

"This event is for anyone who wants to come out and have a good time," Noricks said.

Lending to the elegance of the evening is Laurel Manor's exceptional hospitality and gourmet meal, Noricks said.

The entertainment also promises to be memorable. "We're very excited about the

band, Intrigue," Noricks said. Intrigue, a locally famous contemporary band, has performed for Princess Caroline of Monaco and her Ballet Company for an afterglow at the Detroit Athletic Club and more recently, provided music for Martickets are \$75 per person. Call the Canton Community Fourdation at (734) 398-**5000**.

The Three Tenors rehearsal House.

Noricks said the evening is about much more than fun. The party proceeds provide scholarship money for students who are either going to college for the first time or returning to college.

The gala also provides funds for other major community projects. Last year, the ball

netted \$70,000, of which \$17,000 went to the scholarship program. The funds also enabled the foundation to purchase a \$50,000 senior transportation bus.

Noricks said tickets are still available, but advised people interested in attending to purchase them early.

Festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner

at 8 p.m. Dancing will follow. Tickets are \$75 per person and include all food, entertainment and cocktails. For more information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 398-5000.

Collectibles from page A1

auction house eBay in May 1999. Some pieces would bring in several times the retail amount from bidders, who hail from all over the world.

Tillman said she will continue to auction some pieces on eBay, but will focus more on selling the collectible dolls. Previous customers who were on the store's mailing list will receive catalogs after they are produced. Tillman's son-in-law Nick Friedrich is helping produce the catalogs by taking photographs with a digital camera.

"Customers don't shop the way they used to," Tillman said. "They don't go to the store, they go to the Internet."

Not all of her customers shopped that way. Marie Nashlon of Canton was a cus-

store's wares on the Internet II 'I think it's sad that this type of store is going out of business and going on the internet.'

> -Marie Nashlon, Canton resident and Reme's customer

tomer for years and even helped out as an employee in the store's last days. She said Internet shopping isn't for her.

"A lot of times you'll look at a picture and say 'isn't that cute?" and when you actually see it up close you see that it isn't," said Nashlon, who makes custom teddy bears out of her home. She also collects dolls.

Helping Tillman as an employee was bittersweet, she

but I wanted to help out. I think it's sad that this type of store is

going out of business and going on the Internet."

Nashlon said Tillman had a special talent for remembering what types of items her individual customers collected and would even remember sales from

wasn't easy, Tillman said, because of loyal customers like Nahslon.

"We're going to miss a lot of

"I didn't want to see her leave

years ago.

"Her brain is like a computer she's very, very good at what she

Deciding to close the store

the customers we had," she said.

New Year's from page A1

decreases during recent years in drunken driving incidents during the holidays.

"It has become unacceptable behavior," Santomauro said of drunken driving.

He attributed part of the decrease to education efforts by community groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). He also credited the township's hard-line stance against driving drunk.

"If you get caught drinking and driving, we don't take you home in Canton," he said. "You're going to jail."

Canton Township Police Capt. Laura Golles said New Year's Eve will likely be "business as usual."

Two Selective Enforcement Patrol officers will be scheduled on top of the usual staff, but she said that should be enough to stay on top of revelers' activities.

"We usually just get complaints about fireworks, guns being shot in the air and loud* parties," she said. "There usually aren't a lot of complaints, problems or violence on New Year's

Santomauro said patrols will

likely target areas within the township in search of drunk drivers, but added he doesn't expect the night to be too event-

The Wayne County MADD Chapter is offering free rides home to people who have been drinking on New Year's Eve.

Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., celebrants can call for a free ride home in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties by calling 1-800-4-MADD. Volunteers will answer phones and dispatch local taxis to provide the rides.

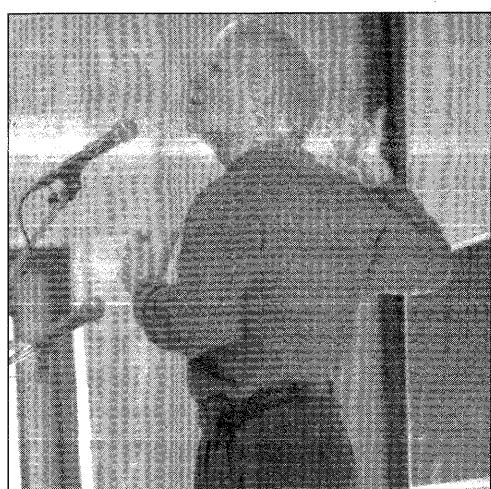
'Fab Three' wows 'em at Galllmore



Assembly: Jerry Jacoby entertains at Gallimore Elementary School on Dec. 22 with the help of fifth grade teacher Miles Barnett (left) and third grade teacher Reg Kozub. The men were doing a haphazard rendition of the Beatles' "I Saw Her Standing There" for the assembly on the final day of school before the holiday break.



Entertaining: Firstgrader Nour Arafat laughs during the program. Pictured below, an animated Jacoby shows his enthusiasm for storytelling.



Economic Club from page A1

media and marketing. She has worked in sales, research, promotion, training and public relations. The topic of her presentation is "Marketing Your Business in 2001."

Boulton has been a consultant for numerous clients, developing and implementing complete marketing campaigns in the service and retail industries.

Admission is \$15 for chamber

members and \$20 for non-members. Call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040 by Tuesday for reservations. Incoming chamber officers

include Thomas Cassidy, president; Phyllis Redfern, vice president for internal operations; Terry Jobbitt, vice president for business and economic development; Judi Fleischaker, vice president for community devel-

opment; Matt Adams, vice president for membership development; Jim Demmer, vice president for marketing development; Greg Greene, vice president for governmental relations; and Evan Stitt, treasurer.

New board members for 2001 include Tom Adamusik, Bob Boyer, Glenn Patton and Denise Staffeld.



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Lions Club from page A1

The letters, she explained, are ly. The Boyles also thought their formed with six dots.

"We put six tennis balls in a muffin tin to practice making the letters," she said.

Casey learned how to write Braille letters at school, where she said 'snacks" happens to be her favorite subject.

Panching the keys agam, Casey grinned and announced, "I made a

"How do you know that's a four?" asked her grandmother.

"Because my teacher told me.'

Shannon said her granddaughter has a genetic disorder called neurofibromatosis (NF), which causes tumors to grow on her optic nerves. Casey was diagnosed

when she was 2 years old,

daughter was not growing as quickly as other toddlers her

Casey underwent chemothera-



Writing: Casey Boyle taps away while grandmother Jane Shannon watches in the background.

Casev can see objects that are very close if the lighting is bright, and her family has no idea whether her sight will worsen as she grows up, or if other

effects of the disorder will

surface. Neurofibromatosis can affect growth, or can cause learning disabilities, in about half of the people who have it. Shannon explained Casey does not suffer the learning disabilities common to other people with NF.

Shannon said the disorder is surprisingly common, affecting a little more than one in 4,000 people.

"It's more common than muscular dystrophy, but many doctors don't know anything about it," she said. "There just aren't any celebrities who have



Donors: Canton Lions Club members Nancy Williams (from left), Duane Bordine and Bob Boyer (at right), along with Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dianne Cojei, watch as Casey Boyle admires her new machine.

py to stop the tumor's growth, after her parents grew concerned because her fontannel - or "soft but Shannon reported the family But Casey didn't care much about that. She was just happy spot" on the top of her head thinks she may have a new to write her own name. wasn't growing together normal-BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR! THOUSANDS of CARPETS COLORS & STYLES ON SALE! Here are Just a Few Examples SALE YEAR'S SALE! **ENDS JANUARY 6** 2001 OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY 12-5 p.m. A BALLOON FOR AN A BALLOON FOR AREA RUG IS A WINNER! A BALLOON FOR A FREE *With approved credit 100,00 minimum purchas SCOOTER Stylish FINISH Contemporary **QUPOND** STAINMASTER Smooth, Elegant, Inviting Carpet Commercial carpet designed Textured beauty for to stand up to traffic active homes

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DR. JAMES A. SONNEGA

Services for Dr. James A. Sonnega, 69, of Plymouth, will be held Dec. 29 at The First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Richard Erickson officiating.

Dr. Sonnega was born Oct. 31, 1931 in Muskegon and died Dec. 23 in Plymouth. He practiced child and family psychiatry in Plymouth since 1966. He was staff psychiatrist for the Hawthorn Center from 1961 to 1996. He also worked in child and adolescent community health programs in Oakland County for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1961 from Grand Rapids. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and also received a master's degree in speech pathology. He was a member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Phi Chi Medical Fraternity and the Plymouth Poetry Group. He loved harness racing, U-M football games, and he was an avid poet. He was a loving

husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Donald Sonnega, Aldrick Sonnega, Geanne Erickson; and sisters, Helen Sonnega and Dorothy Schugmon.

Survivors include wife, Elizabeth of Plymouth; three sons, William (Michelle) Sonnega of Nerstrand, Minn., John (Amanda) Sonnega of Plymouth and Timothy (Diana) Sonnega of Seattle, Wash.; grandchildren, Samuel, Benjamin, Peter, Cory, and Schuyler; brothers Paul (Helen) Sonnega of Muskegon, Walter (Phyllis) Sonnega of Muskegon; sisters Marie Johnson of Spring Lake and Ruth Sonnega of Kalamazoo; sister-inlaw, Eleanor Sonnega of Muskegon; and brother-in-law, Rol Erickson of Muskegon.

Memorials may be made to The Michigan Association for Children With Emotional Disorders, 15920 West Twelve Mile, Suite 201, Southfield 48076.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital seeking area volunteers

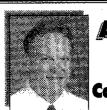
Join the group of giving and sharing volunteers at St. Mary

Mercy Hospital and make a difference. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is looking for adults who want to

use their skills in a health care setting. Specific roles include

clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care related duties, as well as patient comfort roles.

For information, please contact the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department (734)655-2912.



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County Commission praises Husk's service

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Wayne County Commissioners Kathleen Husk of Redford Township and Alisha Bell of Detroit got glowing send-offs from commission leaders at the final meeting of 2000.

Both women lost their commission seats in the November election - Husk to Philip Cavanagh of Dearborn Heights, Bell to Willie D. Hall of Detroit - and were participating in their final meeting.

Their successors, Democrats, will be sworn in Jan. 3, 2001.

Describing the meeting as "a bittersweet time for me," Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, a Democrat, called Republican Husk and Democrat Bell, "two wonderful individuals who have served the board well."

He praised Husk's "deep commitment," saying she "really looked at the issues on their merit and didn't always follow the party line."

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, on whose audit committee Husk served, said Husk "worked extremely hard" and "leaves very big shoes to be filled."

She lauded Husk's "ability to work with all the people of the

Vogel hired for airport concessions

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

"It's his experience they're buying," said Wayne County Commissioner John J. Sullivan in discussing the commission's recent decision to hire John W. (Jack) Vogel of Plymouth to oversee concessions at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Commissioners voted 14-0 at their year-end meeting Dec. 20 to award an \$825,000, three-year contract to Vogel's Quality Concessions Limited Corp. "to provide quality management services" for the concessions program at the airport - especially the concessions that will operate in the new midfield terminal.

Although Quality Concessions is new, Vogel formerly was a vice president for Host Marriott Services, the food and beverage contractor at Metro. Sullivan said Vogel worked about 20 years for

And while Host's contract wasn't re-bid competitively for over 40 years – a sore spot with commissioners and the state - that wasn't the central issue in considering whom to hire, Sullivan indicated.

The commission "wanted to fined someone who knows what's going on," said Sullivan, D-Romulus, a member of the county's committee on airports, roads and public services. The committee recommended Vogel be hired.

"They (commission) wanted somebody who knows the issues - storage (of merchandise), ordering" and other aspects of concessions operations, said Sullivan, so that the county could be sure the new restaurants and shops "would be open on time."

Sullivan, noting Vogel has "great experience," said the county wanted to avoid "the devastating experience" that occurred when San Francisco's new airport opened without many of its concessions a few years ago.

The midfield terminal, a joint project of the county and Northwest Airlines, is scheduled to open in December 2001.

Sullivan, who earlier this month questioned contract terms, such as how many hours Vogel would work, said he has since learned that Vogel will be "working full time."

Vogel declined to comment on the story for the Observer.

Two companies responded to 11 direct solicitations by the county for bids to oversee concessions at Metro, according to the county executive's evaluation selection committee.

Clarification

A pullout on a story about Ameritech hiring 700-800 telephone technicians had an incorrect number. The correct number in the story is 1-888-904-WORK.

■ 'There's too much experience and compassion there to let it die on the vine.'

> Kay Beard on Kathleen Husk

commission" and added, "There's too much experience and compassion there to let it die on the

Solomon predicted of Alisha Bell, who completed her mother Edna's term when the latter resigned, "We have not heard the

last of her in public service."

Husk's parents, Ray and Dolores Dugas of Canton Township, were on hand for her final meeting. Husk said she is going into saleswork for La-Z-Boy in Novi and is studying for a real estate license through Christie

Prudential Realty of Dearborn plans, told the commission she Heights.

With Husk's departure, the commission also lost Dale Whinnery, its unofficial "go-to guy" for office-equipment problems.

Whinnery, who splits time between Livonia and Farmington, also works in hospital supplies and is a jet aircraft consultant for the Navy. He is a younger brother of Dana Whinnery, assistant city manager of Farmington Hills.

Bell, who didn't reveal her

wasn't saying "good-bye," just "See you later."

When Beard noted that Husk's and Bell's departures drops female membership on the commission from seven to five, Commissioner Robert Blackwell commented, "I think that's regrettable."

"I want that in the record," cracked Commissioner Lyn Bankes of Livonia, now the commission's lone Republican.



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CARI WALDMAN

The recent fascination with vintage clothes has sparked an interest with many of us. While scouring thrift shops, flea markets and antique malls in search of that one-of-a-kind designer find sounds thrilling, in reality who has that kind of time anymore?

Thanks to the thousands of Internet shopping sites, vintage shopping is now a virtual

The first thing to do when weeding through the cyber aisles for vintage clothes is to get out a tape measure. Items are often marked by their measurements not by dress size, as sizes varied before they were regulated.

When skimming sites, be aware of information like the history and social period of the garments for sale. Also, keep an eye out for noted damages and clothing flaws.

Okay, enough with the lessons, grab your mouse and let's go shop-

Begin at rrnspace.com, where you can click on a link to a specific era of clothing. The site starts with clothing from the 1800s and travels to late 20th century designs.

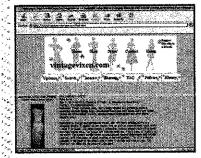
I was impressed by how easy the site was to navigate. The screens move quickly. Each garment is photographed and includes a detailed history, giving you the feeling you are literally touching the garments. With reasonable prices ranging from \$25-40, the site's inventory is packed with easy-to-wear tops and such hot picks as Louis Ferard cocktail dresses.

If this retro site grabs your interest, browse 510vintage.com for perfectly faded blues and other military wares or purplenpink.com, a hip shopping site where abstract and psychedelic circle skirts from the 1950s and '60s can be purchased for

Of course there is more to on-line shopping than these trendy picks. I also love bobbydene.com, a classy web site where I splurged on a mint condition, French, beaded evening bag for \$95 and thoroughly enjoyed browsing Victorian clothing and fine vintage dresses, priced upwards of \$500.

Cari Waldman of West Bloomfield is a free-lance writer and stylist. Please send your Internet shopping questions to Cari at OECYBER-SHOP@AOL.COM.

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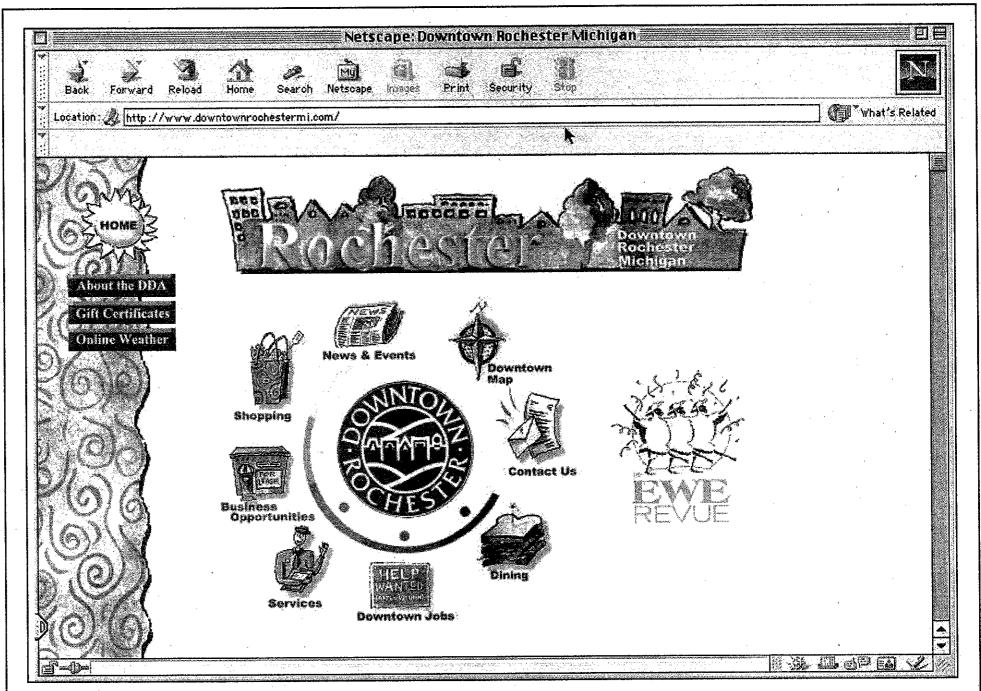
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Merchandise: Men and women's rare and couture vintage clothing from the 1800s to the 1970s with an average price of \$225

Highlights: Rating system for garment rarity. Also check out the "customer gallery" to learn about customers who are passionate about vintage

Navigation: Departments are conveniently organized, first by size (0-20) and then by category, such as day dresses (a great source for prom dress-

Favorite find: Diane Furstenberg dress with long sleeves, no cuffs, no lapels and a wrap waist. The skirt is knee-length and full A-line. Furstenberg's idea is just as powerful today as it was in the '70s.



Web savvy

Downtown shopping districts head for the Internet

BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

Annette Horn, co-owner of Native West, an American-Indian arts and crafts boutique in downtown Plymouth, doesn't know whether 50 hits a week on web pages about her store is high or low.

She does know that the web space, hosted by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce's web site, has brought her business and customer good will. Out-of-town visitors have patronized Native West after seeing store photos

on the web site. Other customers visit the site to obtain directions to the

"It's been a positive experience for us. We want to do more with it," said Horn, one of several retail proprietors in the community who bought web space on the chamber site.

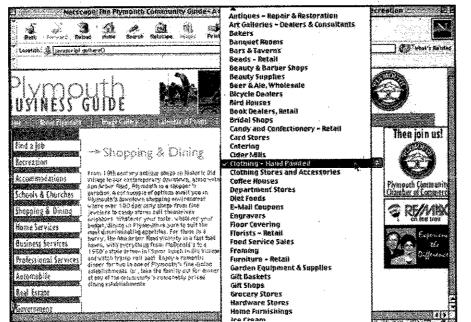
All members receive a free listing on the site, but the chamber only recently offered web links, and therefore an expanded presence on the site for retailers. The links cost \$125-375 and include store and merchandise descriptions and photos. The chamber's pages host a calendar of events and general information relevant to both Plymouth residents and out-of-town visitors.

Next year, the chamber plans to consider offering members e-commerce opportunities through the site, said Sharon Holroyde, the chamber's administrative assistant.

"It's one of those things that we're kind of thinking about. It's a service we want to offer with everybody getting into the Internet, it's something that members have requested."

And Plymouth isn't the only local shopping district that has its eye on cyberspace.

While the Internet made retail operations like amazon.com possible, it appears small, independent stores and downtown districts - initially fearful of the competition – are finding ways to benefit from the technology.



Most of metropolitan Detroit's shopping districts have an Internet presence and many are expanding their web territory.

Rochester's Downtown Development Authority launched its web site in 1999. Today, about 25 percent of downtown retailers and businesses have links from a DDA page to their own web sites. Those without web pages are listed with phone number, address and e-mail through links organized by

merchandise category, which enables browsers to identify the types of goods available at particular downtown Rochester stores.

Like the Plymouth site, the DDA's pages include general information about downtown Rochester and an events calendar. They also list employment and leasing opportunities in the downtown district.

In 2001, the DDA hopes to increase the number of individual store web sites with links to the downtown's. "One of my personal goals for next year is to really get those links up," said Kristi Trevarrow, Rochester's DDA marketing manager.

Downtown Birmingham's

web site, created and maintained by Observer & Eccentric on-line, was launched several years ago. Next year, not only will the site be connected to a nationally known web site, but also downtown officials plan to investigate e-commerce opportunities for local merchants, said John Heiney, executive director for downtown Birmingham's Principal Shopping District.

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The current web site primarily provides information, but, said Heiney, 'there's an interest among merchants in e-commerce."

While many small retailers aren't sure how they would benefit from conducting business over the web, more and more are setting aside their fears and seeing the advantages.

"There are certainly ways that I could sell off a web site," said Horn of Native West's e-commerce potential. "The Internet is definitely a part of retail as we move into the new century. But you still need those four walls. People still want to touch and feel and hold. Women still want to go out and shop. It's fun to go out and shop, but it's fun to shop on the web, too. You almost need both today."

Downtown retail on the web

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Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

FIRST NIGHT

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

MALL WALKING

In partnership with Botsford Hospital, Livonia Mall. 29514 7 Mile Road, opens its door to walkers 7-9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Botsford Hospital offers blood pressure checks on Wednesdays every three months (next check is slated for Jan. 17). For more information, call (248) 476-1160. SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

PROM GALA 2001

Healthy People, Healthy Oakland, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and local teens launch Prom Gala 2001, a commitment to a substance-free prom and

graduation season that culminates in a prom fashion show at both Oakland Mall in Troy and Summit Place mall in Waterford. The kickoff event is slated for 6:30 p.m. at Waterford Oaks Parks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road in Waterford. For more information or to participate in Prom Gala 2001, call (248) 623-6233.

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- Replacements seats for cane Brewer's chairs can be purchased through the J.C. Penney catalog.

WHERE CAN I FIND ?:

- A store that sells Halls Zinc Defense dietary supplement with caffeine for Marian of Clarkston.

- A store that sells the Parker Brothers/Tonka game "ELEFUN" for Sue.

- A store or company that repairs the backs of wooden chairs for Margaret.

 A store or company that repairs chair cushions for Colleen.

 A store where a colorful child's (age 4-6) parachute for game-playing can be purchased for Karen of Waterford.

- A store that sells small, wooden, novelty bats for Bren-

da. – A store that sells a rear tire cover for a Jeep with a

Detroit Red Wings logo for Sally.

- An Amish store that will repair the pillar of an Amish

chair for Mrs. R.

- A store that sells walnut oil for walnut furniture

(House of Denmark formerly sold it) for Fran of Farmington.
A store where a custom dining table top cover can be

bought for Lerita of Southfield.

- A store where a cassette to 8-track adapter can be purchased for Bob of Detroit.

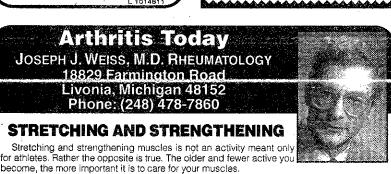
- A store that sells real butter Fruit cake (made in Texas, sold in a red box and distributed by Twin Pines Dairy in the 1970s and 1980s) for Barbara of Davisburg.

- A store that sells ceramic caulking for a bathtub for Mary, who resides in Westland.

- A store that sells replace-







Such attention allows you to avoid the embarrassment that occurs when you sit or a long time, and find on arising, that you are still to the point of being nearly frozen in place. To avoid this predicament, you should stretch when you stand, and do so before you start to walk. Stretching warms up the muscles and makes them pliable so that when you start ambulating, your body is ready to coordinate the steps and move the joints. Such stretching can be simple: several repetitions of reaching up as if putting a hat on a high shelf, shrugging your shoulders several times and shifting weight from leg to another. Then you are

As to strengthening muscles, I am not an advocate of using weights. Rather, I advise a daily regimen o pushup and sit-ups. As you age, it is important to keep up biceps strength and prevent a sagging stomach line. If you are over age 60, the ability to perform 20 or more pushups and 35 sit ups a day will give you reasonable muscle tone. The other muscle group that loses strength is the quadriceps. To keep its muscle tone stand 1-2 minutes 2-3 times a day with your back against a wall and your knees bent.

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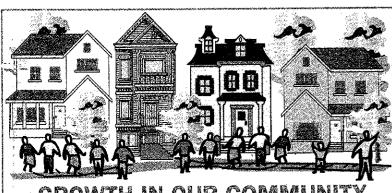
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Changes: Canton Township has seen the biggest increase in population while Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland have lost population.

SOURCE: SEMCOG

Michigan will lose seat in House

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Democratic U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers said she was both surprised and concerned by Thursday's news that Michigan will lose a seat in Congress.

Preliminary figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau showed that, while Michigan's population grew since 1990 by nearly 7 percent, it apparently isn't enough to retain the state's 16 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives because other states gained far more.

But detailed county population figures - which the state's Republican-controlled legislature will need to decide the redistricting - won't be released until late March and "Uncertainty always creates concern," noted Rivers.

"We don't know how it (redistricting) will be done, how the districts will be redrawn. It's really too early to tell," she said.

The Ann Arbor resident, whose 13th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives includes much of western and southern Wayne County, is mentioned along with 10th District Rep. David Bonior, the liberal Democrat from Mt. Clemens, as possible redistricting targets.

"There's lots of talk," said Rivers, who in November won a solid re-election to a fourth consecutive term in Congress. "There will be a lot more talk. We'll have to wait and see.'

Rivers said changes in both federal and state law have eliminated a lot of the potential gerrymandering of districts - drawing boundaries in such a way as to give strength to one party over the other.

Under the Constitution's one man, one vote provision, the districts "have to be similarly drawn," said Rivers. "The days of long, winding districts drawn to pull in certain numbers" is pretty much past.

During her re-election campaign, Rivers said she believes Republicans will try to avoid offending Democrats to the point redistricting ends up in the

Besides, she noted, while her district seems fairly evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, there are no clearcut geographic boundaries.

"It's more like fudge swirl," she offered. "It's definitely an identifiable population, but not discretely drawn."

Rivers said there's even some hope that final counts will show Michigan has 200,000 more people than is needed to keep its 16th seat. The recently concluded 106th Congress had 10 Democrats and 6 Republicans.

But all in all, she said, redistricting "won't be a certainty" for some time.

"We will lose some of our clout" in Congress if Michigan

does lose a seat.

However, "What we lose in numbers, we will retain in seniority," she said.

Rivers is in that category: She served the last six years in the budget committee and that seniority will transfer with her when she joins the education and labor committee.

"I was given a delayed assignment on the budget committee, but with the understanding" she was building seniority in the education and labor committee,

she said. "I'm leaving budget now and going to education and labor and that's very good for our district," with its universities and labor unions, she said.

In particular, Arizona, Florida, Georgia and Texas will gain two seats each while several other states will gain a seat apiece that such states as Michigan, Indiana and Illinois will lose.

Population down, households up

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Five of seven western Wavne County suburbs may have lost population over the past 10 years, but all seven have apparently seen increases in total households.

This seeming contradiction surfaces in the final year 2000 estimates of population and households issued by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for its seven-county

SEMCOG, a regional planning partnership of governmental units, estimates that, compared to federal census figures for 1990, the municipalities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Redford Township each lost population, while the far-western townships of Canton and Plymouth gained.

In terms of households, however, all seven municipalities increased, SEMCOG said.

A phenomenon called "housing turnover" is the reason, a SEM-COG spokesperson said. It means that the same house will be occupied by fewer people over time.

Two main reasons for it are an increase in aging households without children, or fewer children in young households. A third reason is the ability of singles to own homes.

According to SEMCOG, Livonia dropped below the 100,000 population level by 4,307, to a total of 96,543 people, while gaining 2,167 households.

Westland, with 84,585 now, lost only 139 people since '90, but gained 3,444 households.

Among the others, Garden City lost 2,593 people, falling to 29,253, but gained 241 households; Plymouth slipped 874 to 8,686, but gained 49 households: and Redford dropped 5,149 to hit 49,238, while gaining 198 households.

On the other hand, fast-growing Canton Township jumped 19,294 people to reach 76,341 and also gained 8,677 households while neighboring Plymouth Township gained 3,946 people to hit 27,594, with an increase of 2,272 households.

However, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was "not going to totally react" to SEMCOG's numbers, preferring to await the U.S. Census figures sometime in

We had one figure (from the U.S. Census Bureau) about a month ago that indicated we are a 100,000-plus community ... based on the number of homes

demolished and homes built," Kirksey said.

He said while empty-nest Livonians typically keep their homes rather than sell them to younger families and move to smaller units, that may change with the new condominiums planned or being built in the city.

The new recreational facilities being built - an ice rink and soccer fields will open next year and a new recreational center on the Bentley High School site in 2002 should increase the city's appeal to young families, Kirksey said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the township expects "a slowing of growth as we move west" because "the price of lots is much greater than it used to be."

One exception may be the new Cherry Hill Village and its 1,300 units of various housing types. "I hate to say 'affordable' about a figure of \$225,000, "but it's the

reality," Yack said.
SEMCOG publishes the estimates - which serve as an early indicator of likely U.S. Census counts - to help its members understand current socioeconomic conditions and to plan municipal services. The official U.S. totals for counties will be released in late March.

The census bureau on Thursday did release state population figures showing Michigan overall gained in population.

According to SEMCOG, Wayne County as a whole lost popula-tion since 1990. It estimates that the county lost 74,382 people over the period and is now at 2,037,305. Its households increased by 9,051, however.

The second most-populous county, Oakland, gained 151,976 people - 14 percent - to hit ,235,568, SEMCOG estimates.

SEMCOG's final regional population estimate of 2000 shows southeast Michigan growing over the last 10 years by 5.6 percent to more than 4.8 million people.

Wayne County was the only one to lose people, declining nearly 4 percent.

In terms of percentage, the fastest-growing county among the seven is Livingston, which grew 39.9 percent - from 115,645 in 1990 to an estimated 161,843 as of this month.

Overall, southeast Michigan households grew by 10.9 percent since 1990 - almost twice as fast as the population.

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Make a way for meter readers

Southeastern Michigan is covered in snow and ice, and the forecast calls for more of the same. Just as you have difficulty driving to the store and walking to your mailbox, Detroit Edison meter readers often find roads impassable, sidewalks and drives inaccessible, and meters iced over and unreadable.

"Heavy accumulations of snow and ice can prevent our meter readers from accessing meters," said Vincent G. Dow, manager of

customer service for Detroit Edi-

son. "We're doing our best to read our customers' meters so

that their bills will be based on

actual reading rather than usage estimates. However, the recent combination of snow, ice and high winds will likely result in an increased number of estimated bills." According to the utility, estimated bills are calculated based on past usage for a loca-

"Keeping your meter clear of snow and ice helps us give you an accurate bill," Dow said. "We also appreciate our customers help in maintaining a safe work environment for our meter readers by cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways."



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Make a 2001 wine resolution

or year 2001, make a resolution to drink more Bordeaux wines. Too expensive, you say? We counter

What goes around comes around. Add to that the adage that what goes up must come down, and you have a picture of the current situation for Bordeaux wines - not the first growth chateaux, but smaller chateaux and those from lesser appellations. They are Bordeaux bargains with some fine French wine drinking potential.

James Sichel, Export Director of Maison Sichel, pointed out that "when most consumers think of Bordeaux, they immediately translate to the top chateaux, which constitute less than five percent of the volume of Bordeaux wines. Most of what is written by the American wine press concentrates on these wines. I'm not saying they aren't important. Depending on the vintage, the five first-growth chateaux make up 12 to 15 percent of revenues. But these chateaux are not all that is Bordeaux and its wines.'

Sichel, however, is quick to blame his company and other exporters for not getting the word out about smaller Bordeaux chateaux and less wellknown appellations. "These wines are very well made and have competitive prices," he added. "They should be better known in the U.S. than they are. Actually, they were, before they had to compete with wines of the same price from California, Australia, Chile, and Argentina.

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Bordeaux Wine Picks Drink more Bordeaux wines in 2001. Begin

with these fine values: ■ 1999 Ch. L'Etoile Blanc, Graves, \$11 (a bianc/semillon blend

and perfect seafood

match). Red wines ■ 1997 Ch. Pierredon, Bordeaux Superieur, \$10

1998 Ch. Le Nobel Bordeaux, \$10 ■ 1997 Ch. Gachet, Lalande de Pomerol (80 percent meriot). ■ 1997 Ch. Treille

L'Embarre, Lalande de Pomerol, \$14 麗 1997 Ch. Gaillat. Graves, \$15 **2** 1998 Ch., Tour Blanquet, St. Estephe, \$17.50, full.

quality wines from properties rich blend of cabernet in Canon Fronsauvignon and meriot. sac, Cotes de Bourg, Cotes de Castillon, Lalande de Pomerol, Listrac or Pessac-Leognan. Some may not realize that these are Bordeaux wines, but they are what Bordeaux wine is all

content than in-your-face California red wines. "If we judge over only the last eight years, Bordeaux has never, in its history, produced so much good wine,"

about - elegance and a lower alcohol

Sichel said. In large measure, this is due to a new generation of winemakers in Bordeaux. They've all gone to winemaking school and all know what they are doing, why they are doing it, and what should be done to improve, whether that's in the vineyard or in the cellars.

And on what authority does James Sichel speak? He is one of the five sons of the late Peter A. Sichel, a tireless ambassador for Bordeaux wines who headed the family company for over 31 years. James and his four brothers are the driving forces behind Maison Sichel and its efforts to escape a class system created by French wine laws.

Situated in areas where soils can produce wines of unique character that command high prices, top chateaux under the law have revenue to invest in top-flight winemaking.

Please see WINE, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Pot roast

■ All about diets

AGERTALIA CE STUDENTS MAKE IT ALL SO APPETIZING

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

hen it comes to food, Jim Moschini knows what he likes. So when the second-year culinary arts student at Oakland Community College needed to create an appetizer for a friendly competition, he went with two of his favorites with his version of "surf and turf" - Tournedoes Wellington and Shrimp Scampi.

"I have a preference for shrimp, and beef is another popular food," said Moschini of Oakland Township. While Beef Wellington is a well-loved dish for beef lovers everywhere, you don't see that elegant dish served as an appetizer, which is another reason why Moschini wanted to try it.

"We were told to prepare our recipes and set it up so it wasn't too complicated, and easy enough so any person can prepare it," said Moschini, a chef at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

Popular choices

The Wellington won the hearts and palates of tasters at OCC's first Holiday Food Festival and Competition at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, finishing second in the People's Choice awards, an informal taste testing for students and visitors. The event was held Dec. 13 after snow closed the campus and canceled classes on Dec. 12.

Visitors sampled from holiday food specialties, including appetizers, pastries, desserts, breads, pies and cook-

Susan Baier, director of the culinary arts department, said students were encouraged to use their critical thinking, culinary skills and imagination in

their recipes. Second-year students participated in the friendly competi-

"We really wanted to put this in a 'fun' mode," Baier said. "This was a competition centered on not only 'does it taste good,' but does it have a pleasing presentation."

Students step up

Barbara Scholl created Oriental Seafood Cakes with Spicy Mango Sauce, which exploded with taste and color of mangoes, green onions and poblano chilis. Bernice Bouldin made Shrimp Toast with shrimp, green onions and ham.

Karen Sanders smoked duck, then added blood oranges, peppers, pea pods and mushrooms, flavored with cream cheese, citrus juices and current jelly. Chris Jones made a lamb paté with salmon mousse. Sanders also made a parmesan tuile with chicken pesto. Some baked bries.

Ernie Bowman, who commutes from Lapeer to campus, created delicious pesto salmon roulades.

"I wanted to make something that wasn't run of the mill, but what wouldn't be too complicated, either," Bowman said. The salmon took three days to cure in a simple mix of salt, sugar and black pepper.

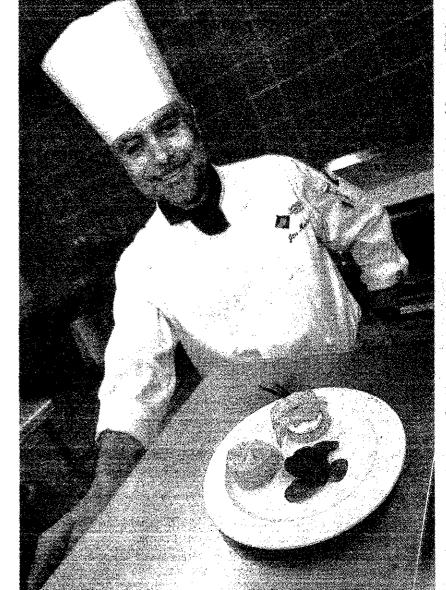
"It gave us a chance to use the things we learned," Bowman said. "It is real similar to making gravlox."

Then there were desserts. Anthony Cox made a fruit tiramusu, a layered cake with berries, incredibly colorful on an overcast winter day. Mohammad Chowdbury created a French pastry platter and chocolates and truffles by several students.

Bernice Bouldin of Southfield created shrimp toast, also a third-place win-

ner in the event. "I know a lot of people who enjoy shrimp or crab," Bouldin said. "(The shrimp toast) is something that can bring a lot of enjoyment to a small party.

'I wanted to put out something that I've learned from the OCC program, something easy, yet appealing to the visitors and students. We could do what we wanted to do."



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Surf & turf: Jim Moschini, a second-year student in Oakland Community College's culinary arts program, shows off his Surf & Turf appetizers — Tournedos Wellington and Tiger Shrimp Scampi.

Appetizer recipes

Here is a sample of recipes from culinary arts students at Oakland Community College who participated in the first annual Holiday Food Festival and Competition earlier this month at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.
ORIENTAL SEAFOOD CAKES

2 /12 pounds shrimp, crab or large flake, firm flesh fish

2 cups panko (oriental bread crumbs)

4 or 5 teaspoons water chestnuts, small dice 1/2 bunch of green onions, small dice, greens included

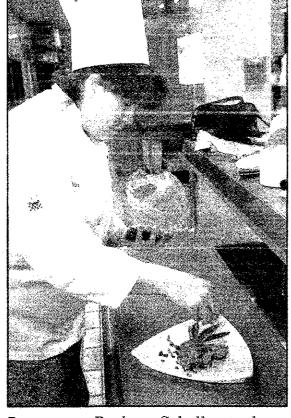
2 eggs 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 1/2 tablespoons ground fresh chili paste 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated

1/8 cup mayonnaise

Pick through fish, removing all shells and bones. Combine all ingredients. Form into 2-ounce fish cakes. Saute, then either finish in oven, or they can be held in the oven to keep them warm.

Please see APPETIZER, D2



Pure puree: Barbara Scholl puts the final touch of a vegetable garnish on her plate.

Burning bright: Scholl's Oriental Seafood Cakeexplodes with color and taste.

Diet resolutions should be small and gradual

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER
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If your New Year's resolution is to lose 10 pounds, consider rerouting the direction of your resolve.

By all means, slay a few pounds, but substitute blanket weight loss declarations with realishe cating goals aimed at better health and nutrition.

You'll probably lose weight as a consequence.

"If someone needs to lose weight, a New Year's resolution is good," said Cindy Sherwin-Trivax, registered dietitian at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital. "Unless they're not using that resolution as their motivating point,"

That's where New Year's resolutions often fail; dieters cling to them as do-or-die propositions rather than a fresh start for lifestyle changes.

Sherwin-Trivax, who counsels outpatient and adult oncology patients, suggests dieters think of weight loss commitments - no doubt

the most common of all New Year's resolutions - as a launching pad for a gradual transition to more nutritious eating and healthier living.

"It's not do or die," she said. On the contrary, she said, effective, long-term weight loss results from gradual changes in eating habits and lifestyle, including the addition of

In fact, dieters ought only lose one to two pounds per week. The slower the weight loss, the greater the chances of maintaining the reduction, said Sherwin-Trivax.

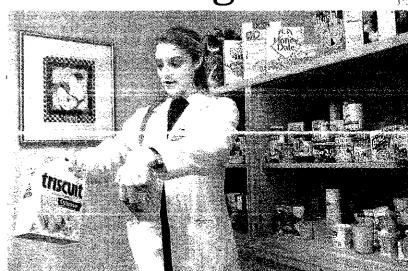
The bad news: sometimes, you'll have to turn down your favorite foods. The good news: you don't always have to turn down your favorite foods. More good news: you may need to consume more.

Consider Sherwin-Trivax's alternative New Year's resolutions for dieters; the problem may be a deficit.

■ Eat a minimum of two fruits every day. ■ Eat three different colored vegetables

every day.

Please see DIET, B2



Measure up: Registered dietitian Cindy Sherwin-Trivax compares nutrition information on original and low-fat Triscuit boxes in her office at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. One of the skills that Sherwin-Trivax teaches her patients is how to read nutrition labels.

Wine from page B1

Producers in lesser appellations have been restricted by the limited image of the area. Because it was assumed that quality could not exceed that image, they did not command a price that allowed investment in state-of-the-art winemaking equipment.

The Sichels cracked the system in 1985 with the introduction of Sirius (white and red each \$11). These wines are a New World concept - wines determined almost entirely by the quality of the winemaking versus the traditional 19th century notion - restricted by the image of the area in which the grapes are grown.

The Sichel export portfolio is filled with small chateaux wines, hampered by image, perhaps, but with quality wines worth discovering.

Check them out in the Wine Picks box. Not every retailer will have all the wines, but they can be ordered locally for you from Leone Imports if you ask.

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Shaved!

Cut the fat with polenta and apple dish



Apples with sweet polenta can provide a lowfat alternative to the usual sweet, fat-laden dishes served during the holidays.

SWEET POLENTA

- WITH APPLES AND FRUIT 5 cups apple cider or apple
- juice, divided 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1 cup polenta or yellow corn-
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 3 cups cubed, red Michigan apples
- 1 cup cubed mango 1/2 cup blueberries
- Vegetable cooking spray

In a 2-quart saucepan,

combine 3 cups Michigan apple cider, granulated sugar, salt and apple pie spice. Stir in polenta. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to boil. Reduce heat and continue simmering and stirring frequently for about 5 minutes or until very thick.

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Spread evenly in 13-by-9-by-2-

inch pan coated with cooking spray. Cool 30 minutes. Cover pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate about 2 hours or until thoroughly chilled and firm.

Combine brown sugar, cornstarch and ginger in 2-quart saucepan. Gradually stir in the remaining 2 cups Michigan apple cider. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Continue cooking and stirring 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Cool slightly. Stir in Michigan apples, mango and blue-

Cut polenta into 8 pieces, Cut each piece diagonally. In large nonstick fry pan, coated with cooking spray, cook polenta over medium heat, about 4 minutes each side or until golden brown. Serve hot polenta with warm Apple mixture. Garnish with mint, if desired.

Nutritional information per serving (2 triangles of Polenta, 2/3 cup Apple mixture): Calories, 290; fat, 1 g; cholesterol, 0 mg; protein, 2 g; carb., 72 g.; sodium, 85 mg; dietary fiber, 3 g.

eties to use: Empire, Gala, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh, Red Delicious or Rome.)

Apple Committee.

Appetizer from page B1

Mango sauce

- 3 ripe mangos, chopped
- 4 green onions, briefly roasted and chopped
- 2 small poblano chilis, seeded and chopped
- 3 limes, juiced

In blender or food processor, place all ingredients. Puree until fairly smooth. Stir in a little water if it is too thick.

- 2 beets, very thin sliced, then julienned
- 4 carrots, very thin sliced, then julienned
- 1/2 package won ton wrappers, sliced in 1/4inch strips

Cut carrots and beets into 1/2-inch-by-2-inch strips.

Saute cakes, then place on plate and place sauce on them, then garnish.

Serves about 25.

Recipe courtesy of Barbara Scholl.

TOURNEDOES WELLINGTON 6 tournedos, cut 3/8-inch thick, from fillets of

- beef tenderloin
- Butter
- 6 cremini mushrooms 1/2-ounce duck liver pate
- 2 tablespoons Marsala wine Puff pastry
- 3-5 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper Egg yolk and white for glazing

Pan sear the fillets in the butter and garlic. Pat the fillets dry and allow to cool at room temperature.

Chop cremini mushroom caps to a fine dice and saute the diced mushrooms in butter and garlic until almost dry. Add the marsala wine and reduce until almost dry. Add the duck liver pate and mix until a

paste consistency is achieved.

Remove from heat and allow to cool. Cut circles, sized 2 5/8-inches wide, to form the base and 3 1/8inch circles to form the cap.

Place the tournedo of beef on the base of puff pastry and cover the tournedo with the mushroom paste. Cover with the puff pastry cap and seal the edges with egg white. Coat the piece with egg wash. Bake at 450° F until golden brown. Serves six.

Recipe courtesy of Jim Moschini.

SHRIMP TOAST

- 12 large shrimp
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Black pepper, pinch
- 3 slices white bread, crusts removed and quar-
- 1 hard-cooked egg yolk, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 slice cooked ham, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 green onion, chopped
- Vegetable oil for frying

Cut down back of shrimp, press gently to flatten. Beat the one egg, cornstarch, salt and pepper in large bowl until blended. Add shrimp to egg mixture, toss

Place one shrimp, cut-side down on each bread piece. Press shrimp gently into bread. Brush or rub small amount of egg mixture over each shrimp.

Place one piece of egg yolk, ham and scant 1/4 teaspoon onion on top of each shrimp.

Heat oil in wok or large skillet over medium-high heat to 375° F. Cook three or four shrimp bread pieces at a time until golden. Drain on paper towels.

Recipe courtesy of Bernice Bouldin.

Diet from page B1

- Consume three servings (1/3 cup) of beans per week.
- Eat salmon or another fish high in Omega-3 Fatty Acids (mackerel, herring, tuna) once a week.
- Increase good dietary fiber by adding whole grains (7-grain bread, barley, cous cous, quinoa, wheat berries, oatmeal, rye bread and some cereals, including Kashi, All-Bran, Fiber One and Raisin Bran) to your weekly diet.
- Substitute soy products for meat (soy burgers, soy turkey, soy sausage, tofu, soy bacon) in two meals per week or have two animal-free meals per week by eating beans or lentils.
- Drink about eight glasses (8 ounces) of water per day.

Select only one of the above goals for your New Year's resolution, said Sherwin-Trivax. "You can't add them all in at once," she said. Master it and work on acquiring other healthy eating habits as the year progresses.

The same philosophy applies to treating unhealthy and fattening foods in your diet. Again, make gradual changes. Cut back and substitute, rather than eliminating particular foods in your diet, especially those you're inclined to crave or miss.

"People are so emotionally attached to food," said Sherwin-Trivax of her patients' most common fears about consulting with her. "They're afraid that they're going to lose that one thing that

Nutrition resources on the internet

- ■www.eatright.org (American Dietetic Associa-
- www.cbs.healthwatch. com
- www.nih.gov/health (National Institutes of Health)
- www.mayohealth.org (Mayo Health Clinic)
- www.ediets.com
- www.nal.usda.gov (United States Department of Agriculture - go to Food and Nutrition Information Center)

gives them pleasure. You should be able to work any food in." Love chocolate cake? Don't

banish it. That's an unrealistic Instead, eat it less frequently, cut portion sizes and search for

healthier, low-calorie substitutes that satisfy cravings. Sherwin-Trivax's second New Year's resolution for all dieters:

set realistic goals. No matter how motivated you feel, resist the urge to radically

slow, small changes. As always, consult your physician when making such changes.

alter your diet and enjoy making

Also, consider consulting a registered dietitian.

Registered dietitians, unlike nutritionists, have passed a national credentials exam and met requirements set by the a American Dietetic Association. Dietitians help patients meet weight loss and health goals by devising diet and menu plans, teaching them about nutrition and healthy eating and offering guidance and support.

Though many of Sherwin-Trivax's patients are referred by physicians, many consult her independently and pay session costs, about \$80 per hour. Sherwin-Trivax charges \$80 per hour and \$20 for a 15-minute session and recommends patients see her two to three times.

To find a registered dietitian, ask your physician or local hospital. The American dietitian Association's web site. www.eatright.org, also has a locator service.

Typically, a dietitian will take a medical history and ask questions about your goals, eating habits and lifestyle.

Since a key part of a dietitian's job is to help patients make slow changes, proposed solutions and menu plans should be tailored to you, your lifestyle and knowledge of nutrition.

"It shouldn't be science. It should be food," said Sherwin-Trivax. "And, you should be able to eat anything. ... A dietitian never tells a patient they can't 199 calories and 6 grams of fat. eat something."

berries.

(Suggested Michigan Apple vari-

Recipe courtesy of Michigan

Fix chicken for your guests

Visits from friends and relatives are one of the best parts of the holiday season, but when unexpected guests arrive around mealtime, it's a real challenge to whip up something that's both festive and wholesome. So don't be caught unprepared. Keep your pantry stocked with healthful staples and keep some recipes handy for quick-to-fix holiday meals.

Make sure to keep these basics in your pantry, refrigerator, or freezer: canned beans, pita bread, whole wheat tortillas, olive oil, canned tomatoes, canned soups, salad dressing, salsa, spaghetti sauce, pasta, frozen vegetables and non-fat, low-sodium broth. Keep a few specialty items on hand as well, like marinated artichoke hearts and roasted red peppers. Ready-to-use frozen stir-fry

vegetables can be a lifesaver. They allow you to stretch the meat you planned to serve while providing a colorful, flavorful and healthy entrée. Flash-frozen in the field right after they are picked, frozen vegetables often have as much, or more, nutrients than fresh produce that's been sitting around for a while.

Frozen shrimp are perfect for elegant dishes that come together in a flash. Prepare a delicious paella made with rice, chicken bouillon, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers (or a bag of frozen Italian-style vegetables), onion, olive oil and shrimp.

Everyone will love this flavorful and attractive tarragon chicken dish, which is a snap to prepare in a microwave.

QUICK CHICKEN

- WITH JULIENNE VEGETABLES 1 cup julienned carrots
- 1 cup julienned bell peppers, both red and green in
- equal amounts 4 skinless chicken breasts salt and freshly ground pep-

1 1/2 tablespoons butter

- 4 sprigs fresh tarragon, finely minced, or 1/2 teaspoon dried and crushed
- 1 bottle prepared honey mustard sauce (optional)

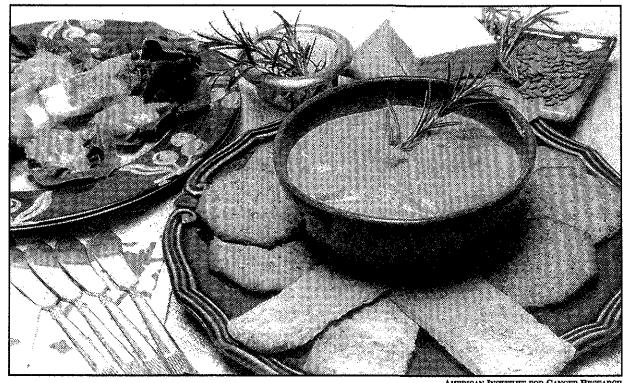
In a microwave-safe baking dish that is just large enough to hold chicken in a single layer, place half the vegetables, using some of

Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Season chicken with salt and pepper and place on top of vegetables. Top with remaining vegetables. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with tarragon, salt and pepper

Lightly cover dish with wax paper and microwave on High until chicken is tender but no longer pink, about 6 minutes if boneless, 8 to 10 minutes if bonein. Drizzle with honey mustard sauce, if desired, and serve.

Nutritional information: Makes 4 servings, each containing

Please the crowd with paté while ringing in the new year



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A healthy pâté: This carrot and lentil pâté can be made two or three days in advance. Serve pâté with crackers as an hors d'oeuvre. Pâté can also be used to stuff celery sticks or, as a first course, served on a bed of soft lettuce leaves like Bibb.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French, which is \$31.95 per person.

Dinners are scheduled as follows: regional American, Jan. 11; Mediterranean, Jan. 18; authentic Mexican, Jan. 25; Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American, Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5, regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

MASTER CHEFS DINNER

Diners can enjoy an a truly memorable dinner Friday, Feb. 2, prepared by chefs at the top of their profession.

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department will present a nine-course meal prepared by the school's master chefs and invited chefs.

The dinner, to raise funds for a culinary student resource center, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the newly renovated American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus.

Individual tickets to this gourmet feast are \$225, with approximately half of that sum tax deductible.

The chefs are donating their time to prepare the dinner. They are: Certified Master Chef Leopold Schaeli, chef instructor alumnus at Schoolcraft; Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski, Schoolcraft instructor and International Culinary Olympics gold medal winner; Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Schoolcraft instructor and owner of The Farm restaurant in Port Austin; Certified Master Chef Daniel Hugelier, Schoolcraft instructor, coach of the U.S. International Culinary Olympics 2000 team

and member of three U.S. International Culinary Olympic teams; Certified Master Chef Joseph Decker, Schoolcraft instructor, one of three Certified Master Pastry Chefs in the U.S. and a member of World Cup Pastry teams.

Also, Brian Polcyn, Schoolcraft instructor, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines; Certified Master Pastry Chef Chris Northmore, executive pastry chef at the Cherokee Country Club in Atlanta; and Certified Master Chef Edward Janos, owner of Cook's Fresh Market in Denver.

Madeline Triffon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation, will serve as the evening's sommelier, and Eoen Connors, maitre d'hotel at The Lark restaurant, will fill that role for the dinner. The menu will include hot and cold appetizers, soup, fish, sorbet, a roast or braise dish, a light salad with cheese, dessert and sweets, petit fours and chocolates.

The \$225 price includes tax and gratuities. Tickets must be pur-

The \$225 price includes tax and gratuities. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by credit card, are nonrefundable, and will be available from the Culinary Arts Department. Call (734) 462-4423.

With New Year celebrations fast approaching, party-givers can always use a few new ideas for hors d'oeuvres that are festive, tasty and easy to

Today, when many guests are health and diet conscious, appetizers should also be high in flavor but low in fat. High-fat dairy products have given way to silky bean and vegetable purées. Reduced fat and non-fat sour cream has given a new dimension to spreads and dips.

Cooking techniques like oven "frying" allow preparation of crispy treats while eliminating much of the fat.

Planning how many kinds of hors d'oeuvres and how much of each to serve can be challenging. One rule of thumb for a two-hour party is to prepare six to eight types of hors d'oeuvres and two to three of each variety per guest. The longer the party, the more you should make, both in volume and variety. Be sure that, as a group, they balance spicy and mild, hot and cold, smooth and crunchy.

Many of the most flavorful and nutritious appetizers have an international inspiration. Offer guests quesadillas from Mexico, bruschetta from Italy and skewers of meat and seafood, called satés, from Southeast Asia.

Make low-fat chicken nuggets by cutting skinless, boneless breasts into diamond-shaped chunks and marinating them in a mixture of soy sauce, rice vinegar, honey and minced garlic. Dip each nugget in lightly-beaten egg white and then coat with a mixture of dried breadcrumbs and equal amounts of white and black sesame seeds. Place in a single layer on a baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350° F until golden brown, then serve at once with a spicy mustard sauce.

Prepare a platter of toasted bread rounds topped with colorful red and yellow roasted peppers, and sprinkle with a little crumbled blue cheese.

CARROT AND RED LENTIL PATÉ

2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

- 2 medium carrots, cut in 3/4-inch slices
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup red lentils, rinsed and drained
- 2 strips orange zest, each 2 inches x 1/2 inch juice of 1 orange (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary, or 3/4 tsp. dried and crushed
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth or water
- 4 ounces soft tofu (bean curd)
- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Sauté carrots, onion and garlic until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add lentils, orange zest, orange juice, rosemary

and broth or water. Bring just to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer until carrots are soft and lentils are mushy, about 20 minutes.

Transfer contents of pan to bowl of a food proces-

sor. Purée mixture. Crumble in tofu and process until completely blended. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pack pâté into a serving bowl or crock and cool

almost to room temperature. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve. This pâté can be made two to three days ahead. Serve pâté with crackers as an hors d'oeuvre. Pâté can also be used to stuff celery sticks or, as a first

course, served on a bed of soft lettuce leaves like Bibb.

Nutritional information: Makes 2 cups or about

10 servings, each containing 64 calories and 2 grams

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Dessert will please your sweet tooth

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rustic Honey Polenta Cake uses cornmeal as an ingredient in the Italian tradition, for a honey-sweet, country-style dessert.

This is an ingratiating role for polenta, more often served as a savory element in main dish combinations.

Don't let the recipe's easy method and simple ingredients convey the idea that this cake isn't good enough for company. It happens to dress up very nicely, served with orange syrup and a dollop of cream.

RUSTIC HONEY POLENTA CAKE (Preparation time 15 minutes,

cooking 30 minutes)

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup yellow commeal
- 2 tablespoons baking powder 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or

margarine, melted 1-3/4 cups milk 3/4 cup honey

2 eggs, slightly beaten Honey-Orange Syrup, recipe follows

Sweetened whipped cream and orange segments, for optional garnish

Preheat oven to 325 F. Lightly grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt; mix well. In small bowl, combine melted butter, milk, honey and eggs; mix well. Stir into flour mixture, mixing until just blended. Pour into prepared baking pan.

Bake at 325 F for 25 to 30 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Meanwhile, prepare Honey Orange Syrup. When cake is done, remove from oven to wire rack. Pour hot syrup evenly over top of cake, spreading if necessary to

cover entire surface. Cool completely. Garnish servings with a dollop of whipped cream and orange segments, if desired.

Makes 12 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 419 cal., 18 g fat, 82 mg chol., 532 mg sodium, 60 g carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 6 g pro.

ORANGE-HONEY SYRUP

- 1/2 cup honey
 3 tablespoons orange juice
- concentrate
 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange peel

Whisk together honey, orange juice concentrate and orange peel. Heat over medium-high heat until mixture begins to boil; remove from heat.

Recipe from National Honey Board.

Enhance your cooking skills in 2001

Here is the schedule for Continuing Education classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester:

- Winter Soups & Stews, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 15; Cooking Light, 6-9 p.m.,
- Tuesday, Jan. 23; ■ Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25;
- Thai & Vietnamese Cuisine, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29; ■ Heart Smart® Make &
- Take, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5;■ Cakes, Tortes, and Flans, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13;
- Making the Cut-Learning Cuts of Meat, 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 12;
- Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 22; n The Incredible Edible Mush-
- room, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3;

 European Bread Making
- Thursday, April 5 and 12; ■ Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27;

(two weeks), 5-10 p.m.,

Four Course Meals to Go (one day only but offered three

different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March 26.

Also, Understanding California Wines will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, beginning Feb. 5 for five weeks. An Italian wine class is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. for 5 weeks beginning Monday, April 2.

Anyone interested in more information regarding these classes, they can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.







LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Start the new year by sharing with others

ew Year's Eve is one of my favorite times of the year. No, I won't be out joining the revelers as they count down the minutes until midnight. Instead, you'll find me reviewing the last 12 months as I prepare for the next year.

And no, I won't be making any diet resolutions. I'll look a little deeper into my heart to see the people who made 2000 such a great year. And I'll promise to try harder to follow their example by making the world a better place.

Ja'Noah House

Carl and Audrey Mattson of the Ja'Noah House in Livonia taught me that helping others can be as easy as donating a few stuffed Teddy bears, blankets, and a dozen thermal socks for the poor and homeless. I first met the Mattsons in 1996 when I wrote a story about their mission to help the less fortunate living in the Cass Corridor, Brightmoor area, Brewster Projects, and Westland's Norwayne Neighborhood.

This holiday season hasn't lessened any of the enthusiasm for their work. At Thanksgiving they served dinner to more than 150 people from their motor home, and at Christmas delivered gifts to 240 children, women and men in these areas.

Of course, they can use help all year long. Ideally, they'd like to have a building to sort the used clothing and other goods they collect but for now they will make do. If you can help by donating clothing, toys, day-old bread, and other items, call (734) 522-5077.

Beth McKeown and the rest of the wonderful people at COTS make it fun to help the homeless staying at the Coalition on Temporary Shelter on Peterboro in Detroit. Every March, they ask celebrities and local designers like the folks at Exhibit Works in Livonia to paint masks for an auction to benefit COTS.

This year the event will be held Saturday, March 10, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. Last year, the event raised \$100,000. The goal for 2001 is to raise \$135,000 to help homeless people help themselves by providing shelter, meals, clothing, educational and job training/placement programs. It's something COTS has been doing for 18 years. If you'd like to help or find out more about the auction, call McKeown at (313) 576-

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Brother Vincent Reyes is making it easy to help the hungry and needy by offering everyone the opportunity to buy a photograph for your office or home by visiting the Web site www. visionsacred, org. Browse through the 120 prints taken by photojournalists around the world, then bid on one. What could be easier? You'll receive a piece of original art in return for your kindness.

And Brother Vincent, as I fondly call him, will be grateful for the help in feeding the poor people of the Detroit metropolitan area. But the Capuchins do so much more than providing 2,000 meals at two locations, 100 meals delivered to shut-ins, 3,000 take-home meals and a "Kid's cafe" serving up to 100 children. They do all this on a daily basis along with providing 700 articles of clothing to 100 people a day, 15 pieces of furniture or appliances to three or four families a day, a jobs program which provides transportation for up to 150 persons a day the Jefferson House's 6-12 month treatment program for indigent men, and medical services.

A check for \$25 will feed a family of four for a week. And make no mistake. Many of the people the Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves are families, women and children who are down on their luck because of a fire, loss of a job, divorce, domestic violence, mental illness, and physical dis-

To find out more about how you can help them out, call Brother Vincent at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 203. Or if you'd like to volunteer a little of your time to serve meals, prepare emergency food baskets and help sort clothes, call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 213.

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Photojournalists snap to the call

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

rother Vincent Reyes could charm the moon away from the stars. So it should come as no surprise that more than 100 photojournalists have donated their work to the Visions of the Sacred Web site after a call from Reyes for help. Visitors to www.visionsacred.org bid on the photographs of people and places from around the world in the on line auction to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

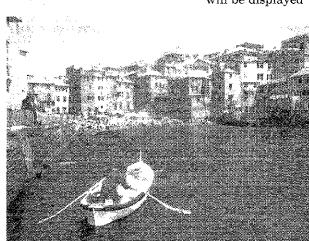
This is a busy time of year for Brother Reyes, pastoral director



Storyteller: Brother Vincent Reves contributed "My Name is Harold." The image tells the story of a boy watching a parade on a Saturday morning with



Reyes, a photographer who teaches the art to children at All Saints Neighborhood Center in Detroit every Wednesday. "Thanks to Taubman Management many of the images will be displayed



Harbor scene: Sergio Ortiz photographed this scene in Boccadasse, Italy using a Nikon F-5 camera.



Backstage view: Gerik Parmele took this photograph of dancers as they waited to perform in Lincoln, Nebraska.

in a gallery show with an opportunity to bid on the prints at the Fairlane Town Center (Dearborn) beginning Jan. 12."

"I wanted to put together theology, social awareness and art and tell the story of what is sacred in the world. I want to help people appreciate what theology and sacred means and to treasure the people who walk around them. The world is a sacred place. It has to be treated with reverence and all creation has to be treated with reverence. Who better to tell the story but artists?"

Network of love

Brother Reyes knew several shooters, as he calls them, that he could call on for help with the project but needed to reach many more. He contacted his friend Don Doll, a Jesuit who does photography for National Geographic magazine, and the word began to spread. Doll contacted Don Winslow who put together the Web site. Among the photojournalists contributing work for the auction are Paul Amundsen, Norway; Ditte Bjerregaard, Denmark; Joe Bensen, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; Doris Chan Ching Yee, Hong Kong; Nadine Hutton, Capetown, South Africa; William D. Snyder, The Dallas Morning News; Gerik Parmele, Grand Island (Nebraska) Independent. Brother Reyes, and Doll.

"Originally I thought maybe we'd have 20 prints on display at the soup kitchen but then the idea grew into the Web site. Don Doll and Don Winslow contacted a group of people and they ran with it," said Brother Reyes. "It's now international with shooters from The Netherlands, all around Europe, and the Middle East. The only criteria was that the pictures speak to you about what's sacred in the world to you.

"Each photographer donated two prints - one for sale and the other which will be hung up in the soup kitchen, Jefferson House and service centers so when people come in they will be surrounded by these images. The concept is similar to the history of stained glass windows. The windows originated because people were illiterate. The windows told a story. You don't need words if you have stained glass windows. The same with the prints. Art is visual. It hits you right here," said Reyes pointing to his chest. "It's like going to a symphony and being moved to tears.

Artists provide helping hand

Observer Newspapers photographer Bill Bresler donated a print which is more likely to bring a smile to viewers than a frown. The two children he focused on were waiting backstage to play an angel and the Virgin Mary in a Christmas play put on for senior citizens by the Newman Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Both look a lit-



Awaiting the arrival: An angel and the Virgin Mary wait backstage for a Christmas play to begin. The whimsical image was taken by Bill Bresler, a photojour nalist for the Observer Newspapers

tle bored.

"I donated my work because the print auction raises money for one of my family's favorite charities," said Bresler who's worked for the Observer Newspapers for more than 20 years. He teaches photography at Madonna University in Livonia. And because photography, at its best, can be a spiritual experience.

Brother Reyes is grateful that Bresler and the rest of the photographers feel so deeply about their art, and helping others. Without people like them, the soup kitchen would never be able to serve close to 60,000 meals a month in its two kitchens as well as distribute 300,000 pounds of food. Over the holidays the soup kitchen collected and distributed 21,000 toys to children in the area.

The work is part of the legacy of Father Solanus Casey. He would answer the door when the hungry. came to the Capuchin Monastery Office on Mt. Elliot. His habit of feeding people with cups of coffee and large sandwiches eventually led the Capuchins to move the rapidly-expanding effort to the hall in the Monastery church next door. By 1929, the hall became known as the Capuchin Soup Kitchen as Friars served up large bowls of hearty soup, coffee and bread to the poor. The soup kitchen is one of the reasons so many Detroiters survived the Great Depression. During that time, more than 5,000 desperate people waited in line at the Monastery for their single meal of the day.

"My hope was to make an impact on people" because I think it's important to see what's sacred in the world and for people to come together and help the poor and needy of Detroit."

Bidding on the on-line auction continues to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. For more information on Visions of the Sacred, visit the Web site a www. visionsacred. org or call Brother Reyes at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 203.

Arts community resolves to move forward in 2001

AND ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITERS

With 2001 on the doorstep the arts community is looking forward to expanding events and educational programming. They've put the defeat of Proposal A behind them and are moving forward with renewed fervor.

Here's what they have planned in hopes of bringing a greater apprecia-

"We're going to get the new Performing Arts Center off the ground and see that it meets the needs of the community not only today but in the foreseeable future as well." TMP Architectural Firm of Bloomfield Hills has been selected to design Canton's \$7 million Performing Arts Center, scheduled for a grand opening in spring 2003.

- Tom Yack, supervisor Canton Township

"We want to raise more money, lower the cost of the building, and break ground for the new theater in 2001." The Farmington Players are in the process of tearing down their old barn theater and building a new theater on

the same site at 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake Road.

- Mary Ann Tweedie; president Farmington Players

"High on our list is a wish for a funding source so we could take a program into the schools and acquaint students with classical

> - Robert Bennett, president Livonia Symphony Orchestra

"We're oning to focus on an endowment fund for the future so we're not worrying day after day about where the money will come from for the programming.'

Jennifer Tobin, exec. director posals from artists for a new sculpture to be placed by the environmental sculpture in the Civic Center Complex. We also want to ming. develop a new venue for the fine arts competition and we'll continue to support the Livonia Symphony and

give out our scholarships." - Robert Sheridan, outgoing pres. Livonia Arts Commission



Plymouth Comm. Arts Council Building bigger audiences: Conduc-"We're going to be accepting pro- tor Nan Washburn leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra into the new year with creative program-

"We want to continue the terrific work of our conductor Nan Washburn and executive director Darlene Dreyer. We have a strong organization and want to continue to build audience. Nan's creative programming will help

do that. We've seen significant growth in subscription series sales. We also plan to continue our education program in schools."

– Don Soenen, president Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

"We hope to have new groups to perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival this year. (The event takes place Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livenia.) We're also trying to broaden the education and of festival by sending out professionals to work with school: bands. We hope musicians will volunteer their services."

- Midge Ellis, committee member Michigan Jazz Festival

"We're in the process of revitalizing the Wayne County Council for the Arts. We now have 18 people on board who represent every faction of the arts in Wayne County so it's going to be an exciting and interesting year. We're kicking it off Jan. 8 by dedicating our first piece of public art.'

- Gene Hammonds, board member : Wayne County Council for the Arts

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Pilobolus confronts Holocaust in new dance piece

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER lmini@oe.homecomm.net

In nature, Pilobolus is a tiny but strong, sun-thriving fungus that grows in pastures and hurls spores nearly eight feet. In art, the Pilobolus organism is a highly unusual dance company that has gained worldwide recognition for its humor, sensuality, gravity defying dance moves and delicate costumes appearing like watercolor on skin.

Celebrating it 30th year, the Pilobolus Dance Theatre was commissioned by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the University Musical Society, to create a new piece, Davenen, that will be performed during its show Jan. 6-7 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

What: The University Musical Society and the national Foundation for Jewish Culture present Pilobolus and The Klezmatics

When: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 (a one-hour family performance), 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7

Where: Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor Tickets: (734) 764-2538

Adding to the excitement of the world renowned, Emmyaward winning dance theater is that music for the show will be performed by The Klezmatics playing Klezmer, Eastern European Jewish music with a contemporary edge.

Pilobolus' piece will reflect the

evolution of Jewish American culture.

Jonathan Wolken, a co-founder of Pilobolus and its artistic director, is especially excited about Davenen as a way to strengthen Jewish culture in America.

"There is perhaps something in every Jewish heart that requires we come to grips with our inherited, historic past," Wolken said. "For those of my generation - a distinctly American one - there is the motivating proximity of an entire Jewish culture, brought over in full, vibrant and strikingly alive."

Davenen is Yiddish for prayer" and the sculpture-like performance consists of subtle but fundamental head movements inspired and in honor of Orthodox Jews in prayer,

field Hills, president-elect of the National Foundation for Jewish

Culture. "It is an expression of Jewish culture. Very energetic, very unusual. It's not ballet, it's not traditional. Pilobolus is dance like no one has seen," August

Wolken says Davenen is an attempt to keep Jewish culture from disappearing into Ameri-

"We live in the midst of adaptation of a Jewish culture whose edges have merged and in places dissolved in American culture. The new Pilobolus work will be the vessel to hold our first creative investigation in this important direction."

The program will also include

explained Jim August, of Bloom- a segment about the Holocaust — A Selection.

A Selection is a powerful piece containing nudity and adult situations.

Pilobolus is based in rural Washington Depot, Conn. and is comprised of just a handful of dancers and artistic directors, yet is still a refreshingly self-sufficient community. Its performers have control over their art with members choreographing, dancing, managing and publicizing their own programs.

The show reveals the company's clear desire to create something unique with their chiseled

bodies creating sculptures that flow with astonishing control and agility.

August is thrilled with the Pilobolus and Klezmatics Ann Arbor appearance and is organizing a pre-performance reception with Wolken for the 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 show. For \$75, guests can opt for bus transportation to Ann Arbor and attend the pre-glow event.

"You can't get this anywhere else," August said. "They are doing this upon our request and it is a rare opportunity to learn how this dance company works."

Resolutions

"We're adding a fine arts section to the Farmington Founders Festival and we're going to continue the concert series started in December with the Detroit Chamber Winds.'

- Nancy Coumoundouros

Gultural Arts Services,

Farmington Hills/Farmington

"In 2001, I resolve to challenge

myself to find a little quiet time each day for personal and artistic growth." - David DiChiera, director

Michigan Opera Theatre

"."The Cranbrook Art Museum's

new year's resolution is to work with our colleagues and patrons at Cranbrook to complete the capital campaign for the new studios building which, in turn, will allow Cranbrook to begin shaping a capital campaign that will address the needs of the art museum."

- Gregory Wittkopp, director Cranbrook Art Museum

"This year, we've worked hard on quality and show basics. We want to offer more opportunities to see work by Michigan artists." - John Cynar, exhibition coor-

> dinator Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester

Revolution's new year's resolutions are to 1) Place more works of art in museum collections. 2) Exhibit in a major art exposition and 3) Ignite the curious nature of a younger generation to explore the beauty and cultural importance of art.

- Paul Kotula, director Revolution Gallery, Ferndale

"This year the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery had the largest attendance since it opened nearly 10 years ago. My goal is to maintain our growth and have the general public realize the depth and diversity of Jewish art and artists."

Sylvia Nelson, director Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, West Bloomfield

- Jacky Leow

"What I would like to do next year is expand the gallery to include more international exhibits, but also keep the feel that we are a small gallery that gives wonderful service.

"The Meadow Brook Art Gallery will strive to be instrumental in building a bridge between local contemporary artists and the public."

> Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Rochester

- Ferdinand Hampson, direc-Habatat Galleries, Pontiac

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Howmet Playhouse, a summer stock theater in western Michigan, is recruiting actors, teachers, directors and technical personnel for its 2001 season. Interested individuals should send a resume to: Kevin Wurz, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, 3000 East Crystal Lake, Twin Lake, Mi., 49457. The camp also has openings for counselors who live in cabins with students. For information, call (800) 221-3796 or write the Personnel Office, Blue Lakes fine Arts Camp, 300 East Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lake, Mi., 49457.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Exhibit dates for the Journey into Jazz show are Feb. 16-March 31. Deadline for submission is Jan 11. Call the CAC at (248) 333-7849.

ESSAY CONTEST

Students in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to win prizes in the 2001 African American Essay contest at the Detroit Public Library. The deadline for entries is Jan. 5. The essay topic is "The African American I admire most and how my life has been influenced by reading about or knowing this person." For more information call (313) 833-1490.

EWE REVIEW

Chicago had cows, Cincinnati had pigs, and in 2001, Rochester will have sheep. The Downtown Rochester Development Authority is currently seeking sponors and artists for decorating lifesize fiberglass sheep. To request a sponsorship package or artist's application, contact the Rochester DDA or request online at www.theewerevue.com For information, call (248) 656-0060.

GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS

Call for artists for the all media exhibition at the Scarab Club. The purpose is to recognize diversity. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 15 with exhibition Feb. 1-24. For an entry form or information call (313) 831-1250.

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for You Can't Take it With You are 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Grosse Pointe Theatre Building, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe: Performances are March 7-11.

15-18 and 22-25. (810) 775-5329. LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Accepting proposals for exhibitions in 2001. Mail proposals, slides, resumes to Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, 48232. Call Kris at (248) 360-2381 or the Gallery at (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Auditions for the 2000-01 season are

being held. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment. MICHIGAN FINE

ARTS COMPETITION The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's

competition will be juried by Detroit artist Brenda Goodman. Artists are invited to submit their fine art for the competition by Jan. 2, 2001. The exhibition date is March 9-31. For information call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866. PAINT CREEK CENTER

FOR THE ARTS

Seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival Sept. 8-9, 2001 in Rochester Municipal Park. The booth fee is \$325/\$375. Applications must be received by March

1, 2001. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

The first rehearsal will be held at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. (734) 455-8353.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Youth Artist Competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Kaggerty, Canton. The competition is composed of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior division (combined instrumental and plano grades 7-9). Applicants must be music students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westlands, or be students at Evola music. Prizes from \$350-\$500. Applications due Jan. 15, 2001. For an application call (734) 451-2112 or e-mail piymouthsymphony@aol.com. QUILT PROJECT

The Maniscalco Gallery calls for contribu-

tions to raise money for Karmanos Cancer Institute by contributing a square or sponsoring one. Quilt squares due by Dec. 20. For information, call Amanda Poland at (313) 886-2993.

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE Auditions for the a capella vocal group

that performs at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and fundraisers are now taking place. For details, contact Cindy Keleman, business manager, at (313) 299-0451 or (734) 941-

ART GALLERY STUDIO Classes by Lin Baum are available at

29948 Ford, Garden City. (734) 261-0379.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Fall continuing and community education classes are at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. Classes begin Jan. 22. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

DETROIT BALLET

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

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Taking registration for holiday workshops. Classes available at three locations in Plymouth and Canton. (734) 453-3710.

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

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Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Adult daytime summer ballet classes Sundays through Fridays, ages 16-60

Premiere for Detroit 300, a new work by composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty is Jan. 4-6 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DANCE

PILOBOLUS AND THE KLEZMATICS The innovative dance troupe's perfor-

mance includes a piece co-commissioned by UMS and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Performances are 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 (a one-hour family performance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.

EVENTS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

The event starring Vickie Winans is 4 p.m. Monday, Jan 15 at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. (313) 983-6611.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS The Art a la Carte series focuses on

Asian art during the month of January. The weekly video series is free of charge on Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the FIA auditorium, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint. Schedule is as follows: The Tale of the Genji is Jan. 3, Splendors of the Ottoman Sultans is Jan. 10, Traditional Japanese Architecture is Jan. 17 and Discovering the Art of Korea is Jan. 24. (810) 234-1695.

Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CPOP GALLERY

Opens Saturday, Jan. 6 - Bask and Kurt Halsey Frederiksen through Jan. 28. Opening reception is at 6 p.m. Saturday. Jan. 6. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

SCARAB CLUB OF DETROIT

Opens Friday, Jan. 5 — 2001: Abstract Odyssey through Jan. 27. Opening reception is 6-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250. WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Opens Jan. 2 - Jeri Hollister: New York, ceramic sculpture and clay drawings through Feb. 3. Opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 215 East

Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287. WAYNE COUNTY BUILDING

Opens Jan. 8 - Vernissage: Unveiling of Artists Among Us best of show winner. 600 Randolph, Detroit. Special presentation is 5-6:30 p.m. Jan. 8, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS

Through Jan. 30 - The Oakland County's Office of Arts, Culture & Film sponsors the event at American House, 3741 S. Adams, Rochester Hills. (248) 858-0415.

Amy Vogel. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale.

Haitian art by Emily C. Hall. 24350

Through Jan. 6 - Postcards from Home,

photographs from Joe Crachiola and George Waldman. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

THE SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 13 - Figurative Suggestions: Woven, Knitted and Constructed Forms. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

VAN HOOSEN FARM Through Jan. 27 — Classic Ensemble: an exhibition of antique musical instru-

Through Jan. 1 - Deborah Bushon displays her oil portraits. 29500 Van Dyke,

Through Jan. 12 — Mark Yamin Art Exhibit. 1357 Davis, Birmingham. (248) 642-1357.

MUSEUMS

Through Feb. 4 — Double Flame: New

work by Steve Murakishi. Through Jan. 7 The Portrait in Contemporary Photography. 39221 Woodward,

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook. **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM.**

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. Sellers can pur-

chase a table for \$15. Call (313) 893-6747. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. (313) 833-1805.

11 - Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. 1900-2000: Photographs. Through Jan. 7 -Bill Viola/Video Collaboration.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953. Through March 30

— Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney. 315 E. Warren,

Stuff: An installation by lain Baxter and Very Similar a series of nudes by Frank Horvath through Jan. 27. 19 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

Through Jan. 28 — Casting Shadows: Photographs by Edward West, Through Jan. 7 — Willian Kentridge: Weighing...and Wanting. Through Jan. 21 No. — Plant Life: Works from the Permanent Collection. Through Feb. 25 — Mark

THEATER

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NATURAL HISTORY

GEM THEATRE Late Night Catechism is through Feb. 11

Wednesday through Sunday nights. Escanaba in da Moonlight closes Dec. 31. The final two performances are at 3 🚋 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 31. The Tropical Pickle will be opening Feb. 21 in the Gem. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

Twilight of the Golds by Jonathan Tolins

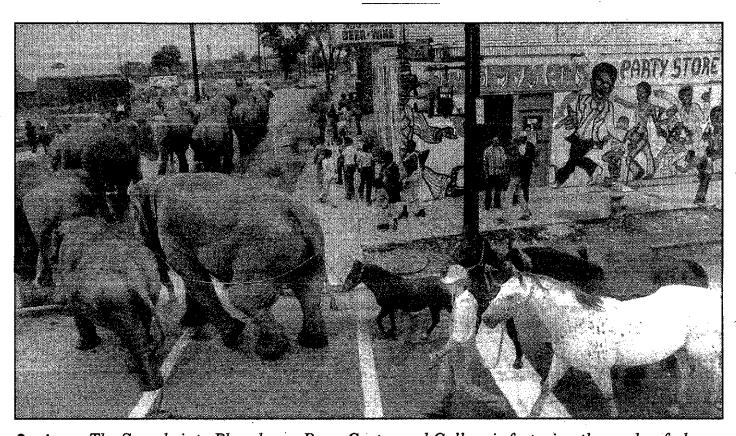
runs through Dec. 31 at the Aron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the JCC, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-1114 2900. is is

Jan. 10-Feb. 4. Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300.

The comedy is at Harmonie Club

Thursday-Sunday nights. Two special shows are on New Year's Eve. Each features an expanded Italian supper and champagne. Early show is at 5 p.m. for \$80. Later show is at 10 p.m. and is \$125. It also features appetizers, supper, ... a live band until 3 a.m. followed by a hot at breakfast. 311 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-5211.

Wild art



Our town: The Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery is featuring the works of photographers Joe Crachiola and George Waldman in Postcards from Home through Jan. 6. The gallery is at 33 E. Adams, Detroit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. (313) 963-7575.

years. Call Chris at (248) 932-8699 or Mo at (248) 960-0778. Keego Harbor

area. **MADISON CHORALE**

Auditions are at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R, Madison Heights. (248) 879-7444.

METRO DANCE

Teen/adult hip-hop for ages 16 and up. Also, boys-only classes offered in hip-hop and ballet. Fitness, strengthening and conditioning for skaters, gymnasts and dancers. Ballet and tap classes for adults. 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY **ARTS COUNCIL**

Fall classes and workshops for all ages are available at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For a brochure and list of events call (734) 416-4ART. **TOUCH OF LIGHT**

Taking applications for fall glassblowing classes. 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

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

CENTURY CLUB Features live music, dancing and a late-

night menu on Friday and Saturday evenings. A rotating roster of musicians, including vocalists Misty Love, Jennifer George-Consiglio and Johnnie Bassett. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800. DETROIT CHAMBER

WINDS AND STRINGS Mozart Meets Millennium is at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church and at 3 p.m. Jan. 14 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. (248) 559-2095. **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The New Year's Eve Gala is at 6 p.m. and

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. The DSO World

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER The center will be offering new youth courses for its winter session which begins Jan. 16. The new courses include

My First Art Class, Cretaceous Creations, Potential Potters and Cartooning. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

EVOLA MUSIC

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677. KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns

to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109. **VILLAGE MUSIC**

Registering children for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 22. Classes available for newborns through 8 years. Registration is also open for plano lab. 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth's Old Village. (734) 354-9825. WEST BLOOMFIELD

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's music classes for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539-

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER Opens Friday, Jan. 12 — The BBAC Faculty Show through Jan. 26. Opening

reception is 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866. **CARY GALLERY**

Opens Sat., Jan. 9 — Sarah Aslakson is the featured artist through Jan. 27. 226

CASS CAFE

Through Feb. 14 - Love & Paint, paintings by Camilo Pardo. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

CPOP GALLERY Through Jan. 3 — Angle Baan, Glenn

Barr and David Sandlin. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901. **COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY** Through Jan. 26 — Graduate works in

progress. 150 Community Arts Building,

Detroit. (313) 577-2423. JANICE CHARACH

EPSTEIN GALLERY Through Jan. 31 — Quilt and fiber exhibition. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

HABATAT GALLERIES Through Jan. 31 — Dale Chihuly. 7 N.

Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060. **HERMITAGE GALLERY** Through Dec. 31 — Paintings by S. Lee and Caballero and acrylic sculpture by

Qama. 235 Main, Rochester. (248) 656-

8559. SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

The gallery has relocated to a temporary storage and office space. Hours by appointment only until the new gallery space is ready. Our new phone number is (248) 541-4700. ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Jan. 20 - Fritz Mayhew: New

Paintings. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909. ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Jan 31 — Women in the foreground. The gallery will be closed Dec. 8-Jan. 2. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709. OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Jan. 18 — The Waterford

Friends of the Arts. Oakland, County

Executive Building, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415. **POSTER GALLERY**

Features theater posters and showcards at the Fisher Bldg., Detroit. (313) 875-5211.

REVOLUTION GALLERY Through Jan. 6 — Ron Nagle: Recent

Works. Also through Jan. 6 is One Paper III: Heather McGill, Scott Richter and

(248) 541-3444. SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 3 — An exhibition of

Southfield, Southfield, (248) 424-9022. **SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES**

ments, 1005 Van Hoosen Road. Rochester Hills. (248) 608-8261. **WARREN TRI-COUNTY FINE ARTS**

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS First Friday at the DIA features Straight Ahead, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Through March Through March 4 — A Decade of Acquisitions

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE 2 The Lion in Winter by James Goldman

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Japanese writer's stories gave sophisticated view of America

American Stories

By Nagai Kafu; translated by Mitsuko Iriye

(Columbia University Press,



of autobiographical "fiction" was originally written at the turn of the twentieth century by one modern Japan's leading literary lights. The son of an artistic mother and a well-to-do

This collection

businessman, Nagai Kafu's experiences and perspectives were among the most unique and sophisticated of that time, translator Iriye tells us in her introduction to American Stories.

Among these experiences was a sojourn to and across the United States, beginning when he was 23, and lasting approximately four years. At one point, he enrolled at tiny Kalamazoo College, studying French and English Literature (he was one of two Japanese students at the

On his return to his homeland in 1908, American Stories (Amerika monogatari) was published to wide acclaim, but the lauded collection has never been translated and published in English until now.

The vignettes in American Stories provide readers a fascinating take on how America and its people not only looked, but felt, smelled, and sounded to a curious and highly observant visitor from the Orient a century ago. Kafu's writing is unadorned and may seem even slightly awkward to the modern reader. He also may appear youthfully naive and hampered by a limited vocabulary, tending to repeat phrases and descriptive terms from time to time. Despite its shortcomings, though, American Stories not only furnishes us a valuable, textured look at ourselves, but also reveals much about the historic culture of the East.

In Two Days in Chicago, one of the most evocative of the stories, Kafu writes that the Michigan scene outside the train window s pleasantly reminiscent landscape described in Russian novels," with its "rolling, undulating hills" and its "apple orchards blackened by winter's

From the moment this "outsider" steps off the train, the



A Japanese writer's classic account of turn-of-the-century America – at last available in English

Wagai Kafü

Translated by Mitsuko Iriye

up in a "barbaric, Confucian age" finds himself envying.

Equally vivid is a piece (Ine Inebriated Beauty) in which the traveler joins an artist-friend on a visit to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Through Kafu's prose we experience a particular painting in the American art pavilion there, then drop in on 953-2045, then press 1854.

other exhibits before coming to rest on a bench outside the grand concert hall. From there, we can view the distant main entrance, the central plaza with its white statuary, the castle-like buildings, the splashy waterfalls, the small watercraft skimming across a large pond. In this "extraordinary nightless city," bells toll at sunset, and colored electric lights seem to bring to life the pale statuary. Somewhere, a band starts to play. The traveler and his companion pause to observe the high-spirited fairgoers, especially the

Kafu takes us from Tacoma, Wash., where we witness the often-hellish conditions for immigrant workers from the East to the Midwest, to the nation's capital, to New York City and environs. One of his most touching pieces is A June Night's Dream, a romantic, extended paean to Staten Island and a giri ne meets there.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at

Windy City of March 1905 comes

to life for all readers. Here is the bustling lunch counter at the vast train station. Here is a grassy residential street nestling the venerable University of Chicago. Here is a young American woman, almost shockingly affectionate toward her fiance. Here is breakfast at a respectable boarding house, with all the boarders immersed in the Chicago Tribune. Here is a female student at the University. Here is busy Michigan Avenue, State Street, Marshall Field's department store ("realizing that. . .small and helplesslooking people had been able to build this tall. . .building that reached the clouds, I could not help feeling proud of the glory of human development.") Here is the spirit of a happy American family that the traveler, brought

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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (PG13) SUN-MON 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; TUES-THURS. 3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00 102 DALMATIONS (C)

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CHRISTMAS (PG) SUN-MON 11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25; TUES-THURS, 1:35, 4:10, 4:30 MEET THE PARENTS (PG13) SUN-MON 10:30, 12:45;TUES-THURS 12:45

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102 DALMATIONS (G) RUGRATS IN PARIS (G) SUN-MON 11:45, 1:45; TÜES-THURS

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ART BEAT

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NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION The Plymouth Community

Arts Council is inviting everyone to attend its celebration and meditation 9 p.m. to midnight tonight at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Music lovers of all ages will

enjoy performances by guitarist Henry Bahrou, Justin Semion and other guests. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children age 12 and under. Call

(734) 416-4278 or (734) 441-1410. **CHORUS AUDITIONS**

Several local choruses are holding auditions in early January. If you've ever wanted to sing with a group, now is the time to join in on the fun. The Farmington/Farmington

Hills Community Chorus will

hold auditions for its spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 and 9 at the Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. Registration will be the following week for those accepted. There is a small City of Farmington Hills registration fee to participate in the 70-member chorus. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement. The chorus performs two major shows a year a holiday concert and a spring concert. They also sing at the Farmington Founders Festival and at Heritage Park in Farm-

ington. For more information, call chorus manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

Chorus begins rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9 for its spring concert April 28-29. Open auditions for new members will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

Auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. For infor-

mation, call (734) 455-4080. First sopranos, tenors and basses are especially needed but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos.

ARTS CLUB MEETING

Three Cities Art Club will hold a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Plymouth Township. Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

The program features a talk, A Day in the Life of Monet, by Caroline Dunphy. Non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

CALL FOR SINGERS

The Plymouth Oratorio Society holds the first rehearsal for its 15th season 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

The works selected to be performed are Requiem by W.A. Mozart and Motet III by Bach. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsals. No auditions are required. The concert dates are Sunday,

March 4, at Orchestra Hall in

Detroit, and Monday, March 5, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-8353.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB Listen to Angie Miller talk about the creative process in her

The Plymouth Community work at the Farmington Artists Club meeting 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Spicer House located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

She will also demonstrate her use of case in on watercolor paper. Miller focuses on landscapes, Egyptian mummies and mythology. She will give a short slide presentation on her Egyptian paintings and a few of her landscapes.

For more information, call

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Livonia Youth Choir is holding auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 10-13) residing in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Faith Lutheran

For information, call (734)

can see Les Miserables for free 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Admission is free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Call (248) 645-6666 and ask for the Kid's Night offer.

jean (played by Randel Keith), long struggle to evade capture.

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> PROOF OF LIFE (R) SUN-MON 6:30, 9:15; TUÉS-THURS SUN-MON 11:05,1:35, 4:20, 6:50,

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RUGRATS IN PARIS (G) 11:25,1:25, 3:30, 5:40 PROOF OF LIFE (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55 102 DALMATIONS (G) 12:45, 2:55, 5:15

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> 11:35 AM MJR Theatres Brighton - Cinemas 9 1-96 Exit, Grand River 810-227-4700 Call 77 Film Ext. 548

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WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13)

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This collection of autobiographical "fiction" was originally written at the turn of the twentieth century by one modern Japan's leading literary lights. The son of an artistic mother and a well-to-do

businessman, Nagai Kafu's experiences and perspectives were among the most unique and sophisticated of that time, translator Iriye tells us in her introduction to American Stories.

Among these experiences was a sojourn to and across the United States, beginning when he was 23, and lasting approximately four years. At one point, he enrolled at tiny Kalamazoo College, studying French and English Literature (he was one of two Japanese students at the

On his return to his homeland in 1908, American Stories (Amerika monogatari) was published to wide acclaim, but the lauded collection has never been translated and published in English until now.

The vignettes in American Stories provide readers a fascinating take on how America and its people not only looked, but felt, smelled, and sounded to a curious and highly observant visitor from the Orient a century ago. Kafu's writing is unadorned and may seem even slightly awkward to the modern reader. He also may appear youthfully naive and hampered by a limited vocabulary, tending to repeat phrases and descriptive terms from time to time. Despite its shortcomings, though, American Stories not only furnishes us a valuable, textured look at ourselves, but also reveals much about the historic culture of the East.

In Two Days in Chicago, one of the most evocative of the stories, Kafu writes that the Michigan scene outside the train window is pleasantly reminiscent "of the landscape described in Russian novels," with its "rolling, undulating hills" and its "apple orchards blackened by winter's blight."

From the moment this "outsider" steps off the train, the



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Windy City of March 1905 comes to life for all readers. Here is the bustling lunch counter at the vast train station. Here is a grassy residential street nestling the venerable University of Chicago. Here is a young American woman, almost shockingly affectionate toward her fiance. is breakfast at a respectable boarding house, with all the boarders immersed in the Chicago Tribune, Here is a female student at the University. Here is busy Michigan Avenue, State Street, Marshall Field's department store ("realizing that. . .small and helplesslooking people had been able to build this tall. . .building that reached the clouds, I could not help feeling proud of the glory of human development.") Here is the spirit of a happy American family that the traveler, brought up in a "barbaric, Confucian age" finds himself envying.

Equally vivid is a piece (The Inebriated Beauty) in which the traveler joins an artist-friend on a visit to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Through Kafu's prose we experience a particular painting in the American art pavilion there, then drop in on

other exhibits before coming to rest on a bench outside the grand concert hall. From there, we can view the distant main entrance, the central plaza with its white statuary, the castle-like buildings, the splashy waterfalls, the small watercraft skimming across a large pond. In this "extraordinary nightless city," bells toll at sunset, and colored electric lights seem to bring to life the pale statuary. Somewhere, a band starts to play. The traveler and his companion pause to observe the high-spirited fairgoers, especially the women.

Kafu takes us from Tacoma, Wash., where we witness the often-hellish conditions for immigrant workers from the East to the Midwest, to the nation's capital, to New York City and environs. One of his most touching pieces is A June Night's Dream, a romantic, extended paean to Staten Island and a girl he meets there.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

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 (734) 591-7279.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is inviting everyone to attend its celebration and meditation 9 p.m. to midnight tonight at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Ply-

Music lovers of all ages will enjoy performances by guitarist Henry Bahrou, Justin Semion and other guests.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children age 12 and under. Call (734) 416-4278 or (734) 441-

CHORUS AUDITIONS

Several local choruses are holding auditions in early January. If you've ever wanted to sing with a group, now is the time to join in on the fun.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Chorus will hold auditions for its spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 and 9 at the Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. Registration will be the following week for those accepted. There is a small City of Farmington Hills registration fee to participate in the 70-member chorus. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement. The chorus performs two major shows a year a holiday concert and a spring concert. They also sing at the Farmington Founders Festival and at Heritage Park in Farm-

For more information, call chorus manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

The Plymouth Community Chorus begins rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9 for its spring concert April 28-29. Open auditions for new members will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

Auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. For information, call (734) 455-4080.

First sopranos, tenors and basses are especially needed but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos.

ARTS CLUB MEETING

Three Cities Art Club will hold a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

The program features a talk, A Day in the Life of Monet, by Caroline Dunphy. Non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

CALL FOR SINGERS

The Plymouth Oratorio Society holds the first rehearsal for its ioth season 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

The works selected to be performed are Requiem by W.A. Mozart and Motet III by Bach. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsals. No auditions are required.

The concert dates are Sunday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, and Monday, March 5, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-8353.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

Listen to Angie Miller talk about the creative process in her

Club meeting 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Spicer House located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. She will also demonstrate her

work at the Farmington Artists

use of case in on watercolor paper. Miller focuses on landscapes, Egyptian mummies and mythology. She will give a short slide presentation on her Egyptian paintings and a few of her landscapes.

For more information, call $(248)\ 324-2525.$

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Livonia Youth Choir is holding auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 10-13) residing in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

For information, call (734) 425-1749.

KIDS NIGHT ON BROADWAY

Children (ages 16 and under) can see Les Miserables for free 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Admission is free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Call (248) 645-6666 and ask for the Kid's Night offer.

Presented by Cameron Mackintosh, Les Miserables is a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. A \$4.2 million production, the show replicates the Broadway production in its entirety. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, Les Miserables is an epic saga that sweeps through three turbulent decades of 19th century France. It is also the story of one man Jean Valjean (played by Randel Keith), who is pitted against the cruel and self-righteous inspector Javert (Stephen Bishop) in a lifelong struggle to evade capture.



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RUGRATS IN PARIS (G)

PROOF OF LIFE (R)

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Rare sighting

Bald eagles don't feel like endangered species in Alaska

BY SANDIE PARROTT SPECIAL WRITER

Can you imagine gazing up into the sky and seeing hundreds of majestic bald eagles gracefully soaring above you? How about seeing little eaglets trying out their fuzzy new wings?

Actually you can see up to 3,000 eagles in a four-mile stretch of the Chilkat River during the peak season. If you can't believe it, you haven't been to the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve near Haines, Alaska. If you want to see our national symbol in their natural habitat, this is the place.

A Jet Boat Ride

One way to experience the Bald Eagle Preserve is to take a jet boat ride on the Chilkat River with Ken (Duck) Hess as your

The jet boats are specially constructed to easily navigate the shallow silty waters through the preserve. The boats carry about a dozen passengers on a gentle ride through the winding valley filled with nesting eagles, brown and black bear, ducks, beaver and moose. There is also an occasional glimpse of a glacier.

Hess and wife Karen own River Adventures, and the whole family helps make it a pleasant outing. Karen can be seen handing out jackets and floatation devices, while another relative sometimes drives the bus from the ferry landing. The family involvement makes the trip very personal and special.

Ken Hess tells anecdotes about the 40 years he has lived in the area while he navigates the river "flats" and keeps a sharp lookout for animal life. On our trip we were lucky to see three bear cubs swimming in the river right in front of the boat. They saw us and immediately exited the water. The last one turned, stood up and regarded us before quickly lumbering away. Ken said he has only seen cubs swimming in the river once or twice in his life. We were very lucky.

Ken also has a way of coaxing the shy eagles down from their branches. He injects air through

If you go... **Getting There**

Typical ways to arrive are by Cruise Ship, Air or Ferry, Many major cruise lines stop in Haines or nearby Skagway. Wings of Alaska provides small aircraft transfers from major cities in Alaska. You can take the Fast Ferry, a high-speed catamaran trip of about 35 minutes from Skagway.

Weather

It is best to visit in the summer. Temperatures average 55 to 60 degrees in June through August. Rainfall is lowest in summer, but still averages 1.5 to 2.5 inches.

Clothing Bring clothes that you can

layer. The temperatures, even in summer, can vary from 45 to 75 degrees, depending on whether you are in town or out on the water. Bring rain gear, hats, mittens and windbreakers. The temperature might not sound that bad, but the winds make it seem much colder. If you will be looking for animals, typically they seem to be out when it is cold and wet - basically, when we won't like it!

Baid Eagle Preserve

For information write to: Alaska State Parks, Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801 or call (907) 465-4563.

Make sure you follow the rules of the preserve to ensure the eagles and salmon maintain their habitat for future generations.

River Adventures

To contact the Hess family for the jet boat tour write to: River Adventures, P.O. Box 556, Haines, Alaska 99827 or call (907) 766-2051.

a tiny syringe into a small (dead) fish. He tosses the fish into the river and the air helps it stay afloat so it appears to swim.

Two eagles were lured off of their perches to grab their prey, with their talons fully extended, less than 20 feet from our boat.

Bald Eagles

North America is the only place to find bald eagles, with the Eagle Preserve having the highest concentration. Alaska has approximately 35,000 bald eagles mostly living around the

Bald eagles mate for life and have two to three eggs each season. They eventually weigh about 12 pounds, have a wingspan of seven feet, can dive at speeds up to 100 mph and take four to six years to develop the distinct white head feathers. An interesting fact is that eagles can kill prey up to four times heavier than they are, but they sometimes drown in the attempt.

Between October and February, with the peak occurring in November, the bald eagles come

Bird of prey: A bald eagle swoops down to catch prey on the Chilkat River outside of Haines, Ala. to this four-mile stretch known as the Council Grounds of the Chilkat River to feast on five species of salmon. A natural phenomenon keeps this area of the river from freezing. This warmth encourages a late run of salmon. The eagles feed on the salmon

Eagles can be seen nesting high in trees or cliffs during the summer months.

after spawning.

The nests are so large and can weigh up to 200 pounds or more that they are easily seen with the naked eye if you know where to look. Eaglets can sometimes be seen sticking their scrawny heads up from the nest or attempting to fly with their shaky wings.

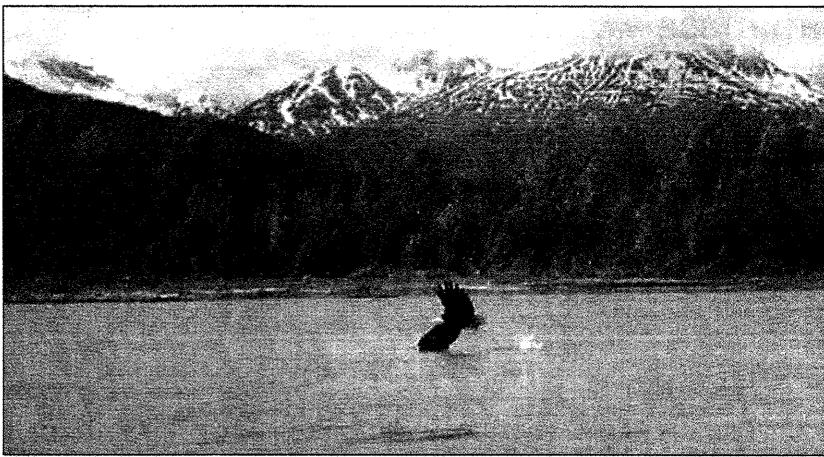
Bald Eagle Preserve

serve was created by the state of Alaska in June 1982 to protect

the bald eagle and salmon critical habitats. The Preserve consists of 48,000 acres of river bottomland of the Chilkat, Kleheni and Tsirku rivers. Eagles use virtually every part of the preserve at some time during the year. The river flats where we took the jet boat trip are the main viewing area for the eagles.

There is a festival in November that draws many photographers from around the globe. The festival includes a competition that seeks to award the photographer able to picture the most eagles in one tree. The last number quoted was around 55.

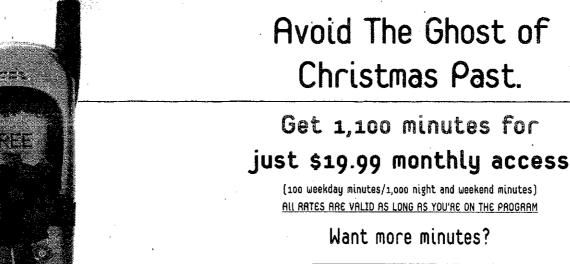
If you go to Alaska, don't forget your camera and binoculars. The animal sightings and the natural dazzling beauty of the land and glaciers is something you want to see up close and bring home some spectacular pictures to share with your friends and family.



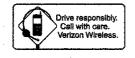
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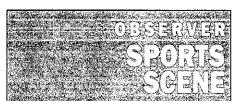


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Whalers win, trade

The Plymouth Whalers scored four times in the first period and never looked back, to wind up with a 4-2 win over visiting Owen Sound on Wednesday in Ontario Hockey League play at Compuware Ice

Andre Robichaud, Tomas Kurka and Bryan Thompson all scored in the opening stanza and Stephen Weiss assisted on all three goals to give the Whalers the lead. Cole Jarrett added a power-play goal in the third period for Plymouth, while Rob Zepp made 26 saves in picking up the win. Plymouth had 34 shots on OS goalie Corey Roberts.

The Whalers also traded first-year player Nathan O'Nabigon and a third-round draft pick in 2002 to Mississauga for forward Chad Wiseman.

Wiseman leads the Ice Dogs in points with 15 goals and 29 assists. He is an eighth-round pick of the San Jose Sharks.

Collegiate notes

• Tiffany Grubaugh (Plymouth Salem) is averaging 10.8 points per game and 3.5 rebounds per game for Wayne State's women's basketball team. Grabugh lhas led the Warriors in scoring in three games this season and scored 22 points against Hillsdale and 21 against Lake Superior.

•Brad Buddenborg (Garden City) scored 18 points and added five rebounds as Oakland University beat Wright State, 87-77, on Wednesday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

OU is 4-8 overall.

Schoolcraft College product Kevin Melson had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Raiders, who slipped to 9-2 overall.

Gymnasts on a roll

The Sports Club of Novi and West Bloomfield combined to take first place at the Ohio Capital Classic on

The 11-year-old division was led by Nicole Roach (Canton) taking first on the floor, second on the vault and bars, fourth on the beam and first allaround with 37.225.

In the 12-year-old division, Erica Schick (Livonia) took first on vault and bars to place 12th in the allaround (35.075), while Chelsea Selden (Plymouth) took seventh on the bars, eighth on the floor and sixth in the all-around (35.30).

Total Soccer winners

•The Livonia Waza U-10 boys soccer team finished in first in their division with a 7-1 record during indoorleague play at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Team members include Josh Andaloro, Joe Berry, Nick Chastine. Mike Debolski, Nick Dicello, Joey DiDomenico, Kevin Hathorne, Steven Hoelscher, Chris Long, Stephen Meister, Matt Szado, and Zachary Tigani.

•Livonia United U-16 girls soccer team finished first in its division at Total Soccer.

Team members include Laura Boles, Susan Christenson, Kristin Dolmetsch, Amanda Friedline, Kelly Goris, Sunny Grezlik, Maureen Jackson, Mindy Magoulick, Megan McConnell, Jaclyn Morawa, Anna Rickard, Kaitlin Risk, Laura Rybicki, Tammy Unsworth, Christine Williams, Lia Williamson, and Danielle Winiesdorffer.

Avery baseball camps

Avery's All-Star Baseball Camps, for ages 11-18, will run five consecutive weeks starting Jan. 13-14 at Oakland University. Cost is \$215 for each five-session camp.

Camper may choose to attend the Saturday or Sunday camp. There will be a hitting camp (75 minutes in length), a catching camp (100 minutes in length) and a pitching camp (90 minutes in length).

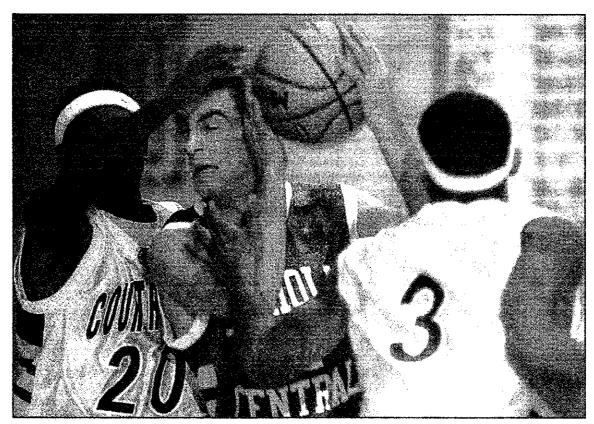
Staff includes OU head coach Mark Avery, assistant coaches Andy Fairman and Chuck Van Robays, and Erick Swanson, Aaron Shrewsbury

and Mario Borrocci. For further information, call (810) 362-3583.

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Hoop wars

Wedged in: RedfordCatholic Central's Mark Willoughby (with ball) splits Country Day defenders Kevin Nelson (left) and AntwanAikens(right) during Thursday's U-D Jesuit holiday tournament. See story on page *C3*.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tourney title eludes MU

BY BRAD EMONS bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Indiana University-South Bend wouldn't break in Friday's Madonna Holiday Hoops 2000 women's basketball final.

The Titans made a 39-23 halftime advantage hold up on their way to a 75-65 triumph over the host Lady Crusaders. IU-South Bend, which has won two of the last three MU Holiday Hoops tourney titles, improved to 9-8 overall with

the victory. Meanwhile, MU will take a 5-8 record into Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener at home against defending regular season champion Cornerstone.

Despite the loss, MU coach Marylu Jansen remains upbeat entering her team's first WHAC test

"We've had a tough preseason, we've seen just about everything teams will throw at you," Jansen said. "I think we know what it takes to win.

"Today we played some great minutes, but we were not chipping into the lead. We played only 30 minutes of basketball, but not the full 40. It was hard because we dug too big a hole. You can't get away with that against a good team."

MU shot only 10 of 29 from the field in the opening half (34.5 percent), while IU-South Bend hit 19 of 28 shots (64.3 "We knew they (Madonna) were a big team and we had to keep them off the boards and keep their point guard

(Mahogany Fletcher) from penetrating," IU-South Bend coach Mary Wisniewski said. "We had to control the boards "We also had good ball movement and got some five foot

shots because we were setting good screens." MU, which outscored IU-South Bend 42-36 in the second half, pulled to within two, 50-46 with 10:28 left in the game

on a putback by all-tournament choice Jackie Kocis. The Lady Crusaders were also within six, 63-57, with 4:10 to go on a basket by Kristi Fiorenzi. But IU-South Bend's Mary Magner answered with a fallaway three-pointer with the 35-second shot clock running down on the next posses-

MU never got closer than six the rest of the way.

sion to push the lead back to nine.

IU-South Bend is an NAIA Division II school and member of the Chicagoland Conference.

"They (South Bend) are a good team," Jansen said. "I told their coach I'm not going to invite them back to our tourney. They play hard. They play intense defense. They put ball pressure on you, so nothing comes easy. They out-worked



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Creating space: Madonna's Kristi Fiorenzi (right) drives on IU-South Bend's Nan Kogge.

Five IU-South Bend players scored in double figures led by Nan Kogge's 15 points. Abby Williams added 14 off the bench, while Billie Bonner and Keaton Brumm added 13 each. Magner, the point-guard, contributed 10 points and six

All-Tourney pick Schelley Stahle and Brumm each grabbed 10 rebounds.

Fiorenzi, a 5-foot-10 senior forward from Plymouth Can-

Please see MU HOOPS TOURNEY, C3

2000 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Memories from a season gone by

BY PAUL BEAUDRY AND BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITERS pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net bemons@oe.homecomm.net

The start of the new millennium proved to be a memorable year for Observerland sports (Yeah, we know the whole millenium deal. Semantics).

We said hello to new champions and said good-bye to old friends.

There were titles and triumphs, controversy and acrimony.

We've compiled what we believed were the most memorable events of 2000, and hope that things prove even brighter for 2001.

1. STATE CHAMPIONS **AND NEAR MISSES**

The area crowned one team champion as Catholic Central's hockey team won its second-straight state title and third in the last four seasons as the Shamrocks capped a 26-2 season with a 5-2 win over Alpena.

CC also posted two individual champions as Mitch Hancock won the 160-pound wrestling title and Matt Gable won the Division I slalom champion and runner-up in giant statom. Livonia, Stevenson's Josh Gunterman also won his second state wrestling title, taking first at 103 pounds in Division I.

In track, Tiffany Grubaugh of Plymouth Salem won the Division I girls shot-put title and Bishop Borgess took the Division IV 800meter relay behind Jose Kincannon, Darryl Anglin, Daryl Robinson and Jason Smith. While her team was the runner-up in soc-

cer, Plymouth Canton's Anne Morreil earned individual honors as Miss Soccer. Please see YEAR-IN-REVIEW. C3



Looking back: The Plymouth Canton girls soccer team reached the state finals led by Miss Soccer Anne Morrell (top photo, far left). One of the area's top boys basketball coaches, Chuck Henry (right photo), stepped down after 17 seasons at Wayne Memorial to coach at Canton Agape Christian.



New Year's resolutions to keep filed for posterity

BY PAUL BEAUDRY AND BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITERS

Go ahead, admit it. At least once in your life, you've

made a New Year's resolution something that's going to change your life in the upcoming year. Now how many of you have followed that resolution past Jan. 40

Hands, please. OK, how many have lasted until Jan. 81? Uh-huh. July 1? Fewer hands

raised, we see.

Dec. 31? Both of you?

Well, we asked a group of area athletes and coaches what their New Year's resolutions were for the upcoming 365 days. Whether or not they stick to them faithfully or punt by Wednesday is up to them (unless you decide to publicly call them on it).

But here's what they decided to do to improve their life, or that of someone else.

Or at least they're going to try. Young, Garden City volleyball/basketball/soccer: To be more optimistic about everything. I sort of am now, but I want to be more of it.

Pete Mazzoni, Livonia Churchill hockey coach and all-around swell guy: Take better care of myself in every way possible. Jim Karoub, Livonia Franklin basebali coach: Dedicate myself to working hard

Colin Sizemore, Garden City basketball/soccer: Pass the ball more to Justin (Ockerman). He's getting angry with me And to keep on winning.

Dan Ramthun, Lutheran Westland boye hoop coach: Sixteen wins after Christmas. (The Warriors are off to a 4-0 start.)

Jimmy Burns, Catholic Central golf (Plymouth): To make the varsity team next year and win the state title.

Valerie Jackson, Redford Thurston Pont pon: To be more open to other ideas and opinions because I can be a little bossy sometimes. I guess I'm a little stubborn.

Erin Mireles, Livonia Churchiii cross country/soccer hopeful: To make the soccer team — we're talking varsity — so ! can get my second letter. Narisa Brown, St. Agatha track: To get

A's in conduct. I usually get all A's and B's in academics, I want them in conduct. Tony Carignan, Redford Union basket ball/soccer: To do better in school and get my grades up. I want to get them

higher than I did before. Scott, Garden football/wrestling/track: To be nice to everybody. There are certain people I

haven't paid attention to. Now I'm going to pay attention and be nice to them. Wayne Woodard, Wayne Memorial boys basketball coach: Take my wife out on more dates during the basketball seasons

Rick Coratti, Catholic Central basketball coach: To, how shall we say, temper my emotions in practice. Eric Kelley, Redford Union soccer/foot

ball/wrestling/track: To get bigger and more muscular. I'd like to improve my strength; it will help me out in the future. Shella Taormina, triathlete: | really don't make resolutions, but if I did it would be not to get frustrated in races

and use a better choice of words during a crash. Also, not to get involved in too many things. Tom Wakefield, Wayne baseball coach: Keep getting support and bring us a

Mega-White champlenship. Kristen Eckler, Redford Thurston volleyball/basketball: To get my spike down for volleyball so I can be it really good. Jared Henderson. Catholic Central golf:

To study harder. Courtney Rudolpi., Redford Union volleyball/basketball: To keep bringing up my grades, be a starter on the volleyball team and behave more (for my mom's

Derrick Bird, Schoolcraft basketball: Work hard in school and on the court, and win and NJCAA championship.

Mike Cayglii, Catholic Central wrestling: To beat (coach Mike Rodriguez) in less than 10 seconds during practice. Colleen Donakowski, Redford Thurston

swimming coach: To attend a fine coaching clinic, preferably in a warm-weather state and preferably in the spring.

Karl Kotzian, Livonia Churchill cheerleader/track: Not to be lazy and to dewhat's best for me. Shelia Kosky, Redford Thurston athletic

department boss: To take off a few pounds, but I say that every New Year I usually decide to walk on the treadmill and that lasts about three days before I decide this is going nowhere, fast. Rhonda Humbarger, St. Agatha volleyball/basketball: To be more involved with

my family. I'm either at school or when I'm home, I'm doing homework. I want to make more time for them. Chris Litvin, Redford Thurston soccer/wrestling/track: Probably to have as

good of a year as I had this year. There was nothing bad about this year, so it was a good year. Brian Jones, Livonia Churchill

wrestling/soccer: To do my best in every thing. I already do, but I want to do more

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CO also came in second in baseball and third in cross country, while Livonia Churchill's girls were fourth in golf and Salem's volleyball team advanced to the quarterfinals. CC and Clarenceville's football programs did well, before being eliminated in the semifinals in Division's I and VI, respectively.

Two athletes capped fine careers with spots in the state record books.

Redford Union's Mike Macek ended his baseball career with 34 home runs - good enough for third on the alltime fist. And Clarenceville's Tim Shaw 3 48 touchdowns this season and 288 points would place him first in both categories for a single season, pending verification.

2. OLYMPIC DREAMS

Livonian Sheila Taormina, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist in women's swimming (4 x 200-meter freestyle relay), had a memorable year in the triathlon. The University of Georgia and Stevenson High grad finished sixth in the World Championships in Perth. Australia, captured the U.S. Olympic Trials in Dallas and took sixth in the Sydney Olympics despite being in the sport just two years.

The U.S. Archery Championships were held again at Heritage Park in Canton Township with actress Geena Davis finished 12th.

One of the most exciting events of the year was held in June at Canton High School when high school running sensation Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford and Canadian Olympian Kevin Sullivan thrilled the larger-thanexpected crowd at the Michigan International meet. Ritzenhein ran 14:13 in the 5.000 on the hot humid night, while Sullivan, who was sixth at the Olympics, broke the state record in the mile.

Half of the 1999 U.S. Pairs champions. Westland's Danielle Hartsell, recovering from a broken kneecap doing a lift with her brother and partner Steven, returned to the ice for international competition in November.

3. OLD COLLEGE TRY

The Madonna University women's volleyball team, led by NAIA Ail-Ameri-

ca Brandy, Malewski (Redford Thurston), finished 40-8 and reached the nationals for the fourth time in school history.

The MU women's soccer team (20-3-1), led by All-America keeper Jenny Barker (Stevenson), reached the NAIA national semifinals before losing to Simon Fraser (Wash.), 3-0. The Lady Crusaders upset defending champion Westmont (Calif.) in a shoot-out.

The Schoolcraft men's basketball team, coached by Carlos Briggs, won the Eastern Conference title and was runner-up in the state.

The SC women's cross country team, led by All-Americas Gabrielle Crandall and Keke Chonacas, took third in the NJCAA Division II meet.

Also, the Lady Ocelots' soccer team, led by All-America Kristah Mantueffel (Thurston), also made it to the nationals.

On a down note, the MU baseball team must give up its lease of its field after the 2001 season after being served notice by the Livonia Public Schools.

4. SAYING GOOD-BYE

The year was not without heartache as the soccer community lost a friend in Pete Scerri at age 71 to a heart attack in Charlotte, N.C. The Livonia Stevenson boys coach (1976-89) captured four state titles along with two runner-up finishes.

Tragic accidents claimed the lives of Thurston cross country runner Dianna Bastien and Stevenson golfer Carli Heppner. Former Madonna All-America volleyball player Julie Martin succumbed to Burkitts disease, while Salem basketball player Mark Bolger collapsed during halftime of a game with Stevenson, dying from heart complications.

5. CAN'T WE **ALL GET ALONG?**

Acrimony hit the ice last February

when high school teams from Churchill and Stevenson were involved in a post-game melee. Repercussions were felt around the area as both schools were forced to forfeit remaining régular-season games, eventually being reinstated for the state tournament by Livonia Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Watson.



Repeat champion: Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman (top) successfully defended his 103-pound title.

Churchill went on to win the regional, but coach Jeff Hatley resigned after eight seasons. Stevenson coach Mike Harris also resigned but has resurfaced this season as Farmington Unified's coach. Former Redford Unified coach Pete Mazzoni, a Stevenson grad, took the reins at Churchill.

6. COMPUWARE GONE CRAZY There were highs and lows galore

at Plymouth's Compuware Arena in The Plymouth Whalers, picked to

finish in the middle of the Ontario Hockey League before the season, surprised everyone by advancing to the league finals. The Whalers held a 3-2 series lead over the Barrie Colts and had a trip to

Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Memori-

al Cup in sight. But the Colts won

Game Six at home, then clinched the

league title at a sold-out Compuware by winning Game Seven, 4-2. Whalers coach and general manager Pete DeBoer earned the OHL

coach-of-the-year honors for his work. The fall saw a new tenant in the arena - the National Professional Soccer League's Detroit Rockers were sold by the llitch family to a group headed by David Woodnow, Gary Miller and Robert VanHellemont.

Before the season started, the group was in a bitter battle with 10year veteran player-coach Brian Finnerty, who either had a valid contract (his version) or didn't (the Rockers' version) and was replaced by long-time fan favorite Drago. But the team foundered, and Drago was replaced recently by Brian Tinnion.

7. COMING & GOING

Several area coaches and athletic administrators were on the move in 2000 including longtime University of Detroit Mercy baseball coach Bob Miller, a Redford resident who retired after 35 seasons and 896 wins. He quit after school administrators

refused to pay his assistant coach's

Wayne baseball coach Jim Chronowski, one short of his 400th career win, was let go after 30 seasons. He was replaced by Tom Wakefield. Zebras boys basketball coach Chuck Henry, 289-98 in 17 seasons, including two trips to the Class A Final Four, resigned to coach his sons and daughters at Class D Canton Agape Christian.

Canton boys basketball coach Dan Young also resigned unexpectedly, not seeing eye-to-eye with school administrators.

Five area athletic directors also were on the move.

Stevenson's Roger Frayer retired after 23 years, replaced by Dexter's Lori Hyman, a Stevenson graduate and former Michigan State University basketball MVP. Redford Union's Jim Gibbons, at his school 26 years, including 13 as A.D., moved to Churchill to become an assistant prin-

Clarenceville's Chuck Sorrentino left to become principal at Saginaw Nouvel. He was replaced by Tim Wil-

Salem's John Robinson took Hyman's job at Dexter, replaced by former Salem pitching great Tom Willette. Thurston's Bob Sickles retired and Al Chambo stepped in.

8. MANN, WHAT A MESS

After several successful seasons as girls basketball coach, Dave Mann left Bishop Borgess under a cloud of controversy and allegations of undue influence and illegal tuition payments.

Mann resigned in April after a Catholic League investigation cited payments to players and money fun-. neled to the school through an associate in matching gift-giving program, by his company.

Under Mann, the school had won three state titles and produced two Miss Basketball winners and had compiled a 198-79 record in 11 sea-

He was replaced by Rodney Geter as athletic director and Monique Johnson as basketball coach. Under Johnson, the Spartans went 18-3, won the Catholic League title and advanced to

the Class C regional final. Mann is currently the athletic director and girls basketball coach at Inkster.

9. TIGER WHO?

Three area golfers had great success during the summer, capturing state titles.

Western Golf and Country Club's Josh Fryer claimed the Michigan PGA's assistant pro championship in June by winning a three-way playoff. The win also gave him the right to play in the Michigan Tournament of Champions for the next 20 years.

The T of C in Boyne Mountain was where 74-year-old Jim Briegel of Redford Township won the Super Seniors portion of the event - just days after he'd finished sixth in the Ann Arbor City Golf Tourney.

Texas Christian University redshirt freshman Steve Polanski - the 1998 state Division I individual medalist from Stevenson -- won the prestigious Northern Amateur title during the summer to earn him a spot in next year's U.S. Amateur.

A bigger surprise came at the Michigan Open, where he led the field for two days and wound up finishing third overall.

10: BEST OF THE REST:

There were several other accomplishments during the year. CC's football coach was honored by the National Football League as a finalist for High School Coach of the Year; Thurston came out of the dark ages, had lights installed at its athletic field and played the first night home football games in the school's history; Livonia added a new sport to the district as the three high schools combined to form a girls gymnastics program; John Glenn's boys golf team proved to be a surprise qualifier for the state tournament; Stevenson's girls swim team won its 10th-straight Western Lakes Activities Association title, while Salem's girls track team won its fourth straight; CC's track team won its fourth-straight Catholic League title, and the cross country team won its fifth-straight; Garden City's boys tennis team qualified for the state finals for the first time in school history.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Half-court buzzer-beater sinks Rocks at Grosse Ile

"Snakebit" is a word that comes to mind these trying days for the Plymouth Salem boys basketball squad.

The Rocks, mired in an 0-6 start, just seem they can't buy a

Salem fell twice in the Grosse Ile Tournament, 65-61, in Thursday's consolation game to the host Red Devils, and 44-43 to Gibraltar Carlson thanks to a 42-foot three-point bank shot by Rich Molnur with just two seconds left on Wednesday.

"It's tough, it's been a struggle, but I guess you have to take the good with the bad," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, who has

endured only one losing season in 17 years. "We're not as bad as our record shows, but we're not playing well.

"We have to find our sea legs. And I think late in the season we'll put it together."

Against Grosse Ile, Salem fell behind 23-14 after one quarter, giving up five 3-pointers.

The Red Devils' Zack Everingham, who led all scorers with 23 points, finished with six triples on the night. Adam Levko added 11 for Grosse Ile (3-4).

Senior forward Nick Tochman led Salem with 18 points, while senior guard Jeff Haar added

"We had opportunities, but we made some critical turnovers at the end," Brodie said.

Carlson improved to 2-1 thanks to 15 points from Jay Masson and 11 by Molnur, the

Sophomore David Hoskins led Salem with 15 points, while Tochman added 10.

Tochman's tip-in with three seconds left gave Salem a twopoint lead, 43-41.

Carlson called timeout and Molnur grabbed a deflected pass off the floor near mid-court and heaved in a shot just before the buzzer to win it for the Maraud-

Motor City Roundball Classic results pit division rivals CC versus Borgess

Spartans settle for runner-up

Up until this year, Catholic League Central Division rivals Redford Catholic Central and Bishop Borgess would face each other twice each season.

With Borgess moving to the AA Division this season, that number was supposed to be cut to one. However, with both teams losing their opening games of the Motor City Roundball Classic on Thursday, then winning their consolation semifinals on Friday, the two were to meet on Saturday afternoon in the tourney's fifth-place game.

"It will be just like old times," said Borgess coach Chuck Albright, as his team lost to Detroit Kettering, 50-49, on Thursday but beat Pocock (Ont.) Catholic on Friday, 57-53. "We'll play them on (Saturday) and then again (Jan. 12).

CC (3-2) opened with an 85-71 loss to Detroit Country Day on Thursday, but used a 34-point performance with seven 3-pointers from Ryan Celeskey to beat Detroit Pershing, 97-73, on Fri-

"We shot the ball really well and actually played good defense," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We got out to a lead early and kept increasing it. Hitting 15 3's as a team will do that.'

Anthony Coratti and Ryan Murphy had 10 points each, while Ryan Clark added nine.

Free throws were the problem in the loss to Country Day as the Yellowjackets made 26-of-39 free throws in the game and 16-of-22 in the fourth

Livonia Stevenson made it all the way to

Unfortunately for the Spartans, they couldn't

Stevenson, now 8-2-2 overall, defeated Chelsea

"We played our best volleyball against Chelsea

(8-15, 15-10, 15-10) and Dearborn (15-12, 15-6) in

and Dearborn," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham

said. "But we were not moving against their soft

hits and lacked intensity against Notre Dame

"We backed down after winning the first game.

the elimination rounds to reach the final.

close the deal as Pontiac Notre Dame Prep rallied

to win the final two games and the title, 2-15, 15-

Wednesday's championship match of the 18-team University of Michigan-Dearborn girls volleyball

quarter. Celeskey again led the way with 26 points, while Mark Willoughby had 14 and Steve Larkin had 13. Andre Hester led Country Day with 24 points, while Kevin Nelson had 17 and Ije Nwanko had 14.

"I felt we could have won, but just didn't," said Coratti. "We'll be all right down the road, especially if we shoot like we did today."

Borgess had a solid opportunity in Thursday's opener against the Pioneers, but missed four free throws in the final 20 second as well as ringing out a desparation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We were down by 13 in the first half and fought back to take a lead with four minutes left in the game," said Albright. "We had chances to win, but we just didn't do it."

George Toles hit four 3-pointers and wound up with 15 points, while Issac Wright had 13 points, 17 rebounds and six blocks. DeShawn King had 14 to lead Kettering and Tony Davis added 10.

The Spartans (1-2) had an 11-point lead against Pocock with two minutes to play, but started to squander the lead. Toles led the way with 17 points and Clyde Kincaide had seven. Sham Gill

"We applied better pressure and executed better," said Albright. "But we let them cut into the lead and I was disappointed about that.'

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Two Stevenson seniors made the all-tournament team — Katie Drews and Kelley Hutchins.

Drews had 37 kills, seven solo blocks and seven ace serves, while Hutchins, the setter, contributed 18 aces (72 of 79 serving) with 66 assists.

Other Stevenson standouts include Ashley Dettore, 14 kills; Abbey Larson, 12 kills and four solo blocks; Abby Schrader, nine kills, six aces and 18 digs; Kristine Matheson, seven aces and 24 digs; Dana White, 29 of 33 serve reception.

In pool play, the Spartans went 3-0-1, besting Allen Park (15-4, 15-3), Dearborn Henry Ford Academy (15-3, 15-7) and Dexter (15-4, 15-3). They split with Dearborn, 3-15, 15-11.

Split leaves RU hockey team 5-3-2

We should have won it"

tournament.

13, 15-7.

PREP ROUNDUP

After getting hit with too many penalties and nowhere near enough goals on Wednesday, Redford Unified battled back on Thursday with a 3-2 overtime win against Woodhaven to take third-place in the Novi Christmas Tourney.

"We played much more controlled and disciplined against Woodhaven," said RU coach John Gumbleton. "Even though we had six penalties, we had just one in the first two periods. In (Wednesday's 7-0 loss to Novi), we had 38 minutes in penalties. It was much better the second night."

Kevin Moodie scored the game winner at the 3:12 mark of OT on Thursday, with Brad Johnson and Bill McSween getting the assists. Moodie also had an unassisted goal in the second period, while Cody Bartlett scored the opener from Moodie.

Dennison Sowders made 26 saves for RU (5-3-2), which managed 22 shots on net. Sowders also had 28 saves in Wednesday's loss to Novi, while RU mustered only 12 shots on the Wildcats.





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ton, had 16 points to pace MU. Senior center Lori Enfield added 14 points, while all-tourney selection Kathy Panganis scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Guard Carissa Gizicki, battling the flu, played just 16 min-

"She's been sick for a week and could tell Carissa was a step behind, so we just used her sparingly," Jansen said. "But going into the conference this year are injuries are nil. We're healthy for the most part.

"It will take everything to beat them (Cornerstone), all of their starters are back. But I think we're close.'

•MARIAN (IND.) 78, CEDARVILLE (OHIO) 70: In Friday's consolation game, all-tourney picks Lori Warmoth and Amanda McIntosh scored 20 and 19 points, respectively, leading the Knights (7-4) past the Yellow Jackets

Julie Stauffer and Patty Schryer scored 20 and 19, respectively, for Cedarville, which trailed 41-33 at the half.

Farmington High grad Amanda Porter, bothered by a shoulder injury, added nine

• MADONNA 74, MARIAN 59: Kocis, a Schoolcraft College product, came off the bench to score in 17 points in 19 minutes Thursday as the Crusaders took the openinground victory.

Panganis added 13 points and nine rebounds, while Fletcher and point-guard Michelle Miela added 11 each. McIntosh and Warmoth combined for 34 of

Marian's 59 points .III-SOUTH BEND 61. CEDARVILLE 56: Stable's 19 points and nine rebounds was the difference as the Titans held off the Yellow Jackets in the other first-round game on Thursday.

Julie Nourse had a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds for Cedarville, which trailed



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For smokers, a resolution to quit smoking is a resolution to life a longer, healthier li**f**e.

According to the American Lung Association of Michigan, within minutes of quitting, the body begins to return blood pressure, pulse and body temperature to a normal level. Within 24 hours, the chance for a heart attack decreases. Lung capacity increases within 72 hours. Research shows that by 10 years, pre-cancerous cells are replaced with healthy cells.

But quitting an addiction is not easy. The American Lung Association is there to help. The Association has information and experts available on smoking cessation. There are also smoking prevention and cessation programs available for teens as well as adults.

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Life Line Screening, the largest mobile vascular screening service and preventative health education company in the United States, will conduct the following tests Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the American Legion-Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia:

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Osteoporosis screening test detects abnormal bone mass density in women over the age of 45. \$35

The cost for all three vascular tests is \$95, with a \$10 discount for the osteoporosis test. Test results are mailed within 10-12 days. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-407-4557.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related eterios. To submit an item to our newspaper you

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Physical therapy: Physical Therapist Peggy Chidester works with athletic trainer Meg Endlein.

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BY MAUREEN MCGERTY SPECIAL WRITER

here's no such thing as the "perfect" back. Yet, the healthier your back, the less chance of injury while participating in seasonal activities, such as snow shoveling or removing holiday decorations, and snow and ice sports.

Treating patients for back pain is a daily event for Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., who heads U-M's department of family medicine and is a board-certified sports physician.

"They're mostly not sports-related." he says. "Athletes certainly have specific problems with back pain, but, in general, don't have nearly as much back pain as non-athletes do, primarily because

they're much more fit.' When acute back pain happens two, three or four times, it can become chronic back pain, Schwenk warns. "That's a really bad situation that can be

harder to solve at that point." The answer to most episodes of acute back pain is simple: "It mostly comes down to strength and fitness. People just aren't strong enough to do the things they think they need to do or want to do," Schwenk says.

Often it's the simplest of activities that leads to back strain.

"Mechanically, the biggest thing is the way people lift objects," says Eric Kovan, DO, a physiatrist with the Botsford Health System in Novi. "With the season right now, it's obviously snow shoveling. What I'm seeing a big rise in, with the terrible weather we're having, is a lot of people who are maybe a little bit older or do not do a lot of exercises in the first place whose muscles are not warmed up before they go out and shovel."

Before shoveling, warm up your muscles with gentle stretches and know the maximum amount of snow you can shovel, he advises. "Let your body tell you what you should and shouldn't do.'

If you do have back pain that lasts more than a few days or pain that radiates down your leg, see your physician immediately.

"They should be seen immediately if they have bowel or bladder problems after a back injury. Fever, night chills, sweats and weight loss or gain are what we call red flags," says Kovan.

Back pain prevention

Here is a sampling of suggestions to

- keep back muscles loose, warm and strong: Do gentle stretches of back muscles
- to keep them loose and warmed up. Apply warmth by using a heating pad or hot water bottle; sit in a warm-
- bath or hot tub or take a hot shower. Use leg muscles rather than back
- muscles when shoveling snow. Push snow rather than lifting and
- hrowing. Wear a good quality of footgear for greater support indoors and
- When walking on ice or through snow, take smaller steps for stability and to prevent a fall.

Heat

After an initial injury, some basic care can be done at home. Use ice packs for the first two days followed by heat, Schwenk says. Follow up with gentle stretching and activity and small doses of pain medication. "If you're still having the problem three or four weeks later, that's a much bigger issue."

While medical professionals have conflicting views about the value of dry versus moist heat, they agree that heat and water ease inflammation of back mus-

"In general, most people have greater response to

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> Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk Head, U-M Department of Family Medicine

moist heat," said Clinton Greenstone, MD, who practices at the Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center in Westland. "Dry heat may also be helpful. If dry heat feels better, use dry heat. Sometimes, icing a twisted back within the first 24 hours may be helpful."

Much of acute back pain is severe muscle spasms in the back, Greenstone says. "It can really hurt a lot and sometimes is associated with numbness or tingling going down into the legs as well. Sciatica can be exacerbated by muscle spasms. You can also acutely do something to cause a disk to herniate or push out directly onto nerves.

"We can also twist our backs in certain ways that the way the bones articulate with one another are altered acutely," he says. "Irritation and inflammation starts to take place. That inflammatory process can go on for a while. The back spasms as a result to keep you from moving. When you move, you cause more inflammation. So you get pain from spasms and inflammation.'

Help is available

"Studies seem to suggest that people with uncomplicated back muscle strains tend to get better no matter what people do," Schwenk says.

If back pain persists, sources agree it's best to contact your personal or primary physician; typically, once a condition is evaluated, you can expect to be referred for physical therapy. However, there's a myriad of medical professionals waiting to help, including chiropractors, othopaedic surgeons, sports medicine people, physiatrists or kinesiologists, acupuncturists and message therapists.

"Part of our specialty includes rehabilitation for the patient who comes to the hospital with stroke, etc.," says Kovan. "The other part of our field is the non-surgical care of physical medicine-type injuries or sports medicine-type injuries, including back pain. We are the specialists of non-surgical care of back pain, which includes the majority of back pain

patients." Patients typically are referred to a physiatrist by personal or primary care physicians seeking a second opinion, through hospitals and via a network of other specialists.

Under Michigan state law, physical therapists may not see patients who are not referred by a medical doctor.

Other systems

Trained in traditional Western medicine, Greenstone and his associate, Paul Dugliss, MD, apply other systems in their practice - avuryedic medicine from India, traditional Chinese acupuncture and herbal medicine, and anthroposophical medicine, a European discipline rooted in the works of Rudolf Steiner.

"These three systems have a spiritual view of the human being," Greenstone says. "The therapies that may be directed toward back pain look at people's lifestyles - what kind of work are you doing, how do you sit and stand, how do you lift.'

Nutritional and behavioral habits tend to set up people for potential back strain, Greenstone says. Grains, such as rye and millet, Greenstone notes, are crucial to maintaining the body's supportive tissue. Alcohol also is a factor.

"Alcohol intake has numerous effects including throwing off one's balance and one's sensibilities, Greenstone says. "Dehydration can lead to irritabili-

ty of muscles. Our back muscles are very big, strong muscles that support us, and they tend to be a little more irritable.

"Also, the risk of a fracture from a fall can also be related to general bone health that has to do with supporting the bone matrix, a process of protein intake, and the calcium and Vitamin D intake."

What you inhale along with what you ingest is not mutually exclusive from back pain resulting from strain or injury.

"Smoking is a huge issue," Schwenk says. "It's one of the more specific risk factors for disk problems and more complicated back injuries. Probably because smoking cuts down on blood flow to some of the vital structures of the back and makes it less healthy, such as the disks.'

Age-related

While back pain tends not to be gender specific, it does show itself differently among age groups.

"It's a bit more of a middle-aged issue, but the causes of back pain vary with age," Schwenk says. The types of problems that children and adolescents have more to do with deformities and various congenital problems with the back, or are sports related. The problems middle-aged people have tend to do more with lack of fitness, muscle strength, conditioning. They try to do things that they used to do that they now can't do because they're not sufficiently fit. With older people, you're concerned with problems related to osteoporosis, metastatic cancer and more serious problems with the back.

And, while not necessarily gender-related, there appears to be behavioral differences in the way men and women approach snow shoveling. On a recent December day, Greenstone received two phone calls from middle-aged males registering complaints of back pain after shoveling snow. "Women tend to push their snow," he says.

"They're very cautious and do quite well and wisely. It's our 'weekend warrior' types that I see a lot of." To preserve your back, experts advise pushing rather than lifting and throwing snow.

"It's a safer way so that you're not lifting heavy snow in trying to move it," Greenstone says. "When we try to do that, we're twisting our back in certain ways. We're using our backs to lift this heavy snow on the shovel as opposed to gently putting it in front of you and walking forward, giving your back a rest and bending your knees and using your thighs to move the snow out of the way as opposed to lifting and throwing."

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Out with the old. in with the new

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Stay fit

Once you get in shape, it's best to say in shape.

"Get fit," Schwenk emphasizes. "Exercise. Get strong. Lose weight. People who are, in general, more fit have more muscle strength, better muscle tone and less back pain.

Once your doctor has done all he or she can do therapeutically, it's up to you to take care of yourself.

"The job becomes the patient's job," Kovan says. "It's important that once we get the pain gone and treat the associated problems, that they maintain a program, daily or weekly, to prevent further back pain.'

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

If you would like to submit information to the Medical Datebook write Renee Skoglund at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or call (734) 952-2128.

GILDA'S CLUB

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will sponsor a series of free supper lectures during January: Monday, Jan. 8 - "Monoclonal Antibodies," for people dealing with lymphoma; Thursday, Jan. 11 -"Treating Leukemia"; Wednesday, Jan. 17 - "Advancements in Treating Childhood Cancers" and "Improving the Chemothera-py Experience"; Monday, Jan. 22 - "Relationships," for young adults with cancer; Thursday, Jan. 25 - "Treating Lymphedema For All Types of Cancer." Supper provided. Call (248) 577-0800 for exact times and to rsvp. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a free, non-profit cancer-support community located at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak.

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HUGS HEALTHY EATING PROGRAM University of Michigan Canton Health Center will offer a 10week Healthy Eating Program designed to help you get off of the "diet roller coaster." The program, HUGS, will help you change the way you think about your body size, your weight, your relationship with food and what

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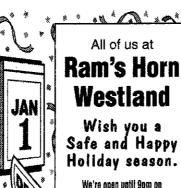
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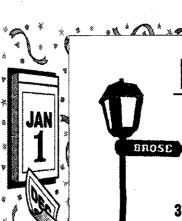
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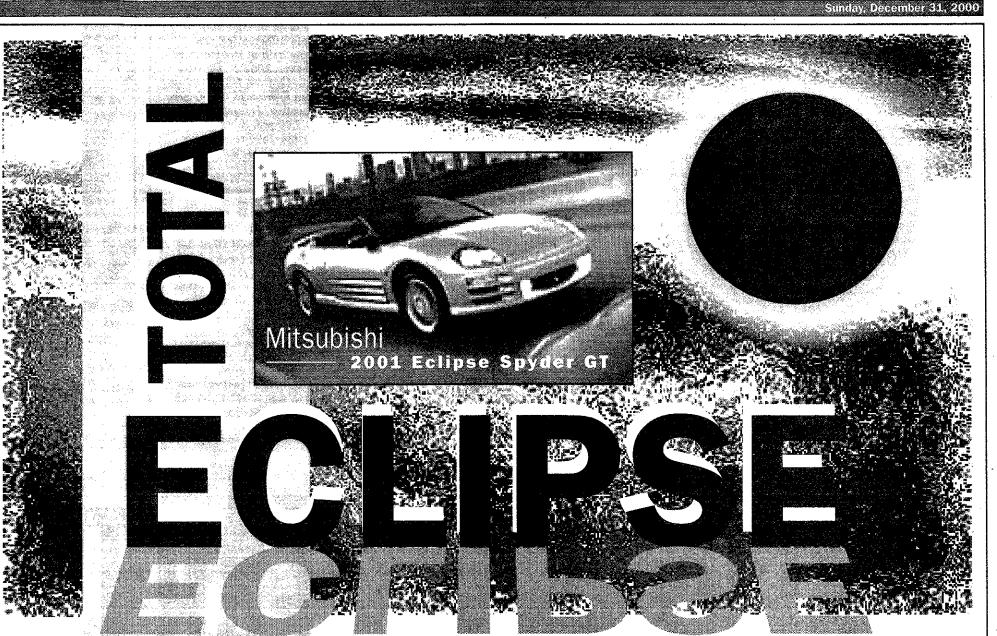
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Sleeker look of 2001 model outshines older model

By J. ERIC ECKARD AUTOWIRE.NET - SAN FRANCISCO

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thought I would miss the whine of the turbo four-cylinder that made the Mitsubishi Eclipse such a blast to drive. But here it is, a year after Mitsubishi replaced the Eclipse's turbo with a 200-horsepower V6, and I don't miss the whine at all.

In fact, now that Mitsubishi unveiled its new Spyder version of the second-generation

Eclipse, I don't know what I saw in the previous model. Actually, the Eclipse has always been one of my favorite sports cars, and the new generation Eclipses just about eclipse its predecessors.

I drove the 2001 Eclipse Spyder GT for a week, and I fell in love all over again. Engage the brake, release two levers over the windshield and push the button. The whirr of the motor that folds away the three-layer soft-top with a glass rear window is so sweet. It takes

about 15 seconds, and afterward, you're ready for some serious open-highway driving. Putting the top up is just as easy, of course. And I've never experienced levers that are easier to pop back into place.

I cruised to Nags Head for the weekend to catch up with my buddy Gene, and there's nothing like driving a new ragtop among the bikini-clad beauties along the Outer Banks. Stares and double takes were commonplace as I cruised along the beach roads in Nags Head.

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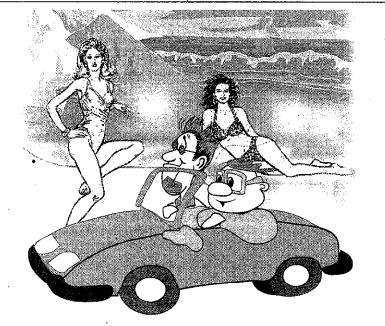
But it's more than just a redesign in the outer sheet metal. The Eclipse has an all-new safety cage, chassis and front suspension that make it more rigid and less rattley. This cuts down on road noises, which are usually loud in a convertible. I used my phone with the top down, and I had no trouble hearing. No need for an air shield in

Bigger tires on the GT and a 2-inch longer wheelbase than the previous Eclipse provide tight cornering. I didn't push it like a Le Mans driver might, but it handled well enough through the corners around Bienvenue Country Club.

The wind blowing in my face apparently allowed me to forgive a slight shake while taking the curves at high speeds. But the Eclipse performs almost flawlessly when you are easygoing behind the wheel. With a convertible, why get stressed? Why push harder than you have to? Take it easy, and the car is yours.

Inside, the cockpit is bigger and well laid out. Changing radio stations and temperature controls, and even reaching the vents for the air conditioner is fairly easy while driving. As in most convertibles, there's not a cavernous trunk. But the Eclipse Spyder offers 7.2 cubic feet of cargo area. That's 2.1 more cubic feet than the previous

Eclipse and mounds more space than the new Toyota MR2 Spyder. Of course, the Eclipse Spyder does have a back seat. Pushing the



front seats back to a comfortable driving position leaves little leg room in the back. But this car is built for one - two at the most. Any one is the back seat should consider themselves lucky that they're even sitting inside this awesome car.

Optional side airbags for the front seat passengers are new this year — good. Anti-lock brakes also are optional — bad. ABS should be standard on all cars nowadays. Until that happens, I will continue to criticize this oversight. Everyone wants more whoosh from the airbags, but safety features like anti-lock brakes are the real lifesavers.

Mitsubishi offers a new five-speed manual, which I tested, and a new four-speed Sportronic automatic, which offers the best of both worlds of manual and automatic transmission. I've driven cars with these hybrid trannys before, and I think I'll stick with the fivespeeds or six-speeds, whatever the case may be.

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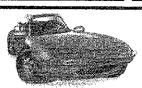
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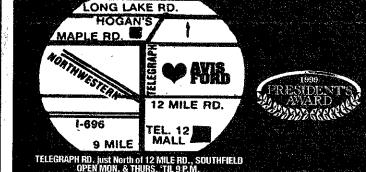
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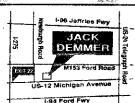


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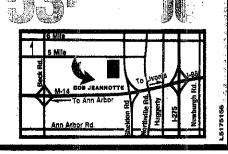
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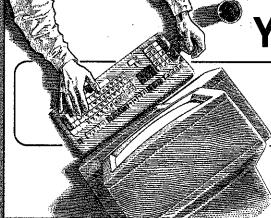
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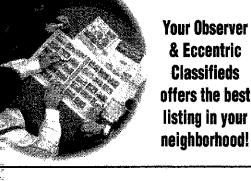
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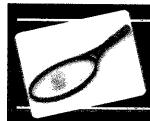


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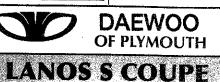
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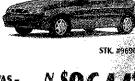
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

aving a paper route at 12 years old was just the start that Bill Hack, 22, needed to prepare him for owning his landscape business with six employees.

Over the years he added more and more routes and quit delivering papers twice weekly for the Observer &

Eccentric Newspapers when he was 20. Near the end he had four routes and was continually building his base by signing up new customers.

'It made me more business minded," the Canton resident said.

"You were in charge of making as much money as you wanted. You had to be ambitious to get out there. It prepared me, because you learned communication skills with people. If you didn't communicate well with them, you didn't do too well.'

Toward the end of his paper route career, Hack was earning between \$600 and \$700 a year in tips at Christmas time alone.

"I made good tips year around, too"

Hack said adding that in eight years of delivering the Observer he had less than 10 complaints about service.

It also taught him responsibility to make sure they were delivered on time, as well as discipline and perseverance when the weather was bad.

"It was rare that my mom would take me out to deliver," Hack said. "Most of the time, I'd get my rain coat and go out."

Right around the time he took his first paper route, Hack said, he started his landscape business. In fact, many of the people on his paper route also needed lawn care.

Today his business, Bill's Outdoor Care is strong and growing. The 1996 Plymouth Canton High School graduate recently bought a Christmas Decor franchise, which installs outdoor holiday lights.

Hack was among a legion of some 1,800 youths who carry the local news to their neighbors in 14 communities throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. You have to be at least 10 years

"Kids whose parents participate in the work do the best," explained Michelle Austin, circulation manager for the Observer group.

"Their sales depend on their service," she added.

Routes are usually cut out so they are within a couple of blocks from the carrier's home and can range from 25 to 40 customers. Some routes are much larger and some are smaller.

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"If they're providing good service then they most likely have a lot of customers on their route," she said. "They certainly aren't going to

become millionaires, but they will gain responsibility and learn how to handle money, learn customer service skills and they will get great tips," Austin added. "The Observer & Eccentric customers are great tippers."

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Many employment consultants, including me, tend to discourage any formal delegation of primary job campaign tasks to third parties. Getting other people to do some legwork is one thing, but some job seekers want to turn everything, including strategic decision-making, over to a "professional." For most of us, a job change is a major life event.

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The only thing we require is that the paper go on the porch, in the Observer box or someplace that a customer would request," Austin said.

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Observer carriers are also involved in monthly contests that allow them to earn extra money and prizes. They are also treated to an annual carrier picnic that is also free to their families.

An incentive program is in place to let ambitious carriers earn points for gift certificates at Best Buy, Target, Mervyns, ToysRUs, Meijers. JCPenney, Hudson's, Media Play, Harmony House and Kohls.

The points are awarded for good habits, like paying their bills on time; earning A's on their report cards and getting new subscribers.

They also get a shot at being selected "Carrier of the Month." They receive an Observer hat, plaque and tour of the building, as well as a picture and write-up in the newspaper. A Carrier of the Year is also chosen and invited, with family members, to a banquet.

The money and friendly atmosphere are enough incentives to keep carriers, like Hack, for vears.

"I've had kids call up and quit because they're going off to college," Austin said. "The neat thing

is that when a carrier takes a route, it's usually a family task. Everyone in the family gets involved. A sister gets the route, and if there's no other applications, her brother can be next in

The typical carrier is about 12 years old and does well in school.

"This is one of the few industries that allow that," Austin said.

Delivery time each week is about two hours. Payment collections are done

once a month and will probably take between five and eight hours.

"We want to give every child an opportunity to do it," Austin said. "But it's very important that they are responsible and their parents are involved. Typically we don't turn anyone down unless they're too young."

Young people considering a paper route must also be willing to work on deadlines. The papers must be delivered by 6 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 a.m. on Sundays.

"They need to be able to handle money and have mathematical skills," Austin said adding that they have to learn how to manage the money they earn.

Carriers also need to keep good records about

who paid, who is prepaid and who is on vacation. When they go on vacation they have to find someone to deliver the papers or call their circulation managers.

Typically the carriers who are successful with paper routes are successful in life," Austin said. "We've seen that. I think it enhanced any skills that they might have had. It certainly could get some skills started for children who don't necessarily have them in place already."

"There's some tremendous success stories," Austin said adding that Observer paper routes are available in all areas.

"We always welcome a youth carrier to call and put an application in and if something becomes available we give them call," Austin said. "I would truly encourage any child who was looking to make some extra money and have their own responsibilities to take a paper route on as a first job.

Hack also thinks that a paper route is a great

"I have a lot of good memories," Hack said. "It was a good experience."

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on somebody else and expect a satisfactory result.

On the other hand, time management can be a real problem, particularly if you are currently employed. You simply can't do all of the tactical stuff effectively by yourself. The more people you can get to talk you up and keep an eye open, the better. This is usually accomplished through networking. If you're good at it, you'll recruit an army of unpaid volunteers.

Also try to impress a few regular old headhunters. Almost all contingency recruiters pick one candidate to SOD every day. SOD is an ancient acronym for "spin of the dial." In a classically organized agency, each recruiter will crank out 20 to 80 cold calls or SOD's every morning to tell employers about a particular candidate - the recruiter's MPC (most placeable candidate). Most of us are thankful for the people who take the more unsavory or difficult aspects of life off our hands. We willingly pay plumbers to unclog our bowls, accountants to crunch our numbers and lawyers to speak to our antagonists. Some folks even retain ersatz parents for their kids. For the most part, though, you have to be very engaged in your own job

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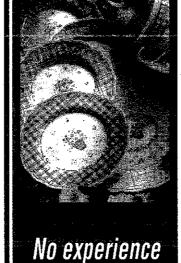
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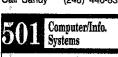
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As an architect, I experience many remodeling successes where people add " needed space or amenities.

Some feel they have perfected what they already own and don't want to start over again. Others choose to stay put

because their current home offers convenience, good neighbors or proximity to work, relatives, shopping or school.

Some remodel because their home's deferred maintenance has come due. Others, because the architectural features and workmanship details of a home built generations ago can't be duplicated except at great expense: Pewabic tile fireplaces, plaster crown moldings, wood or stone details or leaded glass windows are substantially more expensive to add than to keep. Just the mature older trees of some homes could make leaving an unworthy choice. Some people buy in order to rework an older house in a desirable community.

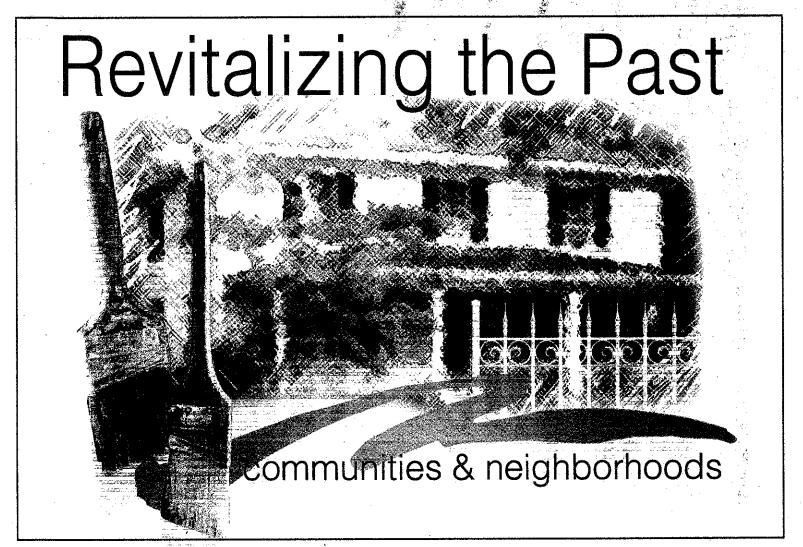
Kitchens are central to modern family life. Most families choose to update their floor plans and open kitchen walls to connect with adjacent family rooms, eating areas or communication centers to help bring everyone together.

The number of people who work at home, either full- or part-time, is growing, and homes must accommodate additional telephones, faxes, personal computers and give the owners space to work.

Sometimes the budget won't allow doing everything at once – both the space and the amenities to complete

In that case, I suggest homeowners add the space first. The amenities can dress it up later, as the budget allows.

Michael J. Gordon, AIA, has specialized in residential architecture for 18 years, is principal of Moiseev / Gordon Associates in Royal Oak, a member of the Building Industry Association's Remodeler's Council Board of Directors and a moderator of the BIA's ABCs of Remodeling



By DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

What are the thoughts of residential builders about their industry on the eve of the real new millennium? Here's a sampling.

Norman Finkelstein, president, Norwood Homes, Farmington Hills.

"I think you're going to see an era where peoples' tastes are changing. There's a move, I think, back to urbanization with the popularity of new old loft-type of housing ... actually redevelopment of old buildings.

"There's a sense of popularity of neo traditional, places where houses are a little old fashioned with rear-loaded garages and alleys. Houses are closer together, close to the street.

"Certainly the Internet is affecting everything from the way people get information to how we market homes. You have to have a Web site to do business. People want multiple places in the house for computers.

"I think you'll see a lot more integration of TV, computers, media into one unit."

Larry Cohen, president, Cohen Associates, West Bloomfield.

"I think number one, we need to do much better land planning and have more respect for natural resources trees, open spaces.

"When we do open space planning, there must be good faith on all sides. When an owner (developer) says he will preserve ... they (municipal governments) need to let the owner develop the rest of the space.

"Number two, the mindset for years is we don't want developers to come here so we didn't build roads. If people want to live in any community, they go. When you're not doing planning, you shoot yourself in the foot.

"Our planning has been atrocious because the focus has been on stopping development. The focus has to be on intelligent planning.

"The third thing we need to do is redevelopment, go into older communities, suburbs, and do redevelopment. Bring office space, shopping space and living space into older communities rather than discard them."

Dave Kellett Sr., president, Kellett Construction, Bloomfield Hills, and outgoing president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

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mechanics of steady growth, we look forward to that inflation-free growth. That's great for housing. We can control costs.

"We also look forward to more whizbang gadgetry in construction methods. God knows where we're going to go.

"More practically, we want to pursue reasonable, smart growth strategies that will meet the nation's housing needs and along with that expand home ownership opportunities and revitalize inner suburbs.

"One of the things that makes the building industry a great, great situation is the builder or remodeler creates something tangible."

Pierre Nona, vice president, Triangle Development, Southfield.

Technology will start making a difference for us, new types of building

"I'm leaving a sub now where we're doing paneling houses where the walls, themselves, are built in a factory and put together in less time (on site.) As factory methods improve, it will become a more effective way of building.

"I think, also, with computer-aided home offices, the need for technology inside the house, wiring, will become Adorno Piccinini, president,

ADCO Group, Novi. "I think you'll see more of the larger companies come into town ... Toll Brothers, Centex. They are publicly funded companies. It will be tougher to

compete. "Labor is another major issue. There's a shortage of it, qualified labor. It's getting tougher to find good land.

"It concerns me politically that the urban sprawl word has been used so much. They (municipalities) want 3/4-

There's good things, too. I think it's a good entrepreneurial business to get into. It allows you to invest and be in at ground level. I have a lot more control over my investment. And you can make a good living at it."

Stuart L. Michaelson, partner, Windmill Group, Farmington Hills.

"For one thing, I'd say I'm optimistic. With the uncertainty of the stock market, I think people will want to keep money in real estate, keep buying homes. That's the best investment.

"Developers will have to think about smaller lot sizes, open spaces. They will have to look at infill situations in "Now that it appears that the Feder- more important, too. People will older, established communities, smaller

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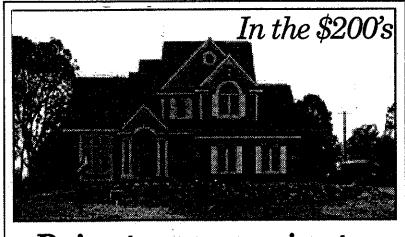
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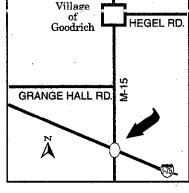
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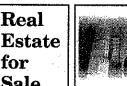


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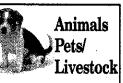


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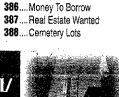
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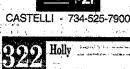
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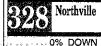
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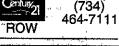
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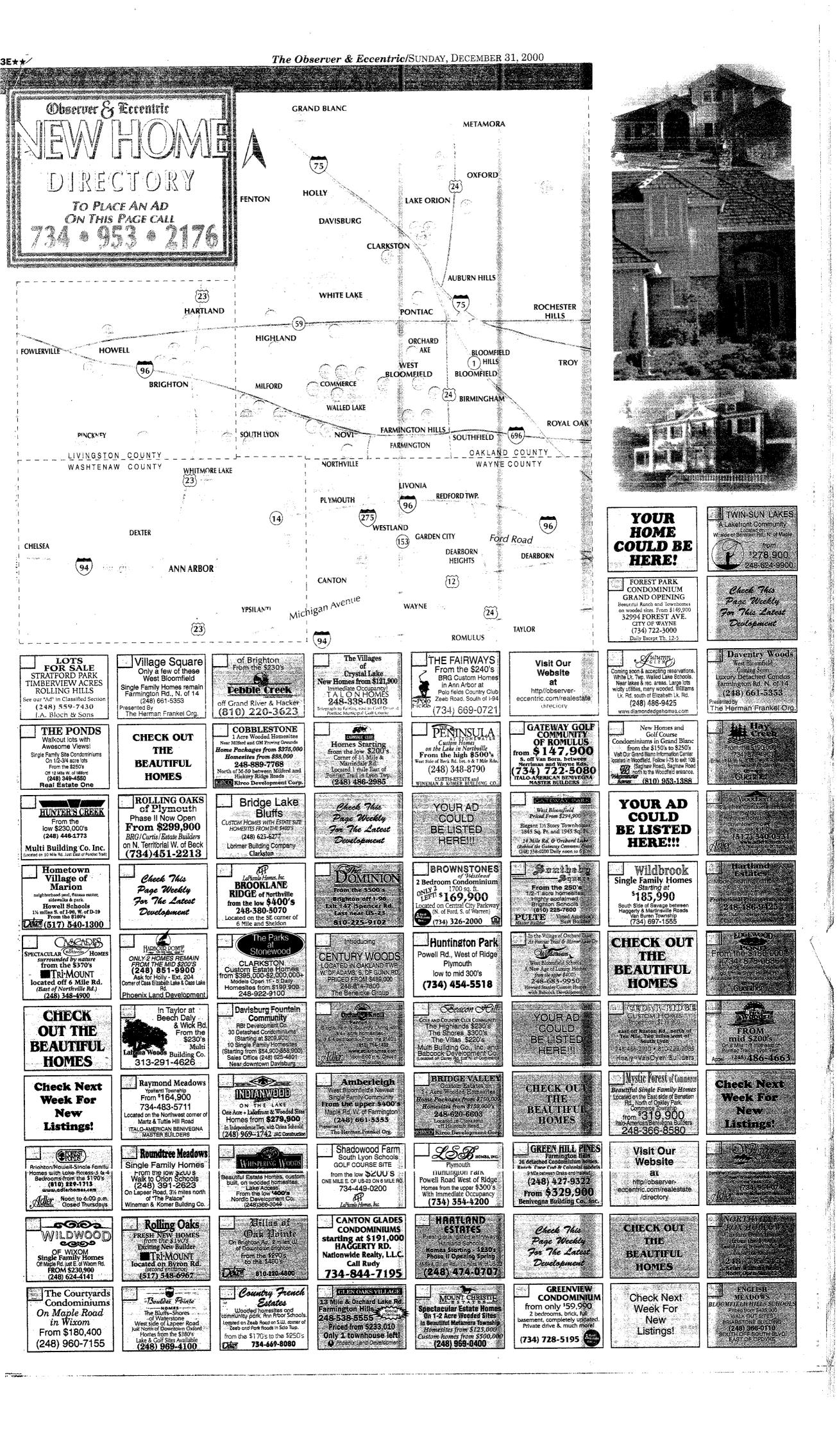
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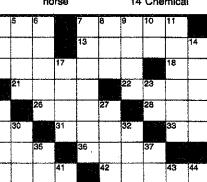
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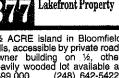
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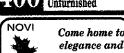
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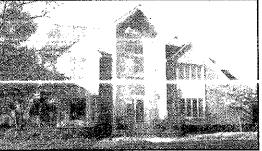
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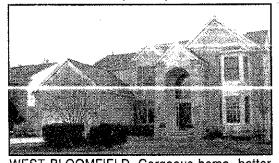
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Treat ice dams now

This winter has produced conditions unlike those we have seen for many winters. The usual freeze-thaw cycle and smaller quantities of snow have prevented this type of extreme condition – until last month. This winter, we've had just a few moments of above-freezing temperatures, with most days much colder.

These result in "ice dams." The condition is caused by heat escaping from our homes, warming the attic enough to cause partial melting of now on the roof, only to have the water refreeze when it reaches the colder overhang.

Even roof color causes melting. Dark colors, used on most roofs, increase the heating on sunny; days.

As technology has progressed, an "ice and water shield" layer has been added below the shingles. These help but do not provide an ironclad guarantee of eliminating leaks. Just as the use of "seal tab" shingles has cut the amount of wind-related damage, they are only effective some of the time.

Contrary to other articles I've read, ice dams will occur regardless of whether you do or do not have gut-

If you have lots of ice, don't wait, act now before the damage occurs. That ice usually has a pool of water sitting behind it, unable to drain off the roof. It will eventually find its way through the singles and into your home.

Do not attempt to clear this up yourself. Hire a roofing, gutter or even a painting contractor, any contractor accustomed to working on ladders.

The best short-term cure is to remove the snow from the first few feet of roof and spread calcium chloride on the ice. Roof rakes are available and can be used on single-story

The best long-term solution is to install electric heat tapes in a repeating V pattern in the problem areas. The tapes only need to be plugged in for enough time to melt a path for the water to run off.

Some insurance companies may cover the damage, after a deductible. Others do not cover an owner for this type of damage. New home warranties do not cover this type of dam-

Larry Cohen of West Bloomfield has been a residential home builder for nearly 30 years.

Subdivision offers up its prettiest lots

Would-be buyers may now place deposits on the last and perhaps best lots at Lakewood Knoll, the Hills portion of the residential development in Genoa Township.

"This is probably the nicest piece of property here," said Paul Del Giudice, president of AMP Building. "This piece should remain secluded with the lake on one side, golf course on the other and slices of wetlands here."

The 15 lots, which average half an acre in area, range in price from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

The Lakewood Knoll community, on Laton north of Grand River (Exit 141 off I-96), also offers attached condominiums and houses on smaller lots.

A house plus lot in the Hills probably will start at \$400,000 to \$500,000, Del Giudice projected.

Any of seven floor plans offered by AMP Building in the single-family part of the sub probably could be built in the Hills, he said.

Those plans range in price from \$208,400 for a ranch of 1,650 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths to \$283,900 for a 3,000-squarefoot colonial with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All include at base price two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, fireplace, range and dishwasher, wood foyer, ceramic baths and carpeting throughout.

Ranches are selling especially well now, he said.

The Parkwood, a ranch under construction, features a den that could be converted to a bedroom, great room/ dining area and kitchen with breakfast bar open to the great room.

The ranch also showcases a master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, separate tub and shower, double vanity, dressing table and two wall closets, a second bedroom and a full bath on the main Del Giudice plans to finish the lower

level walk-out of the Parkwood to include a great room, bar, exercise room, two bedrooms andtwo baths. The house - 3,100 square feet -

would run about \$330,000 without lot, he projected. About a dozen lots, most with walk-

outs, are still available in the single-

family section of Lakewood Knoll. Just under 100 were laid out. Also, about 10 units in the attached condominium portion of the community (a partnership between AMP and

Uniland) remain to be sold. They range in price from \$148,850 for a standard townhome of 1,300



Parkwood Model: AMP Building is constructing a ranch similar to this at Lakewood Knoll. The ranch will include four bedrooms, four baths and a lower-level entertainment center.

square feet with two bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths to \$238,695 for a ranch of 1,645 square feet with three bedrooms (one upstairs) and three baths.

Both plans include at base price twocar garage, first-floor laundry, basement, air conditioning, range, dishwasher, carpeting throughout and textured ceilings.

Vinyl siding and brick are primary exterior materials at both the houses and condos.

Genoa Township has been discovered since ground was first broken at Lakewood Knoll, the principals there main-"You can get everything you need in

this community - medical facilities, plenty of restaurants, plenty of shopping, plenty of churches," said Rex Rosenhaus, Uniland vice president.

Lakewood Knoll is about halfway between Brighton and Howell with their quaint downtowns, he added.

"You can't get closer to modern conveniences - access, location - to shopping and the expressway," Del Giudice

"The big attraction is space - there's breathing space," said Anita Blender, sales and marketing director for Uni-

"There's a beautifully wooded area, a lake. You're accessible to things you need - expressways, shopping, restaurants - but it's not crowded," she said. It's not "Torture Lake."

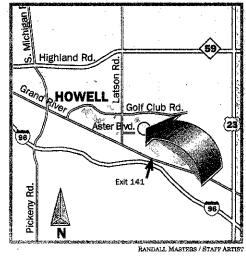
Lakewood Knoll is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Howell school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$20.18 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means that the owners of a \$500,000 house in the Hills there would pay about \$5,000 the first year.

The monthly association fee at the condos, which includes water, is \$95. The associationfee at the platted sub and projected for the Hills is \$100 initially, then \$50 per year.

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