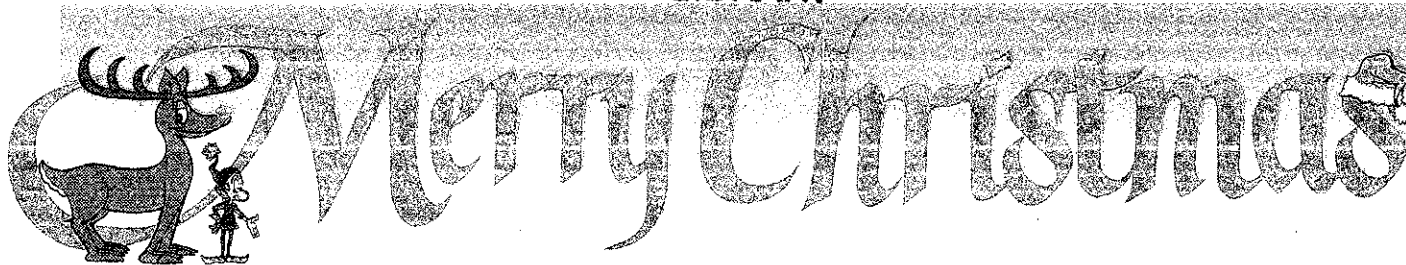


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THE WEEK AHEAD

Township's facilities close for holidays

Due to the upcoming holidays, several offices will either be closed or working with modified hours.

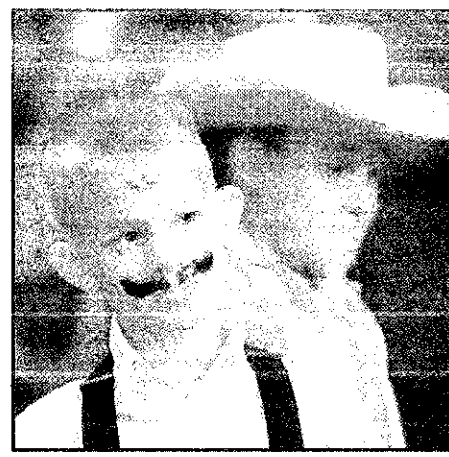
All township offices will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. They will resume normal business hours on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The Canton Public Library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Summit on the Park will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 24. It will be closed on Dec. 25. The Summit will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Normal trash pickup will take place on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. There will be no pickup on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Collections for Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5 will be one day behind schedule. Normal Wednesday pickup will take place on Thursday, etc.

CLARIFICATION



Quick draw: Tyler Troszak played Quick Whiskers in Bentley Elementary's performance of "Christmas at the O.K. Corral" recently. The third graders played to a packed house of parents, friends and siblings.

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Patriotic Christmas



Looking good: There are holiday decorations galore at this home on North Pointe (off Beck) in Canton near the high schools. This is the Canton Observer's unofficial vote for the best decorations in Canton. Michelle Waldecker ("I'm a Christmas decorations nut. I don't even ask for anything else for me") said the flag was made by a college student working in his dorm room. She gets the catalogs in the fall and orders new stuff every year. A family friend did most of the work.

Arctic Edge ice rink opens for business

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The first real skating was done on the Arctic Edge ice Tuesday night, just about the same time the temperatures outside turned cold and Michigan-like.

Canton's new ice arena is officially open even though not all aspects of the building are done.

As in the game of hockey itself, quickness has been the watchword for the business partners who put up the arena in conjunction with Canton Township.

Ground was broken in April for the building, which is in the Victory Park complex on Michigan Avenue, past Canton Center, before Beck.

Now, nine months since work started, hockey teams are on the ice. Thursday, Canton high school's varsity team was practicing.

Owners Ken Brandt of Plymouth and John Stansik of Livonia have brought in Craig O'Neill from their Chelsea operation to run Arctic Edge.

They also operate Arctic Pond, the ice rink inside of the old bowling alley on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, and the rink at the former site of the Chelsea.

O'Neill, of Livonia, worked at Arctic Pond, then managed the facility in Chelsea for about a year.

Stansik explains they started with Arctic Pond, and put a lot of sweat equity into their first rink.

"We spent many long weekends in Canada and in places like Buffalo, N. Y. at ice arenas with our kids playing on hockey teams. Our kids traveled to local rinks. We said: 'We're spending all this time in ice arenas, we should build one,'" Stansik said.

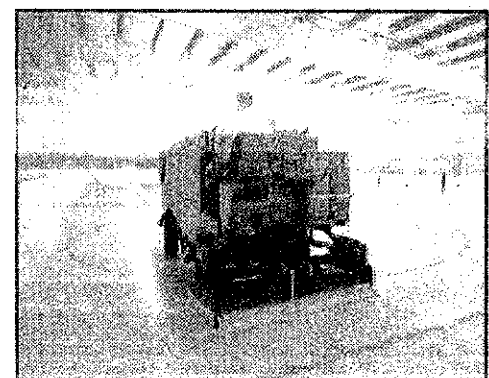
For Brandt, the rinks are a labor of love. Thursday he was walking around the building with a cell phone, legal pad and a complete set of the building's blueprints.

"My father was a builder (retired in Florida), and then I was one in Plymouth. Now I've been doing this the last four years," Brandt said.

Among those happiest about the Arctic, of course, is the Canton Hockey Association. Vice president Joe Moore said their 15 teams (including a girls squad) are pleased not to be traveling all over for ice time.

"This is a proven design. They (the partners) have an outstanding facility. The entire complex (Victory Park) is a leading facility for recreation; it's great for Canton," he said.

The league will be registering kids for a "Learn Two" program - learn to skate and learn to play hockey. Registration for spring leagues is in March after winter.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL
Matt Schultz, of Livonia, clears the ice with a Zamboni at the new Arctic Edge ice rink on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Candidates are lining up for new judgeship

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Even before Gov. John Engler puts his signature on a bill adding a third judge to the bench of 35th District Court, there are already candidates in the hunt for the 8-year term which begins in January 2003.

On Dec. 13, the House and Senate passed a version of House Bill 4788, sponsored by State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), adding a third judge to the court, which serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. The only obstacle is a signature by Engler, and that won't be a problem, according to his staff.

"We haven't yet (as of Wednesday) fielded the bill, and the governor will have 14 days to sign it once he receives it," said Susan Shafer, Engler's press secretary. "However, the governor does intend on signing the bill."

That will open the floodgates for

potential candidates seeking the new position.

"I think you'll see a dozen or so people in the primary," said Peter Bec, a Plymouth Township attorney and former judge, who said he's interested. "There is a lot of interest piqued by the salary, and the fact many would like to have the title 'Honorable' before their name."

Bec, a municipal judge in Southgate nearly 30 years ago, attempted to run against 35th District Judge Ron Lowe

last year. However, Bec was thwarted in his attempt because of a snafu involving the correct number of petition signatures needed to get on the primary ballot.

Despite a mistake by the Secretary of State's Elections Bureau, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Sapala ruled he and William Selinsky of Northville Township could not be on the ballot.

Please see Judge, A4

Santa will have full sleigh ready for Canton

Dear Santa,
If I be good, you can please get me some toys for Christmas please! I am wondering what you're doing at the NORTH POLE. I bet you're talking to your elves and they are probably making toys.
For Christmas can I please have a



Bailey Riegal

toy robot and a new Woody because my Woody's string fell off.
"Santa Claus is Coming to Town" is my favorite song.



Courtney Petersen

gun's and I want a final fantasy game playstation game and a new TV! I want a scan command and a gameboy adevan'sed and depowered digimon and



Stephanie Petersen

xmas this year. She never gets anything and always gives of herself what she can give.



Angelica Lilly



Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Marco. I want xenogear's for playstation and I want legend of lugia to and I want a playstation 2 and I want paintball

Love,
Bailey Riegal

Love,
Courtney Petersen

Love,
Stephanie Petersen

Dear Santa,
I need clothes for school my mom is a single parent with no child support and three children. If possible I would like a doll, toy motorcycle, a remote control car Barbie jeep if possible, clothes for my barbies, I wish for my mother would have a great

Thank you,
Angelina Bonasera

Dear Santa,
My mom is writing this for me cause I'm only 5 years old and can't spell. I would like a
1) my twin doll
2) microphone stand and light
3) also the 2000-2001 Barbie collector doll
4) a beanbag with my name on it
5) guitar and case
6) Thank you Santa for all you do for us kids. But most of all Santa please find a job for my daddy.
Angelica Lilly

Please see Santa, A3

Salvation Army nears fund-raising goals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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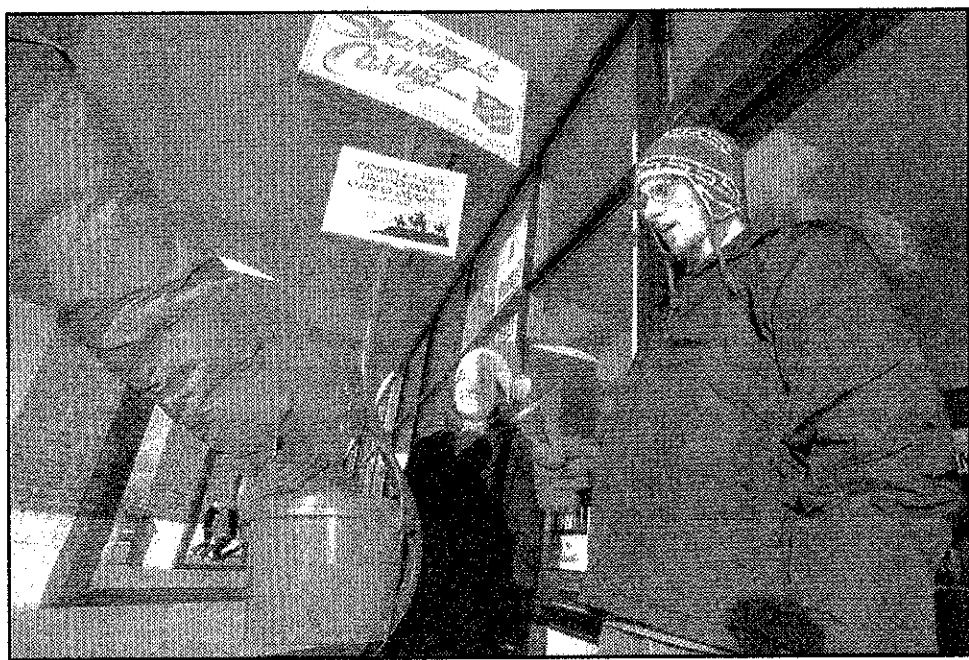
Despite a major downturn in the nation's economy, people in the Plymouth and Canton communities continue to give when it counts.

Last week, the Plymouth Community United Way announced it reached and surpassed its \$1.1 million goal. And, this week, the Plymouth Salvation Army reports it's on target to meet its goal for the Red Kettle campaign.

Both charities serve Canton Township.

"We'll be OK ... we're ahead of last year a little bit," said Maj. Stephen Hull. "And, this weekend the Rotary Club is manning the kettles in the area. They and the Kiwanis Club, which handled the duties last weekend, always get huge results for us."

As of Friday afternoon, Hull said the Salvation Army raised more than \$90,300 of its \$115,000 goal for the kettles. That's about seven percent



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Kristen Merki, left, and Mario Villanueva both of Canton worked as bell-ringers for a few hours last week outside of the Farmer Jack on Canton Center Road.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

ahead of last year's pace. "We kept the goal the same because of economic uncertainty," said Hull. "We didn't want to push too far out on a limb." Hull said the direct mail campaign, which began Nov. 1, is about 5 percent behind last year. "We didn't receive anything for

the first two weeks of the campaign because the post office was being extremely careful with the mail," said Hull. "Now, the money is starting to come in, and we're confident we'll make our goal."

The direct mail campaign, which continues into January,

has a goal of \$290,000. As of Friday, Hull said they've received \$145,000. Between the two campaigns, the Salvation Army receives \$405,000 in donations.

"That's the biggest chunk of our budget for the year, which is \$650,000," said Hull. "Many people think of us at Christmas time, but our needs don't go away in January."

The Plymouth Salvation Army office serves needs in the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

"We've already helped nearly 170 families this holiday season, and we expect to help up to 300 families," said Hull.

Tools stolen from construction site

COP CALLS

An employee of Skyline Concrete Floors reported the theft of various tools from his van which was parked at a construction site in the 45800 block of Michigan Avenue about noon Wednesday.

The man told police he had parked the van in the parking lot of the site and had gone inside to have lunch with the other workers.

When he returned to his van after lunch, he found various high-powered tools had been stolen, including a laser plane valued at \$2,500, a rotary hammer valued at \$3,200 and a laser eye module valued at \$500.

Police have no suspects.

Same time, same place

Another worker at the same site said he had parked his car on the parking lot and had left the trunk open so he could have access to his tools.

He took his lunch break and when he returned to the car a shotgun, which had also been in the trunk, was missing. The gun was valued at \$500.

Again, there are no suspects.

Road rage?

Two trucks belonging to

Nationwide Fence Co. were damaged sometime between Thursday, Dec. 13, and Tuesday, Dec. 18.

An employee of told police the company was working on two bridges on Denton Road between Geddes and Cherry Hill. Workers left the trucks parked on the side of the road on Dec. 13. When they returned about 7 a.m. on Dec. 18, they found that one truck had a smashed windshield and a tail light broken off. Headlights were smashed on the second truck and a tail light was broken off.

Police have no suspects.

Another Grinch

A resident of the 8100 block of Steven Court reported that a string of Christmas lights on a small tree in front of her yard had been cut sometime before 6 p.m. Thursday.

She said this was the second string of lights that had been cut in her yard.

There are no suspects. *- Jack Gladden*

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O THE MAJESTIC (PG)
SUN 12:30, 3:30, 6:35, 9:40
MON 12:30, 3:30
O LORD OF THE RINGS (PG-13)
SUN 11:30, 3:30, 6:25, 9:55
MON 11:30, 3:30
OCEAN'S ELEVEN (PG-13)
SUN 11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
MON 11:45, 2:05, 4:30
DENZEL WASHINGTON: THE BROTHERS (PG-13)
SUN 9:15
MON 11:00, 12:55, 2:50, 5:00
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Santa from page A1

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Neil Ryan Lilly. What I really want for xmas is my dad to have a job, so we could have our own home. Since that's too big of an order, I would like a few small things. If you could I need a memory card for my ps2, devin may cry, legend of dragon, unholy war, paint ball gun, drumset, piano, guitar, tony hawk pro-skater, scan cammand or power digemon. Thank you so mucy for all you do for us kid's your the greatest.

Dear Santa,
I'm so excited for Christmas to come. I am a good girl; my mommy tells me so every day. This Christmas I would like the sugar plum princess barbie and the nutcracker. Don't forget to eat your cookies and drink your milk. Merry Christmas Santa,

Dear Santa,
I wood like a campus and crepe crolrs. Have I bin good?

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me presents on Christmas

Dear Santa,
Hi, this is me, Madison. Santa, I love you so much! I know I already told you this, but don't forget to get my new baby sister something. Don't forget to get me some toys too. I know you'll get me some toys. You can get me what you think is good for me. I love you Santa. Bye.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. We put up decorations at my house and I like them. We are going to leave you a snack. I would like air hockey and remote control toys. also a karaoke machine and hit clips.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl! I have been picking up my toys and cleaning my room and listening to my mom and dad! My grandma and grandpa said I have been good! They also say that the more I be good the more I get to spend the night over there! I would like a pool table, and a air hockey table and a karaoke machine if you think I have been good! And for my stocking I would like some more of those tulip perfumes.

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I am 6 years old. I believe in you!!!!!! Hope you have a fun Christmas too!!!!!! Here is my list. Merry Christmas. P.O. (I will be leaving a little snack out for you!)

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year, just ask my mom. In school we're doing a play called Elfis and the Sleigh Riders. I get to be Mrs. Claus. I am going to wear a dress, glasses, and I have to put my hair in a bun. Before I say bye, what I want for Christmas is a Hit Clip, with N*Sync and Mandy Moore Bring in da noise and so real songs, and clothes. Bye and fly safe!

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. I've been a good boy. I would like a game boy advanced. Merry christmas,

Dear Santa,
I would like a Harry Potter potion set. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I keep my room neat and help my mom let the dog out. I like doing my paperwork. I would like some office stuff, the Grinch movie, clothes and Backstreet Boys CDs.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. How many people are on your bad list? I hope that I am never on your bad list. How are you doing? I bet you are really busy. I'll leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am happy you are coming to my house. Don't let the dog out. Please bring me CDs, k a r a o k e , clothes and toys.

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Born please. and a book, and Starlight Fairy Barbie, and an American doll. I have been helping my mom cook. I love you!! I am 7.

Dear Santa,
I am two years old. I have been a very good girl this year. It would make me very happy to get a doll house for Christmas. Merry Christmas,

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Dear Santa,
I've been a very good boy at school. I'm in second grade. I would like a Harry Potter potion set. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy monster truck and the rescue heroes computer game. I have been a good boy by collecting the trash.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. My Christmas tree is pretty. I hope you like it too. I can't wait to open my presents.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I have been cleaning up my toy room really good and I have been trying to be good every day. I'm 4 1/2 years old. I like you because you go house to house on Christmas Even, when Jesus was born too. We will leave you out cookies to eat and a drink of milk. I love you.

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Jordan Thompsett



Megan Miner



Glenn Plot



Kaylyn Horton

3. Froger for the new Gameboy
4. Holahop
5. The new Gameboy
6. Beef Jerky
7. Gutor
8. Lose of candy

Love,
Jordan Thompsett

Please bring mom a nice new camera. I really don't want much just a good family and the video game Exitebike.

Love,
Megan Miner

My name is Glenn Plot and I am 4 years old. I have been very good all year long. Please bring me on Christmas Day three new Game boy tapes. Thank you.

Love,
Glenn Plot

My name is K a y l y n LaVon Horton and I am 7 years old. I try to be good all the time, but things happen, My family thinks I'm great and I am my Grandma's little helper. My grades are very good so I guess I have been good this year, so I would like to have a Barbie Dream House, some Barbie dolls with a lot of cloths, some fun toy and I really need some new books. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Kaylyn Horton

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I took a nap like my mom told me. I listened to my mom and dad. I helped my mom take care of my dad and brother. Santa, please let Jesus know I want you to take care of my family and friends. Especially mom, dad, brother, grammi, grandpa, Alexis, Anthony, Meranda, Brit, LaNaya, Deanna, Chris, Alneta, Mama, Papa, Evie, Brittney Scott, Grandma and Grandpa Scott, Uncle Dedrick and Aunt Stacie.

Love,
Erin Pete

Dear Santa,
My name is James Plot and I am 3 years old. For Christmas can you please bring me Michigan pajamas and Michigan coins.

Thanks,
James Plot

Dear Santa,
I hope you think I have been a good boy.

Love,
Devin Slominski

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Paige wish list: Scooters and a doll

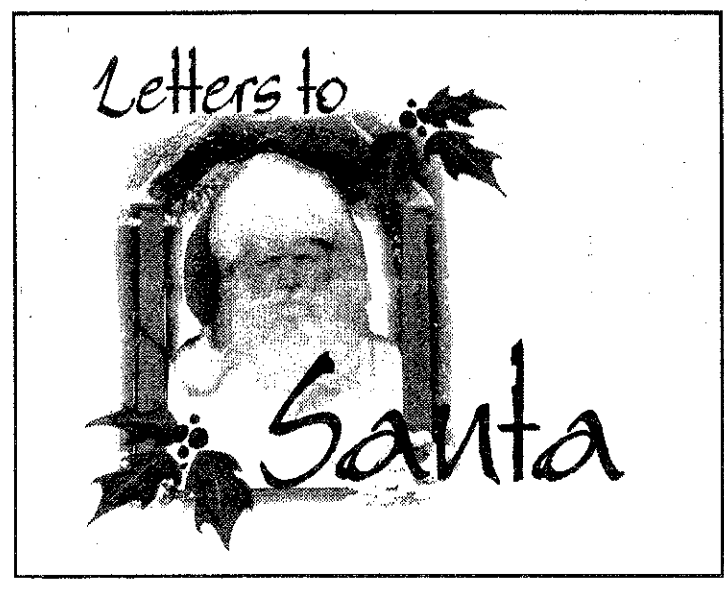
Paige Slominski

Dear Santa,
My name is Spencer Duncan. I am in first grade at Field Elementary School in Canton, Michigan. I love Rocket Power. I also love to play video games.

Spencer Duncan

This is my sister Star. She is in ninth grade at Canton High School. She loves to listen to CD's. Please come to my house early so I can see you. That would be really cool.

Your friend,
Spencer Duncan



He's Heading Ho-Ho-Home.



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ter playoffs; next fall's signup will be in August 2002. The association's information phone is (734) 207-1002. Sometime soon the league will have an office at the Edge, donated by the company. Some of the building's highlights:

- An off-ice training center/fitness center is still being finished with high ceilings and 5,000 square feet of space.
- Just Wear It, an embroidery and uniform retail shop, will be located at the front near Michigan Avenue.
- Four team rooms, one of which will be home to Plymouth-Canton High School hockey squad, are also up front.
- Eight locker rooms are available for all teams.
- Two NHL regulation size sheets of ice 200 feet by 85 feet have been constructed, featuring the corporation's signature icon, a penguin.
- The arenas can seat 300 in one and 800 in the other. The one with the larger audience area will be home ice for Canton High School.
- The building is about 83,000 square feet, and cost more than



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Net minders: At the net in the Arctic Edge ice rink are John Stansik (from left), vice president of operations, Craig O'Neill, general manager, and Kan Brandt, president.

\$5 million when you include site development. Construction was done by Davenport Brothers of Belleville.

- A pro shop - Ace Hockey - will have a spot near the main lobby; Ace's main store is in Dearborn Heights.
- Concession food will be "better than your average rink food" at Declan and McDarby's on the

right side of the lobby, Stansik said.

- A meeting room for coaches and leagues is near the concession operation.
- Corporate offices for the three rinks will move into the Arctic Edge when the front portion is done, above the retail store Just Wear It.
- The rink has 23,000 square

Edge grand opening is in January

The grand opening for Arctic Edge will be held Jan. 10-13 with a Red Wings Old-timers squad playing the Atchinson Arctic Explorers. Also planned is a 50/50 raffle by the Canton Hockey Association.

Township officials and owners will hold a ribbon cutting Jan. 12 at noon, and then tour the facility. The public will be able to try the ice from 1 to 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Jan. 12, and again from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 13.

Jan 12 at night, the police and firefighters will play the Canton hockey coaches

feet of rubber flooring that can't be damaged by skates so kids and adults in skates can walk most places in the building.

■ The rinks will offer open skating, skate rental and drop-in hockey (Friday and Saturday night). They will be open 7 a.m. until midnight seven days a week.



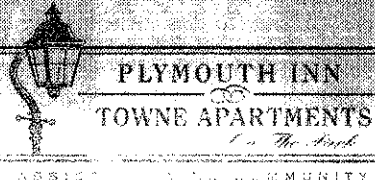
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"I've talked to a number of people, and I'm considering putting a campaign together," said Bec. "This time, maybe, I'll have the opportunity to bring out the issues that are important."

Meanwhile, Plymouth attorney Mike Gerou, who ran against Lowe in 1994 and lost, makes no bones about where he stands.

"I'm definitely running. I'm excited about the opportunity," said Gerou. "I learned a lot from

the last time I ran, and I know what it takes. I have a lot of friends willing to help, so my network is in place."

Candidates for the third judgeship can file campaign committee intentions after Feb. 15. All the candidates will face off in the August 2002 primary, with the top two candidates battling it out in the November general election.

With the court spanning five communities in two counties, the task of getting elected will be tough for those who aspire to be judge.

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WILLARD "BILL" TATZKA
Services for Willard "Bill" Tatzka, 80, of Plymouth were held Dec. 20 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Tatzka was born March 15, 1921 in Northville and died Dec. 18 in Livonia. He was a retired job setter for the Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth. He was a life-long Plymouth resident, a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth, an avid gardener and fisherman, and was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include wife, Bea Tatzka of Plymouth; daughters, Teresa (James) Cischke of Plymouth, Joan (Douglas) Johnson of Grand Rapids, and Barbara (Steve) Davio of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Suzanne (Brian) Roth of Chicago, Katherine Johnson of Chicago, and Andrew and Diana Davio of Kalamazoo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Angela Hospice or Mass offerings.
Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CLARK L. SANDLIN
Services for Clark Sandlin, 53, of Wayne were held Dec. 21 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth W. Miller officiating.

Mr. Sandlin was born Oct. 17, 1948 in Dearborn and died Dec. 17 in Wayne. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, William

and Pearl Sandlin.
Survivors include daughter, Shannon L. (William) Felt of Canton; grandchildren, Devan and Kayla Felt; brother, Allen Sandlin of Howell; sisters, Pam (Jerry) Bennett of Canton and Joyce (Paul) Elden of Brownstown; and former wife, Sandra Chatman of Garden City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans.
Arrangements were made by the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

CHESTER M. STOLARCZYK, SR.
Services for Chester Stolar-

czyk, 76, of Belleville were held Dec. 21 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Stolarczyk was born Sept. 27, 1925 in Nanticoke, Pa., and died Dec. 18 in Superior Township. He was a draftsman for the automotive industry. He was a World War II veteran.

Mr. Stolarczyk was preceded in death by wife, Helen, and two brothers.

Survivors include wife, Delphine; sons, Michael (Debbie Kaue), Daniel, and Chester, Jr. (Cheryl); daughters, Regina (Ted) Townsley and Cindy (Keith) Armstrong; brother,

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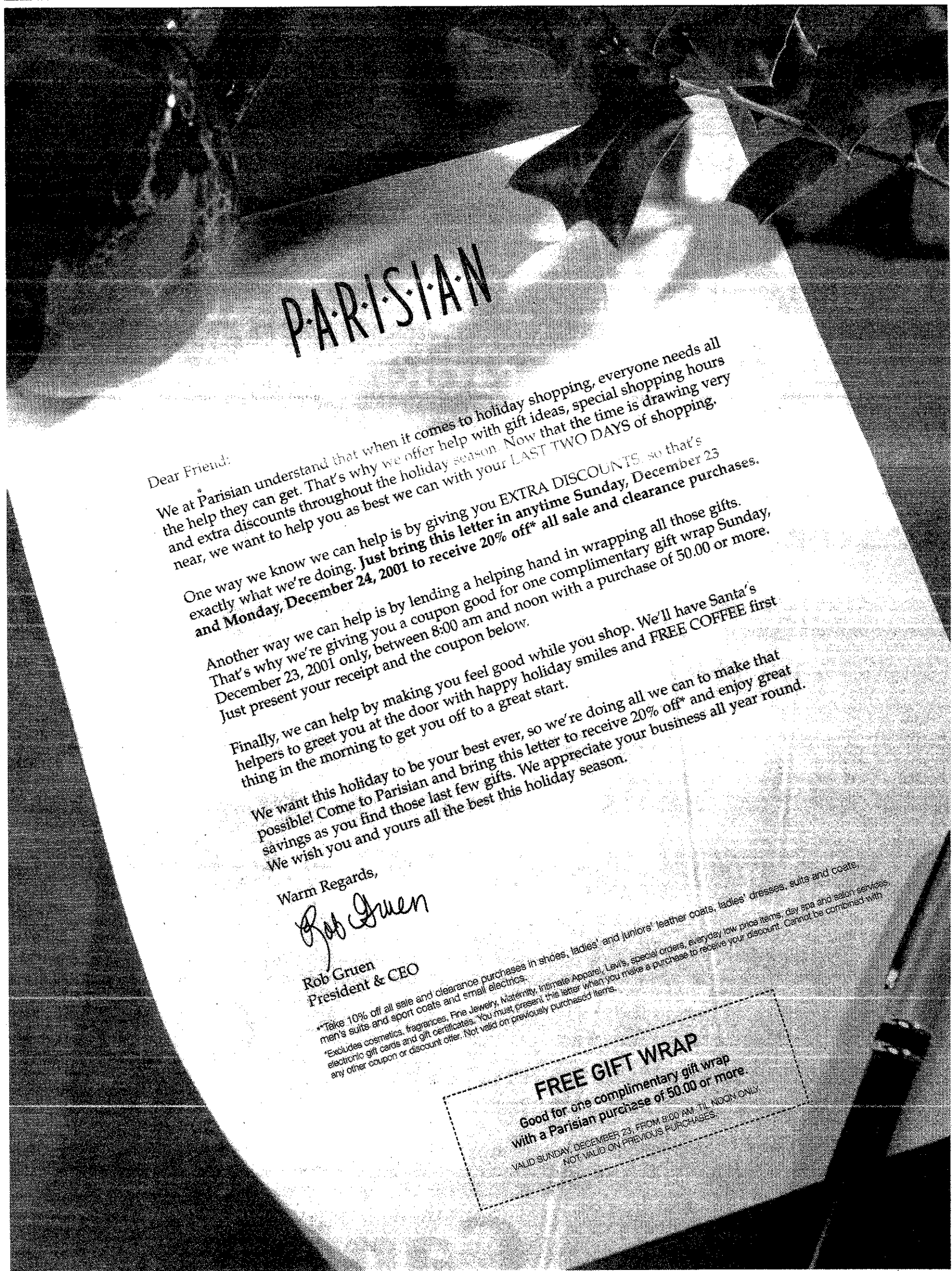
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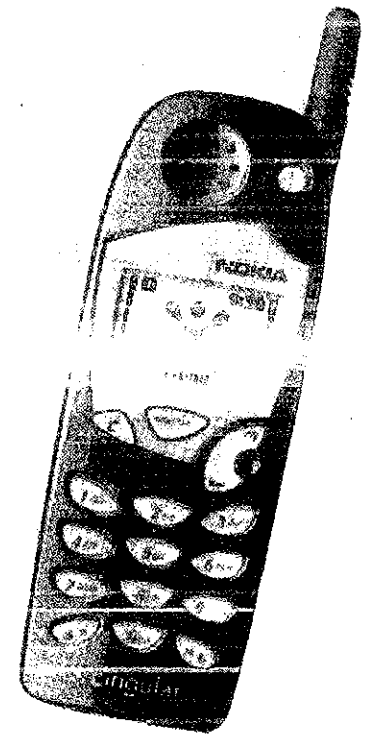
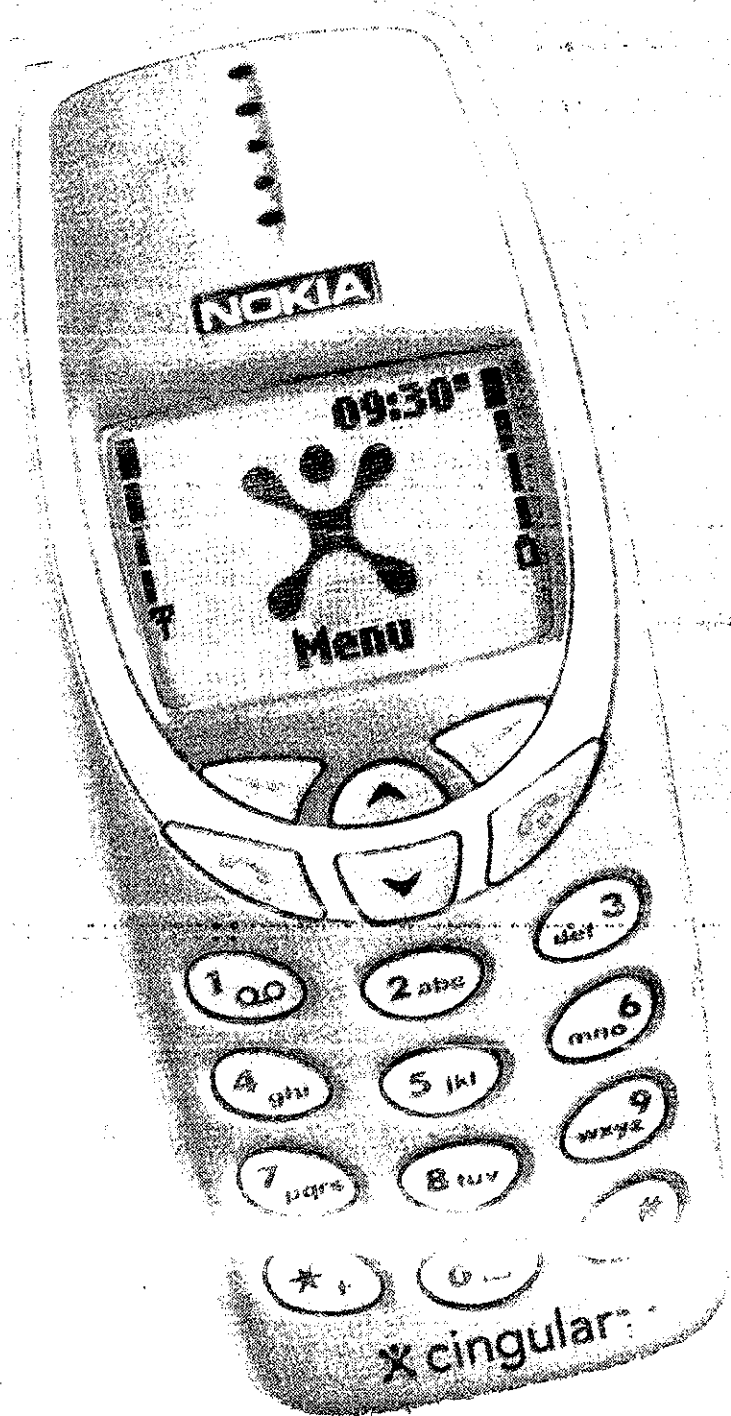
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Sunday, December 23, 2001

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Agape spikers win

Canton Agape Christian's volleyball team improved its match record to 3-0 with a 15-2, 15-0 victory over Detroit Urban Lutheran Thursday at Urban Lutheran. Offensively, Kelly Blackney and Lisa Ther paced the Wolverines with four kills apiece, and Carrie Sneed dished up four service aces.

Splitz sparkle

At the Region V Cup Meet Dec. 14-16 in Cincinnati, the team from Splitz Gymnastics (located in Canton) came home with all sorts of individual honors and a couple of team awards as well. The meet featured clubs from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

In Level 5, 13-year-old Lauren Hernandez of Livonia placed first in the all-around with a score of 35.075. She was first on the floor exercise (9.1), second on the vault (8.725), fifth on the balance beam (8.85) and ninth on the uneven parallel bars.

Nine-year-old Taylor Standish of Plymouth also won the all-around (35.225), winning the vault (9.075) and placing second in both the bars (8.875) and beam (8.7).

Eight-year-old Lindsay Bridges of Canton was also an all-around winner (36.10) at Level 5, taking first in both the floor (9.575) and beam (9.0), second in the bars (9.0) and third in the vault.

Nine-year-old Megan Valentini of Canton was second in the all-around (34.875) with a first in the beam (9.15) and floor (9.125). She was also third in vault and ninth on bars.

Eight-year-old Kali Pierce of Canton took a fourth in the all-around (34.525), with second in vault (8.775), a fourth on beam, a fifth on bars and ninth on floor. And eight-year-old McKenzie Skaggs of Garden City took fifth on floor, eighth on vault and ninth on beam.

In the team standings, Splitz finished third in Level 5.

At Level 6, Andrea Rivera, 13, of Belleville was second in the all-around (34.55), with a first on floor (9.2), a second on bars, a third in vault and a fourth in beam. Mandy McManus, 10, of Canton, took fourth on beam (8.95) and sixth on vault (8.95).

Bridges, who competed in both Level 5 and 6, was third all-around (34.90) with a second in floor (9.275), a fourth in vault (8.7) and fifth on both beam and bars.

At Level 7, Alyssa Breaugh, 11, of Novi, was fourth all-around (35.375) with a second on vault (9.25), a third on beam (8.8), a fifth on floor (8.925) and a sixth on bars. Katerina Kariotis, 11, of Canton, finished sixth on beam (8.7) and was seventh on vault (8.85).

At Level 8, Christa Smutek, 10, of Livonia, was first in the all-around (36.45), with wins in the vault (9.0), beam (9.15) and floor (9.35) and a second in bars (8.95).

Rachel Ropeik, 12, of Ann Arbor, was also first in all-around (34.725) with a first on bars (9.125), a third on beam, a fifth on vault and a sixth on floor (8.825). And Kristie Savage, 13, of Dearborn, was fifth all-around (34.05), with a second in beam (8.725). The Level 8 team placed seventh in the team awards.

Pitching/Hitting camp

The Michigan All-Star Pitching and Hitting Camp is set to start Sunday, Jan. 20 at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus gymnasium, located at 2900 Featherstone in Auburn Hills. The following three sessions will be Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10.

The hitting camp, featuring Bruce Fields, will teach the fundamentals of hitting, with individual drills, swing mechanics, tee work, live hitting and soft toss. The pitching camp, featuring Jeff Jones and Dave Marcon, will center on pre-season preparation, pitching mechanics, pitch development and fielding for pitchers.

Cost is \$195 for either the hitting or pitching camp.

There will be three times offered for the hitting camp and two for the pitching camp. Hitting: noon-1:30 p.m., or 5-6:30 p.m., or 6:40-8:10 p.m.; pitching: 1:40-3:10 p.m. or 3:20-4:50 p.m. Those who are interested can attend both camps for \$325, with sessions from noon-3:10 p.m. or 3:20-4:50 p.m.

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Solid start lifts Chiefs to victory

BY C.J. RISAK
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One challenge replaced another for Plymouth Canton's basketball team Thursday.

Brighton came into the non-league game undefeated thanks in great part to 6-foot-10 senior Chris Grimm.

"We prepared for him," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We've been working for this. We wanted to work on our post defense."

"I was looking forward to this."

Considering the kind of "education" Grimm might have given the Chiefs and their biggest guys, 6-7 Steve Thornton and 6-6 Andrew Meagrow, not having him in the lineup after preparing for him must've been a bit of a letdown.

If it was, Meagrow didn't mind. He adjusted quickly, knocking down 12 first-quarter points to carry Canton to a lead it would never surrender in posting a 63-44 triumph at Canton.

The Chiefs improved to 3-2. The loss left the Bulldogs at 3-1.

"I wasn't real happy with our execution at first, the turnovers," said Rheault. "It took us time to get adjusted."

"Meagrow just dominated this game, offensively and defensively. I was so proud of him."

Meagrow did just that. The first shot he nailed just 1:47 into the opening quarter startled Brighton: a three-pointer from six feet beyond the arc.

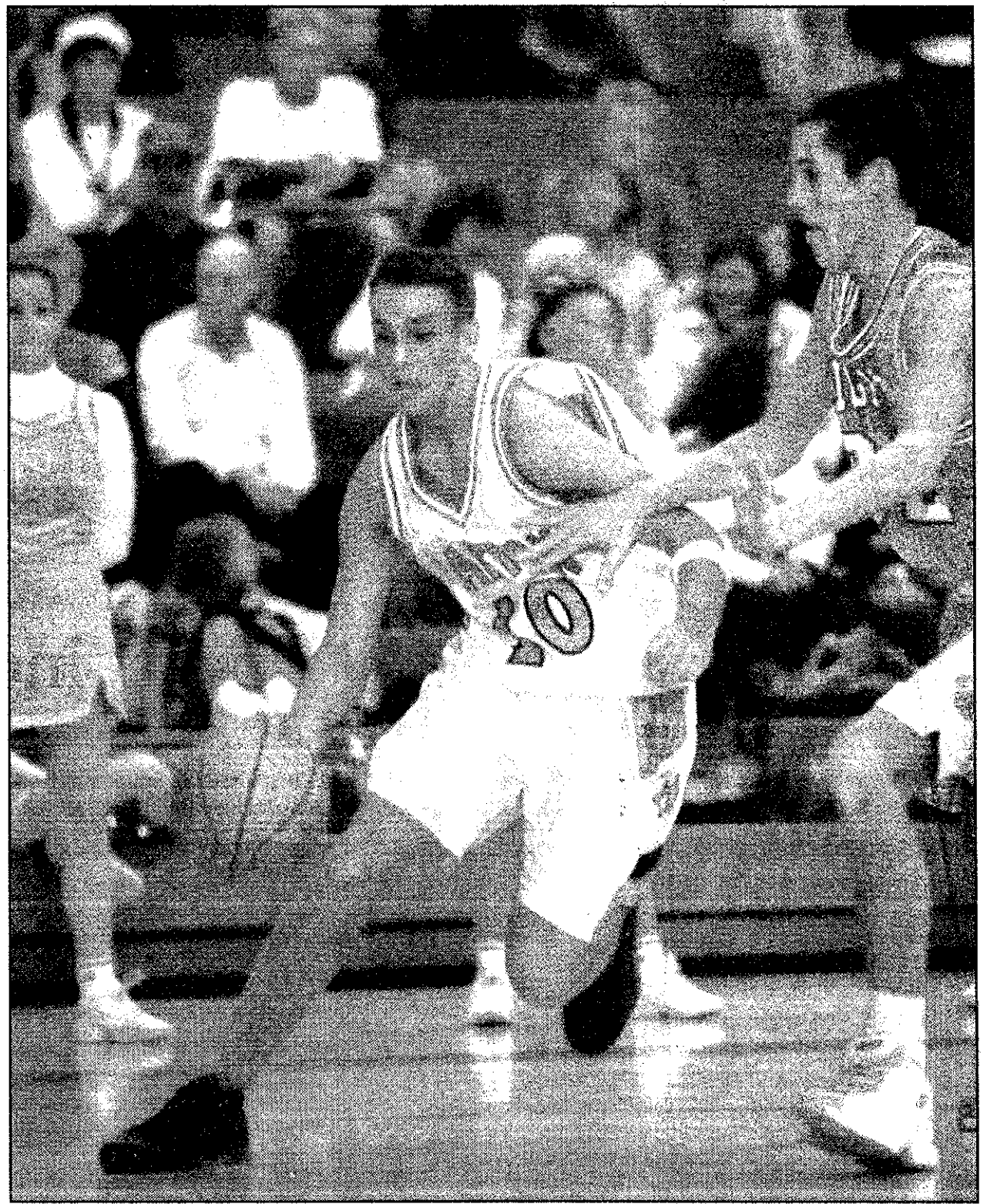
That set the offensive tone for the rest of the game — how would the Bulldogs contain him?

They didn't in the first half, and the second wasn't much better. Meagrow finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

His second triple midway through the first quarter knotted it at 8-all and got the Chiefs rolling. They outscored Brighton 11-4 the rest of the period to carry a 19-12 lead into the second quarter.

It never got better for the Bulldogs. Canton scored the first five points of the period to push its lead into double digits, eventually outpointing Brighton 14-8 to take a 33-20 halftime advantage.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

On the move: Canton's Jason Priebe drives past Brighton's Eric Giesow on his way to the basket. Priebe finished with 13 points.

Salem staves off Zebras' charge

Dave Hoskins provided a good deal of the offense and everyone helped out defensively for Plymouth Salem Thursday as the Rocks held off Wayne Memorial 52-47 in a non-league basketball game at Salem.

The win, the Rocks' second-straight, evened their record at 2-2. Wayne fell to 2-3.

"The lead was no more than eight the whole game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It was an aggressive basketball game and the refs let them play."

It didn't start out well for the Rocks. Wayne scored the game's first seven points, forcing Brodie to do something he usually doesn't do — take a first-quarter timeout.

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And not just once, but twice.

"You could see the momentum was sliding towards Wayne," said Brodie. "There were turnovers, careless passes. I called two timeouts and that's not something I normally do."

"But they calmed down. They took control of the tempo, not like against Belleville. I wasn't about to

let that happen."

In Salem's game against Belleville, the Tigers exploded in the second quarter to outscore the Rocks 21-5 and expand a two-point lead to 18.

Neither team's advantage ever reached double-figures in Thursday's game. Salem managed to trim the Zebras' lead to 12-10 after one quarter; a 17-12 surge sent the Rocks ahead 27-24 at the half. They doubled their advantage after three quarters, to 41-35.

"It was a battle the whole way," Salem coach Bob

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VOLLEYBALL PREVIEWS

Rocks will challenge again

BY C.J. RISAK
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It's been a great three-year ride for Tom Teeters at Plymouth Salem.

The long-time local volleyball coach (he also coaches Schoolcraft College's women's team and has coached at Livonia Clarenceville, Farmington

SALEM

Mercy, Garden City and Livonia Ladywood) has guided the Rocks into the state regional tournament the past three seasons, twice reaching the state quarterfinals. They have also won two Western Lakes Activi-

ties Association championships, including last year when they posted a 33-8 match record.

His fourth season could be different.

Teeters has lost four players, three of whom rotated into the

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Canton building toward finish

BY C.J. RISAK
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Rebuilding is not an option for Plymouth Canton volleyball coach Steve Anderson.

He didn't give in to that alternative when he had it last year, his first at Canton after a two-year layoff caused by a job conflict. Anderson returned to

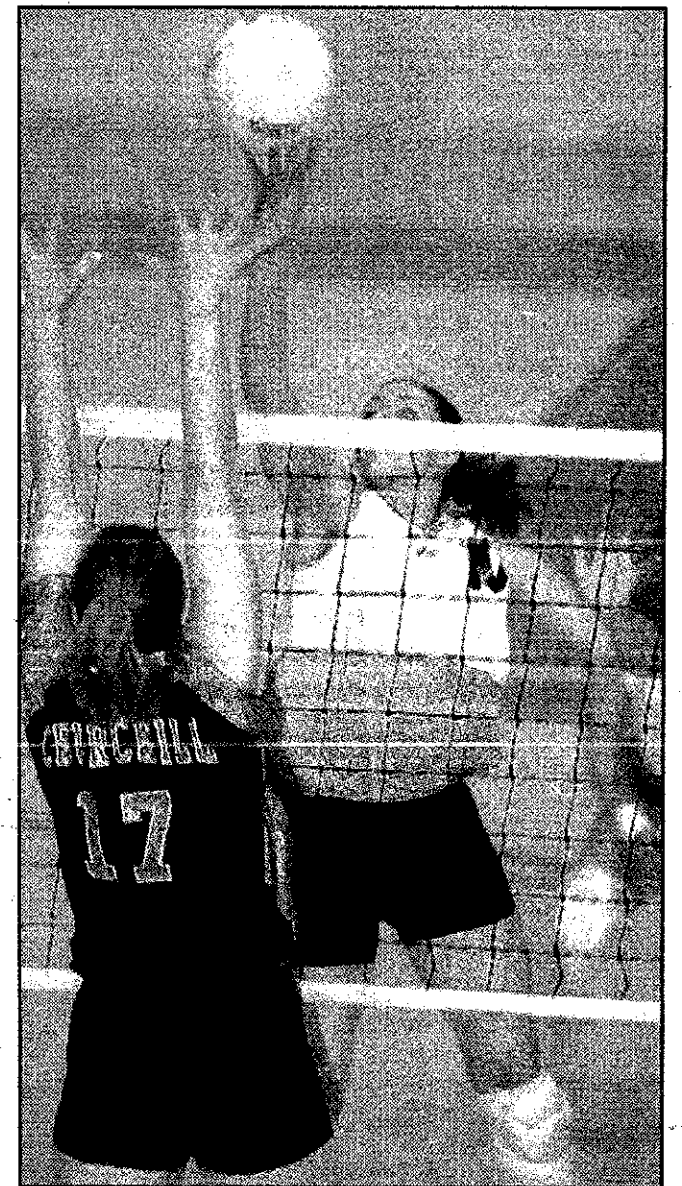
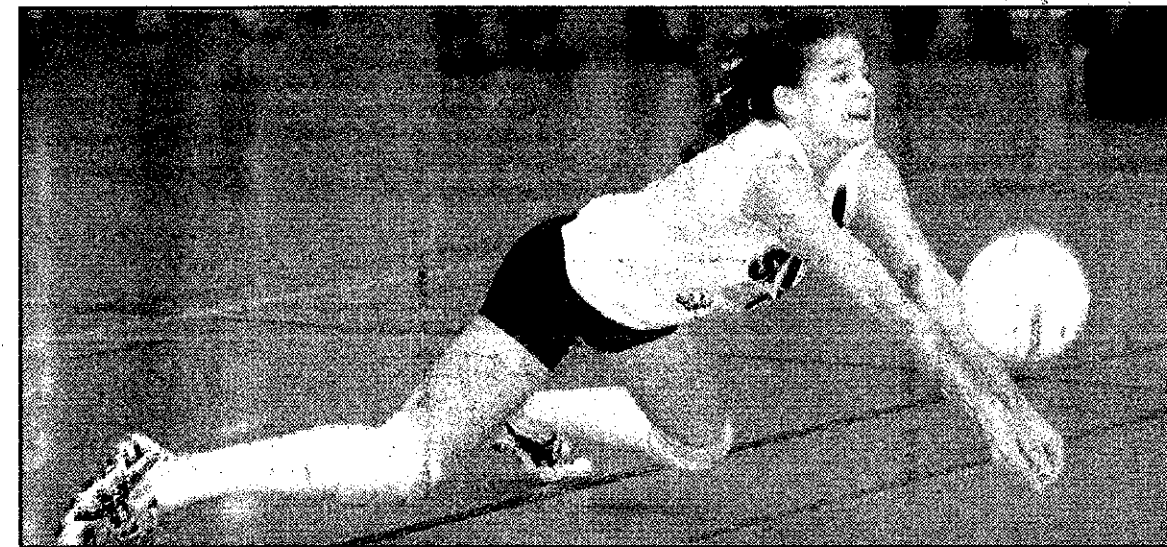
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guide the Chiefs to their best record since he had left: They were 24-14 overall and reached the Western Lakes Activities Association quarterfinals before being ousted by Livonia Churchill, which reached the

finals.

Now, however, he must try to reassemble his troops. Gone from last season's squad are All-Western Division standouts Mary Kryska and Ashley Williams, as well as Meghan Meier, Mary Kiesel, Christina Kiessel and Jennifer Wagner.

Please see **CANTON, B4**



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Key performers: Canton's Courtney Jarman (above) and Salem's Jordan Falcusan (left) will fill important roles for their respective teams. Jarman, a senior, will be one of the Chiefs' top hitters. Falcusan, a sophomore, will be the Rocks' new setter.

RECREATION

Back in the news: 16-year-old hits it big with perfect game.

Santa Claus came early for 16-year old Scotty Clemens as he recorded a three-game set of 812 in the Saturday Coca Cola Majors, Dec. 8, at Westland Bowl.

Scotty made this column back in 1997, when at age 12 he shot a 299 at Wayne Bowl.

It was his day to shine, as he rolled a 267 in the

first game, followed by 245 and by his first 300 game, after which he said, "I finally did it," referring to his 299 game.

He is not related to the great pitcher, Roger Clemens, but maybe they could share the same nickname, "Rocket Man."

His gift from Santa was getting a strike on a Brooklyn hit during the perfect game.

The 812 now stands as the highest youth league score ever achieved at Westland Bowl.

The 11th grader from Belleville High and can really thank his parents, Melba and Clyde, both bowlers, for getting

him started. The left-handed Clemens started at the age of six.

Another early Christmas present might well be the Storm Trauma ball, which he received about a month ago, using it to achieve this milestone in his bowling career.

The Keystone youth tournament, for YABA bowlers ages 7-19, will be Saturday, Dec. 29, at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

This tournament is run out of Pennsylvania and generates a lot of interest since it moves to various locations in the Midwest.

Most recently, the Keystone Youth tourney was held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing and Super Bowl in Canton.

It is good tournament experience for the younger players. The event features four games across eight lanes.

Sign-ups are before noon on

Saturday with the low entry fee of \$15.

For more information, call Ken at (734) 427-1060.

Nelles Denny of Livonia is one of "those" bowlers.

This means that he is different from most others who bowl.

"In what way?" you ask. He bowls with no thumb hole in the ball.

Denny is capable of throwing very well with only his two middle fingers in his ball. So well, in fact, that this season he has recorded a 300 game in a series of 812 while competing in the Thursday junior house league several weeks ago at Cloverlanes several weeks ago.

This has been his third perfect game and his first 800 series. His awards are on the way and will be presented to him by Greater Detroit Bowling Association director Warren Teubert.

The no-thumb delivery may be hard to control, even very difficult to master, but Nelles Denny has certainly prospered with it.

Local American Bowling Congress affiliates have distributed brochures on the counter of bowling centers everywhere, aimed at the non-league bowlers and the non-sanctioned leagues that may be active.

The cover shows a sky diver with a bowling ball in hand looking at set of pins.

The message is clear, this is an extreme sport, with an extreme level of fun involved.

It encourages people to join a league and get in on the friendly competition among players at about the same skill level. Exercise while you socialize.

The target is those folks who might want to give it a try. If you have any non-bowling friends, get them one of these

folders and see if it will make a difference. Nicely done, ABC.

The local daily papers have been running a series about high school athletics being out of balance when it comes to female athletes.

All they have to do is look at the high school varsity bowling program, which is gaining in popularity throughout Michigan and the rest of the nation.

The girls and boys are given equal treatment, there are no complaints, and the entire program is gaining momentum.

The powers to be should take a good look, and see how gender equality can work very well in high school athletics in the bowling programs.

(Al Harrison is a Garden City resident.)

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House finches suffer from new disease

Bird feeders close to the house allow easy viewing of the many species that use it.

If it's too far away, the fine details of each individual cannot be appreciated. Most of the time that fine detail is the beauty of feather color and texture, but sometimes it involves deformities.

I have a male house finch visiting our feeder with one eye completely covered because of a swollen eyelid.

This swelling is caused by a bacteria that began infecting house finches near Washington, D.C. in 1994. The bacteria's technical name is Mycoplasma gallisepticum.

It's not new to the U.S., poultry farms are familiar with this disease, but it was not noticed in house finch before 1994.

Upon its discovery, the Feeder-Watch program sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, initiated a study to document the

spread and extent of the disease.

By November of 1994 reports from Virginia, southern Ontario and southern New Hampshire outlined a triangular shaped range for the disease.

In 1995, the disease had spread to Georgia, Illinois, Quebec, and Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. By 1997, the disease had been observed in the Dakotas. This was a remarkable documentation demonstrating how fast a disease could spread in the avian world.

Juvenile house finch have been shown to be long distance travelers. They disperse great distances to search for unoccupied territories and to avoid extreme weather. This habit contributed to the spread of Mycoplasma conjunctivitis.

House finch also tend to flock more than other species. Close contact with infected birds helps spread the disease within a local population.

Today, nine western states have documented the disease, along with Colorado and New Mexico. These states are close to the original population of house finches that were used to introduce this species to the eastern

states in 1940.

Mycoplasmal conjunctivitis is more common today in the mid-Atlantic states than in other regions, but as the house finch at my feeders will attest to, its still evident.

Has this disease affected the overall population of house finch?

In short, yes. Populations of house finch in the east have declined noticeably.

In Oakland County, according to the Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count data, the population has shown some fluctuation.

House finch were first observed in 1984. Their numbers rose to a peak in 1993. Since 1993, their numbers have averaged a little more than half of the 1993 peak number of 440 individuals. In 2000, the number counted was similar to that reported for 1991.

I am impressed with how well this, essentially, one-eyed bird can fly and land without difficulty.

A one eyed bird does not have depth perception like birds with normal vision. Yet when I

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

watched this individual, it landed on a perch without hesitation and did not have trouble gathering food.

I did notice that when he fed at the feeder, he usually kept the good eye looking away from the feeder. Spotting predators will be difficult for this bird.

He has avoided death over the several weeks since I first noticed him, but based on the decline in house finch populations, its likely this bird will become a victim before too long.

If you would like to participate in any surveys sponsored by the Lab of Ornithology, log on to <http://birds.cornell.edu>.

(Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.)

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 26
(River Rouge Tournament)
Redford CC vs. Harper Wds., 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27
Canton vs. Det. N'western at U-D Jesuit, 12:40 p.m.
Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Wayne vs. Murray-Wright at Detroit's Cobo Arena, 8 p.m.
(Holly Tournament)
N.D. Prep vs. TBA 5 p.m.
Farmington vs. Holly, 7 p.m.
(Grosse Ile Tournament)
Salem vs. Southgate, 6:30 p.m.
Grosse Ile vs. Allen Park, 8 p.m.
(Madison Hts. Madison Tourney)
Petersburg vs.
Lenawee Christian, 6 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Madison, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28
Holly Tournament, 5 & 7 p.m.
M.H. Madison Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
Grosse Ile Tourney, 6:30 & 8 p.m.
Bish. Gallagher at Borgess, 7 p.m.
(U-D Jesuit Roundball Classic)
N. Farm. vs. A.A. Pioneer, noon.
(Trav. City St. Francis Tourney)
Harrison vs. Elk Ridge, 8 p.m.
T.C. St. Francis vs. Suttons Bay, 8 p.m.
(Warrior Classic at Toledo Emmanuel)
Agape vs. Delaware Christian, 5:15 p.m.
Emmanuel vs. Maumee Valley, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Roundball Classic, 1:45 & 3:30 p.m.
Traverse City St. Francis Tournament, 6 & 8 p.m.
Warrior Christmas Classic at Toledo Emmanuel, 5 & 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30
U-D Jesuit Roundball Classic, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 29
(Schoolcraft Tournament)
Kirtland vs. Wilber Wright (Ill.), 5 p.m.
S'craft vs. John Brown (Ont.), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30
Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 28
S'craft at Panama Beach (Fla.), TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 29
S'craft at Panama Beach (Fla.), TBA.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Dec. 27
W. Bloomfield Tourney, 9 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.
Portage Northern Inv., TBA.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Dec. 29
Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.
Trenton Dual Tourney, 9 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 27
Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28
Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29
Whalers vs. Guelph Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

Sweet Holiday Smiles to warm our holiday hearts...

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Alyssa • 12-10-01
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Zachary Tyler Willey
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SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 125 DEARBORN 61
Thursday at Salem
200-yard medley relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Matt Showalter, Ben Dziabo, Mike Johnson), 1:43.64.
200 freestyle: Nick Dixon (PS), 1:53.84.
200 individual medley: Lynn (PS), 2:04.23.
50 freestyle: 1. Johnson (PS), 23.36; 2. Matt Vivian (PS), 24.51.
Diving: 1. Andrew Murovski (PS), 135.15 points; 2. Nic England (PS), 134.85; 3. Brad Soklowski (PS), 121.65.
100 butterfly: 1. Dziabo (PS), 54.59 (state cut); 2. Mike Horgan (PS), 1:00.75; 3. Jeff Nevi (PS), 1:02.96.
100 freestyle: Johnson (PS), 54.33.
500 freestyle: 1. Dziabo (PS), 5:00.78; 2. Dixon (PS), 5:07.15.
200 freestyle relay: Dearborn (Leach, Stiepet, Green, Copper), 1:38.46.
100 backstroke: 1. Lynn (PS), 54.39 (state cut); 2. Ben Mellis (PS), 1:04.77; 3. Nick Yee (PS), 1:04.79.
100 breaststroke: Showalter (PS), 1:08.69.
400 freestyle relay: Salem (Johnson, Dixon, Lynn, Dziabo), 3:27.71.
Dual-meet record: Salem, 2-0; **Next meet:** Novi at Salem, Jan. 3.

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Brodie said. "We rotated a lot of players and I'm happy with our defense. Both teams played straight up, in-your-face man-to-man. We did a good job taking care of the ball."

On offense, Hoskins poured in 22 points to lead Salem. Pat Abraham added 13. Jeff Logwood led Wayne with 18 points. Clifton Edwards contributed eight.

Salem was 5-of-10 from the free throw line, while Wayne was 5-for-6.

Salem 55, G.P. South 41: On Friday (Dec. 14), Plymouth Salem started in front and stayed there all the way in defeating Grosse Pointe South at South.

Pat Abraham poured in 22 points to pace the Rocks. Dave Hoskins added 14, as Salem earned its first victory of the season.

CC 66, A.A. Huron 53: After winning its first two games on the road, Redford Catholic Central's basketball team returned Friday to the friendly confines of Breakfast Drive.

And the Shamrocks didn't disappoint the home fans as they disposed of Ann Arbor Huron,

66-53. CC is 3-0 overall, while Huron dropped to 3-2.

It was not an artistic victory for the Shamrocks, who won despite shooting 33.8 percent from the floor (23-of-68) and committing 17 turnovers.

Senior guard Ryan Wroblewski led a balanced CC scoring attack with 17 points, including three treys. Senior forward Jeff Niemiec added 12.

Ryan Clark contributed nine points and 11 rebounds, while 6-9 sophomore Dan Waterstradt came off the bench to score eight.

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But Meagrow was hardly the only factor in the Chiefs' dominance. Although they committed 14 turnovers in the half, they forced 17 by the Bulldogs. In the game, Brighton turned it over 30 times; Canton had 23.

The Bulldogs only true run at the lead came midway through the third quarter, and it came courtesy of Kyle Green. With the help of four Canton turnovers in a two-minute span, Green drove through the Chiefs' defense to score three consecutive baskets, narrowing the deficit to 37-30 with 1:57 remaining.

But Canton quickly closed that door, forcing three turnovers in

the last 100 seconds that led to three buckets and a 43-30 lead entering the final quarter.

The Bulldogs packed it up after that. Two deuces by Meagrow and a triple by Jason Priebe pushed Canton's lead to 50-30 with 6:28 left. In that time, all Brighton had to show for its efforts was five turnovers.

"We never took dominant control like I wanted us to," said Rheault, unhappy with the number of turnovers his team committed. "We've got to take care of the ball better. But our shooting was excellent."

Indeed it was. Meagrow finished with 23 points and 10

rebounds, and Priebe had 13 points and eight boards. Kyle Lasko totaled eight points and eight boards.

Brighton got 12 points apiece from Green and Kyle Miller. The Bulldogs were 20-of-54 from the floor (37 percent) and 2-of-9 (22.2 percent) from the line.

The Chiefs converted 24-of-58 shots from the field (41.4 percent) and 9-of-17 at the line (52.9 percent). They also had five three-pointers to Brighton's two.

With a heavy advantage for Canton on the boards as well, it all added to this: Brighton needed its big gun to hope to change the complexion of this game.

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Balance beam: 1. Bartlett (PS), 9.2; 2. Drake (PS), 9.1; 3. Ashley Aquinto (PS), 8.95; 4. April Aquinto (PS), 8.9; 5. Audra Ahern (PC), 8.8.
Floor exercise: 1. Drake (PS), 9.2; 2. April Aquinto (PS), 9.05; 3. Ashley Aquinto (PS), 9.0; 4. Bartlett (PS), 8.9; 5. Ahern (PC), 8.6.
All-around: 1. Bartlett (PS), 36.7; 2. Drake (PS), 35.55; 3. Ashley Aquinto (PS), 35.4; 4. April Aquinto (PS), 34.8; 5. JQ Williams (PC), 34.15.
Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 overall; Canton, 0-2 overall.

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lineup mainly at defensive positions. The fourth player who graduated from last season's squad, however, will be more difficult to replace: Jill Dombrowski, a 5-foot-10 setter who started last fall for the University of Albany. "Our main loss, by far, was Jill," said Teeters. The others who graduated were Rolaine Llaines (who's playing at Wayne State), Amber Williams and Dana Niemi. Don't worry about Salem, though. There's plenty returning for the Rocks to make another run at the WLAA title, and maybe a district and regional crown. It starts with four returning

starters: senior co-captains MaryLou Liebau, a 5-10 middle hitter who was all-Lakes Division, and Katie Good, a 5-6 outside hitter who was all-WLAA and led the Rocks in kills at 4.5 per game last season, senior Kelly Jaskot, a 5-7 outside hitter who was all-Lakes, and sophomore Jordan Falcuson, a 5-4 setter. Those four will give Teeters a solid foundation to build around. One player he figures will be in the starting lineup is junior Amanda Bradley, a 5-11 middle/outside hitter. Others vying for positions are senior Maggie Jones; juniors Tiffany Erickson, Maggie Tudor, Macy Lepper, Sue Woodward

and Nicole Genrich; and sophomores Caitlin Eply and Christian O'Bierne (who is recovering from a foot injury). "Our strengths will be our serving and I think we're capable of attacking the ball well," said Teeters. "I'm feeling pretty good about us defensively, but our receiving is a question mark. Passing and setting will be key areas for us." Falcuson, who was a right-side hitter and the second setter last season, will replace Dombrowski at setter this season. Although Falcuson can handle the setting, she won't "give us the blocking Jill could." Which means Jaskot may be called upon to handle that, as well as some setting. "Her athletic ability, poise and control make her a natural," said Teeters. What the Rocks lack is apparent: size. Last season, Dombrowski was their biggest player. "We're going to depend on our speed and serving to counteract our lack of height," said Teeters. To that end, Teeters and his assistant coach, Dale Hartzell, have been working to improve and diversify the team's serves:

Jaskot, who has developed a solid spin serve, Falcuson, who has a good jump serve, and Good, whose deep floater Teeters called a "cannonball." "We're working on all those to see how they work in game situations," said Teeters. "Teams that are bigger than us are going to have to compensate." Those teams who figure to challenge Salem for the WLAA crown are Livonia Churchill, which the Rocks beat in the league finals last season, and Walled Lake Central. "We have a slight advantage because we play both of them at home," said Teeters. "But the key is beating those two. We won't have the advantage of others in the league beating them. This year the distance between the top three and the rest is greater." Which makes those dates — particularly the meetings with Churchill, which Salem will have to get past in the state district tournament as well — very special.

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"I don't believe in rebuilding years," said Anderson, "but this is a retooling year. We're not tearing everything down." Still, it will be a mostly new lineup for the Chiefs. Among those who have experience are seniors Courtney Jarman, a 5-foot-10 middle hitter and co-captain; Stephanie Johnson, a 5-6 outside hitter; Michelle Ly, a 5-3 defensive specialist; and Jennie Crudele, a 5-7 outside hitter who transferred to Canton from Texas.

"My seniors will have their work cut out for them," said Anderson, meaning they'll get plenty of competition for playing time from the underclassmen. Juniors Colleen O'Brien, a 5-5 opposite (or second setter); Cindy Rotramel, a 5-9 outside hitter; Kristen Lake, a 5-10 middle hitter; and Jessica Templeton, a 5-10 middle hitter, all should be heavy contributors for the Chiefs. So could sophomores Kristen Lillie, a 5-7 setter; Kara Jones, a 5-6 outside hitter; Kelly Baker, a 5-10 middle hitter; and Eliza, both Alexander, a 5-3 defensive specialist. Both Jones and Alexander have "huge vertical jumps," Anderson said. What they don't have, according to Anderson, are too many varsity veterans. "Inexperience," he said when asked what Canton's biggest problem will be. "Right now, we have some trouble with ball control. "If we get a good pass and set, we'll take care of it. We can hit." Another team strength is its intelligence. "They could be all-state academic again," said Anderson. "They learn real quick. They know what they're supposed to do, it's applying it without thinking about it." Once they start reacting without thinking about it first, the Chiefs will make a big jump in their playing level. When that will come, Anderson can only guess. "I'm hoping we'll play well enough to finish in the top half of the league," he said. "That's what I'm hoping. "In the short term, they've got a lot to learn. In the long term, I'm hoping they can develop well enough to maybe upset a few teams late in the season." And what will that translate to in terms of wins and losses? Anderson figures defending WLAA champ Plymouth Salem, along with Churchill and Walled Lake Central, will be at the top of the conference. "I'd like to be .500," Anderson answered. "Anything above that will be great." So this could be a great team — if not this season, then down the road.

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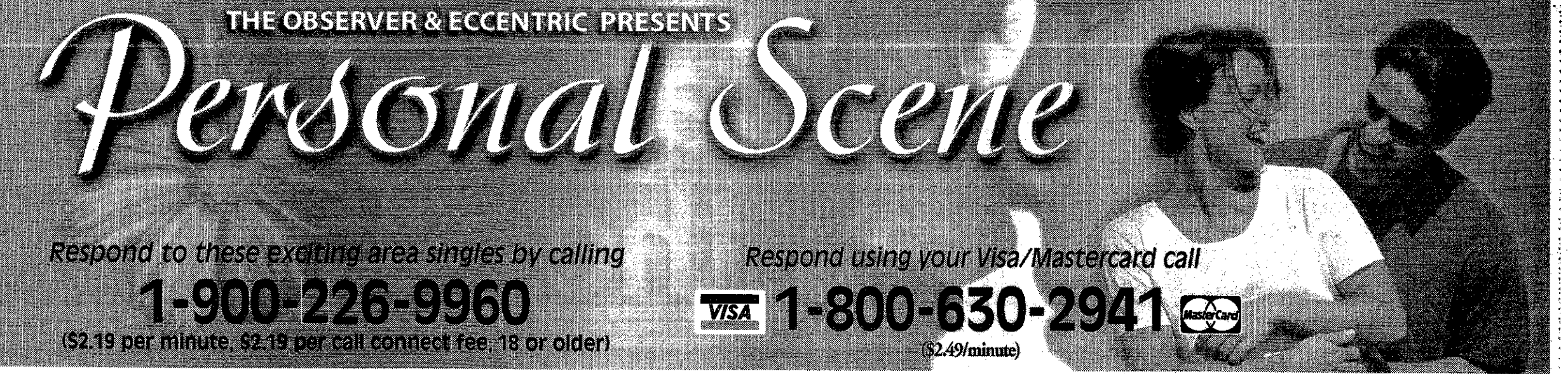
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Opener a split decision

Canton opened its season Dec. 15 at the Allen Park Invitational, reaching the tournament semifinals before being ousted. The Chiefs opened pool play with a straight-set victory over Melvindale. They followed that with a loss to Harper Woods Regina, then split with both Allen Park and Lutheran Westland. In the tournament semifinals, they fell to Wyandotte Roosevelt 15-12, 15-12. "We played horrible," said Anderson. "We'd play really good, then really bad. We'd just go brain-dead." Anderson added perhaps Canton's best match was in the semis against Wyandotte. "I have no problem with that (loss)," he said. "They're a good team." Canton is now idle until Jan. 5, when it plays at the Walled Lake Central Tournament. They return home to host Livonia Churchill Jan. 7.



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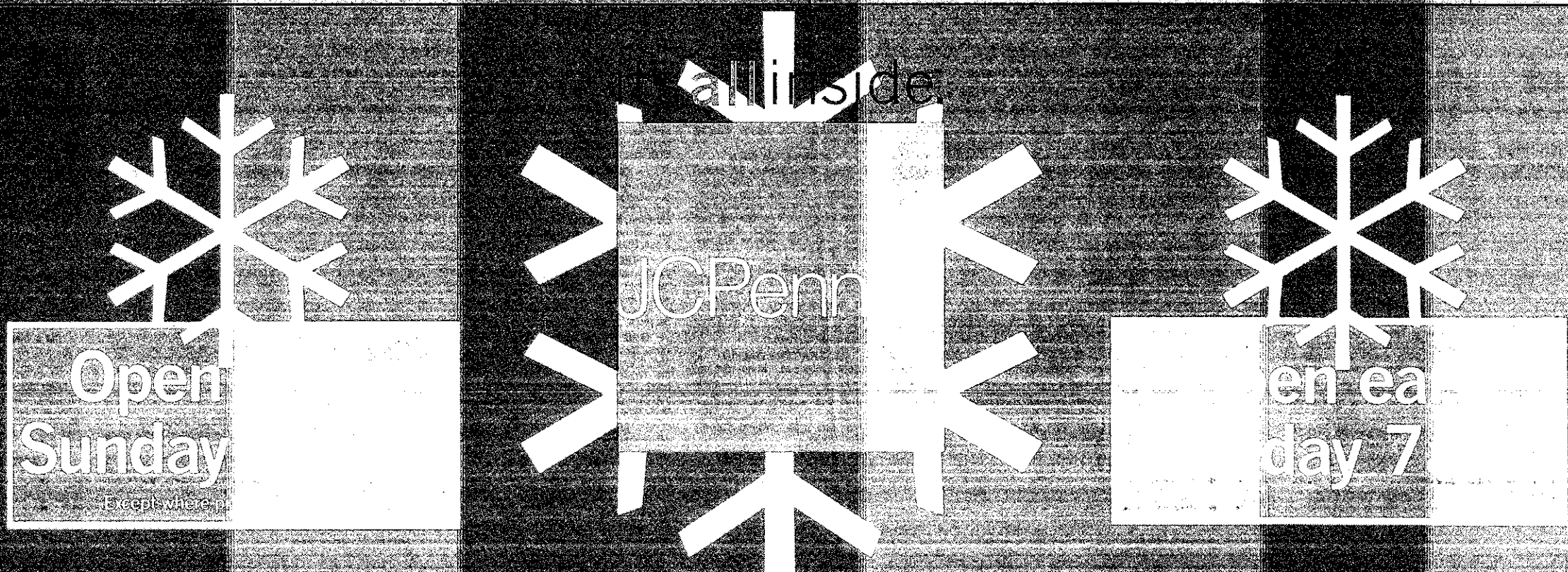
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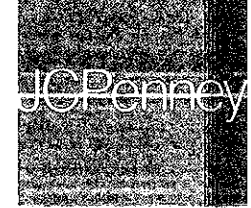
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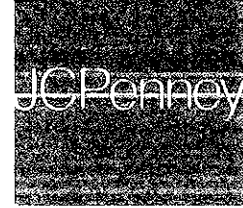
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The Beer Diet as a New Year's Resolution? It could happen!

I'm sure you've heard the rumor before ... the one that gives beer the unjustified reputation of being a high caloric beverage. Most people actually believe this to be true and will stay away from beer (known to me as the "Nectar of the Gods") while watching their weight, but yet, will still consume wine and hard liquor because of their "it's only a couple of ounces" mentality. You'd be surprised how many calories other alcoholic beverages contain per ounce.



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Let's take a look at the calorie content per ounce of some of your favorite libations:

- 1 oz champagne25 Calories
- 1 oz vodka.....65 Calories
- 1 oz Drambuie.....110 Calories..
- 1 oz red wine.....25 Calories
- 1 oz wine cooler.....20 Calories
- 1 oz bourbon.....105 Calories
- 1 oz Pina Colada52 Calories
- 1 oz light beer8 Calories
- 1 oz regular beer13 Calories

Once for ounce, beer measures up extremely well in the calorie counting plans of holiday dieters. Actually, most of these beverages are not necessarily terrible for you - in terms of calories or otherwise - in moderation. Upon further investigation into the food side of things, I discovered what actually is bad for you. Check out the calorie counts for the following fast food and snack items. I was quite surprised at what I found (and, of course, I eat most of these):

- 1 oz regular beer13 Calories
- 1 oz Baby Ruth bar135 Calories
- 1 oz Fritos155 Calories
- 1 oz potato chips160 Calories
- 1 portion chili448 Calories
- 1 Dairy Queen banana split540 Calories
- 1 Big Mac541 Calories
- 1 Whopper650 Calories
- 1 handful mixed nuts170 Calories

After looking at the figures for these foods - and nobody consumes just one ounce of them - it seems that overeating, of course, probably is the key to weight gain over the holiday season, NOT alcohol consumption. I have yet to find a problem with overeating and alcohol consumption, other than it causes my knees to hurt, my pants to not fit and often I don't remember my home telephone number. I do plan to spend this holiday season pairing great beer with festive holiday foods and have a good time. Maybe my New Year's resolution should be to invent the beer diet. Life is too short to not enjoy the things we love in moderation.

As always, never trust a skinny Brewmaster.

Dean Jones is Brewmaster at the Big Rock Chop House, located at 245 S. Eton in Birmingham.

Try these dips with some chips

MUSHROOM PATÉ

- 10 oz mushrooms, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. tamari
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp ground thyme
- dash black pepper

Heat oil in heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic, and sauté until onion begins to soften (be careful not to burn the garlic). Stir in the mushrooms, lower heat, and cook for about five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add all seasonings and stir to blend. Reduce heat and simmer for about ten more minutes. Remove from heat and adjust seasonings if necessary. Allow to cool a bit, then purée in a food processor or blender. Chill in a covered container until ready to serve. (Also freezes well.)

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Politically correct: ... And delicious! This colorful Asian stir-fry dish was created by Inn Season Cafe's George Vutetakis and is relatively simple to make and can accommodate nearly any diet.

The Universal Meal

A politically correct meal to suit every diet and lifestyle this New Year's

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You're having a New Year's dinner and your niece, a vegetarian, is bringing a Hindu friend who is not only vegetarian but also avoids dairy.

Your aunt is diabetic and her husband is following a high-protein, low-carb diet. You and your parents planned on cooking a traditional dinner for your Orthodox Jewish family - but the vast lifestyles and diet restrictions of family and friends spurs a change.

And, you don't have time to make four different meals to suit everyone.

Imagine the dilemma of serving United Nations officials - so many religions and so many diets. On a smaller scale, that's what many American families deal with - a mini-melting pot at the holiday dinner table.

So, is there a great dish that can everyone can eat?

Well, yes.

The answer: tofu stir fry.

We asked this question of Chef George Vutetakis of the fantastically accommodating Inn Season restaurant on Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Creating interesting meals for all - including people with diet "restrictions" - is a specialty of Vutetakis. We asked him for an easy, delicious tofu stir-fry recipe - and as usual Vutetakis gave us an incredible one. Cooking for people (with a variety

of diets can be fun and will add depth to the cook's repertoire, he said. "Most old world cultures have vegetarian options in their cuisine. In cultures where the vegetarian diet is prevalent, most food is served in courses or in combinations that include a number of dishes. Each dish adds a nutritional and pleasing aspect to the meal."

But not everyone has time to create a variety of dishes. And, Vutetakis understands that problem.

"Today, I would prepare one interesting dish and accompany it with some condiments or simple steamed or roasted vegetables. Taste, texture, color and presentation are important considerations. Foremost on my list, though, is how the food digests. Thus, I use time-tested traditional combinations and methods of cooking."

Heaven forbid a guest of the previous evening remembers your time together with a dose of indigestion, he said.

The Inn Season staff is capable of accommodating people with food allergies - in fact allergy-related issues represent nearly 30 percent of their clientele's special diet requests.

The Asian Stirfry dish is safe for just about every diet. Vutetakis said if a dinner guest is sensitive to alcohol, just skip the mirin. If garlic, onions or mushrooms is a problem replace it with bok choy or daikon radish.

And if they have a wheat allergy, use rice vermicelli and make sure the

tamari (soy sauce) is wheat-free, he recommends.

Tofu Tips

Tofu is based from soy and firm tofu can be mashed and enhanced with garlic, lemon juice and basil to mimic Ricotta cheese. Blended soft tofu, enhanced with nutmeg and sugar, can be used to replace eggs in eggnog.

And, it can be sliced into thick chunks as the main protein source in a stirfry. For stirfries, buy extra firm tofu - and for a great result, remove from the package, cover it in a plastic container and freeze it for 24 to 48 hours. The day it will be used, let it thaw naturally throughout the day and gently press down on the blocked tofu to remove excess water. Freezing tofu reduces the "rubbery" texture that some people complain about.

With or without freezing, here is Chef Vutetakis' creation.

ASIAN STIRFRY

- 1 - 8 oz block of firm tofu, sliced in 3/8" thick triangles
- 1 Tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp. tamari
- 8 oz package Japanese udon noodles, soba noodles or somen noodles.
- 3 carrots, peeled and julienned
- 1 sweet red pepper, sliced in thin spears
- 2 scallions, sliced at a thin angle cut
- 1 c pea pods or sugar snap peas,

- strings removed
- 2 c broccoli flowerettes, cut small to cook evenly with other vegetables
- 6 button mushrooms quartered
- 1 tsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (*optional)
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh ginger root

- 1 Tbsp. tamari sauce
- 1 cup mirin (* Japanese sweet rice wine)
- 1. Sauté the tofu with the tablespoon of sesame oil at medium heat in a well seasoned sauté pan or a non-stick pan. Lightly brown on each side. Add tamari and simmer for one minute. Set aside.

- 2. In a 2 quart sauce pan, bring 1 quart water to a boil. Add noodles, boil 5 to 7 minutes (read cooking instructions), drain and set aside.

- 3. Heat a small wok at medium high. Add sesame oil, garlic, ginger, crushed red pepper, then vegetables and tofu. Stir for 1 minute to incorporate garlic and ginger. Add tamari and mirin. Stir and sauté until vegetables are cooked but still retain a slight crunch. Quickly rinse noodles to loosen them, drain and add to stir fry. Serve immediately.

(Toasted sesame oil, mirin, tamari, udon noodles, soba noodles and somen noodles are available at most health food stores.)

Gypsy stew: A childhood favorite grows up

Gypsy Stew is a one-pot supper I learned to make when I was a Brownie Scout. Our troop boiled it up in a big pot suspended over an open fire on our first overnight camping trip. Back home, I proudly prepared it as my first complete meal. (My mother was a troop leader, so my father didn't dare act less than thrilled.)

The foolproof recipe for this slurpy dish required one pot, a long-handled spoon and a can opener. A pound or more of ground meat went into the pot, followed by cans of condensed tomato soup, corn kernels, murky-green beans and beige-white, rubbery, peeled potatoes. Operating a can opener was the sole culinary skill required to produce this true classic of the 1950s: a vibrant, red-orange Sloppy Joe punctuated with the yellow, green and white of the vegetables. To truly appreciate this dish, remember it flourished in an era when oleo-margarine was sold as a white, semi-solid mass sealed in a plastic bag, to be tinted at home by kneading the embedded capsule of orange-colored oil into the fat until it turned a pale gold.

Gypsy stew was a comfort food for my college roommates, who would request it on rainy Sundays when we stayed in, our faces covered with a zit-reducing mask while we laboriously painted our toe-nails and

lounged in front of the television.

As I became a so-called gourmet cook - how I now hate that label - I sautéed freshly chopped onions and green pepper with the meat. The mushy canned potatoes went, and I switched to using frozen corn and green beans. Next, thanks to my maturing taste, I replaced the canned tomato soup with cleaner-tasting canned tomatoes. This improved Gypsy Stew was served over rice.

Now, I use lean ground turkey instead of beef and add a can of beans, so that a mere half-pound of meat makes enough hearty stew to feed four generously.

GYPSEY STEW

- 8 oz lean ground turkey breast or beef
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup corn kernels, frozen or canned
- 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (or 3, as desired) cups cooked brown rice
- 1 can (15 oz) diced tomatoes, drained

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup firmly packed cilantro leaves, chopped

Coat a large, non-stick skillet with cooking spray and set it over medium-high heat. Cook meat until browned, breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Transfer meat to a bowl, and set aside.

Wipe out pan. Heat oil in pan over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, garlic and pepper until onion is translucent, 4 minutes. Add corn, beans, rice and tomatoes. Return meat to pan. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is heated through. Mix in cilantro and serve.

Makes 4 servings. This stew is even better made a day ahead, then reheated. If planning to make it ahead, wait and add the rice when reheating it. This keeps the rice from getting hard.

Per serving: 367 calories, 6 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 54 g. carbohydrate, 24 g. protein, 12 g. dietary fiber, 399 mg. sodium.

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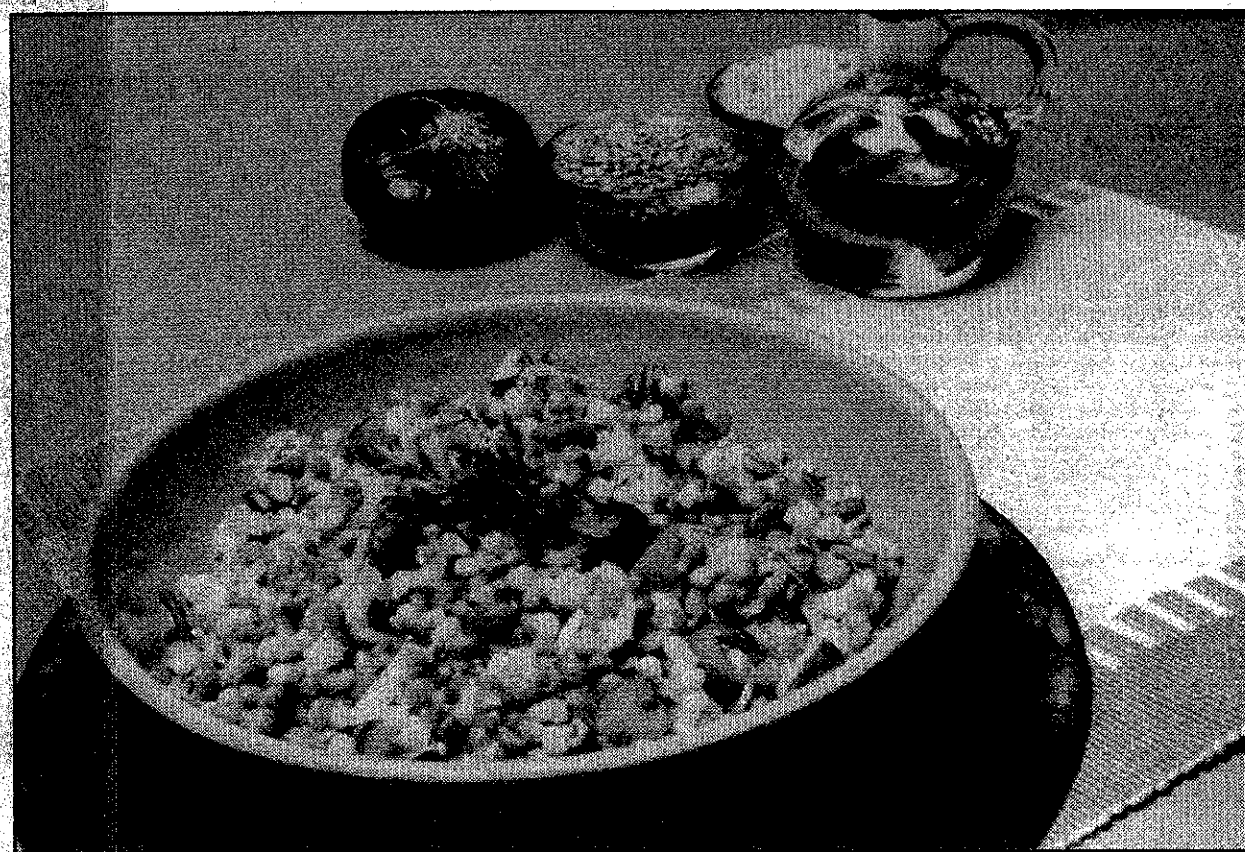
Lentils don't have to be the mush you remember being served in high school lunches. When cooked right, lentils are chewy yet tender, with the kind of feel and flavor we expect from comfort foods. So banish any unpleasant memories and take advantage of this highly versatile food.

Anyone who cooks with lentils appreciates their many benefits. For starters, lentils cook quickly because, unlike dried beans, they don't require soaking. They are also highly flexible in the way they can be used, from salads, dips and soups, to stews and toppings for whole grains like rice or couscous.

Health experts love lentils because they are rich in vitamins, minerals and the phytochemicals that help protect your body from cancer and other chronic diseases. Popular in many parts of Europe, India and the Middle East, this fiber-packed legume has long been used to inexpensively extend dishes with hearty bulk. But leave it to the French to raise lentils to a high culinary level - their small, green variety is considered a delicacy in France.

Many types of lentils are grown throughout the world. Brown lentils are the ones most commonly seen in American supermarkets, although red and yellow lentils can also be found, especially in specialty markets. Stored airtight at room temperature, they will keep up to a year.

Cooking them couldn't be simpler. First pick through them to remove debris and any broken or discolored lentils. Rinse them under cold water and place them in a pan along with a bay leaf and enough water or broth to cover by one inch. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer 10 to 20



Crunchy: Crunchy lentil salad is healthy and tasty.

minutes, adding more liquid as necessary, until they are just tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

For a hot entrée, combine cooked lentils with a variety of chopped cooked vegetables and serve over cooked bulgur or rice. Or try this lentil salad, which will delight you with its style and pizzazz.

CRUNCHY LENTIL SALAD

- 1 cup dried green or brown lentils, sorted, rinsed and drained
- 2 1/2 cups reduced-sodium, low-fat chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cups corn kernels
- 1 cup chopped celery

- 1 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh marjoram
- 1 teaspoon dried grated orange zest
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place lentils and broth in medium pan. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook for 25 to 30 minutes or until tender.

Drain in colander. Transfer to large bowl. Mix in corn, celery, parsley and onion. Let cool.

Meanwhile, in small bowl whisk together vinegar, oil, marjoram and zest.

When lentil mixture is at room temperature, drizzle dressing over top and toss lightly to mix in. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Serve warm or at room temperature. Store in refrigerator, tightly covered.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 230 calories, 6 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 37 g. carbohydrate, 12 g. protein, 12 g. dietary fiber, 279 mg. sodium.

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What to do with holiday leftovers

That bountiful holiday feast doesn't have to be just a memory the moment it's eaten.

As part of its Salute To American Cuisine, Cutco Cutlery has quick and simple solutions for converting leftovers of roast turkey and all its trimmings into new tasty treats that can enhance meals throughout the long holiday weekend.

Cutco Cutlery recommends the following to re-warm your holiday memories:

- Use leftover stuffing and shredded turkey to make "stuffing patties." Stir in one beaten egg, shape into patties and fry on both sides in a bit of vegetable oil. Serve with turkey gravy.
- Try a turkey-vegetable stir-fry seasoned with soy sauce and chili oil.
- For a southwestern flair, toss leftover shredded turkey with taco sauce to moisten. Fill taco shells, sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese and heat.

- You don't have to go to the deli to get a mouthwatering Turkey Reuben. Simply place leftover sliced turkey, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Russian dressing between slices of rye bread. Grill, turning once until cheese melts.
- Turkey can often substitute for chicken or other poultry in several recipes. Use your leftover turkey wisely in dishes such as Caesar salad, hash, fajitas and chicken a la king.
- Leftover turkey carcasses are perfect for making comforting soups. Place turkey carcass in a large pot and cover with water. Add two stalks of sliced celery, two sliced carrots and one chopped onion. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for at least two hours or until meat falls off the bones. Remove bones and cartilage and chop remaining turkey meat. Add salt and pepper to taste and add cooked rice or noodles to complete the soup.

- When planning your holiday shopping spree make simple turkey sandwiches for nutritious on-the-go treats.

'GOBBLING' GOOD TURKEY SALAD

- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 cups cooked, diced turkey
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped

In medium bowl whisk vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper together. Slowly whisk in olive oil. Add diced turkey and celery; toss to mix well. Serve turkey salad on your favorite bread for sandwiches, serve over salad greens or fill avocado or tomato halves.

Northwest Turkey Salad: Prepare turkey salad as above. Stir in one large red apple, cored and finely chopped, 1/4 cup finely diced red onion, 1/4 cup slivered toasted almonds, chopped, and 1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley. Serve over green leaf lettuce.

Florida Keys Turkey Salad: Prepare turkey salad as above. Stir in one large navel orange, peeled and coarsely chopped, two scallions, chopped, and 2 teaspoons grated orange peel. Serve salad over watercress.

New England Turkey Salad: Prepare turkey salad as above. Stir in 1/2 cup cranberry relish (or leftover cranberry sauce), 1/2 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped, and 1/4 cup raisins, optional.

Yield: four servings.

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By the book

Author gives butterscotch lovers equal time

Diana Dalsass, author of cookbooks devoted to her passion for chocolate, encountered so many people asking for equal rights for butterscotch recipes, she created a book just for them.

With more than 60 easy-to-prepare recipes for everything from butterscotch cookies and cakes to pies and puddings, *The Butterscotch Lover's Cookbook* (\$17.95, Buttercup Press) is available at bookstores, online and from <http://www.butterscotchlovers.com>.

In developing these recipes, Dalsass did all her own testing but left the eating to her husband and daughter. "My cravings for chocolate never diminished while I was working on this book," said Dalsass. "But I found that about 25 percent of people I meet are as passionate about butterscotch as I am about chocolate; and this book

is for them."

For those who love homemade cookies, the book offers a variety of tempting recipes -- from Butterscotch-Pecan Tassies (like miniature pecan pies) and Slice-and-Bake Butterscotch Cookies to the immensely popular Oatmeal Scotchies and Classic Blondies.

Candies for gift-giving range from Butterscotch Fudge and Brandied Butterscotch Truffles to recipes simple enough for a child to prepare, like Easy Butterscotch Marshmallow Fudge, Mock Pralines and Butterscotch Rice Krispie Squares.

For special holidays, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, try Dalsass' Apple-Cranberry-Pecan Pie, with ground butterscotch candy in the crust and a topping of crunchy oats and tasty butterscotch morsels. And for brunch at any time of the year, Butterscotch-Pecan

Coffeecake makes the ideal offering.

The Butterscotch Lover's Cookbook contains color photos throughout, making it a perfect gift for anyone who craves this flavor. An element of the book that's particularly useful is the "Mail Order Treats Source Guide," which includes the names, phone numbers, addresses and web sites of companies making butterscotch desserts and snacks that are normally found only in gourmet shops.

Dalsass' Recipe for Easy Butterscotch Fudge
(From *The Butterscotch Lover's Cookbook*)

- 1 1-pound box dark brown sugar
- 1 5-ounce can evaporated milk
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1-1/4 cups marshmallow fluff
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 11-ounce package butterscotch morsels

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup pecans, optional

1. Place the brown sugar, milk, butter, marshmallow fluff and salt in a large, heavy saucepan. Cook over a low heat, stirring, until the butter melts. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook, stirring, until the mixture comes to a full boil. Lower the heat so the mixture remains at a gentle boil, and boil, stirring, for 5 minutes.

2. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the butterscotch morsels. Continue stirring until melted. Stir in the vanilla and optional pecans. Pour the fudge into a greased 9-inch square pan and let cool. When firm and cool, cut into squares.

Yield: About 2-1/2 pounds

Avoiding food poisoning during the holidays

Contaminated or unclean food can be very dangerous, especially to children and the elderly. Each year foodborne illnesses kill nearly 9,000 people. They also cause fever, stomach cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea in almost 80 million Americans, or about one in three.

"Food poisoning can be caused by several different bacteria, such as salmonella or botulism," said Leigh Vinocur, M.D., of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Food poisoning symptoms usually begin two hours to two days after eating the tainted food. The symptoms are similar to those of the flu and should be treated the same. They include headache, nausea, diarrhea and/or vomiting. However, fever is more likely to occur with the flu.

To prevent dehydration, it's important to begin sipping water or diluted juice as soon as active vomiting has decreased, said Dr. Vinocur. He advises to be aware, adults can handle dehydration much better than small children.

If symptoms continue for more than 24 hours or if you are unable to tolerate any fluids, contact your primary care doctor or visit the emergency department, advised Dr. Vinocur.

To help prevent food poisoning, always follow recommended precautions for food handling and preparation. Check dates on food labels, refrigerate raw foods and leftovers promptly, and thoroughly wash hands and utensils immediately after handling raw foods.

ACEP suggests the following precautions to prevent contaminating food.

- Properly Store Your Food
- Store eggs, raw meat, poultry, and seafood in the refrigerator.
- Use containers to prevent contamination from other foods or kitchen surfaces.
- Your refrigerator should be set at 40°.
- Your freezer should be set at 0°.
- Regularly clean and disinfect the refrigerator and freezer.
- Preparing and Cooking

Food Precautions

- Wash your hands and clean and disinfect kitchen surfaces before, during and after handling, cooking, and serving food.
- Wash raw fruits and vegetables before eating them.
- Defrost frozen food on a plate either in the refrigerator or in a microwave, but not on the counter.
- Cook food immediately after defrosting.
- Use different dishes and utensils for raw foods than you use for cooked foods.

Tips for Storing Leftovers

- Because harmful bacteria grow at room temperature, keep hot food hot at 140° or higher, and keep cold food cold at 40° or cooler. This is especially important during picnics and buffets.
 - Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.
 - Promptly refrigerate or freeze leftovers in shallow containers or wrapped tightly in bags.
- For more information on preventing emergencies, visit ACEP online at ACEP.org.

Try food basket for gift

A hearty meal from Little Italy in Northville has replaced the typical food basket as a fun idea to indulge in.

This year, the remarkable Little Italy Restaurant is offering special holiday baskets filled with fine Italian products and wines — a gourmet Italian dinner in a basket. Prices begin at \$69 starting with a non-alcoholic creation named *Buon Amici* containing items from imported

pasta to Genoa pesto and much more.

The Paesano, \$85, includes everything from the *Buon Amici* plus a choice of red or white wine. *The Padrone*, \$99, includes both wines and all of the above. And the *Tony Soprano*, \$265, includes all the above plus four different kinds of Terrabianca's olive oil.

For more information on the baskets call (248) 348-0575.

You'll appreciate cauliflower dish

BY DANA JACOBI
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Winter in Paris, relentlessly grey and damp, is a Gallic version of London's drizzly misery. The winter I lived there, my favorite refuge was Le Flore on l'Isle, a tiny, dark cafe on the enchanting Isle St. Louis. I always ordered the same combination of cheery sunny-side up eggs and creamy, cozy choulouf au gratin, a particularly tasty version of cauliflower topped with oven-brown melted cheese.

Gratin and curry represent opposing ways to enjoy cauliflower. The first uses cream or milk and butter to enhance the vegetable's sweet, mild flavor. The second, healthier and more simply made, contains bold, spiced flavors that this cabbage-cousin easily soaks up.

Before making either, you have to deal with preparing the cauliflower. Starting fresh is ideal as frozen cauliflower is mushy and watery. Fresh

cauliflower is at its best now and through the winter. The milk-white head should be firm, free of discolorations or black spots, and wreathed in sturdy, green leaves.

To remove the leaves, turn the cauliflower over. Insert a medium-size knife vertically about one inch away from the stem and work it around in a circle. Repeat, this time angling the tip of the knife towards the stem. Lift out the stem. Using your hands, pull away any remaining leaves.

Much as I avoid using a microwave, it's a great way to prepare cauliflower. It radically reduces the odor that discourages many people from cooking cauliflower. In addition, this method gives the cauliflower good texture and retains more nutrients.

Place the entire, stemmed head upside down in a wide, shallow soup plate or pasta dish. Add water to a depth of one-half inch. Cover the cauliflower with

a moist paper towel. Microwave 10 minutes, rotating it three times if your oven does not have a turntable. When the cauliflower is cool enough to handle, pull it apart or cut it into florets.

For conventional cooking, use a deep pot with steamer insert and cook the whole head 10-12 minutes.

Curried Cauliflower with Chickpeas and Green Peas

- 1/4 cup canned "lite" coconut milk
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/3 cup low-fat milk
- 4 cups small cauliflower florets
- 1 can (15 oz.) chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 2 tsp. fresh lime juice
- Salt and freshly ground

- black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves for garnish, optional

In a large non-stick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon coconut milk over medium-high heat. When liquid starts to bubble, stir in onion and garlic. Sauté until onion is translucent, about 4 minutes. Stir in curry powder, cooking until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Pour in both milks. Add cauliflower and chickpeas. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender. Add green peas, cover and cook 4 minutes. Mix in lime juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 182 calories, 3 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 31 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 10 g. dietary fiber, 401 mg. sodium.

Cherries liven up holiday baking

Cherries are a delicious treat for the holidays, as you will discover with *Holiday Baking with Cherries*. Christmas Bread, made with maraschino cherries, is a great gift, and Ribbon of Cherry Cheesecake will wow holiday guests. There are other recipes for cookies, brownies,

breakfast rolls and, of course, cherry pie.

The full-color brochure has eight kitchen-tested recipes using cherries plus additional cherry gift ideas. The brochure is guaranteed to add sparkle to holiday menus and bring a smile to family and friends receiving

homemade gifts.

To receive a copy of *Holiday Baking with Cherries* free of charge, send a postcard with your name, address and ZIP code to: Cherry Marketing Institute, P.O. Box 30285, Dept. H, Lansing, MI 48909-7785

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BEAN DIP

- 1 12 oz. can butter beans
- 4 tablespoons tahini sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- salt and pepper

- 4 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- paprika to taste

Drain the butter beans. Purée the beans in a food processor or blender with the tahini, garlic, lemon juice and seasoning. With the motor running, gradually add the olive oil. Serve with raw vegetable sticks or crackers.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Flu shots

Oakwood Healthcare System has scheduled some special clinics over the holidays to make sure everyone who wants a flu shot can get one.

Oakwood has an ample supply of flu vaccine. The elderly and those with respiratory or immune system problems should be vaccinated, as should be healthy individuals who want to protect themselves. Influenza disease peaks in January or later, so a flu shot given in late December or early January can offer protection.

Flu shots will be available:

■ 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Thursday, Dec. 27, Medical Education Associates, 18181 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. For information, call (313) 593-5810.

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, Oakwood Out-Patient Pharmacy, Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center Dearborn (Atrium Lobby), 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. For information, call (313) 593-4200.

■ 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002 OHC Westland, 2001 S. Merriam, Westland, (734) 467-1000.

Oakwood will be providing flu shots through January. Check dates and times of future clinics by calling (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

Flu shots cost \$15 and are a covered Medicare benefit for Part B recipients.

Stroke research

Human umbilical cord blood cells may become a new source for treatment of stroke based on recent laboratory finding developed at Henry Ford Hospital. The results were published in a recent issue of *Stroke*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

In a study led by Michael Chopp, PhD., scientific director of the Henry Ford Neuroscience Institute, rats injected with umbilical cord blood cells 24 hours after the onset of stroke showed dramatic improvement in recovery two to three weeks later.

"Stem cells collected from umbilical cord blood are able to travel to the stroke-damaged area of the brain and act as a source to help restore the function lost by brain cells that died or were injured by the stroke," said Chopp.

Help for seniors

If you're an older adult who needs assistance around the house but can't hire full-time help, you can find a helping hand through Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"Helping Hands," a non-profit program managed by Beaumont's Department of Older Adult Services, provides companionship and personal assistance to independent-living and homebound senior citizens in the community.

Services provided by Helping Hands include assistance with bathing, shopping, meal preparation, light housekeeping and transportation.

Helping Hands workers do not provide medical care or replace maid service.

Helping Hands services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Minimum service provided is four hours per week for at least four weeks duration, and clients are billed on an hourly basis.

For more information, call (248) 551-0776 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Cut down on alcohol ...



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With the holiday party season in full swing, now is the time to assess your relationship with alcohol. Do you really know how much alcohol you consume on a weekly basis? Possibly 10, 20 drinks—or more?

Most people don't know their weekly consumption rate, according to Teresa Herzog Mourad, coordinator of the University of Michigan's DrinkWise, a program for non-alcoholics who want to reduce their drinking and lower their health risk.

"It's often difficult for a person to know just how much they drink," she said. "I teach people what is a drink. I meet people with a high degree of education and they have no idea how many drinks are in a bottle of wine."

For the record, a 750 ml. bottle of wine yields five 5-ounce glasses.

DrinkWise, which the U-M has offered since 1994, focuses on reducing alcohol intake in people with mild to moderate alcohol problems. Based on more than 20 years of Canadian research, it is currently offered only by the U-M and at locations in North Carolina and Ontario.

According to program statistics, DrinkWise has helped participants cut their alcohol intake by an average of 66 percent. Three-quarters of participants remain at or below the goal drinking levels nine months after completing the series of one-on-one and group counseling sessions.

DrinkWise is not a program for people who are severely dependent on alcohol.

"Those people deserve and warrant more attention. They have a stronger relationship with alcohol," said Herzog Mourad.

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For men, the absolute ceiling for moderate drinking is no more than 10 drinks a week, drinking no more than four days a week and never on consecutive days, say medical experts who deal with patients with alcohol problems. And moderate drinking means no more than three drinks on one occasion and never more than one drink per hour.

For women, except for limiting drinks to eight a week and no more than two on one occasion, the parameters are the same. For seniors 65 and older, moderate drinking is limited to one drink a

day.

DrinkWise clients, whose average age is 44, come into the program averaging 24 drinks a week for men and 19 drinks a week for women. The program's goal is threefold: Educate clients about the risks of heavy drinking, coach them on ways to cut back, and support them in their own decisions to abstain or moderate their drinking.

For example, participants may set a daily limit of two or three drinks, no more than four days a week. They may choose to space out their drinks and set a "window" of time during a party when they may drink. They may also start a diary of their drinking or get involved in leisure activities that don't create an environment for drinking alcohol.

While the majority of participants decide to limit their drinking, 38 percent choose abstinence, said Herzog Mourad.

"The discipline to drink moderately is too much work. It takes the fun out of drinking, so they stop."

The DrinkWise program starts with a one-hour assessment session with a counselor who is experi-

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Be a responsible host this holiday season

Monitoring alcohol consumption at a holiday party is an important part of the host's responsibility. Attitudes and laws have changed, and drinking and driving is now recognized as a serious crime. It is the host's responsibility to prevent any guests from drinking too much.

The following guidelines were designed to assist social hosts. They should allow for safe and successful entertainment.

■ Encouraging socializing by guests through planned activities can curb over-drinking by guests who are restless, shy, or have little

in common with you other guests. When choosing activities, pick those that allow guests to meet and mingle in a comfortable atmosphere.

■ One tactic to prevent excessive drinking is to serve plenty of good food. Foods high in carbohydrate content are recommended. These include pastas, cheese, meat, crackers and breads. Foods like this stay in the stomach longer, allowing the body to absorb the alcohol at a slower rate.

■ Caution is needed when selecting foods high in salt. These foods increase thirst and pose greater

risks for guests to over-consume. No matter what the menu consist of, there should always be a plentiful food supply that is available through the duration of the party.

■ Plenty of alcohol-free beverages should be available for guests who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages. People who should avoid alcohol include pregnant or breast-feeding women, persons on medication, and persons with known diseases that result in reactions when alcohol is consumed.

Being a responsible host means you must set the limits on drinking.

The amount of alcohol consumed and a person's weight and general health all contribute to the effect alcohol has on each person. Some guests will insist they can "hold their liquor" or that they haven't had "that much."

Here are some tips:

■ Make sure you have non-alcoholic beverages available.

■ Designate someone trustworthy to act as bartender or hire a professional bartender.

■ Do not let guests serve them-

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How to keep your home safe for the holidays

The following are some safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Tree Safety

■ Position your tree a good distance away from any heat sources like fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters.

■ Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

■ Check all tree lights—even if you've just purchased them—before hanging them on your tree. Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.

■ If you purchase an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled fire-resistant. If your artificial tree is metallic, don't put lights on it: they'll create a fire hazard.

Toy Safety

■ Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages. Toys that are too advanced could be a safety hazard for younger children.

■ Before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy that he has received as a gift, read the instructions carefully. If the toy is appropriate for your child, show him how to use it properly.

■ Be careful of holiday gift wrapping, like bags, paper, ribbons and bows. These items can pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child.

■ Children under age 4 can choke on small parts contained in toys or games and balls with a diameter of one and three-quarters of an inch or less.

■ Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.

■ Watch for pull toys with strings that are more

than 12 inches in length. They could be a strangulation hazard for babies.

Outdoor Fun

■ Make sure your child's gloves and shoes stay dry. If either becomes wet, change your child into a dry pair.

■ Sledding on or into the roadway should be prohibited. Look for shallow slopes that are free of obstacles such as trees and fences.

■ Cutting down your own tree for the holiday may start a wonderful family tradition. Young children can pick out the tree while an adult does the chopping.

Food Safety

■ Bacteria are often present in raw foods. Fully

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Instead of alcohol, try these mocktails from DrinkWise

If you think you have to have alcohol at a party to have fun, think again. "Mocktail" recipes, which use no alcohol, are delicious. Give these a try:

PARTY PUNCH

- 7 1/2 cups Cranberry Juice Cocktail
- 3 3/4 cups orange juice
- 22 1/2 ounces sugar-free lemon-lime pop
- Whole cranberries or orange/lemon/ lime slices

Combine cranberry and orange juice in a punch bowl. Pour carbonated beverage down the sides of the punch bowl. Float fruit slices on top.

DRY DOCK MARTINI

- 1/2 cup well-chilled black cherry soda
 - 2 teaspoons lime juice
 - 1/4 teaspoon bitters
- Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker. Add ice to glass, pour and serve.

MILD-EYED MARGARITA

- 1 cup bitter lemon or lime soda
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Juice of one lime
- Salt to taste
- Crushed ice

Pour soda in an ice cube tray and freeze. Place in blender; add lime juice and sugar. Blend. Rub lime juice around rim of glass and dip in salt. Serve over crushed ice.

WHITE SANGRIA PUNCH

- 4 cups white grape juice
- 1 cup pink grapefruit juice
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 bottle (750 ml) club soda

Slices of pink grapefruit for garnish
In large pitcher or punch bowl

combine grape, grapefruit and lime juices. Refrigerate. Just before serving add soda water and grapefruit slices.

CITRUS COLLINS

- 2 ounces orange juice
- 1 ounce lemon juice
- 1 ounce flavored syrup, such as Grenadine
- 6 ounces club soda
- Orange slice or cherry for garnish

Fill a 12-ounce glass with ice cubes. Pour orange and lemon juice over cubes. Add the syrup and then fill the rest of the glass with club soda. Garnish.

TOMATO JUICE MOCKTAIL

- 46 ounces canned tomato juice
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 6 limes juiced
- 8 dashes Tabasco sauce
- Lime slices for garnish

Mix all ingredients, except lime slices. Put mixture in a pitcher and float lime slices on top.

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cook meats and poultry, and thoroughly wash raw vegetables and fruits.

■ Be sure to keep hot liquids and foods away from the edges of counters and tables, where they can be easily knocked over by a young child's exploring hands.

■ Wash your hands frequently, and make sure your children do the same.

■ Never put a spoon used to taste food back into food without washing it.

■ Always keep raw foods and cooked foods separate, and use separate utensils when preparing them.

■ Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, never on the countertop.

■ Foods that require refrigeration should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours.

■ **Plugging lights directly into sockets and limiting the use of extension cords will cut down on the chances of a fire. If an electrical cord feels warm to the touch, it's probably working too hard and is a fire hazard.**

Warm, Bright and Safe

■ Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially outside each bedroom.

■ Use a sturdy fireplace screen to prevent sparks from igniting newspapers, carpeting, curtains and upholstery.

■ Only use the fireplace when you're home and awake. Extinguish the fire when you go out or at bedtime.

■ Plugging lights directly into sockets and limiting the use of extension cords will cut down on

the chances of a fire. If an electrical cord feels warm to the touch, it's probably working too hard and is a fire hazard.

Happy Visiting

■ Clean up immediately after a holiday party. A toddler could rise early and choke on leftover food or come in contact with alcohol or tobacco.

■ Remember that the homes you visit may not be child-proofed. Keep an eye out for danger spots.

■ Ask your neighbor if they

have a gun before sending your kids over to play. If the answer is yes, you need to make absolutely sure that all guns are stored unloaded and locked - ideally in a gun safe - with ammunition locked separately. Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house.

■ Keep a laminated list with all of the important phone numbers you or a baby-sitter are likely to need in case of an emergency. Include the police and fire department, your pediatrician and the poison control center.

Have a safe and happy Holiday!

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics.

Express yourself. Write a letter to the editor

Arthritis Today
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POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA
The last time this column discussed polymyalgia rheumatica was 1997. An update is in order.
The condition has not changed, nor is its treatment different. However, it is important that readers over age 60 should be aware that polymyalgia rheumatica exists as its onset can be frightening.
Polymyalgia comes on suddenly, often overnight. It causes extreme stiffness in the shoulders and thighs, and may cause swelling in the hands and feet. The effect is to make you immobile and destroy your independence. The abrupt change and its unexpected presence cause concern, anxiety, and depression almost as debilitating as the condition itself.
Too often, you wait to seek medical help beyond a reasonable time. You think your aching is a bad case of the flu, and therefore over time will go away. You may consider the problem a sign of aging, something you must accept as part of growing old. You keep thinking a few more aspirin will get you over this episode. Some days are not so bad, and you believe you are beginning to recover from whatever it was that caused the aching and stiffness. However, the condition continues into weeks, and a decent night's sleep is impossible.
Polymyalgia rheumatica will not go away on its own. You need treatment with a steroid, prednisone. Fortunately the dose required is low enough and the duration of taking the steroid sufficiently short, that the usual problems associated with steroid medication do not occur.
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enced in alcohol education and has a background in nursing, social work or health education. Those who decide to continue then jointly develop an action plan with their counselor. They can take part in either four one-hour private sessions, five two-hour group sessions, or four one-hour telephone sessions over a seven-to-10 week period.

DrinkWise also requires an initial two-week abstinence period "to eliminate tolerance and uncover the natural coping abilities," said Herzog Mourad. During this period, participants are required to document how they "feel" without alcohol.

Each participant is contacted at three and nine months after completing the program for a follow-up telephone session. The cost is \$495 and is not reimbursed by insurers.

Abuse vs. dependency

"The person who is abusing is a person whose drinking is causing them problems repeatedly. However, because they're drinking with problems or drinking and driving, they don't necessarily have the qualities of someone who is alcohol dependent," said Dr. Kirk Brower, executive director of the Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center in Ann Arbor.

A person who is alcohol dependent exhibits the following traits:

- Impaired control over the use of alcohol.

- Physiological tolerance, such as drinking increasing amounts of alcohol and not feeling the effects.

- Symptoms of withdrawal when they stop or cut down on drinking, such as tremor, headache, nausea, sweating, and rapid heartbeat. More complicated symptoms include seizures and hallucinations.

Brower advocates a 30-day abstinence period when assessing someone's alcohol problems. "If you can't go 30 days without a drink, the chances of succeeding in a program like DrinkWise are very low," he said.

Brower also questions whether curtailing drinking is the best solution for moderate drinkers.

"People who are severely alcohol dependent cannot be taught to moderately drink. People who are minimally dependent may benefit from DrinkWise. The argument comes with people who are moderately dependent. For them, abstinence is the preferred, the best way," he said.

Seeking help

Susan Arnold, a behavioral health therapist at Maplegrove Treatment Center in West Bloomfield, said alcohol prob-

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Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center*

lems are evenly divided between men and women. However, women don't seek help as readily as men.

"Usually it's shame. The family and the workplace protects the female alcoholic. I like to think it's happening less, but it's still happening."

In her practice, Arnold concentrates more on the consequences of drinking than the amount or frequency of consumption. When a person's drinking interferes with family dynamics, that's a sign of alcohol abuse, she said. Her assessment of patients includes questions of family confrontation - "Has anyone in your family confronted you about your drinking?"

A high tolerance for alcohol is an indicator of alcoholism, she added. "Those folks have an ability not to look impaired, but over time their bodies won't be able to tolerate alcohol."

Parties present a problem to both men and women seeking to limit their alcohol intake or abstain. The party environment is ripe with "triggers," those signals that create a yearning for a drink - smelling alcohol, easy access to a bar or punch bowl, watching others drink and needing to "fit in."

"To understand that parties are going to threaten your sobriety, you might choose not to go," said Arnold.

Her suggestions include arriving late and leaving early, going with a friend who knows you have a problem, keeping a glass of ginger ale in hand and realizing that alcohol is "just another excuse for more parties."

Contact numbers: Teresa Herzog Mourad, DrinkWise, (800) 222-5145, ext. 258; Dr. Kirk Brower, Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center, (734) 930-0201, ext. 10; Susan Arnold, Maplegrove Center, (248) 661-6515.

Host from page D4

selves.

- Do not serve alcohol to at-risk guests.

- Measure alcohol carefully to eliminate serving overly strong drinks.

- Use plenty of ice and non-carbonated mixers such as fruit juices (these help to slow alcohol absorption).

- Do not use pitchers; serve only one drink at a time.

- Locate the bar out of the room where guests are socializing and mingling (they will need to travel to get a drink when

they want one).

- Stop serving alcohol a minimum of one hour before the party ends and continue to serve alcohol-free beverages and food. This allows guests added time to mingle with their friends and time for you to observe behavior and make preparations for those who should not drive themselves home.

- Encourage some guests to be "designated drivers."

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ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS



LINDA CHOMIN

Start oral holiday tradition in your family

When Corinne Stavish was a child in the 1950s she saw only Christmas decorations all over town, not Hanukkah during the month of December. Today, she says the holidays are "recognized as a time of year when all people's stories should be told." Traditions established early in her children help spread the word about the Jewish celebration known as Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights.

Daughter Nicole, now age 31, took a menorah to work when the holiday began Dec. 9 so she could share it with others.

"We would always tell the story of Hanukkah, light the candles on the menorah and dance around the table and sing *Oh Hanukkah*," said Stavish, an instructor at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

"Hanukkah celebrates the defeat of the Assyrian Greeks by a small band of Jews and the miracle of the oil lasting 8-days. As a child I would never have felt comfortable to bring out a menorah and candles and share our tradition. In the 1950s and 60s it was not a diverse society."

The Interpersonal Communication class Stavish teaches at the university in Southfield is proof times have changed.

"The class covers cultural diversity and teaches students to navigate the world. Today you need to know about other people's cultures," said Stavish, a long-time professional storyteller. "Tonight each student is bringing a dish and we'll each talk about our tradition."

"Storytelling is one way to pass on our history. I think of stories as bridges that connect our past and future. All holidays are great times for family stories. It's an opportunity to pass on the traditions of culture, religion and family."

Storytelling tips

One way to do that is to begin with the elders of the family.

"Introduce storytelling by telling about when I was a little girl or boy, how we celebrated when we were little. What are the differences. Shopping malls are different. The abundance is different. I'm 56, an end of the war Baby Boomer, and grew up at a time when a pair of socks was a great gift. My 10 year-old granddaughter received a guitar this year."

Stavish suggests the holidays are a perfect time for bringing out photographs and thereby establishing an oral history or tradition.

"I do workshops in collecting stories and photographs. We take pictures every year but forget to take them out and tell the stories of those still with us and the stories of the people who are not," said Stavish.

"Tell about how we celebrated with stories of foods, clothing, decorations, climate. If anyone in the family has emigrated, what it was like then? Music — most families have different songs. Talk about special ritual objects — the story of ornaments, where they came from. Most families have more than one menorah from aunts and other relatives. It's a way of starting a tradition."

Celebrating Christmas

Barb King's family shares their favorite moments of Christmas past every year while decorating their live tree, a tradition started long ago.

"Storytelling comes out around our Christmas tree," said King, co-chairperson of the Storytelling Festival coming Saturday, Jan. 27 to Summit on the Park in Canton. For details, call (734) 394-5193.

A member of Canton Project Arts, the township's official organization to support the visual and performing arts, King moved to Canton from Stratford 2½ years ago.

"When we put up our Christmas tree we tell all of the stories about decorations, ones the kids have made, others people have given to us, and

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The best of

2001

Magnificent!

Arts moved and soothed audiences all year long

STAFF ARTIST RANDALL MASTERS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
AND STEPHANIE CASOLA
STAFF WRITERS

Looking back on 2001 Americans can't help but feel sad about all who died in the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11. Our features staff wanted to pause to remember those men, women and children but also to celebrate the healing that visual and performing arts bring to those participating in them.

Here's a list of some of the events which brought brightness to our lives and in some cases helped us deal with our grief this year. Sadly, at the very end we lost former Beatle George Harrison who brought us sunshine with his songs.

Best photography exhibit: *Reflections in Black*, an all-encompassing collection from the Smithsonian documenting African American history from 1842 to the present

Best attempt to sort through our feelings about Sept. 11: Liz Lerman's Dance Exchange which worked with University of Michigan students to create a work addressing the roller coaster of emotions left behind after the tragedy. It premiered as part of the University Musical Society series in Ann Arbor.

Best historical exhibit on architecture: *Albert Kahn: Inspiration for the Modern* at the

University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor. Kahn was a driving force behind the implementing the first automobile assembly line at Ford's Highland Park plant.

Best festival with heart: Southeast Region Committee's VSA Artsability Festival at Wonderland Mall. The festival gives disabled children and adults the opportunity to perform and exhibit their art. This year's event takes place May 3-4.

Best jazz festival featuring local musicians: Michigan Jazz Festival held in July at Schoolcraft College. Last year more than 170 jazz artists played everything from Big Band to Dixieland.

Best visions of Detroit: In honor of the city's 300th birthday, *Artists Take on Detroit* brings to life the history and heart of the city.

Best new digs: Arctic Ring of Life, 4.2 acre home to (seven) polar bears, seals and snowy owls at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak

Best redo: The new Detroit Science Center re-opened in July with a planetarium, traveling displays and educational activities for all ages

Best timely theater: Planned long before Sept. 11, the JET theater production of *Romeo and Juliet* featured an Arab Romeo and a Jewish Juliet. It was part of the Campaign Stop Hate Partnership.

Best local soprano hits big

time: In addition to portraying Carmen in this year's MOT production, Bloomfield Hills resident Irina Mishura performed with all three tenors in the past year — possibly Placido Domingo in *Samson and Delilah* at the Metropolitan Opera, with Luciano Pavarotti in *Aida* at the Detroit Opera House, and with Jose Carreras at a private function.

Best un-ewe-sual art: Rochester's Ewe Revue brought a host of visitors to the city this summer. The fiberglass sheep were painted by various artists and auctioned at the end of the summer.

Best arts promoter: Southfield's John Bloom, a gracious gentleman, and executive director of the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts, which raises money for arts education programs in the Detroit area.

Best arts philanthropist: Maggie Allesee who made possible the Sol LeWitt wall installation at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, and is a champion of the arts.

Best Hoot: Dame Edna at Music Hall in March. That plucky, puckish and purple-haired gal showed the Detroit audience just why she earned a Tony award for her one-woman show.

Best acquisition: Cranbrook Art Museum's acquisition of modern contemporary works from the collection of Dr. John and Mrs.

Rose M. Shuey. The works are on display through April 7. **Most hyped movie of 2001:** *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

Best venue for emerging electronic-based artists: Though steeped in controversy as its originators, DJ Carl Craig of Planet E Communications and Producer Carol Marvin of Pop Culture Media, cut ties this year, the Detroit Electronic Music Festival continued to be a viable and exceptionally hip place to see the latest in electronic music.

Most talked-about CD release party by a local band: Though sadly now-defunct, electro-pop rockers Blush got the local rock community to strap-on roller-skates last summer to celebrate the debut of the band's delicious first and last record. Amy, Phil, Carey and Weaver, we'll miss you.

Best re-issue: Matador Records re-released The Soft Boy's influential *Underwater Moonlight* along with a previously un-released CD of outtakes. Robyn Hitchcock remembered the experience of recording this songs with "unbelievable clarity. Suddenly local bands are all trying to tackle *I Wanna Destroy You* as a cover.

Most anticipated solo release: Stephen Malkmus made us cry when he left Pavement. But his self-titled solo record offered plenty of comfort this

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EXHIBIT

Michigan Surface Design artists weave color into fabric

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Fiber. Americans take it for granted just like they do in India according to Boisali Biswas, who moved to West Bloomfield from India 12 years ago. Biswas first became acquainted with the art of decorating surfaces while living in her homeland. There painters leave no area untouched.

"It's so traditional in India. It's quite common what I do — painting on fabric," said Biswas, one of the

Michigan Surface Design members exhibiting fiber art through Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"India is very rich in textiles and fiber tradition. When I came to this country I discovered fiber has an all together different direction. In India, it's commercial. They've done this for ages and are not open to experimenting like over here where they're experimenting like crazy. Fiber in U.S. is not mass produced. It's a medium of art. There it's not consid-

ered an art."

Biswas' *Homage to the Mithila Painters* honors a long history of Indian artists by mirroring their folk paintings. Her diptych wall hanging on hand-loom cotton from India is colored with Broprocion, a fiber-reactive dye.

"It was screen printed then hand painted with bleach," said Biswas, who earned a master's degree in fiber from Bowling Green State Uni-

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Among sunflowers: *Chrystyna Nykorak created this batik focusing on caring relationships. It is one of the fiber works in the Michigan Surface Design exhibit.*

ART BEAT

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CONCERT TODAY

Get in the holiday spirit at the 37th annual Livonia Civic Chorus concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, in Churchill High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 427-

5397 or send e-mail to gross2gross@aol.com. The chorus begins rehearsals for a spring concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Frost Junior High in Livonia. All voice parts are needed.

HOLIDAY SHOW

The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents the children's musical *Babes in Toyland* through Saturday, Dec. 29, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly in Redford.

For ticket prices and times, call (313) 531-0554.

Dancing toys, magic puppets and music spice up the holidays when the

enchanting *Babes in Toyland* hits the stage. Mother Goose characters and zany bad guys collide in this story about a miser who wants to wed Mary Contrary for her money. His clowny henchman, Gonzorgo, played by Ken Wood of Garden City, talks to his best friend, a hand puppet. All are directed by Maxine Parshall and C.J. Nodus.

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The book is \$30 and available by calling the volunteer office at (313) 576-5597 or visiting the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com.

IRISH CELEBRATION

Traditionally in rural Ireland, entire communities gathered where the roads met to sing, dance and play music all night long. On Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 29-30, performers will do the same at the annual *Crossroads Ceili*, a celebration of traditional music and dance of Ireland and Cape Breton. The festivities



Children's musical: Kate Weiss (left), Aurora Wynn, Carla Angeloni, and Emma Laymon take to the stage in the Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford's production *Babes in Toyland*.

begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Ark, 316 Main Street, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$12.50 and available by calling (734) 761-1451.

Want to do more than listen and enjoy the music? Guest artists Seamus Connolly, a 10-time All-Ireland fiddle champion and Celtic pianist Barbara MacDonald Magone will hold workshops from noon to 5 p.m. both days. The cost is \$25, \$15 under age 12. For more information, call (313) 537-3489.

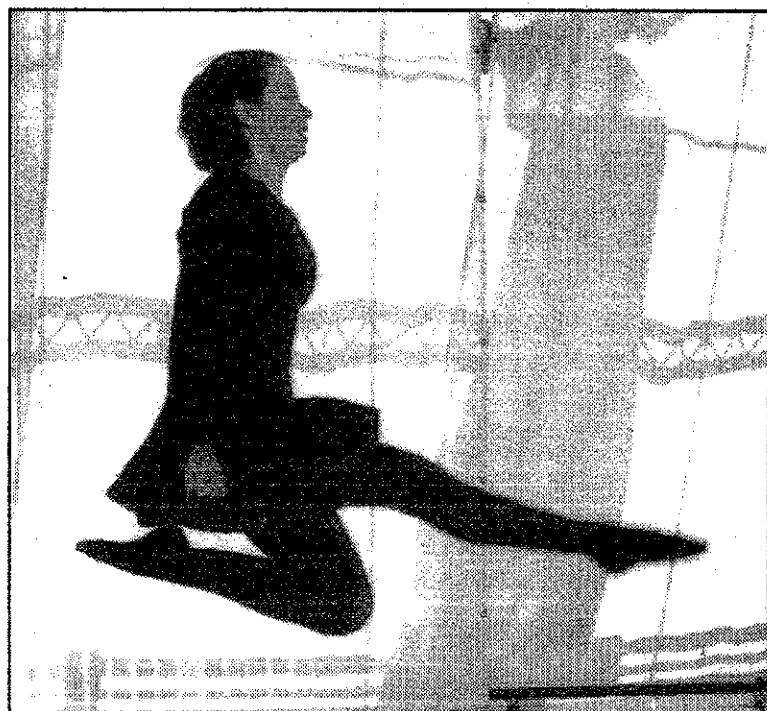
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The cost is \$30, \$25 non-members. Call (734) 416-4278.

Irish celebration: Erin Quinn is one of the performers in *Crossroads Ceili*, an Irish celebration of traditional music and dance, Dec. 29-30 at The Ark in Ann Arbor.



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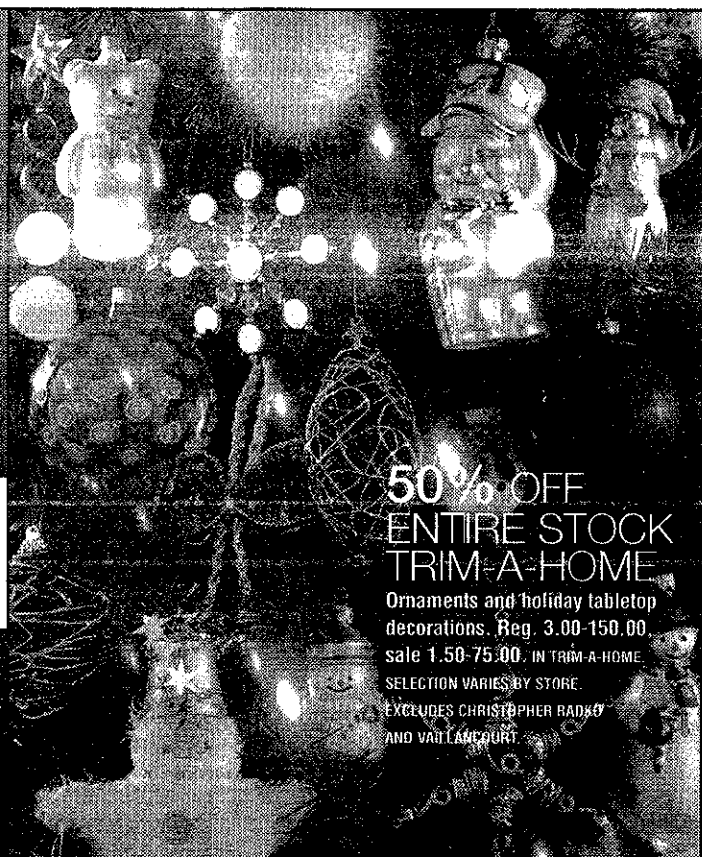
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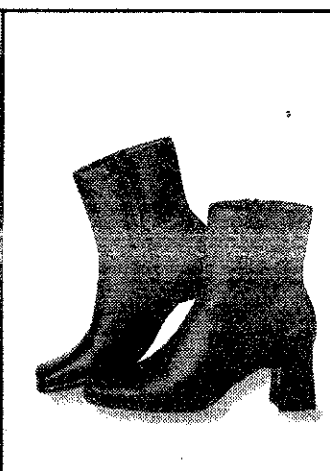
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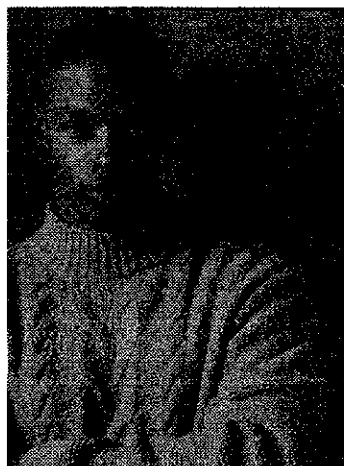
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those from places we visited. Sand dollars remind us of the Christmas we spent in Florida with my in-laws," said King.

"I grew up in Canada and every year we cut a real tree down on my cousin's farm. I miss that. We talk about that when we go and buy one and remember special times like the year we found one with a bird's nest still in it."

King, however, makes sure not to get caught up in all the commercialism of Christmas and forget the true meaning - the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

"We focus around Christmas by going to church on Christmas Eve and light candles on an Advent wreath every Sunday before Christmas. When our youngest daughter Samantha (now age 8) was little she was Baby Jesus one year in a living Nativity."

King is also starting her own family tradition by telling stories along with reading Samantha and Stephanie, 12, their favorite books - *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* by Michael and Colleen Monroe, *The Littlest Angel* by Charles Tazewell, and *House of Wooden Santas* by Kevin Major. Since reading the book the kids have started a wooden Santa collection.

Sometimes we do not even realize we have those stories until someone encourages us to tell them," said King who was inspired by Canton's annual Storytelling Festival. "Stories can be healing. Listening to stories can be healing as well. Storytelling connects us at a heart level. All of a sudden we realize we are not alone."

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Jewelry tends to keep giving

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER
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If there's a tiny box containing jewelry for a loved one beneath your Christmas tree - or soon to be placed there - consider tapping the sentiments behind the gift.

Jot them down in a thoughtful note. Say a few words when the wrapping paper is coming off.

Indeed, jewelry speaks for itself.

But therein is the problem. Years later, it's more than likely the story surrounding your jewelry gift will be told and heard again and again.

That's because jewelry has a better than average chance of becoming a family heirloom.

And, as it travels from one gen-

eration to the next, the story behind it - the event it marked and the relationship between giver and recipient - will make the journey, too.

"We have so many things with such a short life span in our lives," said Steven Tapper, vice president of Tappers Diamonds and Fine Jewelry in West Bloomfield, where holiday shoppers have been more mindful of jewelry's continuity than in past seasons.

"With jewelry, there's really this emotional baggage that's attached to it. It carries history with it.

"I cannot tell you how many times I've heard adult women say 'This is my mother's ring and it's just precious to me,'" he said. "Whether it makes a little sense or a lot in terms of the value of the piece, they're holding on to something - that piece of jewelry."

While the word heirloom conjures up images of rare and expensive antiques collecting dust in relatives' attics and safe deposit boxes, Tapper believes any item of personal property that's inherited qualifies as an heirloom.

"Heirlooms, to me, represent keepsakes passed on from one generation to the next. Heirlooms are not just antiques."

So why is jewelry commonly passed down among other sacred family treasures?

Gold, silver, diamonds and gemstones are extremely durable and appreciate in value. They also tend to take on meaning and become symbolic.

"What is an engagement ring?" Tapper said. "It is a symbol. It is symbolic of someone's love and affection for somebody else, and it tells the story of those two people."



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Jewelry gifts: Steve Tapper, from Tappers Jewelry discusses the different types of jewelry that can be given as gifts to become heirlooms within peoples family.

Although jewelry that is rare, unusual or of the highest quality, as well as particular items, such as a diamond ring or handsome watch, are strong candidates for achieving heirloom status, any piece has the potential to become a family treasure.

"It doesn't always have to be an expensive piece of jewelry," Tapper said. "It can simply be a piece that's associated with a tradition."

Tapper's exclusive Tree of Life charm, which sells for \$79 in sterling silver and \$112 in a combination of yellow gold and sterling silver, can be engraved with a personal message and given to celebrate a holiday or tradition, for instance.

"Even when you purchase jewelry for yourself, it's usually a reward," said Brian T. Schubot, president of Jules R. Schubot Jewelers in Troy. "Jewelry is usually presented to mark a special occasion or event."

While holiday shoppers aren't necessarily looking for future heirlooms to give to loved ones this Christmas, Schubot has noticed a preference for classic, as opposed to flashy or trendy, jewelry.

"I think, in light of recent events, people are focusing more on family and connectivity from generation to generation," Schubot said.

Tapper, too, sees a relationship between shoppers' gift choices and recent events.

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Exclusive: A Tappers exclusive piece made out of silver is very popular as a keepsake among family members.



Keepsake: Tapper shows a \$32,000 Jaeger-LeCoultre watch that is very unique, which makes it appealing collector or keepsake.

Local malls help at-risk teens in December

Three local malls are partnering with Covenant House Michigan in December to help at-risk youths living on the streets.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Macomb Mall in Roseville and Pointe Plaza in Grosse Pointe have turned over store space to the organization as part of their Store of Dreams program.

Covenant House Michigan, which provides homeless and at-risk youths with shelter, food, clothing, and educational and vocational programs, will accept money donations through Monday, Dec. 31, at the mall stores.

The participating malls are owned and managed by Shostak Brothers & Company, which was founded in 1920 and is based in Southfield.

Donations will benefit Covenant House Michigan's Adopt-a-Teen program and a building renovation project that will double the number of available rooms at a shelter. The shelter project is scheduled to begin next spring.

Covenant House Michigan was established in 1997 and is at the corner of I-96 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Detroit. The first Covenant House was established in 1973 as a small Mission Inn in lower Manhattan.

For more information about Covenant House Michigan, call (313) 463-2005 or visit www.covenanthousemi.org on the Internet. For more information on the Store of Dreams program, call (734) 347-1963.

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Author's coming-of-age story will tug at your heart

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BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

"You've got to be prepared for the unexpected in life. You don't know what you don't know."

That's one of my favorite lines, and not something I expected to read in *Stardust*, a coming-of-age story written by Kiki Mitchell of Bloomfield Hills.

This delightful novel, set during the Great Depression, is all about Ross Henderson, a student at Farmington High in Illinois, not far from Chicago. He dreams about dating Louise Franklin, a beautiful socialite, going to college, and having a better life than his father who

runs a streetcar.

It's one thing to believe in miracles, and another thing to make them happen. Ross is tenacious, yet sensitive to the feelings of others — his hardworking parents, Gramps, little sister, Ann, and friends like Bart Harmon the sophisticated, reckless rich kid who doesn't have to worry about working to earn money for college. Ross is practicing hit tunes on the piano in the school auditorium when he meets Bart.

They discover a mutual love of big band music, and become friends. Ross is swept up in the swirl of Bart's social circle, which increases his confidence and determination to go to college. It's not easy. His mom and dad think he should get a job after graduating from college and marry sweet Cathy Casey, but Ross has other ideas.

He works after school and week-

ends at Jenkins' Drug Store keeping track of every penny, including the back pay that Jenkins owes him, but spends some on a new suit knowing it will help him make the good impression he needs to get ahead. Accepted by Bart, and his rich friends, Ross — yearning for a richer life — challenges his well-intentioned family, and hurts their feelings. They reconcile when Ross sees the error of his ways, and he learns life lessons that will help him become the man he wants to be.

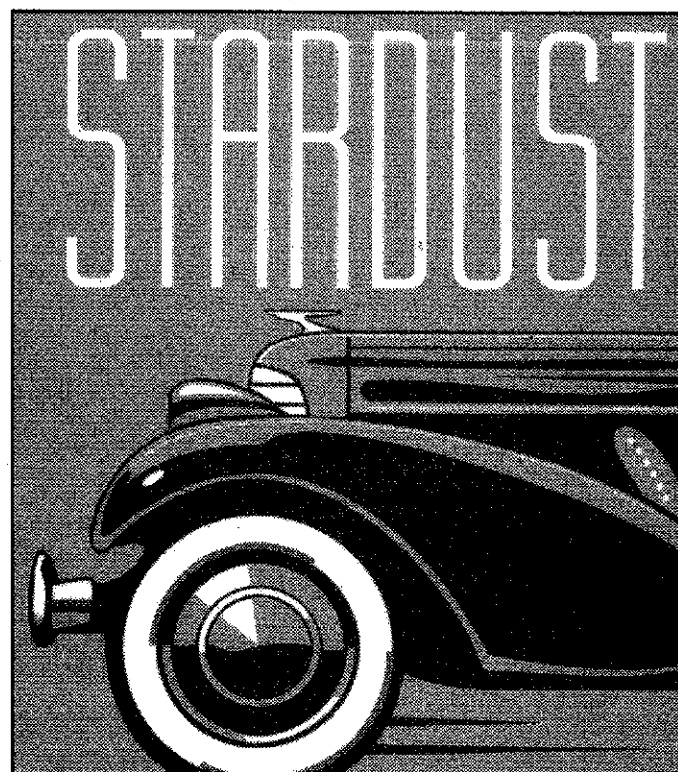
Stardust will tug at your heartstrings. Ross hurts his parents like all teens do, seeks their forgiveness, and learns lessons that will help him get over Louise Franklin, and become a man to be proud of.

Woven throughout the story are nuggets of wisdom like "times change, but not love. Genuine love

is a comfortable feeling between two people," and "if you don't run out of the faith of your convictions there'll always be another coincidence," something unexpected that happens and helps you get closer to your goals. *Stardust* is magical — like Christmas. Dreams do come true, and if you have faith and believe in miracles, you might just find yourself blessed by more than one angel.

A native of Massachusetts, Mitchell enjoys writing poetry and is working on her third novel.

Keely Wygonik is assistant managing editor of features for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. What are you reading? E-mail your "must read book" recommendations to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net along with a brief explanation of why our readers should pick up this book.



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year. Just one listen to *Jenny & Es Dog* and you're hooked.

Biggest break-out success: Well-deserved and long-awaited, The White Stripes are now a household name in the U.S. and abroad. The sparse garage rock duo of Jack and Meg White deserve every ounce of attention their candy-striped band has received. The Waxwings or The Von Bondies could be next in the line.

Brave new showcase for local bands: Thanks to organizers like Richard S. Hansen of Living Industries and Joe Frezza of The Wildbunch, local musicians founded a new, Detroit-based showcase and dubbed it Mid By Midwest. While it rivaled long-established Detroit Music Award fundraising event the Hamtramck Blowout, MXMW was a stunning success that got crowds milling about the city streets and loving what they heard.

Most hyped new rock bands: The Strokes are becom-

ing an unavoidably entity. Good thing the songs on *Is This It* are so darn catchy. And Black Rebel Motorcycle Club is drawing a following of its own with its tasty brand of dark n' fuzzy rock n' roll.

Best brand new club night: Thank you Barbara Deyo of Boldface Media and everyone at Ghostly International for establishing *Touch*, a killer Techno night every Thursday at The Necto in Ann Arbor.

Brother bands: From the Brotherly Love Tour that included Oasis, The Black Crowes and Spacehog, to other brother-bands of note like The Pernice Brothers and The Webb Brothers, it's a schtick not to be overlooked.

The tour most likely to take you back in time: Echo and The Bunnymen and The Psychedelic Furs turned our minds back a couple decades.

Most outrageous stage performance: A supergroup of sorts, Reggie and the Full Effect brought members of Ultimate

Fakebook and The Get Up Kids together for a most memorable night of rock — and a packed house.

Biggest homecoming: Rochester Hills native and Adams High School graduate Madonna returned in grand form this year for a spectacular show at the Palace of Auburn Hills which was also broadcast on HBO.

If you don't know yet, you will: The Fags, named for the British slang for cigarette, are a fabulous three-piece sure to get a lot of attention in the new year. Add to the list the newly-revamped and rocked-out Mood Elevator which includes vocalist Chris Plum, guitarists Brendan Benson and Zach Shipp (of Atomic Numbers fame), bassist Eric Pott and drummer Matt Aljian (also of Atomic Numbers fame).

Alice Rhein, former assistant managing editor for features in *Oakland County*, contributed to this list.

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versity. "I bleached out the background to white so I could go back and paint over the white areas."

"Mithila is a small region in India's northern states. There women and folk painters used to paint on their walls, fabric and paper. The style of figures is similar. They lived in mud houses, painted the outer walls, inside on floors, and on fabric to hang on walls."

The arts council mimicked that penchant for decorating with fiber when installing the Michigan Surface Design exhibit that celebrates its 10-year history. Fabric, hung from the ceiling, makes waves. Techniques such as weaving, hand felting and dyeing represent the many forms fabric can take in the hands of an artist. Sandra Weed of Westland paints on fabric then

Michigan Surface Design

What: Michigan Surface Design presents a show focusing on fiber

When: Through Thursday, Dec. 27

Where: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon. Call (734) 416-4278

adds machine stitching to a floral. Susan Argiroff (Livonia) uses marbling to create swirls on a coat. Barbara Altwerger (Farmington Hills) dyes silk before stitching her Shibori jacket. Cheryl Noonan (Troy) colors a garment aptly titled *Rhythm & Grace*.

Chrystyna Nykorak uses her batik on silk wall hanging, *Among Sunflowers*, to convey a concept just like artists have done for centuries. Nykorak

began doing batik in 1967. Over the years her scarves have been sold by the Detroit Institute of Arts, Nordstrom and VanDam's. Batik begins with an artist using melted beeswax to block off areas of fabric that later may or may not be colored with dye. Nykorak's *Among Sunflowers* attracts the eye with its vibrant yellows and lyrical sunflowers which surround the focal point, a couple.

"They're happy among the

sunflowers," said Nykorak, vice president for membership development at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "There's a caring between them. It's more on a spiritual level because the bodies sort of blend into one another. It's about a good relationship. The colors are very bright and I'm experimenting with backgrounds."

Leslie Greeneisen especially is drawn to elements Nykorak talks about in the exhibit, which will tour the state of Michigan for the next three years as part of the Michigan Arts & Humanities Tour Directory program.

"It's different textures and lots of color," said Greeneisen, arts education coordinator for the Plymouth Community Arts Council. It shows the many directions that surface designs on fabric can take.

Area arts groups in search of performers

Get creative for the new year by becoming involved with the performing arts. A number of theater and choral groups are holding auditions for upcoming productions.

Here's what is going on in January:


■ Rehearsals for the Plymouth Oratorio Society begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Discovery Middle School, 45093 Hanford Road, Canton. No auditions required. The choral group performs Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra March 16 and with the Detroit Symphony Civic Symphony Orchestra March 24

at Orchestra Hall. Call (734) 455-8353.

■ Open auditions for the Plymouth Community Chorus take place 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Hillside Middle School, Eight Mile and Center Street, Northville. Additional auditions by appointment. Call (734) 455-4080.

■ Farmington Players hold auditions for the musical *Once Upon a Mattress* 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield. Call director Lisa Muscio at (248) 661-3202 for information.

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6:00 p.m. - Family Worship
10:30 p.m. - Festive Worship with Candlelight
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Christmas I, December 30

10:00 a.m. - Lessons and Carols

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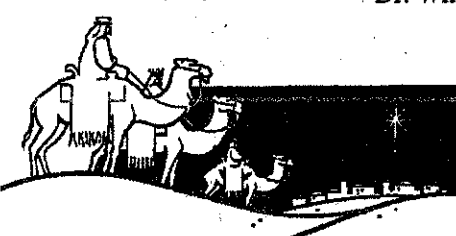
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TRAVEL

Head for Cayman's warm water, sandy beaches in winter

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Tiny Grand Cayman Island, together with its even tinier sister islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, seem a good destination for these times.

Just southwest of Cuba and only about an hour's flight from Florida, they are an easy, foreign, warm-weather getaway for metro-Detroiters. That's despite the fact that the Caymans' status as a British protectorate somewhat overwhelms their Caymanian roots.

Only at Australia's Barrier Reef have I seen waters so clear that you can see stingrays from as high up as the second deck of a boat.

I have rarely swum in ocean waters so warm. In fact, the best part of the Caymans is under water. Ship wrecks, tunnels and shark alleys beckon divers. Stingray City, colorful fish and coral gardens are available to even the most novice snorkler. And the bounty of washed-up coral lures beach combers along the silky soft sands of Seven Mile Beach.

As more avid sightseers than beach combers, we couldn't help but notice how very abbreviated the number of on-land sights to see in Cayman were in the guide

books we scanned ahead of the trip.

That was further documented our first night by the man seated at the next table to us at the wonderful Calypso Grill.

He and his wife have come for a week for each of the past eight years, he told us. "I love it because I don't like to sightsee."

But he does like to eat well. He proceeded to share with us his favorite restaurants -- headed by Calypso Grill, and featuring Smuggler's Cove and Club Mediterraneo, which we hit for lunch.

The good news is we never had a bad meal in Cayman, also dining at Grand Old House and The Wharf. The bad news is that prices are high, as they are for almost anything for purchase in Cayman.

But Calypso Grill, owned by a delightful Englishman, was the best. The simple House green salad, was dressed from his wife's recipe of rice wine vinegar, olive oil and onion. Our fresh fish entrees -- yellow fin tuna and a crusted, baked grouper with grilled fresh vegetables -- were outstanding. And don't miss the sticky toffee pudding, that I can still taste.

I would amend our eight-time Cayman-goer's no sightseeing statement by saying that the

sightseeing is better than the shopping.

No bargains at all -- and little that you can't find at home. But there's at least a day's worth of sights to take in on 22-mile-long, eight-mile-wide (at its widest) Grand Cayman.

Renting a jeep, while remembering to drive on the left, is the best way to go. We saw very few motorscooters and bikes on the road, although they are available.

Highlights for us were the row of historic fishermen's homes in West Bay and Pedro St. James, the island's oldest building.

This restored plantation home with its pleasant grounds and ocean views is where both democracy and the abolition of slavery were declared. The multi-media presentation that runs about 25 minutes is worth seeing.

To be fair, the sights in the Caymans' capital of Georgetown -- the national museum, government buildings and the banking houses that make Grand Cayman the seventh largest international banking operation -- were closed on Saturday afternoon when we visited.

And the Cayman Turtle Farm, billed as the island's most popular tourist attraction, had been wiped out by the early November hurricane that hit Cuba even harder.

Naturalists might want to journey over to Cayman Brac or Little Cayman, where people and amenities are at a minimum.

On Grand Cayman itself, the Mastic Trail and botanical gardens got good reviews.

We stayed at the Westin Casuarina Resort situated on the nicest section of Seven Mile Beach.

The rooms were nice, but not special considering the price. We heard people complaining that although the hotel was just a quarter full, they refused to upgrade those who had braved the airways to come.

We stopped in to see what is generally considered the top hotel, the Hyatt. It is very luxurious and has its own golf course. However, most of it is on the other side of the road from Seven Mile Beach.

A Ritz Carlton is on the rise, but construction, we were told, has been hampered by environmental problems.

Native Caymanians come in every color. Any island tensions, we were told by a 20-year-resident, are mostly between the ex-Patriots who come to the island

to take the higher-skilled jobs and the Caymanians.

But it generally takes the form of jealousy, since crime is almost non-existent.

Is it my favorite island? No way. But its crystal clear waters, fine restaurants and a beach that you can run in your bare feet sound pretty good about now.

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NEW HOMES & REAL ESTATE

Sunday, December 23, 2001

Stone houses: Rock solid, endearing

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER
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It all started for Rick Petersen when his wife, Marguerite, asked him to build a stone house for their family that reminded her of her Irish roots.

Then friends, JoAnn and Hank, asked the Petersens to build a dream stone house for them on an acre lot in Farmington Hills. So they did.

Now the Petersens are building a third stone house for a customer in Farmington Hills.

It's a labor of love for the couple, Rick specializing in the building details, Marguerite on design and decor.

"You can't take a house like next door and throw stones on it," Rick said. "It has a style of its own."

"When we create a stone house, we do it from the inside out," Marguerite added. "All are unique."

Hank and JoAnn's home, a story-and-a-half of some 4,500 square feet on a sloping lot with trees overlooking a pond, features Ohio Blue and Seneca Buff stone.

"I grew up in northern Michigan and liked old stone farmhouses," JoAnn said. "I always wanted a stone house. I've always been intrigued by them."

Stone costs about three times as much as brick, Petersen said, and it takes a good year to finish a stone house from beginning to end.

"We like to rough in a home, put the roof on to keep water out and start the exterior and interior at the same time," said Rick.

He subcontracts the work and says it's getting easier to find qualified stone masons. "Not everybody does it, but it's not as difficult as five to 10 years ago," Rick said.

Dennis Dinsler designed the stone home for JoAnn and Hank.

"It's a wonderful material to use if you get the opportunity," Dinsler said. "It's probably the most ancient material out there. One hundred percent of the time I put contemporary lifestyle in a traditional package."

Hank and JoAnn drove around looking at different kind of stone, visited a quarry in Ohio, got advice from the stone mason recommended by Petersen, then looked at more houses.



Unique look: Stones, though more expensive and a slower construction go than brick, add a touch of timelessness to a home.

tures of samples, you actually have to see stone on a house to know whether you like it or not, JoAnn said.

The stones of their home are set in different directions so as to flow rather than set in one direction like a historic castle. Large landscaping boulders accentuate the home.

Stone houses don't look good in a vacuum.

"You're looking at a minimum acre lot, preferably a unique setting to start with, some type of water, trees — a natural setting," Rick said.

Owners maximize the effect by integrating a stone home's exterior and landscaping with interior features.

Hank and JoAnn included such touches as Pewabic tile on one fireplace; natural stone on another fireplace; simpler, plain wood cabinetry throughout; wood floors; older salvaged

in an upstairs shower.

"I kind of wished we put more stone inside," JoAnn said.

Volume ceilings can be found through the home. The library has a studio ceiling, the living room a barrel ceiling and lots of windows and the dining room a step ceiling.

The first-floor master contains French doors, jet tub, separate glass shower, walk-in closet, two-sink vanity and radiant floor heat.

A hearth room is just off the kitchen/nook, which itself features a large work island.

Two staircases, one off the foyer, the other off the hearth room, lead upstairs. Two bedrooms there share a jack-and-jill bath. A third bedroom has its own bath.

Other special features of the home include a wood deck, a separate direct to the garage to the base-

ment and a large, walk-out basement.

"Everyone is blown away," JoAnn said of visitors. "Everyone loves the house."

The home cost in excess of \$1 million. Hank and JoAnn's kids — Michael, Cam and Ellee — pitched in during the construction.

"They all helped," JoAnn said. "They did a lot of landscaping work. They moved dirt, sand, junk. They filled dumpsters, planted."

Petersen, in business as Kendillon Custom Homes, said he's done about 60 traditional stick-built houses over the years.

"Stone stands the test of time," Rick said. "People look at stone as enduring and endearing."

"This is a house that will last a lifetime," Marguerite said. "Everything matches on the inside and outside."

The Petersens can be reached at (248) 538-0652.

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(NAPSA) - For many homeowners, avoiding allergy and asthma triggers begins at home.

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The group says that allergens and pollutants such as animal dander, second hand smoke, dust mites, mold and mildew are commonly found in households, offices and public places.

"With Americans spending as much as 90 percent of their time indoors and approximately one in five people suffering from allergies or asthma, indoor air pollution has recently become a top concern," said Mary Worstell, executive director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

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A low bid can exact a high price

FROM HOME SERVICE STORE FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It happens every day: Homeowners ask one or more contractors for bids on a home improvement job.

When the dust settles and final bills are in, homeowners often are dismayed that the project went over budget and, in many cases, the results are disappointing.

What happened? What happened is the homeowner was driven at all cost to accept only low costs, often with disastrous results, according to a home improvement expert.

"Some people think the more quotes they get, the cheaper the job will be — and they're right, they'll get a cheaper job in more ways than one," says Mike Turner, national trades director for the Home Service Store. "There's not a job in the world you can't continue to get proposals on because someone will do it cheaper."

Homeowners fixated on low price overlook elements essential to a job done right, on time, and on budget.

Turner believes homeowners who select contractors based on price alone have the process reversed. He counsels homeowners who put more effort into contractor selection first, followed by cost considerations.

"If the homeowner has the right contractor, price and quality issues may take care of themselves," says Turner.

Homeowners insisting on low price should give prospective bidders a detailed list to cover the scope of the job, including materials, details of work to be performed, and budget.

"I see bids all the time that say 'Paint house: \$1,500.' That may be all the homeowner asked for, but what does it mean? A good contractor will submit a bid that details 'Paint the house, prepare and prime all surfaces, scrape windows, clean debris: \$1,500.'"

If the homeowner doesn't volunteer those factors, the astute contractor should ask. Turner believes the ability to ask the right question in the absence of homeowner knowledge is a key skill of a professional tradesman or tradeswoman.

There are steps homeowners can take in the bid process to keep costs in line. Turner advises homeowners to be wary of contingencies and change orders. Both are loaded with potential cost overruns.

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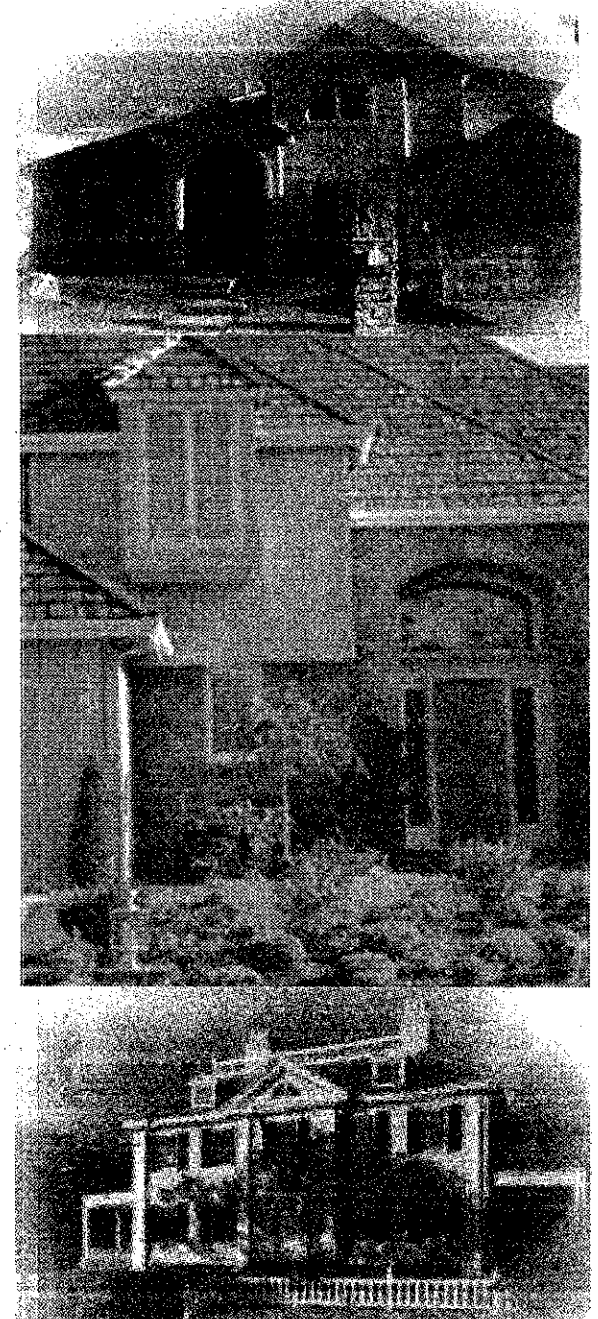
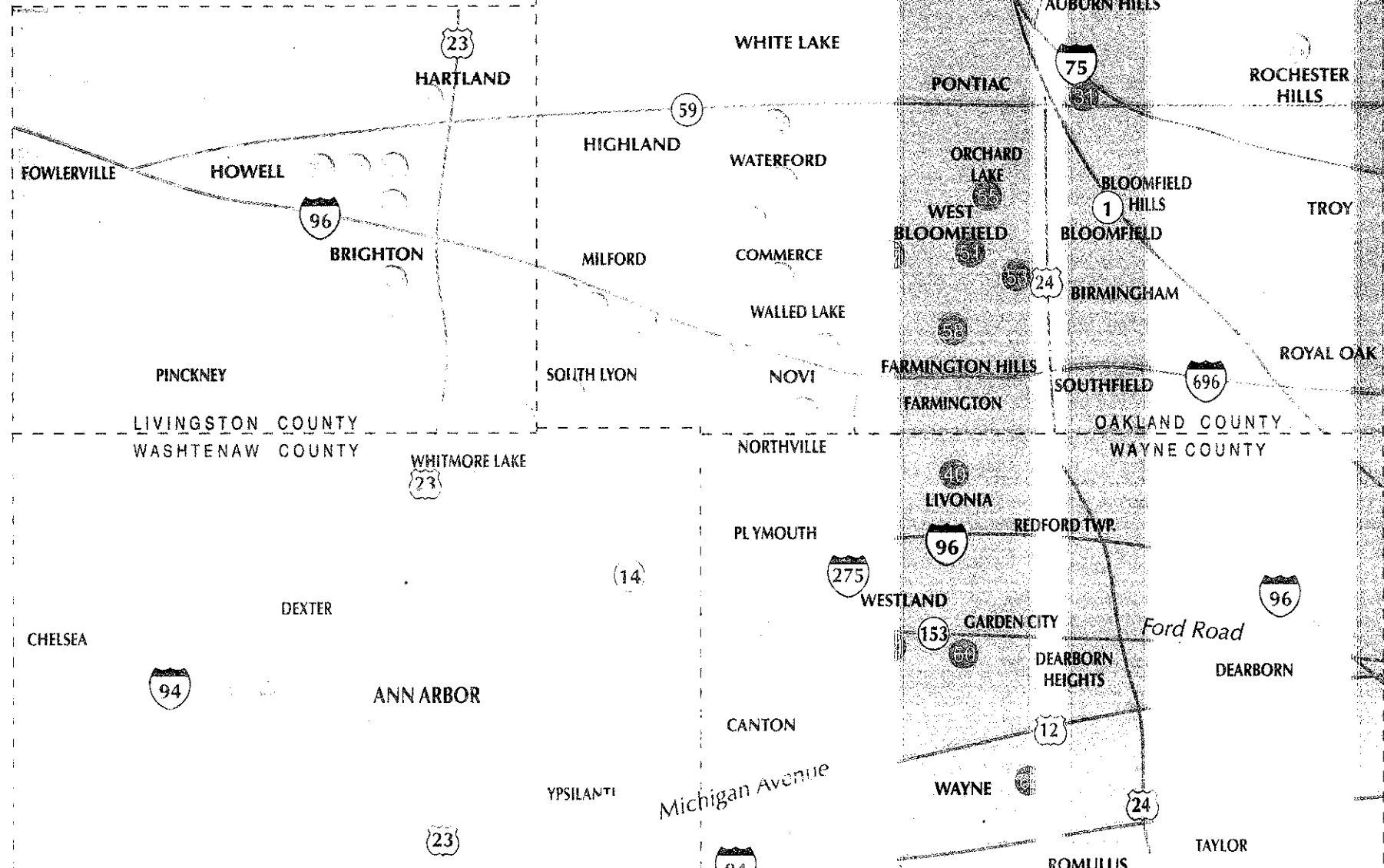
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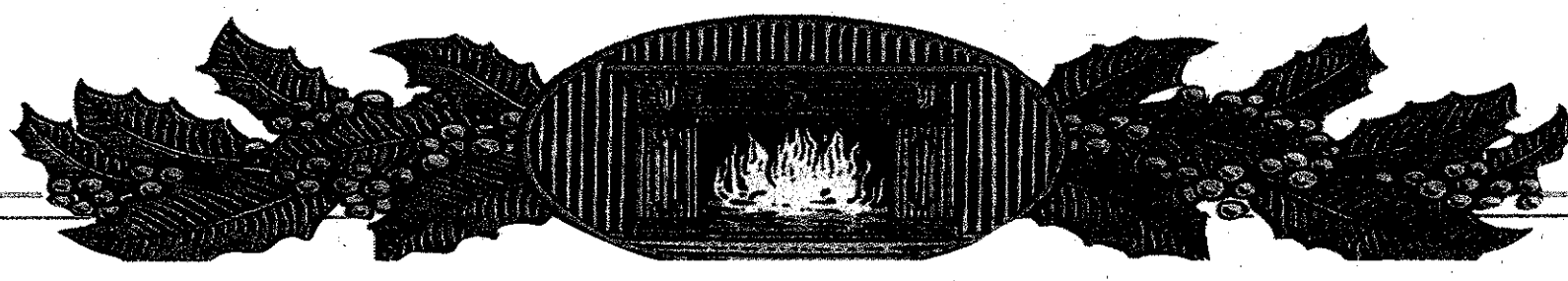
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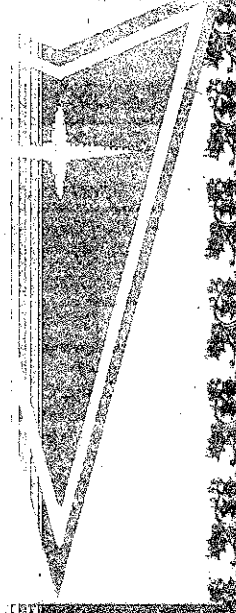
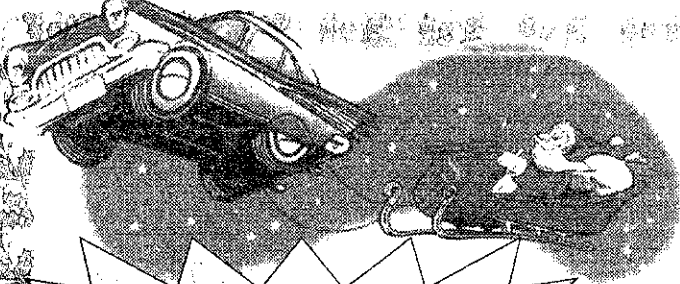
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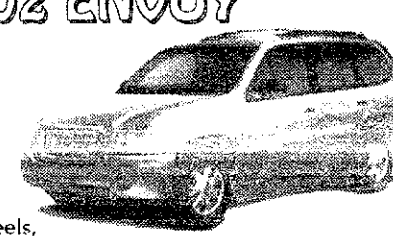


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GMS LEASE **\$309¹⁰**** 36 mos. **\$2841.35 due at signing**

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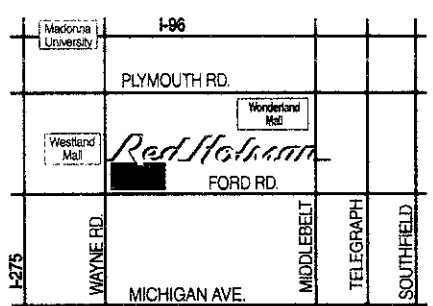
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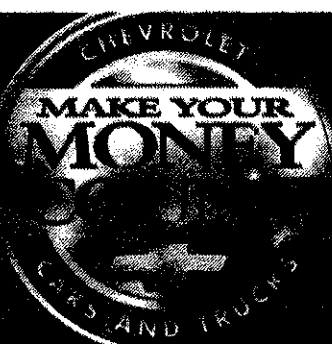


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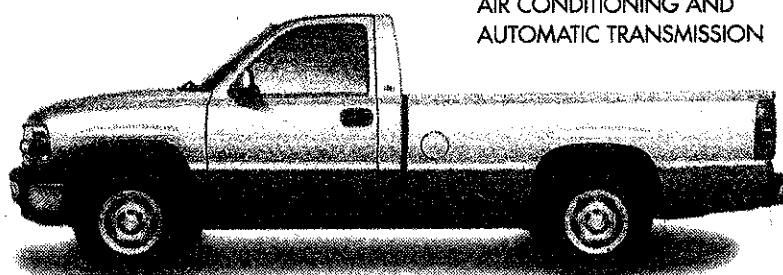
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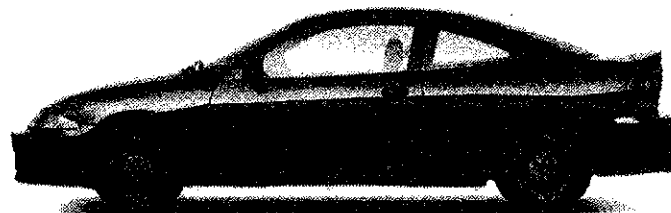
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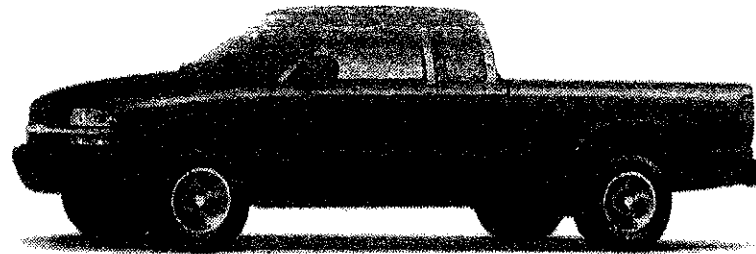
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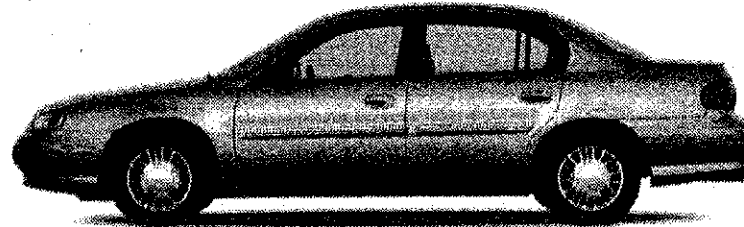
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 339 Available
 Power windows, locks, seat, speed control, tilt, AM/FM & CD.
20 at this price
 WAS \$20,185
 A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$15,765*

2002 WINDSTAR 4 DOOR LX
 237 Available
 Power windows, power locks, rear defrost, dual air, AM/FM cass./CD, privacy glass, keyless entry.
20 at this price
 WAS \$26,830
 A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$20,847*

2001 F-150 SUPER CREW
 Eclipse Conversion
 5.4 liter, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, speed control, sport stripes.
 Stock #13966
LAST ONE!
 WAS \$37,200 ■ A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$25,397*

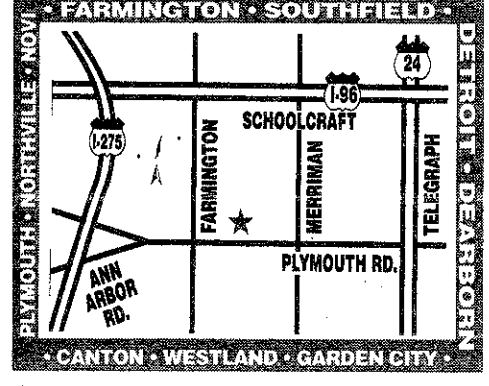
2002 RANGER SUPERCAB XLT 4 dr.
 347 Available
 Automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, power locks, AM/FM cassette & CD.
3 at this price
 WAS \$21,010
 A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$14,961*

2002 F-150 SUPERCAB
 371 Available
 Automatic, air, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt, AM/FM CD, captains chairs.
4 at this price
 WAS \$25,330
 A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$19,227*

2002 EXPLORER XLS 4 DOOR SPORT
 645 Available
 AM/FM CD, step bars, power windows, locks, rear wiper washer, remote keyless entry, speed control.
5 at this price
 WAS \$27,180
 A-PLAN BUY FOR CASH
\$22,378*

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2002 TAURUS	10% Down 0 Down	\$2225 \$375
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2002 WINDSTAR	10% Down 0 Down	\$2650 \$475
2002 EXPLORER 4 DR.	10% Down 0 Down	\$2875 \$425
2002 ESCAPE	10% Down 0 Down	\$2250 \$475
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2002 TAURUS SE
 135 Available
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4 DOOR SEDAN
 Dark Shadow Grey C/C metallic, dark Charcoal cloth bucket, auto O/D trans, P215/60RX16 all season tire, SE value package credit, SE value package, power driver seat, AM/FM stereo/CD player. **Stk. #21472**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$20,185 **NOW \$15,265***

2002 FOCUS
 66 Focus Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
ZTS 4 DOOR
 Twilight Blue CC metallic, medium graphite cloth, 2.0L DOHC 16V Zetec engine, auto trans axle, P205/50R16 BSW tires, power moonroof, CDX6 6-disc in dash CD/lock. **Stk. #22096**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$17,450 **NOW \$14,712****

2002 EXPLORER XLT
 352 Explorers Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
4 DOOR 4X4
 Deep Wedgewood Blue clearcoat, graphite cloth sport bks, P235/70R16 AS OWL tires, air - CFC freon wheels, cast aluminum, auto lamp headlights, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5 speed auto O/D trans, 3.73 LS axle, running boards, Michelin tires, trailer tow pkg, class III/V, radio W6 disc in dash 80W. **Stock #22330**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$31,845 **NOW \$25,683***

2002 F150 4x4
 228 F-Series Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
SUPERCAB XLT
 Oxford White clearcoat, medium graphite 40/60 split bench, pref equip pkg 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air, 5.4L EFI V8 engine, elec 4-speed auto O/D, 3.55 ratio slip axle, cab steps, 6500W GWR pkg, P265/70R-17 OWL all-terrain. **Stk. #21476**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$32,590 **NOW \$23,850****

2002 WINDSTAR
 133 Windstars Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
4 DOOR LX WAGON
 Light Parchment Gold, medium Parchment cloth 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed, auto O/D trans, P215/70R-15 BSW, ABS, speed control, tilt, power windows & locks. **Stk. #22050**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$26,830 **NOW \$19,347****

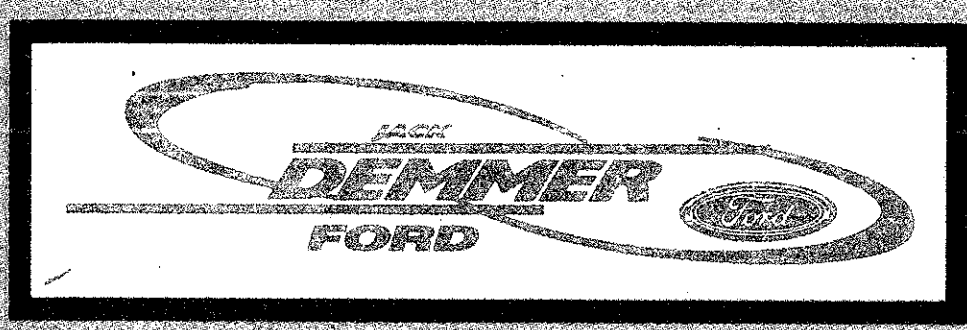
2002 RANGER 4x2
 197 Rangers Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
SUPERCAB XLT
 Bright Red clearcoat, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, 3.0L EFI V6 engine, 5 speed auto O/D trans, 3.73 ratio limited slip axle, appear/fairside regional pkg, fairside box, AM/FM stereo/clock/dual media, air. **Stk. #21668**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$21,925 **NOW \$14,776****

2002 F150 4x2
 228 F-Series Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
SUPERCAB XLT
 Bright Red clearcoat, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, pref equip pkg 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, elec 4-spd auto O/D, P255/70R-16 OWL, AS. **Stk. #21267**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$26,615 **NOW \$18,844****

2002 EXPEDITION
 46 Expedition Available
0% FINANCING AVAILABLE PLUS \$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH
4X4 XLT
 Arizona Beige CC metallic, medium parchment cloth, XLT series, tow hooks (4x4), 4-speed auto trans, 3.55 ratio fm slip axle, comfort/convenience group, 16" cast aluminum wheels, black power heated mirrors, aux heater, P235/70R-16 OWL all-terrain aluminum running boards, cloth cpts chrs, trailer tow pkg. **Stock #21373**
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
 WAS \$37,090 **NOW \$28,274****

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
RANGER SC	0 Down \$1500	\$398 \$1917
WINDSTAR	0 Down \$1500	\$546 \$2099
EXPLORER	0 Down \$1500	\$554 \$2088
F150 4X4	0 Down \$1500	\$540 \$2060
TAURUS	0 Down \$1500	\$404 \$1947
EXPEDITION	0 Down \$1500	\$614 \$2156
FOCUS	0 Down \$1500	\$390 \$1929
F150 4.2	0 Down \$1500	\$436 \$1955

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