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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holiday closings: Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday. Offices in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

■ **Summit on the Park:** The Summit will be open for swimming and other activities during regular business hours, including New Year's Day.

■ **Library:** The Canton Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library will be open Saturday and Sunday.

■ **WTUA:** The Western Townships Utilities Authority will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Offices will reopen Monday, Jan. 4.

■ **Trash:** Regular garbage pickups will be made Thursday Dec. 31.

TUESDAY

Whaler watching: The Plymouth Whalers host the London Knights in a rare, mid-week afternoon game at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14. The Ontario Hockey League contest faces off at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 453-8400.

Workshop: D & M Studios in Canton will hold an all-day paint workshop for children ages 6 and up, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cost is \$15. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

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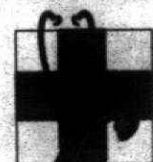
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St. Joseph Mercy nears goal



BY LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

The Canton community will soon have bragging rights on the only interactive health education facility in Michigan.

Area residents and corporations played a major role in fund-raising for the Interactive Health Education Center at St. Joseph Mercy Health Build-

A two-year fund-raising drive has brought in \$1.2 million for the planned interactive health education center at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building. Organizers hope to have the project up and running by spring.

ing in Canton. One of 30 centers nationwide, the facility is designed to educate all ages and to promote healthy lifestyles.

The two-year campaign, in conjunction with Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems, has raised \$1.2 million of its \$1.5 million goal.

The educational facility is slated to open in late spring and will benefit all

in the community and surrounding areas, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"I can't think of any other effort (in the township) that realized \$1.2 million in donations," said Yack, a member of the IHEC campaign steering committee.

The IHEC is part of the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway. The 3,500-square-foot facility, on the lower level, will educate the young to the old on disease prevention, environmental sciences, human development, healthy lifestyles and wellness through interactive displays and educational

courses.

There will be a full-time educator, classrooms, crawl-through ear, cardiovascular and digestive systems.

Site administrator Sally Bailey said the community has stepped up to the plate and been supportive. In turn, she said she is confident that the community will reap rewards from the project.

"We are hoping to give more back to the community," she said. "I think it will have a positive impact on the health of the community and you can't put a price on that."

The funds were raised from a mix-

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Low bid awarded contract

■ 35TH DISTRICT COURT

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Construction of a new Dunbar Davis courthouse in Plymouth will begin next spring.

Nearly 18 months after fire destroyed the court complex on Plymouth Road, the 35th District Court Authority Wednesday afternoon awarded the construction contract to Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia.

Bedzyk Bros. was the least expensive of 15 general contractors who submitted bids on the project. The base construction cost is \$6,765,000. The authority also voted to spend an additional \$62,500 to add a fourth elevator for transporting prisoners between floors without having to come into contact with the public, jurors and staff. The authority is also considering spending another \$12,500 for lightning protection equipment.

The authority did reject spending an additional \$171,250 for add-ons, including \$94,500 to completely finish the magistrate's courtroom and \$59,000 for audio and video equipment for one of the four courtrooms.

The authority is made up of the five communities which are served by the court, including Plymouth, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"I'm very happy. It gives us something to look forward to," said Chief Judge John MacDonald. "And, it's good for the morale of the employees. They finally see something being done. I'm very excited."

"I'm glad that we are finally going to be able to break ground, that there's light at the end of the tunnel," said Judge Ron Lowe. "We can now begin to

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Holiday volunteers work from the heart



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREMER

Doing good: Jeanne Seifert and Kris Moore wrap gifts in a room full of Goodfellows baskets. Pictured below is Canton resident Nancy Spencer, who oversees the local Goodfellow program.

Making 'miracles' is their joy

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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The holiday season is the time to give back to the community and several area residents are doing just that.

In Canton, Nancy Spencer has spent plenty of time making Christmas baskets for needy families.

Spencer, who is president of the Goodfellows in Canton, has been involved in the project for 23 years. This is her 12th year in Canton after working Dearborn Heights and Livonia.

"We just did 123 baskets this



STAFF PHOTO BY LE CARNEGIE

week," she said. "To see all that stuff in that room in the library. And then to see it all develop into baskets and bags for people ... it's really heart-

warming."

According to Spencer, the organization received 23 bikes that were donated for charity. Included in the packages for families was a full Christmas dinner, complete with turkey.

Trucks and dolls and clothing were given for the children while parents and seniors received salt and pepper shakers, mugs and gift certificates.

After the Goodfellows finished delivering all of the baskets and supplies to needy families recently, Spencer received a call from a man who was down on his luck and felt he

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Judgment paves way for shopping center

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton avoided a potential losing legal battle Tuesday by allowing for development of a shopping center at the corner of Geddes and Canton Center roads.

The township board of trustees unanimously approved a consent judgment with developer Anwar Zahr to settle a two-year dispute. The agreement calls for the rezoning of five acres to allow a 26,000-square-foot center.

"I think it's a good resolution," Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "We were able to get the buildings off of the corner, buffers and control the architecture."

The area had been zoned for office development. The parcel, which sits on the southeast corner of Geddes and Canton Center, now carries a C-1 or village shopping designation.

The township planning commission and board denied the rezoning in April of last year because of citizen concerns, Goulet said.

A commission public hearing at the time lasted more than two hours as residents lined up to speak in opposition to the proposal — the second such request since 1995. A more intense C-2 or community shopping zoning was

denied in 1995.

Opposition by more than 50 in attendance and a petition with 121 signatures was enough to sway commissioners in the '97 rezoning request. Residents said they wanted to preserve the rural residential atmosphere of the Canton Center and Geddes area.

While residents weren't able to stop the development, they did have a voice in the consent agreement, said Goulet. Concessions by Zahr helped ease resident concerns.

Landscaping and berms will provide a buffer to adjacent residential areas.

Goulet said a retention pond near Geddes and Canton Center will also act as a buffer to parking areas.

Three buildings are included in the development. An 11,000-square-foot Arbor Drugs will anchor the center. Two 7,500-square-foot buildings will house several other tenants.

Each of the buildings will be made of all brick. Additionally, roofs will be residential in appearance.

A joint service access road to the buildings should control truck traffic on Canton Center, Goulet said. Final site plans for the development, which will be handled administratively instead of going through the commis-

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TOWNSHIP BOARD

CANTON CONNECTION

New graduate

Canton Police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty has graduated from the school of Police Staff and Command sponsored by Eastern Michigan University.

The 10-session course included classroom study in budgeting, personnel management, planning, staffing and leadership.

Hardesty has been with the Canton Police Depart-

ment 9 1/2 years, serving with the bicycle patrol, Special Operations Team and as an evidence technician. He currently helps organize events and activities with the Canton Police Explorers.

Chamber auction

It isn't too early to start making plans for the annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction.

The gala evening of fun, food and, of course, bidding is set for Friday, March 19.

Pat Williams, auction committee chairman and past chamber president, is looking for volunteers to help staff the event. Call the chamber at 453-4040.

Think snow

The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park will offer a snowmobile safety course for children age 12-17 next month.

State law requires that children 12-17 are certified to ride snowmobiles when not on their parents' private property.

The class is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Students will be asked to show proof of age and provide a social security number at time of registration. Course fee is \$20 for Canton residents, \$25 for non-residents.

For more information call the Summit, 397-5110.

Woman reports assault on job

A 33-year-old Detroit woman was the victim of an alleged assault at her place of work in Canton Monday.

The woman, a supervisor at Ryder Logistics, got into an argument with an employee about a day off she had denied, police reports said. The incident occurred at about 8:15 a.m.

At some point, the woman tried to leave the room. As she began to open a door, the 24-year-old male employee grabbed the doorknob and pushed her aside, reports said.

The door struck the woman in the chest. Reports said it caused redness to develop in that area.

The Detroit woman then went to a clinic to have the injury examined. She told police she wished to prosecute the man.

Purse snatching

A 56-year-old Canton woman had her purse snatched in the

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parking lot of Meijer late Tuesday evening.

Police reports said that the woman was putting groceries into her car when an unknown man grabbed her purse and ran. She screamed as the man ran westbound in the parking lot.

Her purse was valued at \$300. The thief got away with \$400 in cash and \$600 in jewelry.

MDOP

About \$2,000 worth of damage was done to a Canton business early Tuesday morning.

An unknown person spray painted the Koppersnick Road business' north wall. Two company vehicles, which were parked on the east side of the business, were also spray painted.

Police have no suspects.

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sion and board, will likely be in by early January, he added.

Since Zah's reasoning request was in conformance with township's Future Land Use Map and considering recent court decisions, Canton Township attorney Ron Witthoff said the agreement was the best alternative.

"Our case would be a difficult case to win in court," he told the board Tuesday. "I think it's a good resolution to the dispute."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin wasn't thrilled about not being able to review site plans at the

planning and board levels. Witthoff said it wasn't uncommon for those steps to be skipped in a consent agreement.

Ron Witthoff
—township attorney

Fund drive from page A1

ture of small and large gifts from 4,500 donors, according to Steve Ragan, director of the capital campaign of SJMHS.

Ragan said the 17-member development committee has given approximately \$200,000 through leadership gifts. Other people in the community and surrounding areas donated via telemarketing and mail and there are many large donations from generous supporters. They include but aren't limited to: \$260,000 from Ferrantino Charitable Foundation, \$250,000 from Care Choices HMO, \$100,000 from Toys R Us through its Children's Benefit Fund, approximately \$80,000 from Leviston-Smith Realty, over \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Amann, \$50,000 from the Ronald McDonald Foundation and \$180,000 from the golf outing Yack chaired last year.

Ragan said that the Toy R Us donation was the largest gift given of this kind from a business to a project in the Canton community.

Every year Toy R Us looks for organizations worthy of their Children's Benefit Fund donation, according to Michael Cullen regional distribution manager of Toy R Us. After Cullen read the proposal for the IHCC he submitted a letter to national and they approved his donation.

Toy R Us makes yearly donations to children's hospitals and playrooms for sick children. This is the first year they also donated to a wellness program.

"I really think that long-term this is going to make a major positive impact on wellness of children in the community," said Cathy Filion, general manager of Toy R Us Michigan and Northwest Ohio region.



Check presentation: Margaret Cooney Casey (left) of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System accepts a \$100,000 donation from Toys R Us for the Interactive Health Education Center at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building. With her are area families, State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton and Cathy Filion (far right), general manager of the toy retailer's Michigan region.

In the past, this size grant hasn't been awarded to an outpatient clinic.

"This is the first time they (Children's Benefit Fund) made a grant to an ambulatory building," Ragan said.

Yack said he was happy to see the Toys R Us donation, even though the company is vacating its Canton distribution center.

Ragan said the Ronald McDonald Foundation doubled his request.

"We requested \$25,000 from the Ronald McDonald Foundation and they thought it was such a worthy project they gave \$50,000," he explained. The funds are earmarked for capital construction, design costs and ongoing support.

St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital will make up the difference if the campaign falls short of its goal.

Ragan said the center could help keep people out of the hos-

pital. "We found that most chronic diseases can be prevented with changes in lifestyle and prevention," he said. "That's what this facility is all about, teaching people about health care and knowing more about their health."

Anyone interested in donating may call the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Development department at (734) 712-4026.

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anticipate when we'll be able to move out of this temporary facility."

"We're dealing with a very competitive building market. While I'm not happy the cost went up, we did get bids that were very close together and competitive."

Tony Minghine
—Canton finance director

Spending money

The total cost of the project, according to the authority's financial adviser, Bob Bendzinski, will be more than \$8.2 million. The total balance includes costs such as architectural and engineering fees, furniture and equipment, and site surveys.

The authority still needs to decide how large a mortgage it wants for the project. The authority can bond up to \$6 million, however representatives of the communities expressed they want to keep the debt as low as possible.

To determine that, the authority has to decide how much of its \$4 million in insurance money and excess court revenue it wants to put into the project. If they use the entire \$4 million, the bond would be for approximately \$4.2 million, to be paid

with interest over a 20-year period.

Despite the project being nearly a million more than was projected last spring, members of the authority are generally pleased with the outcome.

"We're dealing with a very competitive building market," said Tony Minghine, Canton's director of finance and budget.

"While I'm not happy the cost went up, we did get bids that were very close together and competitive."

Plymouth's interim city manager, Paul Sincock, agrees.

"In today's construction market, I'm not surprised," he said.

Bedyk Bros., said he's ready to begin construction in the spring, and doesn't expect any problems with the March 2000 completion date. Unless...

"There are a number of union contracts coming up, with rumors there will be a number of strikes," said Bedyk. "If that happens, it will definitely have an impact on completion of the project."

The new courthouse will sit on the same site as the building which burned down, but will be two floors instead of one. The 44,481-square-foot building will include four courtrooms, conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus a security garage for judges and court personnel.

Occupancy is set for March 2000, although completion of the parking area and landscaping is expected to take several more months.

Set to start soon
Bob Bedyk, president of

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THE TREATMENT OF PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

Psoriatic arthritis is a joint condition that occurs in up to 10% of patients with psoriasis. Some people with mild psoriasis will develop intense joint pain and swelling, while other patients with more severe skin disease have no joint complaints. The reason for this discrepancy is unknown. This arthritis often strikes the legs and feet or may be limited to one, two, or a few digits in the hands. Most often, but not always, the joint swelling is accompanied by psoriatic skin lesions.

While identification of psoriatic arthritis is straightforward for your doctor, the treatment is not. The basic problem is that we do not know the cause of the arthritis. The theory is that in some people with psoriasis a common element in the skin and the joint linings exist that cause an autoimmune reaction with accompanying inflammation. The same theory, with more evidence, forms the basis for treatment in rheumatoid arthritis. Thus, patients with psoriatic arthritis receive salicylate, morphine, gold, and methotrexate just like patients with rheumatoid arthritis. However, psoriatic arthritis is different, and the medication borrowed, while useful, often lacks the same efficacy as occurs in rheumatoid arthritis.

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Work and play: Brighter Toys owner Cindy Brandemihl (from left), assistant manager Brad Nash, and manager Suzanne Pettovello (Brandemihl's sister) have had a busy holiday season.

Bright idea Toy store takes hands-on approach with kids, adults

BY LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Lillian Schisler of Canton, hates the hustle and bustle of large stores and malls. Even though she lives behind Meijer, she shops mostly by mail order.

She said she wouldn't have stopped in Brighter Toy Store on Canton Center Road if it weren't for the persistence of her 10-year-old son, Rusty Hatfield.

On a recent afternoon, Schisler walked out of the specialty toy store with three bags of wrapped Christmas toys and a smile on her face.

"I did all my shopping in one stop, there was no line and they wrapped the gifts for me," Schisler said with a sense of accomplishment.

She explained that she liked the way toys are displayed and it wasn't overwhelming like huge toy stores.

Mike Johansson of Canton was browsing for gifts for his three daughters.

"I think it is great that there is a specific toy store other than Kmart or Meijer's," he said.

Another perk that may influence him is Brighter Toys has complimentary gift wrapping for all occasions.

"My wife and I were just talking about that, it will take forever to wrap all the gifts, it is definitely an incentive to shop here," Johansson said.

Another incentive to shop may be the selection.

Owner Cindy Brandemihl, a former Canton resident, prides

herself on creating a store where kids can learn and grow. She even incorporated some young buyers, daughters Courtney Brandemihl, 10, and Kelsey Brandemihl, 8.

Kids will be able to play with their toys as soon as they tear off the wrapping because most toys require imagination not batteries. Brandemihl said you may only find ten toys in the store that need batteries. And you will be hard pressed to find a toy that encourages violent play. No G.I. Joes, guns, swords or video games that give points for beating monsters.

In place of fighting toys, she carries educational software, videos, CDs and tapes.

Jean Eberts of Canton was shopping with her 3-year-old daughter, Julia, and said she noticed the toys are educational and hands-on.

Another mom, Brenda Blankenship of Canton, had been to several toy stores and couldn't find the full line of Felt Kidz toys she stopped at Brighter Toy Store.

Blankenship said she likes that the store doesn't carry toys for the mass and she also is looking forward to walking out with wrapped gifts.

"They have free gift wrap. You can't beat that," she said.

Brandemihl said the children are her main customers. All toys can be kid tested before purchasing and toys are

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child accessible. "I want every child to feel special when they leave," she said. "I want it to be a magical experience for them."

Brandemihl carries a variety of games and puzzles, yo-yos, science items, books, a preteen section with hip hump, hair wraps, and mood rings, a dress-up stage for boys and girls, Lamaze and infant toys, PBS toys, dinosaurs, toy horses, arts and crafts and wooden train sets among other toys.

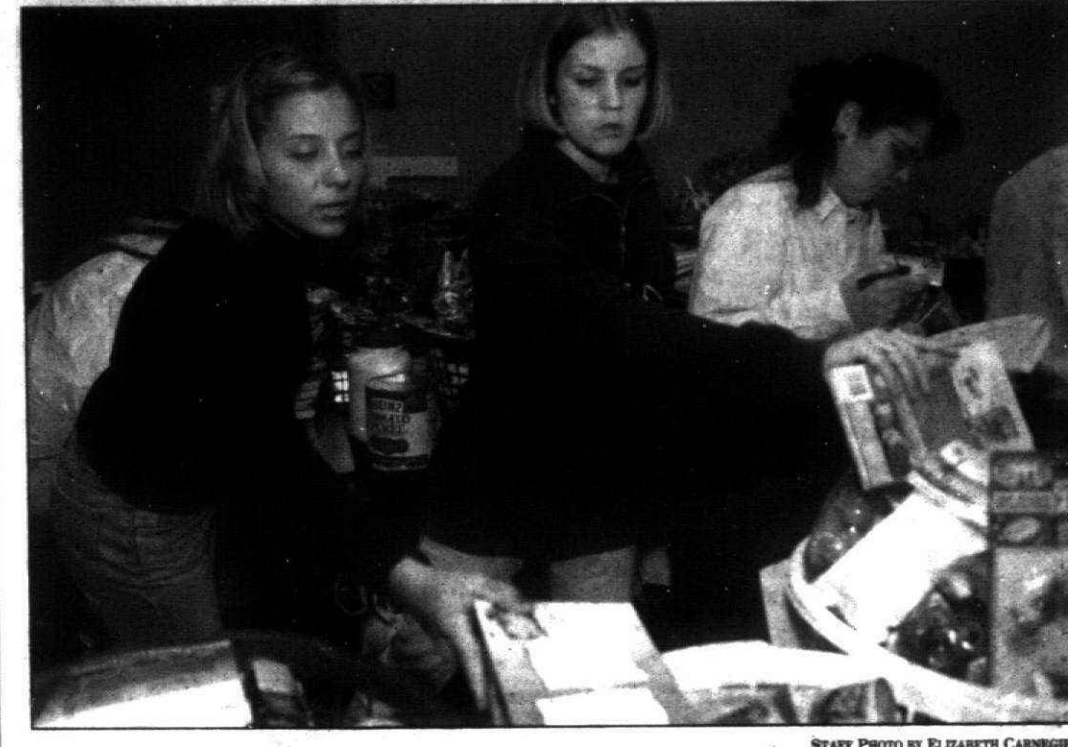
Brandemihl said she doesn't want to leave any children out so she is learning from an occupational therapist the toys appropriate for children with special needs.

Brighter Toys is a family owned store created by a Brandemihl who is a mom and former Appliance Toy representative. When she was a rep she noticed Canton was lacking a toy store.

"I lived in Canton for five years and saw a need for a toy store. So, me and my husband, Gregg, decided to go ahead with it," she said. Brandemihl said she had a vision and a supportive family that helped her get the store up and running. Her sister, Suzanne Pettovello of Canton, is the store manager.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information (734) 844-9190.

Volunteers from page A1



Holiday food distribution: Helping to fill baskets for the Canton Goodfellows are (from left) Leah Inman, Kristin Walsh and Joanne Wiles.

couldn't provide enough for his children during this holiday season.

While Spencer was contemplating where to get more supplies for him and his family, a woman from a development complex called to say that she forgot to tell her that they collected supplies and wanted to know how to have them picked up.

"Just in case people today don't think miracles happen, they do... they really do," she said.

Spencer and the Goodfellows have a goal this season and are meeting their objective. "Our motto is no Canton child without a Christmas," she added.

June Clark of Plymouth is no rookie when it comes to volunteering. She has spent countless hours during the past year counseling inmates during pastoral visits at Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township.

"I just go in and talk to them

about a lot of things," she said. "Some of them want to talk about their feelings or what's going on in the world. Some of them even want to talk about my life and what I'm doing."

She also helped organize and run a "hobbycraft" program at the prison which allows several inmates to crochet lap robes, mittens and hats to be given to the Salvation Army for those in need.

The program began a little over a year ago as a holiday program but was so successful that prison officials allowed it to continue throughout the year.

She has sent letters to area churches asking for donations of yarn and collects, stores and delivers it to the prison. Through this program, inmates have generated several hundred lap robes to give to the homeless.

Clark's help and determination to make this program work has kept plenty of people warm this season... inside and out.

Farmington's Pat Atkinson

has been volunteering at the Manna Community Meal Soup Kitchen in downtown Detroit on Fridays for the last 12 years.

She works as a dishwasher at the kitchen which is in the basement of St. Peter's Episcopal Church across the street from Tiger Stadium.

"I just enjoy it," she said. "I enjoy the gentlemen that come to the soup kitchen and we do unlimited food which is unique. They need no ticket and no money... they just come and eat."

Atkinson, who also works at Mercy High School in Farmington, says that the personal reward she gets from performing such work is more quickly felt than with other programs.

"It makes you feel good," she said. "There aren't too many services that you can do that you get an instant reward like this one."

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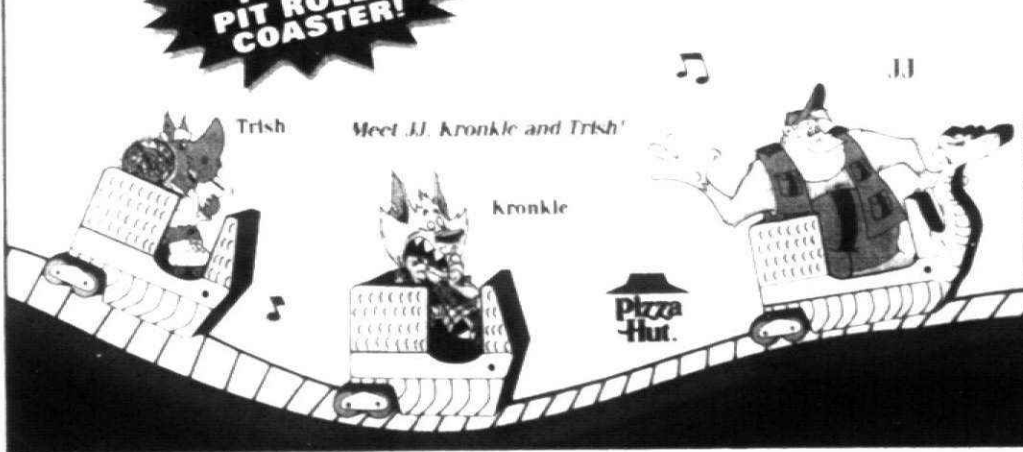
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Police arrest Ypsilanti Twp. man in wife's fatal stabbing

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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Police have arrested a Ypsilanti Township man in connection with the stabbing death of his estranged wife Tuesday in a van parked in that community.

Veronica Mechele Walker, 29, and her four children had been living in Canton since last summer, said Washtenaw County Sheriff's Lt. Brenda Sutton. She had recently filed for divorce, police said.

Walker apparently died from a stab wound to the upper torso

and was stabbed more than once, police said. An autopsy was completed but results weren't available early Thursday.

A Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy found Walker's body at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday in the front seat of the van, parked at a ball field on Harris Road and Russell Boulevard in Ypsilanti Township.

Sutton said the stabbing occurred inside the van. It was unclear whether the incident happened at the ballfield or somewhere else, she said.

Sutton said the victim was last seen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday dropping her kids off at a Ypsi-

lanti Township day care facility. "She never made it to work at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health," Sutton said.

Walker's 36-year-old husband was expected to be charged in connection with the killing late Thursday or early Friday, police said.

Police gave few details about the suspect but said the couple had a history of violent incidents. Walker's four daughters range in age from 11 months to 10 years.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Thursday.

2 teens charged in student's murder

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Two juveniles were arraigned on open murder charges Wednesday in connection with the Dec. 19 death of a 14-year-old John Glenn High School student and Westland resident.

Arraigned were Stephen Raina, 14, of Westland and Jason Blevins, 15, of Inkster in 22nd District Court in Inkster

"The bond must be set high to convey the seriousness of the offense," James said.

"Someone is dead," she said. "The victim can't go home for Christmas."

The Inkster Police Department found Jeffrey Joseph Farman, a John Glenn High School freshman, dead Saturday afternoon on a school football field in Inkster.

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Donations help disadvantaged



Making a difference: Anne Evans (left) picks up socks donated by members of the Indian American Student Association at Plymouth Canton High School. The drive was led by club officers Aroti Achari, Neha Holani and Nirar Patel. Canton Cub Scout Pack 858, led by Cubmaster Bill Wiley, also collected socks and underwear for the project last fall. Other contributors included the Canton Senior Center, Resurrection Catholic Church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton Calvary Church, Super Kmart, Kohl's and the Canton Target store. The clothing - some 2,323 pairs of new socks and 189 pairs of underwear - was donated to: Canton Goodfellows, Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank, Salvation Army of Plymouth, Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528, First Step, Wayne County Family Center and Dawn Farm in Ypsilanti, a drug and alcohol recovery facility.

Governor's Awards accepting nominees

This year marks the sixth annual Governor's Service Awards. The Governor and the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) support volunteer service as one means to strengthen communities and help solve Michigan's social problems.

The Governor's Service Awards seek to acknowledge the countless Michigan citizens involved in volunteer service and honor those whose commitment to community and service to others is exemplary.

The award categories include youth, adult, senior, national service program, national service program member, youth service club/civic organization, adult service club/civic organization, corporation/business, service-learning educator, community service program manager, media/news organization, the arts in service, and innovative spirit in addition to the prestigious Gov. George Romney Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award. Nominations forms are due Feb. 12, 1999.

The finalists will be recognized at a reception and dinner on May 17, 1999 where they will be honored by the Governor and First Lady Michelle Engler for their volunteer contributions.

The dinner is sponsored by Ameritech. For more information, call the MCSC at (517) 335-4295 to request a nomination form.

Blood needed

Red Cross needs more donations

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The American Red Cross is out for blood, especially at this time of the year.

"The holidays are historically a slow period for blood donors, and we are currently experiencing a 40 percent drop in collections. With the winter weather forecast for the next few days, our available supply will diminish quickly," said Mary Anne Stella, chief operating officer of the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region.

"We need people to take an hour out of their busy schedule and donate a pint of blood to support the transfusion needs of local hospital patients."

Spokeswoman Lisa Raycraft said between Christmas and

'We are really stretched on where to go for units.'

Lisa Raycraft
—spokeswoman

New Year's, donor numbers drop from approximately 700 to 345. She attributes that drop to high schools (typical donor sites) and auto manufacturing companies and suppliers (typical source of donors) being closed over the holidays. Also, the cold weather keeps potential donors indoors.

"We are really stretched on where to go for units," she said. If the blood supply dips too low, the southeastern Michigan American Red Cross imports from other states in the Mid-

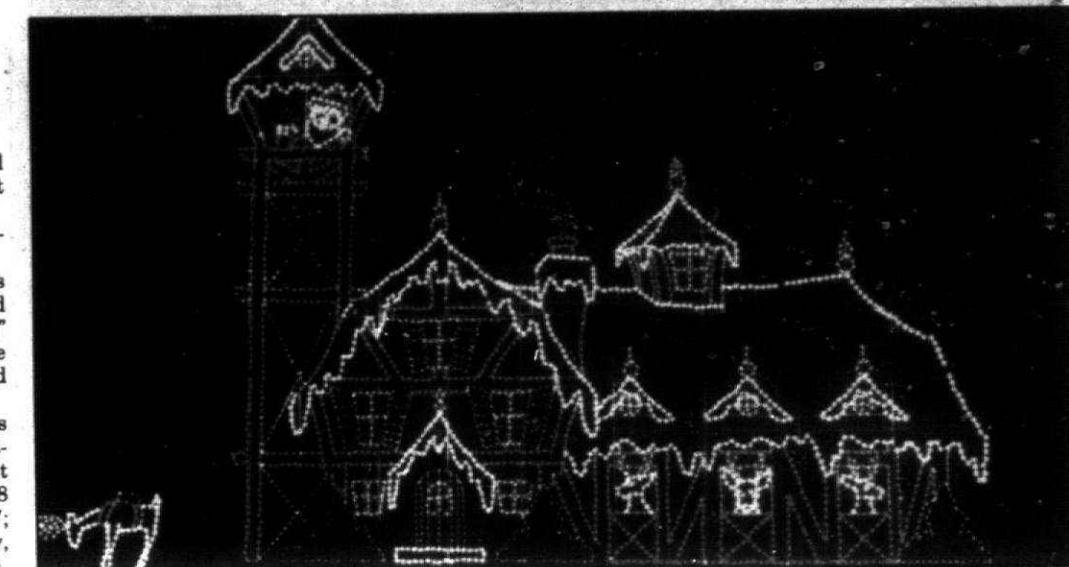
west. However, importing blood from states like Minnesota is not always the answer.

"This weather pattern is striking all of them," said Raycraft. Compounding the problem is the short shelf-life of donated blood. "Shelf-life is minuscule," said Raycraft. "It's not like we can put it in our freezer and thaw it when we want."

The American Red Cross donating site in Livonia is located in the Bell Creek Plaza at 29692 W. Six Mile. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27; 1-7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 28-30; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 2-3.

Donors should call (313) 494-2741 for an appointment.

Light-time



Shine on brightly: Christmas may be over, but Wayne County LightFest remains open 7-10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 1. LightFest begins on Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland. A donation of \$5 per car helps to maintain LightFest and Wayne County parks and recreation facilities. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Tax bill can be trimmed with early payments

Editor's note: This is Part 3 in a special three-part series of columns on year-end tax planning.

BY GARY KLOTT

Homeowners who are looking for year-end ways to trim their 1998 tax bill will often find their homes are residence to some valuable tax-saving opportunities.

Most homeowners can pick up hundreds or even thousands of dollars in extra deductions for their 1998 income tax returns simply by writing a check or two before New Year's Eve.

Even more can be lopped off of tax bills by people with home-based businesses, homeowners who plan to refinance their mortgage again, and individuals who are about to sell a vacation home or investment property.

Pay January mortgage installment

Most homeowners can pick up an extra month's worth of mortgage deductions for their 1998 return by paying their January mortgage installment by Dec. 31.

Although the IRS doesn't allow deductions for prepayments of a future

year's interest charges, early payment of January's mortgage installment is different. That's because mortgage installments usually contain an interest charge for the previous month. Thus, the interest charge included in January 1999 installments will typically be for December 1998.

So, if you mail payment for your January installment by Dec. 31, you'll be eligible to deduct the December interest charge included in that installment on your 1998 return, instead of having to wait until you file your 1999 tax-year return in the year 2000.

Technically, your mortgage payment will be eligible for a 1998 deduction so long as it's mailed by Dec. 31. "But I try to mail it two weeks before year-end so there's no question about the interest deduction," said Thomas Beneventi, a Chicago area tax partner at the accounting firm of McGladrey & Pullen.

Mailing it in early, he says, will help ensure your mortgage lender includes the payment on Form 1098, which lists the amount of mortgage interest you paid during the year. If the payment is included on the form, you won't need to worry about having to prove that you

sent the check by Dec. 31 should the IRS question the deduction.

Pay property taxes

Some homeowners can pick up extra deductions by paying their property tax bill by Dec. 31, even if the taxes aren't due until early next year.

But the strategy won't work for everyone. Paying early will bring a 1998 deduction only if you normally send your property tax payments directly to the tax collector. If you normally pay your property taxes to your mortgage lender as part of your monthly mortgage payment, paying early won't make the taxes deductible on your 1998 return. The reason is that property taxes can't be deducted until your payment is turned over to the tax collector.

And lenders won't take your money out of escrow and send it to the tax authority until the taxes are due next year. Paying early is also a waste for higher-income homeowners who expect to be subject to the "alternative minimum tax" this year. Property taxes aren't deductible under the minimum tax formula.

Home offices

If you're eligible to claim home-office deductions, there are a few things you can do before the end of the year to boost your write-offs.

One is to pay some household bills by Dec. 31 to make the expenses deductible this year. A portion of your homeowner's insurance premiums, utilities and other upkeep expenses - including wages you pay to a housekeeper - can be written off as a home-office expense.

Also, check to see if your house is in need of any fix-up work. The full cost of repairs made to your home office - such as repainting the room - can be written off as a home-office expense.

Repairs made to other parts of your home can be partly deducted if the repair work partly benefits your home office. For example, if you have a leaky roof, you can deduct a proportionate amount of the repair costs since the roof helps protect your home office from the elements. If your home office occupies 15 percent of your house, 15 percent of the repair costs generally would qualify for the home-office deduction.

Treating yourself to some new fur-

nishings for your home office for Christmas - be it a new computer work station or an Italian leather swivel chair - can bring in extra business deductions for your 1998 return.

But before you start chasing after last-minute write-offs for your home office, be sure your efforts will pay off. Home-office deductions generally are limited to the amount of income generated by your business. And deductions for furniture and equipment purchases may also be limited by your income and other depreciation rules.

Home-office hopefuls

If you don't currently qualify for home-office deductions, but expect to qualify next year when the home-office rules become more liberal, you'll generally want to defer paying eligible home-office expenses until next year. Paying the bills after Dec. 31 will make the expenses eligible for a deduction next year when you're first able to make use of home-office deductions.

On Jan. 1, a provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 will effectively nullify a 1993 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Please see TAXES, A7

Chrysler helps Make-A-Wish

Some metro Detroit youngsters will have their holiday wishes granted this holiday season thanks to a new, projected \$50,000 partnership of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, the Chrysler Plymouth Superstores Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Jeep Dealers of Southeast Michigan.

The first Gift Exchange sales event by the Chrysler Plymouth and Jeep store groups is scheduled from Monday, Dec. 28, through Monday, Jan. 4. During that period, \$50 of each sale or lease will go to Make-A-Wish of Michigan.

The projected \$50,000 will be the largest business gift to Make-A-Wish of Michigan this year and will fulfill wishes for 10 children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

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OBITUARIES

FRANK L. PIGEON
Services for Frank L. Pigeon, 77, of Canton were Dec. 22 in Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was in Acadia Park Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

He was born Nov. 25, 1921, in Detroit. He died Dec. 20 in Canton. He was a switchboard repairman. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church. He was in the Air Force and was in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Pigeon of Canton; one son, James (Colleen) Pigeon of Livonia; two granddaughters, Kelly Pigeon, Shannon (Tony) Schmaus; three grandsons, Michael (Peggy) Pigeon, Patrick (Jennifer) Pigeon, Sean Pigeon; four great-granddaughters, Brandy Schmaus, Amber Schmaus, Jessica Pigeon, Meredith Pigeon; and one great-grandson, James Schmaus.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Church Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

PATRICIA ANN WEY
Services for Patricia Ann Wey, 58, of Westland were Dec. 19 in St. Richard Catholic Church with the Rev. Terence Treppa officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Local arrangements were made by Vermoulen Funeral Home, Westland.

She was born March 17, 1940,

Detroit. He died Dec. 18 in Ann Arbor. He was an inspector for a manufacturer. He was a member of St. Thomas a Becket Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Mroz of Hudson, Mich.; two sons, Leonard Mroz Jr. of Canton; two daughters, Lori Mroz of Manistee Beach, Mich., and Diane (Mark) Ulmer of Canton; one sister, Joanne Krupa of Dearborn; and one brother, Frank Mrozinski of Canton.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

HELEN J. PILAT
Services for Helen J. Pilat, 90, of Plymouth were Dec. 21 in Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Dr. Carl M. Leth officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born June 30, 1908, in Detroit. She died Dec. 19 in Southfield. She was a medical secretary.

Survivors include her son, Ron (Sharon) Pilat of Northville; one daughter, Patricia J. Mahaz of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

JEAN L. MORROW
Services will be held for Jean L. Morrow, 76, of Plymouth at a later date. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born July 10, 1922, in Piggott, Ark. He died Dec. 21 in

Ann Arbor. He retired from Mal-leable Steel Co. in Monroe in 1982 after nine years of service. He formerly worked for Mal-leable Iron Works in Albion. He was a member of the Baptist church. He came to the Plymouth area 32 years ago. He loved being a deacon in the church. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. He served in the Navy for nine years in World War II and in the Korean conflict. He attended the school of photography in Dallas, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, M. Oline Morrow of Plymouth; one son, Dean Morrow of Plymouth; and one sister, Junell Nettles of Kansas.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, West Metro Region, P.O. Box 72119, Berkeley, MI 48072-0129.

JAMES W. MEYER
Services for James W. Meyer, 57, of Canton were Dec. 21 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlin officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born Dec. 20, 1940, in Monroe. He died Dec. 17 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was an insurance inspector.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, two sons, Frank (Shannon), Patrick (Cindy); two brothers, Jacob, Eric; one brother, Clarence Meyer Jr.; and one step-sister, Diane "Waldeck" Barrett.

MARION ELAINE YOCKEY
Services for Marion Elaine Yockey, 73, of Farmington Hills were Dec. 15 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Schuster officiating.

She was born June 16, 1925, in Alpena. She died Dec. 12 in Farmington Hills. She was a retired teacher, leaving the profession in 1986. She taught in Northville, Plymouth, Midland and Huntington Woods schools. She graduated from Alpena High School in 1942 and received a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University in 1950. She married her high school sweetheart, Fred Yockey. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this month. Fred Yockey was retired city manager of Huntington Woods, Midland, and Plymouth. Mrs. Yockey was a wonderful singer.

Survivors include her husband, Fred L. Yockey of Hubbard Lake and North Fort Myers, Fla.; two sons, Michael (Pamela) Yockey of Canton, Kurt Yockey (Cheri Chandler) of Farmington Hills; two daughters, Patricia Yockey (Larry Schneider) of San Diego, Calif., Barbara Yockey (Frank Demko) of Sterling Heights; five grandchildren, Zoe Yockey, Michael Jay Yockey, Scott Yockey, Sara Yockey, Kristine Demko; and one brother, Jack (Carol) Parr of Saginaw.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Michigan, 25911 Middle-belt, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

VIOLET M. STIER
Services for Violet M. Stier, 73, of Livonia were Dec. 17 in St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland, with the Rev. John La Casse officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Park. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Aug. 5, 1925, in Wisconsin. She died Dec. 13 in Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Stier.

Survivors include her five sons, Robert Stier of Andover, Mass., Richard Stier of Warren, Ronald Stier of Lafayette, Ind., David Stier of Westland, James Stier of Farmington Hills; three daughters, Monette of Windsor, Ontario, Denise Amidon of Norton Shores, Patricia Wojcik of Plymouth; three brothers, two sisters; and 16 grandchildren.

EILEEN SWATOSH
Services for Eileen Swatosh of Florida were Dec. 21 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Kenneth Reich officiating. Burial was in Grandlawn Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 19, 1917, in Detroit. She died Dec. 19 in Florida. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; three daughters, Carol (Barry) Bartlett of Canton, Sharon (Don) McKay, Deborah (Scott) Wilson; and one son, Robert; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister Phyllis Fitzgerald.

Math Competition
Eight students at Plymouth-Canton Education Park have learned that they have qualified for the second part of the 41st Annual Michigan Mathematics

Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Qualifying were Luke Williams, Mike Darling, Evan Leung, Arthur Tomlin, Nathan

Roller, Anuradhr Bhamra, Samip Mallick, and Valerie Taylor.

Students qualified for the Part II by placing in the top 7 percent out of about 14,000 participants in an examination given at over 360 schools across the State of Michigan last Oct. 14. The qualifiers competed by taking the Part II exam on Dec. 9. The 100 students with the highest combined scores will attend a banquet in their honor at Michigan State University, March 6.

VIPS Award
Angie Nikolits and Lisa Vogt, volunteers from Bird Elementary School, received the Volunteer in Public Schools Extra Mile Award at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting, Dec. 15.

Nikolits and Vogt were commended for the many hours of service they have given to the students at Bird.

They were cited for consistently giving of themselves and time to the students, staff and programs. Both Nikolits and Vogt have been room mothers, room helpers and have also chaired the very successful Market Day Fund-raiser Program at Bird Elementary.

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TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth has approved a contract of Lease (the "Contract") with the 35th Judicial District Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended ("Act 31"). Such Contract provides, among other things, that the Building Authority, which has been incorporated by the charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, Michigan (the "Incorporating Units") and each an "Incorporating Unit", will acquire, construct, furnish and equip a district court facility for use by the 35th Judicial District of Michigan to serve the incorporating Units (the "Project"), and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT. The remaining portions of Project not financed with the proceeds of the Building Authority bonds described herein will be financed from insurance proceeds and other proceeds available to the 35th Judicial District of Michigan. The Building Authority bonds will mature serially or be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from no earlier than 1999 to not later than 2030, inclusive, and will bear interest at fixed or variable rates not exceeding eight percent (8%) per annum on the outstanding principal balance as determined at the public negotiated sale thereof.

The Contract further provides that the incorporating Units will lease the financed facilities from the Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BUILDING AUTHORITY BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE FACILITIES AND ALL COSTS OF THE Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether the facilities are completed or are untenable. The principal amount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the City for the purposes of statutory and constitutional debt limitations, and the principal amount, together with the City's rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of the facilities.

CITY CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

BY VIRTUE OF THE CONTRACT AND ACT 31, ALL OF THE CITY'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY PAYABLE FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY, AND THE CITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON, IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

THE CONTRACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHOUT VOTE OF THE ELECTIONS OF THE CITY, AS PERMITTED BY LAW, UNLESS A SUFFICIENT PETITION FOR REFERENDUM REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH CONTRACT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTIONS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN 45 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such petition is so filed, the Contract shall not be effective without an approving vote by a majority of voters of the City voting on the question.

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8(b) of the Act 31, as amended. Further information concerning the details of the Contract, the project being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the Contract are on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, for public inspection during regular business hours.

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that has barred home-office deductions for home-based business owners who typically perform their services away from home, as is the case for outside salespersons, plumbers and interior decorators.

The new law will permit such workers to deduct a home office so long as it's regularly used to perform administrative or managerial tasks and there is no other fixed location where they conduct "a substantial administrative or managerial activities."

Refinance before year ends
Recent declines in mortgage rates have prompted many homeowners who refinanced in years past to consider refinancing again to lock in an even lower rate.

If you're planning to refinance again, there may be a tax incentive to get it done before the end of this year. If you complete the transaction by Dec. 31, you may be able to claim hundreds of

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thousands of dollars in extra deductions on your 1998 return.

These extra deductions relate to "points" you may have paid to your lender in connection with your previous refinancing. (Points are the one-time fees that are routinely assessed on mortgage loans. These lender charges often run into the thousands of dollars.)

Points paid in a refinancing usually must be written off gradually over the life of the loan. But when you refinance a second (or third or fourth) time, any points paid on your previous refinancing that haven't yet been written off can be immediately deducted in a lump sum.

So if you complete the new

refinancing by Dec. 31, you'll be eligible to write off all those undeducted points from your earlier refinancing on your 1998 return.

Real estate sales
Paying capital gains tax on a home sale is something that most homeowners no longer have to worry about, thanks to the 1997 tax act.

Up to \$500,000 in profits from the sale of a principal residence are generally exempt from capital gains tax (\$250,000 for unmarried individuals).

But if you expect to be stuck paying tax on a pending sale of real estate — such as a vacation home or rental property — there are a couple of ways you can defer part or all of the tax.

One option is to wait until after Dec. 31 to close the sale. Delaying the closing will postpone the tax another year. Waiting until next year to close the sale will also put you into a position to benefit if a capital gains tax cut is enacted into law and is

made effective for sales beginning in 1999.

Many Republicans in both the House and Senate are co-sponsors of legislation to reduce the capital gains rate for investments held more than one year from 20 percent to 15 percent. The lower rate would apply to all types of investments, eliminating the exception that now applies to real estate investments. If you sell real estate that you depreciated, your gain is now subject to tax at a 25 percent rate to the extent of depreciation deductions you previously claimed.

Installment sale
Another option is to arrange an "installment sale." Under such an arrangement, the buyer agrees to pay you in installments over a number of years. The advantage is that you won't have to pay tax on your entire gain right away. Rather, you get to

pay the tax gradually over a number of years as you receive the money from the buyer.

Besides being able to defer tax into the future, there may be another benefit to arranging an installment sale this year. Some of your gains might be taxed at a lower rate if a capital gains cut gets enacted next year. If that happens, installment payments you receive after the effective date of the capital gains cut might qualify for the lower rates.

That was the case under the capital gains cut enacted last

year as part of the 1997 tax act. Of course, the disadvantage to an installment sale is that you won't get all your money up front from the buyer. "You have to think about the creditworthiness of the buyer in an installment sale," said David Rhine, national director of family wealth planning at the accounting firm of BDO Seidman in New York. "You have to ask yourself, do you want to be on line for the money for many years to come?"

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Breastfeeding

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Please call for location and/or additional information. Theresa (734) 261-6814, Vicki (313) 937-3011, or Michelle (734) 591-7071.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Monday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Botsford General Hospital's Ziegler Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 442-7986 for information.

Top fundraiser

Sharon Hedgcock of Westland, an Absopure employee, was one of the top ten fundraisers at the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk in Detroit. Hedgcock raised \$1,100 — Donna Aho, team leader for Absopure, raised a group total of \$2,050.

Retaining memory

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a free seminar Wednesday, Jan. 20 on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Park-way in Canton. To reserve your free spot call (734) 397-5444.

Hearing screening

Have your hearing tested Jan. 5 in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) between noon and 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Begin to exercise

Exercise: Where to Begin? This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, such as high blood pressure, cholesterol and their families. The cost is free. Participants should register by Jan. 11 for the Wednesday, Jan. 13 program from 6-7:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis in Wayne.

Alzheimer's support

Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month (Jan. 5) at 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off of Folsom Road, between Grand River and Eight Mile Road) Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-7400.

Fit in 1999

Get a head start on the new year with a resolution for getting fit by logging onto the Internet at www.goget-fit.com. Created by Coors Brewing Company's Women's Program and the Women's Sports Foundation, goget-fit.com features an interactive sports quiz that provides a personalized sports and fitness profile and also includes information on the benefits of physical fitness and boosting self-confidence.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Road to recovery

Gambling treatment centers reach out

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTON • STAFF WRITER

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The casualty of an addiction isn't just the victim but more times than not, the damage extends beyond the individual and into the lives of family members, friends and colleagues.

Andy, a gambling addict in his seventh year of recovery, says he found himself divorced twice, homeless, jobless and without any friends before he came to the realization he needed help.

"No one liked me ... and I didn't like myself," said Andy who requested his name be withheld to protect his identity. "I was divorced twice and practically on skid row before I realized getting treatment was a do-or-die thing."

Andy sought help at an out-of-state, 30-day treatment center in Ohio for veterans. Seven and a half years later he says he would rather commit suicide than resume gambling.

"I've learned three things can happen to a gambler if they don't stop — prison, insanity or death — and I've been close to all three."

Out of control

While a pathological gambler is rendered powerless over gambling — their loved ones are sometimes left with staggering debts and the guilt of knowing they may have enabled the gambler by "bailing them out" in desperation.

"That's definitely a no-no," said Andy. "There may be extenuating circumstances but for the most part it's not a good idea."

Andy says frequently he found himself feeding his mother a "sob-story" about needing money and time and time again — she bailed him out.

"Helping a gambler pay their debts just improves their credit with a bookie and makes it easier for them to gamble more."

Today, Andy speaks from experience to fellow recovering gamblers on behalf of an Indianapolis-based organization, Trimeridian Inc., that began treating clients at a new outpatient center in Westland modeled after programs in Las Vegas, Phoenix and Indianapolis.

At his worst, Andy estimates he was in debt \$40,000 to \$50,000 owing everyone he knew including his family, his employer, bookies and the Internal Revenue Service.

"I was borrowing, hustling and selling things — pens, nail things like my wife's diamond ring just to place another bet. It was never enough and I was no longer gambling for the 'big win' but the action. The pure adrenaline of it," says Andy.

Spight says not only has she seen an increasing number of male patients but the female population of women who are pathological gamblers is on the rise.

"I'm seeing more and more housewives and single parents who are playing lottery tickets or running to the casino while their kids are in school to escape the pressures at home like a bad relationship, bill collectors, or lack of self-esteem," said Spight.

Andy agrees that it's easy to be enticed into gambling in an environment, like a casino, where your every whim is catered.

"It's dimly lit, there aren't any windows or clocks so you don't know what time it is or how long you've been gambling, it's air conditioned,

your fed free food and drinks and there are people walking around telling you how nice you look and what a great time you're having," said Andy.

"That makes it hard to leave if you have nothing at home whether you lose a few bucks or not."

He says he's also weary of scratch-off games at places like McDonalds that may be setting up kids for problems later on in life.

"Kids scratch-off to win small fries or drinks and when they don't it's disappointing and they can't wait to get back to McDonalds again and try and win."

Andy, who peer counsels recovering gamblers once a week for Trimeridian, refers to himself as a former "race track junkie." Playing bets through bookies on sporting events, placing the lottery, going to the track and attending church bingo games, something he considered pitiful when he had only \$20 to spend, became his whole life.

He says he began playing football cards at age eight and remembers his mother taking him to the track and letting him pick some races for her.

"I remember watching her win a few races, even some I had picked, and it seemed like the easy life," said Andy.

A former athlete who attended college on a scholarship, Andy said both of his marriages and many relationships ended because of his gambling problem. These days Andy is working in Livonia and happily married for a third time to a woman he calls "very supportive" who he met after he quit gambling.

"You could say I'm a success story," said Andy. "I'm happily married, I've got religion back in my life, I've paid off most of my debts and made amends with many of my friends."

He says he doesn't want to fool people into thinking recovery is just a 30-day stint and you're done. As a recovering gambler he attends Gamblers Anonymous once or twice a week throughout the metropolitan Detroit area and counsels one night a week for Trimeridian in Westland.

"Recovery is forever and once you stop going you start gambling again," said Andy who says he is also a recovering alcoholic.

"I had to quit drinking because I knew if I got drunk I'd gamble and I had to quit gambling because I knew I'd get drunk. It had to be all or nothing."

Gamblers Anonymous is there to help

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTON
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Carla Spight, Trimeridian, Inc. of Westland program manager, says there are several warning signs individuals can look for if they believe a loved one or colleague has a gambling problem.

■ Is the person missing work on a regular basis?

■ Have you noticed a significant increase in the balance on credit cards?

■ Are there betting slips, IOUs or lottery tickets laying around your home or bedroom?

■ Are personal items missing from your home (furniture, electronics, jewelry)?

■ Is the person overly upset at the end of a sporting event?

■ Do they seem withdrawn from their family?

■ Are they angry and hostile?

■ Is the person suffering from insomnia or loss of appetite?

■ Do they exhibit signs of low self-esteem?

Spight encourages readers to seek out assistance from a treatment center not only for the problem gambler but for themselves. Trimeridian in Westland offers family support and financial services in addition to GamAnon programs hosted at local churches and community centers throughout the area.

Gamblers Anonymous is a "fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem

and help others to recover from a gambling problem," has several weekly support meetings in Wayne County including:

■ GA and GAMANON meet at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills (northeast corner of 12 Mile and Halsted Road) every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

■ GA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Ypsilanti at 33 1/2 Cross Street.

■ GA meets at Salvation Army Church in Dearborn Heights at 26700 West Warren beginning at 7 p.m.

There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; and they are not allied with any sect, denomina-

tion, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause.

"This isn't something you should hide from," said Spight. "There are many ways we can help you and your family deal with the addiction and begin to recover emotionally as well as financially."

■ Gamblers Anonymous maintains a Web site at www.gamblers-anonymous.org

■ The Michigan Council of Problem and Compulsive Gambling offers help and support. For more information call, (313) 396-0402.

■ Trimeridian, Inc. of Westland is located at 8623 N. Wayne Road. They offer intensive outpatient and one-on-one counseling to problem and pathological gamblers and their family members. Call (734) 762-7900.

Send online greetings near and far

With one click of the mouse, relatives and friends around the world can now hear Junior's first words, the latest family news from mom or sing faraway loved ones Happy Birthday. A new service and Web site, www.BigGreetings.net, now delivers multimedia holiday greetings—audio, graphics/photos and text—via the Internet.

Big Greetings, a unique service developed by Big Net Inc., the Midwest's premier networking and Internet services provider (ISP), offers an easy-to-use, updatable Web page, including audio, for families and individuals to communicate their holiday messages worldwide.

"People can now see and hear greetings anywhere they can access the Internet," said Duane Rao, CEO of Big Net Inc. "Whether their family member is away at college or serving overseas in the military, now loved one's can be sent personal holiday messages with both audio and graphical messages."

Examples of Big Greetings holiday cards can be viewed at www.bigreetings.net/samples.htm. The pricing for Big Greetings' holiday package is \$59.95 each and greetings are accessible until January 8, 1999.

"Multimedia web pages and Internet business applications are two of the hottest Internet trends," said Mike Wendland, a nationally syndicated high-tech reporter

whose weekly television report airs on NBC stations coast-to-coast. "The ease of updating the audio messages by telephone is remarkable and the idea of the Big Greetings holiday web pages is fabulous. I see this type of thing replacing 'brag letters' people send out with their Christmas cards."

Clear as a bell

Big Greetings' holiday web pages use an AluMedia Internet audio application that is both customizable and updatable. Audio updates can be called in by telephone. Other Big Greetings consumer and business applications are being developed for release early next year.

Big Greetings holiday web pages can be set up in minutes right over the telephone with a single toll free call to Big Greetings at 1-888-BigNet-1. Holiday web pages can even be created without access to the Internet. The text can be provided over the telephone, by e-mail or FAX, and photos can be sent to Big Greetings by e-mail or through regular postal mail. After subscribing, customers are provided a password and user ID to call the special Big Greetings message line to record their web page message.

"Big Greetings is a service that can be used year round," said Rao. "We are already enhancing the site to include Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and other

holiday options."

"The various technologies were already available," said Rao. "We just put it all together and made it simple-to-use, updatable and affordable. Now we are going to aggressively go after businesses that would like to add audio to their Internet and intranet sites. Our video application, Big Show, is also set for release."

Big Net provides Internet and intranet development, LAN/WAN connectivity, Web hosting, E-commerce and security applications. Big Net may be visited on the Internet at www.bignet.net.

Additional Big Greetings General and Technical Information

■ All holiday messages are located and easily accessible through the Big Greetings Web site (www.BigGreetings.net). To hear the audio messages, users must have a RealPlayer plug-in for their Internet browser. The free plug-in is available via the Big Greetings site or at www.real.com/products

■ Audio message is limited to one minute

■ Text message is limited to 200 words

■ Photo/graphic file size is limited to 100KB. Photos and/or graphics can be submitted via the Internet, or hardcopies can be submitted to Big Greetings for scanning and placement at no additional charge.

Items for Medical Databook

are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Databook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmorton@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 28

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club will host a free blood pressure screening. "Walk the mile" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise — and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month from 8-10 a.m.) Located at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 477-6100.

JANUARY

MINI FITNESS CLASSES
Schoolcraft College offers almost 80, four-week mini physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.

MON, JAN. 4

CARDIAC SUPPORT
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. From 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-3242.

HEART PALS

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TUE, JAN. 5

HEART SUPPORT
This forum enables patients and their families to gain knowledge and insight into heart disease. Botsford General Hospital, Conference Room 3 West, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 615-7480.

DIABETES EDUCATION
Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older. "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 5 through Jan. 28. Registration is required by December 29. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

WED, JAN. 6

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP at (734) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Rd.

THUR, JAN. 7

HEALTH SCREENING
St. Mary Hospital is Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Jan. from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. in West Auditorium Conference Room B, near the South Entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol.

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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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Personnel moves

Angela Hospice of Livonia announces several personnel moves within the organization. New to the community liaison department is Marge Wisniewski, BSHE. Wisniewski's position entails maintaining alliances with medical facilities in the Downriver area. Barbara Bowman, R.N., assumes the duties of hospice case consultant, and will be the main contact for all physicians, clinics and hospitals in the north and northwest.

Trainers named

Dustin Duryea and David Hasse have been added to the athletic training staff based at MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers Plymouth facility. Duryea is assigned to provide coverage for all sporting events at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. Hasse of Farmington Hills is assigned to provide coverage for all sporting events at Redford Union High School.



in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

Admit it: I'm a sucker for a handheld.

Starting with the Sharp Wizard, then the Apple Newton, through several incarnations of the Palm Pilot (the Pro and the Palm III), on to Windows CE palmtops from Casio and NEC and even the credit-card sized Rex, I have tried them all.

But none offered a meaningful relationship.

I crave computer convenience. I want a PDA (personal digital assistant) to streamline my life, let me lose the big and bulky Franklin Planner, to keep track of appointments, contacts, tasks, memos and the miscellaneous.

But, like true love, the perfect device has been hard to find. After the initial rush and the first flirtations with the others, I always, reluctantly, returned to the trusty old Franklin Planner.

But now, finally, I think my heart has been truly won by a handheld.

I type this on a tiny little marvel of a machine called the Jornada 820, from Hewlett-Packard. It's small, but not so small you can't easily type on it. Weighing in at 2.5 pounds, measuring 9.7 inches long by seven inches wide and 1.3 inches thick, it's much smaller than my Monarch-sized Franklin Planner.

Yet this device has an 8.2 inch color LCD screen that is easy to read in any light, contains all the familiar Windows '98 programs I use on my desktop computers, a built-in 56K modem, a web browser and an e-mail program.

The Jornada lists for \$999, though you can buy it from online computer Web sites or through some of the big computer stores for as little as \$850.

For two weeks now, I've tried to transition between paper (my Franklin Planner) and electronic (my Jornada). Increasingly, the daily notes page on my Franklin Planner is blank.

The Jornada is powered by an upgraded version of Microsoft's CE operating system called CE Pro, though Microsoft says it is going to change that name to avoid confusion. And while it is nowhere near as powerful as a full-

fledged Windows 98 or a Pentium computer, the Jornada is quick enough to satisfy my on-the-go needs.

It comes with a standard 16 megabytes of memory that can easily be expanded by buying optional PC memory storage cards that plug into slots on the side. One of the features I like best about the Jornada is its "instant on" ability, meaning that there's no time delay when you want to use it. Hit the "on/off" button and, instantly it's up and running, compared to the normal 90-second or more "boot time" for a full-featured laptop or desktop.

There is no floppy disk drive. The Jornada is meant to "synch-up" with your main desktop PC. Plug a serial cable between the two and the files are automatically synchronized. You can drag and drop specific files from one machine to the other with ease.

All that's great. But what I like best is the battery life.

I started this day at 6 a.m. and took the Jornada to a video shoot in the morning, where I logged camera shots, wrote a script, even checked my e-mail a couple of times. In the car, on route to

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other appointments, I turned it on to look up several phone numbers for cellular calls I needed to make.

This afternoon, during several meetings, I whipped it out to check my calendar and used it to make notes. I even ran a short PowerPoint presentation from my Jornada to show a group of business associates a Web site I'm developing.

Now, in a restaurant in Birmingham, I'm writing this column at the table while I wait for my wife to show up for dinner. HP advertises 10 hours with the standard battery, 15 or more with an extended power unit. I just checked my battery status. After all my usage today, it shows I still have 65% of my battery power.

Last week, I took it on a two-day road trip and used

it extensively without recharging. There was still enough battery power to write a business proposal on the return flight to Detroit.

How much do I like the Jornada? So much so that I bought it, even though as a high tech reporter I probably could have talked the PR people at HP into lending it to me as an evaluation unit.

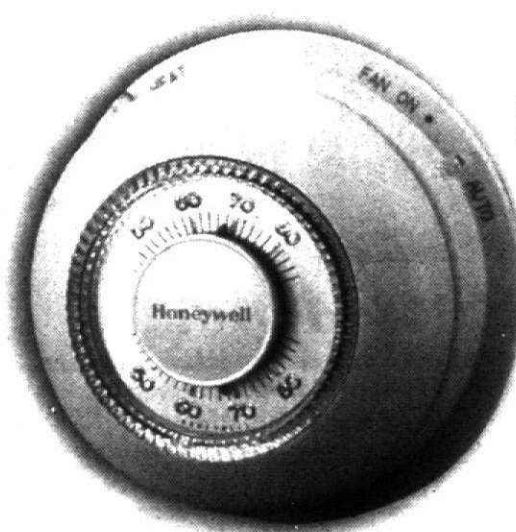
One noon hour test drive on it at Comp USA was enough to persuade me to plow out my credit card. I've seen a lot of handhelds. This one stole my heart. I'm still smitten, two weeks later.

Oops ... there's Mrs. PC Mike now. She thinks me enough of a nerd that I'd better turn this off before she gets to the table. If you want to learn more about the Jornada, go to the HP site on the net (www.hp.com) and look under handheld computers.

If you want to learn more about the Windows CE operating system, check out the Microsoft site (www.microsoft.com).

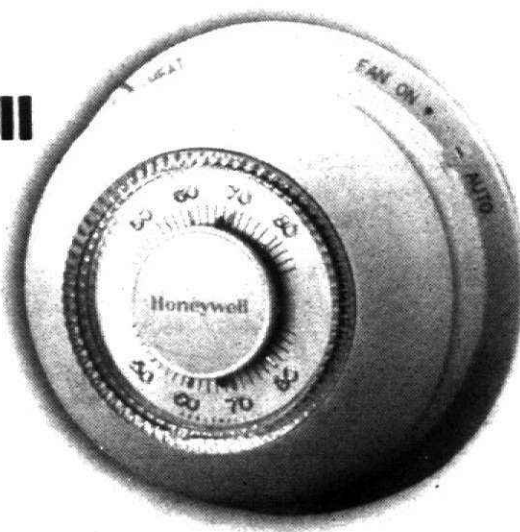
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LEGAL SENSE

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AWARDING DAMAGES

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in terms of medical expenses, anticipated medical expenses, lost wages, and loss of future earning capacity. The physical and emotional pain and suffering that the injured party sustained are also compensable. While these injuries do not translate easily into dollar amounts, the courts or juries use their own judgment when making an award.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Counting down the days till '99

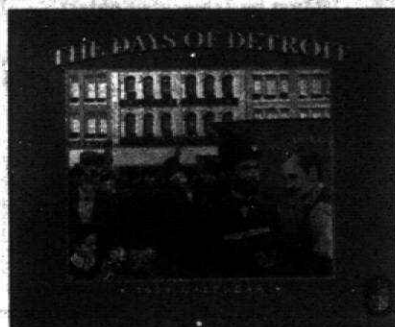
Why is it I never remember to buy a calendar for the new year until Jan. 1 is almost on the doorstep?

After searching for an Irish Wolfhound calendar to no avail, I found the next best thing—the 1999 “Days of Detroit.”

The Detroit Historical Museum's calendar is a fun and educational way to keep track of time. Developed by Livonia resident Jim McConnell, who co-chaired the project with wife Annette, the calendar marks each day of the new year with a historical event.

Did you know Paderewski performed at the Detroit Opera House on Jan. 12, 1892, or that a meeting was held at that same location March 17, 1875, to send relief to Grasshopper Sufferers in Nebraska? Or that on this day in 1979, the Red Wings played their first game at Joe Louis Arena?

In keeping with the historical theme, all of the calendar's art features scenes from the past, including Troy artist Doug Parrish's painting of businessmen carrying out transactions on busy Woodward Avenue in 1899. Originally commissioned by R. L. Polk for its executive offices, the Detroit street scene is featured on the cover. Underwritten by R. L. Polk (headquartered in Southfield), the calendar benefits the Society which provides major funding to the Detroit Historical Museums, including the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne and the Historic Moross House.



Woodward Avenue 1899: D.M. Parrish of Troy created this Detroit street scene for the 1999 Detroit Historical Museum calendar.

A day at a time

The idea for the calendar to record Detroit history day-by-day came naturally to McConnell. He's a longtime history teacher for Dearborn Public Schools and annually takes 2,400 fourth and eighth graders to tour the Detroit Historical Museum. For 1999, he's planning a bus trip for the kids to visit historic sites in Detroit.

Since first mentioning the project to the Detroit Historical Society to identify each day of the year with a historical event two and one-half years ago, McConnell has spent hundreds of hours researching the State Archives in Lansing, materials at the Burton Historical Society, and reading the Detroit Public Library's 1953 history, “Detroit in Its World Setting, a 250-Year Chronology, 1701-1922.” He's read more than a few books, including biographies of key personalities, and newspapers, and visited Websites. Annette created most of the data base for the calendar's events. The McConnells originally began volunteering their time at the Detroit Historical Museum five years.

“I'm learning some of the minutiae of Detroit history, when the last horse-drawn fire vehicles were used,” said McConnell. “What impressed me was the famine in Ireland in the 1800s, Detroiters were helping people in distress back then. I knew about our helping other countries, but didn't know it started so early.”

Parrish's “Detroit Street Scene” painting appears not only on the cover but also for the month of May. The rest of the art, including paintings of Detroit's 1805 fire and the arrival of the iron horse in 1837, is by the late Robert Thom. Formerly of

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NEW YEAR INSPIRES REFLECTION THROUGHOUT ARTS COMMUNITY



HOPES AND RESOLUTIONS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

Chill the champagne. Cue the song of the moment — “1999” by the artist formerly known as Prince. And watch in the rearview mirror as the 20th century slips over millennium's edge. For now, it's time for that end-of-the-year personal-improvement trial known as a New Year's Resolution.

For some of us, a resolution is a pragmatic exercise like trying on shoes — merely a case of finding something that fits. But there are many people in the arts community whose hopes for the new year will shape the future culture of our metropolis. The following is a random sample of some of those resolutions. So, shake off the holiday slumber and follow along. It's as good a time as any to lift a glass, appreciate family and friends, and hope for peace.

“I'm hoping for a renewed awareness of the value of the arts to the fabric of our lives.”

“And I hope support for not-for-profit organizations will be more forthcoming in terms of volunteer time and monetary contributions.”

— Janet E. Torno, executive director, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

“I hope the good, positive feelings in the city of Detroit continue. And as the economy continues to boom for the area for many of us to participate in that growth. Finally, my hope is for the museum to become more connected to

the communities throughout the region.”

— Maurice D. Parrish, interim director, Detroit Institute of Arts

“My hope is to reach our youth through art education and entertainment. And through the arts, help us understand the various cultures by uniting us in a common appreciation and respect for our neighbors.”

— Marlowe Belanger, manager, Southfield Centre for the Arts

“We're about to unfold our most exciting year, from ‘Weird Science’ in winter to contemporary Cuban art in summer to a hot British artist in the fall. My goal is to make sure that even more people know what we're doing, and possibly to increase our attendance by 25 percent.”

— Gregory Wittkopp, director, Cranbrook Art Museum

“My hope is to get this facility renovated, search for a larger space, and to broaden the scope of what art is.”

— Ann Blatte, executive director, Paint Creek Center for the Arts

“I'm resolved to work harder in getting publicity and reviews on my artists.”

— David Klein, owner, David Klein Gallery

“Our resolution is to move the Detroit Artist Market in a more prominent location within the Cultural Center.”

— MariaLuisa Belmonte, executive director, Detroit Artists Market

(NOTE: A building at the corner of Forest and Woodward is likely the new home for DAM, currently located at Stroh Place in Detroit.)

“In the upcoming year, we hope to become a place where families make repeat visits because of diverse and thought-provoking exhibits and activities.”

— Staff of Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

“Our resolution is to continue to let people — all over the metro area — know that they're welcome at Cranbrook.”

— Elaine Gurian, interim director, Cranbrook Institute of Science

“We're going to celebrate 30 years in 1999. We hope to continue to provide wonderful arts experiences for all ages while expanding our audiences and the visibility of our local artists.”

— Jennifer Tobin, executive director, Plymouth Community Arts Council

“Our hope is to attract talented students; to secure funding for special projects such as visiting artists; to restore the faculty studio; and, to look for partnerships with the community.”

— Doug Semivan, newly appointed art dept. chair, Madonna University

“We're resolved to continue to try to improve our attendance by bringing orchestral programs to our audience that they feel comfortable with, and to raise enough money to stay in the black.”

— Robert Bennett, president, Livonia Symphony Orchestra

“Our hope is to hire a PR person for the Livonia arts festival; to install a new piece of sculpture in the civic center complex; to continue the scholarship program for youth; and, to provide artists with opportunities to exhibit their

work.”

— Bob Sheridan, president, Livonia Arts Commission

“To resolve to become involved with the education programs in the schools and to develop a close relationship between the community and the educational process in the schools.”

— Russell Reed, conductor, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

“My resolution is to spend more time with my music, and to continue to raise funds for the Detroit Opera House's many projects.”

— David DiChiera, general director, Michigan Opera Theatre

“I'm hoping to get back to writing and spend more time with my family.”

— Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director, Meadow Brook Theatre

“I hope that the sometimes hostile differences between countries, political parties, races and religions will diminish so that we can work together to create a better tomorrow.”

— Chuck Forbes, real estate developer, owner, The Gem Theatre

“For a healthy new year for ‘At Home’ reporter Mary Klemic, currently on extended medical leave. May 1999 bring Mary back to her coworkers at the Observer & Eccentric. For the record, we miss you, Mary.”

— Observer & Eccentric staff

EXHIBITION

Three artists shed skin to expose their art

Acrobatic: The wooden and fabric sculptures of Italian artist Elena Berriola are highly animated, yet formal.



BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Drawing a line between the literal and metaphorical has never been an easy task for reviewers of contemporary art. Especially when “art” can be considered as whatever you think it is.

The meaning of contemporary art, for some, lies with the vagaries of the interpreters, thus making “art” one long self-absorbed argument. (The popular Broadway play, “Art,” dramatically makes this point.)

Attaching a label such as minimalism, abstractionism, expressionism or any other “ism” can be the knell for originality.

Perhaps that's why Paul Kotula steps lightly around any steadfast descriptions of the three distinct exhibits currently at Revolution, an airy streetside gallery along Woodward Avenue in Ferndale.

But make no mistake, Kotula, director at the radically urbane gallery that shows a mix of international, New York-based and local artists, isn't without his own interpretation.

“These are three women artists dealing with issues of sexuality and sensuality that gets quite abstract,” he said.

Actually, the works of Elena Berriola, Jae Won Lee and Gina

Three Solo Exhibits at Revolution

- “Enclosed Gardens,” fabric and wooden sculptures by Elena Berriola
- “Absent One,” ceramic sculpture by Jae Won Lee
- “Recent Works on Paper” by Gina Ferrari

WHEN: Through Jan. 16

WHERE: 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444

HOURS: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; closed Jan. 1-4

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Ferrari start abstract, head for more ruffled air and become an exercise in obsessiveness.

Thankfully, there is no easily referred to "ism" that neatly describes the breadth of their elegant expressions. Rather there's a more earthy feeling that ties together the three dissimilar exhibits.

In a word: skin-like. Layers and layers.

Beneath Berriolo's silk damasks and brocades are shapely wooden structures. The

effect is a highly animated, richly textured sculpture that reflects an acrobatic sensibility that is both playful and formal.

Using distinctively ornate Italian fabrics together with her strongly implied gestures, Berriolo's sculptures offer a passing nod to the decorative arts while focusing on the relationship between human forms and its cloth dressing.

Whereas Berriolo's sculptures nearly bounce around Revolution, Jae Won Lee's restrained

ceramic sculptures in the middle gallery possess a serene, yet stirring quality.

The rectangular boxes are infused with Lee's interpretations of patterns found on traditional Korean textiles. Through the use of glass and a delicate crystallization process, the dense ceramic boxes have the translucent effect of looking into a passing stream.

Born and raised in Korea and now living in the United States, Lee is an artist straddling cul-

tures with distinctly different currents. Kotula claims that Lee's choice of imagery and form reveals the painful path of cultural assimilation.

In her subtle sculptures, the integration of traditional Korean patterns merge with fundamental rectangular shapes. The result is a serene reconciliation of utility and identity.

In contrast to Lee's restrained mannerism, the drawings on paper by Ferrari reveal an artist relentlessly pursuing an idea. Or

repeating an idea.

"There are things Gina is doing that no one else is hitting on," said Kotula.

Few would argue. Over the last two years, Ferrari's installations have been provocative, awe-inspiring, and always, challenging.

Last January, she created a chandelier sculpture of 700 plaster-cast impressions of her feet. And in the fall of 1996, Ferrari's exhibit, "Gagged," included rows of plaster casts of her chin with a

cork inserted in her mouth.

In her current exhibit, Ferrari displays the same obsessive curiosity with her small markings on paper. The collection of markings compose a large-scale drawing that is highly fluid, and abstractly compared to long strands of hair blown by the wind.

"I've always been curious what her work would look like if she hired someone to do all the replication," said Kotula.

HOLIDAY SHOWS

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all media, from glass ornaments to paintings and prints, through Jan. 27. Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Annual Holiday Invitational Show, "Earthy Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

PHOTO SALE
Featuring work by photographer Marji Silk, through Dec. 31. Call (248) 544-1203.

SWANN GALLERY
Holiday show featuring the multimedia works of Gloria Dunn, through Dec. 31. 1250 Library St., Detroit, (313) 965-4826, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR
Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7, at Groves High School, 13 Mile Road, west of Southfield Road, in Birmingham. Call Bruce Kramer (248) 333-7519 for details.

FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Call for entries for the 1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, March 5-26. Open to artists at least 18 years old living and working in Michigan. Works in all media accepted. Cash prizes total \$9,000. Submit 35 mm color slides by Jan. 4, 1999. For details, contact Lizbeth Spink, (248) 644-0866, Ext. 103.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

MADISON CHORALE
Open to singers from any community. Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5. Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R. Madison Heights, (248) 548-6340.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, room 530 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or the college (734) 462-4435 to schedule an appointment.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

D & M STUDIOS
Classes for preschoolers through adults begin week of Jan. 4. Offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation. 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710.

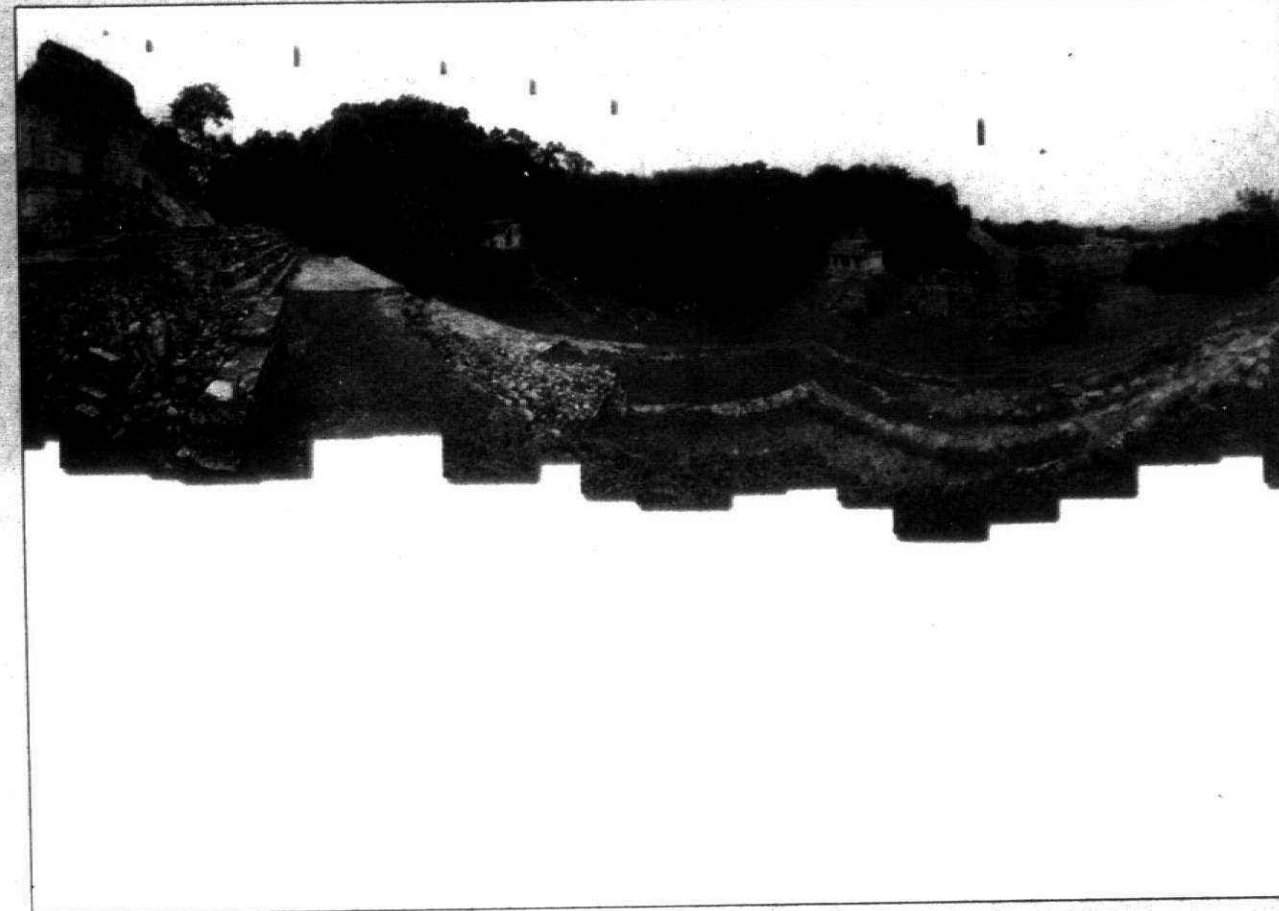
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details. (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

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Ancient look: The photography of Maya architecture by Dirk Bakker is on exhibit through Jan. 16 at the Hill Gallery, 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

els of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. Rochester Hills, (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio, opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUNELL DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Registration for winter classes, Jan. 18-March 29. Classes for preschoolers to adults. New program. Winter/Winterday Art Camp, will be offered for students ages 6-11 during Feb. 15-19. 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Winter classes, including tile making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Winter classes & workshops for all ages, including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

CONCERTS

BBSO
Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents "Jazz Your Holidays," with guest artist Larry Nozaro, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-8850.

DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS
"New Year's Eve Gala" featuring program of Weber, Strauss conducted by Neeme Järvi. Thursday, Dec. 31. Guest violinist Alexander Markov. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 & 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit, (313) 576-5100.

LECTURES

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Between the Holidays," story telling with LaRon Williams. 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. 29-30 E. 12th N. Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-1323.

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Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details. (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

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VOLUNTEERS

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

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburg, Livonia, (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcb.org, or contact MCBBS, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUM DOCENTS
Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-12, special school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 3 - "The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary of the African American soldier into the U.S. Army during 1866-1912. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, (313) 494-5800.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY OPENINGS

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Jan. 4 - Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild exhibit, works of photographer John Copa of Orchard Lake. Through Jan. 30. 3277 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 466-2490.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Jan. 7 - Artists under the Italian influence. Featuring work of Juliana Candelieri, (248) 644-0866. Susan Eshen, Ed. Fraga, Mark Remick, Belita Birk, Riley and Mel Rosas. Through Feb. 7. 117 W. Liberty Ave. Ann Arbor, (734) 964-8004.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Jan. 8 - "Spirit of Memory" paintings and prints by Susan Figural. Through Jan. 30. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

YAW GALLERY

Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan. 30. 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "Private Nature," watercolors and pencil drawings by Karen Anne Klein, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through Dec. 29 - Calligraphy exhibit by Linda McVicar of Novi, and watercolors by Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor. 3277 Five Mile Road, Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 466-2490.

GALLERIA
Through Dec. 30 - Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists at the Oakland County Galleria as they celebrate a year in a group of exhibitions. Galleria is on the second floor of the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, (248) 858-0415.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Put a Lid on It," an invitation show based on the idea of containment. Through Dec. 31. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

BARCLAY GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," collection of Japanese prints, and rare woodblocks by Hiroshige, Yoshida, Yoshitoshi, N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 645-5430.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Dec. 31 - Student and faculty show. 47 Williams St. Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

HABATAT GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - New work by Jose Chardiet, and a holiday jewelry exhibit featuring work by Elizabeth Carey, Leslie Geninger and Aviva Robinson. 7 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac, (248) 333-2060.

HALSTED GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - Photographs of Michael Kenia and Camille Solvay. 560 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 645-5430.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - From Zimbardo - "Surreal Stone and Africa on Canvas." Sculpture by Mike, Chikumbike and Dongo. Paintings by Bill Musko, Joe Grey and C. Bruce Linen. 304 Hamilton Road, Birmingham, (248) 647-4662.

REVOLUTION
Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions." Caravaggio's "Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gule and Joseph

Grigely, and, "Text (Rhopography Series)," by Tony Hepburn. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
Through Dec. 31 - Metallic angel prints by Ronald Pavsner. Indian Trail Road at Orchard Lake.

TROY LIBRARY
Through Dec. 31 - Works of elementary, middle and high school students from Troy School District. 510 W. Big Beaver, Civic Center complex, (248) 524-3538.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Friends of Jacques Show," an exhibit and performance. 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, (313) 965-9192.

THE C.R.A.I.G. GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 - "Along the Garden Path," new paintings by Richard Jerry, N. Old Woodward, just north of Maple, downtown Birmingham, (248) 647-3688.

BARCLAY GALLERY
Through Jan. 3 - "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," a collection of Japanese prints. 580 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 645-5430.

GALLERY 212
Through Jan. 3 - "Behind the Mask," featuring works by six local artists. 212 S. Main, Ann

Arbor, (734) 665-8224.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through Jan. 4 - Works by metal-smith and jeweler Miro J. Masuda. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 354-4224.

GALLERIE BLU
Through Jan. 9 - Papier-mâché artist Stephen Hansen. 568 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 594-0472.

HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 9 - Painting, sculpture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 642-8250.

NETWORK
Through Jan. 14 - "Photoflux," an exhibit by four Cranbrook alumni. 7 North Saginaw St. in Pontiac, (248) 334-3911.

HILL GALLERY
Through Jan. 16 - "Pak'al Tunich Stone Gardens," Maya architecture and landscapes. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

REVOLUTION
Through Jan. 16 - Exhibition by sculptor Elena Berriolo "Enclosed Gardens," recent works on paper by Gina Ferrari, and ceramic sculpture by Korean native Jae Won Lee. 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Jan. 16 - "skywalking," works by Gerhardt Knodel. 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak, (248) 544-3388.

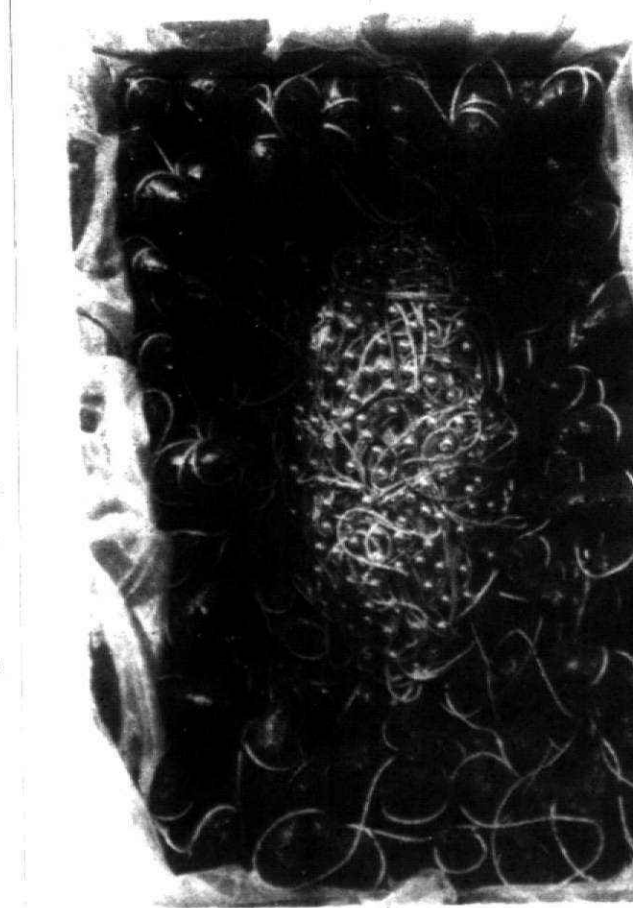
ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 21 - New paintings by Fritz Mayhew. 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, (248) 642-3909.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through Jan. 22 - "Metaphors," works by Vette Kaiser Smith, Wayne State University, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 993-7813.

SCARAB CLUB
Through Jan. 28 - 85th Annual Gold Medal Exhibit & Holiday Sales Show, featuring fine art, sculpture and photography by Scarab Club members. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, (313) 831-1250.

G. R. N'AMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - Paintings by Frank Bowling. 1616 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-2700.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 15 - "Memory and Vision," A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1899-1999, museum-quality exhibition of art facts and photos chronicles 100 years of the organized Jewish community of Detroit. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Docents available for guided tours, call (248) 642-4620. Ext. 271.



Mesmerizing: Painting, sculpture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama are on exhibit through Jan. 9 at the Hilberry Gallery, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 642-8250.

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Bloomfield Hills, Thom was killed in an auto accident more than 10 years ago.

"The Scottish Settlement School near Dearborn where Henry Ford once attended, Thom went in and visited the class and took photographs of the class and teacher," said McConnell. "We're now giving his painting a second life."

A history of its own

R. L. Polk, named after its founder Ralph Lane Polk, has been based in Detroit since 1870 when it produced a directory listing the residents, professionals and tradespeople living and working in towns along the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway. Today, about to enter its third century under the leadership of the Polk family, the international

company still publishes city directories, but also compiles and interprets motor vehicle statistics, provides direct marketing, database marketing and other information services.

"Polk prints 40 million calendars a year," said McConnell. "I was on the Sesquicentennial committee when I learned about the paintings by Robert Thom. They belonged to Ameritech and slides still existed for the paintings used 30 years ago. Thom originally created the 'History of Michigan' series for Michigan Bell in the 1960s."

Cover artist

Parish began illustrating for art studios in the Detroit area in 1945. He originally studied commercial art at Cass Technical High School. At age 75, he's retired from commercial art but

continues to paint portraits. Resources are important to Parish no matter what the medium. He researched subject matter for the oil painting for Polk at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

"The man holding the book is taken from a photo of him at the turn-of-the-century," said Parish. "Those businesses really did exist there on Woodward at that time."

When McConnell and the Society began the calendar project they had no idea that the artists they'd chosen were mentors. Overwhelmed by commissions for historical art, Thom asked Parish to help him paint two series on Illinois and printing. They remained friends through life.

"I used to work for Bob who

used to have an art studio in Detroit," said Parish. "He was doing a series for Parke-Davis on the history of Michigan and the history of pharmacy. He became so busy he asked me to paint some of them."

That taste of historical art instilled a love in Parish so that when R. L. Polk approached him about painting the Detroit street scene, he jumped at the chance.

This is the first Detroit Historical Society calendar and one of several to come as Detroit builds toward the celebration of its 300th birthday in 2001. Look for artist William Moss' paintings of Detroit in the year 2000. For 2001, McConnell, an educator at heart, is "working on an idea to use college students to create paintings for the calendar." He is also seeking information about historical events to fill the days. Local historical societies, corpo-

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See related story on Taste front.

"THE PANAMA SPECIAL"

Named for treaty signed in 1978 that cedes the canal to Panama

Recipe by Darryl James, Southfield - Golden Stirrer Award winner

- 1 ounce lime juice
- 2 ounces tamarind nectar or guava nectar
- 1 ounce ruby red and mango juice
- 1 ounce non-alcoholic triple sec
- 1 teaspoon grenadine

Combine ingredients in cocktail shaker with crushed ice. Cap and shake hard until frost appears on outside of shaker. Strain into chilled double martini glass. Serves 1.

The following recipe came from a finalist in one of the four regional contests and was a \$50 winner.

"20/20 NUTS AND BERRIES HOT FUDGE SHAKE"

Named for "20/20," which first aired in 1978.

Recipe by Donna Affeldt, Rochester Hills

- 2 1/2 cups butter pecan ice cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup hot fudge topping
- 1 tablespoon chopped pecans

In blender, combine ice cream and milk until thick and creamy. Blend in strawberries slightly so they're still chunky. Pour into tall glass. Pour slightly heated hot fudge over drink and swirl in with straw. Sprinkle pecans over top. Drink with a straw, but have a spoon handy for the goodies. Serves 1.

The following four 1978-themed drinks were first-place winners in four regional non-alcoholic drink mixing contests sponsored by AAA Michigan. All are single-serving. These contest winners won \$500 each.

"MILLIKEN'S MOMOSA"

(Named for William Milliken, who was Michigan's governor in 1978)

Recipe by Rosemary DeHut, Orono

1 ounce peach juice from canned peaches

- 1 ounce pear juice from canned pears
- 3 ounces ginger ale
- Fresh or frozen raspberries and peach slices for garnish.

Place two fresh or frozen raspberries in champagne flute or tall wine glass. Add fruit juice and ginger ale. Place thin slice of fresh peach on rim. Serves 1.

Can be served in bowl as punch using 3-1 combination of each fruit juice and ginger ale.

"POLYESTER LEISURE SUIT SMOOTHIE"

Named for popular men's outfits of the '70s.

- Recipe by Betsy Thapkes, Rothbury
- 6 ounces Haagen-Dazs Irish cream (ice cream)
- 4 ounces praline pecan crunch (ice cream)
- 6 ounces Irish cream-flavored coffee (cooled)
- 2 ounces vanilla nut creamer
- 2 ounces cream soda

Garnish: sliced almonds, melted white chocolate, whipped cream. Combine first five ingredients.

Cheers from page B7

hearing - "Good job boys, I like this a lot" - from Fred Eckhardt.

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thing strikes your fancy, go for it, it probably will work, but to be on the safe side, if your idea sounds too wild, ask somebody because there is nothing worse than five gallons beer that you or nobody else wants to drink.

Chief Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

Make your own ale

and homebrewing page, PEKKEL.UTH@acsa.EDU/BEER.html; or The Real Beer Page, realbeerpage.com

Recipe compliments of Chef Joseph Styke. Visit Brew & Grow, 33523 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 442-7939 for complete instructions on how to make Happy Tail Ale, the first real beer, Chef Joseph and his friend Tommy, ever made.

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- 2 teaspoons Irish Moss 20 minutes
- 1 ounce Goldings 5 minutes
- WYEAST #1028 London in 1 quart starter

Prime with 3/4 cup of Dextrose or 1 1/4 cups dry malt per 5 gallons

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Cozy curried fondue easy to make, fun to eat

By DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Fondue, all the rage in the 1950's and 60's, have been making a comeback. And with good reason. They are easy to make and fun to eat - especially if you observe the custom that anyone dipping their bread or other dipper in the pot has to kiss everyone. The main challenge is coming up with a fondue that is not loaded with fat. Also, some recipes call for so much alcohol that you could use them to toast the arrival of the New Year.

My plan for this New Year's Eve is to enjoy this robustly flavored cheese fondue as a light supper with friends. Curry gives it a festive glow, while a touch of chutney adds appealing zip. Low-fat ingredients, combined with fat-free cheddar cheese, make it rich without adding a load of fat calories.

Surround this fondue with boiled shrimp and cubes of turkey breast for dipping, as well as pieces of bread and apple slices if you want it to be a full meal. Or use the cubed turkey, plus sliced apple, celery sticks and crisp pita chips, when you want it to serve as a warm dip.

One of the best things about serving fondue is that you get to use a fondue pot. If you were

married anytime before the Flower Children blossomed, or if you tied the knot recently, you probably received one as a wedding gift and still have it somewhere around the house. If not, check out local thrift shops. They invariably have a couple of sets on hand, including the slim, long-handled forks used for lowering goodies into the hot fondue. (You want the kind with a ceramic container. Shiny copper fondue pots are for Fondue Bourguignon, where cubes of meat are cooked in hot oil then dipped in various sauces.)

Considering what a night on the town costs, compared to the ease and comfort of setting in at home around a warm fondue, acquiring the necessary pot will probably seem well worth the effort. You could even be inspired to start a new tradition for New Year's Eve. Fondue also opens up a range of possibilities for warm dips to enjoy, including this one.

CURRIED CHEESE FONDUE

- Makes 1 1/2 cups, serves 4 as main course, 8 as dip
- 2 tablespoons mango chutney
- 2 tablespoons low-fat cream cheese
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion

- 1/2 cup low-fat evaporated milk
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1/2 tablespoon ground ginger
- 6 ounces shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup fat-free chicken broth

Chop the chutney and put it in a small bowl, including the syrup with the solids.

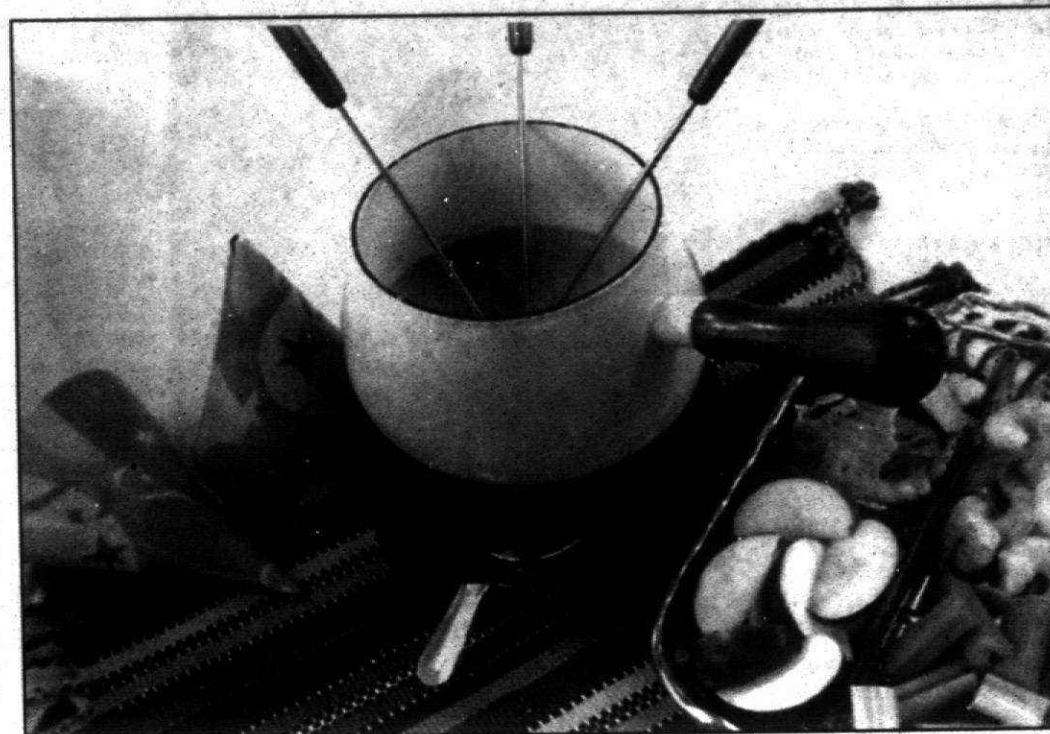
In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the cream cheese, onion and milk. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon, until the cheese melts.

Blend in the flour, curry powder and ginger until all the lumps dissolve. Cook until the mixture thickens and holds the tracks left by a spoon, 2-3 minutes.

Stir in the Cheddar cheese until it melts. Whisk in the chicken broth. Stir in the chutney, including the syrup with the solids.

Transfer the fondue to a fondue pot. Serve warm, accompanied by boiled shrimp, cubed turkey, apple slices, celery sticks, and pita chips.

Each of the four servings contains 101 calories and 2 grams of fat.



Dipper: You can serve Curried Cheese Fondue as a main course or a dip.

Recipe for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of The Best of Clay Pot Cooking and The Natural Kitchen: SOY!

Written for the American Insti-

Relax during the holiday season with soothing tea

By MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Need some healthy holiday spirit? Celebrate the season with a clear head by opting for festive, tasty alternatives to alcoholic drinks. Not only will you avoid all the negative health consequences of alcohol, by using fruit and vegetable juices in your concoctions, you can add a plus to your diet.

Cranberries are loaded with vitamin C and provide the perfect color for holiday drinks. Make cranberry wassail by combining in a slow-cooking pot two cups of cranberry juice cocktail, two quarts apple cider, 1/2 cup sugar, an orange studded with whole cloves and 2-3 inch cinnamon sticks. Simmer for several hours before serving.

Tea is making headlines as a source of healthy substances that may help fight cancer. Make hot spiced tea by bringing 2 1/2 cups water to a boil in a pan and adding two cardamom pods, two whole cloves and one cinnamon stick, then add two tea bags of black tea (such as Darjeeling or Assam) and simmer for 5 min-

utes. Add three tablespoons of skim milk, bring back to a boil, then strain and serve. You can make a tea-based punch by combining two cups of extra-strong chilled tea with one quart apple cider and 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice in a punch bowl. Just before serving, add ice cubes and one quart of cold ginger ale. Top with water-thin lemon slices.

Tomato juice is another bright beverage basic. Combine one cup tomato juice with two cups bottled clam juice and 1/2 teaspoon curry powder. Then blend in a blender for one minute before serving over crushed ice, for a thicker brew, blend two skinned, seeded and chopped tomatoes with 2/3 cup plain, low-fat yogurt, a dash of Tabasco, 1/2 cup sugar and freshly ground black pepper in a blender and serve garnished with a lemon wedge.

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AP - Tortilla Rolls take five minutes to prepare and one minute to cook in the microwave oven. They're a tasty snack to offer hungry guests during the festive season. The recipe is for a basic serving for three, which can be repeated as needed.

The recipe is the creation of Ingrid Radebaugh of Appleton, Wis., one of the winners in a contest sponsored by the National Cheese Institute.

Place cheese on tortilla. Top with tomato and mushrooms. Roll the tortilla. Cook the tortilla roll on high (100 percent power) in the microwave oven for 1 minute. Pour the salsa over the tortilla roll and top with sour cream. Slice into three equal pieces and serve. Makes 3 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: served with Cheddar cheese: 190 cal., 11 g fat, 65 mg chol., 340 mg sodium, 13 g carbo., 1 g dietary fiber, 9 g pro., 220 mg calcium.

Recipe from: National Cheese Institute

Orange muffins breakfast surprise

- 1 medium orange
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger

Preheat oven to 375° F. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; reserve. Finely grate zest from rind to make 2 teaspoons. Peel orange, discarding the rind and

white pith. Finely chop orange, removing seeds, set aside. With electric mixer beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in reserved orange and grated peel. Beat in reserved flour mixture alternately with orange juice, ending with flour mixture. Fold in ginger. Divide batter among paper-lined muffin cups, filling almost to the top. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until peak inserted in center comes out clean. Remove muffins from pan, cool on wire rack. Makes about 12 muffins.

Recipe from C&H Sugar

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TRAVEL

Michigan celebrates winter on skis and snowmobiles

Winter has taken its time to arrive this year despite predictions of a "long, hard" winter following last year's gentle weather.

Certainly Michigan's skiing and snowmobiling industry is hoping that we get lots of snow in the next three months.

Though Michigan isn't blessed with the mountains of the West or New England, abundant snow falls in the northern part of the state and several good size hills make for attractive destinations for downhill skiers. In addition, the state has proven a popular location for cross country skiing and snowmobiling.

AAA Michigan reports that many ski areas have invested in snow making equipment to help mother nature along. They also report new runs at four areas and new inner tubing parks or runs in place at four areas.

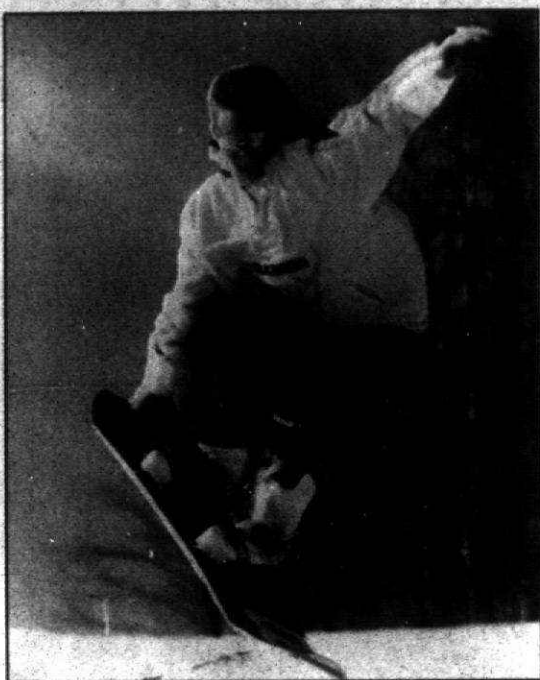
Here is AAA Michigan's run-down on skiing in the state:

Northern Lower Michigan: Several resorts report major slope additions. At Boyne Mountain, near Boyne Falls, nine new intermediate runs will be served by a new three-place chair lift.

Both Boyne Mountain and sister resort Boyne Highlands, near Harbor Springs, will sport new or improved snowboard parks up to 2,000 feet long, as well as family tubing parks.

Boyne Highlands also added a "couloir," a steep, narrow run similar to those high in the mountains of western ski areas. It will be only 20 feet wide. Boyne also purchased a "Pipe Dragon" half-pipe groomer.

Crystal Mountain, near Thompsonville, boasts eight new intermediate slopes and a high-speed, four-place chair lift. The runs increase ski terrain by 25 percent. The "quad" lift replaces a three-place model that was moved to service the new runs. Beginner skiers can learn in a new teaching area away from the crowds. The resort also purchased a half-pipe groomer. Near Cadillac, Caberfrae widened its tallest North Peak by 45 feet and raised it by 60. It increased



AAA MICHIGAN

Teen appeal: Michigan ski resorts were among the first to promote snowboarding, a sport that has won the support of many teens.

snowmaking capacity 15 percent, purchased a new slope groomer, refurbished lodge rooms and added an outdoor pool and hot tub for guests.

Nub's Nob, near Harbor Springs, added one intermediate and one beginner trail and widened two others. It also increased snowmaking nearly 10 percent and night skiing terrain by 40 percent. The resort, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, also purchased a Pipe Dragon snowboard park groomer.

The Homestead, near Glen Arbor, says new fine-spray snow guns double its capacity and allow snowmaking at higher temperatures. Skiers also can stay at 23 new condo-style rooms or upgraded hotel rooms.

Shanty Creek near Bellaire continues its expansion at Schuss Village, including a fifth four-place chair lift and short advanced run. It is upgrading its snowboard program and continues constructing an 84-suite slopeside hotel for next season

that will include a tunnel to the lifts.

Hanson Hills, near Grayling, has a new \$92 family learn-to-ski package with lift tickets, lessons and rental equipment for up to six.

Treetops, near Gaylord, moved its cross-country trails to a more pristine setting and is building new condos and townhouses for next season. Mt. McSaubia, near Charlevoix, added a new ski rental area and lounge with a deck. Sugar Loaf, near Cedar, began a multi-million dollar renovation by updating the cafeteria and all main lodge public areas.

Mt. Holiday, near Traverse City, expanded its tubing area and snowboard park and upgraded slope grooming and snowmaking.

Central Lower Michigan: Apple Mountain, near Freeland, between Saginaw and Midland, added a restaurant and lounge overlooking the slopes. It also added shaped rental skis, which have wider tips for easier turning and learning. Snowsnake,

near Harrison, is redoing a snowboard park. Cannonsburg, near Grand Rapids, has 1,000 sets of new rental skis and increased snowmaking. Pando, near Rockford, bought a new slope groomer. Bittersweet, at Otsego, increased rental skis - including shaped skis - and snowboards by 20 percent, and snowmaking 15 percent. Mulligan's Hollow, near Grand Haven, and Silver Ridge, near Farwell, upped snowmaking 50 and 30 percent, respectively.

Timber Ridge, near Gobles, expanded its terrain park 50 percent, added a new snowboard rental area and is upping snowmaking 40 percent and adding family learn-to-ski programs.

Southern Lower Michigan: Alpine Valley, near Milford, increased snowboard, rebuilt its half-pipe, purchased a half-pipe groomer and new slope groomers, and is adding a tubing park with rope tows and snowmaking that increases output at higher temperatures, while Mount Brighton added snowmaking and rental snowboards.

Upper Peninsula: Blackjack, near Bessemer, added 350 pairs of shaped rental skis, a 4,000-foot-long tree run for black diamond skiers and new terrain includes a "tunnel of snow." Indianhead Mountain, near Ironwood, added 10 acres of glade skiing, a new snowboard half-pipe and shaped rental skis.

Marquette Mountain expanded

its snowboard park and added slopeside window seating to its cafeteria. Ski Brule, near Iron River, added a Pipe Dragon half-pipe groomer and a second story deck onto the lodge.

Silver Mountain, near St. Ignace, expanded snowmaking to cover all runs and added 15 kilometers of intermediate cross-country ski trails. Norway Mountain, near Iron Mountain, built a 1,000-square-foot addition for a ski shop and will offer performance ski rentals.

Porcupine Mountain, near Ontonagon, built a 1,500-square-foot chalet expansion for a new cafeteria, extended a double black diamond run by a quarter mile, added children's day care and more rental skis and snowboards.

AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan have produced a one-page guide, "Downhill Destinations 1998-99," which charts the services at state ski areas. The guide is available at all AAA Michigan branch offices. Skiers can also call (800)MI-4-SNOW for daily conditions.

AAA Michigan also reports on the increasing popularity of cross-country skiing which is attracting 900,000 Michiganders to the state's 3,400 kilometers of trails.

Events to get skiers on the trail this winter according to AAA Michigan include:

■ Discover Michigan skiing, Jan. 4 through 31. At 12 partici-

pating downhill locations with cross-country skiing, beginners get a lesson, equipment rental and trail pass for \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 7 to 14. For information, call (248)620-4448.

■ Ski Fest, Jan. 10. Rent skis at a discount and take a lesson on groomed trails at a dozen participating ski areas statewide. Food is included at many of the areas. For more information, call (616)271-6314.

Winter is an important season everywhere in Michigan, but in the Upper Peninsula it helps define the area and several events are scheduled to celebrate Old Man Winter in the UP on skis, snowmobiles and snowshoes.

On Jan. 9, Feb. 13 and March 13, the St. Ignace Snowmobile Poker Runs feature snowmobilers racing along groomed trails in pursuit of the best poker hand. For information, call (800)338-6660.

Sault Ste. Marie holds its annual Snowmobile Rally, Jan. 9-10. Call (800)647-2858.

The Brockway Mountain Challenge Cross Country Ski Race in Copper Harbor is Jan. 23 featuring a 15km race up and over Brockway Mountain. Call (906)523-4884.

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* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. **Rotation Jan. 4 C. VanHoe

* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 5 K. Rudolp

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**Classes will include Low/Hi, Aerobic Circuit and Sculpt & Tone

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Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer-734-455-6620)

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M/W 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 11 S. King

13 - LIVONIA

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merima

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**NOTE: No night classes Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, or 24

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* M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 P. Peitz

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* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone Jan. 5 T. Brandor

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14 - SOUTHFIELD

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(Register through Southfield Parks & Rec. - 248-354-9603)

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(18575 W. 9 Mile Rd. bet. Southfield & Evergreen) 10 weeks

M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 11 S. Reynold

M/W 7:00 P.M. Low Impact Jan. 11 Staff

T/TH 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 12 K. Bishop

T/TH 7:00 P.M. STEP Jan. 12 K. Bishop

Student must provide own STEP

15 - FARMINGTON

Piemontese (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty)

1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$85 11 weeks

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M/F 8:20 A.M. Low Impact Jan. 4 S. Kambouris

* M/W/F 9:35 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 Perce/Goodman

M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 4 P. Kenwan

M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 P. Ingrody

W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit Jan. 6 S. Kambouris

* T/TH 9:15 A.M. STEP Jan. 5 P. Kenwan

T/TH 6:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 5 K. Treadwell-Smith

T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP Jan. 5 K. Treadwell-Smith

Sat 8:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 9 L. Burke

Sat 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 9 M. Navarro-Bloom

*Babysitting \$2.00 per child

Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake)

(Call 734-661-9191 for more information)

1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$85 11 weeks

* M/W/F 9:25 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 4 Lindy

* M/W/F 10:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 4 C. Zetterholm

T/TH 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 5 K. Roberts

*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center

Farmington Hills Activities Center

(28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C-248-473-1816)

1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$85

* M/W 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 4 L. Morris

M/T/W 6:30 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 Williams/DelLeeuw

* T/TH 9:25 A.M. **Rotation Jan. 5 J. Stec

Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 9 K. Treadwell-Smith

*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child

**Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat

Burner. Check with instructor.

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Farmington Community School

(30415 Shawwassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)

* M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 18 Staff

*Babysitting available \$2.00/Child-must be walking-no infants

16 - NOVI

Novi Civic Center

(45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)

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office (248-347-0400). Registrations/Payments will not be

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NO CLASSES Jan. 16 or 18, Feb. 15

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** \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or

bring own step

* M/W 9:00 A.M. Low Impact Jan. 4 S. Kelly

* M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP II Jan. 4 Staff

M/W 6:15 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 L. Balagna

M/W 7:25 P.M. STEP II Jan. 4 L. Balagna

* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 5 S. Flanagan

* F 9:00 A.M. Fat Burner Jan. 8 S. Kelly

Sat 8:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 9 Staff

*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)

(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 248-449-1206)

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M/T/W/TH 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 18 T. Snurka

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PREP WRESTLING

Spartans 2-3 at team dual

The Livonia Stevenson wrestling team returned from Wednesday's Trenton Team Tournament with two wins in five meets, and the realization that they were so very close to going 4-1.

The Spartans finished fourth in the eight-team field, losing one meet by three points and another by one. Trenton, the only team to beat Stevenson soundly (46-26), finished first followed by Ypsilanti and Lincoln Park.

Stevenson lost to Lincoln Park 41-38 to open the day. The Spartans followed that with wins over Gibraltar Carlson, 64-16, and Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 44-28.

After losing to Trenton in the semi-finals, Stevenson went against Ypsilanti for third place. The Braves won, 40-39.

The 2-3 finish left Stevenson with a 3-8 meet mark for the season.

Two Spartans emerged with 5-0 match records for the tournament. Joe Moreau, wrestling in the 103-pound weight division, and Josh Gunterman, competing at 112, were both unbeaten. Moreau is now 17-0 for the season; Gunterman is 9-3.

Other standouts for Stevenson were Zack Yaffai at 119 with a 4-1 record (now 6-1 for the season) and Mike Falzon at 145 with a 4-1 mark (12-5). Five others had 3-2 meet records: Dustin Obeid at 125 (13-4); Imad Kharbush at 140 (13-4); Mike Radley at 171 (4-3); Eric Puninske at 215 (3-2); and Mark Costella at 275.

Stevenson is now idle until the Plymouth Salem Invitational next Wednesday.

Late Rice goal ties Chargers, 2-2

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Nobody likes ties in hockey, but nobody throws them out, either.

Birmingham Brother Rice scored with 66 seconds to play Wednesday night to earn a 2-2 tie with Livonia Churchill in a non-conference hockey game at Compuware Arena.

"We were very fortunate," Coach Barry Mills of the Warriors said. "They totally outplayed us. Any time you can come out of a game like that with a tie, you take it."

That's the beauty, or ugliness, of a tie. There are things both sides can use for praise and to challenge their teams to improve.

"We were sleeping a bit out there at various points in the hockey game," Coach Jeff Hatley of Churchill said. "Maybe we were thinking about Christmas shopping or something."

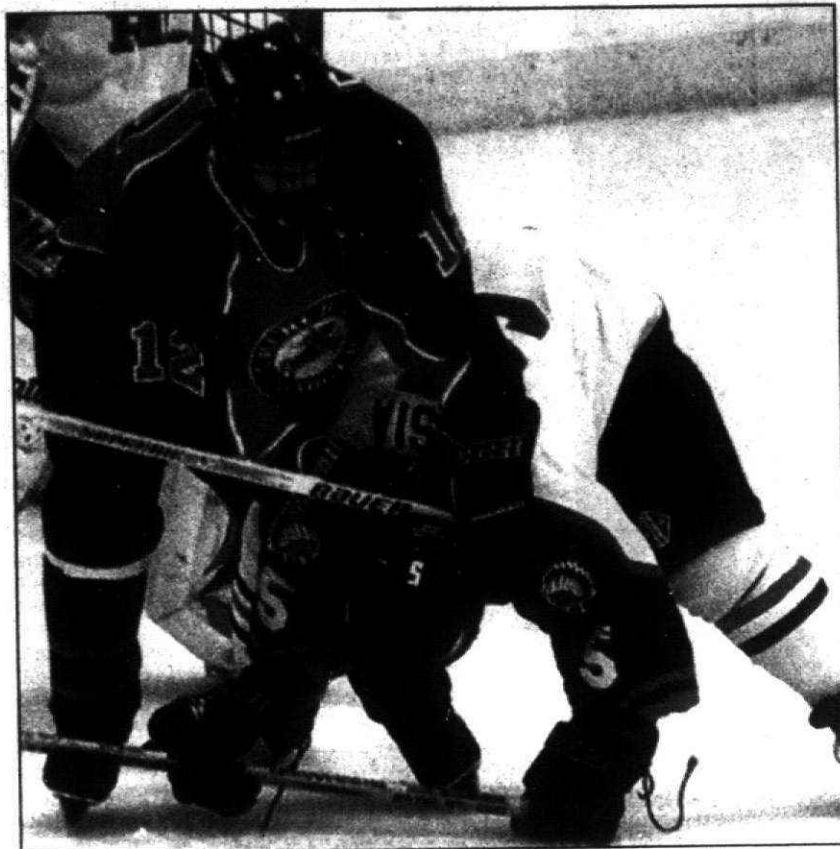
Churchill dominated play for long stretches of time. But the last eight minutes they went into their prevent defense — and any Detroit Lions' fan can tell you that only prevents you from winning.

Brother Rice, 3-4-1, played well only in spurts until the final eight minutes. Otherwise Churchill, 3-3-3, hit harder and moved the puck better.

"Our boys have to learn that they need to play three periods of hockey," the Warriors' Mills said. "Not just a period and a half. Our goaltending kept us in the game, which good goaltending will do when your boys are not playing well."

"For whatever reason we didn't play well the whole game. They have to be convinced that until they get to that point, we're going to struggle."

"We've had our ups and downs," the Chargers' Hatley said. "We want to get to a higher level, of consistent good performance. We're not there yet."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Crowded intersection: Livonia Churchill center Aaron Jakubowski (top) puts Brother Rice's Tom Lossia down for the count during Wednesday's game at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Warriors' crisper play over the final few minutes paid off immediately following a faceoff to the left of Chargers' goalie Ryan McBroom.

Andrew Mechigian won the faceoff and got the puck over to Justin Kozik, whose initial shot was denied by McBroom. However, there was a rebound,

and Robert Oldham was right there to sneak it by the short side at 13:54.

It was the only goal of the evenly-played third period. Both sides had seven shots in the final period but Churchill had a 29-17 edge overall.

"I like the way our boys didn't give up," Mills said. "They worked hard

PREP HOCKEY

right to the end. That can only help us come March if we keep doing that."

Churchill scored the lone goal of the middle period in similar fashion to the way the Chargers scored 1:45 into the game.

In the opening period, freshman Aaron Jakubowski rifled home a shot after Dan Cook had gotten the puck to him from behind the net. Jakubowski originally had shot from his knees in front of the goal but the puck wound up with Tom Sherman and then behind the net.

Freshman Rob McIntosh popped home a puck that Derek Martin had banged off the boards behind the net at the 2:32 mark of the second period to break a 1-1 tie.

Brother Rice tied it at 14:42 of the first period on a goaltender's nightmare — the opponent clears the puck fighting off a power play and it trickles through the netminder's stick. It's nothing that didn't happen to Chris Osgood of the Detroit Red Wings during last year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It's happened to me," Hatley said. "It's happened to a lot of goalies. What can you do?"

Chris Eppert played the first half in goal for Brother Rice and Aaron Jones played the final 6:42 of the second period plus all of the third. Eppert had quite a night. He was credited with an assist on Sean Clark's short-handed goal and his mother won the 50-50 raffle.

"We've been working on our penalty killing lately in practice," Hatley said. "We'll start on our special teams right after the New Year."

"You know, it's not how you are at the start of the season. It's not how you are in the middle. It's how you are at the end."

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1998 OBSERVERLAND YEAR IN REVIEW

Memory lane

Sports year provided ups, downs, drama

Hiring, firing and 'good-byes'... the last month gets ripped off the calendar and another year has been added to Observerland lore.

Each season is filled with stories of teams and coaches leaving their marks on the local sports scene.

This year a local coaching legend got fired — and wound up taking a job with one of his old school's arch rivals.

A great golfer finished a great prep career while a long-time area coach-athlete director decided to hang it up.

We were blessed with state champions, again, to highlight another banner year of sport.

Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach wins 200th game: The Shamrocks won their second-straight Class AA football championship in late November, and along the way Mach won his 200th career game. The Shamrocks' 35-14 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson in the AA semifinal gave Mach 200 wins quicker than any coach in state history.

The Shamrocks' 27-23 comeback victory over Rockford in the AA final gave him a 201-42 career record. He is the 25th coach in state history to reach 200 wins.

The Shamrocks have won five Class AA titles in the 1990s and six overall under Mach, whose teams are 23-2 in the playoffs this decade.

Farmington Harrison's football juggernaut: The Hawks won their ninth state title in November when they defeated Hudsonville in the Class A championship game, 35-13.

Harrison was 13-0 for the second year in a row and will take a 26-game winning streak into next season. The Hawks also were the highest-scoring team in the state this year with 530 points.

Under veteran coach John Herrington (261-54-1 in 29 years), Harrison has played in more state finals (12) than any other school, and only Detroit DePores has won more titles with 10.

The Hawks were led by all-state wide receiver Ricky Bryant, three-year starters Mike Hoad, Brett Foster, Bryan McGhee and Joe Ghannam and quarterback Dave Pesci.

Detroit Cass Tech beats CC 116-115 in double-overtime in boys basketball

regional final: The lead on this story read "Can anybody top this one?" which said it all. This game was one of the most memorable in Observerland history.

Five Shamrocks scored in double figures, led by all-state center Chris Young with 39 points, 20 rebounds and 12 blocks.

A questionable goaltending call against Young near the end of regulation helped the Technicians battle back from a five-point deficit to tie it at 94-all and force the first overtime.

CC senior guard Joe Jonna had six three-point baskets, including one with :01 left in the first OT that tied the score at 105. He and teammate Rob Sparks, who made four three-point baskets, finished with 24 points each.

Marlon Williamson's free throw with 32 seconds left in the second OT provided the final margin for Cass Tech. A last second put-back attempt that would have won the game for CC was blocked by Cass' Hilton Napoleon.

Schoolcraft College men's basketball program does about face: It was a happy homecoming for Carlos Briggs, one of Schoolcraft's all-time best players who came back as a coach and guided the Ocelots to an amazing turnaround.

SC enjoyed its first winning season since 1984, finishing 24-7 overall, and in second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

For the first time ever, the Ocelots received votes in the National Junior College Athletic Association national poll.

Briggs starred as a guard at Schoolcraft in 1982 and '83 before playing at Baylor University and in various professional leagues. His best player on last year's team, forward Kevin Melson, was voted MCCA Player of the Year and signed with Wright State.

CC three-sport athlete Casey Rogowski returns from broken leg: He was, Mighty Casey at the bat and on the mat as a junior, but arguably his finest hour came last fall when he recovered from a preseason broken leg to help the Shamrocks win their second-straight Class AA football title.

Rogowski missed the first four games of the 1998 season and got better each week following his return as an inside linebacker and fullback.

It was quite an encore for what he accom-

plished as a junior, going undefeated in winning the Division I heavyweight championship in wrestling, beating Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamblin in the final, and earning All-Observer first team honors in baseball. A first baseman and outfielder, he hit a two-run home run into the upper deck in Tiger Stadium, leading the Shamrocks to a Catholic League championship.

Plymouth Whalers' center David Legwand drafted in the first round, second overall, in June's NHL entry draft: Legwand, who collected 54 goals and 51 assists in his first year with the Ontario Hockey League's Whalers, became the first pick in the history of the Nashville Predators.

After an extended stint in the Predators' preseason training camp, Legwand, 19, returned for a second year with the Whalers, who won 15 of their first 17 games this season. The Grosse Pointe native is currently playing for the U.S. team at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Manitoba, Winnipeg, his second-straight year on the team.

Tom Teeters fired as Livonia Ladywood volleyball coach: Teeters received his pink slip in July after 12 highly-successful seasons as Ladywood's volleyball coach due to "irreconcilable differences" with the administration. Teeters had a remarkable 532-97-14 record at Ladywood, leading the Blazers to two Class A state championships, one runnerup finish and 10 Catholic League titles.

His teams won eight regional and eight district championships.

Ironically, he resurfaced in the fall as the new coach at Plymouth Salem, the Blazers biggest rival in Observerland in recent years. The two schools have had several memorable regional matches of late, all won by Ladywood.

In the first head-to-head meetings this year, the Teeters-coached Salem squad twice beat Ladywood at the Midland Tournament, including in the title match — the first time Salem had beaten the Blazers in a match with championship consequences.

Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team repeats as Class A champion: The Spartans were 41-0-2 under coach Jim Kimble and lost the tip of her ring finger on her shooting (right).

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the last two years, each season finishing with a Class A state championship trophy in their possession.

Stevenson, ranked eighth in the final national poll, beat Rochester Adams 3-0 in the state championship game to finish unbeaten and untied in 20 games played last spring. Senior Allison Campbell earned the state's highest individual honor, receiving the Miss Soccer award.

Plymouth Salem graduate Jeff Roth joins elite group in Michigan pro golf ranks: The current club pro at the Flint Golf Club, Roth had a year few state pros can relate to.

The 40-year old won both the Michigan Open and PGA Section championship, joining eight others who managed to win both in the same year, the last being Buddy Whitten in 1983. He also came within two strokes of winning the Tournament of Champions, which would have made him the state's first-ever Grand Slam winner.

Roth's fabulous season earned him his third Michigan Player of the Year title.

Stevenson senior golfer Steve Polanski finishes runner-up in Michigan Amateur: Polanski won the title everyone expected in the fall, taking first place at the Class A state meet with a two-day total of 145 at the Maple Creek Course (The Emerald) in St. John's.

But what he accomplished in the summer came totally unexpected.

Playing against men several years older in most cases, the 17-year-old Polanski became the second youngest to reach match play at the Michigan Amateur, where he lost in the final to Shawn Koch, 2-and-1.

He signed with Texas Christian after the high school season in November.

North Farmington sophomore Samantha McComb returns from freakish accident to have banner basketball season: McComb had her hand accidentally slammed in a door and lost the tip of her ring finger on her shooting (right).

Farmington Hills Mercy wins Class A swimming title: The Marlins overcame a one-point Zeeland lead in the final event, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with a record time of 3:31.25.

Mercy broke seven varsity records in the meet, including two each by Amy McCullough, who had the team's lone individual-event victory in the 500-yard freestyle, and Elizabeth Posvar. They also were on the winning relay team with Kelly Carlin and Kristin Loidas.

Ron Holland retires as Farmington Schools athletic director: Holland wrapped up a 37-year career with Farmington Public Schools when he retired in June.

Holland, 62, began teaching physical education at North Farmington when the school opened in 1961. He became the varsity head football coach the following year and also coached boys track until 1983.

The Raiders compiled a 136-52-3 football record under Holland, who had undefeated teams in 1965 and 1970. North was Class A state champion in 1970 and the tournament runner-up in 1978 with an 11-1 record.

Holland served 15 years as the district athletic director (1983-98).

In October, 150 of Holland's former players returned for a special tribute to him at which time the school's football field was named in his honor and a brick entrance-way erected at the gate.

Westland skating pair Danielle and Steve Hartzell: The siblings won bronze medals at the Senior Pairs competition in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia.

They got marks ranging from 5.2 to 5.5 on the technical merit side of their program and 5.1 to 5.5 for presentation in their long program.

They thrilled their hometown friends and fans with a fourth-place finish in the Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International at Joe Louis Arena in November.

Livonia Franklin girls swim team controversy: Head

coach Jean Pritchard resigned after three of her swimmers skipped a meet against Northville to participate in homecoming decorations.

Franklin administrators supported the removal of the three, but the Livonia Public Schools overturned the decision, reinstating the trio. John Kuenzel, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction in the district, cited provisions in the student-athlete handbook in overturning the decision.

Garden City graduate Tina Atwood gains national prominence in college soccer: Atwood, a sophomore at Rockford College, led the nation in scoring for women's soccer in NCAA Division III, averaging 4.21 points per game with 37 goals in 19 games.

She broke several school records, including most goals in a game (five), most goals in a season (37), most points in a season (80) and most consecutive games with a goal (eight). She already holds the Rockford career record for goals (55) and points (125).

Her accomplishments were chronicled in the Faces in the Crowd section of the Nov. 2 edition of Sports Illustrated.

She helped Rockford win 12 games last fall, the most in school history.

Other stories of note

•Canton native Jeff Angilli won the gold medal in the Senior Figures at the U.S. Roller Skating National Championships last August in Fresno, Calif. His victory earned him a trip to the World Championships in Bogota, Colombia.

•Livonia Franklin graduate Matt Bauman left the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team after his freshman year and transferred to Schoolcraft College, where he's been instrumental in the Ocelots' 8-0 start this season.

•Long time Livonia resident Don Riehl retired after a glorious coaching career, winning more than 400 games as a coach for five decades mostly in the South Redford Schools.

•The Michigan High School Athletic Association approved a proposal in December to double the number of playoff teams in football starting next year. In essence, any team that wins six games will qualify.

•The three Farmington schools, North Farmington, Farmington Harrison and Farmington, combined to form a unified

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 28
PCA at Livonia, 7 p.m.
(Livonia Coach: Ed O'Leary)

Redford CC vs. Oak Ridge, 7:45 p.m.
Saginaw vs. Douglas, 8 p.m.

Salem vs. Oak Ridge, 8 p.m.
(Livonia Coach: Richard Towner)

St. Agatha vs. Taylor, 8 p.m.
Grosse Ile vs. St. Richard, 7:30 p.m.

(Livonia Coach: Richard Towner)
St. Agatha vs. St. Richard, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
T.C. Central, 6:45-7:30 p.m.
PCA at Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Livonia vs. Oak Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
(Superintendent's Classic at Oak)

Wayne vs. Oak Ridge, 8 p.m.
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WEEK'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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Schoolcraft, 3:30-4 p.m.

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 21. Lina Mens Classic: Larry Curtis, 247-238-764; John Miller, 280-236-221/737; Dave B. Bazer, 248-258-217/723; Mark Rush, 246-257-300/703; Scott Wisniewski, 225-237-235/697; Mark Gorno, 255-215-224/684.

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 Suburban Prop. Travel (Men): Billy Gerace, 267/694; Jeff Bennett, 266/639; Bib Gratrix, 264; Dan Zak, 249/658; Tim Magyar, 236; George Kaygenich, 236/667.

Suburban Prop. Travel (Ladies): Barb Buhler, 233/609; Carol Puryear, 222/591; Pat Garry, 211/549; Vn Wal-drep, 205/532; Teresa Ballarta, 202; Kathy Butler, 198/577.

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 Our Gang Mixed: Darrin Stow, 275/678; Ken Gawkowski, 260/695; Ed O'Haire, 247-227/689; Nathan Scire, 244; Dale Harbour, 237-234/632; Jeannette Gawkowski, 244/583; Cindy Mench, 213-200/604; Bobbi Farkas, 211/553.

Tuesday Junior Classic: John Nowezki, 300.

Thursday Morning Men: Tom Brothers, 300.

Airlines: Ernie Arbogast, 808.

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 Thursday Mens 950: John Chute, 255/627; Jim Landau, 279/686; Roger

Troke, 257/675; John Moore, 258/613; Jack Brown, 254/614; Phil Gerhart, 245/672; Mike Robertson, 258/671.

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 Plaza Men: Bob Day, 263; Steve Demeter, 247/699; John Groza, 289-235/716.

Friday Night Leftovers: Chuck Sturges, 297/236-205/738.

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Keglers: Mark Beasley, 267/675.

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Youth Friday Majors: Steve Reitzel, 210/572; Dave Jacobs, 257/639; Tim Monorelli, 269/677; Alan Florke, 258/687; Jon Robinson, 208/527.

Youth Friday Juniors: John Lenover, 209.

Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Jason Schwartzberger, 221/580; David Brandes, 203.

Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Heather Trent, 181; Joe Getkin, 181.

Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Ken Bazman, 246/662; Pat Brown, 226/647; David Mintz, 212/540; Matt Gordon, 200.

Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Bradley Alonzo, 153; Bryan Alonzo, 149.

Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Bobby Polard, 223; Michael Ugeski, 216; Steve Jacobs, 212; Todd Schemanski, 226; Kyle Tabaka, 205.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
 FoMoGo Thru Night: Roger Moore, 269; Steve Byster, 258/717; Bob Pado, 266/689; Cal Collins, 246/709; Bill Freeman, 257/654.

St. Aidan's Men: Keith Isaac, 246; Bill Louisville, 214-245-213/672; Tony Kaluszny, 227-227/646; John Nemes, 217; Rob Jackson, 213.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Sandy Win-biger, 247-258-200/705; Lisa Bishop, 224-217-247/688; Cyndi Black, 238-235/665; Darlene Dysart, 210-267/674; Michelle Ewald, 228-245-247/720; Karen Hagan, 242-279/701.

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 Ford Parts: Billy Ogden, 267/702; Bob Thomas, 724; Larry Cooper, 691; Mark Wenzel, 688; Cliff Cavender, 664.

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Morning Glories: Chris Tiseo, 209; Verna Reichert, 205.

Monday Specials: Howard Featherston, 213; Joe Palen, 202; Chuck Simpson, 213.

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245-243/678; Mike Kovacs, 215/567; Jesse Antman, 201/59 pins o/a; Todd Wortinger, 227-201/611; Ralph Davis, 209.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Sue Kin, 223/572; Betty Petty, 208.

University Men's: Ron Mathison, 278; Kimberly Keim, 268; John Williams, 706; Mike Wood, 687.

EVER-7: Rob Roy, 256/695; Walt Malkowski, 254; Dave Camavesio, 254/711; John Wilcox, 253/712; Ivo Gasparoto, 248/676; Tony Elias, 247.

Monday Nite Mens: Craig Morga, 300/737; Andy Ponke, 290; Leo Devine, 744.

Greenfield Mixed: Nena Atkins (134 avg), 526 (124 pins o/a); Kim Ludlow (130 avg) 522 (132 pins o/a); Ron Turner, 203-223-216/640; Ken Smith, 248/602; Vern Gooding, 236-208/634.

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Monday Midnight Men: Steve Gapp, 258/653; Will Kassa, 252; Sady Hamana, 647.

Tuesday A.M. Ladies: Carole Jones, 212/537; Dixie Barth, 210/525.

Afternoon Dillies: Sue Oster, 246/569; Beth Sadoff, 225/529.

Strikers: Edie John, 224/557; Suzanne Farano, 202.

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Juniors: Tim Miller, 200/547; Mande Gargis, 190; Nikki Snyder, 191; Kelly Buxton, 138.

Preps: Ryan Meyers, 189; David Silver, 180; Christina Mouawad, 172; Rachel Dubiel, 142.

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My top New Year's resolutions list

My two daughters were busy pecking away on our home computer recently typing up their Christmas wish lists.

I admit it's been years since I've made such a list.

Even though it's too late, I decided it was time to write down a few New Year's resolutions.

I haven't written any down in years.

But the last time, I went out and got a neat little Remington semi-automatic .22 and a good pair of hunting boots.

I got many years of use out of both.

Here are some 1999 resolutions for me and my loyal readers.

1. A healthy, TB-free deer herd. The tuberculosis problem in the white-tailed deer herd in northeastern Michigan is a terrible calamity and threatens not only the state's wildlife popula-

tion but the cattle industry as well. The DNR and the Department of Agriculture are hoping to quell the problem by increasing the antlerless harvest in the area, but I think we need your help to really turn things around.

2. An injury-free deer hunting season. Please knock some sense into the careless and reckless hunters that make bonehead decisions. There is no room in the woods for someone who would mistake a human for a deer. That's not an accident, it's a crime. Unfortunately, there is no law in the books to keep people like this out of the woods, even after they've made such a mistake, so please knock some sense into them.

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aging and preserving our valuable natural resources.

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I admit it's been years since I've made such a list.

Even though it's too late, I decided it was time to write down a few New Year's resolutions.

I haven't written any down in years.

But the last time, I went out and got a neat little Remington semi-automatic .22 and a good pair of hunting boots.

I got many years of use out of both.

Here are some 1999 resolutions for me and my loyal readers.

1. A healthy, TB-free deer herd. The tuberculosis problem in the white-tailed deer herd in northeastern Michigan is a terrible calamity and threatens not only the state's wildlife popula-

tion but the cattle industry as well. The DNR and the Department of Agriculture are hoping to quell the problem by increasing the antlerless harvest in the area, but I think we need your help to really turn things around.

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How Do You Plan A Career?

Several years ago, David Hizer and I put on a workshop for a group of accountants (or sales people, I can't remember) that dealt primarily with career planning. It was fantastic. The six or seven people in attendance applauded wildly for several seconds before adjourning to the bar. Hizer and I considered taking our planning show on the road, but we became distracted.

How do you plan a career, anyway? Most of us just wind up in a job or discipline through a series of unscheduled twists and turns. If we ever articulate life or career objectives, they are almost always set aside or forgotten as our interests change or as family considerations rearrange our priorities. Mostly, we just become lazy or intimidated as we learn more about the time, energy, risk and self-discipline really required to achieve our dreams. In and out of work, we resign ourselves to compromise. We "mature." It's not so bad. This is reality.

Maybe so. But what could you do in the coming year to make some positive career adjustments? I don't mean earth shattering changes that vault you from clerk to brain surgeon and I'm not talking about putting your family's welfare in jeopardy. Rather, let's look at some planning ideas and pleasant things to do that might enhance your situation by this time next year.

Put pen to paper. By setting goals, you automatically improve the odds of accomplishing some measure of career success. By spelling out an objective, you create a hidden tension between you and your destination. A goal that is not written down is just a wish.

Play the odds by building on your strengths. A strength is a skill supported by an interest. It's not just a question of what you are good at doing. Most people are pretty good at what they do. What skills do you have that you truly enjoy using?

Become intense. Identify at least one area in your profession in which you will become very, very good. It's almost impossible to be very, very good at lots of things. However, by becoming an absolute expert in one thing, you will have more upward and outward pathways open to you.

Become diverse. Even while you are becoming intense in one area, learn as much as possible about related disciplines. Understand the big picture in your field or industry. Improve your credibility by becoming comfortable with other aspects of the business.

Fantasize about your objectives. People often don't get what they want because they don't really believe their goals are attainable. In truth, almost anything is possible if you practice seeing it, having it and enjoying it in detail.

Change in small, defined increments. Maybe it is unrealistic to make a million bucks by June 30. It could be unlikely that you will land a job as a Sales Manager when you don't have sales experience. But it might be possible to increase your income by 10 percent. It might be doable to get five interviews for sales jobs. You are more likely to take action and less likely to become frustrated when objectives are bite-sized.

Review plans regularly. Establish a weekly goal review meeting with yourself. Monday morning is the best time. Chart your progress. Congratulate yourself for progress to date and sketch out the coming week.

Focus on process. The best objective is to define what you will be doing, not what you will "be." Titles don't matter. No one grows very long about being promoted to president or passing the bar. In the end, satisfaction or disappointment comes from every day activities. You might be closer to your dream job than you imagine if you think about goals from a task perspective.

As I was penning in a few goals of my own for 1999, I began thinking about some of the candidates and business associates I've dealt with over the past year. Like most people, I struggle with those constant gnawing questions about what I really should be doing with my career and what, if anything, of significance I have accomplished so far. Sometimes I think I'd rather be...

Jim Pawlak. This guy has it all. His column is in something like 400 newspapers around the country and his income probably rivals Bill Gates'. Jim's car is a hot little yellow sports job and he has a condo on an exotic island. He's smart, a good businessman and a real nice guy. Yeah, I'd like to be like Pawlak. But then there is...

Sandy Theaut. Actually, I wouldn't want Sandy's job as a Production Scheduler because it is too hard. But he is very proud of leading a major company to QS 9000, then successfully making the switch into a completely different discipline. I suppose the real reason I would like to be like Sandy is because he is going to have a baby. Of course, I wouldn't personally like to have a baby, but it is the nearest thing in the world. Congratulations in advance. Maybe I should aspire to be... Jim Rutkowski. Now here is a fellow who can usually come up with a unique perspective on any given problem or life situation. He is absolutely expert at what he does (testing and evaluating job candidates) - maybe the best of the best. He knows more about computers than I ever will. While I don't always share his tastes, I always admire his values. I trust him. He's definitely juggling a host of business and domestic challenges over the past year. On the other hand, it would sure be neat to be...

Jan Learman. How can anyone be so nice? A normal person would snap dealing with the likes of me and her bosses every day. But Jane just seems to roll with it. We pile everything on her. Jane is the living example of that old adage, "If you want to get something done, ask the busiest person." She is accommodating, pleasant, efficient and dependable - the ultimate good attitude. Congratulations on your promotion, Janet. Of course, it would sure be interesting to be...

Bud, my barber. What a great lifestyle this guy has. He comes into the big city to cut hair four days a week, then goes back to his estate in the country to feed the deer. Bud knows everybody in the neighborhood of his barbershop and seems to be an uncle figure to some of the young people. He has the ability to do anything and the good sense to be quiet sometimes (a trait lacking in most barbers). Bud always seems content and occasionally closes up just because he feels like it. He has it pretty good, but what about...

Tony Carman. He dresses great, does an excellent job and always comes across as urbane and engaging. Or how about Tom Eurich? He is a brilliant engineer and seems to maintain a constant, boyish good nature, even under stress. It's impossible not to like him. Then there is Mary Ann Walton who now does what I thought I wanted to do a long time ago. She is extremely competent and professional. Much like Linda Seicula and Tamara Binder (both of whom have foreseen much of the technical fields). And what if I were able to lighten things up by telling a joke or two, like Joe Scott or Debbie Davidson? Of course, it would be fantastic to be like Steven G., who built a company, helped a lot of people and is now a successful entrepreneur. I have him to thank for a lot of my success. Now it's time just being me. I have indulged editors who cut me some slack at the end of the year so I can put my friends' names in the paper. #99

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The ABC's of Managing Your Career

Time for another lesson in the ABC's of managing your career and your life. Relate to the definitions as you evaluate where you are, where you want to be and what it will take to achieve your goals.

Aspire - To have a great ambition; to strive toward a goal. If you don't want to be the best you can be, you're wasting your life.

Back in glory - The lack of a future affiliation of people who forget that success is a journey, not a destination. Constantly reveling in reliving past accomplishments is like living life through a rear-view mirror.

Career - 1. A chosen pursuit. 2. To move or run at full speed. Many careers (i.e. #1) take shape in slow motion because individuals aren't doing what they can. See Dharma above.

Hesitate - Slow to act or decide because of uncertainty. Hesitation can lead to doubt which leads to inaction. New experiences always involve uncertainty, so don't let hesitation turn into fear of success.

Insight - The capacity to discern the true nature of a situation. Seeing things as they really are will help you plan a successful next step.

Jurassic Perk - The buyout package given to older workers considered skill-set dinosaurs by their employers.

Karmageddon - The change in attitude of the positive outlook individual when constantly surrounded by negative people.

Leap of Faith - A move to action in a time of uncertainty based on your belief in yourself. Outcomes are rarely totally controllable, but they are more predictable if you believe in yourself.

Matterhorn - A mountain peak, 14,701 feet high. Life is full of personal mountains to climb. Do you have the mindset and right skills to climb your own mountains?

Never - Not ever, at no time whatsoever. A word often used by chronic underachievers to avoid believing in themselves and what they could achieve.

One-trick pony - An individual with a very limited skill set. If you don't buy into lifelong learning and self improvement, the Jurassic Perk will be your just reward.

Purist - One who believes in the correctness of following procedures to the letter regardless of changes in circumstances and the results. The only way to build out question and without hesitation.

Querist - A questioner. An inquirer. You can't learn if you don't ask questions.

Results - The sum of Ideas + Initiative + Belief + Planning + Effort.

Savoir-faire - Saying and doing the "right" thing in any situation; tact. It's not what you say, but how you say it, that conveys your true meaning.

Thin-skinned - Oversensitive, especially with respect to criticism. Use savoir-faire when dealing with these types of people.

Unbond - Freed from bonds or shackles. People can break free of their self-made shackles by believing in themselves and building their skills.

Vegetable - A person who leads a monotonous, passive or merely physical existence.

Wet blanket - One who discourages enthusiasm and enjoyment. Beware of Karmageddon (see above) if you associate with these gloom and doom personalities.

Xenophobia - Fear of strangers, outsiders and for eigners. The only way to build an effective personal network is by talking with strangers.

Year - 525,600 minutes to use wisely.

Zinger - A sarcastic comment. If you dish it out, make sure you can take it, too.

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