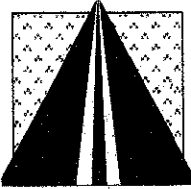


Morton Taylor splits township



The Morton Taylor extension - from Warren to Ford - should be completed by the end of the year. The \$3.3-million project has commuters cheering but some adjacent residents grumbling.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Extending Morton Taylor Road from Warren south to Ford is proving to be a divisive issue for residents as well as township and county officials.

Morton Taylor, which previously dead-ended at Warren from the north, is undergoing a \$3.3-million extension. The one-mile stretch of road is scheduled to open to traffic by the end of this month.

The only remaining work is installing a traffic light at Hanford and

putting in sidewalks and shoulder.

Township and county officials say the extended road will lighten the traffic loads on nearby roads and make it easier for area residents to get to the business district on Ford.

"It should reduce traffic on both Sheldon and Lilley to some degree," said Tom Yack, township supervisor. "It's a necessary piece (of road) that was never put in. It really completes the road network."

Yack said extending the road has been on the county's to-do list since he took office as supervisor in 1988.

"It took forever for it to come to the top of the list," he said.

One of the ways the township is attempting to address residents' concerns about the tree removal is through a \$200,000 landscaping program.

"We're trying to improve the appearance and soften the blow," Yack said. The project is still in the planning stages.

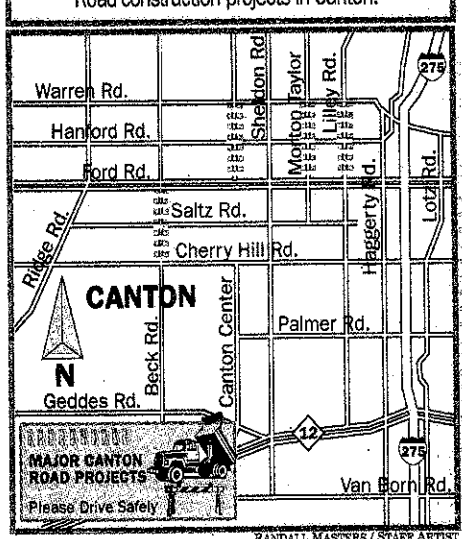
One of the problems is the multitude of fences the residents have. Dozens of Carriage Hills subdivision homes, most with fenced yards, will back up to the newly constructed road, creating a patchwork effect.

"They just line up like soldiers," Yack said of the fences.

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LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Road construction projects in Canton.



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The holiday season is here - and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club.

Opening the Cheer Club to new and returning "members" is one of our favorite holiday traditions. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main Street in Plymouth during business hours.

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 15 when we turn them over to the good folks at Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make the holidays special for everybody, not just the lucky families where people have plenty to spend.

So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy - or maybe a gift of warm clothing - your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor's names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be anonymous donor if you prefer.

Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Light it up: Santa visits (we hope) to help light the Canton Christmas tree in ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. outside Fire Station No. 1.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers celebrate the season with holiday festivities at 7 p.m. in the Hanford Clubhouse. Call (734) 354-6474 for information.

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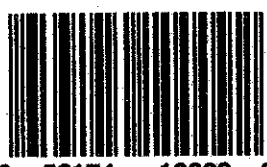
At Home: When all else failed, Kevin and Karen O'Keefe built their dream home in Plymouth. Read all about it in Thursday's Observer.

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PCAC production gets in the holiday spirit



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All the trimmings: Rachel Harrison of Plymouth, 6, and her brother Chris, 11, trim the Christmas tree on the set of the Whistle Stop Players presentation of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," based on a story by Dylan Thomas. Performances were scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday Dec. 1-3 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with a matinee today at 2 p.m. The production will then tour to area schools, and the cast is available for bookings through Dec. 24. If you are interested in booking information or tickets for today's show, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Board OKs church and apartment projects

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Getting a building project approved in Canton doesn't require the force of a ton of bricks, even if the buildings aren't constructed of them.

A new country-style church and luxury Victorian-style apartments will be constructed without any exterior brick, though brick is required by township ordinance. Both developers asked that the brick requirement be waived because brick exteriors would not fit in

with the building styles.

Both measures were approved unanimously at the board's Nov. 28 meeting.

The brick requirement may be waived when a particular architectural style is used, said Jeff Goulet, Canton's community planner. Residential and

commercial buildings are required to contain at least 50 percent brick exteriors.

"In order for the planning commission to consider changes to building materials requirements, you have to

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Whaler walkers

Students benefit by sticking with program

BY BRAD KADRICH
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If you're going to give away tickets to Plymouth Whalers games, you might as well have some real Whalers handing them out.

That's what happened for 25 Fiegel Elementary students Wednesday, when Whalers Rob Zepp and Ryan O'Keefe were on hand to help honor the students who finished Fiegel's "Feel'n' Good Mileage Club."

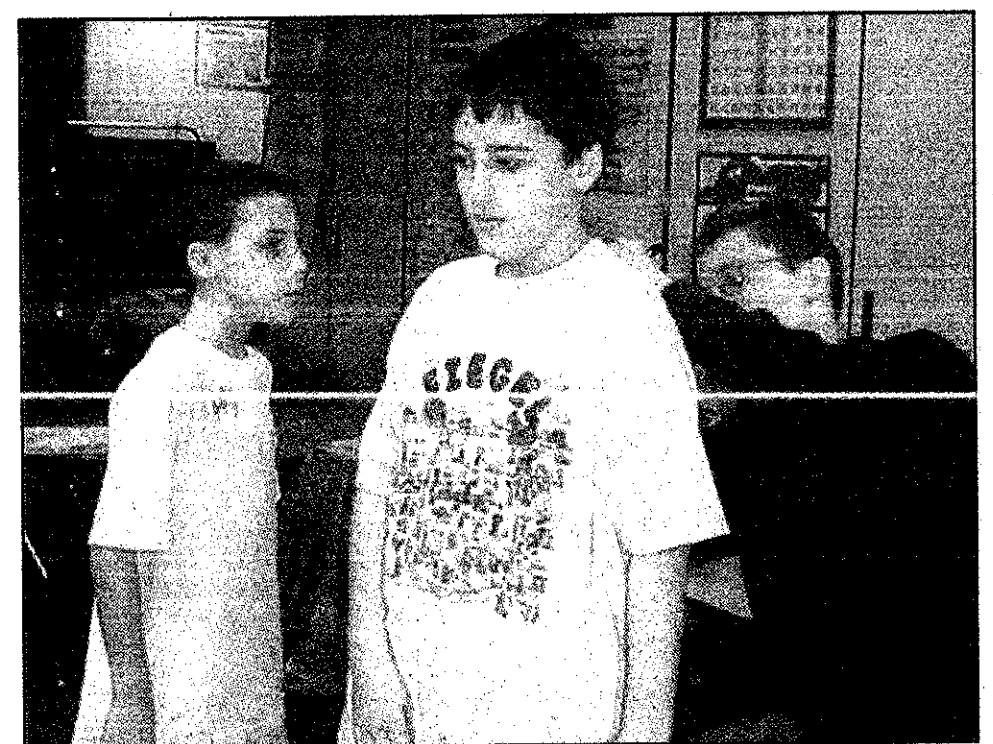
The club was created to give students the opportunity to walk or run on a designated quarter-mile track on Fiegel's playground during lunchtime recess. Students were given cards each

day to track mileage for six weeks. Weekly totals were recorded, with students who hit five miles in a week given "Toe Tokens." Classroom totals were also logged.

"The program was an excellent way for students to get exercise, participate in a school function and gave another option for fun at recess to students who may not otherwise participate in a group activity," said Gwen Bone, vice president of the Fiegel PTO. "Our students showed great enthusiasm and endurance."

Fiegel students logged more than 1,500 miles, with the top 25 ranging

Please see **CLUB, A3**



Star power: Fiegel Elementary student Jesse Hulet gets Plymouth Whaler Rob Zepp to sign his T-shirt while classmate Patrick Patin watches.

Prototype engine targeted by thief

A prototype engine that was one of only a handful in the world was reportedly taken from Galaxy Industries, 7777 Ronda Wednesday, Nov. 29. The 4-cylinder aluminum engine was valued at approximately \$2,300. A similar engine that was reportedly further along in development was left alone. Police have no suspects.

Domestic assault

A Canton man of undisclosed age was arrested for domestic assault and battery Thursday, Nov. 30, at a residence in the 43000 block of Londonderry. His wife, 31, told police that he had pushed her down twice and stomped

COP CALLS

on a foot that had recently received surgery. She declined medical treatment. The pair had been arguing about their dog, according to a police report.

Drunken driving

A 24-year-old Canton man was cited for operating under the influence of liquor 2:40 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, near Ford and Lilley. Police administered field sobriety tests and a Breathalyzer test, which showed a .13 blood alcohol level.

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show that (the development) meets certain architectural objectives," Goulet said.

Canton's zoning ordinance dictating brick requirements has been in force since 1995. The thinking behind the requirement is that developments built primarily of brick look better.

"Canton prefers the use of brick in most of its buildings," Goulet said. "The township board and planning commission feels it's a material of choice."

Brick is made from clay, a material relatively prevalent in Michigan, which makes it practical as well, Goulet added.

Victorian Village apartments is one development that will not use brick, but will instead use vinyl siding and wood, said Paul Rizzardi, project manager.

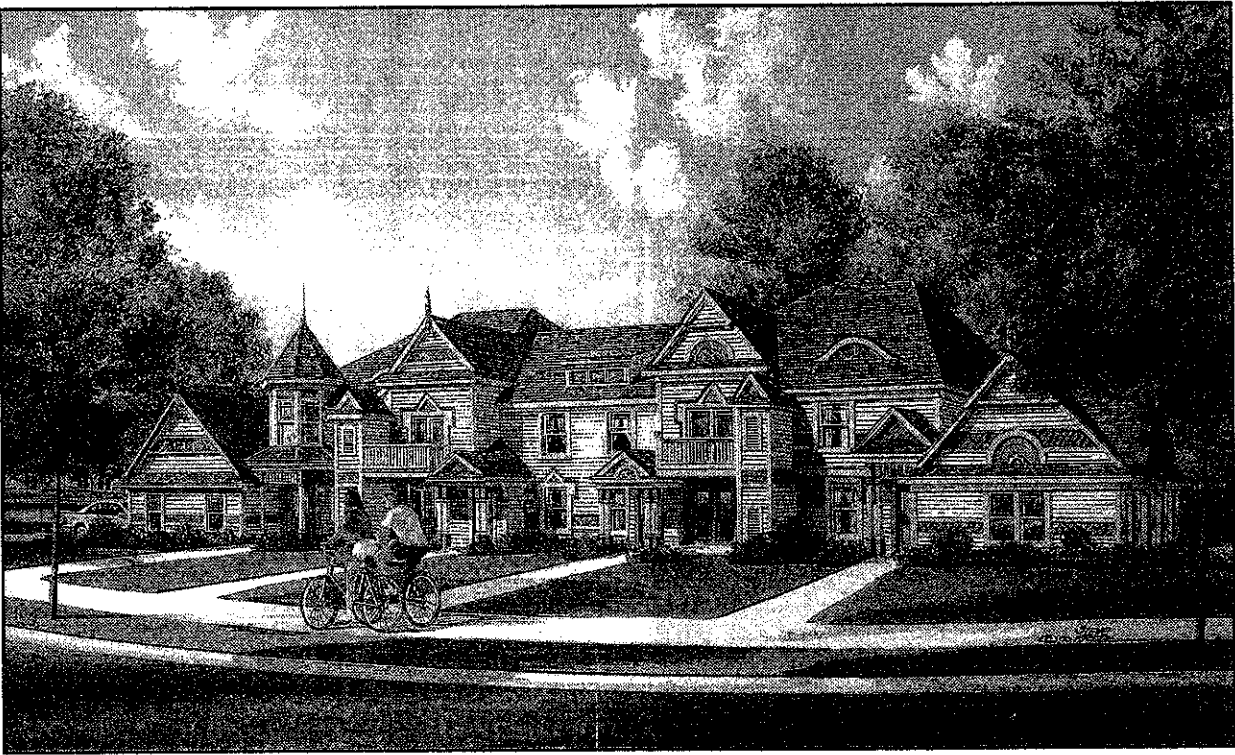
The proposed 19.9-acre, 160-unit development will be located on the east side of Beck between Michigan and Geddes. Singh Development Co. of West Bloomfield is the developer.

Singh requested a waiver of the brick requirement.

"By having brick on the building it wouldn't be consistent with the Queen Anne style of architecture," Rizzardi said. "It just wouldn't look right."

Queen Anne architecture hallmarks include decorative columned porches and other ornamental "gingerbread" features, such as gables and decorative wood carvings.

The one, two and three-bedroom luxury apartments will feature amenities such as attached garages and a clubhouse with a swimming pool. Units will tentatively be available for leasing by



Rendering: An artist's rendering of Victorian Village Apartments. The 160-unit complex will be on the east side of Beck between Michigan and Geddes.

early 2002.

Another development, Cornerstone Baptist Church, to be located on the west side of Ridge, between Ford and Cherry Hill, will be built with vinyl siding. This is more in keeping with a "country church" look, said the Rev. Ricky Roop, Cornerstone pastor.

The 5,000-square-foot building will give the 55-member congregation a permanent place of worship. It currently congregates at Cherry Hill School and leases the space from Canton Township.

The church will have a sanctuary, fellowship hall, Sunday school classrooms and a nursery. Future plans call for a day care center, which could open by next fall, and a Christian day school, which could open within three years.

Churches and schools are allowed to be built in residential areas with special land use approval.

Not all planning commissioners initially supported vinyl siding. The issue was first discussed at a planning commission meeting in August.

Petitioners and planning commissioners also disagreed about whether the church would blend well with surrounding homes, including many upscale ones constructed primarily of brick.

Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson, who is known for being an ardent brick advocate, said he supports the two non-brick developments. Cornerstone's vinyl siding will fit in with its surroundings.

"Yes, I am partial to brick, but by no means am I opposed to other natural materials used with good taste," he said.

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were no obvious signs of injury," said Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft. "We won't know more until after an autopsy sometime on Saturday," Raycraft said Friday night.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner will conduct the autopsy.

The boy's mother reported finding the infant non-responsive in his car seat when she pulled into the Pizza Hut parking lot at 1:50 p.m., police said. The mother, 21, told police she carried the baby into the restaurant and called 911.

Canton Fire Department paramedics responded and started CPR on the infant, before transporting him to Annapolis-

Oakwood Hospital in Wayne, where he was declared dead, according to police reports.

The mother, a Detroit resident, was driving an older model Plymouth, police said. In addition to the baby, passengers included her 2-year-old son and a 40-year-old woman, also of Detroit.

Police declined to release the names of the victim or the other occupants.

Police believe they were stopping for lunch but had few details late Friday. "We're just now getting information about what was going on prior to them parking at the restaurant," Raycraft said.

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Follow these tips for a safe holiday

Lights strung on trees may be a festive symbol of the holiday season, but they can also be one of the biggest sources of fires, according to the Canton fire marshal.

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said to keep cut trees from becoming sources of fire, it's important to inspect them carefully before buying them.

"You need to make sure they're fresh and have been well watered," he said. "If not, you're inviting a fire."

First, lift the tree about a foot off the ground and drop it. If numerous needles fall off, the tree is dried out and should not be purchased. Second, run a hand along a branch. If needles fall, don't buy it.

Once the tree is home, cut about an inch off the bottom of the trunk, which will sever the tree's natural sap barrier

and allow water absorption. Six-foot cut trees should get roughly a gallon of water every two days.

Trees should be kept away from sources of ignition, such as fireplaces, registers and space heaters. People should also use caution with artificial trees and make sure they're labeled as flame resistant or flame proof.

Holiday lights should be inspected before putting on the tree. Bulbs should be tightly fitted and wires should not be frayed. Outdoor lights should be fitted with Ground Fault Indicator plugs, which allow for lights to be used in wet conditions.

"The big thing is to make sure they're UL or FM tested," Barrett said. "Look for a UL or FM tag near the light strand's plug."

Fire from page A1

structure was estimated at \$70,000. The pole barn was used to store vehicles and collectible items.

A preliminary investigation showed the fire was most likely accidental. Rorabacher said a piece of cardboard sitting underneath one of the cars to catch oil drips was most likely the source. The resident said the fire started after he started one of the vehicles, which had a mechanical problem.

"He goes out to the garage and starts the cars up from time to time," Rorabacher said. "He had a piece of cardboard under the car and the next thing he knew, this piece of cardboard was on fire and he's trying to get it out of the barn."

The resident received minor burns while trying to control the blaze, which quickly engulfed the entire barn.

Rorabacher said the fire illustrates the importance of having fire extinguishers handy. If this man had a fire extinguisher in his pole barn, the fire might not have escalated out of control.

"It's cheap insurance - it can save you from having a really bad fire," he said. "Fire extinguishers can put out a lot of fires."

In another incident, firefighters responded to a home on Candlewood after receiving a report of smoke coming from an electrical outlet. Firefighters contained the flames to a wall, which sustained only minor damage.

A third incident involved a commercial fire alarm, which turned out to be false. The Plymouth Community Fire Department handled the incident at Canton's request.

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from 30 miles to 11 miles apiece. A total of 40 walkers walked more than eight miles during the program. The PTO gave out prizes to those walkers, getting support from local businesses like Skatin' Station, which handed out 20 free passes; Plaza Lanes, which donated 20 free games; and the Whalers, who donated 50 tickets to a Whalers game.

That's what brought Zepp and O'Keefe out to Fiegel Wednesday. After the tickets were handed out, the Whalers hung out to sign autographs.

"We are so impressed by the generosity and kindness of the Whalers organization," Bone said, "and especially with (Zepp and O'Keefe) for coming to our school and spending time with the students."

Fiegel plans to resurrect the club in the spring, and anticipate more students getting involved, Bone said.

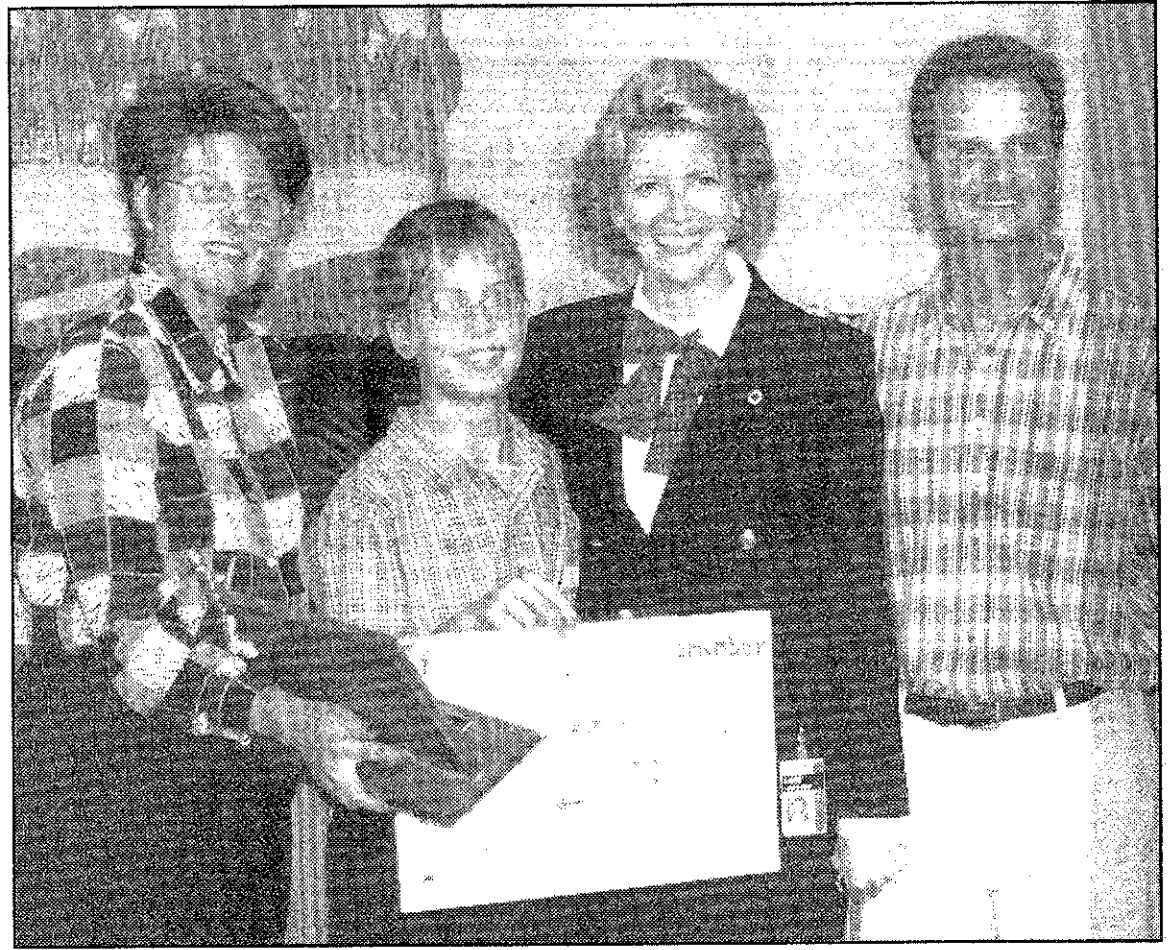
TAG testing set for 2001

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will once again be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program for the 2000-01 school year.

The TAG Department screens all district third graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. Parents of third graders eligible for further screening will be contacted by mail in late February.

Parents of second, fourth and fifth graders need to contact their school office for a nomination form (forms will be available at all PCCS school offices starting December 1). Second-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 12. Fourth and fifth-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 31. Sixth and seventh-grade nomination forms need to be returned to your school counselor by Jan. 31.

Contest winners honored



Top prize: Canton Township clerk Terry Bennett (above, left) presents an award to sixth-grader Stephen Lozen (Plymouth Christian Academy) and his parents during recent festivities marking Fire Prevention Week. Lozen won first place in grades 4-6 category of the annual poster contest. At right, Amanda Murray is honored as a poster winner in grades 1-3 by fire inspector Frank Barrett.



35th District Court's Kerry Erdman to head court administrators group

Kerry Erdman, Court Administrator of the 35th District was recently elected President of the Southeast Michigan Court Administrator's Association. The organization consists of District Court Administrators from Monroe to the Port Huron area. There are 36 members. The term is for one year.

Erdman is also corresponding secretary of the Michigan Court Administrative Association. He was named Court Administrator of the Year in 1999 by that organization for his efforts in construction of the new 35th District Court Building and his efforts in the days and months



Kerry Erdman

after the fire of July 2, 1997, which totally destroyed the court and all contents. Despite this

loss, the court was able to maintain normal court operations only 12 minutes late the next day.

The court was also notified Erdman has been selected by the Institute for Court Management at the National Center for State Courts as one of only 40 candidates nationwide to participate in Phase II of the Court Executive Development Program. Phase II consists of three weeks of extensive class work in Williamsburg, Virginia followed by nine months of research. Graduation from the CDEP program is held at the United States Supreme Court.

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John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said weather delays pushed the project back nearly seven months.

"It was a very difficult project from the start," Roach said.

The reason Morton Taylor wasn't extended to Ford in the first place was money.

"It was in the county's master plan," Roach said of the project. "They had that down as a future connector, but the problem was funding."

The long wait was worth it, he said.

"(Morton Taylor) is giving folks another option between Ford and Warren."

Carriage Hills subdivision resident Erin Hilderley said she looks forward to using Morton Taylor.

"I personally think it's going to be better," she said. "I'll be able to cut right through and go to Target."

Some of her friends live off Morton Taylor north of Warren, and have had to take Sheldon or Lilley south to get to her house, Hilderley added.

Not everyone agrees that Morton Taylor's extension is a positive thing. Jan Donnelly, who's lived in Carriage Hills since its construction in 1975, said she's just waiting for a chance to move out.

"I hate it," she said of the road

Detours ahead

Here is a list of ongoing and future road projects for Canton:

- Widening Haggerty between Ford and Warren to five lanes. All but minor restoration work is completed.
- Paving Beck between Cherry Hill and Ford. Work expected to begin in April 2001 and road will be closed to through traffic. Proposed detours are Ridge and Canton Center.
- Widening Canton Center between Ford and Warren, with work beginning in spring 2001. Road will be closed at times.
- Bridge reconstruction on Geddes over Fowler Creek, work expected to begin early next year. Road will be closed six weeks to through traffic.
- Resurfacing Geddes from Denton to Beck, work ongoing.
- Paving Beck from Michigan to Geddes, work to begin in spring 2001. Road will be closed to through traffic. Canton Center and Denton will be proposed detours.

extension. "I don't think the township tried to work with the people at all."

Donnelly said she fears Morton Taylor, which will run behind her Runnymede Street home, will become a drag strip. She also said she was concerned about kids crossing the street to visit friends in another part of Carriage Hills, which has been divided by Morton Taylor.

"I think it's very dangerous for kids. That is going to be a major road no matter what anybody else says."

Capt. Laura Golles, who heads the Canton Police Department's patrol division, said plans are already in place to make sure the 40 mph speed limit is

obeyed.

"We're going to be working (Morton Taylor) heavily to ensure it stays safe," Golles said.

Until a permanent traffic signal is installed, the intersection at Hanford will be treated as a four-way stop with signs.

Jan Donnelly's husband, Howard, said the township didn't do enough to address his concerns about tree removal.

"I've lost a lot of respect for Tom Yack and Canton Township," he said.

But Donnelly also said the project has its upside.

"It will get you to Ford Road and to Plymouth quicker," he said.

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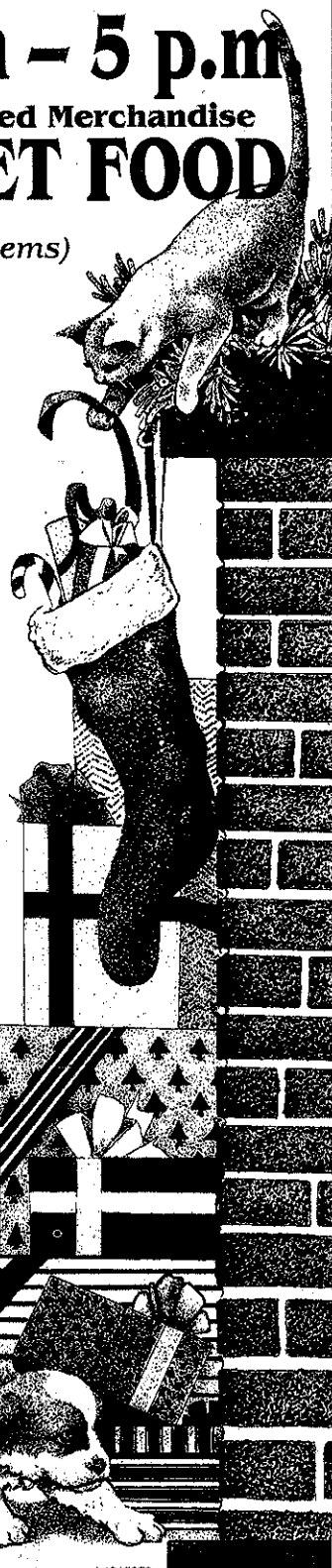
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ANNE G. FEATHERSTONE

Services for Anne G. Featherstone, 87, of Plymouth, were Nov. 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 15, 1913, in Alpena and died Nov. 19 in Ann Arbor. She began her working career as a social worker in the League of Catholic Women Settlement House in Detroit, taking care of and teaching both youngsters and adults. She also worked in the merchandising and advertising businesses.

She was a very talented lady. She taught doll-making at Greenfield Village and other schools and made dolls representing various periods of history. She was also known as the "Lady Car Buff." She was at one time secretary and program director of the M.G. Car Club and founder of the M.G. National Council.

She also was a president of the Corvette Club of Michigan. In the summer of 1963 she toured Europe attending races at LeMans, France and the Grand Prix in England. Her interests were many and included art, music and world affairs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Featherstone; stepsons David and Richard; sisters Mary, Catherine and Madeline; and brothers John and Patrick.

Survivors include two sisters, Margaret Blaney of Farmington and Therese Marie O'Brien of Jackson; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and great nephews.

Memorials may be given to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740

Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DONA B. LONG

Services for Dona B. Long, 81, of Alger, Mich., were held Dec. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Long was born May 20, 1919 in Detroit and died Nov. 27 in West Branch. She worked for Michigan Bell beginning in 1942 and retired as chief operator in 1980. She enjoyed fishing, golf, bowling, water skiing, scuba diving and boating. She never lost her passion for fishing. After her retirement she moved to the banks of the Titabawasee River to enjoy the rustic life and wildlife. She was a member of the Bell Pioneers, the Eagles in Gladwin and the Elks Lodge in Flat Rock.

She was preceded in death by husbands Willard Trombley and Arlon Long; sister, Thelma Brink; and brother, Floyd MacDonald.

Survivors include her daughter Darlene (Ruyal) Looney of Plymouth; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two grandsons-in-law; two nieces; one nephew; and friend Gail Limron of Gladwin.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

SHANE O'NEILL

Services for Shane O'Neill, 78, of Detroit, were held Dec. 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortmann officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. O'Neill was born Feb. 11, 1922 in Detroit and died Nov. 23 in Florida. He was a residential and commercial painter. He

owned and operated O'Neill Painting and Decorating. He attended St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford. He was a devoted family man and devoted to his work as well. He loved to play cards, travel, read poetry and garden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley.

Survivors include daughters Shannon (John) O'Neill-Allison of Plymouth, Charleen O'Neill of Mt. Clemens, Bridget O'Neill of Redford and Margaret O'Neill of Clearwater, Fla.; one son, Michael (Maureen) Shane O'Neill of Clearwater, Fla.; sisters Maureen O'Neill of Southfield, Margaret (Frank) Wilson of Dearborn Heights and Colleen O'Neill-Bryton of Grosse Pointe; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Mass offerings.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

BEVERLY JO LITTLETON

Services for Beverly Jo Littleton, 54, of Canton were held Dec. 2 at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 14, 1946, in Indianapolis, Ind., and died Nov. 29 in Ann Arbor. She was an administrative assistant for the Plymouth-Canton school system.

Survivors include her husband, Doug; two sons, Matthew (Melissa) Littleton and Stephen Littleton; two sisters, Lois Kindell and Karen Packer; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home.

College aid
night set

A college financial aid night will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Salem auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Cynthia Van Pelt, Eastern Michigan University assistant director of financial aid, will explain various financial aid opportunities.

Grief forum helps those
coping during holidays

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton will hold a grief seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The free program, at the Canton Chapel on Ford Road, is designed to help individuals cope during the holiday period with the recent loss of a friend or family member. Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, will lead the seminar.

Topics include: Why holiday planning is important; ways others have handled the holidays; decorating and other traditions; making the holidays special for children when you don't feel like celebrating.

For information, call the funeral home, (734) 981-1700.

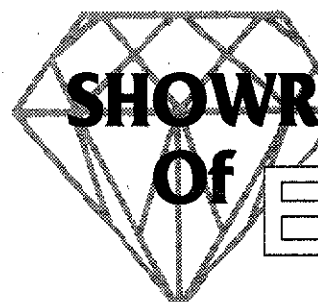
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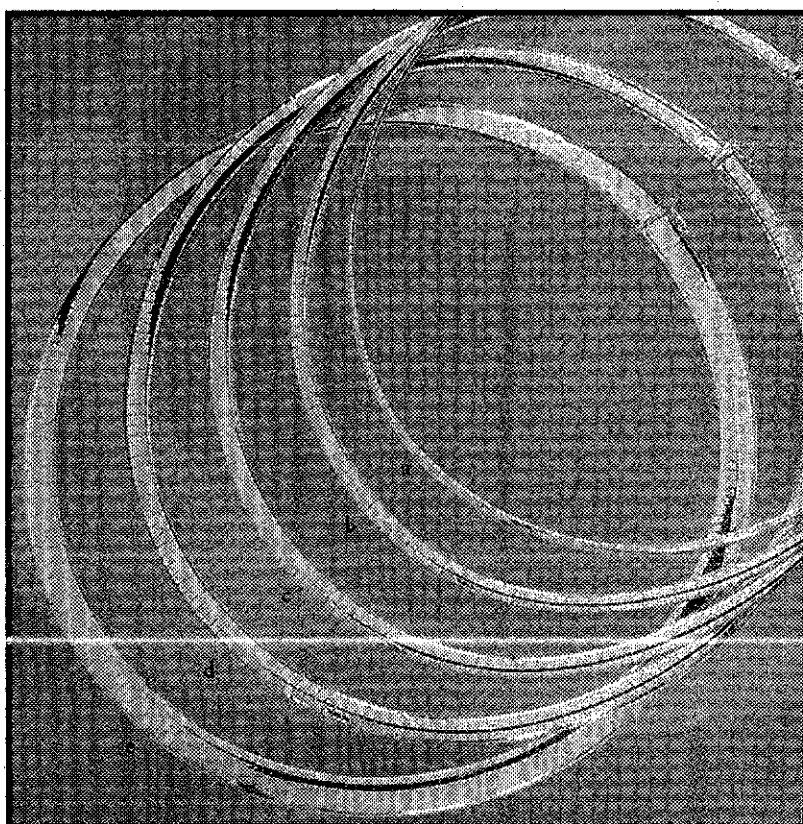
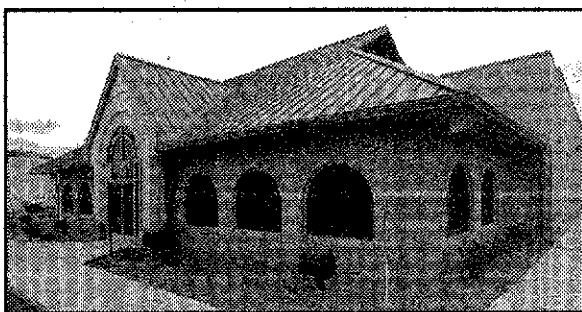
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McNamara proposes Plymouth firm for Metro oversight

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A Wayne County Commission committee is reviewing a proposal from the county executive's office to hire a new Plymouth firm to provide oversight of concessions at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on a three-year, \$825,000 contract.

The committee on roads, airports and public services unanimously postponed action on the proposal Thursday until its Dec. 19 meeting.

The contract includes \$725,000 in compensation plus 10 percent for expenses.

The firm, Quality Concessions Ltd. Inc., is headed by John (Jack) Vogel.

He is a former vice president

New class focuses on aging issues

A new Schoolcraft College credit class will focus on the myths and realities of aging. With the baby boomer generation entering middle age, the class is appropriate for older persons, family members of older persons, people dealing with an aging population in their work, or anyone interested in the topic.

Instructor Colleen Pilgrim, a social developmental psychologist, said many of the myths surrounding the aging process — that parents are miserable when children leave home or that mental abilities fade — either are not true or are much more complicated than popular stereotypes depict.

Pilgrim said the 16-week course will examine practical applications students can use in their dealings with the elderly. Students will choose research projects that are relevant to their lives. The class will consider changes in relationships that occur with aging, chronic diseases, mental health issues, attention and memory, work and retirement and death and dying.

The class meets 2-3:20 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. For more information, contact Pilgrim at 734-462-4400 ext. 5286 or at cpilgrim@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us. Students may register for the winter term by phone, at 734-462-4800, or visit room 200 in the McDowell Center to register in person.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

October jobless rate edges down

/PRNewswire/ -- Michigan's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate edged downward by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent, Barbara Bolin, director of the Michigan Department of Career Development, announced today.

Employment increased by 23,000 in October to total 4,971,000, and unemployment decreased by 5,000 to 187,000 as the state civilian labor force gained 18,000 to total 5,158,000. The October 2000 jobless rate was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the October 1999 rate of 3.7 percent.

"Michigan's over-the-month employment growth of 23,000 was the largest monthly gain thus far in 2000," Bolin said. "The state's labor market situation remains very positive."

Bolin pointed out that October 2000 marks the 20th consecutive month that the Michigan unemployment rate has remained below 4.0 percent. In conjunction with this, Michigan's jobless level has been below 200,000 since March 1999.

The unemployment level declined for the second month in a row in October following six consecutive months of slight increases. Michigan's year-to-date average jobless level as of October 2000 was 24,000, or 12 percent lower than the 1999 annual average unemployment level.

Michigan's October unemployment rate was three-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S.

of Host Marriott Services, which had held the food and beverage contract at Metro for over 40 years without competitive bidding.

That contract was one of many that resulted in audits of the airport both by the county commission's and the state's auditors general.

The proposal to hire Vogel's firm was submitted to the committee on Tuesday and committee members, including Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, felt "there's definitely some questions to be answered."

Among those, Sullivan said,

were how many hours are to be worked and exactly what will be done.

"We need to have those things in the contract," he said.

Spokesmen for County Executive Edward H. McNamara disputed commissioners' claims that those items are not spelled out in the contract. Airports Director Lester Robinson touted Vogel's experience.

"It's good he's got the experience," said Sullivan, who said he was not bothered by Vogel's association with Host Marriott.

"I try not to get too much into who a person is," the commis-

sioner said. "Are they going to do the best job for the best price is the question. Who he is personally makes no difference to me."

Commission Counsel Ben Washburn, who reviewed the proposal for the committee, said, "Whether it's a good deal or bad deal depends upon factors not stated in the contract."

"All things need to be laid out there and weighed. There is a need for an open review of this. That's why we (commission) have oversight."

He said questions raised also include whether Vogel will do all the work himself. "When you

expect one person to do all the work, you specify, and this (proposal) did not have that."

The airport also does not "expressly reserve any right to approve the persons who do the work, other than to reserve a 60-day right to terminate," Washburn said.

He said the kind of work to be performed is specified, "but the quantity and quality of services is left open to whatever is satisfactory to the airport director."

Washburn said the proposal did not authorize the commission's auditor general to audit the company's work.

McNamara's office has claimed that such audits are in violation of the county charter.

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Detroit at 300

City, metro area prepare for a yearlong celebration of heritage

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Detroit's yearlong 300th birthday party, which begins Dec. 31, is far more than just a city celebration, according to organizers.

If you or even your business have roots in the metropolitan area's central city — and even if you don't — there's something for you in what's officially known as Detroit 300, they say:

■ Family reunions, with over 400 planned to date, bringing some 24,000 people from the South and the East Coast;

■ Family histories, being created via the Detroit 300 Family History Book project, that will become part of the Detroit 300 Collection of the Library of Michigan and the Detroit Public Library's Burton Historical Collection;

Family histories sought

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Families, churches or synagogues, businesses, schools or community organizations with Detroit roots can create and have published their own history book as part of the Detroit 300 Family History Book project.

The publisher, Michigan Photo Service Inc. of Detroit, will guide interested parties through the process.

Half of each customized 24-page book will be about the family or group. The other half will be Detroit's history and will include a timeline which dovetails the personal history with Detroit's, said company founder Beverly Smith.

The minimum order for the

■ The Detroit 300 Heritage Recognition program, to which nearly 1,000 businesses and community organizations — all at least 50 years old — have been nominated thus far; and

■ The Detroit 300 Partner Program, in which thus far more than 250 cultural and performing arts organizations, museums, schools, clubs and other groups on both the Detroit and Canadian sides of the Detroit River have enlisted to create presentations commemorating the history of the region and celebrating its diversity.

The centerpiece will be the Detroit 300 Festival in July, a two-week-long spectacle that will feature tall ships on the Detroit River, an international re-enactment of the French landing on the shore of what would become Detroit, and a series of celebrity

concerts.

But it's really a yearlong event. "Activities start on Dec. 31 of this year and don't end until Dec. 31 of next year," said Edsel B. Ford, Detroit 300 chairman. In 2001, "we'll celebrate our heritage, have some fun and leave a legacy for the next 300 years."

The special events, performances, concerts, exhibitions, readings and conferences, youth nights and sports competitions and tree-plantings throughout 2001 will celebrate the tricentennial of the city which gives the region its identity, he said — a milestone for the entire area whose past and future are intimately linked to the community at its heart.

Rich heritage

With the emphasis on the region's dynamic diversity and unique contributions, he said, Detroit 300 aims to bring to the forefront a broader awareness of the rich heritage which the metropolitan Detroit-Windsor area shares.

Under the French, Detroit and Windsor were the same community, according to Mary Banks, a spokeswoman for Detroit 300.

Among the Western Wayne County residents involved in Detroit 300 are three serving on its education committee: Mike Flanagan of Plymouth, the outgoing superintendent of Wayne County RESA; Kathleen Booher, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools; and Helene Lusa of Livonia Public Schools.

In conjunction with the tricentennial, a special collector's issue of Michigan History Magazine and a wall calendar have been published by the Michigan Department of State.

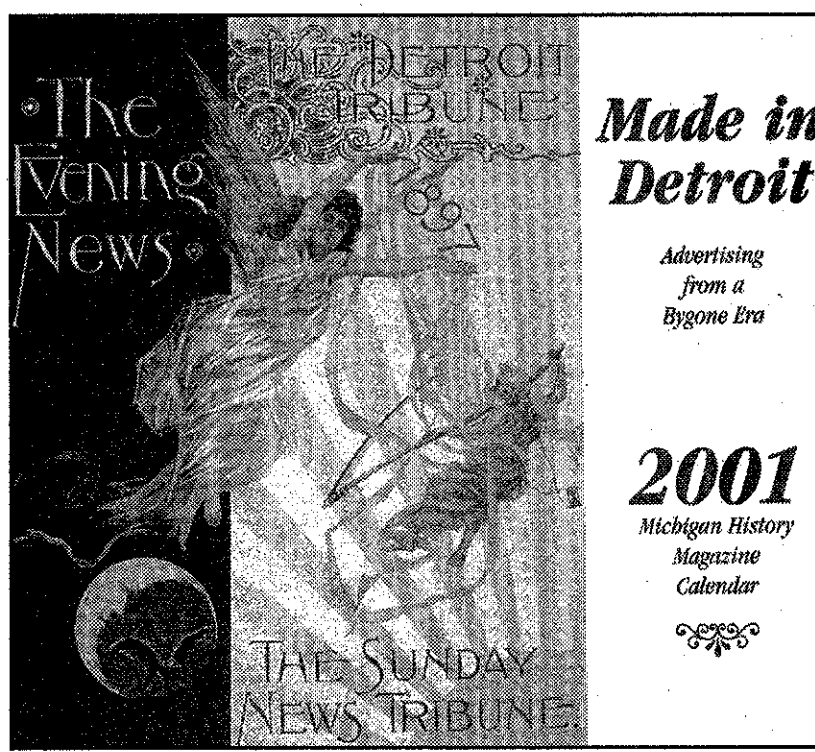
The magazine, "Detroit at 300", which is almost twice the size of a regular bi-monthly issue, and the calendar, "Made in Detroit: Advertising from a Bygone Era", are available either directly from the magazine (call 1-800-366-3703) or at The Little Professor bookstore in Dearborn.

Detroit 300 officially begins Dec. 31 during the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's New Year's Eve Concert at Orchestra Hall, when the Detroit Century Box, which was sealed in 1901, is opened (call the DSO, 313-576-5111, for information).

On Jan. 31, the Heritage Recognition Breakfast will honor businesses and organizations 50 years or older that have Detroit roots.

The Detroit Inner City Games for area youth will begin in March with preliminaries throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and in Essex County in Canada. Finals will be June 20 at Wayne State University.

The Detroit 300 Festival July 13-26 will include a blues festival in Windsor and the Concert of Colors at Chene Park; Sail Detroit plus the Sounds of Detroit and Celebrity Homecoming concerts at Hart; Parade of Historic Ships; the re-enactment of Cadillac's Landing, which



Detroit made: The calendar of the Michigan History Magazine celebrates historic advertising of items made in Detroit.

established Detroit 300 years ago July 24; Spiritual Day at Chene and the Tricentennial of Ste. Anne de Detroit Church, the oldest in the area.

In September, area Native American tribes will hold the Great Lakes Championship Pow Wow and the four-county-area will host Safe Night 2001 for thousands of area youth.

In October, monuments to the Underground Railroad will be dedicated on both sides of the river. December will see the Detroit 300 Gala Dinner and, on the 31st, the installation of the Tricentennial Time Capsule.

For information about Detroit 300, call 877-DET-2001 or click on its Web site at www.detroit300.org.

Sheriff warns: be wary of cyber scams

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Scams — including those encountered in cyberspace — can spoil an otherwise happy shopping experience, notes Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano.

"Always use common sense — it is the best rule of thumb," he cautions.

To help residents avoid fraud, protect their privacy and navigate the Internet safely and enjoyably this holiday season,

Ficano and his Internet Crime Task Force provide the following tips:

■ Prepare before ordering: Know the item's price. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

■ Check the Web site for a customer-service phone number, to make resolving problems easier.

■ Check filling and delivery time. This year, most orders placed after Dec. 17 aren't guaranteed Christmas delivery.

■ For regular purchases and auctions, learn the sellers' rules,

policies and legal terminology, including warranties, refunds, shipping and handling. If you can't find them on site, ask the seller via e-mail or telephone for written ones.

■ Very carefully read the privacy policy: What information is being gathered from you, how will it be used, how can you stop it? If there's no policy, you may want to shop elsewhere.

■ Make and date a printout of the terms, conditions, warranties, item descriptions, company information — even confirming e-mails — and save them.

■ Check that Internet connections are secure before giving payment information.

■ Use the safest way to pay on the Internet — usually via credit card.

■ Insure safe delivery of your purchase. See if you can require the shipper to get a signature before leaving the item, or have it delivered elsewhere.

■ Inspect your purchase immediately and contact the seller if there's a problem. Write about any problem, ask for a repair or refund and keep a copy of your correspondence.

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Education saving program wins quick approval

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Little over a week into the program, Michigan's new college tuition savings program is proving to be very popular with residents.

Some 4,250 have requested enrollment kits, according to Patrick Connor of TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc., the New York firm contracted to oversee the program. He estimated that several hundred Michigan residents have already signed on.

That's a good start, showing a high level of interest, considering the Michigan Education Savings Program only became available to residents as of Nov. 21, Connor said.

That would not come as a surprise to the sponsor of the plan, state Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Righton. Legislative aide Sylvia Warner said the tuition savings program had generated high levels of interest among parents while it was being approved in the Legislature. She had been compiling a list of residents who

■ 'By some projections, the average cost of four years at college could reach six figures by 2020. Whatever the actual number, the MESP will absolutely increase student access by reducing the risk that students will incur excessive debt.'

Dick Posthumus
Michigan Lt. Governor

wanted information about the program even before it was finally approved.

In the college savings plan, anyone will be able to open a savings account for a student beneficiary that will be eligible for tax deferrals up to \$5,000 a year. The maximum is \$25,000. The maximum amount that can be deposited is \$125,000.

But the key to the program's popularity is that an account can be started with as little as \$25, Warner explained. Previous tuition saving programs required hefty a down payment.

When the student is in college, there is more flexibility in how this fund can be used, according

to Connor and Warner. The money can be used for attendance at any college, not just those in Michigan, including vocational, technical and graduate schools. The money can also be used for more than just tuition. It can go to cover all college-related expenses such as books, fees, and room and board.

"By some projections, the average cost of four years at college could reach six figures by 2020," Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus said, explaining the reasons for launching the program. "Whatever the actual number, the MESP will absolutely increase student access by reducing the risk that students will incur

excessive debt."

He noted that many families, 56 percent according to surveys, have made no plans for funding college costs. So student loans make up a rising part of financial aid to students, which mean graduates often leave college having accumulated substantial debt already.

MESP accounts can be launched with \$25, or \$15 minimum payroll deductions. The state will match, one dollar for every three contributed, when a first-time account holder invests up to \$200, if family income is under \$80,000, and if the beneficiary is still under the age of 6 when the account is started.

Account holders will have several options about how their money will be invested. The basic option, for newcomers to the investment world, is the "Managed Allocation" option, but other strategies can be used in the program.

The state has hired TIAA-CREF to operate the program. It is the largest tuition savings management firm in the country, handling such programs in 11

states. The largest and oldest is New York, Connor said, which has some 103,000 accounts set up at present.

According to Warner, 23 states now offer similar programs and at least 40 have some kind of savings program for higher education.

The tax deferrals available in MESP currently apply only to state taxes. But Rogers plans to do something about federal taxes as well, Warner said.

Having just been promoted by voters to Congress - if his slim 160 vote margin holds when the

ballots have been recounted in his race against Dianne Byrum - he plans to sponsor legislation in Washington, too, that would make such state tuition savings programs eligible for federal tax deferrals.

In fact, Warner said, based on the early vote totals, Rogers has already submitted the paperwork needed to get the drafting of such a bill underway.

For more information on the program, call 1-877-861-MESP (1-877-861-6377). Information is also available on the MESP Web site at www.misaves.com.

Book claims state falls short in infant care

The Kids Count in Michigan 2000 Data Book, released Wednesday during a news briefing reports that measures of maternal and infant health showed little or no improvement in the state between the mid and late 1990s, although some child mortality rates and key adolescent measures reached their goals.

"The Michigan Kids Count Data Book is an important tool," said Kari Schlachtenhaufen, interim president of the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, which is a partner in funding Kids Count in Michigan. "Our role is to help make certain that goals are met in the areas of maternal and infant health. We must impact children's lives from the pre-natal stage through the formative years. With the information contained in the 2000 Data Book we can begin to

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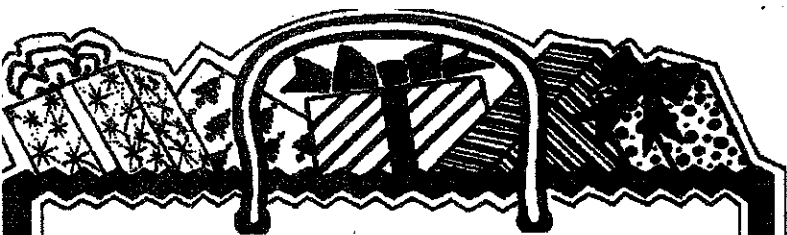


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Defensive ace

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The Madonna University keeper from Livonia Stevenson was instrumental in the Lady Crusaders soccer team reaching the NAIA Tournament semifinals. She surrendered just three goals in three games and made 37 saves in the last two matches, one of them an overtime shootout win over defending NAIA champ Westmont College (Calif.) during which she stopped Westmont's first two penalty kicks.

For her efforts, Barker, a junior, was named to the NAIA all-tournament team and collected the tournament's Defensive Most Valuable Player award.

If that wasn't enough, Barker was also named an NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete. A student-athlete must be at least a junior and have a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average to receive such status.

Madonna finished its season with a 20-3-1 record, tied for third in the NAIA.

■ Will Power Jr., a junior from Plymouth Canton HS, has been named an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete. Power has posted a 3.76 grade-point average in management.

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Building blocks

Central Michigan University's volleyball season ended with a loss to Western Michigan in the first round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament. Still, the Chippewas showed great improvement and, with just two players lost to graduation, their future looks bright.

Two of their hopes for the future are sophomores Jenny Young, a middle hitter from Plymouth (Livonia Ladywood HS), and Jenny Trott, an outside hitter from Canton (Plymouth Salem HS).

Young led CMU in games played; she averaged 3.90 kills per game and had a .240 kill percentage. At her current pace, she could become the Chips career leader in kills before her career is over.

"Jenny became a more consistent attacker and she will be a force to be reckoned with," CMU coach Elaine Pihl said.

Trott's passing and defense were her greatest assets. She averaged 1.53 digs per game, and her total of 161 for the season was fourth best on the squad.

CMU finished with a 15-16 overall record, 9-9 in the MAC.

Athletic standouts

■ Tiffany Grubaugh, a freshman at Wayne State from Plymouth Salem, scored 13 points and grabbed four rebounds in an 82-59 loss to Grand Valley State in the opening round of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament. In three games, Grubaugh is averaging 7.3 points and 3.0 rebounds a game.

■ A pair of soccer standouts at Eastern Michigan University were named to the Mid-American Conference academic honor roll for the fall semester. To qualify, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, must be a letter-winner for the current season and must have attended the school for a full year.

Emilie Meier, a senior from Plymouth, posted a 3.56 grade-point average with a major in teacher education. Jenny Parviainen, a senior from Canton, had a 3.58 grade-point average with a major in marketing.

Soccer sign-up

■ Open registration for the Canton Soccer Club, from the under-five age division to the under-19 group, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the lower level of Canton Township Hall. Payment will be required at registration. Also, new players must provide birth certificates. For more information, call (734) 455-9946.

■ The Ann Arbor Rangers, an under-17 boys soccer team, will have a soccer tryout/meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Forsythe Middle School, located at 1655 Newport in Ann Arbor.

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Bad start: Drago's 1-7 record got him fired.

1-7 Rockers dump Drago

If the new owners of the Detroit Rockers were trying to make a statement, well, they succeeded.

Last Thursday, the Rockers fired coach Drago. He was replaced by former Rockers' coach Brian Tinnion, who guided the team from 1990-94, which included a National Professional Soccer League title in 1992.

That means in the last two months — their first two as residents of Plymouth's Compuware Arena — team management has dumped its two most visible members. Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, an all-star goalie who headed the Canton Soccer Club, is now playing in Buffalo following

a contract dispute.

Now Drago, who some felt — Finnerty among them — played a role in the Goose's removal (Drago denied that), is gone after just eight games.

The reason? That's easy to answer: The Rockers aren't winning.

"I made it very clear to him it had to do with wins and losses," said Rockers' general manager David Woodrow. "We're measured by how many games we win."

A 1-7 start just wasn't good enough. Woodrow said he made the situation clear to Drago in a conversation last week. "He said he felt he wasn't performing," said Woodrow. "(Drago) knew my patience was running thin."

Make no mistake — this was not easy to do. Drago is as upbeat as any person you'll bump into. Up is the only direction to life he acknowledges.

Bad start, quick boot

But that wasn't the direction the Rockers were heading. Compounding their woes was their relocation to Compuware and the necessity of making a good impact early to build a following, which they obviously have been unable to do.

In less than one full season at the helm, Drago had a 20-32 record. Expecting him to make something out of the last half of last season wouldn't have been right, but Woodrow authorized major personnel changes prior to this season. Improvement was expected.

By firing Drago, it becomes clear that nothing short of winning will be tolerated by the Rockers' management.

"This was one of the more difficult things I ever had to do," said Woodrow.

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BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Salem will
be in race

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A year ago, Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie was faced with a seemingly difficult situation: Finding replacements for his top six players and molding them into a unit that could challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

So what happened? The Rocks didn't win the conference title, but they reached the WLAA Tournament final and won a state district championship — as well as a Christmas Tournament — as well. They finished 13-10, not bad for a team plagued by injuries and tragedy.

But it's a new millenium. A new season. And for Brodie and the Rocks, another year facing what anyone else would call rebuilding.

Except that concept is not something to be dreaded in the Salem program. It's expected — always. In a manner of speaking, every year is a rebuilding year at Salem.

And every year is successful. In fact, in Brodie's 17 years as the Rocks' head coach, only once has he had a losing record.

So even though five of the top seven players

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Canton has
to rebound

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Everything is new this season.

Nearly all the standout basketball players in the Western Lakes Activities Association have graduated. Half the league's coaches are either in their first or second year.

So much uncertainty can only mean that the buzz word for this season is rebuild.

Plymouth Canton is one team faced with that situation, albeit not the only one. The Chiefs have lost four starters, including all their interior strength, and their coach, Dan Young, who resigned in May.

Other teams face similar obstacles. Westland John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin also have new coaches. North Farmington and Plymouth Salem, two of the WLAA's powerhouses for the past few years, have lost nearly all their starters.

In fact, of the 19 players selected to either the all-conference or all-division teams last season, only five return.

But while Canton has lost key elements from last season's squad, the change in coach-

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Whalers win, 3-1



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Ice wars: The Whalers' Libor Ustrnul (dark jersey) fights the Centennials' Kevin Werner for position in front of the North Bay net.

Defense key in beating North Bay



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It just seems it won't get any easier for the Plymouth Whalers.

Last Saturday, the Whalers faced a Peterborough Petes team they had beaten on the road by three goals earlier in the season. On Friday at Compuware Arena, it was the North Bay Centennials who came to town, a team Plymouth routed 8-0 previously in North Bay.

It was much tougher this time, but the Whalers prevailed 3-1. Damian Surma led the way for the Whalers with a goal and an assist.

The Whalers continued to play well, despite the absences from the lineup of several key players. They started the game without Jared Newman (back), Bryan Thompson (concussion), Paul Drew (minor knee) and Mike Gresdal.

Then moments into the game defenseman Andre Robichaud took a puck to the face and missed the rest of the game. After that Nathan O'Nabigon was cut behind

the ear and required stitches (he returned in the second period) and Ryan O'Keefe fell awkwardly into the boards late in the first and missed a majority of the period recovering.

"This is a team that has great depth, much like last year's team," said associate coach Steve Spott. "We are able to fill holes in the roster and be comfortable doing so. Our depth has gotten us through many situations like tonight."

Cole Jarrett got the game's first goal at the 11:28 mark of the first period when he slid a hard wrist shot past goalie Alex Auld. The goal was Jarrett's seventh this season and he ranks second on team in scoring with 25 points. George Nistas and Stacey Britstone assisted.

The Whalers took a 2-0 lead on Stephen Weiss' 22nd goal of the year on the power play at 18:23. Weiss showed great persistence, jamming in a Tomas Kurka rebound.

Craig Foster of North Bay got the only goal of the second

period as the Centennials jumped to life. Kyle Werner followed a turnover with a no-look pass cross-ice to Foster, whose quick shot evaded a sprawling Rob Zepp to close the gap to 2-1 at 4:41.

Surma pushed the Whaler lead back to two goals just 1:05 into the

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Maneuvering: Plymouth's Kris Vernasky (right) slips away.

Chiefs stop Rocks; Pitt gets 100th mat victory

Quite a start for Plymouth Canton's wrestlers.

The Chiefs opened their season by winning twice in a double-dual meet last Thursday at Plymouth Salem, and one of those was a 36-26 victory over cross-creek rival Salem. They also trounced Farmington, another Western Lakes Activities Association rival, 64-9.

En route, the Rocks' Kyle Pitt, a senior co-captain, earned his 100th match victory.

"It's an unreachable goal for most wrestlers because of the toughness of the sport," said Canton coach John Demsick. "It takes an exceptionally talented and dedicated individual like Kyle to do something like this."

"I think (Kyle), being the leader he is, was so focused on the team succeeding that his reaching this mountain wasn't even on his mind. He's a tenacious,

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hard-working guy who is growing in admirable qualities as a young man, just the kind of person you want to see succeed."

Against Salem, the Chiefs lost three of the first four matches with Brian Mervyn (103 pounds), Pete Bobee (112) and Nate Dillard (125) earning victories. Only Pitt won for Canton, at 119.

However, Canton dominated after that, winning seven of the final 10 matches. Derek McWatt (275), Phil Rothwell (189) and Scott McKee (171) winning by pins. Doy Demsick (130), Greg Musser (140), Mike Siegrist (145) and Joe Faraoni (152) won by decision.

Salem got additional victories from Chris Hosey

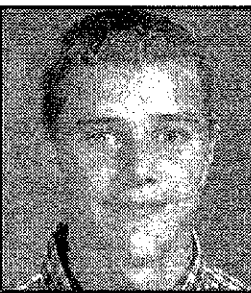
(135), James March (160) and Zack Jensen (215).

"My thoughts that night were on Salem's boys, whom I have seen show a lot of hunger and have put in a lot of time off-season to prepare themselves," said Demsick. "They definitely made us worried for a while there. I think when our guys saw Doy, one of Canton's captains, getting moved up to wrestle one of Salem's stronger, bigger opponents, and having him do so well — that really got our guys pumped up."

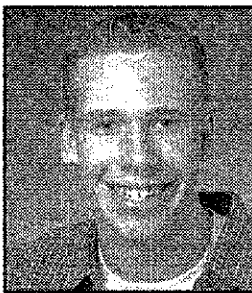
"By the time we got to the 135 pound class, I knew the meet was over. However, you can never count Salem out."

In Salem's match against Monroe, the Rocks fell 36-30. See statistical summary.

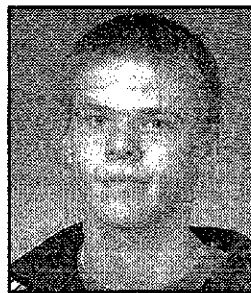
Canton wrestles at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Novi Invitational. Salem hosts the Salem 10 Invitational, starting at 9 a.m.




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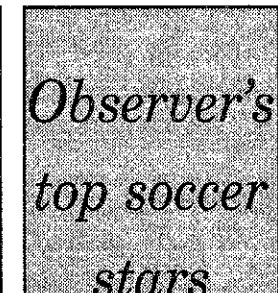
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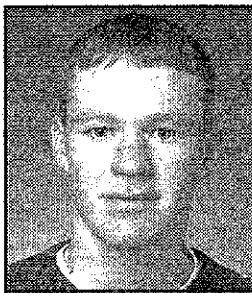
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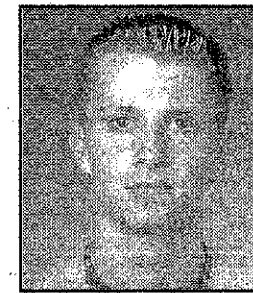
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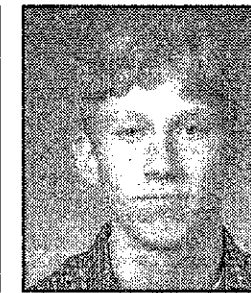
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Area's best are state's best

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington High School had its most successful season in boys soccer this year, setting a new standard for victories while compiling an 18-5-2 record. The Falcons won their second district tournament title in three years, claimed the first regional championship in school history and were an overtime goal away from going to the state final in Division 2.

Farmington, which lost only to the Plymouth-Canton teams and Livonia Stevenson in the rugged Western Lakes Activities Association, also set records for goals scored (97) and shutouts (12).

"Since I've been coaching, this was our best season, and the reason for that was the experience of the players on the team," said coach Luke Juncaj, who completed his 10th year and was chosen Observerland Coach of the Year.

"Most of the starters were starters for two, three or four years. They've been playing together for a long time, and that helps a

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FIRST TEAM		
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T.J. Tomasso, senior, Plymouth Canton	Erik Sullivan, senior, Catholic Central	Thurston: Mike Supanich, Adam Harper, Jim
Brian Campbell, senior, Livonia Stevenson	Matt Gasparotto, senior, Farmington	Grenan, Chad Lloyd, Catholic Central; Brian
Eric Sicilia, senior, Livonia Churchill		Hagan, John Rauloff, Huron Valley Lutheran;
Defenders		
Keith Schenkel, senior, Plymouth Salem	Jimmy Steinert, senior, Plymouth Canton	Dave Anderson, Tim Kovak, Dan Brock,
Louis Kisc, senior, Garden City	Nick Ramirez, junior, Farmington	Clarencaville; Trevor Tipton, Ronnie Kings-
Jon Nettles, junior, Livonia Franklin	Ken Douglas, senior, Livonia Franklin	bury; Lutheran Westland; Brad Nollan, Justin
Mike Harkins, senior, Plymouth Salem	Brian Woelke, senior, Lutheran Westland	Combs, Jeff Broge, John DeVries, Steve
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Karl Lopata, senior, Farmington	Matt Koonz, senior, Livonia Stevenson	Richert, Nate Meckes, John Glenn, Corey
Mike Thomas, senior, Liv. Stevenson	Mike Leach, junior, North Farmington	Dahn, Wayne, Hussein Ghahris, John Lewis,
John Kaczmarek, junior, Ply. Canton		Marc Townsend, Franklin, Chris Austin, Phil
Andrew Hathaway, senior, N. Farmington		Calteja, Mike Vega, Jeremy Bruckner,
Forwards		
Eric Scott, senior, Livonia Churchill	Jamie Shooka, senior, Livonia Churchill	Stevenson: Brian Braun, Nik Djokic, T.J. Dio-
Jeff Szypula, senior, Garden City	Matt Rodriguez, junior, Redford Thurston	Mr. Churchill; Brian Emrick, Josh Scott,
Derek Bias, senior, Lutheran Westland	Derek Gismondi, senior, Westland Glenn	Andrew Thompson, Pados Grivas, Farming-
COACH OF THE YEAR		
Luke Juncaj, Farmington High School		ton; Chris Holton, Stephen Wayne, Matt
SECOND TEAM		
Goalkeepers		
		Konupinski, Aaron Turk, Nate Meyer, Matt
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		Farmington: Jeff Shumer, Mike Buchwald,
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		Harrison: Jason Mata, Tony Allee, Noah Ban-
		der, Deane Branso, Chasson Kluu, Plymouth
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great deal."

Farmington seniors Karl Lopata and Andrew Buck were four-year starters. Seniors Stephen Wayne, Matt Gasparotto and Chris Holton and juniors Nick Ramirez and Nate Meyer were

three-year regulars.

"We also had a lot of good athletes on this team," Juncaj said. "They hated losing. We didn't win all the games, but we outplayed the opponent in 24 of the 25 games we played."

The only time Juncaj thought the Falcons were outplayed was the Plymouth Salem game.

"I've had these players a few years; they knew exactly what I expected, and they were able to execute better than teams in the

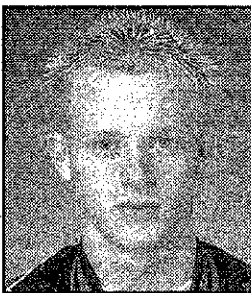
past," said Juncaj, who has a 100-75-17 career record. "It was very easy to coach them."

With a veteran squad, Juncaj anticipated a good season for the Falcons, who lost to Detroit Country Day and Birmingham Groves, 1-0, in overtime in a state semifinal game.

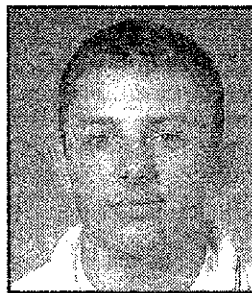
"We expected a lot of good things this year, and I think we did very well," Juncaj said. "With a little luck, we could've done even better."

"The last game hurt, because I thought we were much better that night than Groves but it wasn't meant to be."


Three members of this year's All-Observer first team are repeat members — Garden City forward Jeff Szypula, Plymouth Canton goalkeeper T.J. Tomasso and Salem defender Keith Schenkel.



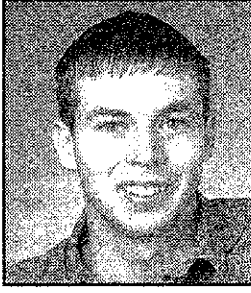
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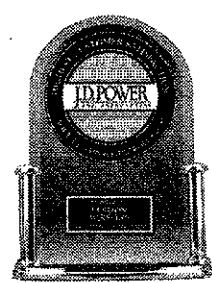


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Keith Schenkel, defender, Salem: A senior sweeper, Schenkel was the only Observerland player named to this year's all-state Dream Team.

The four-year letterwinner and starter for the past two seasons and part of his sophomore year, Schenkel was instrumental in a defense that rated with the state's best.

"He's got terrific speed," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He's as quick as any player in the state. He reads the play well and he positions himself well."

"With him back there, that's the reason we got as many shutouts as we did. He didn't give up any breakaways."

Last year, Schenkel was all-Observer and was third team all-state. His hope is to attend and play for a smaller college, at present, that school is Hillsdale College.

Louis Kisc, defender, Garden City: Early in the season, Kisc resisted the urge to move up from sweeper to midfielder. The move paid off for the Cougars as they went unbeaten in the Mega

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es won't cause too great a ripple. That's because new coach Jeremy Rheault is hardly a newcomer to Canton basketball.

He served as the Chiefs' junior varsity coach under Young. His coaching philosophy is much the same as his predecessor, which — combined with his familiarity with the players — has made the transition a smooth one.

Whether any of that translates into some sort of advantage over other teams faced with rebuilding, only time will tell.

Rheault's first season will start with a lot of question marks, to be sure. Two of the most prominent are certainly connected: Who will start and who can rebound?

Anyone who displays an aptitude for doing the latter will no doubt be among the former.

"We have almost no returning players," said Rheault, who guided last season's JV team to a 13-7 mark despite losing a couple of

starters to the varsity midway through. "We're very unproven. And rebounding is our biggest problem."

The reason is simple to see. Canton has just two players over 6-foot-3 — Andrew Holmes, a 6-5 senior, and Andrew Meagrow, a 6-6 junior — and thus far Meagrow has not displayed an ability to play in the paint.

"Offensively, we're going to be shooting from the perimeter," Rheault said. "We won't get many back-to-the-basket baskets. But if we miss shots, and we're going to, we're going to be in trouble."

"We need to be very good defensively in the half-court. We will have the ability to press full-court."

That lack of size will also take its toll on the Chiefs defensively, which simply means if they don't outscrap and outthrustle their opponents, they won't win.

All is not doom and gloom.

Last year, Canton relied on the inside strength of Jason Waidmann and the all-around court ability of a newcomer: Kenny Nether, a 6-5 swingman who transferred into the school district prior to his senior year. Waidmann earned all-conference honors, while Nether (now playing at Henry Ford CC) was all-district.

That twosome were the driving force in Canton's season, combining to average about 32 points a game. This year, another senior "newcomer" could fill the same role.

Jerry Gaines isn't exactly a newcomer to the program. The 6-2 forward played as a sophomore, but last year opted to concentrate on his other sports. Gaines is all-conference in both football and track.

"Gaines is one of the top athletes in the area," Rheault proclaimed. That alone could make him Canton's best player.

"He is our best defender, he could be our best rebounder, and he will be very hard to guard," said Rheault.

The Chiefs do have some other experienced hands to call upon, particularly in the backcourt. Jay Sofen, a 6-foot senior, is a strong shooter who started last season, and will this year too.

Oliver Wolcott and Nick Cabauatan, both seniors and four-year varsity players, will either start or be one of the first players off the bench. The 5-11 Wolcott brings strong all-around ability, while the 5-10 Cabauatan can simply shoot the lights out, particularly from three-point land.

One of those summoned from the JV last season (together with Meagrow) who could be in the starting lineup this year is Billy Gazzi, a 6-foot junior.

Then there's 6-3 junior forward Brendan Murphy, a player whom Rheault expects to fill sev-

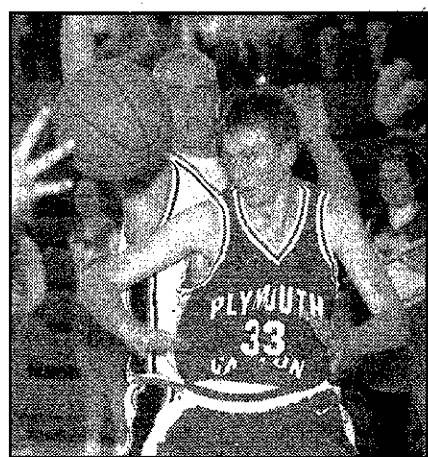
eral roles on the floor (in particular, that means rebounding).

Holmes and Gaines figure to complement Murphy on the boards. Other backcourt players who will get playing time are 5-10 junior Jason Priebe, a solid offensive player; 5-10 senior Rian Barker, an athletic perimeter threat; Nick Houdek, a 5-7 junior with similar qualities; Mark Hanson, a 6-foot junior who will help in the post; Chris Pirch, a 5-7 junior with perimeter capabilities; and Kyle Lasko, a 6-0 junior who, like Murphy, will fill several roles.

"We'll have to be defensive-minded, as usual," said Rheault. "We have to pass the ball and move. With Sofen, Gaines, Murphy Cabauatan, our scoring should be spread out."

"But most of all, we have to rebound."

If they can do that, then per-



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Inside help: Andrew Holmes is Canton's inside strength.

haps the Chiefs — who last season eliminated Northville, this year's pre-season favorite to win the WLAA, from the state tournament — can string together enough victories to challenge for the championship. With a new team that lacks an interior force, it won't be easy.

But it's possible.

Salem preview *from page B1*

from last season's squad have graduated, don't count Salem out — especially in a season in which nearly all of the teams in the WLAA are facing a similar rebuilding situation.

"We'll put a competitive team on the floor," promised Brodie. "We try to play for this year. But the step up from junior varsity to varsity is a big one."

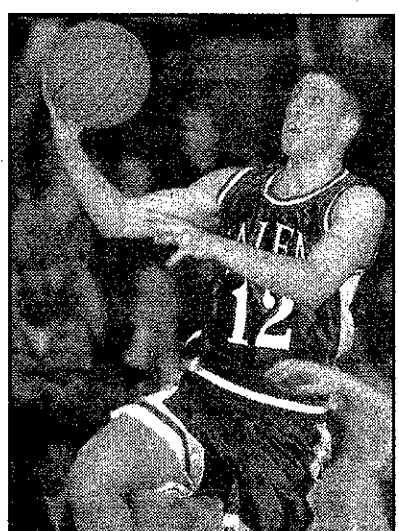
Which is why, Brodie explained, "I rotate a lot of players into a game. I want to give as many players as much time as possible."

"That's how you develop programs."

It's a concept that's proven to work. And it will be tested once again this season.

Gone are starters Matt and James McCaffrey, Ryan Nimmerguth, Ryan Cook and Andy Kocloski. Also lost to graduation was Gabe Coble.

There are only two returnees who have what could be considered a measurable amount of playing time. Nick Tochman, a 6-foot-4 senior forward, started the first half of last season before a torn thumb cartilage sidelined him. Tochman aver-



FILE PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Movin' up: Jeff Haar averaged five points last year.

aged eight points a game for Salem.

Jeff Haar, a 6-1 senior, was one of the first players off the bench for the Rocks last year. Haar averaged about five points a game.

Most coaches wouldn't consider that much of a foundation to build on. Too many question marks.

But nearly all the players Brodie will be counting on this season got some varsity experience last year. Now it's their turn.

At present, Brodie plans to start Tochman and Haar together with two other seniors: Ryan Haydon, a 6-4 forward, and Scott Discher, a 6-foot guard. The Rocks' other senior, 6-6 center Barry Flavin, will certainly see plenty of action.

The newcomer in the lineup will be 6-3 sophomore David Hoskins, a player Brodie has high hopes for. "If I think he can start, he must be good," the Salem coach said. "He'll be a good player to watch develop."

Hoskins, who started at quarterback on the Rocks' football team, is an athlete with all sorts of potential. And although his development could make a difference for Salem, other options do exist.

Stevland Davis is a 5-6 sophomore who transferred in from Chicago; he should provide some depth behind starting guards Haar and Discher. "We need to develop some guards," noted Brodie.

Other backcourt possibilities are Ryan Williams, a 5-10 junior, and Andy Boyer, a 6-2 junior. In the frontcourt, there's 6-6 junior Brady Pastalaniec, 6-2 junior Myron Covington and 6-3 junior Pat Abraham.

"We'll be competitive," Brodie promised. "Our overall team speed and size is pretty good. Our nemesis right now is depth and experience."

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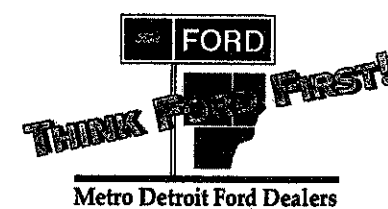
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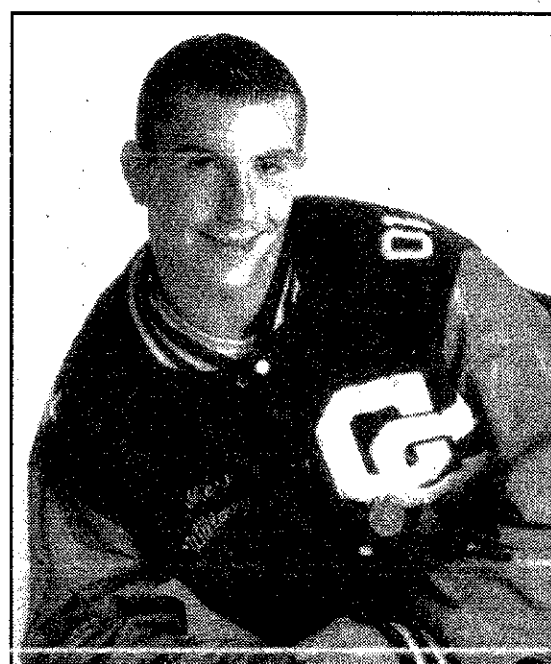
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 Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.
 A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
 Mumford at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Bishop Borgess at UD-Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
 Southfield Christian at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
 World Outreach vs. Agape at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7
 Agape at Warren Zee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8
 St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Fordson at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
 Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
 Melvindale at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran Seminary Tournament, TBA.
 Birm. Groves at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Tip Off Classic, TBA
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Redford CC vs. W.L. Western Farmington vs. N. Farmington at Country Day Tourney, 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran Seminary Tournament, TBA.

Luth. Westland at Tip Off Classic, TBA
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Ladywood at Troy Athens Trn., 8 a.m.
 Luth. West. at Ladywood Trn., TBA Farmington, Harrison.
 Redford Union, N. Farmington at Harrison Trn., TBA
 Wayne, Garden City at Madonna Invit., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.
 Mercy at Portage Northern Trn., 9 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 6
 Marygrove at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8
 MU at Bethel (Ind.) Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
 MU at Bethel (Ind.) Tourney, 3 & 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 5
 Madonna at Bethel (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Albion at Madonna, 3 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Dec. 5
 Churchill vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6
 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Ply. Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Western, Stevenson vs. Northville, at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Berkley at Farm. Unified, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8
 Churchill vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Salem vs. South Lyon at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.
 Red. Unified at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Farm. Unified, 7:30 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Redford CC vs. Park Tudor (Ind.) at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Canton vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Dec. 3
 Ply. Whalers at London, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7
 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8
 Ply. Whalers at Erie, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Ply. Whalers at Erie, 7:30 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Dec. 8
 Det. Rockers vs. Philadelphia at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
 Det. Rockers vs. Philadelphia at Palace of Auburn Hills, 1:05 p.m.
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A good run

Madonna can't survive pool play

At least there was a Good Friday to follow what had been a Black Thursday.

Madonna University knew its season was over before it took the court against Albertson College (Idaho) in the final match of pool play at the 21st-annual NAIA Volleyball Championships Friday at Palm Beach Atlantic in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Lady Crusaders had won their opening match of the tournament, but last Thursday they faced a pair of seeded opponents in College of St. Mary (Neb.) and Point Loma Nazarene (San Diego). While they gave it a battle, Madonna dropped both matches, losing 15-7, 15-11, 15-10 to third-seeded St. Mary and 13-15, 15-3, 15-2, 15-10 to sixth-seeded Point Loma.

With two losses, there was no chance for the Crusaders to advance to the tournament's quarterfinals. But they didn't just cash it in, either.

VOLLEYBALL

On Friday against Albertson, Madonna rebounded from Thursday's disappointment to post a 17-15, 11-15, 15-9, 15-13 victory. That win gave the Crusaders a 2-2 record at the NAIA Championships and allowed them to finish the season at 40-8.

Albertson ends with a 25-14 mark.

Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston), a senior middle hitter, had a match-high 27 kills, while fellow seniors Erin Cunningham and Kelly Artymovich collected 24 and 22 kills, respectively. Artymovich also had a team-best 27 digs, and Malewski collected seven blocks and 17 digs. Cunningham had 24 digs, and Jennie Wind totaled 55 set assists and 15 digs.

In their first match Thursday, the Crusaders became St.

Mary's third straight-set victim in a row. Malewski led Madonna with 15 kills, no one else reached double-figures. She also had 12 digs and three blocks. Wind had 27 set assists.

That win improved the Cougars' record to 33-4.

Later Thursday, the Crusaders went up against Point Loma, knowing they needed a victory to reach the quarterfinals (the top two teams in each of the four five-team pools advanced). They didn't get it, but they did turn in a strong first-game performance.

And Malewski continued to sparkle, collecting a match-high 20 kills; she also had six blocks. Artymovich had a 12 kills, a team-high 11 digs and four blocks; Cunningham contributed nine kills and two service aces; and Wind got 29 set assists and three blocks.

Going into last Friday's pool showdown against St. Mary's, Point Loma was 32-5.



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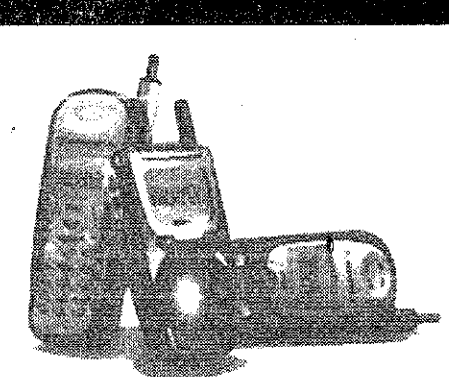
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Close, for a while

Churchill pulls away from Salem

It took a while, but for coach Pete Mazzoni and Livonia Churchill, it was worth it.

Rory Cesarz had two goals and an assist, while both Adam Jakubowski and his brother Aaron each had a goal and an assist Friday to lead the Chargers to an 8-2 hockey victory over Plymouth Salem at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"That's two games in row where a lot of guys are getting involved in the scoring. That's good to see," Mazzoni said.

The Chargers scored three times in the first six minutes of the game and held the Rocks without a shot on goal until late in the first period, when Salem (3-2) scored on its first two shots of the game. Dave Bida scored Salem's first goal and Dan Valentine had the second.

However Churchill (3-0) countered with one to take a 4-2 lead after the first period, which it expanded to 6-2 after two.

Ryan McBroom started in the nets for the Chargers but Matt Williams replaced him midway through the middle period.

"Our forechecking was very effective against the Rocks," Mazzoni said. "It was good to see a lot of guys contributing."

HOCKEY

Stevenson 1, Canton 1: A late goal earned the Spartans their tie in their Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

Bobby Zagata scored at 3:48 of the third period Wednesday off an assist by brother Tommy to get Ed Shepler the tie in his first WLAA game as Livonia Stevenson's coach.

"The positivities are that we have good all-around players," Shepler said. "Everybody plays as a unit. They're all team players. They support each other."

"Plus they've accepted the new staff and adjusted to our way of doing things. So that's good."

"The only negative I've seen is that every once in while we don't show consistency in our system play. But that's only because it's early in the season."

Host Stevenson had 26 shots on goal while Plymouth Canton had 25.

Junior Rob Grisius was in goal for the Spartans in the absence of regular Kevin Marlowe and Shepler was extremely pleased with his backup's play.

"It shows we have solid goaltending," Shepler said of Grisius,

who has played patiently behind Marlowe for two years. "As a coach, it's really good to know you have people who step up to the challenge."

"Rob made two very big game-saving stops in third period, one on a breakaway."

Stevenson (2-0-1) was playing its first WLAA game while Canton (3-0-1) is now 1-0-1 in league action.

CC 6, Culver Military 6: Redford Catholic Central scored three goals in the first and last hockey periods Friday and managed a 6-6 tie with host Culver (Ind.) Military Academy.

"They're a phenomenal hockey team," said CC coach Gordie St. John of the opposition.

Brian Genrich, Jared Ross and Ryan Lasecki scored in the first period; Ross, John Perkovich and Jim Spiewak netted goals in the third.

Brett John had three assists and Eric Giosa two. Steve Nelson, Andy McCoy, Mike Ratigan, Perkovich, Brandon Naurato, Lasecki and Sean Genrich notched one assist each.

The Shamrocks (3-0-1) led 3-2 after one period but trailed after two, 4-3.

WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 36 PLYMOUTH SALEM 26 Thursday at Salem

103: Brian Mervyn (PS) pinned Andy Roberts (PC), 3:58.

112: Pete Bobee (PS) def. Rob Schnettler (PC), 19-2.

119: Kyle Pitt (PC) def. Mike Goethe (PS), 5-2.

125: Nate Dillard (PS) pinned Brad Kreger (PC), 1:58.

130: Doy Demsick (PC) def. Brandon Sammut (PS), 5-3.

135: Chris Hosey (PS) def. Ian Eichel (PS), 11-6.

140: Greg Musser (PC) def. Tony Kennard (PS), 7-3.

145: Mike Siegrist (PC) def. Ryan Bedoun (PS), 12-9.

152: Joe Faraoni (PC) def. Andrew Bennett (PS), 8-2.

160: James March (PS) pinned Mike Bonner (PC), 3:56.

171: Scott McKee (PC) pinned Craig Blair (PS), 1:14.

189: Phil Rothwell (PC) pinned Quinn Arndt (PS), :26.

215: Zack Jenson (PS) def. Ozzie Wagner (PC), 9-4.

275: Derek McWatt (PC) pinned Jeremy Walker (PS), 1:57.

MONROE 36 PLYMOUTH SALEM 30 Thursday at Salem

103: Franz Lanning (M) def. Mike Dendinos (PS), 8-3.

112: Pete Bobee pinned Craig Schramm (M), 3:40.

119: Corey Nowitzke (M) def. Mike Goethe (PS), 12-3.

125: Nate Dillard (PS) pinned Dan Valentine (M), 3:08.

130: Carson Poupare (M) pinned Brandon Sammut (PS), 3:43.

135: Scott Weyher (M) pinned Tony Stott (PS), 3:29.

140: Tony Kennard (PS) def. Sascha Roser (M), 9-5.

145: Ryan Bedoun (PS) def. Justin Schramm (M), 7-2 (OT).

152: Troy Maxwell (M) def. Adam Schaefer (PS), 12-6.

160: James March (PS) pinned Chris Steffy (M), 2:22.

171: Craig Blair (PS) pinned Brandon Bolick (M), 3:22.

189: Sam Bond (M) pinned Quentin Arndt (PS), 1:19.

215: Bryan Davis (M) pinned Zack Jenson (PS), :21.

275: Matt Morris (M) pinned Jeremy Walker (PS), 3:57.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 64 FARMINGTON 9 Thursday at Salem

103: Andy Roberts (PC) pinned Lance Dawson (F), 3:39.

112: Rob Schnettler (PC) pinned Jeff Turk (F), :27.

119: Kyle Pitt (PC) pinned Bryan Proven (F), 1:04.

125: Doy Demsick (PC) def. Robert Easterday, 12-0.

130: Brad Kreger (PC) pinned Jon Licht (F), :46.

135: Aaron Turk (F) def. Chris Hosey (PC), 8-6.

140: Greg Musser (PC) pinned Mike Kish (F), 3:00.

145: Mike Siegrist (PC) def. Cam Murtland (F), 15-0.

152: Joe Faraoni (PC) def. Nick Belsky (F), 9-1.

160: Mike Murtland (F) pinned Mike Bonner (PC), 1:01.

171: Shahein Rajaee (PC) pinned Bret Brown (F), 1:42.

189: Phil Rothwell (PC) pinned Courtland Bartlett (F), :55.

215: Ozzie Wagner (PC) def. Blake Belsky (F), 4-2.

275: Derek McWatt (PC) won on void.

Dual meet records: Canton 2-0, Salem 0-2, Monroe 2-0, Farmington 0-2.

Next meets: Canton at the Novi Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Saturday; Salem hosts the Salem 10 Invitational, 9 a.m. Saturday at Salem.

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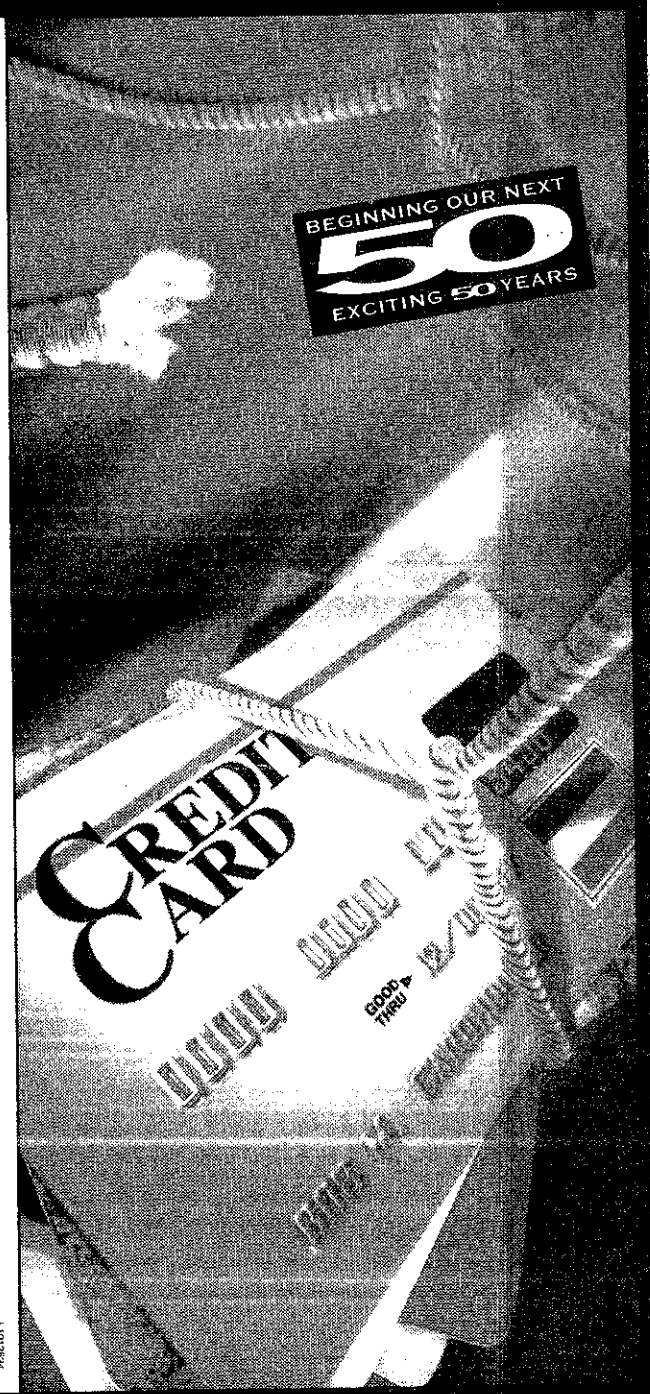
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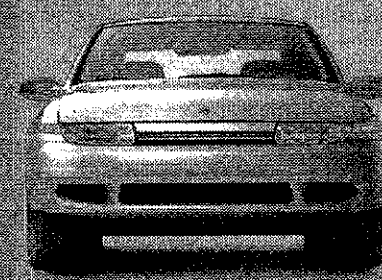


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Whalers -- B1

third period, taking a pass along the left boards from Britstone, carrying it into North Bay's zone and putting a well-placed shot into the net. The goal was Surma's 13th this year in just 18 games.

"We looked good in the third period," said Mr. Spott. "We are able to shut clubs down offensively, and that's a good sign for us. It will mean good things for the rest of the year as well as in the playoffs."

With the victory, the Whalers improve to 18-4-2-1, good for 39 points and the lead of the OHL's West Division. North Bay fell to 10-11-2-2.

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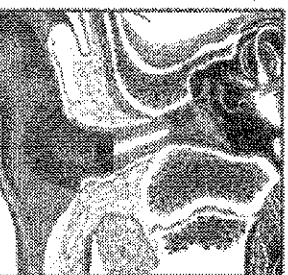


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Observer soccer

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White and he earned defensive MVP honors.

"He was our field general," said Cougars coach Bill Torni. "He was respected by opponents and teammates and when he was in the game and wanted to play, he didn't have an equal. He wanted to go up front and do more, but he was able to control the game and was more valuable at sweeper."

The four-year varsity player started all 21 games for the Cougars and had three goals and five assists.

Jon Nettles, defender, Franklin: The junior is a three-year starter and was selected to the All-State team this season.

"He was our MVP," said his coach, Dave Hebestreit. "He's a solid player who plays at a very high level — plus he's a great kid. He can do whatever he wants to do in soccer."

"His best asset is that he's always under control. He knows what to do with the ball."

Mike Harkins, defender, Salem: This is a player who knew what he was doing, and how to do it. He should: Harkins is a 4.0 student.

The senior marking back was named all-conference and was second team all-state.

"He is one of the best markers in the state," said McCarthy. "He had the sole responsibility of shutting down the other team's top player. And he did — he shut down a lot of guys on the dream team."

"He's got top-notch speed, and he helped us on the attack, that's for sure."

Harkins didn't score insignificant goals, either. He had two goals and four assists this season, one of his scores the game-winner against Plymouth Canton. He also had the game-winner against Warren DeLaSalle last season.

A two-year starter, Harkins will concentrate on academics now, but may try playing at Michigan or Notre Dame.

Karl Lopata, midfielder, Farmington: Playing center midfield, Lopata was the catalyst and driving force behind Farmington's successful season. He scored a school-record 26 goals and also had 12 assists.

A four-year varsity player, Lopata was the No. 1-ranked field player in the WLAA and is being recruited by the University of Michigan.

"Karl was, without any doubt, the

most valuable player on our team," Juncaj said. "He is a very fluent soccer player, very skilled; he has a great work ethic."

"He organized our attack. Every time the ball went to the midfield, it was through him that we went on the attack."

"He's just so precise at getting the ball to the wings and finding the forwards. That's one reason we got all those goals this year."

Mike Thomas, midfielder, Stevenson: The Spartans' senior co-captain scored seven goals and had 10 assists to rank second in scoring on his team. He was selected to All-State second team.

"He's one of the most outstanding one-on-one players in the area," Coach Lars Richters of Stevenson said. "He improved with each game, and was a threat every time he got close to the goal."

"He's definitely interested in playing soccer at the next level; some of his best soccer may still be ahead of him."

Thomas was a three-year varsity player.

John Kaczmarek, midfielder, Canton: Kaczmarek displayed the kind of ability most coaches love to see in their midfielders. Extremely adept at both handling the ball and passing it, the junior earned all-conference honors and was first team all-state.

"He was the main person in the midfield for us," said Smith. "He did a lot of good things. He distributed the ball well, but definitely his strong point was handling the ball."

"He was very tenacious. He took a lot of fouls and never retaliated. He was the heart of our midfield this year."

Kaczmarek scored four goals and assisted on four others. He also posted a 3.8 grade-point average.

Andrew Hathaway, midfielder, N. Farmington: Hathaway had the best skills on his team and was versatile, playing a different varsity position each of the last three years.

As a midfielder this year, he scored 17 goals and had 14 assists. He was a defender as a sophomore and a forward in his junior season in which he had 13 goals.

Hathaway, a three-year starter with a 3.95 GPA, earned all-WLAA and Division 2 second-team all-state honors.

"Andrew excels at winning balls and moving the play up field," coach Ron Meteyer said. "He's an unselfish player who has done well playing a number of positions over the years."

"He's looking forward to playing ball in college. He's not sure where, but I know he'll be successful wherever he goes."

Eric Scott, forward, Churchill: "This," Chargers' coach Reid Friedrichs said, "is one of the fastest kids I've ever seen."

"And he couples that with a great work ethic. He's also one of the most respectful kids I've ever met."

Scott improved from six goals in 1999 to 20 as a senior, with nine assists blended in for a total of 29 points.

"He wants to work," Friedrichs said. "He wants to get better. He was the only forward to make All-(Western Lakes) Conference."

"Our conference struggled to have a lot of goals scored this year, so it was good to see him do real well."

Jeff Szypula, forward, Garden City: All Szypula was asked to do by his coach was score goals.

Boy, did he do that. Szypula scored 52 goals over the last two seasons, 61 in all for a new school record and had 26 this year to wind up with 59 points. The two-time All-Observer selection had 135 points on his career and 115 in the last two seasons.

Szypula also made All-Mega White and was the team's offensive MVP.

"He's a scorer," said Torni. "He's fast, but he doesn't appear to be fast. He's deceptive. He could have scored more goals, but he tried to dish out the ball in easier games. And he didn't try to pad his stats in the easier games. I don't think I have anybody to replace him. He broke every school record for scoring and will be missed."

Derek Bias, forward, Lutheran Westland: The senior totaled 54 goals for his career, including 24 this season. Also added 14 assists this year.

"He's a very determined goal scorer," said his coach, Rich Block. "He developed into a good playmaker, too. He led us in assists."

"He's very unselfish, but he's not to be denied when he gets close to the goal."

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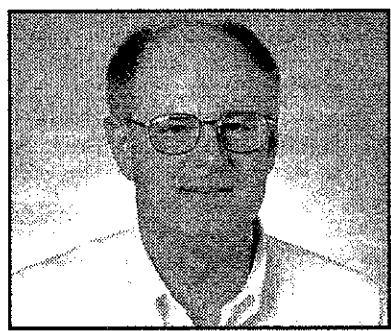
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

This fungus is no turkey

In fall or winter, after the forest has lost its wash of green from the summer leaves, it is easy to see things that were hidden by the vegetation. Bird nests suddenly become visible along trails traveled many times in summer, while fungi are unveiled from the cover of green leaves.

A fungi I saw the other day is one of the few that has a common name: It is often referred to as turkey tail. It does not grow as large as a turkey's tail, but it has bands of light tan, dark brown, cream, white and sometimes even a light green that reminded mycologists of a wild turkey's tail. These bands are produced from growth that occurs over the years.

Like a tree that produces a light growth ring of wood in spring and early summer, and a dark growth ring in late summer and early fall, so does the growth of this fungus produce bands of color. It may be hard to discern where one layer starts and another stops. Individuals tend to grow in overlapping clusters on the stump of a tree or the side of a broken branch.

The flattened, banded structure commonly called a bracket fungus is actually the reproductive body of this fungus. Spores, likened to seeds but simpler in form, are produced on the bottom of the pancake-like shelf, or bracket, attached to the tree. On the underside of the shelf are structures that produce the spores. They can be tiny pores, large grooves, tubes or minute pores that produce a smooth surface.

When a spore is produced and released through a pore, for instance, it will get blown in the wind and possibly land on a suitable surface to grow. That surface could be an open scar of a tree, a broken branch or a rotting twig on the ground. If the surface is appropriate, the spore will grow a thin filament that penetrates the tree. It will excrete chemicals that dissolve and digest the wood.

Some fungi digest only the cellulose of the wood. These fungi belong to a group called brown rots. A piece of wood digested by brown rots will be brown in color and, when crumbled, will break into small cubes. Other bracket fungi digest both the lignin and the cellulose of the wood. These are called white rots. Wood digested by these fungi is white and spongy.

The best place to find these filaments of fungi that infest the wood is to look under a log, or under the bark of a tree. A collection of these filaments looks like a white spider web that is long and stringy. Mushroom-like, the reproductive structures of fungi, grow from these web-like mats.

Artists fungi is also a bracket fungus that is large when compared to the turkey tail. Some can get to be 12 inches across. They have a light gray to gray brown-colored upper surface that can be smooth and shiny, but the underside is light colored and smooth. People have removed these fungi from trees and created drawings on the underside of the bracket. When the underside is scratched, it produces a dark line or mark. This is certainly a very different palette for an artist.

Next time you walk through the woods in winter, try to notice the many different kinds of bracket fungi.

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

Fatality increase

Accidents rise in firearms season

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

no or very little hunter orange. In fact, one of them was in full camouflage. Poor light was also a contributing factor, according to the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. Two of the other fatalities were the result of self-inflicted wounds while climbing into or out of a tree stand.

The sixth was the result of hunting prior to legal hunting hours. While 18 accidents (approximately 1 per 41,000 hunters) and six deaths (approximately 1 per 125,000 hunters) keeps Michigan as one of the safest states in the nation in which to hunt, it's still 18 too many. Negligence and/or irresponsibility were factors in most of these tragic accidents, which possibly could have been avoided if hunters had paid attention to safe hunting standards.

There is still a month of deer hunting remaining, as well as grouse, goose, duck, squirrel, rabbit, elk and predator hunting opportunities. Let's keep the statistics where they are and all strive to be safe, smart hunters.

The recently concluded firearms deer season was a disappointing one in that there were 18 firearms accidents resulting in the death of six fellow hunters. Those numbers are up from last year's 13 injuries, including two fatalities.

Of the six deaths this year, three of the victims were wearing the victims were wearing

Mourning dove season?

Michigan's upland gamebird hunters may finally get a chance to hunt the mourning dove.

A bill to reclassify the mourning dove from a songbird to a gamebird is expected to reach the floor of the Michigan Senate this week and could open the door for the state's first mourning dove hunt in some 95 years.

"To some extent, this is a misunderstood bill," said freshman representative Susan Tabor, a Republican from the Lansing area who sponsored the bill (HB 6741). "It won't actually start a mourning dove season. If the bill becomes law, under the guidelines of Proposal G, it will be up to the Natural Resource Commission to establish a season."

Michigan lies at the northern end of the mourning dove's range and is one of just 11 states across the country that does not have an open season on mourning doves.

Years ago, mourning doves were misclassified in Michigan as a songbird, and because of this there has not been an open season of them in nearly 100 years. A prolific breeder, hunting seasons have shown to have no major impact on nation-wide populations of mourning doves.

"Thirty nine other states already have mourning dove seasons," Tabor said. "It is the most abundant and most hunted gamebird in the country."

Dove hunting in Michigan has been a controversial issue, largely because of the birds classification as a songbird. The truth is that the mourning dove is a relative of the quail, another gamebird, not a robin, cardinal or mead-

owlark.

The bill last week passed the Senate Hunting, Fishing and Forestry Committee and is expected to hit the floor of the Senate this week. If passed in the Senate, HB-6741 goes to the Governor's office for Engler's signature.

A mourning dove season is long overdue in Michigan and the hundreds of thousands of Michigan wingshooters deserve the same opportunity afforded wingshooters in neighboring states, such as Ohio, where many Michigan hunters go to hunt doves.

Mourning doves are not easy to hunt, mostly because of their fast, erratic flight. But because of their abundant numbers, they make excellent gamebirds. They also provide outstanding tablefare.

I urge all you bird hunters out there to contact your state senator now and tell him/her to support HB-6741.

Elk hunt on tap

Two hundred and twenty-five hunters, including several from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, are gearing up for the state's December elk hunt, which runs Dec. 5-12. Of those 200-plus hunters, 95 will have the opportunity to harvest a bull elk.

During the state's early elk hunts, held in August and September, 145 hunters combined to kill 101 elk. Among the harvest was an impressive 5x7 bull that established a new state record for weight at a whopping 852 pounds, dressed.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.)

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Moun-

tain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for

children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

GDBA president a real leader

with 300 game at tournament

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

A president is supposed to be a leader. Mike Monson of Farmington, the current president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, led all 525 bowlers with a 300 game and a great series of 808 in the Old Timers 70th annual tournament as it continued in its fine tradition last Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Monson followed his 300 with games of 241 and 267. This event featured a lot of exceptionally good scoring, including another 300 game by Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield. This was also the first visit to this town from the 15 San Diego Traveling Bowling Ambassadors, who not only bowled in the tournament but had a match with some of the local senior leagues and a visit across the border to compete with a group of Windsor senior all-star bowlers.

Joe Norris, a former Detroit resident, made his annual trek here to enjoy bowling with his many old friends. Joe is still very sharp and going strong at the age of 92.

The oldest participant was the venerable Lew Saad, 97 years young and still taking patron donations to support the annual GDBA yearbook.

John Bierkamp of Garden City rolled a 279 game while winning in his age bracket of 65-69.

Special mention goes to Herbie Graves and Phil Chapin, both of whom converted the dreaded 4-6-7-10 "double pinochle" split.

The overall championship honors went to a veteran of the bowling wars, Doug Evans of Southgate, with games of 268-255-259 which totaled 782.

In the various age groups, the winners were (under 50) Michael Monson, age 48; (50 to 59) Roland Snodgrass, GDBA past president from Roseville, 235-248-245/728; Jerry Owczarski, 50, of South Lyon was second with 220-258-244/722; (60-64) Grant DeMeulenaere, 60, of Shelby Township with 270-255-234/759, with Phil Horowitz, 61, taking second with 203-300-219/722; (65-69) John Bierkamp, 69, won with 225-222-279/7826, Merlin Moen, 65, was second with 245-213-235/693; (70-74) Jerry Cole, 70, of Taylor won with 237-217-234/688, Ernie Cosma, 72, of Clarkston took second place with 212-238-226/676; Tom McKay, 70, and past president of the American Bowling Congress, was third with 183-258-234/675; (75-79) Thomas Vassel, 76, of Taylor won with 185-215-232/632; Jerry Simeone, 75, was second with 176-227-

214/617; In the highest age bracket, (80 and up), Jarvis Woehlke at 87 rolled 211-221-213/644 for the first prize; Louis Balint, 81, was second with 566 and the ABC hall-of-famer, Tony Lindemann, 81, scored 565 for third place. Each first-place winner received a commemorative wrist watch, while those finishing second and third were awarded plaques. The presentations were made after the great buffet dinner.

Finally, I finished the program by handing over the gavel of presidency to John M. Chmelko Jr. to keep the grand old tradition running smoothly along with a little help from his dad, John Chmelko Sr., who did a great job in spite of a few electronics glitches.

The Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association's latest monthly tournament results show Dan Mayer of Waterford winning the event, which took place at Metro Bowl in Lansing. It was Dan's first victory on the GLSBA tour.

The final score was 494-449 over runner-up Dave Cushion of Williamston in an exciting final match. Super senior Hurston Wallace of Lake Orion was high qualifier with a 1452 series, averaging 242. Eugene Phillips of Saginaw had the high game of the qualifying round with a 300. Ed Malinowski of Livonia finished fifth; Wallace came in 16th, and Jerry Caldwell of Oxford took the 20th position.

The next event on the agenda is the third annual GLSBA Championship on Dec. 9 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. This will be the largest championship tournament so far (69 eligible members). Among the eligible competitors are Ed Grant and Jim Emslie and Bill Haynes of Rochester, Dan Mayer and Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford, Ed Malinowski, Ed Dudek and Dan Mytty of Livonia, Ken O'Brien of Troy, Ruddy Pittaway of Canton and John Watkins of Westland.

Qualifying starts at 9:45 a.m., and elimination play begins at about 1 p.m. Anyone may come on over and watch this high level of senior bowling competition. For information, call (734) 522-9315.

The entire bowling community was saddened by the recent death of Cass Sicilia. Cass was best known for his many years of work and dedication to bowling as executive director of the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan. He was also instrumental in creating the Michigan Junior Masters Association along with Dan Ottman of Troy. His son, Greg, is currently the general manager of Vision Lanes in Westland.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

RECREATION

HOOPS, VOLLEYBALL

The Livonia Community Center hosts the following open gym activities through Dec. 22 at the former Bentley High School. Residents pay \$4 for adults, \$3 for children; non-residents pay \$7 for adults, \$6 for children.

■ Basketball on Mondays-Thursdays, with open hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; youth/adult 4-8 p.m.; adults 8-10 p.m.; Saturdays, adult 9-11 a.m.; youth 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and adult/family 1-3 p.m.; and Sundays, youth 1-3 p.m. and adult/family 3-5 p.m.

■ Volleyball on Fridays only, from 4-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, will conduct a Classic Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Class. This two-day class will offer the intermediate to advanced angler an opportunity to learn to tie classic Atlantic Salmon flies. The first segment, scheduled for 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, consists of explaining the various materials, how and where to obtain them and their preparation. The second segment, slated for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, involves tying a married wing fly. The materials will be provided, but participants must bring a vise, scissors, bobbin, hackle pliers and small non-serrated jaw pliers. For costs and additional information, call Westbank Anglers at (248) 538-3474.

PARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WAYNE COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990. To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.

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Something to ponder: Pushy parents in sports



PAUL BEAUDRY

Cleaning up my desk and tying up some loose odds and ends:

■ Reason No. 1,567 why parents have too much power in athletics: Glenn Brehnan. A year after upending then-No. 4 Redford Unified in the regional opener, the Farmington hockey coach either resigned (official line) or was forced out (his line) because of personal reasons (company line) or the

pressure from boosters (his line). Seems to me like it's another case of Mommy and Daddy (OK, in this case a daddy with an ax to grind) used to having their way in the workplace and bullying their way in their kid's school. And, as we've seen in other cases in other area schools (RE: Livonia, Canton, Bloomfield Hills Andover), the powers-that-be turn to Jell-O instead of displaying some backbone when it comes to backing their coaches. Shame on the Farmington School District. (Story — Page B5.)

■ Speaking of Farmington, congrats to the Harrison Hawks

on their Division 3 state title. Wonder what would happen if the Hawks decided to move up a class to play "tougher" competition in the state tourney, like schools such as Bishop Borgess do in basketball?

They couldn't, according to MHSAA rules.

In a nutshell, football divisions are different than divisions in other sports (such as tennis or baseball) because in other sports, the divisions are set at the time all enrollments are submitted. In football, it's the week of the tournament. Schools can and do opt up in division in those other sports because they are

determined so far in advance.

For the record, if Harrison had been allowed to go up a class, they would have bumped Birmingham Groves to Division 3 and played eventual D2 winner Brother Rice in the district final.

■ And speaking of football, when will Bishop Borgess and St. Agatha clear their respective football schedules to face each other?

Would be nice...

■ Shame on Fox Sports Detroit for their college hockey schedule.

Oh, Michigan and Michigan State are on more than a few times, (OK, they dominate it) and even Ohio State is on. But

nowhere to be found this season is Western Michigan — currently ranked sixth in the nation.

FSD won't show you good teams, but it will allow its studio talking heads to refer to the Pistons, Lions and the Ilitch teams as that unbiased "we."

Amazing.

■ Wrestling fans will have their choice of two huge tournaments next Saturday.

At Garden City, the Cougars will host the 36th-Annual Christmas Tournament, beginning at 10 a.m. The 18-team tourney will feature such local schools as Churchill, Clarenceville, Franklin, John Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Redford

Union, Stevenson and Wayne, in addition to the host Cougars. Admission is \$4.

Catholic Central and eight other visiting schools will compete in the Salem 10 Invitational on the same day, at 9 a.m.

■ You gotta love national TV geeks.

Someone please explain to me what programming genius decided to have a helicopter follow a truck containing ballots for its entire drive from Palm Beach to Tallahassee?

It was the O.J. chase all over again, without the suspense.

■ Juan Gonzalez finally took his physical for the Tigers. Anyone care?

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"But the consensus was, it had to be done."

There also seemed to be a lack of understanding, or communication, between players and coach. None of them, according to Woodrow, disagreed with Drago's dismissal.

"There was unilateral support," the Rockers' GM said.

Is Tinnion the savior?

Bringing Tinnion in to resurrect this franchise may prove a smart move. He left the Rockers to take the head coaching position at Eastern Michigan, but the program was a Title IX casualty and was cancelled after the 1999 season.

Tinnion has served as the color commentator on the Rockers' TV broadcasts since 1995, so he knows the team. Two of his players, Sean Bowers and Tim Ernst, have been named assistant coaches.

It isn't the first time Tinnion was contacted about this job. Last year he was contacted when the position came open, but since he was still tied to EMU he declined. That's when Drago was hired.

Management is also convinced Tinnion won't be working with an empty cupboard. "On paper, this is a good team," Woodrow said.

Tinnion concurred. "I believe we have a good mix of quality veterans and rookies," the new coach said. "The nucleus for a winning team is here and it is just a matter of bringing all the elements together into a cohesive unit."

It doesn't hurt the team's chances that one of the NPSL's top players will be joining the roster, with the folding of the Edmonton Drillers franchise. A league-wide draft of their players is to be conducted Monday, and Woodrow said it was certain the Rockers — who picked first — would choose high-scoring forward Martin Ash.

(The Rockers' upcoming game against the Drillers, scheduled for Friday at Computware, has been replaced with a game against the Philadelphia Kixx).

Tinnion is the only coach who has managed to take this team anywhere. Woodrow is banking that Tinnion can get things turned around — after all, he's the only coach who stuck around very long. His second stint with

the Rockers makes him their sixth coach in 11 seasons.

If this doesn't provide different

results — and in a hurry — a few of the players better start packing their bags.

NOTICE
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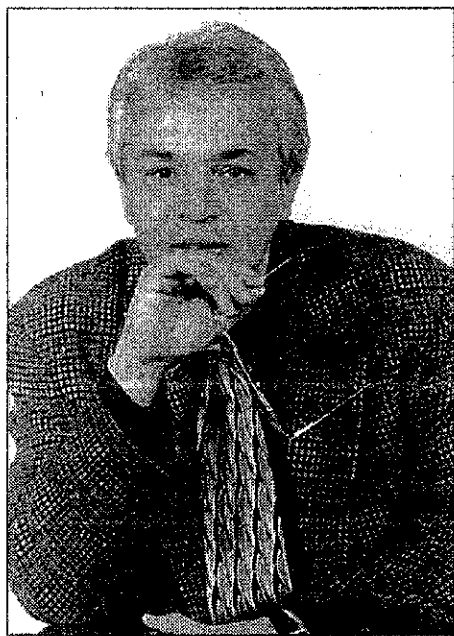


LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Pianist passes on key to mastering Russian classics

Leonid Tamulevich stepped off the plane from St. Petersburg on a cold Saturday in November and went directly to work. By Wednesday morning Tamulevich had shared his command of the Russian piano technique in master classes, given a piano teachers' workshop, and performed a recital of Tchaikovsky and Scriabin at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

His command of the Russian piano technique, or sound, was the reason piano studies director Donald Morelock invited Tamulevich to the college. His arrival marked the beginning of a week-long residency in the music department where Tamulevich found



Russian touch: Leonid Tamulevich, a Russian pianist and professor at St. Petersburg State Conservatory, recently spent a week as artist-in-residence in the music department at Schoolcraft College.

the students "very talented and very well prepared" for his visit. He was just as serious about the time he would spend there.

Developing talent

"I work to develop the personality and talent of the student, to find the puzzle and key to master the music," said Tamulevich. "The time span of our collaboration is so very narrow. I know when someone knows the material well. All that matters is if students want to play more and know more information."

American students have proven time again that they want to learn more about the Russian system of piano playing. Since 1996, Tamulevich and Morelock have established friendly relationships through the American-Russian Piano Institute at the Rimsky-Korsakov St. Petersburg State Conservatory where Tamulevich teaches piano.

Co-sponsored by Schoolcraft College, and Northwestern University School of Music, the institute provides students from around the country with three weeks of intensive music study. In addition to private lessons and master classes with Russian piano teachers, students attend concerts and visit cultural sites such as The Hermitage. This year, in the spirit of cultural exchange, the institute inaugurated an International Shostakovich Piano Competition for Russian and American students.

If walls could talk

Founded in 1862, the St. Petersburg Conservatory is Russia's oldest musical institution of higher learning. Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Shostakovich count among the great composers who studied there.

"Our traditions we try to keep alive in spite of the difficulties of our time," said Tamulevich. "Melody is like the soul of Russian music - Scriabin, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev."

Tamulevich began teaching at the St. Petersburg Conservatory in 1987 but his love for the piano goes back 41 years. He attended the Musical High School associated with the Leningrad Conservatory in St. Petersburg for four years, and later studied with

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S·P·A·C·E·S and PLACES

Life, nature energizes painter

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Energy flows through Sharon Weisswasser and materializes as bursts of color on the canvas.

Weisswasser considers herself one of the lucky ones. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis while studying drawing and painting at Wayne State University in the late 1960s. Today, except for brief bouts of fatigue and blurred vision, she is creating nature-inspired acrylics nearly every day. They fill every level of her Beverly Hills home.

What is amazing is that Weisswasser began painting seriously only five years ago. Like many women, raising a family came first. Her husband, Jeffrey, practices law in Southfield. Now that their sons, Greg and Adam, are grown, Weisswasser spends most of her time with brush in hand.

The more-than-40 paintings exhibited in her one-woman show in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Library are the result of many days and long nights of sitting in front of a canvas.

Weisswasser captures the bluest sky and water of the Olympic National Forest in Mt. Rainier Park in Washington. Scenes from Yosemite National Park, and an impressionistic view of blue and green Hawaii, portray Weisswasser's love of the out of doors and nature. Overall, the majority of the work is intense with color and movement.

The lone floral in the bunch is a watercolor painting of a poinsettia which has been sold by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the last three years as a holiday greeting card.



Skies of blue: Sharon Weisswasser painted this abstract of the Olympic National Forest in Mt. Rainier Park in Washington.



Dwelling: This acrylic painting on canvas recalls Sharon Weisswasser's memories of the Indian ruins in Mesa Verde, Colorado.

"In many of these I started with all one pattern and then started dividing the space," said Weisswasser. "I like to divide it then pull it all together with color in a harmonious way. That's why I call the show *Spaces and Places*. I enjoy playing with textures and surface. I have no preconceived notions when I start other than to create something harmonious."

From paper to canvas

Weisswasser initially painted realistic landscape in watercolor. One still life in the style was enough for Weisswasser who said "I felt like I was painting by number." Before long, she switched to acrylics. Using carving knives, Weisswasser builds up texture with paint, modeling paste and gel.

"I like painting trees with bark and not feeling you have to use an \$80 sable brush," said Weisswasser. "I switched to thicker paint to get more texture and go abstract and get away from reality and to find the true creativity that can come out of yourself."

"The paintings I do are such an adventure and when it's done someone will ask me what is the title. It's had 50,000 names along the way."

Zest for art

Paintings of a downtown Franklin gazebo and a few still life are the exceptions to the dynamic and colorful abstracts in the show. They demonstrate the basic skills Weisswasser learned in

What: Sharon Weisswasser exhibits her paintings in *Spaces and Places*
When: Through Thursday, Dec. 28. An opening reception to meet the artist takes place 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Fine Arts Gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

classes and workshops with Kegham Tazian at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills and Leslie Masters, Donna Vogelheim and several other artists at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

But it's the abstracts that illustrate Weisswasser's zest for life and art. When she's not painting, Weisswasser is entering competitions and exhibiting in shows such as *Our Town* at the Community House in

Birmingham or enjoying the company of her artist friends at meetings of the Farmington Artists Club and Palette and Brush. Weisswasser's world has revolved around art during the last five years. She taught painting to seniors at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills for three of those years, and even experimented with different media. A photograph of her cat Gato is featured in *Pet Power*, the 2001 calendar put out by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information, call (800) FIGHT MS or visit the Web site at www.nmss.org.

"At age 51, my goal is to keep painting; I'm making up for the years, I didn't paint," said Weisswasser. "And I'm excited about our art community that everyone comes together. I've found a lot of harmony among artists. It's not competitive. They're very supportive. I feel I've gone a long way in a short time because of that support."

MUSIC

Ute Lemper merges her sultry style with pop hits

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While her name may roll off the tongue with the grace of mashed potatoes hitting a plastic plate, Ute Lemper is no sack of spuds when it comes to her artistry as a songstress.

The German chanteuse, who is performing at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater on Saturday, Dec. 9, has made a name for herself performing cabaret songs from that brief period in Berlin before the rise of Nazism known as the Weimar era.

Her 1989 release of *Ute Lemper Sings Kurt Weill* brought her to the attention of a wider American audience. And her star has been rising ever since.

Award

She won an Olivier award for her London appearance in *Chicago*, and also won France's equivalent of a Tony for her performance as Sally Bowles in the Paris production of *Cabaret*.

Her sultry blond looks and smoky



German chanteuse Ute Lemper

voice have often been compared to Marlene Dietrich, though the 36-year-old is certainly not lost in time.

This year, she released *Punishing Kiss* (Decca Records) in which she performs songs written by notable rock contemporaries including Nick Cave, Elvis Costello, Philip Glass and Tom Waits.

Those familiar with that melancholy group of artists can pretty much assume that *Punishing Kiss* is no warm fuzzy mix of love songs.

Nick Cave's *Little Water Song* is about a woman being drowned by her lover as she watches his anger and her own life fade away.

Elvis Costello's title track stings of loss and betrayal. And Philip Glass's *Streets of Berlin* takes a decadent little cabaret tune and turns it into what Lemper calls "A more frightening, violent cry in the dark in today's underground world of Berlin."

It's a rare album that offers a Tom Waits tune as the moment of brightness.

But Lemper is hardly one to bring

What: The University Musical Society presents Ute Lemper
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9
Where: Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor
Information: Call the UMS box office at (734) 764-2538

you down. In concert, she can slink like a leopard, and sing with the purring softness of a kitten.

Best moments

Her best moments are when she sings in her native tongue, and though she admits to loving the music of her homeland, she doesn't care to live there.

Instead, the daughter of a Munster banker and an opera singer now makes her home in New York with her husband, the actor and comedian David Tabatsky, and their two children, Max and Stella.

And her music has taken on a more international style as well. With *Pun-*

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Tatiana Nikolayeva at the Tchaikovsky State Conservatory in Moscow where he earned a master's degree. Tamulevich received his doctorate from Moscow State Conservatory in 1982.

"When I was seven they opened a music school in St. Petersburg," said the 48-year-old Tamulevich. "It was very interesting. It was a complicated time for our country after World War II. I took a serious exam and was invited to attend."

Admirable system

Morelock greatly admires the Russian system of teaching, which turns young students like Leonid into concert pianists.

"During the Soviet Union days they developed an unbelievable

■ The Russian emphasis on sound is what appealed to Christine Tai when she attended the master class and piano teacher's workshop.

systematic approach to playing piano," said Morelock. "It's a conservatory approach from childhood. They hold talent searches and try to identify students early and give them every advantage to participate in a concentrated program of study."

"Leonid is an outstanding professor and has a wonderful musical and technical approach to piano playing. It's this wonderful concept of Russian sound. It's an effortless type of tone production that reproduces well in a big hall. At the recital for students and the community he played

several pieces by Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and Scriabin that had a unique sense of sound."

Emphasis on sound

The Russian emphasis on sound is what appealed to Christine Tai when she attended the master class and piano teacher's workshop. Tai, who teaches children in the piano program at the University of Michigan, said the Russian system of teaching concentrates on the production of sound. Born in Taiwan, Tai originally came to the U.S. to study

piano, first in California, then in Michigan. She received a master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Michigan last year.

"What struck me the most was Leonid's sensitivity to sound," said Tai who taught group and private piano lessons at Schoolcraft College last year. "He showed how to produce different kinds of tones and to use the body. There's kind of a singing quality to the phrasing. Russian teaching seems to talk a lot about sound."

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ishing Kiss, Lemper shelves all but a couple of Weill's politically charged tunes in favor of English songwriters' thoughts on the seedier side of love.

Producers note that she is both song stylist and dramatic actress, able to give endless variations on the same piece of music.

When Lemper performs at the Michigan Theater, she'll be accompanied by pianists Bruno Fontaine, Dan Cooper on bass and flute, Ben Sher on guitar, Todd Turkisher on drums and violinist Rob Thomas.

She'll sing many of the songs from her new album, along with a tribute to Weill on the centennial of his birth and a half-century since his untimely death.

Lemper may never have the mass appeal in the United

■ When Ute Lemper performs at the Michigan Theater, she'll be accompanied by pianists Bruno Fontaine, Dan Cooper on bass and flute, Ben Sher on guitar, Todd Turkisher on drums and violinist Rob Thomas.

States that others with half her talent have, but she is likely to continue to simmer just under the surface. And for fans of the poised performer, that's just fine with them.

ART BEAT

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TOURS AND CONCERTS

Get into the holiday spirit at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile Road in Livonia. Tour the historic buildings 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 10 or 17, then stroll over to the Newburgh Church in the historic village to enjoy a concert at 3 p.m. Joan Ehrstine and Diane Dupuis perform Sunday, Dec. 3, the Livonia Civic Chorus on Dec. 10, and Pix & Stix on Dec. 17. Call (248) 477-7375 for more information. Admission \$2 adults, \$1 students.

OPEN HOUSE TODAY

The Plymouth Historical Museum holds their annual Holiday Open House 1-5 p.m. today. Join in the festivities which include a Presidential Tea and program at 2 p.m. in the museum, 155 South Main Street.

Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln and General Ulysses and

Julia Grant will greet guests. Each of the Presidents' favorite cakes will be served.

There will also be tours held throughout the day of the *First Ladies of Fashion* collection of Inaugural ball gowns. Special holiday exhibits highlight Christmas decorations from each era of the featured First Ladies exhibit. Many of the beautiful decorations were crafted by the Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-8940.

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet performs Tchaikovsky's classic ballet *The Nutcracker* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16 at the Players Playhouse, 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit.

Dancing the lead roles will be Erica Wetter, a Birmingham resident, and Caroline Coleman of Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 children, and available at the door or by calling the Birmingham Dance Academy at (248) 642-4292.

CARE CONCERT

Enjoy yourself and help those

less fortunate all at the same time. One-man band Peter Feters will perform a concert of jazz and blues to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth.

Admission is two canned food items.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Marge Pacer will be holding a workshop 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction.

The cost is \$45 and includes materials and one archival processed 16-by-20-inch silverprint on fiber-based paper. Advance registration is required. Call (734) 416-4278.

Pacer's work is on display at the art gallery through Saturday, Dec. 30. Also on exhibit are Cathy Dyer's mandalas and Dennis Jones' stone sculpture. Dyer gives a gallery talk about the mandala process 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 at the arts council. Her work is an "outward representation of the inner self."

Jones, an architect and artist, uses a variety of materials including sandstone, lava and pumice to create his works. The exhibit continues through the end of the year.

ALL THAT JAZZ

The Schoolcraft College Jazz

Band will give a free concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Cindy Pierson will sing several jazz standards. There is no charge for the concert.

LUNCH WITH SANTA AT ARTS COUNCIL

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting a Lunch with Santa 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon.

Tickets are \$10, arts council members, \$12 non-members. Seating is limited. Call (734) 416-4278 to reserve your tickets today.

D FOR DANCE

Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company will perform *D is for Dance*, an all new concert for children and families 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 in Aday Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$7 and available at the door. Call Diane Mancinelli at (313) 845-6314 for more information.

The company will use a variety of styles to illustrate words relat-

ed to dance for each letter of the alphabet.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ

Schoolcraft College's vocal jazz group PRIME will sing a holiday concert, *Jazz up The Holidays*, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27455 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Donations will be accepted following the concert.

PRIME has entertained audiences throughout the U.S., and toured Russia in 1997 and Europe in 1999. The six singers perform jazz standards, original compositions and arrangements by Michigan composers in a style similar to Manhattan Transfer, The Real Group and New York Voices.

For information about the concert, call Ginny Lindquist at (248) 682-6562.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

If you're in the mood for a little holiday music, local choirs have lined up a series of concerts. Here's a guide to what's going on:

■ A handbell concert by the Campanelle and Carillon Handbell Choirs from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will take place 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. No charge. Call (734) 466-2197.

■ The Livonia Civic Chorus presents *Snowin', Blowin', and Mistletoe-In*, an hour-long concert filled with light-hearted musical fun 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 in the Clarenceville High

School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

Admission is free. For more information, call Chris Gach at (248) 543-2946.

The chorus has been singing in and around the community for 35 years. Proceeds from various functions, including a spring concert *Dial M for Music* Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, raises funds to sponsor area high school students at the Interlochen Art Camp.

■ The Farmington Community Band will present its annual winter concert *Warm Winter Winds* 3 p.m. today at Farmington High School Auditorium on Shiwasee, west of Orchard Lake Road.

There is no charge for the concert but a good will offering will help support the band. For more information or to be placed on the Farmington Community Band mailing list, call (734) 261-2202 or visit the Web site at www.fcmbmusic.org.

■ The Redford Civic Symphony will perform a Holiday Concert featuring music from around the world 3 p.m. today at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information about the concert of orchestra, call conductor John Gajec at (313) 538-1652.

The season continues 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Hilbert Junior High, 26440

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ART & CRAFT SHOWS

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair comes to Farmington Hills on Dec. 9-10 at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. (734) 662-3382.

HOLIDAY SHOW 2000

Through Dec. 23 at Washington Street Gallery. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

HOLIDAY WORK SHOP

D & M Studio in Canton, 8691 N. Lilley, will have its 14th annual Christmas Kids Only Fine Art Workshops through the month of December. Registration is currently being accepted for children 3 and up. Call (734) 453-3710.

MEADOW BROOK

HALL HOLIDAY WALK

A *Charmed Life: Celebrations in the Grand Manor* through Dec 10. For information call (248) 370-3140.

MEMORAH ART SHOW

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Menorah Art Show is open through Dec. 11 at Somerset Collection South in Troy. More than 20 local and national artists will present some of the most unique menorahs ever assembled in one collection. The menorah is used during Hanukkah, Dec. 22-29 this year. Call (248) 203-1470 or (248) 203-1481.

MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS SHOW

The first event is Dec. 3 at the Novi Expo Center. (248) 348-5448.

NATIVE WEST ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL

The 11th annual festival is Dec. 3 at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838.

POTTERS MARKET

The 25th annual sale is Dec. 3 at the United Food and Commercial Union Hall at 876 Horace, Madison Heights. (248) 246-2686.

TOUCH OF LIGHT

The Holiday Glass show runs through Dec. 24 at 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

The craft show is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 9 at 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford. (248) 348-5448.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Artists of all media can submit slides of work for a juried exhibition entitled *2001 — An Art Space Odyssey*. There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$15. Call the CAC at (248) 333-7849 or drop by at 47 Williams for a registration form. Submissions due no later than Thursday, Dec. 7. For the *Journey into Jazz* show, the deadline for submission is Jan. 11. The exhibit dates are Feb. 16-March 31.

EWE REVIEW

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

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

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

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 2000-2001 season are being held. Call Wendy Bernaid at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

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

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Traditional British-style Brass Band based at the Southfield Centre for the Arts seeks new members for the 2000-2001 season. For information, call (248) 349-0376 and see mcbb.org.

QUILT PROJECT

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

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE

Auditions for the a cappella vocal group that performs at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and fundraisers are now taking place. For details, contact Cindy Keleman, business manager, at (313) 299-0451 or (734) 941-5955.

YOUNG ARTISTS

MDOT is sponsoring a 2001 International Aviation Art Contest for youths aged 6-17. Artwork may be submitted using watercolors, acrylic or oil paints, markers, colored pencils, pens and crayons. The deadline for entries is Feb. 2, 2001. For a copy of the contest brochure, write Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics at: Att. Aviation Art Contest, 2700 E. Airport Service Dr., Lansing, MI. 48906-2160, or call (517) 335-9283.

CLASSES

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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

TOUCH OF LIGHT

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

CONCERTS

BELIAN ART CENTER

A piano trio performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the art center in Troy, corner of Rochester and Square Lake roads. (248) 474-8930.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Presents Celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. (248) 474-4997.

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CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

The Michigan Chamber Players perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Three concerts of Christmas anthems and carols by the Detroit Lutheran Singers are held in the coming weeks: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. John Lutheran Church, 16339 14 Mile, Fraser. Tickets \$10 (\$7 for seniors and students). Advance purchase for 3:30 p.m. concert, advised for others. Call (248) 988-0604.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Performs *Midnight at the Creche* at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, and at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Works by Bach and Handel are held Dec. 3. *Home for the Holidays* is Dec. 7-10 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Northville church presents the *Messiah* at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. 200 E. Main Street, Northville. (248) 349-0911.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Part I of the *Messiah* is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Corner of Seventh and Washington, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4100.

HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT

The brass from Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Christ Church

Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 885-4841.

KIRK IN THE HILLS

The choir and members of Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings performs the *Magnificat* and part I of Handel's *Messiah* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR

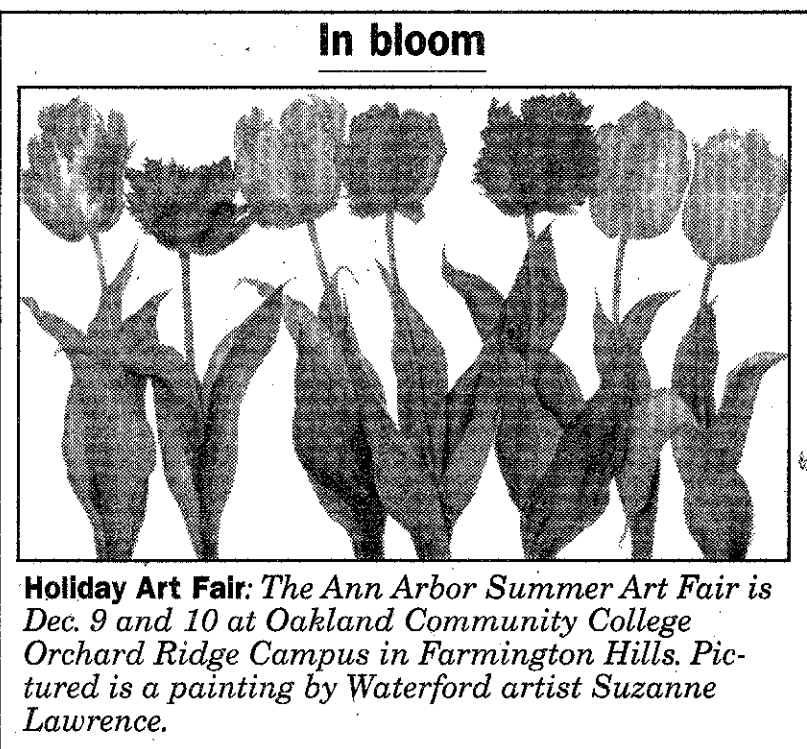
The Livonia Youth Choir will present its Winter Concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt in Livonia. Free admission. (834) 427-9578.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Lettermen Christmas is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5. Melissa Macchester performs at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Saffire, the Uppity Blues Woman performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Kenny Rogers is Dec. 10-11. 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

Performs the Nutcracker Ballet with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 2 p.m. Dec. 10. Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. (734) 451-2112.



Holiday Art Fair: The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair is Dec. 9 and 10 at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Pictured is a painting by Waterford artist Suzanne Lawrence.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ

Performs *Jazz Up the Holidays* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia. (248) 682-6562.

SECOND CITY

Performs a stage recreation of the *It's A Wonderful Life* radio broadcast at 2 p.m. Dec. 9-10 at the Second City Theatre, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-2222.

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Southfield resident Estella Chambers with her latest CD *Simply Reminiscing* is 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the library. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

DANCE

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

The *Nutcracker* is Dec. 7-17 featuring the Ballet Internationale. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-7464.

EVENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Share a "Jingle in the Jungle" breakfast with Santa Claus, 8-9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 16 at Rainforest Cafe in the Great Lakes Crossing, Entry 7. Tickets, priced at \$15 for adults and \$11 for children, are on sale at the Great Lakes Crossing Information Booths near entries 1 and 6. Admission includes buffet breakfast with eggs, french toast, potatoes, bacon, sausage, cereals, fruit, pastries and beverages. Call (248) 454-5000 or (877) SHOP-GLC.

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW

Plymouth's Holiday Doll Show, featuring vendors, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and limited edition collectible dolls, will be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults, free for children under 10. Canned goods are taken as donations. Call (734) 455-2110.

THE LIVING NATIVITY

The enactment of the story of the birth of Jesus is Dec. 8-10 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CALLIGRAPHERS

The annual make-it, take-it event is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 at the Bloomfield Township Library, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 641-7588.

PRE-KWANZAA CELEBRATION

The event is 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at the YWCA, 25940 Grand River, Redford. (313) 342-0006.

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Shopping in Downtown Royal Oak the first weekend of December is pure *Holiday Magic*. Inspired by the magic and memory of childhood holidays, Royal Oak retailers have created an extraordinary three-day event to showcase the town and revive the holiday spirit. Included in the festivities are free parking, caroling, discounts in select shops and collections of hats, scarves, socks and mittens for the underprivileged, neglected and abused children of Royal Oak's Judson Center. Through Dec. 3.

FOR KIDS

THE ARCTIC EXPRESS

Maureen Schiffman and her puppet pal Coco present the show at

play through Jan. 13. Call (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR CITY HALL

Through Dec. 15 — *The Beauty of Recycling*. 100 N. Fifth, Ann Arbor.

ARTSPACE II

Through Dec. 23 — Earl Krentzin. 303 E. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 258-1540.

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS

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

BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC

Through Nov. 30 — *French Impressions: Paris to Provence*. 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

CARY GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 — Marilyn Derwenskus' *Looking Back* features watercolor paintings. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CASA DE UNIDAD

Through Dec. 8 — *Che: Day of the Dead • Ofrenda Exhibit*. 1920 Scotten, Detroit. (313) 843-9598.

CASS CAFE

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

CENTER GALLERIES

Through Dec. 16 — *Cay Bahnmiller/John Egner: New Work*. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Dec. 8 — The Palette and Brush Club Point of View show. Through Dec. 11 — The Village Fine Arts Association. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

CPOP GALLERY

Through Jan. 3 — Angie Baan, Glenn Barr and David Sandlin. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through Dec. 22 — *Bounded Intervals*. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

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

FORD GALLERY

Through Dec. 19 — *Words*, a group exhibit. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465.

GALERIE BLU/UZELAC GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 — Stephen Hansen. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

GALLERY 212

Through Dec. 27 — Chris Mars: Fairly Recent Work. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

HILL GALLERY

Through Dec. 9 — *Photography/Four* with Dirk Bakker, Carl Toth, Michael Flomen, Julia Chalfee. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Dec. 16 — *Rafael Perez: Still Lives and Other Views and William Glen Crooks, Brad Durham and Bart Elsback: Landscapes/Cityscapes*. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY GALLERY

Through Dec. 28 — *Spaces and Places* by Sharon Weisswasser. Reception is 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Five Mile Road, east of Farmington.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Dec. 23 — *Prints and Printmaking*. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec. 21 — A solo exhibit by Stanley Rosenthal. Rosenthal will present a brief presentation about his work entitled *How I Got Here* from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Dec. 31 — *Earthly Treasures* annual holiday show.

10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PIERCE STREET GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 — Mary Keithan: *Michigan Heritage Barns*. 217 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 646-6950.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through Dec. 30 — Dennis Jones stone sculpture and Marge Pacer photographs. Marge Pacer's workshops will be 7-9 p.m. Dec. 11. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

POSTER GALLERY

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

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Dec. 15 — A traveling photo essay exhibit honoring the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Detroit is on the Main Level of the library. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

THE GALLERY

Photography: Detroit/New York: Denise Oehl, Robert Oehl, Minna Resnick and Linda Soberman has been extended through Dec. 12 at The Gallery, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Call (313) 927-1336.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through Dec. 23 — *Tectonics* by James Viste. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

XHEDOS CAFE

Through Dec. 9 — *With This Ring: Black & White Weddings* by Elaine Gross. 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Feb. 4 — *Double Flame: New Work* by Steve Murakishi. Through Nov. 26 — *Agitated Histories: Video Art and the Documentary*. Through Jan. 7 — *The Portrait in Contemporary Photography*. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through April 29 — *Electric Space: Bolts, Joits and Volts from the Sun*. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Dec. 31 — *Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry*. Through March 4 — *A Decade of Acquisitions 1900-2000: Photographs*. Through Jan. 7 — *Bill Viola/Video Collaboration*. Through Dec. 31 — *Pop Art: Prints and Multiples from the DIA Collection*. Through Dec. 30 — *Small Wonder: Worlds in a Box*. Through Dec. 31 — *The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection*. 52

MUSIC

'Mahler's Beethoven' TV special features DSO



Featured Musician: Gustav Mahler is the subject of a PBS documentary.

Detroit Public TV audiences will be the first to see the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's national PBS special titled *Mahler's Beethoven: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra*. The program airs on WTVS 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, and begins airing nationally on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Mahler's Beethoven hosted by former Detroit Patti Smith, the poet and rock musician, features the DSO led by Music Director Neeme Jarvi in its first public performance of Mahler's rare re-orchestration of *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9*.

Documentary portions

In documentary portions, the 90-minute program tells the story of Mahler's orchestration; the friendship between Mahler and the DSO's second music director, Ossip Gabrilowitsch (1918-1936); and how the score came to be in Detroit.

The program features interviews with Jarvi, University of Michigan musicologist Stephen Whiting, DSO historians and others.

Joining Jarvi and the DSO for the performance of *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9* are soprano Camellia Johnson, mezzo-soprano Eleni Matos, tenor Frank Poretta III and bass baritone David Pittman, as well as the University Musical Society Choral Union of Ann Arbor.

Gabrilowitsch, one of the most celebrated pianists of his day (he was the soloist at the first concert played by the Philadelphia Orchestra), was a close friend and supporter of Gustav Mahler.

After Mahler's death, Gabrilowitsch borrowed the score of the re-orchestrated *Symphony No. 9* and paid the DSO's library to copy Mahler's changes to the symphony into its own score, and to make the same alterations to the musician's parts. That score and parts have remained in the library of the DSO since 1924.

This edition of one of the greatest landmarks of the orchestral repertoire provides audiences with insight into a musical tradition that has vanished — the re-orchestration of important works to satisfy current tastes or, in the arranger's mind, clarify the composer's intentions.

Music Director

Mahler, who served as music director of the New York Philharmonic from 1909-1911, attempted to do just that with Beethoven's "Choral" symphony by doubling the woodwind complement, extending instrument parts, and muting or adding horns, as well as adding a tuba which was not yet invented in Beethoven's time.

Patti Smith has a long association with Detroit where she lived for many years and regularly attended concerts of the DSO with her husband, the late Fred "Sonic" Smith. As a songwriter and performer, she brings both a keen understanding of what it



Host: "Mahler's Beethoven," a documentary featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, is hosted by former Detroit Patti Smith.

means to alter someone else's artistic composition, as well as a fan's passion for Beethoven's music.

"In my house, we listen to the

big three," said Smith. "Coltrane, Hendrix and Beethoven." Smith has released six albums and numerous volumes of poetry.

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Puritan, Redford; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at Thurston High School, and ends with a concert in Capitol Park in Redford 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26.

For more information about

the concert of orchestra, call conductor John Gajec at (313) 538-1652.

■ The Farmington Community Chorus presents *We Wish You the Merriest Christmas* concert 8 p.m.

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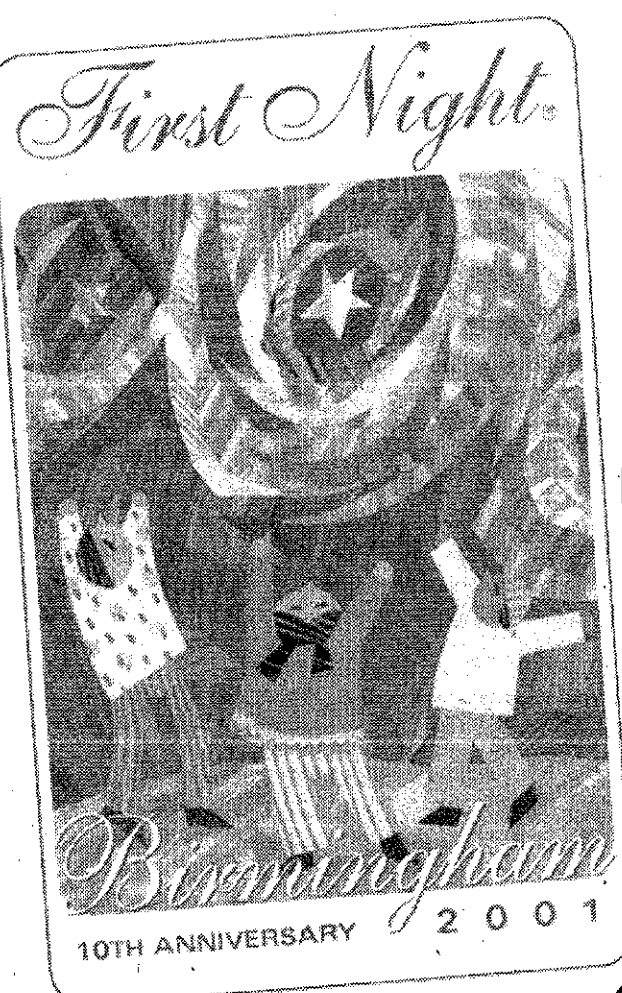
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It used to be that when you bought a leather coat, skirt or a pair of boots, it was automatically black. They were trustworthy. A neutral to wear with everything. Ok, that's true. But now that we are (hopefully) past always needing to feel safe in fashion, what do you think adding something in red leather to your closet? I know what you are thinking "that's not me" I'm too old, too conservative, too. I'm just happy wearing chic black."

Yet, fashioned by nearly every designer this season, from ankle boots to jean jackets, red can also be a neutral. It can be daytime appropriate as effortlessly as black, and hot enough for a date to the theater at the same time. When contrasted with your more conservative pieces — a black turtleneck, a cream blouse, your wool mid-length skirt or dark rinse denim — it's quite hip.

But in order to not look like a biker babe: wear only one red piece at a time. If the tones of red work together and you are mixing textures, you can go for all red on top, or all red on bottom. Banana Republic's mixes of port colored pieces are my favorite red examples of the season.

It's a fun update. Would I advise you to drop a bundle on a Charles David to the knee red crocodile leather boot? No. But can you pull off a Wal Mart red snakeskin pleather boot this time around? No again. So, what's a girl to do?

Browse the stores; figure out your needs. Should it be a rich designer unlined red leather shirt that you buy this season and have in your closet for years? Or just a splurge, like a red leather pair of low slung jeans?

With the wide variety of offerings, and an open mind to get past black, a pop of red is just what you need to give your look a little attitude.

Cari Waldman of West Bloomfield is a free-lance writer and stylist. Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com



Revved up: Liz Claiborne kicks up the classic jean jacket with red leather, \$275.

Run on red

Where to find the goods. Check out these fashionable spots:

- Banana Republic for skirts and jean jackets for both men and women.
- Express and The Limited for leather shirts.
- Nine West stores for boots and Prada style sling bags.
- Hudson's for new Nine West sportswear.
- The RALPH by Ralph Lauren department at Lord & Taylor for fun junior-inspired looks without hefty price tags.
- www.kennethcole.com or Kenneth Cole store, the Somerset Collection in Troy, for a great pair of western-inspired, red, square-toe leather boots

Holiday shoppers will find bargains

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Good news for holiday shoppers on the hunt for gifts: markdowns and deals will be plenty.

With declines in the stock market and low consumer confidence, retailers are less than optimistic about holiday sales. And, current levels of shopping activity don't bode well for retailers.

"Shoppers aren't quite as exuberant as they were last year," said Arthur Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck of Michigan, which surveys 14 local malls on a daily basis during the holiday shopping season. "What will motivate (shoppers) are really good sales, and, I

think, retailers know that," said Nitzsche. "They won't wait until the end. Retailers will start having their sales early on."

While purchases were up slightly from 1999, according to TeleCheck's survey, the percentage increase, which is measured in dollars spent, was less of a jump than what was experienced the year before, said Nitzsche. "Last year, we enjoyed a wonderful Christ-



mas. Sales were up by about 7 percent."

Sales during the last Thanksgiving holiday weekend were up only by about 5 percent from the year before. And sales declined last week when retailers stopped offering discounts and special deals, Nitzsche said.

Not surprisingly, Michigan's retailers weren't expecting a blue-ribbon holiday season.

The percentage of retailers projecting sales increases for the holiday season was the lowest it's been since 1994. That's according to a study done by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Michigan Retailers Association, a state trade association of general merchan-

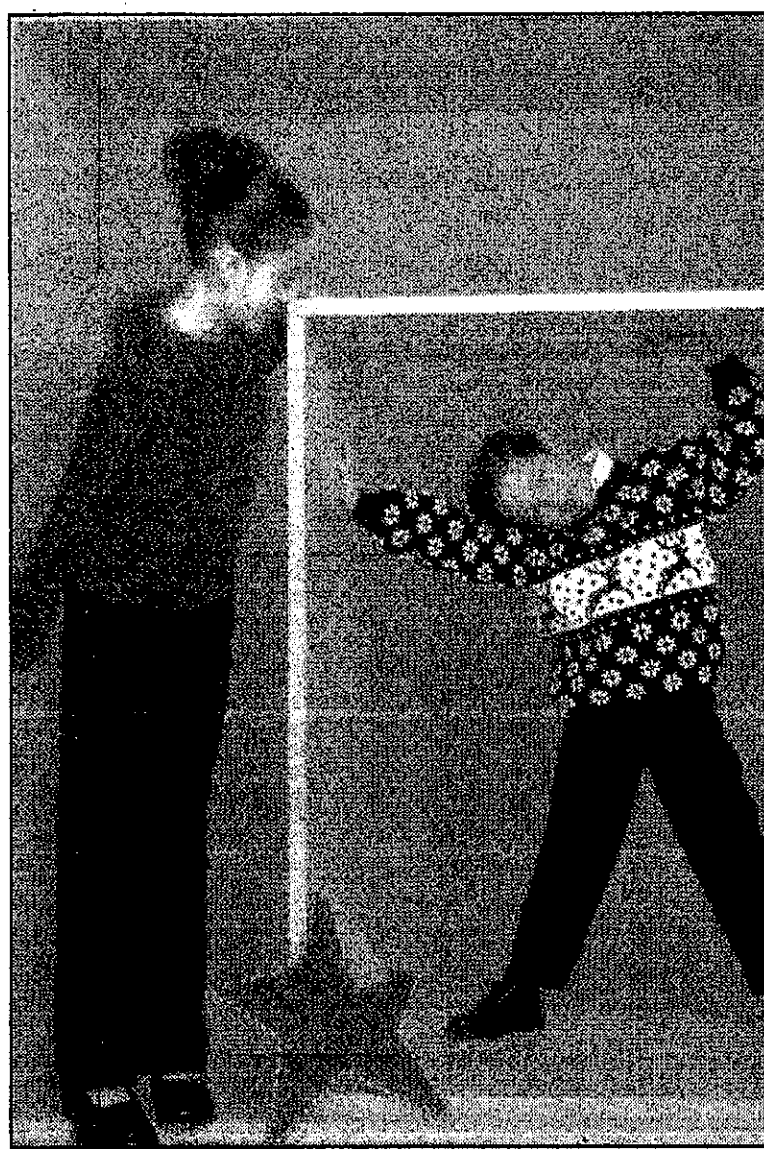
dise retailers with more than 5,500 business members.

Retailers' expected sales growth, 9 percent, is also the lowest it's been since 1994, according to the study.

During the previous six holiday seasons, the percentage of retailers who projected increases has ranged between 74 and 78 percent. This year, only 62 percent said they expected holiday sales increases.

The retail association and bank began conducting the expectation study in 1994.

Larry Meyer, the association's chief executive officer, said retailers' expectations aren't surprising because sales growth has been slow all year.



Holiday red: Sugar maribou sweater for girls (above left) is the color of rubies and perfect for holiday dressing, \$32.40. Navy reindeer sweater for boys, \$21, both at Hudson's. Red table napkins and place matts (right) spruce up white dishes for holiday tables, about \$3-4 at Wells Cargo in Bloomfield Township.

'Tis the season And the year for all things red

Where are Dorothy's ruby shoes? From tableware to satin dresses to fuzzy holiday sweaters, red is the color of the moment.

And not just any red, or one solitary red. Retailers have mined the spectrum of the shade just in time for the holiday season.

Ruby, true red, poppy, burgundy, red rust and garnet — there's a hue for everybody.

"It was almost like a neutral color this season," said Amanda Turner, fashion director at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

"People just need to find their color red," she said. It's a misconception when people say "I can't wear red."

— Nicole Stafford

See related story at left



Hot legs: Red gams were plentiful on the season's catwalks. Wolford's red opaque tights (above) are shown with rust shirt, jacket and hat. Wolford leg wear available at Wolford, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you abreast of special shopping programs, services and events occurring during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send listings to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Malls & Mainstreets, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax to: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by Monday for publication the following Sunday.

JINGLE IN THE JUNGLE
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast with Santa at the Rain Forest Cafe at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills (Entry 7), 8-9 a.m. Dec. 16. Tickets are \$9 for children and \$13 for adults. Call (248) 454-5000.

HOLIDAY ART FAIR
Ann Arbor's Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans comes to Farmington

Hills for a holiday art fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 10, at Oakland Community College (Building H) at Orchard Lake Road and I-696. Media presented include glass, wood, photography, jewelry, sculpture and fiber. Admission is \$4 for adults. Call (734) 662-3382.

OFFERINGS AT SUMMIT
Summit Place Mall, 315 North Telegraph in Waterford, has several holiday offerings, including a cup of coffee, 7 a.m.-noon at the Coffee Beanery, collector's edition Grinch bags to shoppers who make a purchase with a VISA card and picture frames for shoppers who purchase \$300 or more at the mall. Also, there are two drawing being held at the mall, one for a \$500 shopping spree, the other for plane tickets to New York City and the opportunity to see a live taping of the *Rosie O'Donnell Show*. For more information, call (248) 682-0123.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Northland Center in Southfield hosts Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m. Dec. 9 in the food court. The breakfast is free, but donations of \$1 benefit the

Rainbow Connection. For reservations, call (313) 961-5634.

HOLIDAYS IN BIRMINGHAM
Downtown Birmingham's Moonlight Shopping Spree Holiday Visions event has been lengthened. This year, the event is slated **Dec. 8-10**. Look for special store events, entertainment, free gift wrapping and other shopping perks. Event hours are: **4-10 p.m. Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 9 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 10**. For more details, call (248) 433-3550.

SIGNING SANTA RETURNS
For the fifth year, **Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn** hosts a signing Santa for hearing-impaired children. The signing Santa will be available to greet children **1-4 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12 and 4-7 p.m. Dec. 6** on the mall's Fountain Court Stage. For additional information, call (313) 593-1370.

FREE LUNCH AT WONDERLAND
Wonderland Mall in Livonia gives

shoppers who spend \$150 (in two of their stores during one visit) a gift certificate worth \$10 and a lunch voucher worth \$4 at the center's food court. The offer is available **through Dec. 24**. Bring receipts to the mall's customer service center. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

DINE WITH SANTA
Join Santa for a bag dinner at **6:30 p.m. Dec. 6** or a bag breakfast at **10 a.m. Dec. 9** at the **Livonia Mall**, 29514 Seven Mile Road. The events, which will be held in the center's community room, are free and include magic shows. Free holiday movie follows breakfast at 1 p.m. Reservations are needed. Call (248) 476-1160.

LITTLE DOOR STORE
Hudson's Little Door Store, a pint-sized shop where children can look for and purchase holiday gifts, is open for business. A miniature castle made of children's building blocks and located in the retailer's **Somerset Kids' Department in Troy**, the Little Door Store has more than 30 wrapped gifts that children can purchase for between \$5 and \$15. Call (248) 816-4000.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

DESIGNER VISITS
Handbag designer Maya Evangelista and her trunk show collection visit Jacobson's Birmingham store, noon-4 p.m., Handbags. For more information, call (248) 644-6900.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
DESIGNER APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Diana Heimann and view her collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fine Jewelry, first floor. For details, call (248) 614-3360.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

LADIES NIGHT

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

The Claymore Shop, 908 South Adams in Birmingham, holds Ladies Night with hors d'oeuvres and holiday spirits every Thursday through Dec. 21, 5-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 642-7755.

ST. JOHN SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents St. John's Holiday & Cruise Collection 2001 in a benefit for Wayne State University's "The Understudies" program. Wine and hors d'oeuvre reception, 5 p.m., and fashion show, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$50. St. John Boutique, second floor. Call (313) 577-3010.

BRING A TOY & SAVE
The Peppertree, 302 Walnut Boulevard in Rochester, give 10 percent savings off Brighton merchandise to shoppers who bring in a toy. Call (248) 652-1225.

CELEBRITY FASHION SHOW

Northland Center in Southfield and the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce host the fifth annual Holiday Fashion Show and Silent Auction Luncheon to benefit The Alzheimer's Association. Local celebrities will model clothing from Northland merchants. Tickets cost \$30 and include lunch. For ticket information, call (248) 557-6661.

CHANEL MAKEUP ARTIST

Chanel's national makeup artist and team give skin care consultations and apply makeup at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy. To make an appointment, call (248) 816-5100.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

LORAC COSMETICS

Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, introduces Lorac's national new line of skin care products and the company's national makeup artist does makeup applications. Call (248) 816-5100.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Funchland on Twelve Mile Road in Southfield sells used Super Nintendo games.

- For Chantilly perfume, call Fragrances Unlimited, (734) 434-0692, in Ann Arbor.

- The following stores sell tree ornaments in the shape of pickles: Hudson's stores; Always Christmas at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion; the Greenfield Village Museum and Village store, (313) 271-1620; Dixboro General Store on Ford Road in Dixboro; Bronner's in Frankenmuth; Terry's Village, (800) 200-4400; the Polish Art Center on Jos. Campau in Hamtramck; English Garden's on Ford Road in Dearborn; and Giorgio's Gift Gallery in Plymouth.

- Math Phonics can be purchased at No Place Holcombs, a teacher's store in Westland, and at Mazell's in Wonderland Mall.

- Osage oranges can be purchased at Irwin's Apple Orchard on Silver Lake Road, north of South Lyon (call before you go).

- A gas stove with an electronic ignition can be purchased at Sears.

- Value City sells vinyl curtains for windows.

- Twinkle Copper cleaner is sold at Busch's Market in Livonia.

- Ceresnie & Offen Furs in Birmingham repairs tears in leather jackets.

- Salutations in Northville, (248) 349-3537, sells a book for addresses, Christmas lists and birthdays.

- Raw peanuts can be purchased at Randazzo's on Newburgh and Wayne roads, the new Gordon Food store on Six Mile and Middlebelt, Meijer stores and Rocky's at Eastern Market.

- Monroe Craft's on Twelve Mile in Berkley sells kitchen and bathroom decals and scraps of leather.

- The Greenfield Village Museum and Village store sells the book about Henry Ford and the Model A, (313) 271-1620.

- Lux face soap can be purchased at Sam's Market on Five Mile, west of Farmington Road, and the Dollar Store on Five Mile, east of Merriman Road.

- Palmolive soap can be purchased at Hiller's Market on Newburgh and Six Mile roads.

- A store that sells men's large sweaters in powder blue for Charlene.

- A store that sells a doorbell with a barking dog ring for Mary of Redford.

- A store that sells the Schmid Collection Gallery of Norman Rockwell Christmas ornaments (first and fifth editions) for Kathy.

- A store that sells Rogers Brothers 1847 silverware for Meryl, who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells netting that goes under mattress box springs for Linda of Plymouth.

- A store that sells paint-by-number pictures with frames

for Darlene from West Bloomfield.

- A store that sells Raven's Burger games from the 1980's called Create a Picture, Flower Garden, and Tell a Story for Diane, who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells replacement seats for cane Brewer's chairs for Shannon.

- A store that sells Cardeaux makeup for Norma, who resides in Commerce Township.

- A store that sells the doll Christmas Carol (formerly sold by Hudson's, 1940-60's) for Elwood.

- Stores that sell M. J. Carroll women's clothing (formerly carried by Winkelman's) for Margaret.

- A store that sells two armchairs for a Woodard wrought iron dining set (Oak leaf design) for Mary.

- A store that has a decorative reproduction of an old-fashioned, big-wheeled bicycle (metal/wood) for Natalie.

- A store that sells a hard pad or cover for converting a pool table into a temporary buffet table for Julia of Wayne.

- A store that sells life-size mannequins (male and female) for a Christmas display for Louise.

- A store that sells stoneware and glasses from Heartland by International for Sharon.

- A store that sells plastic, floor-to-ceiling, privacy screens with a wooden frame for Bernadine.

- A store that sells 100-percent women's wool crew socks for Teresa.

- A store that sells a Bed Buddy microwave moist heat pads for aches for Darlene.

- A store that makes slipcovers.

- A store that sells Aphrodisia perfume by Faberge for Sheila.

- A store that rents or sells Sony Beta videotape machines for Les.

- A store that sells Maybelline cake/brush mascara for Jane of Troy.

- A store that sells Johnson Wax Clean and Shine for Diane of Oxford.

- A store that sells the movie videocassette *Enchanted Cottage* with Robert Young for Sharon.

- A store that sells a vinyl repair kit.

- A store that sells L.A. Looks styling mousse (extra super body) for Carol, who resides in Canton.

- A manual for a Betty Crocker power juicer (#1489) for Frances of Plymouth.

- A store that sells the board game Family Ties for Sue of Redford.

- A store that sells 100-percent linen dishtowels for Adrienne of Clarkston.

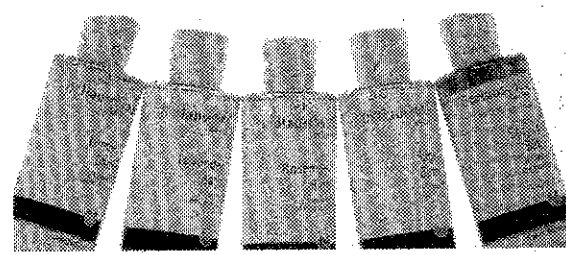
- A store that sells the shampoo "Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific" for Cindy of Canton.

- A store that sells a wax cleaner/sealant for leather jacket care (L.L. Bean formerly sold such a product) for Dennis.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

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Wrapped: Cheeta B. Evening's off-the-shoulder stretch-velvet top in olive envelopes the bodice. A matching attached skirt is floor-length with double side slits in satin with floral embroidery, \$360 at Jacobson's.



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HOLIDAY TRAVEL

White River State Park offers one-of-a-kind events

BY JEN SCHMITS THOMAS
SPECIAL WRITER

Like gifts, the most-treasured holiday experiences are always the most rare — moments that fire the imagination and warm the spirit. With that in mind, White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis is inviting families throughout the Midwest to experience a collection of one-of-a-kind events and attractions that promise to make this holiday season truly memorable.

A 250-acre mix of greenspaces and eye-catching architecture, White River State Park offers many of the Circle City's premier attractions and museums, all within walking distance of each other and all just blocks from the heart of downtown Indianapolis. And this holiday season, the park is packed with events and attractions you won't find anywhere else.

At the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art on Friday, Dec. 15, your family can step out of its modern Midwestern world to participate in another culture's holiday tradition: the Mexican celebration of Las Posadas.

A dramatization of Mary and Joseph's search for an inn (una posada) on the night of Jesus' birth, Las Posadas is an outdoor, singing procession accompanied by a band. Children depict the holy couple, leading the procession through a series of stations where entry will be denied. When Joseph and Mary finally find refuge at a Nativity inside the Eiteljorg Museum, the journey ends ... but the celebration continues with traditional Mexican music and refreshments.

Last year, more than 350 people participated in this event, which is co-sponsored by Indianapolis' St. Patrick Church. To make a reservation, call (317) 636-WEST, Ext. 150.

Zoo

Just down the street from the Eiteljorg (or across the pedestrian bridge over the White River), the 64-acre Indianapolis Zoo draws you into a brilliant winter wonderland where you can enjoy

Planning your trip
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■ Medal of Honor Memorial — (317) 261-6646, www.medallofhonormemorial.org
■ NCAA Hall of Champions — (317) 916-4255, www.ncaa.org
■ National Institute for Fitness and Sport — (317) 274-3432, www.nifs.org
■ Victory Field — (317) 269-2272 (gift shop), www.indyindians.com
■ White River Gardens — (317) 630-2001, whiterivergardens.org

Accommodations
 Call the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association's hotel reservation line — (800) 556-INDY or tourism hot line (800) 958-INDY, www.indy.org

the holiday season with the animals. In what has become one of Indianapolis' favorite traditions, Kroger Christmas at the Zoo glitters and glows through Saturday, Dec. 30, with decorations and displays that include more than 700,000 twinkling lights. The zoo extends its hours until 9 p.m. during this season so everyone can walk along the glittering pathways, visit some of the more than 4,000 animals, take in a dolphin show and even tell the resident Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas.

Gardens

Adjacent to the zoo is one of White River State Park's newest attractions, White River Gardens, a 3.3-acre facility that not only has beautiful gardens but also serves as a resource center for area gardeners. The complex's 5,000-square-foot glass-enclosed conservatory features year-round exhibits, but through Tuesday, Jan. 2, it will also be home to Holiday Toyland.

A giant jack-in-the-box will greet you when you enter this wonderland of toys and floral displays. Model airplanes will fly overhead, and classic Lionel trains (new this year) will chug by as you and your family marvel at the many holiday plants (including every variety of poinsettia as well as holiday peppers, Jerusalem cherries, hollies, herb topiaries and more) decorating the Hilbert Conservatory.

Theater

Need to take a breather? Stroll over to the IMAX Theater, where you can sit back and relax while you experience the wonders of *Fantasia 2000*, the nostalgia of *Across the Sea of Time* or the thrills of *T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous* ... all on a screen that measures six stories tall by 80 feet wide.

Showtimes vary, and some shows do sell out, so call or stop by the box office before the show you want to attend. Call (317) 233-IMAX for more information.

Monumental

Behind the IMAX Theater and across the Central Canal, you can visit the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial, the nation's only monument honoring all recipients of the Medal of Honor. Twenty-seven curved walls of glass bear the names of medal recipients, and recorded voices tell stories about men and women who have earned the nation's highest military honor. A touch-screen monitor allows you to get more information about Medal of Honor recipients, and dramatic lighting makes the memorial a stirring nighttime attraction.

Just a few steps away from the memorial stands the NCAA Hall of Champions, which, in less than a year, has established itself as one of White River State Park's crown jewels. With 25,000

square feet of exhibit and theater space, the hall honors not just the champions in sports governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association but also the very notion of what it is to be a champion.

A building designed by world-renowned architect (and Indianapolis native) Michael Graves, interactive displays created by 1717 Design Group, and state-of-the-art video technology and multimedia presentations by Pyramid Studios make the Hall an unforgettable and moving experience. Among the favorite features is the area dedicated to the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

If the passion of the Hall of Champions inspires you to break a sweat yourself, you can walk a short distance to the National Institute for Fitness and Sport. As part of its 65,000-square-foot fitness center, the facility (better known as NIFS) includes a 200-meter indoor running track, an NBA-caliber basketball floor (the Indiana Pacers used to practice here) and all the equipment and classes you need to whip yourself into shape. Although NIFS is a membership facility, guest passes are available for \$12 a day. If you'll be staying overnight in Indianapolis, check with your hotel before heading to NIFS; some hotels sell discounted passes.

Shopping

Of course, no holiday excursion would be complete without a little shopping, and White River



Toyland: White River Gardens houses beautiful gardens and serves as a resource area for gardeners. During the holidays, the complex's 5,000-square-foot glass-enclosed conservatory is transformed into "Toyland."

State Park's shops have unusual items you won't find everywhere else. The Eiteljorg Museum store, White River Trader, offers a variety of gifts inspired by or made by Native Americans, including prints from the Museum's collections, Western bronzes, cowboy hats, and even plush buffalo.

The Indianapolis Zoo shop is packed with gifts for animal lovers, including educational games and toys as well as stuff that's just plain fun. The Gardener's Pride Gift Shop at White

River Gardens has just about anything for the gardener on your list, including reproductions of the whimsical animal sculptures found in White River Gardens.

You'll find something for the college sports fan on your list at the Hall of Champions' Campus Corner gift shop. Campus Corner's design blends bookstore and stadium features to create a collegiate atmosphere, and offers NCAA, Hall of Champions, and NCAA Championship licensed apparel and gifts.

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Wine not the only gift for aficionados

Dear Santa...Don't get us wrong, Santa, wine lovers enjoy receiving a great bottle of wine as a holiday gift. But, Santa, we bet you feel like you're delivering coals to Newcastle when you bring a gift of wine to the home of an aficionado.

So, Santa, we're giving you alternatives and you don't have to get your elves busy. Our suggestions are as handy as a local merchant, phone number, or Internet site.

Get in the spirit

In the world of spirits, nothing garners as much interest as single malts. Two new premium bottlings make great gifts.

■ Glenmorangie Claret Wood Finish Single Malt Scotch Whisky \$250. In 1989 only eight casks of vintages 1976 to 1979 were laid down to mature in American white oak barrels to then be transferred into cooperage from one of the great first-growth Pauillac Bordeaux chateaux for eight more years. Glenmorangie pioneered the technique of wood finishing and this inaugural claret wood single malt is stunning marriage of Scotch and fine cooperage.

■ Glenmorangie Elegance 21 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky in a unique glass decanter \$400, represents the ultimate in taste and refinement for a malt whisky connoisseur.

Go Portside

■ Calem is one of the very few Portuguese-owned Port houses. The following are great firsides pours: **Calem Old Friends Tawny or Ruby \$13.** **1997 Calem Vintage \$65** (the last declared vintage of the decade) and **1996 Calem Quinta Da Foz \$50**, made exclusively from touriga nacional, the most noble of indigenous Douro grape varieties.

and 22-ounce Bordeaux glass at \$60 per case of six. These are sturdy, thin-lipped, elegant glasses that bring fuller enjoyment to every wine sip. The Claret Red Wine 15-ounce glass, at the same price, is ideal for Chianti, sangiovese or zinfandel, but will serve well as an all-purpose red wine glass. A 12-ounce white wine glass at \$54 per case of six makes has all-purpose suitability for white wines.

Spiegelau stemware is available at Merchant of Vino, 27640 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road), Farmington Hills and Ye Olde Wine Shoppe, 2044 West South Boulevard (at Crooks Road), Rochester Hills.

Every lover of red wines needs a Drop Stop packet containing an ingenious sturdy, bendable, re-usable Mylar circle that can be inserted into a wine bottle neck, to allow pouring without dripping. Order a pack of three for \$3.50 plus minimal shipping from the Wine Appreciation Guild (800) 231-9463.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Holiday Pies
- 2 Unique

Gifts for the Amateur Chef

RESOLVE GIFT DILEMMAS WITH KITCHEN TOOLS FOR YOUR FAVORITE COOK

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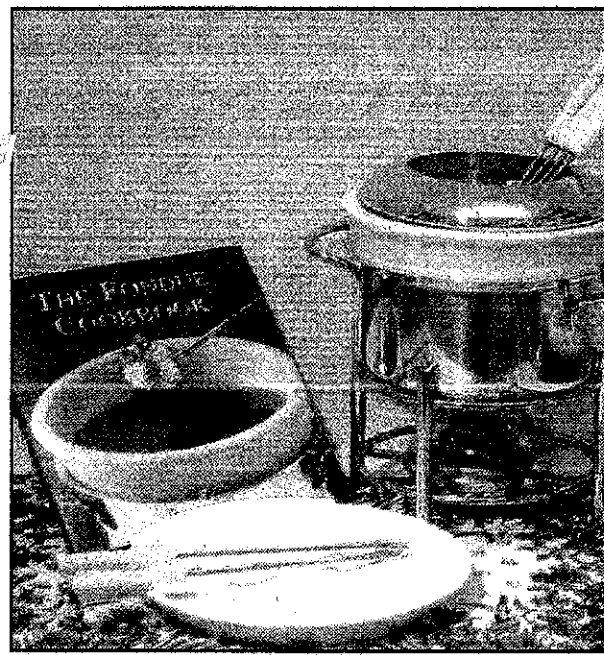
Registration not required. Gifts for the kitchen and cooking are no longer the sole domain of newlyweds, or, for that matter, wives of unmantic hubbies.

Today, giving an espresso maker is chic. So why not stuff a stocking with a novel kitchen gadget or European dish towel?

"People are rediscovering the fun of home cook-

ing. It's really becoming a great interest for many," said Lindsay Kruh, buyer for Hudson's Market-place. "Cooking is no longer drudgery. It's another way for people to express themselves."

Particularly for people who love to cook, eat and entertain, kitchen gifts fall under the hobby category, not the housework one. Even appliances are fair game. Wrap up Cuisinart's new Power Prep Plus food processor and you might be accused of spoiling your recipient. Priced in the \$200-300



Modish cooks: Making fondue is chic again, so Williams-Sonoma has the pot and more. Ruffoni fondue pot (right) comes in copper, \$129, and stainless steel, \$99, and includes forks. Set of six white porcelain fondue plates comes from France, \$48. For recipes and party ideas, there's The Fondue Cookbook, \$12.



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Gifts that sizzle: Kitchen gifts aren't just for newlyweds, anymore. If your loved one loves to cook, consider buying them a kitchen gadget. Steve and Vanessa Jones look at a potential stocking stuffer, a battery-powered mixer from Williams-Sonoma, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

range, the new food processor has touch-pad buttons and, unlike its predecessors, mixes bread dough. Williams-Sonoma stores sell a miniature version of the model, the Mini Prep Plus, for \$39.95. If you're buying for an avid baker, Kitchen Aid's newest standing mixer, the Professional 6, will undoubtedly induce shouts of time-saving joy. Introduced last spring, the six-quart mixer is currently sale priced at \$369.99 at Hudson's stores.

But even infrequent bakers would likely cherish a Kitchen Aid mixer, said Kruh. There's a renewed interest in baking lately. However, most cooks neither have the time to bake nor the standing mixer to speed up the process, Kruh said, adding, "There's really a nostalgia at work here, a nostalgia for baking, a nostalgia for cooking at home and also for entertaining."

Think of cooking as a time-machine refuge from the stresses of modern living; after eight hours of computer screen glare, baking a batch of butter-milk biscuits brings the senses back home.

The current attitude about home life - make it a haven - has also expanded the territory of cook-books.

Bookstore cooking sections aren't just selling

Presentation: Williams-Sonoma's cylindrical gift box for wine is made of Birch and has a leather tie closure, \$9.75.

Please see GIFTS, D2

1. *Invitation to the White House: At Home with History* by Hillary Clinton, \$35, features 200 color photos, menus from state dinners and 50 recipes from the White House kitchen
2. *New Joy of Cooking* by Irma S. Rombauer and Ethan Becker, \$35, classic cookbook newly revised and expanded with more ethnic recipes and an emphasis on healthy, low-fat cooking
3. *Martha Stewart Living Cookbook* by the editors of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine, \$35, a compendium of recipes published in *Martha Stewart Living*
4. *Every Day's a Party: Louisiana Recipes for Celebrating with Family & Friends* by Emeril Lagasse, \$26, a month-by-month journey of party and festival menus
5. *Emeril's TV Dinners: Kickin' It Up A Notch with Recipes from Emeril Live and Essence of Emeril* by Emeril Lagasse, \$25, 150 recipes from Emeril and his popular Food Network television shows
6. *Julia's Kitchen Wisdom: Lessons from a Lifetime of Cooking* by Julia Child, \$19.95, a quick reference guide and companion book to Child's two-hour PBS special of the same name to be released in December



EMERIL LAGASSE

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At the year's end, we often reflect and assess what we've accomplished this year and what we need to work on this upcoming millennium.

Here are 12 months of good eating and lifestyle tips beginning with January and concluding with December 2000:

■ Weight loss and healthy eating behavior is a team effort between you and your health care provider. When you understand that weight loss is process and is not product-oriented, and that you, the client, is the CEO, this sets the stage for success.

■ For chocolate lovers--stearic acid, one of the fatty acids in chocolate, can actually lower cholesterol. Chocolate also contains powerful antioxidants, similar to those found in fruits and vegetables. Chocolate also contains magnesium.

■ March is National Nutrition Month. Try the top super foods-soy, red

grapes, flax, olive and garlic.

■ In the United States alone, at least 5 million people buy products because they are kosher. Why are more people than those of Jewish faith buying kosher foods? Lax hygiene in food processing is more common than ever these days.

■ "Children deprived of food in an attempt to be thin become preoccupied with food, afraid they won't get enough to eat, and are prone to overeat when they get the chance," said Ellyn Satter, a therapist and dietitian.

■ Why should your child eat a power-packed lunch? It keeps their energy up all afternoon. A power-packed lunch also keeps their blood sugar at a normal level so they are not cranky, keeps them from feeling famished by the time they come home in the afternoon, and provides one-quarter to one-third of their daily requirements for calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals.

■ Grilling creates a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. So fire up the grill, relax and enjoy any holiday!

■ Medicinal herbs can be grown in your organic garden (no pesticides or chemicals) and used as teas and tinctures or added to foods. These include purple coneflower (Echinacea), chamomile, fennel, rosemary, lavender and ginger.

■ There are five different phenotypes of high cholesterol and/or triglycerides that can be determined by the lipid management program at Domino Farms. Dr. Kathy Rhodes, also a lead dietitian at the University of Michigan's Preventive Cardiology Program, said, "In each situation, fat breakdown goes through many steps in the body. Different people have glitches in different steps, so by knowing their phenotype, we can help them best."

■ Breakfast, followed by an adequate lunch, provides fuel needed for top athletic performance and contributes to

greater endurance during after-school sports. Kids who eat well will feel good about themselves and their performance, and may be less likely to turn to supplements or fad diets.

■ Type II diabetes has increased by 33 percent nationally with the largest increase of 70 percent in the 30 - 39 year old age group. Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to complications, which include vision problems, cardiac and circulatory involvement, and kidney and nerve damage. Symptoms of diabetes include frequent urination, extreme thirst, blurred vision, fatigue and unexplained weight loss.

■ And as we come full circle, think about how well you've done to improve your diet and lifestyle in the year 2000, and continue your progress into the year 2001.

Happy holidays!
See related recipes inside Taste.
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Ponder your eating habits at year's end

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specialty cookbooks and large compendiums of recipes.

People who like to cook are interested in additional information, whether it's about the region where a particular cuisine originated or historical anecdotes relating to food, said Kendra Smith, spokesperson for Borders Books and Music in Ann Arbor. So bookstores are stocking more narrative cookbooks, which provide background information and give cultural context to cooking and food.

"Cooking right now is seen as more than just recipes," said Smith. "It's a cultural synthesis."

For example, Borders' current best-selling cookbook is *Invitation to the White House: At Home with History* by Hillary Clinton, \$35. The book journals entertaining and cooking at the White House and even includes a list of state dinner menus. While the book contains 50 recipes, it focuses, not on cooking, but on

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*Kendra Smith
—Borders Books and Music in Ann Arbor*

entertaining.

Entertaining has probably never been more popular. Again, sharing food and drink with guests only increases affection for hearth and home.

Evidence of the trend is a renewed interest in fondue, a 1960s party staple and well-known social icebreaker. Here, nostalgia affects design and appearance, too. Williams-Sonoma's Ruffoni fondue pots in copper or stainless steel, \$129 and \$99, bring to mind *The Jetson's* space age television cartoon. And, the design of Hudson's brushed stainless steel chocolate fondue pot is clearly Sputnik.

Vintage or "retro" styling has struck kitchen essentials, too, so even the most mundane cooking

tools can score as holiday gifts. Toasters, waffle irons, blenders, they were once every woman's nightmare gift. Today, they're a fanciful addition to the counter-top.

At Hudson's, for example, the Presto Pizza Oven, which looks like an old-fashioned record player — the turntable rotates the pizza and the arm sends out heat — has been quite popular. "It has been a real novelty item for us," said Kruh of the ovens, which are priced at about \$90 for the holiday season. "It's great for teenagers or even for the dorm, and it's a group activity, too," he said, adding, "I've had great acceptance of a retro Mickey Mouse waffle iron."

Baked beans work well on any holiday

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Karen Kasmala remembers fixing a dish of Hawaiian Baked Beans for a luncheon for her husband, Stan, to take to work. She doesn't even know how many it fed.

"It was all gone," she remembers.

Kasmala of Redford likes fixing the recipe because it fits in well with a big holiday meal, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, including an Easter ham.

For the holidays, her nephews eat it up and it "never goes to waste."

"It is a good recipe and with a small number of people, you can just lessen the amounts in the recipe," Kasmala said. "It goes well with any kind of meats or ham. My husband loves the pineapple in it."

Kasmala received the recipe nearly 30 years ago from her friend, Anna, who died about 28 years ago. "She was such a sweet person."

She mailed the recipe in for readers because "I just thought somebody would like to try it out. If that lady was still alive, she would love to see the way people enjoy this dish."

HAWAIIAN BAKED BEANS

- 4 to 5 large cans pork and beans
- 1 8-ounce jar of chili sauce
- 1 pound bacon

RECIPES TO SHARE

- 1 pound dark brown sugar
- 1 medium-sized onion, chopped finely
- 1/2 cup prepared mustard
- 1 8-ounce can sliced pineapple, cut into small pieces, drain, but reserve juice

Fry bacon until crisp, drain on paper towel.

To Beans:

Add all ingredients. When bacon is drained and cool, break it up into beans. Stir and bake at 400° F for one hour. Add pineapple to beans and bake for another hour at 220° F, then serve.

Holiday dinners are often a shared experience. What are you bringing to the table?

Please send favorite holiday dish or winter dish to pass or dessert recipes to share with readers in an upcoming edition of Taste.

Send recipes, photographs and stories, along with your name, phone number and city to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor: by mail at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by e-mail to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279. Please send information as a text file, and be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned to you.

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ish, it has a two-year warranty. Available at The Sharper Image, Somerset South, Troy or phone (800) 344-4444.

Oz Clarke's *Introducing Wine*, Harcourt, 2000, ISBN 0-15-100642-3, \$20 introduces wine by varietal, the way Americans best understand it. Based on 15 broad categories, Clarke helps a reader discover a preferred wine style, then takes a word trip through the major wine regions of the world without getting too hung up on appellations and wine classifications. Good read for anyone beginning to learn about wine.

A wine lover who cooks will be delighted by Michele Anna Jordan's *A New Cook's Tour of Sonoma*, Sasquatch Books, 2000, ISBN 1-57061-218-8, \$21.95.

Author of 13 cookbooks, Jordan has decades of experience living, cooking, and writing in California's Sonoma County. She knows every farm and winery and appreciates both the culture and lifestyle of this rich agricultural area. No other book tours Sonoma County with such passion and easy-to-prepare recipes matched with specific

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wine selections. Jordan's *Salt and Pepper*, Broadway Books, 1999, ISBN 0-7679-0027-8 \$25, is another of our favorite Jordan cookbooks. Wine and food don't match well if the dish is not seasoned to perfection!

Wine Spectator's *Ultimate Guide to Buying Wine*, Seventh Edition, \$30 soft cover, available in bookstores and wine shops or order at (800) 761-4099 is a user-friendly guide with authoritative and up-to-date ratings and prices for more than 40,000 wines.

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Web site features European cuisine

Lovers of the traditional cuisine of Europe now have a Web site they can visit to create that delicious food.

The site, www.eat-europe.com, features a colorful selection of three-course meals, each with accompanying wine recommendations.

Meals have been selected from each region of every country in Europe. There are 18 classic meals featured from Italy, including taste-tingling grilled swordfish steak from Calabria, England, with 10 regions, includes the traditional Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, and from Switzerland, there is a mouth-watering fondue and an artichoke casserole from the wine growing Ticino region.

This new site also has a shop, dedicated to Europe's best kitchen and dining ware, and stocks of all the fine European wines recommended on the menus for you to buy. There are also links to cooking schools, gourmet food suppliers and travel companies, cookery books and magazines.

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Bake these crunchy meringue cookies

This holiday season, avoid the hassles of crowded shopping malls.

Instead, enjoy some time in your cozy kitchen with holiday music and fabulous aromas while preparing gifts for friends and loved ones on your shopping list. With a few good recipes, you can polish off your gift list in just a few evenings, leaving lots of time for the pleasures of the season.

A simple gift from your kitchen is always appreciated because it is so personal — a gift of your effort as well as sentiments. Not everyone has time to put up jams and preserves, but it's fairly easy to make flavored vinegars that will enhance many of your friends' favorite dishes.

Concoct an Asian-style vinegar by inserting into clean glass bottles strips of lemon peel, slices of peeled fresh ginger, seeded and chopped red and green jalapeño or serrano chiles, toasted coriander seeds, halved garlic cloves and sprigs of fresh cilantro. Then pour unseasoned Japanese rice vinegar or white wine vinegar into the bottles, seal and allow to stand in a cool, dark place overnight. The vinegar makes a great salad dressing or marinade for chicken.

The presentation of holiday food gifts is part of the fun.

Try reusable containers like wine glasses, mugs, cups and saucers, flowerpots, buckets, or vintage tins. Gifts baskets are always popular. If you're running short on time, you can create baskets of prepared foods that the recipients will love. Put together baskets of herb and vegetable mustards, a variety of salsas, samplers of dried herbs, or dried mushrooms. Fill a wok with a selection of Oriental foods like sesame oil, tamari sauce, cellophane noodles, fortune cookies, green tea, rice wine vinegar, five-spice powder and fermented black beans. Don't forget to include your favorite recipes for using these foods.

If you love holiday baking, make batches of whole-wheat oatmeal muffins and package them in an attractive basket with a jar of whole-fruit preserves. Spiced applesauce loaf cake, banana gingerbread and maple-pumpkin loaf cake made with whole wheat make delightful presents.

Wrap them simply with colored plastic wrap and festive ribbon. Holiday cookies are always a hit, and Crunchy Chocolate Chip Meringue Cookies are a great example of treats that are good and good for you.



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A big hit: Holiday cookies are always a hit, and Crunchy Chocolate Chip Meringue Cookies are a great example of treats that are good and good for you.

CRUNCHY CHOCOLATE CHIP MERINGUE COOKIES

1/2 cup egg whites, about 4 large
1 3/4 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
3/4 cup chocolate chips
1 1/4 cups rolled oats (not quick-cooking or instant)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Make sure that a deep bowl and mixing beaters used to whip egg whites are completely clean and dry. Using a hand mixer, beat whites until soft peaks form.

Gradually beat in sugar and continue beating 10 minutes. Mixture will be like grainy marshmallow. Blend in vanilla. Mix in chocolate chips, then oats.

Cover a cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Drop batter in heaping teaspoons onto foil, leaving 1 1/2 inches between cookies.

Bake 20 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned and firm to the touch.

Slip the aluminum foil with the cookies onto a rack and let stand until completely cool. Peel cookies gently from foil. Store in air-tight containers.

Nutritional information: Makes 10 servings, each containing 240 calories and 4 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Treat yourself to walnut caramel squares

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This Walnut Caramel Squares recipe was devised by Christine Riccietelli of Danville, Calif., and it won her first prize in a recent Ultimate California Dessert recipe contest run by the California Milk Advisory Board.

WALNUT CARAMEL SQUARES

1 cup flour
1/2 cup butter
3 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup chocolate chips
1 and 1/3 cups sugar
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1 cup butter (2 sticks)
1 cup whipping cream
2 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
1 ounce unsweetened chocolate, melted

Preheat oven to 350 F.

To prepare crust: Combine flour, 1/2 cup butter and 3 tablespoons sugar in a medium bowl. Mix with a fork until well blended. Press into a lightly greased 9-inch square pan. Prick with a fork and bake until lightly browned, about 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chocolate chips; let stand 2 minutes, then spread chocolate over crust. To prepare filling: Place 1 and 1/3 cups sugar in a heavy saucepan; cook and stir over low heat until melted and caramel colored, about 20 minutes. Stir in corn syrup, 1 cup butter and cream. Cook over medium heat until mixture reaches 240 F on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat and stir in walnuts. Immediately pour over crust, smoothing to make an even layer. Drizzle with melted chocolate and refrigerate until firm. Cut into small squares to serve. Makes 16 servings.

GroceryStore.com debuts

A new Web site to help with grocery shopping debuted this week to assist consumers who are trying to juggle daily activities.

Shoppers can use the site, GroceryStreet.com, to order groceries, then pay for them and pick them up at Value Center Market in Livonia, the first store offering Internet grocery shopping through GroceryStreet.com.

GroceryStreet.com debuted on the Web after Priceline.com decided to drop its grocery service.

"Even if you have never purchased anything online before, it's easy to shop for groceries online," said Francie Black, president and founder of the e-commerce company based in Birmingham.

"Our service allows customers to select the groceries for purchase from any Internet connected computer. They'll be bagged and ready for pickup at a preset

time on the way home from the office, school, or soccer game," said Black.

And that's exactly what Terry Farida, owner of Value Center Market, believes will happen when his store begins offering online shopping this week.

"Imagine being able to shop for groceries on your lunch break at work, then pick them up on the drive home — now that's convenient," said Farida.

Black believes the larger selection and better services on the site will help GroceryStreet.com succeed. Value Center offers more than 18,000 items, said Black. "That is significantly more than the 250 item shopping list (once) available from the now defunct Priceline grocery service," Black said.

"GroceryStreet.com lets customers purchase everything the store has on its shelves instead of a limited range of items offered by Priceline. Shoppers

will also be able to search for foods based on specific health concerns they may have, such as diabetes or high cholesterol."

To order groceries online visit www.valuecentermarket.com or www.GroceryStreet.com and follow the instructions.

Clarification

A story in the Nov. 26 edition of the Taste section should have indicated the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church was located at 36075 Seven Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburgh, in Livonia.

A cookie walk is scheduled there Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 9 a.m. until all goods are sold. Cookies are \$8 a box.

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- 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced on diagonal
- 1/2 cup tricolor, whole wheat pasta wheels, shells or corkscrews
- 1/2 cup peas
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced white button mushrooms
- 4 teaspoon light miso, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro

Bring broth to a boil in medium saucepan. Add carrots, celery, and pasta.

Reduce heat to simmer; cook five minutes. Add peas and mushrooms; cook two to three minutes more.

In a bowl, mix miso with a few

tablespoons of heated broth. Stir into soup and serve garnished with a sprinkling of cilantro. Yields four servings of 1 cup.

Nutritional information:
Calories, 129; protein, 5g; fat, 1g; carb., 26g; sodium, 328mg; fiber, 4g.

WORLD SALAD

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 head Belgian endive, cut into 1/4 inch rounds
- 1 bunch dandelion greens, washed and stemmed
- 1 teaspoon walnut oil or sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons brown rice vinegar
- Pinch salt
- 1 firm sweet apple (Gala or Fuji) cored and cubed
- 2 teaspoons chopped toasted walnuts

Boil water in a saucepan; reduce heat to simmer; add endive. Cook two minutes.

Add dandelion leaves and cook,

tossing gently until wilted, three to five minutes.

Strain endive and dandelion into bowl. Refrigerate until cool, about 30 minutes.

Combine oil, vinegar, and salt in a jar and shake to mix.

Toss greens with dressing and apples. Garnish with walnuts. Yields three servings.

Nutritional information:
Calories, 72; protein, 2g; fat, 3g; carb., 11g; sodium, 133mg, and fiber, 3 g.

'SLOPPY JOES'

- 1 cup textured vegetable protein (TVP)
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium green pepper, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, minced (about 1 cup)
- 1 stalk celery, minced (about 1/2 cup)

- 1 small carrot, minced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 16-ounce can tomato puree
- 1 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-2 tablespoons chili powder or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce or to taste
- Salt to taste
- 6 whole grain rolls, bread or pita

In a bowl, combine TVP and water; set aside.

In a skillet, heat oil. Add green pepper, onion, celery, and carrot; sauté until vegetables are soft, about five to seven minutes. Reduce heat and add TVP mixture and all remaining ingredients except rolls.

Mix well and cook stirring occasionally, until heated through, about two to three minutes. Serve on rolls, bread, or pita. Yields six servings.

WHAT'S COOKING

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

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal.

Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French which is \$31.95 per person.

Dinners are scheduled as follows: regional American, Jan. 11; Mediterranean, Jan. 18; authentic Mexican, Jan. 25; Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American,

Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5, regional American, April 19, and French, April 26.

Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

MADRIGAL DINNERS

Step back in time when romance and chivalry abound at Madrigal Dinners at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Campus Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9.

Enter a magical world where knights and dragons play, where young and old are welcome to come together and celebrate a royal winter court in the 15th century.

An authentic-period dinner will be served with multiple courses of wassail, including aged and seasoned rib of roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roasted herb potatoes, loaves of fresh grain bread and royal plum and cranberry pudding with brandied hard sauce.

Tickets are \$45 and \$40. Call (734) 462-4670 for information.

COOKIE WALK

European homestyle cookies will be prepared for the seventh annual Cookie Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Cookies are priced at \$8 a pound. Also prepared will be nut, apricot, poppy seed and sweet breads, pierogis and stuffed cabbage and candy and nuts.

For information, call (248) 476-3432.

M-FIT CLASSES CONTINUE

The M-Fit culinary school and nutrition education class schedule continues with Energize Your Holidays, a nutrition education class, being taught at 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Elegant and Easy Appetizers will allow you to celebrate the New Year with crab spread, corncakes with salsa and sour cream, tomato, mozzarella and basil crostini and Thai shrimp rolls. Class will be taught by Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Classes are held at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, while a two-person fee is \$50, and a series of any three classes is \$80. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 for more information or register online at www.mfitnutrition.com.

HOLIDAY HIGH TEAS

The Sweet Afton Tea Room, 450 Forest, in Plymouth has scheduled three Holiday High Teas noon-4 p.m., Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 featuring a four-course high tea, dessert table and live music. Bethany Stawasz will perform on the harp Dec. 3, while Charlene Berry will entertain on the dulcimer Dec. 10.

Cost is \$15.95 per person; children under 12 are \$12.95. For information, call (734) 454-0777.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Open house

Livonia Adult Day Services in Livonia will hold their Open House Week 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11-15. The public is invited to stop by during these times. The day-care center provides social and recreational programs for the elderly population, individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, stroke, Parkinson's or those merely in need of socialization.

The center is located in the Riverside Park Church, 11771 Newburgh Road at the northwest corner of Newburgh and Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 591-2216.

MADD campaign

American Speedy Printing Centers in southeast Michigan will team up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to sponsor the 14th annual "Tie One On For Safety - Red Ribbon Campaign." The campaign runs to New Year's Day.

More than 500,000 red ribbons were distributed in the metro Detroit area last year. Everyone is urged to "tie one on" their vehicles as a visual pledge not to drink and drive this holiday season - and hopefully throughout the new year.

According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning:

■ Alcohol is involved in nearly 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan.

■ In 1999, 11,830 people in this state were injured because of alcohol-related crashes, and 181 people were killed.

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking. For more information about the Wayne County Chapter, call Jenny Lozano at (734) 721-8181.

Beat the blues

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System-Ann Arbor will present "Beating the Holiday Blue" 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Health Stop of SJMHS, just off I-94 on the State Street exit.

The program will focus on "very normal" reactions to the holidays - feelings triggered by a recent loss, life changes, previous celebration experiences or just simple exhaustion. In addition to the discussion, there will be an interactive cooking presentation, "Healthy Holiday Cooking." Lunch will be provided.

Flu shots will be offered for a \$5 donation if the vaccine is available. Reservations are required for both the event and the flu vaccines (SJMHS cannot guarantee vaccines will be available on this date). Call Health Stop at (734) 827-3777.

Correction

An incorrect phone number for Shape-down, a weight management program for children and teens that stresses proper eating and exercise rather than dieting, was published in the Nov. 19 article "Gaining Insight, losing weight." Contact Beth Darnell, program coordinator at (734) 712-5694.

The 10-week, family-based program is offered through Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, which is affiliated with the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Each two-hour class is taught by a nutritionist, social worker and exercise physiologist. The cost is \$400, which includes 10 sessions and two individual family meetings. Partial cost is covered by some insurance plans.

Sessions are scheduled beginning in January in SJMHS sites in Ann Arbor, Canton and other locations. Call for details.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical 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).

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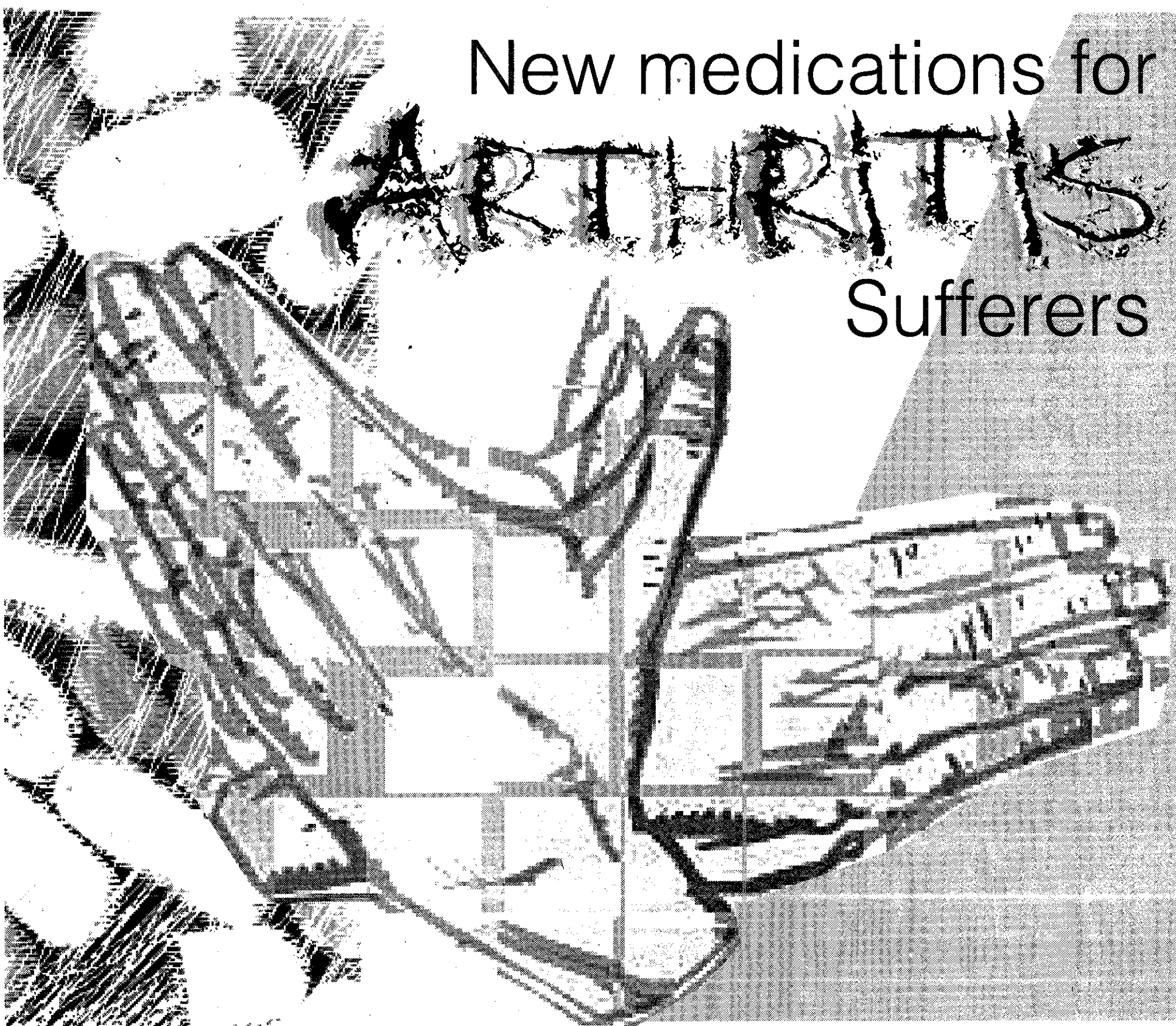
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New medications for ARTHRITIS Sufferers



COX-2 inhibitors reduce risk of stomach problems

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For years, the only medications that brought relief from joint pain to sufferers of osteoarthritis - the deterioration of cartilage between the joints - were traditional nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, such as aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen sodium.

However, although effective in reducing inflammation, NSAIDs carried potential risks, especially with long-term use. Those risks ranged from gastrointestinal pain, peptic ulcers to life-threatening bleeding.

Today, thanks to a new group of NSAIDs called COX-2 inhibitors, people with osteoarthritis are enjoying life free of joint pain and stomach upset and the threat of bleeding. The two most frequently prescribed COX-2 inhibitors are Celecoxib (Celebrex) and Rofecoxib (Vioxx).

"The main advantage of COX-2 inhibitors over older agents is that they are associated with less chance of gastrointestinal bleeding. They do not thin the blood. They are not necessarily better in the treatment of joints, but they are safer," said Dr. Eugene Su, head of rheumatology at Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

This is especially good news for older patients who are on blood-thinning medications. COX-2 inhibitors may be used "with caution" for these patients, said Su.

NSAIDs

All NSAIDs, including another subcategory called salicylates, work by blocking the production of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances that contribute to pain and inflammation. But prostaglandins also have positive effects. They protect the stomach lining and help maintain kidney function. By blocking the effects of prostaglandin, traditional NSAIDs can cause stomach upset and peptic ulcers.

COX-2 inhibitors are more targeted; they mainly

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Henry Ford Hospital

block the prostaglandins involved in inflammation. Therefore, they're safer.

"If you were to ask a rheumatologist what he or she would do for themselves, most would prefer the COX-2 inhibitors," said Dr. James Leisen, division head of rheumatology at Henry Ford Hospital.

However, COX-2 inhibitors do not control inflammation or pain any better than traditional NSAIDs, and they have many of the same potential side effects when used long-term: loss of concentration and drowsiness, kidney damage, ringing in the ears, nightmares, rash, and increased liver enzymes.

In addition, there is no evidence either Vioxx or Celebrex provide aspirin's protection against heart attack or stroke. However, use of Celebrex with low-dose aspirin (325 mg per day) is permitted.

But the very fact that the new COX-2 inhibitors do not cause gastrointestinal problems is "pretty significant," said Leisen.

Because COX-2 inhibitors are more expensive - costing up to \$70 more than traditional generic NSAIDs - many HMO insurance plans will not pay for them, according to area pharmacists.

Word of caution

"The advertisements are correct that these medications (Cox-2 inhibitors) cause less gastric irritation and pose less of a threat to causing you a peptic ulcer than traditional arthritis drugs such as Motrin, coated aspirin, and Naprosyn. However, these new medications are not free of this or other

side effects," Dr. Joseph J. Weiss, a rheumatologist on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, wrote in a recent hospital publication.

"The new NSAIDs can cause stomach irritation and ulcer. Furthermore, other problems associated with NSAIDs such as water retention and in elderly patients possible congestive heart failure are as much a possibility with the new arthritis drugs as with the old," he continued.

Disregard testimonials, Weiss advises. "Remember that often what you hear on the air waves and television comes from Madison Avenue, not the Institutes of Health.... Just as with your car, if you are fit to take the regular tablets, there is no advantage and poor use of dollars to go for the premium brands."

Practical advice

"The biggest frustration I have is that patients expect they can take a drug that will take away knee pain and resume their normal exercise," said Leisen. Not so. People with osteoarthritis need to accept they may have to be less active than they once were or they must shift to another activity.

"Pain is a basic signal telling you something ain't right," emphasized Leisen.

Women tend to suffer from osteoarthritis more than men, and most often the joint degeneration occurs in the knees. It may very well be an "engineering" problem, said Leisen, involving joint structure and gait. Frequently, weight contributes to the problem. It's a sensitive issue, he added.

"If you're heavy, you can't exercise with bad knees, and if you can't exercise, you don't lose weight."

Today, there's life even after knees wear out, said Leisen. "At the end of the road, there is knee replacement surgery. For many, it's liberating."

For more information on NSAIDs, including COX-2 inhibitors, visit the Arthritis Foundation' Arthritis Today's Drug Guide at www.arthritis.org/answers/DrugGuide/default.asp#NSAIDs

Complimentary approach

Complementary, rather than alternative, better describes the Arthritis Foundation's approach to unconventional therapies.

Dr. Paul Dugliss, an internist at Oakwood Complementary and Alternative Medicine Center in Westland, treats osteoarthritis patients in terms of their whole lifestyle.

"We view it as what imbalance has given rise to this," he said.

Patients coming to the center with degenerative joints are likely to receive a customized program of herbs and nutrition or herbs and acupuncture. "You get greater success if you tailor the therapy," said Dugliss.

However, Dugliss and his partner, Dr. Clinton Greenstone, both M.D.s affiliated with the Oak-

wood Health System, do not eschew traditional practices. They take a comprehensive medical history and perform the standard physical exam. But they also determine a patient's value system and perceptions of alternative or complementary therapy, discuss realistic outcomes, and evaluate diet and exercise.

Most patients who visit the center are seeking alternatives to prescription drugs, either because they prefer not to take them or have experienced adverse reactions, said Dugliss.

What complementary remedies work?

Acupuncture stimulates the body's neurotransmitters, such as endorphins, which mediate pain.

It also influences inflammatory mediators, said Dugliss. "Acupuncture therapy can be very beneficial...and without side effects."

Some studies Dugliss has seen suggest the herbs glucosamine and chondroitin not only affect pain but may also bring about "positive changes in radiographic findings." Also, there are topical herbal products such as tiger balm and herbalized oils that give relief by creating heat.

But complementary or alternative therapies promise no quick-fix. They are only a part of a lifestyle change in managing osteoarthritis. "In our culture we have this problem, we have this pill. In other cultures it's a combination of herbs," said Dugliss. But herbs, without proper diet, are ineffective, he added.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE

The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian

Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE

The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month, Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-1288. They also meet 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 F. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

ADULT ADD

The Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft), Northville. Call (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

ANXIETY DISORDER

Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

DEC. 1-DEC. 19

DIABETES CLASSES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes," a series of classes on self-care and management of diabetes 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Series cost is \$100, or \$90 for people 55 and over. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

MON, DEC. 4

NUTRITION

Juice PLUS+ of Michigan will sponsor a panel discussion on "The Relationship between Nutrition and Disease" 7 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington. Dr. David Villanueva and other panel members will discuss building your immune system, reducing your risk of cancer and heart disease, and attaining your ideal weight. Admission is free. Call Pauline Brandenburg at (734) 591-6432 or Denise Carlson at (734) 425-8454.

DEC. 4, 7 & 11

COOKING CLASSES

Start a journey to good health through whole foods cooking classes with Macro Val 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 (Christmas goodies), 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 (fun foods), and 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 (Christmas dinner). Located at 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City. All classes \$20. Contact Val at (734) 261-2856 or MacroVal@cs.com.

WED, DEC. 6

BABYSITTER CLASS

A course for those 12 and over who will be babysitting independently will be offered 6-9 p.m. at Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Topic include home safety, first aid and child care. Cost is \$20 Registration required. Call (877) 345-5500.

MON, DEC. 11

COLD & FLU

Dr. Alex Tomko of Michigan Specific Chiropractic, located at 7276 N. Sheldon Road in Canton, will give a complimentary "cold and flu" lecture 7-8 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 416-2442.

DEC. 12 & DEC. 14

HO, HO, HO STRESS-BUSTER

Come and get your daily dose of laughter at two Henry Ford Health System seminars: "Laughter: It's Your Best Medicine" 10-11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 and "Laughing Your

Way Through a Stressful Day" 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Seminars take place in the Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, conference rooms 3 and 4, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. No cost. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 982-8384.

THURS, DEC. 14

SKIING CONDITIONING

Oakland Physical Therapy will present "Get Conditioned For Skiing" 7 p.m. at Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite B124, Novi. No charge. RSVP required. Call (248) 380-3550.

MON, DEC. 18

ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Canton will conduct a workshop on "asthma and allergies" 7-8 p.m. This is a complimentary workshop and seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. The clinic is located at 7276 N. Sheldon Road. Call (734) 416-2442

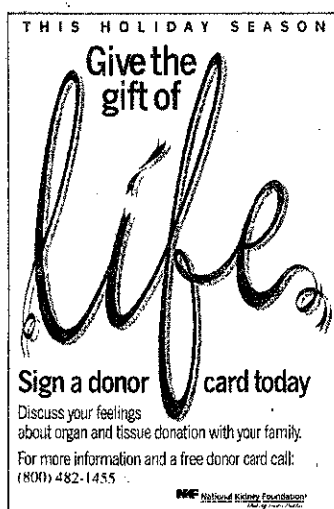
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GIFT OF LIFE

These days, you do not have to leave home to give great gifts during the holiday season — you just have to pick up the phone or get online. But, giving the most important gift of all — the gift of life — has always been easy.

As part of its annual Holiday Resolution Campaign, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is encouraging residents to get into the spirit of the holiday season by signing a donor card or signing the back of their driver's license.

"The holiday season is about giving and spending time with family. It is also a perfect time to discuss organ and tissue donation, since family consent is needed at the time of donation," says Dan Carney, president and CEO of NKFM.



"Making a decision to donate organs is a generous, selfless act and reflects the true spirit of the season."

More than 70,000 Americans are

currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants, and nearly one in 10 of them is a person under 18 years of age. Every day, 16 of these people die while waiting for a vital organ. In Michigan alone, more than 2,500 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant, including 1,700 waiting for a kidney.

If more people donated organs, those in need would spend less time on the waiting list and more lives would be saved. An estimated 10,000 to 14,000 people who die each year meet criteria for organ donation, but less than half become actual donors.

The NKFM is dedicated to increasing the number of organs available for transplantation and enhancing the lives of donor families and transplant recipients. For more information and a free organ donor card, call the NKFM at (800) 482-1455.

Keep eyes safe at holidays with precautions

This, the holiday season, is a time for family, fun, and festivity. As part of Safe Toys and Celebrations Month, the American Academy of Ophthalmology — the Eye M.D. Association — offers suggestions to keep the holidays safe and healthy:

— Select only toys and gifts appropriate for the child's age and maturity level. Avoid toys with sharp, protruding or projectile parts and check labels for American Society for Testing and Materials approval to be sure toys meet national safety standards.

— Consider carefully before giving BB, paint or pellet guns

or

air-powered rifles as gifts. They are classified as firearms and should not be considered toys. Darts, as well as bows and arrows, can also be dangerous.

— If giving sports equipment, make sure to include the appropriate protective headgear such as helmets, facemasks or goggles with polycarbonate lenses. Participating in sports such as basketball, baseball, football and hockey, without appropriate protection, can lead to serious eye injuries.

— Be careful around Christmas trees. Branches and needles can be hazardous to eyes. Be

especially careful untying the tree when you first bring it home. The branches can quickly burst forward, easily hitting and injuring an eye.

— Bring on the bubbly, but watch the corks. Make sure champagne corks are pointed away from anybody's face when opening the bottle. And of course, don't drink and drive.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is the world's largest association of Eye M.D.s — eye physicians and surgeons — with more than 26,000 members. For more information on eye health and safety, visit www.eyenet.org

Heavy meals may trigger heart attacks

An unusually heavy meal may increase the risk of heart attack by about four times within two hours after eating, according to a study presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2000.

Researchers say this finding indicates that eating a heavy meal may act as a trigger for heart attack in much the same way as extreme physical exertion and outbursts of anger might — especially in someone who has heart disease.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that overeating by itself has been shown to increase the risk of heart attacks," says lead author Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, a cardiology fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. The researchers questioned 1,986 male and female patients about the meals they had eaten just prior to their

heart attacks. Of these, 158 had consumed a self-described heavy meal within 26 hours beforehand, and 25 had eaten a big meal during a two-hour "hazard period" preceding the attacks. The time of day when the meal was eaten had no apparent effect on the association.

While the study data covered the 26-hour period before the onset of heart attacks, Lopez-Jimenez says the most critical time was the two hours immediately preceding the onset of heart attack symptoms.

There are several ways that a heavy meal can adversely affect the heart. Eating and digesting food releases many hormones into the bloodstream. Those substances increase the heart rate and blood pressure, and may increase the substances that help form clots. The temporary rise in blood

pressure increases the oxygen requirements and creates an extra burden on the heart. High blood pressure may also rupture cholesterol plaques in the arterial wall, triggering the formation of a clot that can block a blood vessel, triggering a heart attack or stroke.

Another mechanism could be that a high-fat meal impairs the function of the endothelium, the inner lining of the arteries, by a direct effect of fatty acids and other fats in the bloodstream. The rise in insulin after a large meal may also affect the inner lining of the blood vessels that lead to the heart. An increase in insulin levels in the blood decreases the normal relaxation of the coronary arteries.

The information contained in this American Heart Association (AHA) Web site is not a substitute for medical advice.

DONATE YOUR CAR

More than 3,000 Michigan residents are giving thanks. They are thankful because they received a life-saving kidney transplant. But there are still over 1,700 people in Michigan waiting for a kidney transplant.

Car donors, however, can help in a different way. They can donate a car, truck, motorcycle or boat through the Kidney Cars Program and join in the fight against kidney disease.

A majority of the proceeds from the donation help fund programs and services for kidney

patients in local communities.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan benefits from the donation of each vehicle. In Michigan alone, there are more than 8,700 patients on dialysis and more than 1,700 waiting life-saving kidney transplants. Through programs in research,

patient services, organ donation, professional education and public information, the Foundation brings help and hope to thousands of Michigan residents.

Donating a vehicle is completely free. Vehicles must have their titles. For more information, call (800) 488-CARS (2277).

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HIP PAIN

Most people when asked to identify their hip, will point to the outside part of their leg. The hip joint consists of the head of the hip bone and the socket of the pelvis. The site if this union is in the groin, so that hip arthritis pain shows itself as groin pain. As a result, your first response to hip pain may be a concern that you have a hernia.

You can identify that your hip has arthritis by crossing your legs. If your groin pain comes from a bad hip you will not be able to cross that leg without much discomfort. In contrast, if your groin pain comes from a different cause, you will have no trouble crossing your legs.

Your doctor can diagnose hip arthritis by the location of the pain and by the mobility of the joint. Often, he can identify the arthritis by the way you walk, as your gait attempts to protect the irritable hip joint. However, you still need x-rays to reveal the extent of your arthritis.

Management of your hip pain depends on how much good joint remains. If involvement is advanced, then nothing less than surgery is the treatment of choice. If the arthritis is early in its development, then pain medication, but not narcotics, may suffice. In most instances the usual anti-inflammatory arthritic drugs are of limited value since the body's weight upon the hips leaves scant chance of repair.

Maintaining exercise is important to keep the leg muscles strong, prevent osteoporosis, and to speed rehabilitation when the day comes for hip replacement.

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1999-2000 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certifying a General Fund revenue reduction totaling \$33,981,431, certification of Special Revenue totaling \$33,981,431, and certification of Capital Projects revenue of \$8,527,567;
2. Certifying additional revenue in the amount of \$3,326,815; the proposed amendment results in increased revenue to the General Fund totaling \$3,326,815 for Third Circuit Court operations; the additional revenue results from \$2,656,965 from the Family Independence Agency; \$226,375 from the Detroit Employment and Training Department; \$397,000 from the Skillman Foundation, and \$47,375 from the Michigan Justice Training Commission;
3. Certifying a decrease in revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,800,000; the proposed amendment results from a decrease in the State Equity revenue, which was certified at \$24.5 million, but actual revenues were \$22.5 million; in addition, the internal administrative charge to the Friend of the Court for Circuit Court administrative functions has been determined to be \$2.0 million not the budgeted \$4.8 million and should be reduced accordingly;
4. Certifying a revenue reduction in the amount of \$558,181; the proposed amendment is the net result of revenue changes in Fund 101 and Fund 102 which total to a net decrease of \$636,250 in Fund 101 and a \$78,069 increase in Fund 102;

all in accordance with budget adjustment Nos. 00-35-219, 00-35-104, 00-35-105 & 106, and 00-35-123.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Building
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Year-end tax strategies for smart investors

PART II

BY GARY KLOTT
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Whether you're thinking about bailing out of a money-losing Internet stock or cashing in profits from a hot mutual fund, timing can have an important impact on your tax return — as well as your investment's return.

• Weeding out losers from your portfolio before year-end can yield extra write-offs for your 2000 income tax return. And waiting until after Dec. 31 to sell profitable investments will postpone the tax another year, and in some cases bring a smaller tax.

To be sure, decisions about whether and when to sell an investment should be based primarily on market considerations. "We don't want taxes to drive the investment side of the equation," said Bruce Wertheim, a senior manager in the personal financial planning practice at the accounting firm of KPMG in New York.

But the tax consequences shouldn't be ignored, either. Careful timing of investment sales can have a significant impact on your after-tax return. And this late in the year, careful timing may mean the difference of only a few weeks.

Selling winners

If you're thinking about cashing in profits from a stock or mutual fund, there is tax incentive to wait until you've owned the shares more than one year. Profits from investments held one year or less are taxed just

like wages at regular rates of up to 39.6 percent. But capital gains from most types of investments held more than one year are taxed at a top rate of only 20 percent (10 percent for investors in the bottom 15-percent tax bracket).

Even if you've owned the shares more than one year, you may find benefit in hanging onto them at least until January — assuming you're confident the market value of your investment will hold up in the interim.

"If you're thinking of selling something, the general advice is to postpone it until next year," said Mark Luscombe, principal federal tax analyst at CCH Inc., a major publisher of legal references for tax professionals.

At the least, waiting until after Dec. 31 to sell will defer the tax for another year, which will leave you with extra cash to invest in the interim.

For many middle- and lower-income investors, waiting until next year to sell investments held more than five years will also mean a lower capital gains rate.

Under a tax law change that becomes effective next year, individuals in the 15-percent tax bracket will pay capital gains tax at a rate of 8 percent, instead of 10 percent, on investments held more than five years.

"It's not much of a rate differential, but if you have a large enough paper gain, it may make sense to defer that gain until next year," said Bob Trinz, an editor at RIA in New York, a publisher of tax references for accountants and lawyers.

He gave the example of an

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investor in the 15-percent tax bracket who has a profit of \$12,000 on a stock owned more than five years. If that investor sold the shares this year, the investor would pay \$1,200 tax on the capital gain. But if the investor waited until next year to sell, the tax would be only \$960, a savings of \$240.

A similar capital gains rate reduction will eventually apply to higher-income investors — but not for quite a few years. If you're in a tax bracket higher than 15 percent, you'll be eligible for an 18-percent capital gains rate, rather than 20 percent, for investments that are acquired on or after Jan. 1, 2001, and then held more five years.

Wedding out losers

If you're among the millions of investors who took a beating in the stock market this year, there is incentive to look through your portfolio for money-losing investments that you no longer have faith in. Dumping the losers before the end of the year can reduce your 2000 tax bill.

Your losses can be used to offset tax on any capital gains you have, plus up to \$3,000 of other income, such as salary from your job. (Any excess losses can be carried forward for use in a future year.)

The losses will be most valu-

able if you're able to use them to offset short-term capital gains (investments held one year or less) or other income subject to tax at regular rates of up to 39.6 percent.

The losses could turn out to be even more valuable if you're bordering on the income-eligibility limits for a valuable tax break. Some of the most valuable benefits created by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 — including the child tax credit, the student loan deduction, the Hope and Lifetime college tuition credits and the Roth IRA — are phased out for taxpayers with "adjusted gross incomes" above certain levels. Capital losses will reduce your adjusted gross income.

Paper losses

What if you have a big paper loss in a stock, but you're optimistic of a turnaround?

That question is likely to be relevant to millions of investors who are sitting on large losses in technology stocks but who haven't given up hope for a comeback.

It might seem a valuable strategy to sell the shares now so that you can write off the losses on your 2000 tax return and then immediately buy replacement shares to maintain your investment position in case the stock goes back up.

Unfortunately, the tax law places strict restrictions on such tax-motivated swapping.

Under what is known as the "wash-sale" rule, the IRS won't permit you to deduct losses from the sale of a stock if you buy shares in the same stock within 30 days of the sale.

Of course, one option is to cash in your losses and then wait the 30 days before reinvesting in the stock. The risk is that the stock will rebound within the 30-day period.

Another option is to immediately reinvest your money in a similar stock. You can avoid the 30-day wash-sale restriction by investing in a security that wouldn't be considered "substantially identical" to the one being sold.

For example, say you want to cash in losses on an Internet stock, but you're optimistic that the dot-com sector will soon come roaring back. You could sell your Internet stock and immediately reinvest in a different Internet stock without running afoul of the wash-sale rule.

Or if you're taking a loss on mutual fund shares, you could avoid the wash-sale restriction by buying replacement shares in a different fund with a similar investment philosophy.

Excess losses

If your capital losses this year exceed your capital gains by more than \$3,000, look at your profitable investments to see if any might be worth selling to take advantage of the extra losses.

By selling some profitable stocks before the end of the year,

you can use your excess losses to make those gains tax-free.

Designating shares

If you plan to sell part of your holdings in a particular stock or mutual fund, you may want to instruct your broker or fund manager which specific shares to unload.

If the shares were purchased at different times and different prices, which shares you choose to get rid of can make a big difference in your tax bill.

If you simply tell your broker or fund manager how many shares you want to sell without specifying any particular shares, the IRS will make you assume on your tax return that the first shares you bought were the first shares sold. If your shares have steadily risen in value, this "first-in, first-out" method will usually result in the biggest taxable gain possible since the shares presumed sold would be those acquired at the lowest price. (Mutual fund investors also usually have the option of using an averaging method that can result in a smaller tax than the first-in, first-out method. But averaging isn't as favorable as designating specific shares.)

To minimize your taxable gain, you'd generally want to instruct your broker or mutual fund to sell the shares you acquired at the highest prices.

But when deciding which shares to sell, you'll also need to take into account how long the shares have been held since lower capital gains rates apply to shares held more than one year. — 2000 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New PR director

FCS Advertising and Marketing of Livonia has named Tracy Lark vice president, director of public relations. Lark,



Lark

formerly the corporate director of communication for Hospice of Michigan, will oversee the development of public relations programs for the FCS's clients.

Executive award

The Credit Union Executives Society has named Dorothy I. Nouhan, president and CEO of Auburn Hills-based USA Feder-

al Credit Union, which has a branch office in Plymouth, the 2000 CUES Executive of the Year. Nouhan has been at the firm since 1966, hired initially as accounting manager.

Jewelers award

Two employees of Orin Jewelers, Inc. in Garden City recently received professional recogni-

tion. Maria Buffone was awarded the title of Registered Jeweler by the American Gem Society. This award is achieved through advanced professional training, gemological courses and annual examinations.

The Jewelers of America awarded Jack Snow the designation of JA Certified Master Bench Jeweler. Snow, who has

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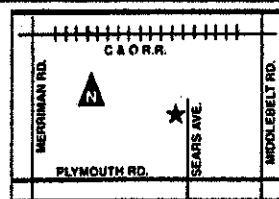
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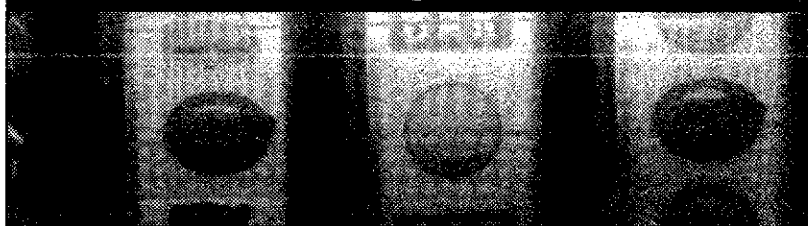
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Vascular screening may save your life

A 10-minute vascular screening can help avoid a stroke.

Life Line Screening, the largest mobile vascular screening service and preventative health education company in the United States, enables you to have yourself checked for indications of vascular disease or osteoporosis. This is very important since a physician typically cannot order an ultrasound evaluation on someone who has no symptoms of vascular disease or osteoporosis.

Life Line Screening will be at the Brighton Community Center, 555 Brighton Street, Brighton, Thursday, Dec. 14. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-407-4557. Officials will conduct the following screenings:

■ **Carotid vascular test** scans the carotid arteries in the neck for plaque build-up. Nearly 75 percent of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage.

■ **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test** scans the abdomen to determine the existence of an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

■ **Ankle Brachial Index test**

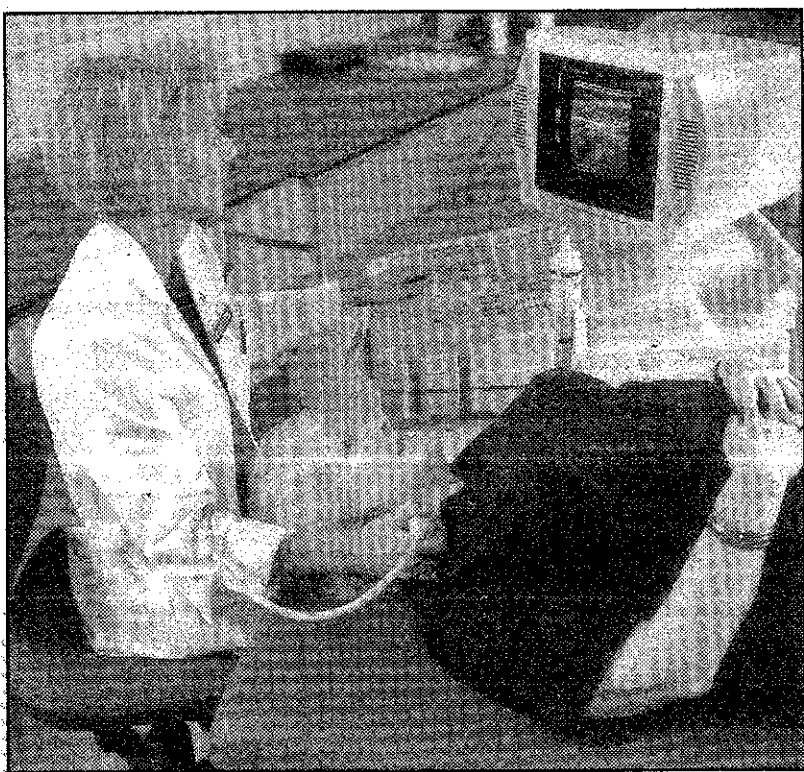
screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities, which indicates a higher risk of coronary artery disease.

■ **Osteoporosis Screening test** involves an ultrasound of the heel to determine abnormal bone mass density in women over the age of 45.

Individual tests cost \$35; a complete vascular screening (all three tests) is \$95. Women signing up for all three vascular tests will receive a \$10 discount off osteoporosis screening. At the present time, Medicare does not cover the cost of these screening procedures.

Test results are reviewed and confirmed by a board certified physician before being mailed to you within 10-12 business days. A diagnostic test using similar equipment may range in cost from \$300-\$700 when used in a hospital setting.

If a significant finding is noted through the screening process, take the report to your physician, who can then order further testing. Life Line Screening does not replace your doctor.



Life Line Screening

Five easy ways to prevent constipation

Although there are many products on the market that can relieve constipation, it's a condition that is easy for most people to prevent. Here are five tips to keep your digestive system running smoothly. They can also help if you're already constipated:

1. Eat fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and bran to get 20 to 35 grams of fiber a day. Add fiber to your diet gradually to prevent bloating and gas pain. One bowl of bran can meet one-third of your daily fiber needs. Don't peel fruits and vegetables. The skin offers a lot of fiber. Try to eat vegetables raw. When you do cook vegetables, have them still be firm to the bite.

2. Stay away from rich desserts and sweets, which contain a lot of refined sugars and can cause constipation.

3. Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of fluid a day. Water is preferred, but fruit and veg-

etable juices are fine.

4. Exercise every day. A 20- to 30-minute walk is often enough to keep you regular.

5. Don't ignore the urge to have a bowel movement, and allow enough time to have one.

If you're already constipated, in addition to diet and exercise, you may want to try a laxative. It's important to talk with your doctor first. Laxatives can be habit-forming and may cause some health risks if used often. There are two herbs, senna and cascara, that have laxative effects and can help with milder cases of constipation. Children, pregnant women, and women who are breast-feeding should avoid taking these herbs.

If constipation is not relieved within a few days, contact your doctor. Constipation can sometimes be a sign of a more serious health condition.

Reprinted from the fall issue of "About Your Health," a St. Mary Mercy Hospital publication.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING: December 13, 2000
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,
42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request for a Use Subject to Special Conditions for Outdoor Storage, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The property is located on the west side of General Dr., south of Ann Arbor Road and north of Joy Road. Tax ID No. 062-01-0003-503, Application No. 1643/1000. Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or call (734) 453-8131 Ext. 37. Written comments will be accepted prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary,
Planning Commission

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Heart institute continues to make strides

Several innovations launched by Botsford General Hospital's Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care have led to a steady improvement in patient care and a decline in their length of stay at the hospital.

Physicians at the Institute, which has the distinction of being the first freestanding transplant evaluation center in the world, have developed new ways of managing heart failure. Furthermore, in the three years since the Institute became a part of Botsford, it has been caring for about 40 patients who have undergone heart transplantation.

It is this stature as a dynamic center for cardiovascular health that has made the Institute attractive to patients throughout the state.

■ **'Our role has been to bring a state-of-the-art heart failure and transplant program to the facility.'**

Dr. Barry Levine
—cardiologist

"Our role has been to bring a state-of-the-art heart failure and transplant program to the facility," said Dr. Barry Levine, a cardiologist and director of the Institute. "As part of this mission, we train physicians and fellows to become heart failure specialists."

A form of treatment known as "intravenous inotropic therapy" is being used for outpatients as well. (Inotropic therapy uses medications that stimulate an

injured or weakened heart to pump harder. These drugs increase the force of the heart muscle's contractions and relax constricted blood vessels so blood can flow more smoothly. Inotropic therapy may also speed up the heart's rhythm.)

Previously, this therapy was used only on in-patients. More than a dozen outpatients have been successfully followed with this treatment. The results will be detailed in an upcoming issue of the peer-reviewed medical journal, Clinical Cardiology.

Levine, who has held academic appointments at such presti-

gious public universities as the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota, publishes prolifically in the area of cardiology.

Levine manages the Institute with Dr. Arlene Levine, another cardiologist who also is his wife.

The Institutes accomplishments have attracted the attention of many, including the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Michigan State University.

For more information about the Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care, please call (248) 615-7480.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that current dog licenses will expire on December 31, 2000. To obtain a license you must present a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate that is valid during the next license period. The 2001 license will expire December 31, 2001.

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\$5.00 per dog/Purchased before December 31, 2000
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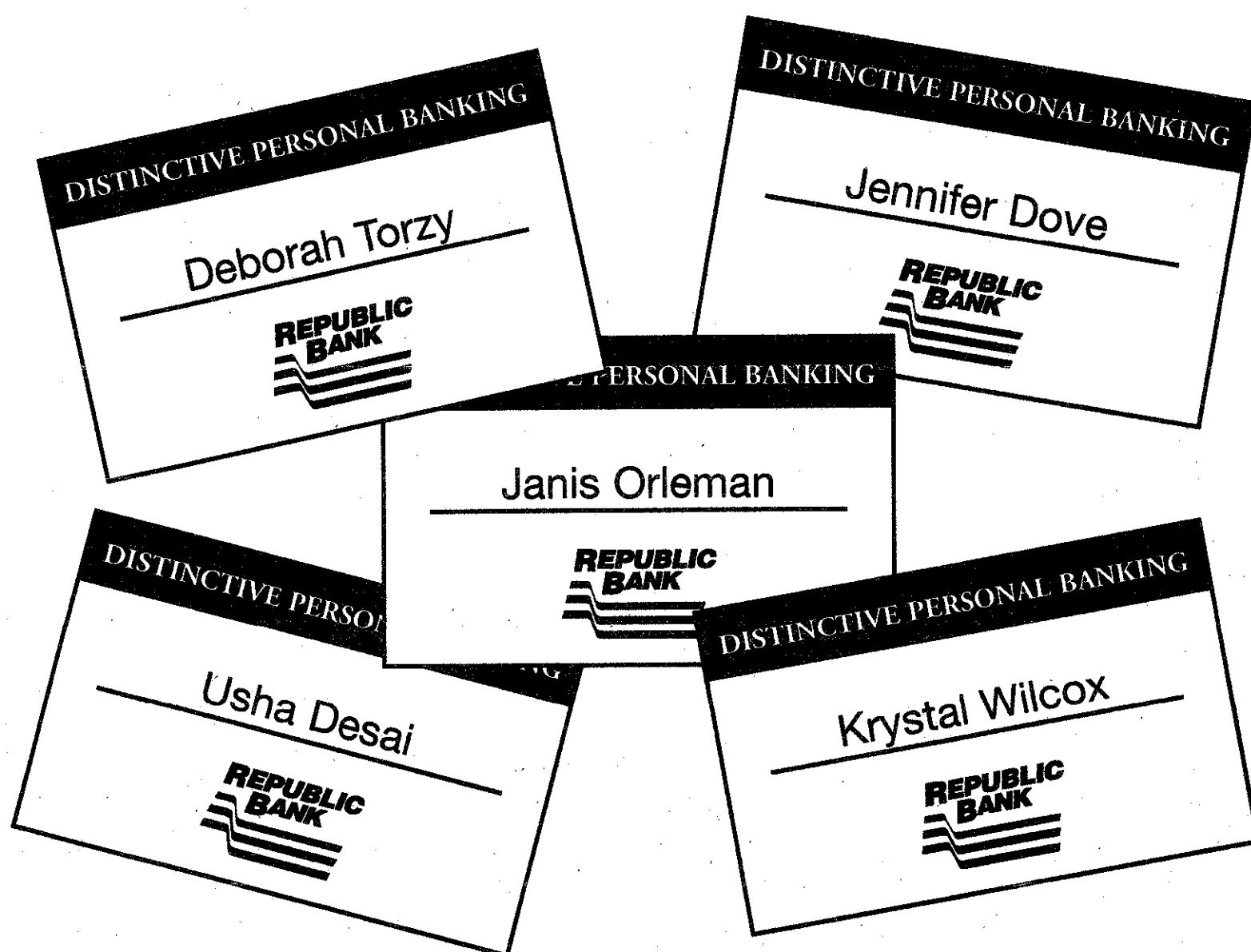
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New Homes & Real Estate

Sunday, December 3, 2000

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An office move demands planning, organization and communication. Hiring a professional move coordinator is a good start.

Tell employees of the move several months before the anticipated move date. Send announcement cards to customers and prospects two to three weeks before the actual move date. Too much notice can confuse customers. Include a reminder with invoices the first month after the move.

Each department should designate a team leader. This gives employees a place to go for move information.

Hire qualified movers. A professional move coordinator will handle this.

What makes and breaks a move is the "pinch points," such as the number of exits and entries, loading dock facilities, elevators, steps and stairways. Bring all prospective moving companies in for a walk through. They will all see the same things and benefit from the questions and answers.

Your technology vendor can advise you on moving specialized equipment, telephones and larger computer systems. As systems increase in sophistication and importance to you, so should the time you spend on their move.

Once a floor plan is finalized, give each area a name.

Boxes, tape, and labels should be readily available. Signs for the movers and employees at the new location are helpful.

Make lunch available on moving day to minimize the frustration of a disrupted workplace. Some companies place candy on each desk on move day as a way of saying thanks for helping with the move.

William Doyle III is a partner specializing in real estate at Plante & Moran. He is managing partner of Plante & Moran's new Auburn Hills office.

Attention to detail is theme for new homes

Luxury and attention to detail highlight Dourdan Place of Bloomfield in Bloomfield Township.

Two builders - BRG Custom Homes and Brody Homes - join forces to build 16 homes in the platted community off Hickory Grove a quarter mile east of Woodward.

They will build common plans on an alternating basis. However, both Gerald Brody and Louis M. Beaudet acknowledge that they expect much customizing at a price point starting at nearly \$860,000.

"Either they can select one of the seven plans we've handpicked, or we can take the plans, extrapolate and do something else," Beaudet said. "We can bring them to an architect to help design a special one-of-a-kind home for them or they can bring their architect to us."

"A homeowner at this price has certain things they like to include. We indulge them. We're glad to do it," he added.

A team building effort is one way to give upper scale buyers what they really want.

"Given the ultra-custom product, we know to do justice, build quality, you just can't blast through," Brody said. "They require a tremendous amount of handholding."

Dourdan Place, formerly a large estate with an original Albert Kahn-designed home, has easy access to Woodward and Telegraph roads and the freeways.

"The location is prominent to all things people look for - close to shopping, downtown Birmingham, Cranbrook schools," said Diane L. D'Agostino, director of sales and marketing for Brody.

"Public schools are good, obviously, in Bloomfield Hills," she said. "Whether you send your kids to private or public schools here, it's a win-win situation."

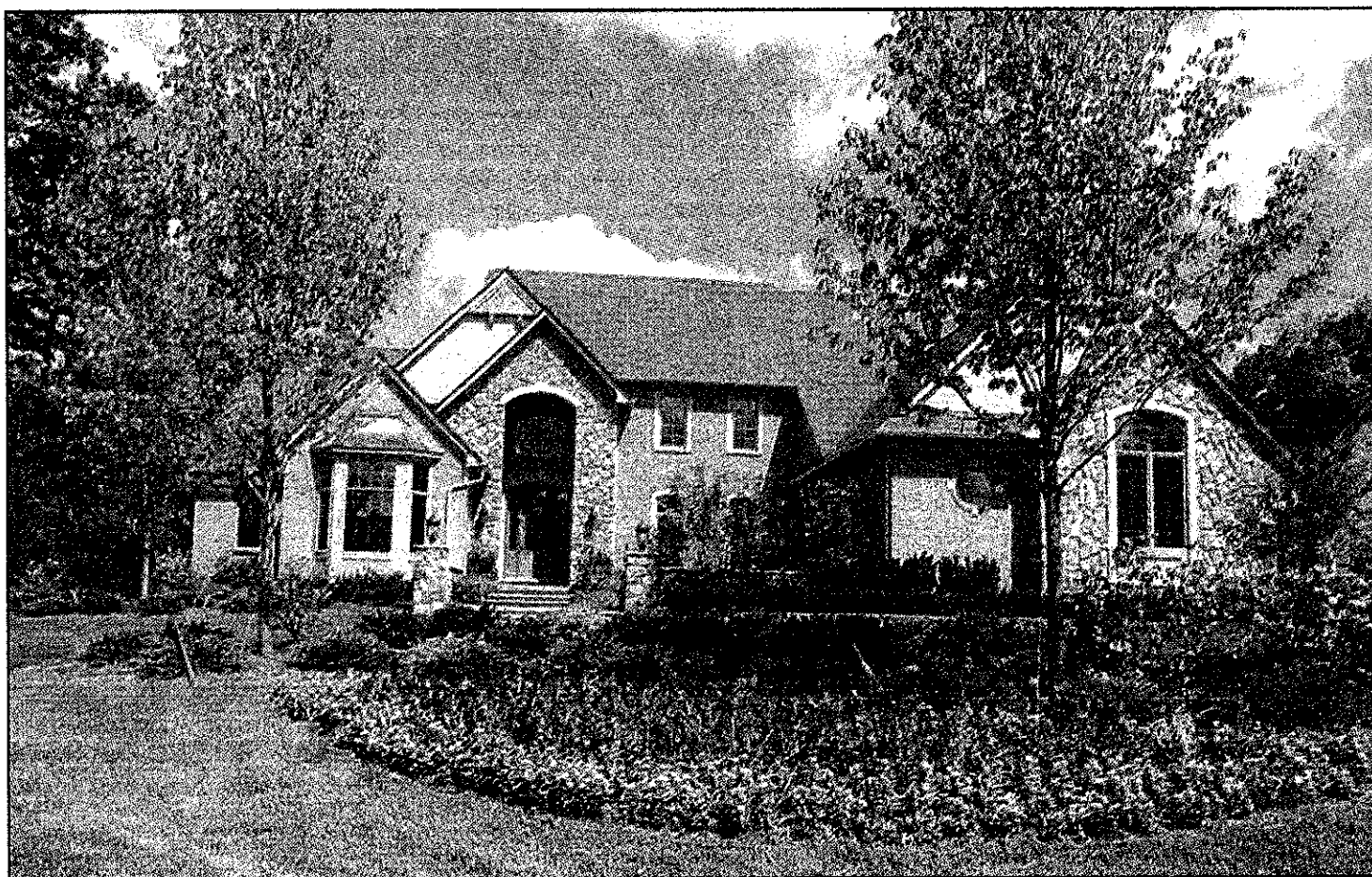
"It's a beautiful site here, itself, with eight walk-outs," Brody added.

Strict architectural controls - minimum size of 3,500 square feet, no aluminum or vinyl siding and no duplication of exterior elevations - are in effect.

Lots are 1/2- to 3/4-acre in size.

The homes range in price from \$859,900 for a colonial of 3,122 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$1.06 million for a story-and-a-half of 4,392 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

All include three-car garage, air conditioning, fireplace, first-floor laundry,



Luxury: Custom designed homes like this at Dourdan Place in Bloomfield Township will feature all kinds of amenities.

energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters, basements with nine-foot ceilings and eight-foot doors on the main floor.

BRG/Brody-built houses at Dourdan also will feature wood, stone or ceramic flooring in the foyer, hallway, kitchen/nook and baths; microwave, oven, cooktop and dishwasher in the kitchen; a jet tub and separate shower in the master suite; and dimensional shingles on the roof.

A cabinet/ counter allowance of at least \$35,000 and a light fixture allowance of \$1 per square foot also will be available to buyers.

"Attention to detail is so tremendous," D'Agostino said. "That's what the buyer in this area is looking for."

"When people come in, they sense a quality," Brody said. "They can't put their finger on it, but they sense it as they open and look."

The model, a spec home, is the largest and priciest.

The Monet features staircases off the foyer and the back side of the home, the kitchen/laundry area. A bridge upstairs overlooks the family room

with two-story ceiling.

The dining room contains carpeting laid within a wood floor and coffered ceiling. The kitchen/nook with island and walk-in pantry is accentuated by a hearth room with a two-way fireplace to the great room.

The library has wainscot paneling, cathedral ceiling and architectural trusses.

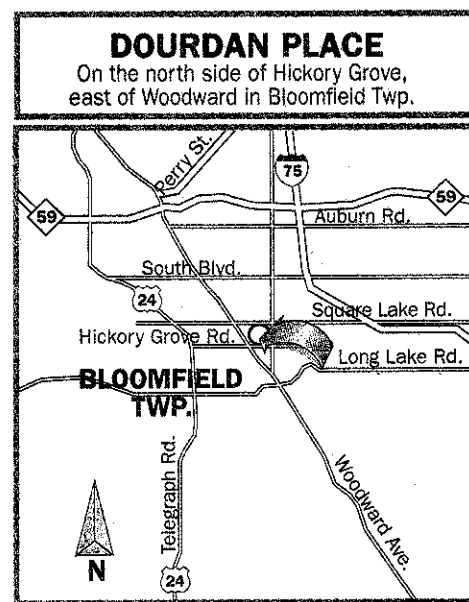
The master contains recessed lights and indirect lighting, two separate vanities, one with make-up area, walk-in closet, compartmentalized commode and lots of marble.

One half bath is situated off the laundry area, the other off the foyer.

Three bedrooms are upstairs, two sharing a jack-and-jill bath. The other bedroom has its own bath with shower.

Dourdan Place is serviced by city water and sewers. There are no side-walks.

The property tax rate is \$32.26 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$950,000 house there would pay about \$15,350 the first year.



The sales model at Dourdan Place is open 1-5 p.m. weekends and by appointment. Call Kathy Wilson at (248) 642-0002.

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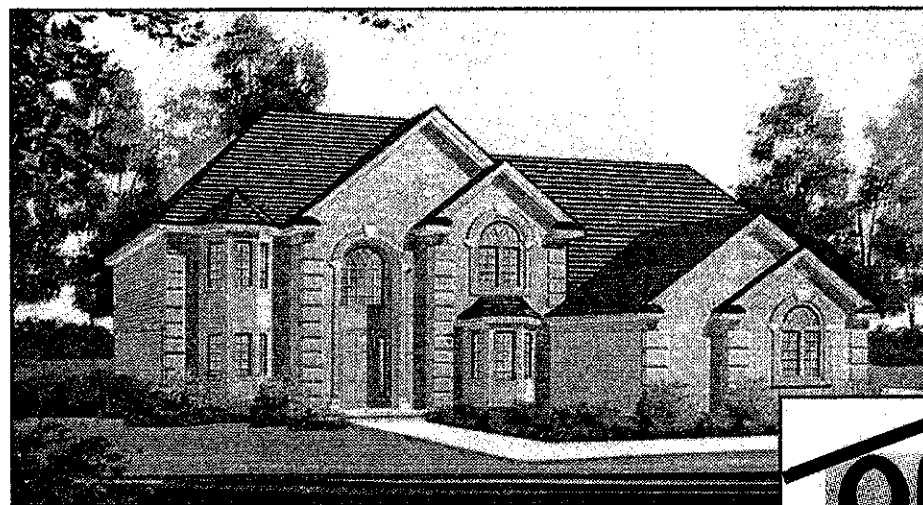


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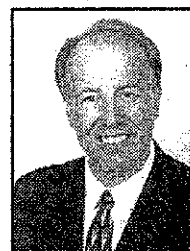


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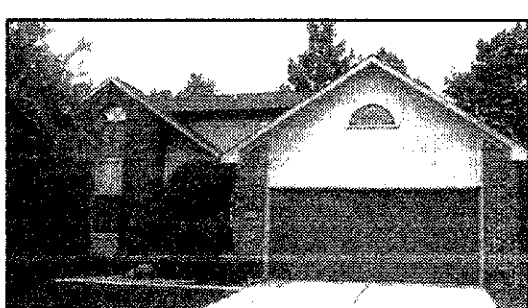
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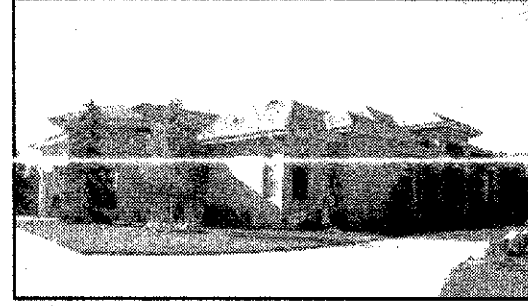
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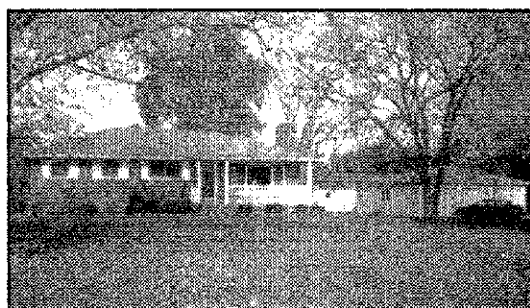
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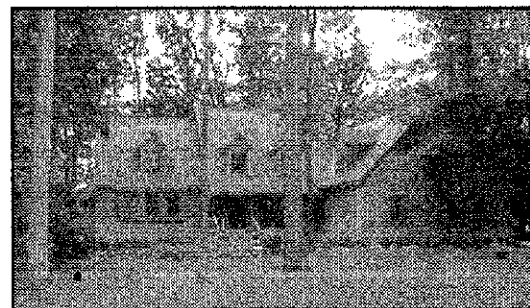
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A large rambler with three dormers, a large three-car garage and many extras would begin to describe the Pacifica (409-43).

The home has a total of 3,324

square feet.

The garage contains 1,113 square feet of space with storage in the rear and one bay longer than the others, ideal for a travel trailer to be stored.

A covered porch protects the entry into the Pacifica and also projects the feeling of turn-of-the-century comfort.

The vaulted entry gives the option of going to the right into a

swing room or the utility area or going left into the living/dining rooms. Guests would find the vaulted living/dining rooms open, with only a small half-wall to separate them.

There is a skylight in the dining area for extra light.

To the right of this spacious set of rooms are the walk-through kitchen, nook and family room.

There is an island in the kitchen with a pantry and the ovens on one side and the sink facing the nook on the other. For convenience, the area over the sink has been left open for the serving of food and the collecting of dishes.

Across the vaulted nook and family rooms are more skylights, a patio door opening out to the back yard and a large picture window to enjoy the view. A gas fireplace is on the right side of the family room.

A huge utility has been strategically placed in the Pacifica, off the garage. It has a washer/dryer, freezer, forced air unit, built-in ironing board and a laundry chute. Off this room is a

full bath with an oversized shower, making the utility a mud-room, if needed.

The entire left side of the Pacifica is dedicated to the luxurious master suite.

There are a set of French doors opening to the side for access to a future deck. Other features include two extra large walk-in closets, a vanity, a linen closet, an oversized custom shower and a corner spa tub to melt away the day's stress. A skylight, glass blocks, and two large windows bathe this area with light.

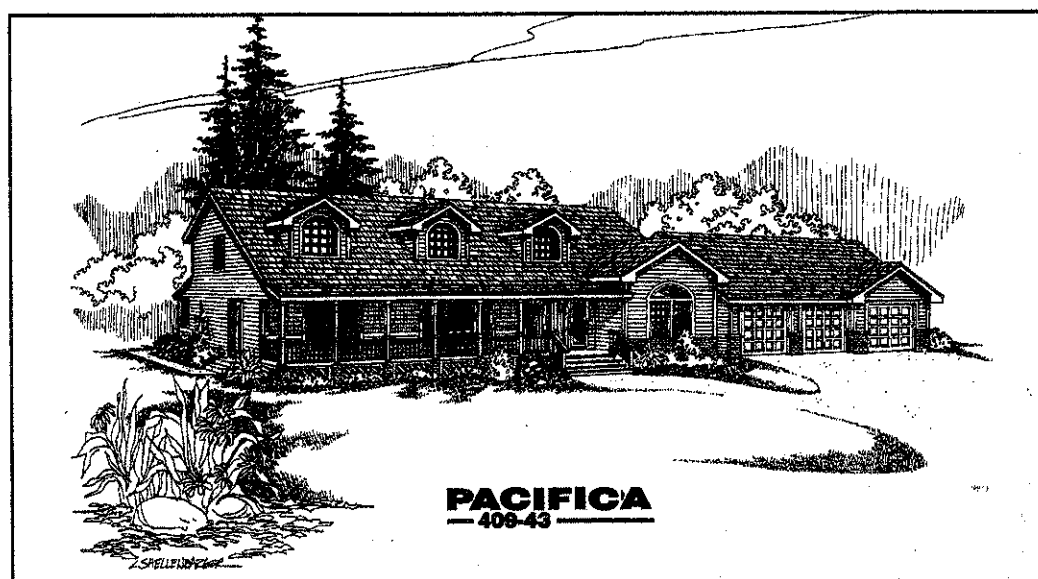
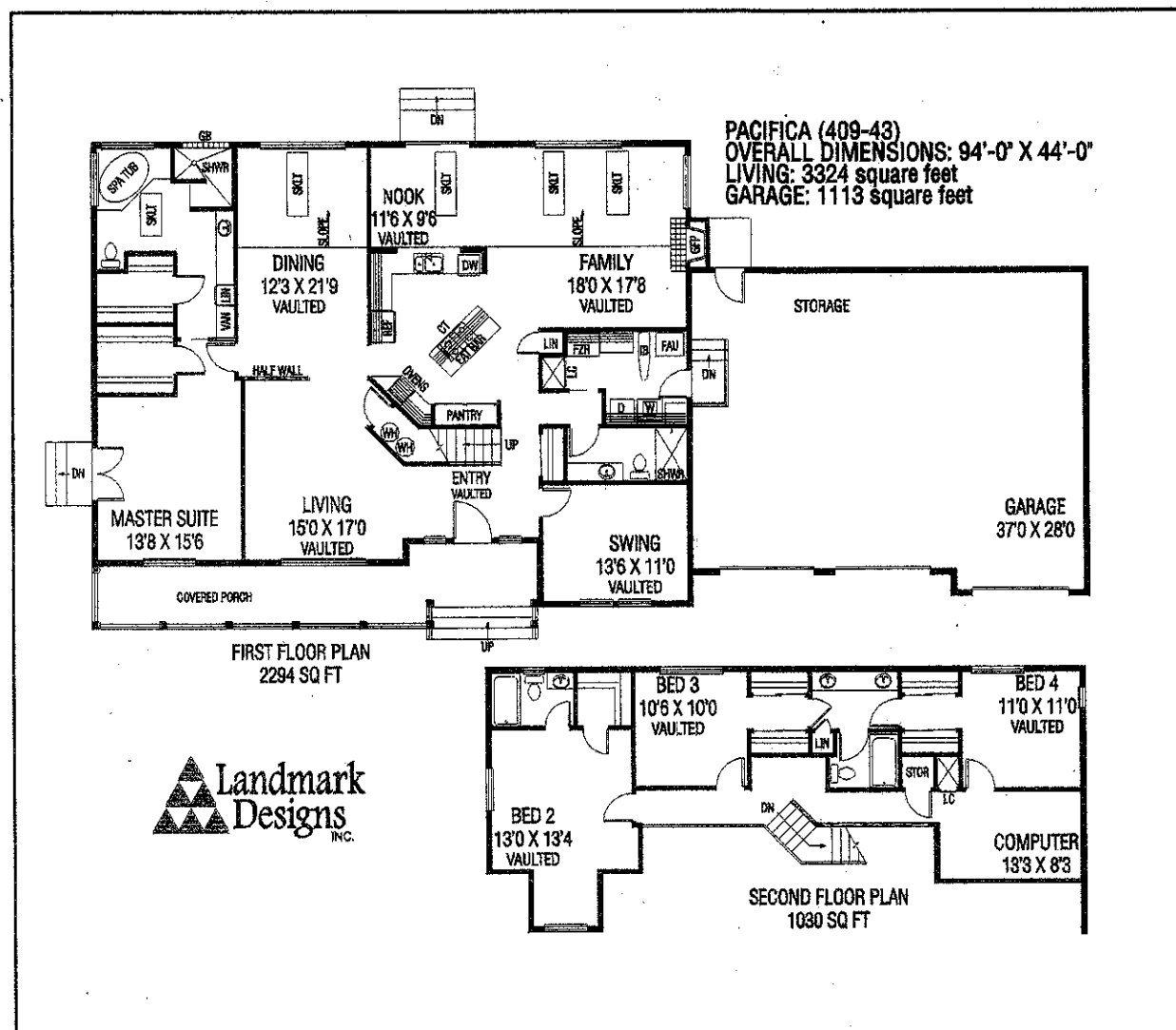
Upstairs are three more bedrooms, two baths, and a computer/study room.

Bedroom two is the largest with a private bath and a walk-in closet. Bedrooms three and four have two wall closets each, and share a common bath with

dual sinks, a tub, and a linen closet. A storage closet and a laundry chute are in the hall. The computer room is easily accessible by all three bedrooms and makes a great place for studying.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Pacifica) and the number (409-43). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$14.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95.

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What do do when power shuts down

(PRNewswire) - With winter winds upon Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Edison recommends that its customers prepare for winter storms and the unavoidable power outages they may bring.

But before customers call the utility to restore electric service, they should check fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses when a power outage occurs. If your electrical system is intact, determine the extent of the outage by checking to see whether neighbors also have a problem.

Report power outages and downed power lines by calling Detroit Edison on (800) 477-4747.

Detroit Edison offers the following suggestions for coping with a power outage while the utility works to restore electric service following a major winter storm.

Assemble an emergency kit that is easily accessible. It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food. In addition, keep a corded or cell phone on hand because a cordless telephone needs electricity to operate.

Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. For safety, always store fuel in a dry place away from the house.

Check to see if your blanket supply is adequate for extended outages and secure a supply of cardboard. In an emergency, blankets and cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss.

Stay at least 10 feet away

from a downed power line and anything with which it's in contact, especially metal fences. Treat every downed power line as live.

Don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

A fuel-burning heater - such as kerosene - requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.

Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source. Turn off or unplug all appliances to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

If using a portable generator, disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.

During low-voltage conditions - when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller - shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

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According to Keith Paul, president of HandyPro Handyman Service in Plymouth, gutter maintenance in fall can eliminate many potential problems during the cold months.

As long as it's above freezing, go at it. But be careful on the ladder.

"Most people spend a lot of time putting away lawn furniture, changing their furnace filters or making

sure their windows are sealed with weather stripping, but they neglect to clean and check the gutters," Paul said.

"If the home's gutters are full of leaves and debris, aren't properly aligned or have leaks in the seams, it could cause problems when the winter snows melt in spring," he said.

Paul suggests the following maintenance tips:

- Clean leaves and other debris from the inside of the gutters, and make sure the holes going to the downspout are clear to allow water to run freely.
- If you have lots of trees around

your home, consider putting screen over the gutters to keep leaves out.

- Check the seams in the gutters and downspouts for leaks. If the seams are leaking, clean the seam with a wire brush to remove old caulk or adhesive and recaulk with a silicone caulk.
- Make sure the downspouts drain far enough away from the home to avoid puddles in the grass. Buy downspout extensions to help the water drain farther from the home, if necessary.
- Check the gutters to make sure they're aligned properly to allow water flow to the downspouts. If they aren't properly aligned, reposition them to increase the water flow toward the downspouts.

Properly working gutters allow water to drain quickly and away from the house, which helps alleviate the potential for ice dams building up and causing roof leaks.

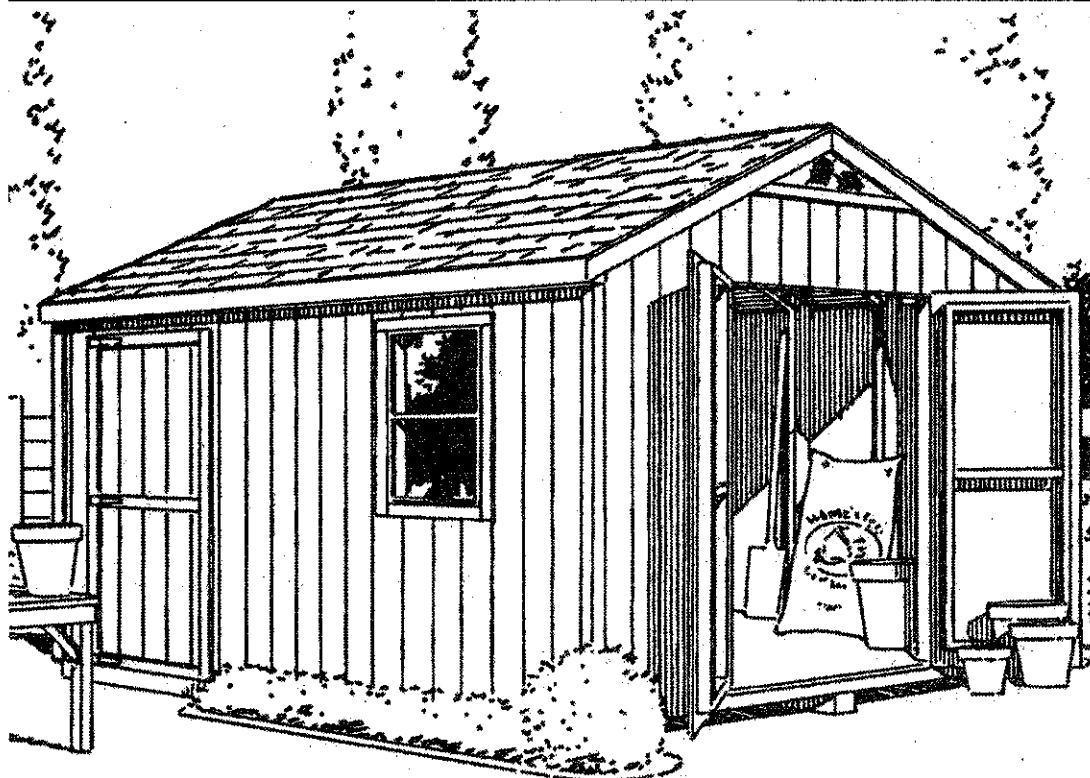
Paul added that gutters that don't leak also make sure that water doesn't drip on the porch or sidewalk, which could then freeze and cause someone to slip and fall.

"Many homeowners, especially senior citizens, aren't comfortable climbing on their roof to clean or fix their gutters, and we get a lot of calls during this time of year to handle people's gutter maintenance or to replace the gutters," Paul said.

"It's better to have a professional service do it rather than risk an injury if someone falls off a ladder or a roof."

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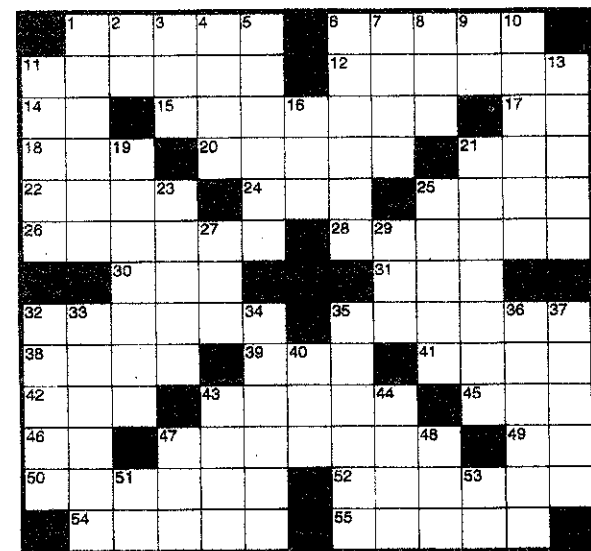
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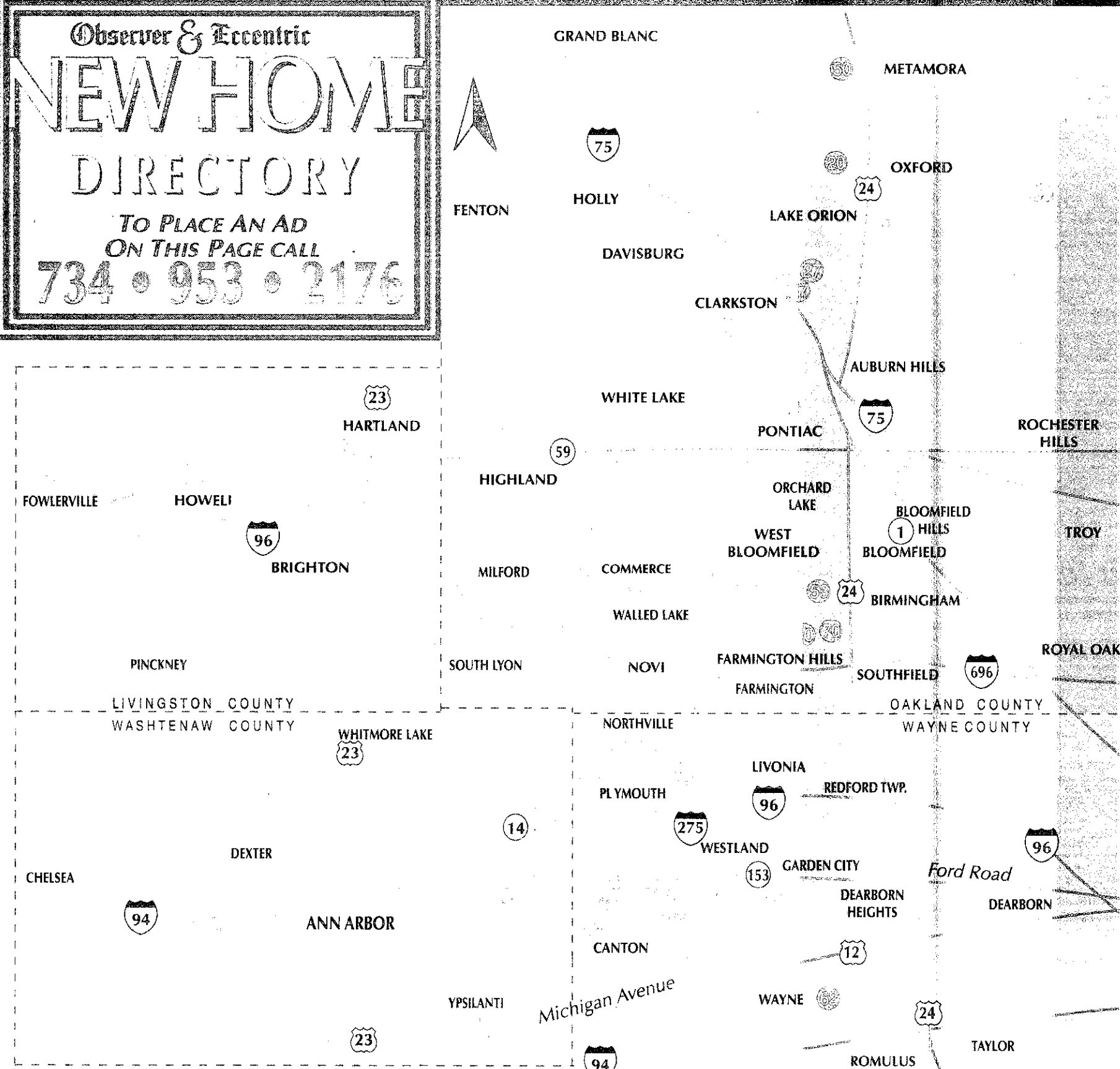
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Kindly Kris Kringle: In Plymouth, Santa Claus gives a hug to one of his young fans.

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Santa needs special personality with children

BY PAM FLEMING
SPECIAL WRITER

When children go to the mall to visit Santa and share their Christmas wishes, parents obviously want the experience to be a rewarding one. So, the personality of the man in the red suit is very important.

Peggy Hayes, marketing director at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, said Santa needs to be "a person who's gentle, speaks softly and is good with children." The Twelve Oaks Mall Santa has worked there the last four years. "He takes his time with each child and real-

ly listens to them. He has a real beard, and he's absolutely fabulous. We have grownups who write us to say, 'I believe in Santa now after meeting your Santa.'"

Santa works every day at Center Court in Twelve Oaks Mall Nov. 18 through Dec. 24. He's always Santa. He's always in character, and although he shies away from interviews, he's good at them," she added.

Santa at Twelve Oaks knows some basic sign language, too, so that he can communicate with deaf children if necessary.

Hayes explained that malls contract the services of a local photography stu-

dio, and the studio provides the Santa. "We have lots of photo packages available - from \$9.99 to \$24.99 - that include various photo sizes and a free gift." For an additional \$6.99, customers can also have the photo downloaded onto a CD. Santa appears at Twelve Oaks from 10 a.m. to noon, 1-5 p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

Tony DeCamillo, operations manager at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, said when hiring a Santa, "Basically, you want someone who's gentle with the kids and has the right personality. I've seen some places where the kids are

Please see SANTA, G2

Be careful of those resume turnoffs

A number of you have sent in resumes asking for critiques. While I can't get to everyone, let's touch on a few basic writing principles and some little things that are often "turn-offs" to employers.

First, for a phrase, sentence, number or acronym to qualify for inclusion on your resume, it should support your objective. In English 101 we are taught that good novelists are miserly with their ink. If Faulkner tells you in Chapter 2 that Mary put a banana in the refrigerator, there is a reason for it. You can bet that the banana or the refrigerator will figure into the plot and show up again somewhere around Chapter 11. There is very little fluff in good writing.

Similarly, everything on your resume has to count. Create a relevance test. Does each statement clarify, modify, or justify the claim that you are suited for a particular job? Does it solidify, qualify and testify? Does it make you sound like Jesse Jackson?

Many resumes contain all kinds of superfluous information. A lot of people respond to ads with biographies, not sales documents. If you are applying for a position as an engineer, there is no need to mention your real estate license or massage therapy certificate. Make sure every word is germane. As in Jackson.

In fact, some experts (I humbly include myself) believe there are only two categories of resume content: supporting and damaging. There is no third category labeled innocuous. Let's examine items that many candidates think are positives, but often do more harm than good.

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Santa

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scared of Santa. You've got to have the right look. A real beard is a plus, because the kids will yank on it, sometimes just getting situated on Santa's lap."

DeCamillo noted that if a particular Santa isn't nice enough or isn't on time, the mall can request a different one. "I think attitude is everything with the kids," he said.

Santa's available at Wonderland Mall Nov. 18 through Dec. 24, appearing Monday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 17, he will work from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa at Laurel Park Place in Livonia has attended Santa School in Midland, Mich., and is a natural-bearded Santa, according to Karen Susalla, marketing director. So what's Santa School? "It's kind of like acting school. They work on their 'ho, ho, ho's' and how to answer difficult questions like if a parent has died or if the child's wish is to 'get Mommy and Daddy back together,'" she said.

Susalla said that it's important for Santa to have a lot of patience and endurance because he has to work many hours during

the Christmas season. "He has to be jolly with every single child, whether it be his first or his last. He needs to be steady on an emotional keel and be able to relate well with children," she said.

Being up-to-date on the latest toys is also very important to be a good Santa. "He has to know what the children are talking about," Susalla explained. "Taking time is also important. People have to wait in line to see Santa, but they don't seem to mind when they know Santa will take his time, spend quality time with the child. Even how Santa interacts with infants is important - he can play with them, talk to them," she said.

Come next week, the lines to pay a visit to Santa will be getting longer, according to Susalla, so don't forget to incorporate this all-important part of the holiday season into your shopping activities. Santa appears at Laura Park Mall daily through 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

Finally, does Santa need to be a little chubby? "Well, our Santa does have a real beard, but he's a little on the slim side," said Hayes from Twelve Oaks Mall. "He said Mrs. Claus put him on a diet."

Careful

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Some people are understandably proud of having owned and operated successful businesses. They expect the title "President" to suggest qualities such as personal drive, broad business perspective, and senior-level skill. But that's not how the average employer's digestive tract works. HR types are always concerned that former entrepreneurs "have it in their blood" and will return to shop keeping at the first opportunity. Ownership has the effect of overshadowing or obscuring job-relevant experience. It's like looking at a Pollock painting.

Better to say you were a General Manager. It's honest enough and inoffensive to middle management screeners.

You can often hurt your candidacy by writing Ph.D. on your resume. Doctor, my eyes have seen a slow parade of solid candidates who were stonewalled because they were presumed too theoretical, academic, arrogant or weird. Unless you are applying for a position at a think tank, research lab or in academia, stop at your master's degree and, for heaven's sake, leave off your dissertation project.

Similarly, part time teaching experience at the college level can hurt more than help. I know it doesn't make sense. My brother-in-law Jack's son (no kidding) included an instructorship on his resume and found that it raised questions about focus, time management and commitment to the job. Let's see, would he concentrate more

on a six-figure position or the \$18.14 per contact hour he was getting at a diploma mill? When in doubt, leave it off.

Finally, omit anything that could be construed as even remotely political. I see a lot of obvious boners such as "Chairman of the Hinds County Democratic Party." Well, there are people who aren't Democrats and there are people who REALLY aren't Democrats. Who knows which camp an interviewer is in? It's not a bipartisan world, especially now. It's hotter than a pepper sprout.

More subtle are those community service activities which could be viewed as having political overtones. I'd like a \$20 bill for every candidate who has been rejected for leading a Boy Scout troop or teaching a hunter's safety class. And if you are at all involved with anything sponsored by Charlton Heston's group, more power to you - but leave it off the resume. Good works and leadership experience should be omitted when they risk alienating a large portion of your potential audience.

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Growing West Detroit area commercial electrical contractor seeks results oriented Estimator/Project Manager. 3-5 years experience in all phases of estimating and project management required. Field experience and/or electrical license a plus. Salary commensurate with experience and ability. Send resume with salary requirements to: Box #2918 Observer Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Electrical Inspector. Minimum of two years exp. as journeyman electrician. Possession of current valid Journeyman license as issued by the State of MI or local municipality. Employee shall secure State of Michigan Division of Electrical Inspection and Plan Reviewer within six months of employment. Must possess current, valid MI drivers license with a driving history that does not create liability concerns. \$21.03 per hr. plus excellent benefits. Applications must be picked up at the Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 or make a request in writing, along with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope, to above address for application form (please specify Electrical Inspector application). Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. A completed written Canton Township application form must be received by the Township Personnel Division by 4pm, Dec. 15, 2000. Resumes will not be accepted without completed Canton Township application. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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503 Engineering

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The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Township Engineer. Civil engineering work performing and supervising activities in the design, planning, and inspection of Township construction and engineering projects. Minimum 5 yrs. municipal civil engineering experience. Degree in civil engineering or equivalent experience and training. Must have registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. \$51,800-\$62,300/yr. plus excellent benefits. Applications must be picked up at the Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48108 or make a request in writing, along with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope, to above address for application form (please specify Asst. Township Engineer application). A description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. A completed written Canton Township application form must be received by the Personnel Division in its entirety by 4pm, Dec. 8, 2000. Resumes will not be accepted without completed Canton Township application. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE has PART-TIME job opportunities for clerical staff. Responsibilities include: word processing, copying, mailing, filing, inquiries, data entry, and telephone. Requires HS diploma or equivalent, with previous clerical experience. Must have excellent oral communications skills, computer skills, and able to handle multiple assignments. Apply: Employment Office, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124. Fax: (313) 982-6226. www.hfmgv.org EOE.

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CERICAL POSITION

Part/full-time. Send resume to: Magellan, Inc., 40399 Grand River #130, Novi, MI 48375; fax 313-731-1576; e-mail: Rnchols@magellanpubs.com

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CUSTOMER SERVICE \$12/hrly

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

Excellent organizational, verbal & written communication skills. Dependability & ability to manage multiple tasks. Excellent people skills - 2 yrs. experience. Send resume to: Two Men and a Truck, 15722 Telegraph, Redford MI 48239 or fax to: (313) 724-8913

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Executive or Legal Secretary

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Executive Secretary

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Corporate office of a growing national child care company seeks Executive Secretary reporting to CEO and CFO. Excellent written/verbal communication skills and ability to manage communications and related tasks. Experience planning large conferences and using Microsoft Office & PowerPoint preferred. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Human Resources, Childcare Children's Centers, 38345 W. 10 Mile, Ste. 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 or FAX: 248-476-8482. EOE.

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FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

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FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST & COORDINATOR

Full-time Mon.-Fri., 9-4 Part-time Mon.-Fri., 4-8pm and Sat 9-4

Skin Care Treatment Center in West Bloomfield @ Maple & Orchard Lake is seeking a polished professional for front desk duties. Must have previous front desk experience and references. Responsibilities include working with clients, phones, data entry, scheduling and planning. Must be able to handle multiple tasks a must! An excellent opportunity awaits the right individual for advancement. Pay \$10-\$12/hr., based on experience. Please call 248-525-2900 or fax your resume to: 248-865-2911

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Dependable person needed to do filing, typing, and basic computer skills. ARBOR TEMPS 734-459-1166

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GENERAL OFFICE

Full or part-time with experience in Peachtree accounting. Excellent working conditions & benefits. 15 Mile & Haggerty area. Fax resume to: 248-925-6290

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GENERAL OFFICE

Phones, typing, filing and word processing. Spreadsheet experience helpful. Send resume to: Swad & Company CPAs 38701 Seven Mile, Suite 245 Livonia, MI 48152

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GENERAL OFFICE

Redford multi-plant co. has an immediate opening for a general office clerk. Position will require telephone work, typing, computer knowledge & customer service. Send resume to: Howard Tennes Packaging Co. 12285 Dixie Redford, MI 48239 Fax: 313-531-5243

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GENERAL OFFICE

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LEGAL SECRETARY

For large Farmington Hills law firm with minimum 2 years experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume to: Office Administrator PO Box 3040 Farmington Hills, MI 48333 Or Fax to: (248) 851-2158

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY

Personable and positive. You can work independently following a system and can multi-task. Must know windows and have good phone manners. This part time position may lead to full time in Plymouth law office. Non-smoker. 734-454-0541

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LEGAL SECRETARY

Very busy Southfield law firm seeks two full-time legal secretaries with 3-5 years litigation experience. Must be able to work in a team environment and be detail and deadline oriented. MS Word experience. Forward resume/salary requirements to: Administrator, PO Box 222, Southfield, MI 48037-0222. Fax (248) 746-2760, or Email swbta@swbta.com

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ADMINISTRATOR/ TECHNICAL

Responsible for telephone support to Ford dealerships regarding Fordstar program. Seeking a team player with demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical problem solving skills, customer service experience. Proficiency with MS Office and the ability to manage multiple tasks with minimal supervision. Associated experience with billing and payables preferred. Exposure to automotive industry and automotive dealership experience a plus.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

OFFICE ASSISTANT - part time

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OFFICE CLERICAL

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OFFICE MANAGER

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OFFICE POSITION

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OFFICE COORDINATOR

For LIVONIA out-patient mental health/substance abuse clinic. Full time, flexible hours. Opportunity to move into management. Applicants should be mature with good clerical skills, ability to interact with patients and professionals. Resume to: OPC/KD, 40950 Woodward, #110, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; fax 248-594-1204; e-mail: kad@oakpsych.com.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

OFFICE MANAGER

Rehab facility in Troy looking for a responsible professional with 3-5 years experience. Must have computer skills including Windows and MS Word, A/R, A/P. Additional accounting skills a plus. Competitive wage and benefits. Mail resume to: Kelly, 1709 John R Troy, MI 48063 or call Kelly at 248-680-0080.

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PAYROLL CLERK

Full time position. Must have experience in payroll. Good pay & benefits. Fax resume to Linda 248-477-9515. EOE M/F/H/V.

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Divorced white female, 49 yr old, 5'3", petite, with long blonde hair and green eyes, non-smoker, social drinker, seeking an attractive, honest, sincere, caring, single white male, with many interests, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 10420

ONE ON ONE!

Single white female, seeking a tall, single white male, 53 to 62, cute, humorous, honest, and sincere, who enjoys doing things together and believes in a monogamous relationship. BOX 13745

OPEN YOUR HEART!

Single white female, 46, petite, brown eyes, sincere, enjoys dancing, sports, travel, working out, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 13749

THE IDEAL MATCH!

Single white female, seeking single white male, 44 plus, who enjoys doing things together, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 24419

TRYING AT LOVE AGAIN

Single female, looking for love the second time around. Seeks a nice, single, 50 to 60, fit and handsome, for a permanent relationship. BOX 32458

SEEKING A PARTNER

Single female, who is physically attractive, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker, social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

DREAMS

50 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, who enjoys, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair, interested in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady. 52 to 62. BOX 5070

NORTH WEST SUZURIS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water sports, dining and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

ATTENTION HARVEY!

Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

COMEDIAN AT HEART

Classy, elegant, ~ 5'20, single white female, 39 yrs. Enjoys movies, walking, all activities, candles, and romance. Seeking professional male, 35 to 45, for a compatible, enjoyable relationship. BOX 26076

CUTE AS A BUTTON

Single white female, 52, 5'3", medium build, enjoys casinos, dancing, time dining in or out, walking, holding hand and cutting. Seeking a white gentleman, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484

I'M SANE

22 yr old, single female, 5'6", 125 lbs, loves horror flicks and cooking. Seeking muscular, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counterpart, 60's, a professional, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

READY FOR ROMANCE

Attractive, single black female, 40 yrs old, non-smoker, social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages. In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over, for friendship and more, age open. BOX 35490

CONSIDER THIS

Attractive, slender, tall, intelligent lady of 54 is also ladylike, amiable, warm hearted and a smoker, is seeking a man, 55 to 65, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly and interested in getting to know each other over dinners, loved with conversation. BOX 36140

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced white female, 44, looks 36, 5'4", 112 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, very active, petite, mother of one high school senior, financially secure homeowner who enjoys life. Seeking a white male, 40-50, at least 6', non-smoker, social drinker okay, for friends first, companionship possibly more. BOX 36996

CHERISH ME

How nice of you to drop in and check out my mailbox. I'm a bright single white female, 43, 5'2", 125 lbs, college educated graphic designer. Enjoy theater, concerts, nature and skiing. Seeking a white professional employed male 30's to 40's, trim, fun, non-smoker for a committed relationship. BOX 16599

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Cute, blonde haired, blue eyed, petite, divorced white female, 46, with children. Likes boating, movies, opera, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 39 to 55, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 20466

LOOKING FOR LOVE!

Active, fun loving, gentle, non-smoking, single white female, Christian, well educated and traveling, with no dependents. Loves golf, boating, sports, culture events and much more. Seeking a secure, single white male, 44 to 54, with similar attributes. BOX 32613

FIT THE BILL?

5'10", brown eyes, strawberry blonde hair, employed, likes sports, travelling, dancing, movies, theatre, cooking and more. Looking for a tall, emotionally/financially secure gentleman, 48 to 59, who has a great sense of humor and loves life, for a one on one relationship. BOX 23845

YOU SHOULD CALL

Spiritual inclined, divorced white female, 43, 5'8", weight proportionate to height, blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys a wide range of interests. Looking for white male, 35 to 55, with similar interests. BOX 24400

GENUINE GEM

32 yr old, white female, non-smoker, who's fun, giving, loving and loves life. Enjoys movies, flea markets, dining out and much more. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving white male, 45 to 60, who's a non-smoker, positive and loves life. BOX 16776

HONESTY A MUST

Single white female, 55 yrs young, 5'8", medium build, graying blonde hair, educated and relaxed. Likes travelling, good conversation, fine dining, music and much more. Looking for a companion, who's tall, professional, retired, to enjoy life's pleasures. BOX 18609

TAKE A CHANCE...

...I'm sure we will have a lot in common. Single female, 5'8", active, with reddish/brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the finer things in life. Looking for a single male, 49 to 60, who is a professional, well educated, give me a call. BOX 17007

GIVE ME A CALL

Divorced white Christian woman, 59', 130 lbs, 40, with one child, single, non-smoking, professional, 43 to 44, professional, financially secure, motivated, self confident, must like children, church, sun, laughter and affection. BOX 16895

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Single female, 58, 5'6", 135 lbs, attractive, educated, well groomed, fun loving, feminine, out going, and adventurous. Enjoys traveling, new adventures, people, outdoors, and learning. Seeking non-smoker, 46 to 60, who is a professional, with a spirit of adventure. BOX 32373

GIVE IT A TRY

Attractive, and fun loving, 5'3" blonde, with bubbly personality, likes hiking, traveling, dancing, and some sports. Looking for a gentleman, 50 to 60, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 16930

DOES ANYBODY LIVE...

Downriver? Wanna have fun? Like the finer things? In shape? Successful? Classy? Looking for that one special guy? This attractive, 5'2", 125 lbs, easygoing, creative, 43 yr old, enjoys people, life, boating, water sports, dining and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

WHO SAYS GOOD...

...this time in a small package? I'm a short, plus size, cute, dark skin, brown eyed woman, with enough intelligence and kindness for both of us. Looking for a quality, spiritual, sweet guy, non-smoker, tall, good sense of humor, to melt my queen size heart. BOX 24288

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U

Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

WANNABE LOVED

Divorced white female, 39 yr old, 5'3", medium build, mother of two, strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys sports, bowling, bingo, quiet times at home, movies, camping, walking and much more. Seeking white male, 35 to 45, with similar interests, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33496

SPICE OF LIFE

5'6", 140 lbs, long brown hair, enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a single male, 45 to 46, who's romantic and enjoys more of the same interests. Down River Area. BOX 33514

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size, Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33566

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white, professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, stable, seeking a single male, 40 to 55, with similar interests, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33566

GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 46, blue eyes, blonde hair, 5'6", slim build. Enjoys going, all outdoor activities, movies and walks. Looking for a tall, romantic man, 43 and up, who's easy going, intelligent, understanding, with similar interests, for possible long term relationship. BOX 25091

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

Attractive, down river widow, with no dependents. Seeks her match, 55 to 65, intelligent, honest, caring, with dry humor and open to music, reading, C-Span, travel, flowers, good conversation and Canadian cottages. He will receive Catholic respect, affection and loyalty. Lets create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 33496

INVITATION TO MEET

Single white female, 38, 5'7", fit, beautiful blonde, green eyes, good hearted, ambitious, seeking a successful gentleman, 40's, seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

CLASSY BLACK FEMALE

Single black female, 27, 5'5", 167 lbs. Very lady like. Seeking a single secure white male, 30 plus, for long term relationship. BOX 33499

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish, Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

ADVENTEROUS

Affectionate, Africa, amiques, artistic, Asia, boating, different, discriminating, down river, Europe, fun loving, golf, single, male, masters degrees, monogamous, motorcycles, non-smoker, petite, piano, playful, romantic, skiing, young 46, swimmers for alcohol, cocaine, drug abusers. Hay, Now! BOX 33512

WANTED: NICE GUY

32 yr old, petite Asian female who enjoys reading, fishing, swimming and traveling looking for financially secure, loving, kind male, 31 to 52, who has a great sense of humor. BOX 23556

PRETTY FIT CHRISTIAN

46, 5'4", 125 lbs, non denominational, compassionate, down to earth, sense of humor, honest, pretty, big heart. In search of truly handsome, fit, Christian, who deserves a great lady. No jealousy or bad tempered personalities. Lives in a great area. BOX 25330

ONE IN A MILLION

Very attractive, single white female, young looking 50, great shape/figure, 5'4", brunette/brown, single white male, 45 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure for a sincere friendship and possible relationship. BOX 25358

ADVENTUROUS LADY

Single white female, 38, 5'6", 115 lbs, blonde hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys riding, Harley's, camping, traveling. Seeking a man, 38 to 48, who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 25989

OUTDOOR LOVER

Attractive, single white female, 53, 5'3", 116 lbs, successful professional, affectionate, caring, no dependents. Enjoys walking, biking, swimming, golf, and much more. Enjoys art, concerts and investing. Desires athletic, fit, successful, single white male, 40 to 55, who is a professional, with a spirit of adventure. BOX 25083

SOPHISTICATED & FUN

Intelligent, with a zest for life, fit, 5'5", blonde, non-smoking professional, loves golf, laughing, biking, skating, theater, travel. Enjoys meeting non-smoking, tall, 48 to 52, financially/emotionally secure, kind and honest gentleman. BOX 25316

MESSAGE FROM VENUS

Shapely, smart, good looking, brunet, divorced, young lady, 40, non-smoker, no dependents, with a multi faceted personality. Likes star gazing, running and living life to the fullest. Seeks divorced white male, over 40, who can exhibit intelligence and passion. Rochester area. BOX 25967

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 38, 5'5", brown hair, medium build, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring, variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well mannered, confident, single white male, 40 to 50, American guy, 35 to 50. BOX 26076

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom, 40's, physically fit, enjoys outdoor activities, dining in or out, movies, romantic evenings, singing and traveling. Seeking a secure gentleman, 40 to 55, non-smoker, sense of humor. Enjoys the finer things in life, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36062

OLD FASHIONED

5'10", white full figured gal, 45 looking for meaningful relationship with a single white male, 40's, who is a professional, with a spirit of adventure. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who is a professional, with a spirit of adventure. BOX 36068

ATTENTION: CLARK

You responded to my #25318, Sauerkraut. Anybody? You want to leave your phone number. Please respond again. BOX 25673

ROMANTIC AT HEART

47 yr old, black Christian professional, 5'6", 145 lbs, physically fit. Enjoys outdoor activities, dining in or out, movies, romantic evenings, singing and traveling. Seeking a secure gentleman, 40 to 55, non-smoker, sense of humor. Enjoys the finer things in life, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36062

SEEKING COMPANION

Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, single, enjoys hiking, outdoor activities, weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

SAUERKRAUT, ANYONE?

Attractive, German lady, widowed and divorced, 57', 60ish, size 16, non-smoker. Likes reading, fishing and having fun. BOX 25318

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversation, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-50, who is my soul mate. Answer your book, make your guy, answer my ad today. BOX 25318

GENUINE GEM

52 yr old, white female, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25326

AUSCUE THE ONE?

Young 57, down to earth, non-drinker, non-smoker, in search of grandpa or grandpa wannabe, non-drinker, with sense of humor, family values to share with as you watch our grandchildren grow. BOX 25350

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

European born, retired, intelligent, romantic, blonde, 5'5", height weight proportionate with many interests. Interested in meeting white gentleman, 5'7" to 74, intelligent, caring, emotionally and financially secure, non-smoking with a sense of humor, for lasting relationship. BOX 25360

FOREVER FRIENDS

Let this attractive, fun loving, affectionate, 5'2", 51, 135 lbs, lady put a sparkle in your eyes. Must be a non-smoker, easygoing, tall, handsome, have a passion for life, sense of humor and integrity. Let's share the simple pleasures of life, explore new things, friendship and love take care of each other. BOX 25400



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LIFE'S TOO SHORT...

Give me a call... 39 yr old full time father, non-smoker, light drinker, likes to play darts, pool or just having fun. Looking for a single female, together let us laugh, enjoy life and share in a committed relationship. BOX 10439

NICE GIRL WANTED

Single male, 42, looking for a nice single white female, 25 to 45 who enjoys dining out, hockey games, and sports. Hoping for a long term relationship that would be warm and wonderful for both of us. BOX 10492

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Single white male, 36, 5'9", 165 lbs, eyes, who enjoys and down to earth. Seeking a single female, 24 to 38, with similar qualities, for good times and a possible relationship that could prove to be warm and wonderful for us both. BOX 10555

AVERAGE MALE

6'2", 250 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, glasses, with a lot of interests. Looking for a female, 40 to 50, attractive, petite to plus size, with a sense of humor, for friendship first, maybe long term. BOX 10576

DEEPER IN LOVE!

Single white male, 21, seeking single white female, 21 to 25, for friendship, good times, possibly more. BOX 13739

COMPLETE MY LIFE!

Single white male, 24 yr old, 5'11", medium build, with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys working out, running, movies, the beach, the outdoors, concerts, sports and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests. BOX 13752

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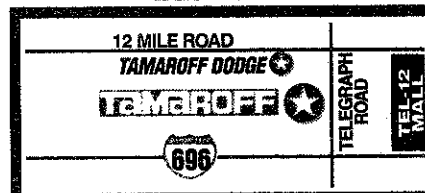
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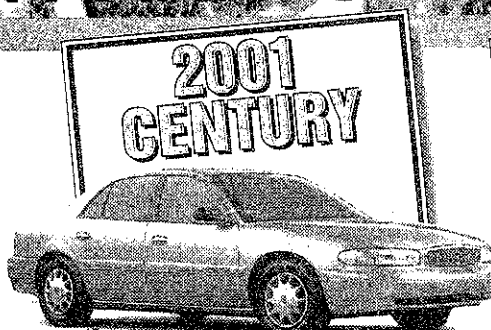
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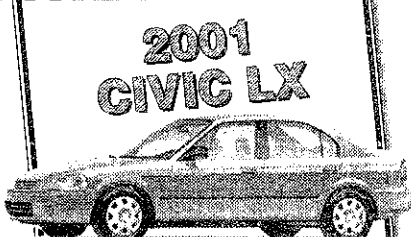
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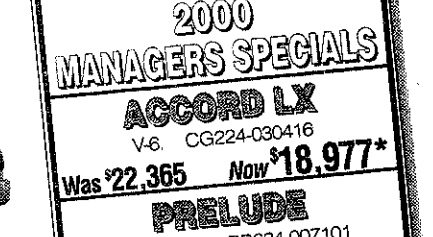
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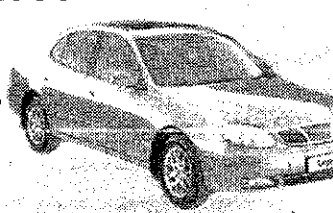
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Winterizing your car and following that old Boy Scout motto, "be prepared," could save you a lot of grief over the next few months if you follow a few simple steps.

Basic tips for winterizing your vehicle

AAA Michigan spokesperson Nancy Cain, from the corporate headquarters in Dearborn, said AAA recommends the following. "The key is the battery. Every winter the majority of our calls is a dead battery. You really need to have it checked and replaced, especially by a technician, if you don't know how to do it yourself."

It's also a good idea to check belts and hoses. They can be dried out, cracked or frayed. "Have them replaced," Cain said.

Other advice includes carrying extra windshield washer fluid and checking wiper blades. If they streak your windshield it's time to get new ones because they can endanger your visibility of other motorists, stop signs and more.

Also important on your winter checklist are fluids (radiator, transmission, power steering, etc.). Make sure your technician fills them, and also check your tires for wear and tear, Cain said.

John Morgan, co-owner of Morgan's Service, a family-owned business in Clarkston, has been servicing vehicles for at least 30 years. He started working alongside his father, Dick Morgan, as a teenager.

Morgan says regular maintenance, such as an oil change every 3,000 miles — which includes checks for fluids, tires and other items — can prevent most winter problems before they happen. "If anyone does regular maintenance, it's not something to be alarmed about," Morgan said.

Basically he tells his customers to check their wiper blades, belts, hoses, batteries and antifreeze. "Make sure it's good for 30 below."

Wiper blades aren't something people normally think about, until it's too late. "Nobody thinks about

them 'till they're driving in the rain," he quipped. Summer heat also rots belts and hoses, he added, so that's something you should be aware of before the snow hits.

Morgan agrees with Cain that batteries are a big concern this time of year.

"It seems we've had a lot more problems with batteries," he said. Even though a vehicle is "new" — by his description, two to four years old — computer systems drain a battery faster than older models, keeping all the various computer memories alive. "It can deplete the life of the battery much sooner."

Hass Makki, owner of Wear Master in Wayne, also sees more problems in the winter. Again, batteries head the list. "A lot of people neglect to check their batteries," he said, adding a new battery generally lasts only four years. "People with '96ers think they're going to be OK. But your battery really works 10 times harder in the winter."

He also advises checking tire pressures. "Tires get hotter because of low pressure and they could blow out."

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Safety checks for winter driving

Winter can be a dangerous time of year with snowy, slippery roads and, around the holidays, too much partying before taking the wheel. "One of the things we see is people are driving too fast for the conditions. You can't drive the same speed on an ice-slicked or snow-clogged road," Cain said. "You just have to slow down and drive what weather conditions warrant."

Tailgating is even more dangerous in winter. "You've got to reduce your speed and increase your following distance," she said. A typical Michigan winter means defensive driving skills are even more important. Road conditions "can affect your car's handling and braking ability."

Slow drivers are also a risk, she added, so keep an appropriate speed, according to conditions, that is neither too slow nor too fast.

If you're going to an office party or holiday get-together, have a designated driver if you've been sipping too much spiked eggnog or other alcoholic drinks. Cain said the combination of drinking, driving and slippery roads makes driving even more dangerous during the winter.

"It makes you much more vulnerable, because your reflexes aren't as good."

Holiday shopping is exhausting and can make drivers sluggish and less alert. Cain suggests breaking up your shopping excursions

into two or more days. "Just spread it out. I think that's a real good idea."

Be especially cautious in parking lots, with other drivers trying to exit malls at break-neck speed. "You want to be extra careful and allow extra time when you go."

Clear the "little peepholes" in your windows that are icy or fogged up so you see cars pulling in and out. Also, clear the "little people" — your kids — who may be bouncing off the car walls with too much holiday excitement. "And make sure they're buckled up."

Finally, when it comes to winter driving, AAA Michigan says, "If the weather outside is frightful, and the roads are not delightful, and you have someplace to go ... take it slow, take it slow."

Surviving if you're stranded

What do you do if your car breaks down, you can't get to a phone and you're waiting inside a chilly car? AAA Michigan recommends you carry these items during the winter months:

- Warm clothes (gloves, hat, boots)
- Traction material (kitty litter, rug, etc.)
- Reflective triangle
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables (for dead batteries)
- First-aid kit

- Tool kit
- Shovel
- Blanket
- Flat fixer
- Snowbrush
- Washer fluid (makes a good Christmas present with a simple bow)
- Cell phone

Makki said, even if people have cellular phones, they sometimes forget to carry them in the car. "Make sure you have it with you" in case you need to call for help.

Topping his list for a survival kit are a warm blanket in the trunk and rock salt. Makki said Prestone, the company known for antifreeze, now makes a "fuel kit" that's helpful if you run out of gas. You can tuck that in the truck too.

He includes some tips for getting stuck in the snow. "If you do get stuck, try not to spin your tires out of it. Because it could cause too much damage to the driveline."

Use rock salt and try to rock your car out gently, alternately in forward and reverse. "Or, if it's too deep, try to have someone tow you out. You don't want to spend thousands of dollars for a new transmission just because you got stuck in the snow."

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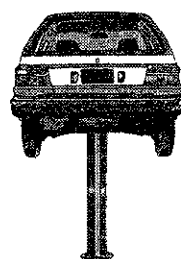
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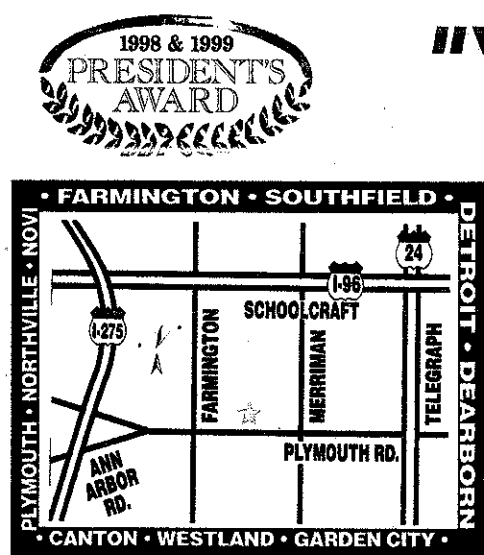
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