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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council meeting: The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in city council chambers, second floor, Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

LightFest: Wayne County LightFest in Hines Park, Westland, continues nightly 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, except for Christmas night. Donation is \$5 per car.

TUESDAY

Dancing: Enjoy English Country Dancing with the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 7-9:45 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$4; call (734) 662-5158 for information.

HOLIDAYS

Closings: The 18th District Court and Westland city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Schools: Schools in the Wayne-Westland and Livonia Public school districts are closed all week for the holidays.

Trash: The trash pickup schedule will be partially altered by the holiday. Thursday's trash pickup will be on schedule, while Friday's pickup will be Saturday.

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Ravine Street options studied

Parents on Ravine, a dirt-and-gravel street stretching a half-mile south from Joy Road, have partly blamed poor drainage for their decision to drive their children to a bus stop. Improvements are being studied.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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One proposal to alleviate drainage problems near a controversial Westland school bus stop would cost an estimated \$108,000, a city official said. An alternative plan would cost only \$5,000 to \$7,000, Public Services Direc-

tor Richard Dittmar said, but questions loom about whether either proposal would satisfy residents' concerns.

Parents on Ravine, a dirt-and-gravel street stretching a half-mile south from Joy Road, have partly blamed poor drainage for their decision to drive their children to a Livonia school district bus stop at the end of their street.

Some parents have said they don't want their children dodging potholes and splashing through mud on their way to catch the bus. Parents also said they like to see their young children make it safely onto the bus.

But a heated dispute erupted earlier this year when the city put up no-parking signs near the end of Ravine to keep parents from causing a traffic bottleneck.

The city also wanted to protect corner homeowners Larry and Peggy Sullivan, whose property was being damaged by the cars and who said they sometimes couldn't even get out of

their driveway.

To study ways of alleviating drainage problems, the city hired the consulting firm of Jarrett, Mills & Schron to study the issue. In a memo to Westland City Council members, Dittmar said JMS has recommended placing a storm sewer from Joy Road to a Ravine area creek and installing catch basins at the Joy intersection.

"Their estimated cost to install this sewer is \$108,000," Dittmar wrote. "This cost could be paid by the city, or a special assessment could be placed on

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Sharing THE SEASON

Editor's note: Every year, many folks in our community decide to share their holidays with others. While we couldn't tell each and every tale, we decided to share the stories of a few of the people who help make this holiday season a special one. Enjoy!



Rolling to help: Second-graders from Cleveland Elementary, Gabrielle Leese, 7 (left to right), Patrick O'Halloran, Tony Kosmalski, 8, Tony Osantowski, 7, get a ride from Sandy O'Halloran at Meijer in Westland and Samantha Culp, 7 (off cart) were looking for items for the adopted families.



In the basket: Cleveland Elementary students Ryan Niemi, 10, (left to right), Chris Letwinski, 6, Jesse Kasenow, 11, Jamie Vernon, 10, and Brian Morris, 6, enjoy themselves shopping at Meijer in Westland for five families the school adopted through the Salvation Army.

Holiday giving takes on all shapes and sizes

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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With just three days to go to meet a 25,000-can goal in the school's canned food drive, panic set in among student leaders at Churchill High in Livonia. On Tuesday, just 5,000 canned goods had been brought in, and Friday was the cut-off date.

"Reaching 25,000 seemed improbable," said Bill Halvangis, student activity coordinator.

So Halvangis and fellow teacher Jack Schneider, senior class sponsor, brainstormed and came up with an idea. We'll both shave all the hair off our heads at a school assembly, they told the school's 2,000 students, if you will meet the 25,000 goal.

That did it. By Friday, a mountain of canned goods had literally rolled into the school.

"The kids got their paychecks and bought their canned goods in carts," Halvangis said. "Some carts had 100-200 cans."

Paul Perez, chairman of the drive said two factors — the promised hair clips and "sheer panic at the end" —

pushed the drive way over its goal, to 33,123 cans, or 16 tons of food.

"We were so nervous, and then we started seeing them come in," Perez said.

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Well-stocked: Food items delivered for the Livonia Goodfellows from workers at Ford Motor Co.

Prosecutors to look at appeal in traffic death case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Wayne County prosecutors will review for possible appeal a judge's decision to clear a teenager of wrongdoing in the Westland traffic death of a pregnant woman.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Wade McCann said it is too early to say whether his office will seek to renew

charges against Farmington Hills teenager Joseph Norman Novell.

His office's appellate department will review a Dec. 11 ruling by Wayne County Circuit Judge George Crockett III, who dismissed a negligent homicide charge against Novell.

Novell — 1998 valedictorian of Clarenceville High School — was charged following an Aug. 1, two-car collision at Middlebelt Road and Ann

Arbor Trail. The crash killed 18-year-old Julia Margaret Serda in her seventh month of pregnancy, but her baby girl survived.

"Our appellate department will review the judge's ruling to make a determination on whether there will be an appeal," McCann said.

The accident occurred when Novell, in a 1990 Chevrolet Beretta, turned from eastbound Ann Arbor Trail to

northbound Middlebelt in front of Serda's friend Margaret Louise Bargowski. Serda was a front-seat passenger in Bargowski's westbound Ford Tempo.

Westland police have said both drivers entered the intersection on an amber, or yellow, traffic light, and Novell was charged amid accusations that

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79-year-old pedestrian killed crossing Merriman

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A 79-year-old man using a cane to make his way across Merriman Road was killed Wednesday evening when he was hit by a car, police said.

Westland police still hadn't released the man's name Friday, saying his relatives hadn't been reached.

The incident occurred at 6:56 p.m. Wednesday after the man left a McDonald's restaurant on Merriman Road about a quarter-mile north of Van Born, police officer Mark Cholak said.

The man was trying to cross Merriman to return to his residence in a nearby assisted-living facility, Cholak said.

"He was walking with a cane and just didn't make it across the road in time," the officer said.

The victim was struck as a 36-year-old Westland man was driving north on Merriman Road and apparently didn't see him, Cholak said.

The victim wasn't crossing the road in a designated area. Cholak said the closest crosswalks are at Annapolis Road to the north and Van Born to the south.

"This man frequented McDonald's quite a bit and was on his way home on the day he was hit," Cholak said.

Part of the problem may have been that the man was crossing Merriman in the dark, in an area where street lights were off, he said.

"The only lights were from the McDonald's," the officer said, adding that several street lights on the

west side of Merriman "weren't functioning."

The investigation is continuing, but Cholak said the driver wasn't using alcohol or drugs.

"Speed also doesn't seem to be a factor," he said. The victim was taken to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne, where he died from what Cholak described as "massive lung trauma to the left side of his chest."

One witness e-mailed the Observer to say that the man appeared to become disoriented just before the accident and that he "stood motionless in the street in the seconds before his death."

The same witness also voiced concerns about street lights not working in the area.

"If the street were better lit, or even lit as much as was apparently planned and intended, the accident may have been avoided," he wrote.

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the residents in the affected area." Moreover, Dittmar noted that the storm sewer will be required if Ravine ever becomes a paved street.

Dittmar and James Zoumbaris, city water-sewer superintendent, reviewed plans and suggested an alternate plan for building a sewer from an existing manhole near Joy and installing two catch basins - at a much cheaper cost of \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Council members are expected to discuss the two plans early next year.

Parent Virginia Klein said the latest developments prove that Ravine residents shouldn't be blamed for road and drainage problems.

"It has nothing to do with the parents," she said. "It actually has to do with the road. It is not being properly maintained."

Complaints about parents causing problems at Ravine and Joy have largely subsided lately.

"Most parents are driving their kids to school because they're really disgusted with the situation and the way it was handled," Klein said.

Other parents simply park away from the no-parking signs on Ravine until their children catch the bus.

"Basically we're in a holding pattern. Our neighbors feel that

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no matter what now, they're going to lose," Klein said. "They are disheartened by the government process."

Klein said it has been difficult for some parents to get answers from city officials. Others have received conflicting information from the city, she said.

"It's a communication problem," she said. "No one wants to communicate."

Klein said she has "compassion" for the city's decision-making process, and she said the Ravine problem has mushroomed beyond a school bus stop controversy.

At issue, she said, is an important question: When is it the government's responsibility to step in and help a neighborhood?

"It's about how government deals with residents," she said.

Living Nativity scene



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Away in a manger: Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland featured a live Nativity scene Thursday and Friday, telling the story of the birth of Jesus. Above are William Davis, as Joseph (left), and Jenni McLean, as Mary, sitting in the manger during Thursday's presentation.

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he should have yielded.

However, defense attorney Stephen Boak argued that Novell was trying to complete his left turn and that Bargowski should have yielded. A backseat passenger in Bargowski's car indicated that she sped up as she approached Middlebelt.

Police said both drivers had good driving records free of previous offenses.

The incident stirred some strong opinions in the community. Some readers contacted the Observer to voice outrage that

Novell was charged with negligent homicide.

Had he been convicted, he could have faced a two-year jail term. He is now enrolled at Wayne State University, where he's studying chemistry on a full scholarship, Boak said.

The accident occurred on a clear, sunny day as Novell and a friend were going to a concert. Bargowski and Serda were taking a friend to his Livonia residence before going to work at the Ford-Tel theater in Dearborn Heights.

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Steven Sordahl, son of the Rev. Myron and Harriet Sordahl of Westland, was awarded a president's medal and received a bachelor of science degree in manufacturing systems engineering from Kettering University. The president's medal is awarded on the basis of overall accomplishments, including academic achievement, work experience and extracurricular activities. Sordahl's co-op employer at Kettering has been Auto Alliance International, in Flat Rock.

Rebecca Marie Morgan, a 1994 John Glenn High School graduate, presented a project at the 23rd Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University this month. She is also receiving a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering this month from Western Michigan University.

She is the daughter of Henry and Sherry Morgan of Westland. Her project is "Optimization of Type 304 Stainless Steel Through Tube Annealing Cycle."

David Coole of Westland has received an undergraduate student research grant from Central Michigan University. Undergraduate student research grants provide up to \$250 to offset costs associated with conducting research. Coole is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology. He is conducting a study in CMU's Brain Research Laboratory, where faculty and students use animal models to analyze potential treatments for Huntington's disease.

His project is titled "The Effects of Long-term, Low-Level Lead Treatment on GFAP Expression in Young Rats." Coole is the son of Roland Coole of Westland.

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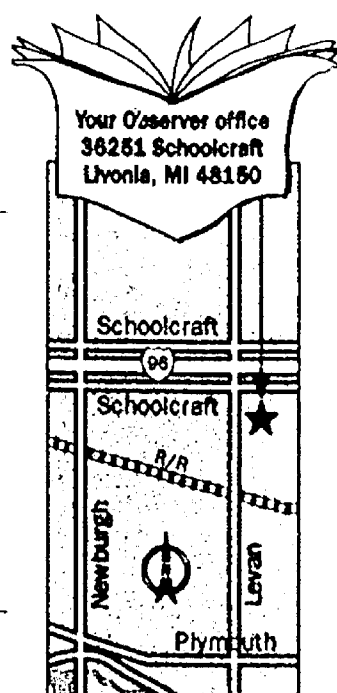


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Doggone good: Above, Police Officer Grant Allen and K-9 cop Zeke were popular with the kids at the Dorsey Center Christmas party. At right, Ashley Ann Adair, 6, tells Santa all she wants for Christmas is "my two front teeth."



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Dorsey party

Kids enjoy Christmas cheer

Imagine pizza, Santa, dogs, candy and gifts in one place.

What more could a child want from a Christmas party?

Children got that and more Wednesday afternoon during a two-hour party at the Dorsey Community Center in Westland.

"The kids really enjoyed it," James Gilbert, Westland community development director, said.

His office, based at the Dorsey Center, has organized the party each year for nearly a decade in the city's Norway neighborhood.

Children ages 5 to 12 visited with Santa, who somehow reminded some older observers of Dorsey Center staff member Bob Patterson.

Go figure. Altogether, 110 children participated in the party.

Among the highlights:

- They received gifts, candy, pizza and pop.

- They met Westland police dog Zeke and his owner, Officer Grant Allen, who demonstrated how Zeke sniffs out drugs and helps catch crime suspects. Police dog Taz and Officer Thaddeus Nelson also visited briefly.

- They sang Christmas songs led by musicians Scott Veldhuis, Westland's economic development director, and Margaret Martin, the city's therapeutic recreation supervisor.

Helping with the program were Lutheran High School Westland's Junior ROTC program and the Western Wayne County's YWCA Young Friends program, which sent counselors and mentors, Gilbert said.

Money for the party and \$2,000 in gifts came from several sources, including Target, the Westland Fire Department's Public Awareness Committee, the Men's Club at St. Constantine & Helen Greek Church and the Westland Police Officers Association.

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The cans were shipped to Livonia Fire Department's station at Farmington and Five Mile. There, volunteers from Livonia Goodfellows sorted and packed them into boxes that will go to needy families in the Livonia-Westland area.

"Two-to-three boxes go to each family, along with perishables bought by Goodfellows from their fund-raisers," said Jerry Wolfe, Goodfellows spokesman. "Every year, Churchill is the biggest contributor to our canned goods drive."

Families wishing to receive a holiday food basket can call the Goodfellows at (313) 438-0256 and leave a message. Last year, Wolfe said Goodfellows donated food to 127 families, including 328 children. Goodfellows last year spent \$25,000 on clothing, \$3,700 on toys and books and \$5,390 on food baskets for the local needy families.

No Christmas alone

For 20 years, Mary and John Shurge of Garden City have spent a portion of their Christmas Day surrounded by strangers.

Willingly, they join with 30 other volunteers to spend Christmas Day afternoon at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City feeding and being "family" to up to 200 guests who come to the church for a free holiday turkey dinner.

"We eat family style, all together," Mary Shurge said. "No questions are asked of the people who come. It's like sitting down and becoming one big family. The people who come are mostly adults who are alone on Christmas Day. They use to have families, but not now. They feel they are among friends."

While the Shurges are members of St. Dunstan Church, some volunteers aren't. And while some of the dinner guests live in Garden City, others live in other communities, some as far away as Pontiac, Brownstown Township and Monroe.

In the church's community room, decorated to be at-home cozy, the volunteers all perform different tasks. Some set up tables. Some meet, greet and escort the visitors to their table. Some stand behind the buffet table, serving up the turkey and dressing. Some work behind the scenes in the kitchen. Some clean up. And even before dinner starts, some act as drivers, picking up guests at their homes and bringing them to church.

Dinner starts at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 25 with grace given by the Rev. Don Demmer.

St. Dunstan has held the Christmas dinner annually for 25 years. Previously, church members

■ 'We went from Target to Mervyn's to Toys R Us to T.J. Maxx. We crossed things off as we went...'

Sally Wittenberg
-Westland

held craft shows to raise money for the dinner. Now, local businesses foot the bill through donations. For Christmas dinner reservations, call Mary Shurge at 425-3282.

The Shurges celebrate their family's Christmas on Christmas Eve. "We enjoy doing this," she said. "It has been part of our Christmas for so long."

Shopping spree

At 8:30 a.m. one recent day Sally Wittenberg and Francine Iannetta of Westland started out on a mission.

With \$700 tucked into their purses and accompanied by aide Carolyn Merucci, the two residents of Four Chaplains' Nursing Care Center in Westland spent the whole day on a pre-Christmas shopping spree.

However, the gifts they bought that day weren't for family members. They were gift shopping for two families they didn't even know.

In their hands they held the "Christmas wish list" for the two anonymous families, a single mother with three children, and a senior citizen who lives alone.

The nursing care center had gotten the names of the two needy families from Family Resource Place of Southgate through its holiday assistance program. The center matches needy families with volunteers who wish to help them. Last year, through the program, 123 donors helped 1,790 persons in Wayne County, said Ruth Sebaly, spokeswoman for the non-profit program.

"We spent the whole day shopping," Wittenberg said. "We went from Target to Mervyn's to Toys R Us to T.J. Maxx. We crossed things off as we went. It was a lot of fun."

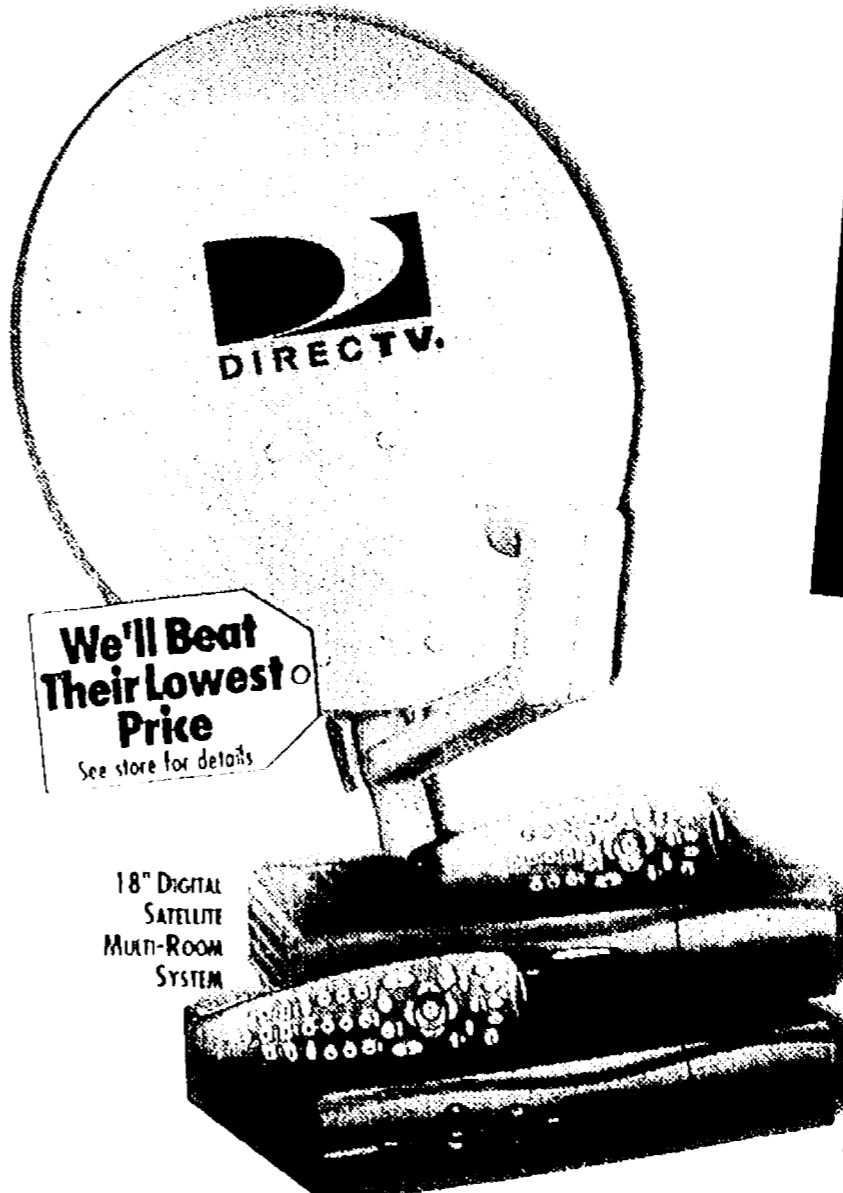
The \$700 the two women spent on clothes and toys for the two families was raised through two months of fund-raisers held by the 110 residents of Four Chaplains. Fund-raisers included bake sales, a 50/50 raffle and a salad sale.

"Every year we take on a project," said Pam Cohen, activity director. "This year we decided to adopt two families."

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Do you want to be a grandmother?

The kids have grown and gone off on their own, and there you sit, Mom, waiting and wondering when they'll make you a grandmother.

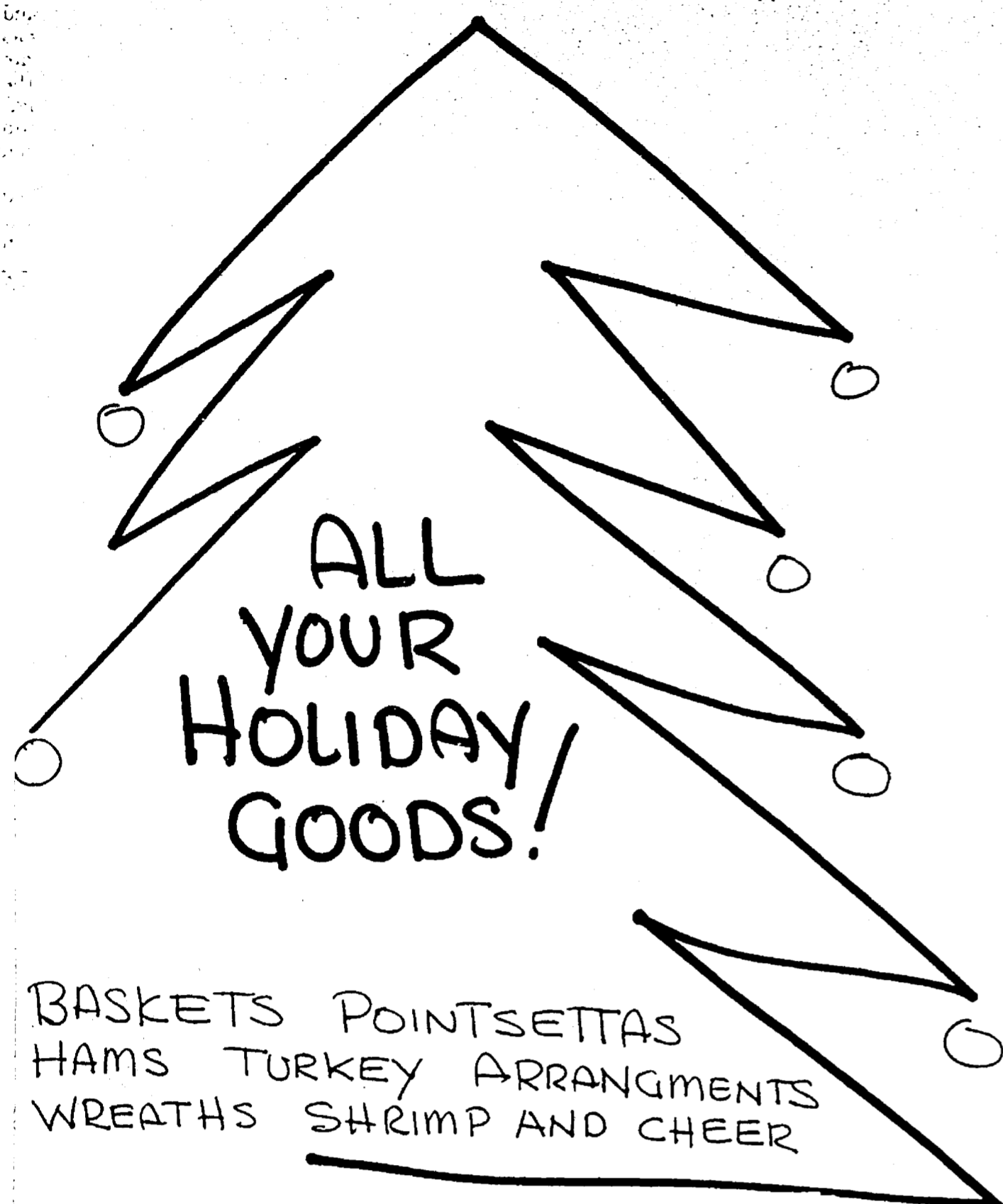
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ask point blank when the babies will be arriving?

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VIOLET M. STIER
A funeral Mass for Violet Stier, 73, of Livonia was Dec. 17 in St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Park. Officiating was the Rev. John La Casse. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Homes-Canton Chapel.

Mrs. Stier, who died Dec. 13 in Plymouth, was born in Wisconsin.

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

Mrs. Stier was preceded in death by her husband, Larry.

JEWELL D. FULCHER
Funeral services for Jewell Fulcher, 76, of Westland were Dec. 16 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.

Mrs. Fulcher, who died Dec. 12 in Wayne, was born in Benham, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, David, Albert of Houston, Texas, and William of Lake George; daughters, Tamara Dowler of Frankfort, Ky., and Janice Lissinbe of Flint; brother, Chester Day of Knoxville, Tenn.; and sisters, Mildred Lewis of Cumberland, Ky., and Betty Day of Phoenix, Ariz.

JOHN M. BARNETT
Funeral services for John Barnett, 75, of Westland were Dec. 16 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mr. Barnett, who died Dec. 13 in Wayne, was born in Newburg, Ind. He was an inspector in the

automotive industry.
Surviving are his wife, Katherine; son, David (Dianna); daughters, Johna (Richard) Darling and Anna Carter; sister, Marie (Howard) Day; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

ALICE R. SCHWINNE
Funeral services for Alice Schwinne, 94, of Westland were Dec. 18 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Schwinne, who died Dec. 15 in Westland, was born in Logan, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughter, Joan Blackwell; 10 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Schwinne was preceded in death by her son, Harold, two brothers and one sister.

ETHEL N. COX
Funeral services for Ethel Cox, 86, of Wayne were Dec. 19 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Cox, who died Dec. 16 in Westland, was born in Noble, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Robert Truitt, Charles Cox, Chester Cox, Marvin Cox, Arness Cox, Billy Cox and Dennis Cox; sisters, Fern Scott and Dorothy Schwarz; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Cox's sons reside in Livonia and Westland.

Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; brother, Homer VanMeter; and sister, Effie Needham.

COLLEEN A. WIXSON
Funeral arrangements for Colleen Wixson, 86, of Westland were made recently by Charles R. Step Funeral Home.

Surviving are her sons, Michael, Patrick, Gregory and

Robert; daughter, Ida; brother, Jim; sister, Mary Louise; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Wixson's family resides in Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford.

Mrs. Wixson was preceded in death by her husband, Bryant.

NORMA LAX
Funeral arrangements for Norma Lax, 72, of Westland were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Westland Chapel.

Mrs. Lax, who died Dec. 15 in Wayne, was born in Manchester, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, David, and daughter, Patricia (Michael) Connor.

Mrs. Lax was preceded in death by her husband, Philip.

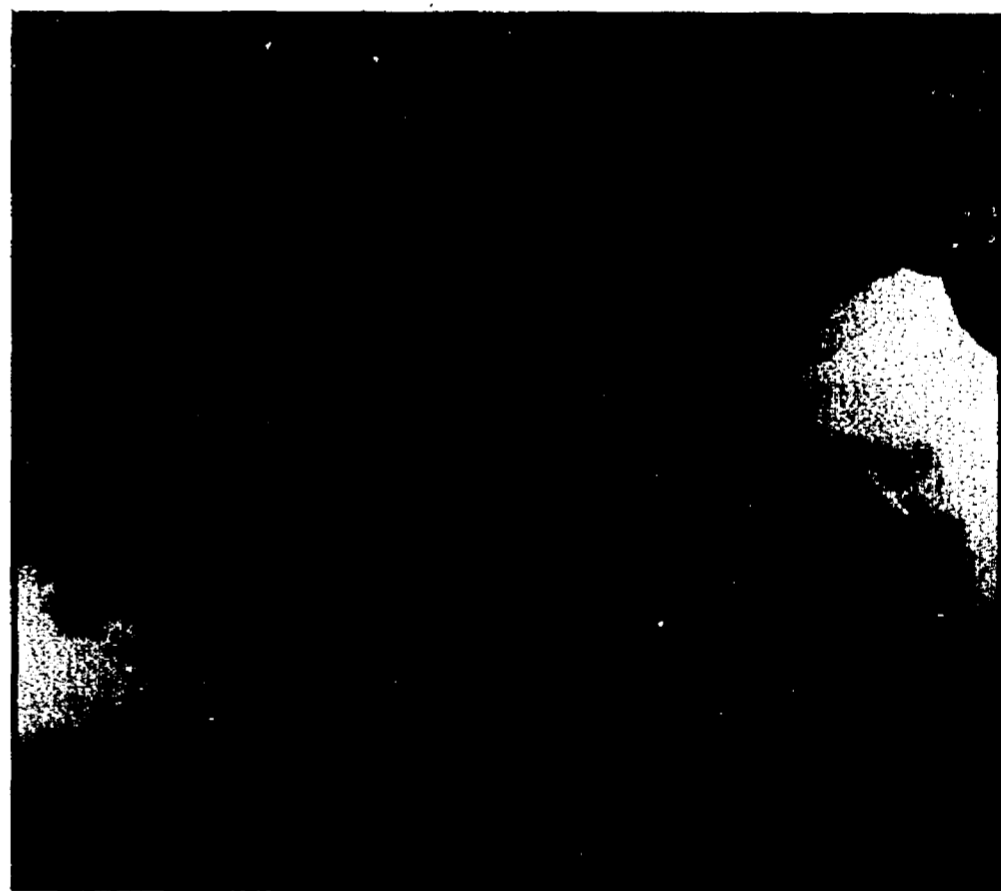
MARGARET M. ODDO
A funeral Mass for Margaret Oddo, 75, of Westland was Dec. 18 in St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Oddo, who died Dec. 15 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church. She was a homemaker. She was a member of VFW Post 3323, Westland.

Surviving are her husband, Jerome; son, Steven (Gudrun) of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughters, Katherine (Bernie) Carpenter of Westland, Frances (Bobby) Boyette of Williamsburg, Va., Josephine (Michael) Naimola of Garden City, Barbara Oddo of Gladwin and Phyllis (Scott) Baker of North Dakota; brother, Raymond Cantwilk of Detroit; sister, Irene West of Illinois; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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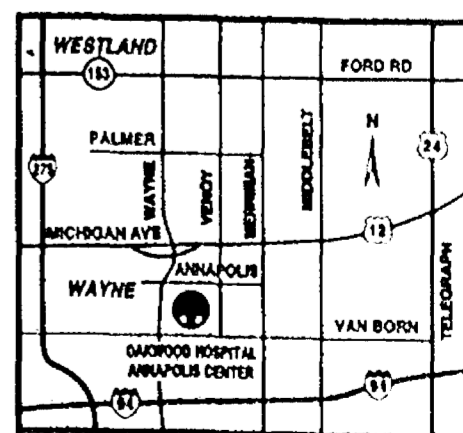
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County commission shelves smoking ordinance

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners won't ban smoking in businesses within the county anytime soon. They effectively snuffed out the issue Thursday by referring a proposed "smoke-free workplace" ordinance and a resolution encouraging state lawmakers to study the issue to a commission committee next year.

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But the ordinance's author — Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit — believes the move kills the ordinance since committee chairs must gather enough votes to send the measure back to the full commission. It appears that, for now, the ordinance doesn't have enough support from commissioners.

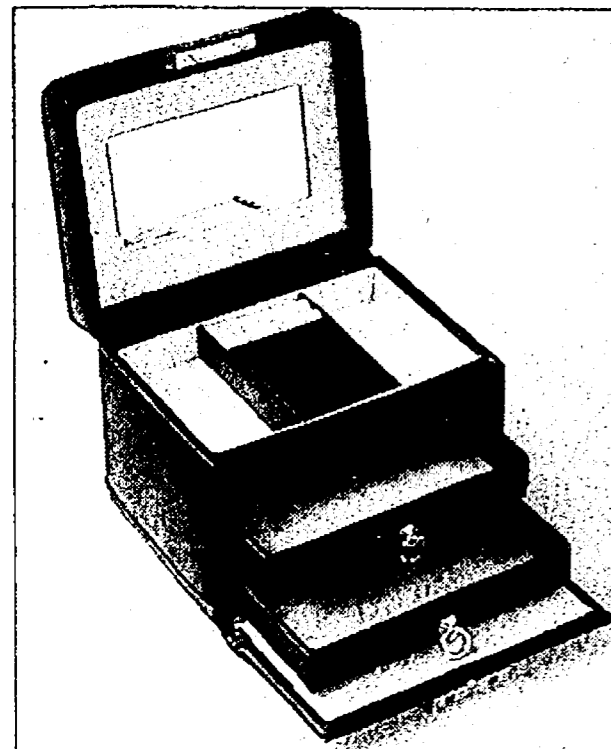
"Technically, it can be brought back, but practically, it's dead," Parker said. "I would like to revisit this issue once there is a ruling in the Marquette case. If it is upheld, I would like to bring this back." Parker's original ordinance had called for a ban on smoking in Wayne County businesses,

including restaurants and bars. The commission's Committee on Health and Human Services, which Parker chairs, amended the proposal on Dec. 10 to soften the ban and restrict smoking in restaurants and bars to 25 percent of their seating areas by March 1, 2000. That revised ordinance then was sent back to commissioners. Marquette County has passed a similar ban of smoking in its

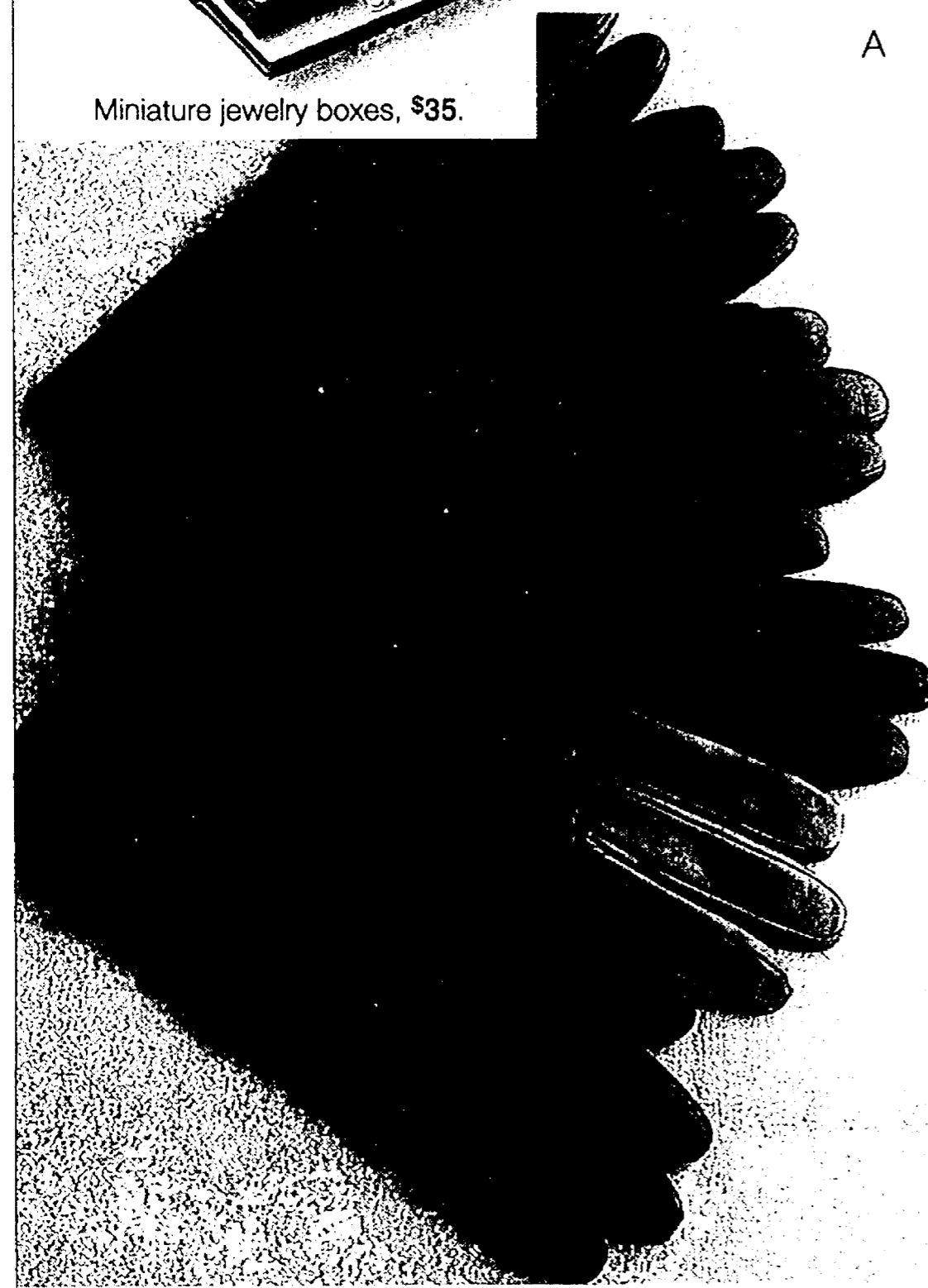
restaurants, which is being challenged in court by the Michigan Restaurant Association. The committee referral move came two days after commissioners conducted a public hearing on the ordinance where they heard comments from restaurateurs, bar owners and casino officials who opposed a ban and any restrictions, and supporters who liked the concept. Harry Klingeman, represent-

ing the Michigan Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Association, said he believed the ordinance was illegal and pre-empted by state law. "I believe the state is the only one to regulate smoking," Klingeman said. "You should wait for the Marquette decision before you act." He referred to a lawsuit filed by the Michigan Restaurant Association on a smoking ban in

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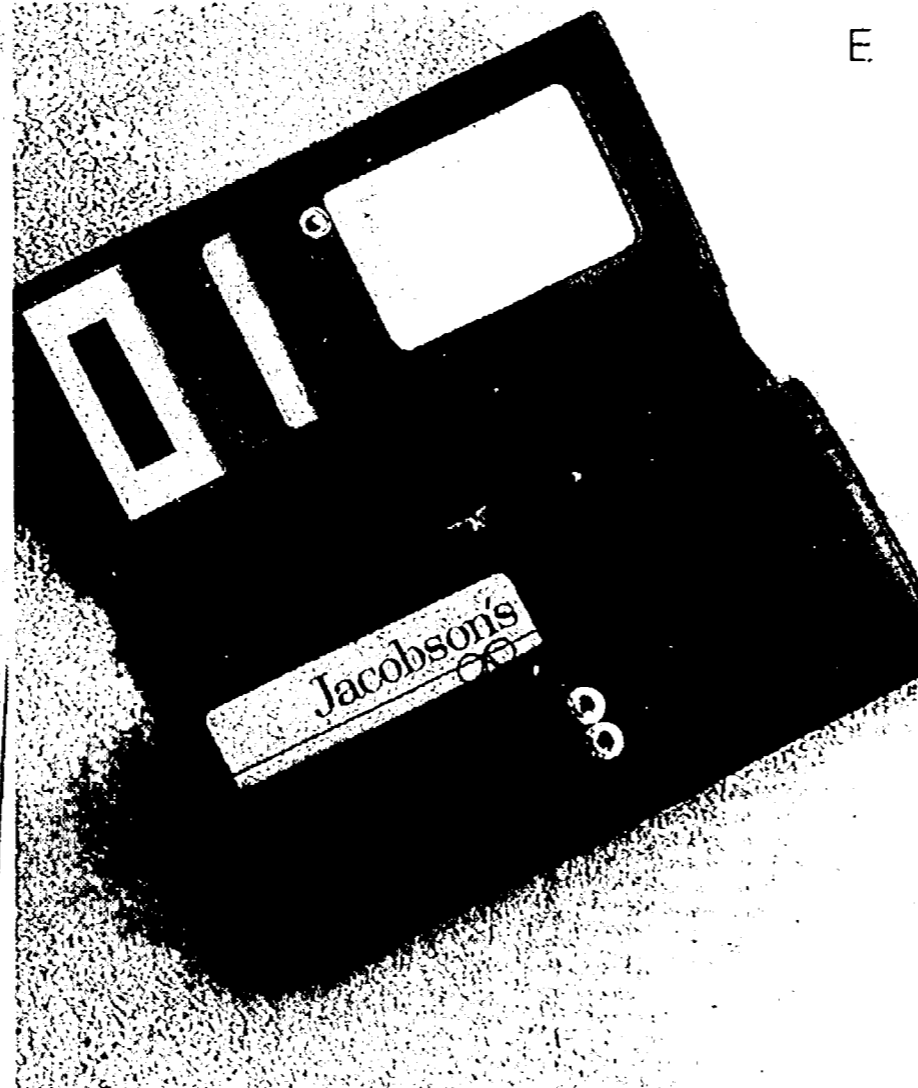
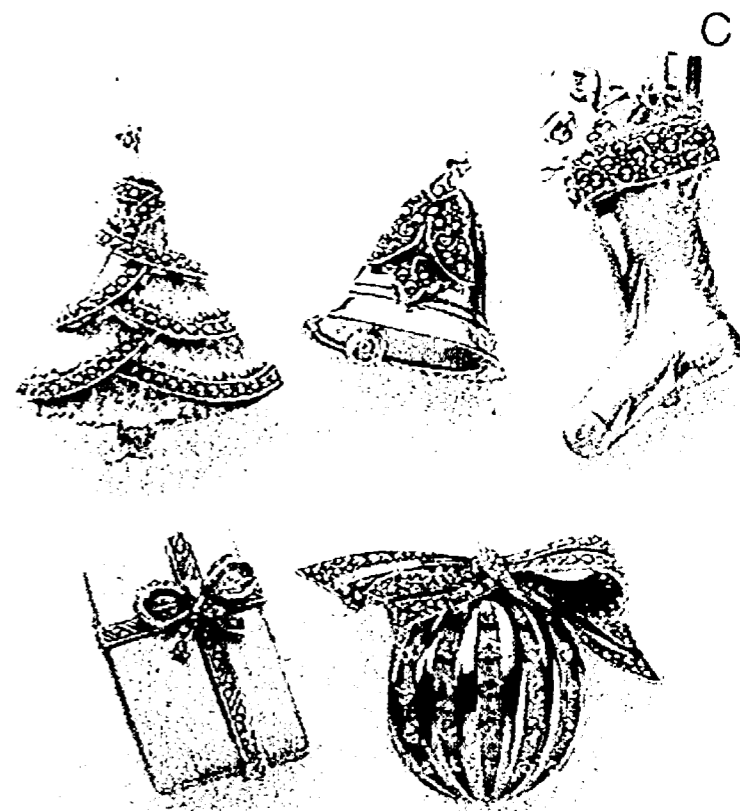
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Year-end planning can help trim '98 tax bill

BY GARY KLOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Plotting year-end ways to shrink your 1998 income tax bill may not be anyone's idea of holiday season merriment.

But between now and New Year's Eve, there are many things individuals can do to ensure they qualify for the new tax breaks, pick up hundreds or thousands of dollars in extra deductions, defer taxable income, minimize the tax bite on investment sales and position themselves to take maximum advantage of any tax cuts

Congress might enact next year.

In many cases, the tax savings will be enough to finance holiday shopping and keep Dom Perignon flowing New Year's Eve.

Indeed, there is much at stake for millions of taxpayers just as a result of the new tax breaks created by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. New this year is a family tax credit of up to \$400 per child under age 17; a \$1,500 Hope Scholarship credit for the first two years of college; a \$1,000 Lifetime Learning credit; and a deduction for up to \$1,000 in student loan interest. The

new Roth IRA offers the potential for many thousands of dollars in tax savings.

For many middle- and upper-income taxpayers, how much, if any, of the new breaks they'll be able to claim could hinge on what actions they take in the remaining weeks of the year. Most of the new breaks are available only to taxpayers with incomes below specified levels.

General strategy

For most people, the best course is the traditional year-end strategy for minimizing tax bills - prepay some of next year's

deductible expenses and defer income where possible until next year. The strategy could help many of those bordering on the income-eligibility limits for the new law breaks get below the cut-offs.

Some new breaks are already set to take effect at the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve as a result of the 1997 tax act and more recent legislation passed by the 105th Congress. Among them are more liberal eligibility requirements for home-office deductions and a bigger health insurance deduction for the self-employed. Making the most of

the pending changes will require some special year-end strategies. For example, the home-office change will provide incentive for those affected to delay paying certain household expenses until next year when they're first able to make use of the home-office deduction.

For many middle and upper-middle income taxpayers, the focus of year-end tax planning will be to meet the income-eligibility requirements for the new law breaks that became available this year.

The new breaks have varying income requirements. For

instance, the tuition credits are reduced for couples with "adjusted gross incomes" above \$80,000 on a joint return and are completely unavailable for couples with adjusted incomes above \$100,000. For single filers, the credits are phased out for incomes between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The student loan deduction begins to phase out for incomes above \$60,000 on a joint return (\$40,000 for singles). The family tax credit starts to phase out for joint incomes above \$110,000

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Commission may take up countywide pest control

Wayne County commissioners may revisit an issue next year that one commissioner hopes to address in her district.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, said this week that she expects the commission's Committee on Health and Human Services will discuss a county rodent control program next year.

The item had been scheduled for discussion on Dec. 10, but commissioners spent much of their time discussing the smoking ordinance and other items, so the program was passed for the day.

Commissioners expect to discuss costs of such a program at the committee meetings.

Smoking

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Marquette County. "Hotels and motels) are figuratively and literally these people's homes away from homes while they are traveling," Klingeman said.

He called the ban an "invasion of privacy."

"I also question how this ordinance could be enforced," Klingeman said.

Robert Gifford, executive director of the Michigan Restaurant Association, returned to the commission. "We believe it comes down to choices. We believe the ban would be bad for business."

Jack Barthwell, a representative of Detroit Entertainment Atwater/Circus Circus casino group, said it was that casino's intent to offer smoke-free areas. That business also would bring \$130 million in new taxes to Wayne County, he said.

"It is a concern of ours if we aren't allowed to compete," he said. Asian and Middle Eastern gamblers are smokers, he said. "They will not come here to gamble," he said. "We will be put at a severe competitive disadvantage."

But Parker's proposed ban also had its share of supporters.

Jeanne Knopf DeRoche of Plymouth distributed to Wayne County commissioners several studies, including the American Journal of Public Health, to drive home her point.

Smoking bans don't affect customer usage of restaurants and bars, according to studies in California, Massachusetts and North Carolina, she told commissioners at a public hearing Tuesday.

"Tobacco use is no longer socially acceptable," Knopf DeRoche said.

Mark Cooper, director of the Michigan Citizens for Smoke Free Restaurants, named the carcinogens found in cigarettes. "We wouldn't tolerate that whether its in 25 percent of the food," he said drawing an analogy to the 25 percent seating area.

Megan White, senior area executive director for the American Cancer Society, supported smoke-free businesses. Many teens aged 15-19 work in food service, she said. "The teens can't legally smoke, but they are forced to breathe second hand smoke."

Parker was pleased the issue was brought to the forefront. "I'm glad we had a discussion on it, and we heard from people on this issue," he said.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 1998**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on December 7, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Wayneck. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Salomone, and Police Chief Kocsis.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

Lyle Dickson, of Garden City, discussed the final status of the thermal imaging camera fund.

Item 12-98-518

It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Briscoe; RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the meeting of November 30, 1998. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe and Wayneck. ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Lynch.

Item 12-98-519

It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Kaledas; Council was a whole discussed a payment for street sweeping. RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Wayneck. NAYS: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

The Mayor suspended the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the Council resumed normal rules of order.

Item A-8 Mid-Town East/Brandt Street Assessments. No motion offered. Mayor Barker assigned the above, Item A-8, to the "A" agenda for December 14, 1998

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Architects Report - George Hartman (bleacher discussion).
2. Engineers Report - Greg Weeks and Beckett & Raeder.
3. Wade-Trim Payments.
 - a. Payment Application #3 - Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project.
 - b. Engineering Services 8/2/98 - 10/31/98, Pardo/Hartel Project.
 - c. Engineering Services 8/2/98 - 10/31/98, Beechwood, Birchlawn & Moeller Project.
4. Peter Basile & Sons Payment #3, Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project.
5. Change Order #1, Pardo/Hartel Repaving & Watermain Project.
6. Change Order #2, Pardo/Hartel Repaving & Watermain Project.
7. Application for Storm Water Discharges.
8. Sheridan Construction Payment #2.
9. Police Patrol Vehicles.
10. Investment Policy.

Item 12-98-520

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek; RESOLVED: To direct City Administration to go out for bids on a new bleacher system with alternates on stationary bleachers including manual and electric. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-521

It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Lynch; RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim for 25.88 inspector days used in the Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project in the amount of \$10,999.00, to be charged to Account #202-202-337.442. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-522

It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Wayneck; RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim in the amount of \$34,630.24 for professional services rendered from 8/02/98 - 10/31/98. Engineering services for the Pardo and Hartel Project, to be charged to:

Account #202-202-337.042	\$21,097.68
Account #202-202-337.043	\$ 7,032.56
Account #592-593-972.220	\$ 6,500.00

AYES: Unanimous

Item 12-98-523

It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Lynch; RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim in the amount of \$44,565.74 for professional services rendered from 8/02/98-10/31/98. Engineering services for Beechwood, Birchlawn and Moeller Project, to be charged to:

Account #202-202-337.010	\$39,565.74
Account #592-593-972.200	\$ 5,000.00

AYES: Unanimous

Item 12-98-524

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Kaledas; RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application #3 to Peter Basile & Sons in the amount of \$107,809.41 for Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project, to be charged to Account #592-593-972.200. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-525

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Lynch; RESOLVED: To approve Change Order #1, Pardo and Hartel Paving & Water Main Improvements. This change order reconciles initial quantity reconciliation. The result is a net decrease of \$8,533.03. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-526

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek; Council discussed the length of time this payment has been in the system. RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application #2 to Sheridan Construction for the East Entrance Renovation in the amount of \$7,244.00, as recommended by the City Architect and City Manager, to be reimbursed through Community Development Block Grant funds, to be charged to Account #248-248-337.151. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-527

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Briscoe; RESOLVED: To award the bid for (5) new police patrol vehicles to Jorgensen Ford, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$19,460.00 per car for a grand total of \$97,300.00, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #401-401-332.024. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-528

It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Kaledas; Council discussed the need for Building Department/Building Official attendance, the prior recording secretary, and McKenna & Associates recording minutes at Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings until a planner is on board. The Mayor also clarified the motion to state that meetings only (not workshops) are to be covered. RESOLVED: To instruct the City Manager to enforce Garden City Code #39.005 which requires the City Clerk to provide a recording secretary for all Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and to further instruct the City Manager to provide a member of the Garden City Building Department to attend these same meetings. AYES: Unanimous.

Item 12-98-529

It was moved by Councilmember Wiacek; supported by Councilmember Dodge; Council discussed the need for entering the reports into the record and whether this information falls under the Freedom of Information Act. RESOLVED: To enter into the record the Managerial Reports by Shamrock Consulting on the Department of Public Service, Fire Department and Purchasing Department. AYES: Unanimous.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: December 20, 1998

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION
AND PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

JANUARY 19, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a joint Public Hearing between Parks and Recreation and the Planning Commission will be held on January 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

To solicit public comments on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Updated

Copies are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: December 16, 1998
Publish: December 20, 1998

**WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Structured Cabling and Video Distribution System**

The Wayne Westland Community Schools' Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for cabling and video distribution system for 7 of its elementary schools. It is to consist of cabling infrastructure and ancillary electronics, and also voice and video drops (adding to existing system) in accordance with the following instructions and specifications.

Instructions:

1. Sealed bids will be received at Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, 48185 on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. (E.S.T.) at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.
2. Questions regarding the specification can be faxed to Judy Wright at Plante & Moran, LLP at (248) 352-0018.
3. All bids submitted must include complete specifications for item(s) and submitted on Bid Specification form. It is required that bids include brochure/literature describing equipment offered on bid.
4. Base bid shall include structured cabling and video distribution cabling and components.
5. Bids submitted must fully comply in all respects to the specifications, specified instructions and meet safety requirements, otherwise, exceptions must be fully revealed.
6. All proposals submitted will remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days after the official opening of bids. A Fall 1999 installation is anticipated.
7. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Structured Cabling" carrying said bids. Please remit three (3) copies of bids to the attention of: Barb Evanson, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. TELEFAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
8. All bids submitted must be signed by the authorized agent of the company.
9. Contact Jill Cooper, Plante & Moran, at 248-223-3549 or Cooper@plante.moran.com for a copy of the RFP.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids, or parts thereof, and to accept the bid which will serve the interest of the Board of Education.

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State House approves 4 new Indian casinos

(\$75,000 for singles). Eligibility to contribute to Roth IRAs and the new education IRAs starts to phase out for joint incomes above \$160,000 (\$95,000 for singles). And whether you're married or single, the right to convert regular IRAs into the new Roth IRAs is available only if your adjusted income is under \$100,000.

If you're bordering on the income limits for one of the tax breaks, there are some steps you can take between now and the end of the year that may help lower your income enough to make you partly or fully eligible for the tax benefit.

Employees can arrange with their employer to defer payment of year-end bonuses until after Dec. 31. Self-employed individuals can delay sending out bills so that customer payments won't arrive until next year.

Deductible expenses

Paying certain deductible expenses by Dec. 31 will also help.

There are several types of deductions that will reduce your adjusted gross income. They include business expenses incurred by self-employed individuals and rental property owners; job-related moving expenses; deductible retirement account contributions; alimony payments; and health insurance premiums paid by eligible self-employed individuals. The new student loan interest deduction will also reduce adjusted gross income, but not for purposes of determining eligibility for the student loan deduction itself.

Most other types of deductions, such as charitable contributions and other itemized deductions, won't affect your adjusted gross income - the figure that will largely determine your income-eligibility for the tax benefit. (Adjusted gross income is computed on tax forms before itemized deductions enter into the tax calculations.)

If your adjusted gross income is projected to be below the income-eligibility limits for a tax break, watch what financial moves you make between now and the end of the year to insure you don't inadvertently end up above the income limits.

If your income is expected to be well above the eligibility limits this year, see if there is anything you can do in the remaining weeks of the year to help you meet the income-eligibility requirements next year.

For example, consider accelerating income into this year, such as by selling an investment early.

College expenses

If you're eligible for one of the new breaks for college expenses, check to see if you'll be eligible for the maximum benefit.

For instance, up to \$1,000 in student loan interest is deductible on 1998 returns. So if you're below the limit, pay amounts due on the loan by Dec. 31 to make the most of the new deduction.

The Hope Scholarship credit covers the first \$2,000 in tuition and fees, while the Lifetime Learning credit covers the first \$5,000. If you're below the limits, you may still have a chance to earn a bigger credit. When computing your 1998 credit, you're allowed to count prepayments of tuition for academic terms that begin in the first three months of 1999. So if by Dec. 31 you mail a check for \$1,000 tuition for the winter semester that begins in February, you can use that \$1,000 in figuring your 1998 credit.

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BY TIM RICHARD
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Four new Indian gambling casinos may be built in Michigan after the House of Representatives grudgingly approved contracts negotiated by Gov. John Engler.

The late-evening Dec. 10 vote was 48-47, with 13 members absent. The measure, a resolution, required just a majority of those voting, not a 55-vote majority of those elected and serving. The Senate must also agree.

"We can't amend the compact. We concur or not," said Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond, majority floor leader who sponsored the resolution. Casinos are planned for Battle Creek, New Buffalo, Manistee and Mackinaw City.

Engler and Gagliardi argued that if the Legislature fails to approve the compacts, with state regulations, the tribes could win a federal court suit, and the state would lose all control.

Opponents argued that host communities should have a voice in regulating casinos. A New Buffalo area lawmaker asked for an amendment giving the host

township and contiguous townships the right to vote on whether to allow a casino. Gagliardi blocked the vote with a "clear the board" call as green (yes) lights went up.

"Enough is enough! We'll have more casinos than universities," said opponent Harold Voorhees, R-Wyoming. Michigan has 15 state universities; when three Detroit casinos and the four new Indian casinos are added, Michigan will have 21 casinos.

Engler sought to persuade Oakland lawmakers that the compact would actually protect them from a casino being located

in Hazel Park. The governor spent literally hours cajoling Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, scheduled to get Gagliardi's job as majority floor leader next year.

"I will protect my constituents," Raczkowski told reporters in the corridor after his confrontation with Engler. But the freshman lawmaker took a walk during the final roll call vote.

Here is how local lawmakers voted on HCR 115:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-West-

land. NO - Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

ABSENT - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Engler was reportedly anxious to get a House vote this year so that both parties would have to put up supporting votes; Democrats still control the chamber, 56-52. Next year, Republicans will have 57-53 control, and the burden of support would fall to the GOP. HCR 115 was supported by 30 Democrats and 18 Republicans.

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STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Senators assigned

They don't take office until Jan. 1, but Senate majority leader-elect Dan DeGrow has announced committee assignments for the next two years. Committees are where bills are polished, crafted and lobbied before heading for brief debate on the full Senate floor.

Here is how area senators fared:

Appropriations, the big one where all the budget bills are handled - John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, moves up to vice chair, replacing the retiring Bob Geake of Northville. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, is added. Alma Smith, D-Salem, moves up to minority vice chair. Continuing as chair will be 78-year-old Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph.

Education - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, takes over as chair. Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, moves up to minority vice chair.

Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems - Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, continues as minority vice chair. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, is added. The committee gets a name change, from Agriculture and Forestry. Continuing as chair is George McManus, R-Traverse City.

Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Rogers of Brighton continues as chair. Freshman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, becomes vice chair.

Judiciary - McCotter of Livonia comes in as vice chair. Bullard of Milford joins the panel. Rogers of Brighton continues as a member. Peters of

Bloomfield Township moves up to minority vice chair. In his third term as chair will be William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison.

Local, Urban and State Affairs - McCotter of Livonia starts his term chairing this panel, replacing Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake. Much "urban sprawl" legislation comes from this panel.

Transportation and Tourism - Bullard of Milford is chair; Bouchard of Birmingham becomes vice chair; Hart of Dearborn continues.

Roadwork

Michigan roads will get \$57 million in federal money for "high priority projects," said Gov. John Engler. Michigan's two U.S. senators, Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham, let the Michigan Department of Transportation make the selections rather than making the selections themselves. Among the 10 projects, by county:

■ Livingston - M-59 from I-96 interchange to US-23, 1.2 miles, resurfacing, total cost \$7 million, high priority funds \$4.8 million, year 2000.

■ Oakland - I-96 interchanges at Beck and Wixom roads, reconstruction, total \$71 million, high priority funds \$5.4 million, year 2002.

■ Wayne - I-75 and I-96 mainline from south of Grand Boulevard to Conrail Bridge, reconstruction, total \$109 million, high priority funds \$10.7 million, year 2003.

Bowing out

McCotter, Patterson leave 'em laughing

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Hey, who said the Republican commissioners from western Wayne County don't have a sense of humor?

First, Bruce Patterson thanked Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, for keeping him informed about "all the backroom deals" involving the commissioners.

A little later, Thaddeus McCotter thanked the commissioners for the chance to "cut my teeth on the Wayne County killing ground," namely the Democratic-controlled county commission.

"I will be better for it," McCotter said, amid chuckles and laughter from the other commissioners and the audience during Thursday's commission meeting.

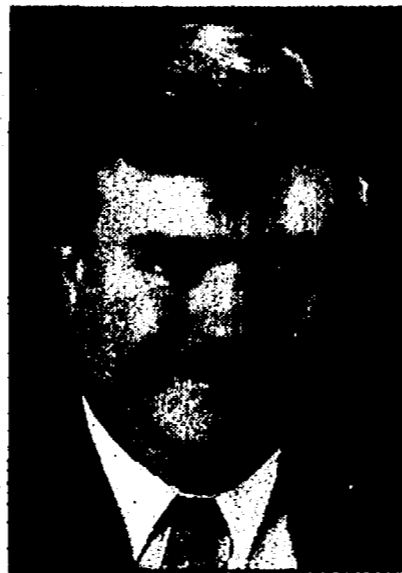
It was the last county commission meeting for McCotter and Patterson, who are leaving the commission for Lansing as newly-elected state lawmakers.

Others leaving the commission were Kim Cockrel, D-Detroit, and Bill O'Neil, D-Allen Park, but it was clear the outgoing Republicans were the center of all the fun as the four commissioners received plaques from their colleagues.

McCotter leaves his commission seat to be the next state senator to represent



McCotter: Leaves his commission seat to represent the 9th Senate District.



Patterson: Departs to represent the 21st District in the state House.

the 9th District. As a commissioner, he represented part of Livonia and the cities and townships of Northville and Plymouth.

Patterson departs to become a state representative for the 21st District. He served on the commission for two terms, representing the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, and the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne.

As the two GOP politicians turned the pages of their county commission careers, the commission chairman Ricardo Solomon commended the pair for their service.

governing bids concerning small and minority-owned businesses for Wayne County contracts.

"That was something that was very near and dear to my heart," Solomon said. "I will never forget it."

McCotter received his plaque, then stated that he wanted to "thank whoever paid for this lovely thing." McCotter cited a quote from Franklin Delano Roosevelt in how commissioners would be remembered. History will ask whether they brought integrity, honesty, courage and consistency.

The state senator-elect wished his colleagues well, then concluded with a poke at the county executive.

"He wondered 'How do I get rid of these guys?'" McCotter said. "Well, he got his wish."

Even with the tribute and accolades in their final hours as commissioners, McCotter and Patterson weren't finished yet with their attempts to scale down Wayne County government.

They introduced an ordinance that would "maximally improve the quality of life of the residents of Wayne County throughout the 21st Century."

It read: "Wayne County government is hereby dissolved."

It was defeated, 13-2.

Santa at Hines LightFest

Children of all ages can visit with Santa Claus, who will appear at Wayne County LightFest nightly through Dec. 24.

Santa's temporary residence is the Warrendale Picnic Area at the end of Wayne County LightFest, the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show. Photos with Santa, food concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warrendale site.

A \$5 donation is suggested

with proceeds going to benefit the Dearborn Rotary Club's outreach efforts on a local and international level.

Wayne County LightFest is open 7-10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 1 except on Christmas Day. LightFest begins on Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

LEGAL SENSE
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
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COOKING CONQUESTS



CHEF RANDY SMITH

Include some surprises on your menu

Here it is, my favorite time of the year. The chill is in the air, the snow is on the ground (well almost), and I look forward to spending time with my family and friends. During the holidays, I eagerly anticipate the arrival of out of town guests as much as a child waiting for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve!

This year I volunteered to cook Christmas dinner, and visions of sugar plums are dancing in my head. While the main dishes of our holiday feast will remain the same, my relatives have asked me to prepare a few new special appetizers and rich desserts. The pre- and post-dinner offerings provide the perfect opportunity to try something a bit more adventurous.

Surprise your family with new recipes for a flavorful holiday season that is sure to impress. You might actually surprise yourself and have these become new holiday traditions.

BELGIAN CHOCOLATE JEWEL

Serves 8

For the ganache

- 5 1/4 ounces heavy cream
- 2 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 1/2 ounces Belgian Bittersweet Chocolate
- 1/2 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Grand Marnier

Chop the chocolate into small pieces. Bring the cream to a boil. Place the butter and chocolate into a bowl and add in the cream. Whisk until you reach a smooth consistency. Add in the water and liquor. Pour the ganache into an ice tray and freeze until firm. When firm, remove from the ice tray and return to freezer until needed.

For the cake

- 1 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3 egg yolks
- 6 ounces Belgian bittersweet chocolate
- 4 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 egg whites
- 4 1/4 tablespoons granulated sugar

Cream together yolks and butter in a mixer. Add in the melted chocolate and mix thoroughly. Add in corn starch and almond flour and mix until fully incorporated. Remove to a bowl. In a very clean and dry mixing bowl, whip egg whites to a soft peak adding in all sugar at the end. Fold meringue into cake mixture and let stand.

Cake Assembly

Place cake batter into pastry bag and pipe a bottom layer into a non-stick muffin pan. Place a frozen ganache jewel into the center and pipe more batter around and over the jewel enough to cover completely. Place muffin pan in freezer and let set. Preheat oven to 325° F. and place muffin pan on middle rack. Cook until the top begins to crack slightly. Let stand 5 minutes, remove from pan and serve with reserved ganache or ice cream.

ARTICHOKE AND SPINACH DIP

Serves 8

- 1 (10 ounce) can Artichoke Hearts, drained
- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 2 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 6 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- Ground black pepper (to taste)
- 48 melba toast rounds

Thoroughly drain can of artichoke hearts and place in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade.

Please see CONQUESTS, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- New Year's Eve alcohol-free drinks

Sleigh ride: Visitors will be able to enjoy a sleigh ride (weather permitting) through Greenfield Village during the holiday season.



Yesteryear: (Below) Turkey for Christmas dinner is one of the "Traditions of the Season" at Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum.

Christmas memories

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS...

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

OK, you've got your boots shined, the horse hitched, and the family waiting in the sleigh. It's 1880 in Wayne County and you're on your way to grandma's house for Christmas dinner. What will she serve?

It probably won't be venison, even though grandma lives in the country.

"A lot of the game had been driven away," said Jim Johnson, a food historian at Greenfield Village and a member of its special events team.

It may be a fresh cut of pork or beef. "They did butchering at this time of the year so you would have things to eat that you would not normally get," said Johnson. Most likely, grandma will cook a duck, goose or turkey. "We hear over and over again turkey being pushed for Christmas dinner."

By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style

By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style. Ethnic recipes were reserved for the holidays. If grandma is German, she may stuff that turkey with sauerkraut. She'll also serve homemade bread and butter and lots of vegetables fresh from her root cellar, like turnips, parsnips and potatoes. Carrots are for dessert, in cakes or puddings.

Don't dare ask grandma to serve anything "medium rare" or "el dente." Cooks in the late 1800s feared undercooked food would make their guests sick. Only celery, which had its own special dish, was served raw.

By the 1850s, the hermetically sealed canning jar was perfected, said Johnson, so your Christmas dinner will include a variety of canned fruits, pickles and relishes. And if grandma hasn't been touched by the Temperance Movement, there'll be some spirits.

You may wish your family a Merry

Please see MEMORIES, B2



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON

WHERE: At Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

WHEN: Continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Museum & Village open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day.

ADMISSION: Adults \$12.50; senior citizens 62 and older \$11.50; children 5-12 years old \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take in the aroma of cooking demonstrations at the Edison Homestead where turn-of-the-century favorites like white fruitcake and lemon tarts will be prepared.
- Warm up at the Martha Mary Chapel and enjoy traditional holiday carols performed by a choir.
- Visitors will be greeted by a three-story holiday tree in the plaza of Henry Ford Museum. The Museum is also featuring a classic toy exhibit, and 720-square-foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track.
- While touring the Museum, boys and girls will have a chance to whisper their Christmas list in Santa's ear.

Champagne makes holiday splash complete



For a number of years we've spotlighted a champagne house and domestic sparkling wines at this time of year. To qualify, the wines must be unique, have consistent quality and truly sparkling personality.

Getting top billing from France this year is Champagne Pommery. With Pommery there is not only the great history of a champagne house and Madame Pommery, but several delightful styles.

Pommery was founded in 1857 by Alexandre Louis Pommery. One year later, he died and his widow took over the business and made it a success. Until 1874, champagnes in general, had both high levels of sugar and alcohol, thought to be necessary to counterbalance champagne's natural acidity. The clever Madame Pommery knew from her contacts with the English that their tastes were evolving toward drier and lighter (lower alcohol) wine styles.

Therefore, Madame Pommery, together with her cellar master, took the financial risk of technical changes resulting in the creation of the first Brut, or dry-style champagne, most preferred today.



Pommery Brut Royal

Pommery styles

Four Pommery champagnes are readily available in our market: Brut Royal \$36, Brut Royal Apanage \$42, Brut Rose \$44 and 1991 Brut Millesime (Vintage Brut) \$44. They are all excellent and preference one over the other is a matter of personal taste or what will be served as food accompaniment. In award-winning packaging, Pommery champagnes are gift-wrapped for the holidays.

Each champagne house considers its non-vintage Brut as a house style. Pommery Brut Royal is no exception. To maintain its consistent style, it is made from 40 different top crus in the Champagne region and is a blend of traditional champagne grapes chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier.

Pommery Brut Royal Apanage has singular charm and finesse. To achieve this consistency, only 12 Champagne crus are chosen for the wine that is 45 percent chardonnay. Aged in Pommery cellars longer than Brut Royal, Apanage is our personal preference as the perfect aperitif or champagne to be served with a fish course.

Pommery Brut Rose is fuller-bodied and more robust. It makes a perfect pairing with roasted quail, turkey or

Please see CHAMPAGNE, B2

SPARKLING PICKS

In addition to Pommery champagnes, Domaine Carneros Le Reve and Domaine Chandon Cuvée 2000, highlighted in the column, we recommend:

French Champagnes

NV Gosset Champagne \$41, but shop around because we've seen it for \$30; 1990 Bollinger Grande Année \$70; 1990 Champagne Deutz Cuvée William Deutz \$85; NV Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42; and 1990 Moët et Chandon Cuvée Dom Pérignon \$110.

California Sparklers

J Wine Company 1994 J Brut \$28. From Schramsberg 1994 Blanc de Blancs \$25; 1992 Blanc de Noirs \$25 (our favorite in this style from California); 1995 Brut Rose \$25. From Iron Horse 1993 Russian Cuvée \$26; 1993 Brut Rose \$28; 1991 Blanc de Blancs \$29 (very delicate); and 1993 Classic Vintage Brut \$28. The best wines for Christmas dinner are very versatile, matching with ethnic specialties, poultry or red meat. We highly recommend: 1996 Kunde Syrah Sonoma Valley about \$18 and 1996 Atlas Peak Reserve Sangiovese, Napa Valley \$30.

Memories from page B1

Christmas over a glass of punch, eggnog, wine, ginger beer, ginger ale, or fermented cider. Or it may be over cordials. If you're lucky, grandpa will fix you a "shrub" while grandma's busy at the stove or fireplace. Shrubs are a lively concoction of fruit juice, maybe raspberry, vinegar and soda.

Time for dessert. Johnson said just about every culture in the area - English, Irish or German - made mincemeat pies. Everyone had an abundance of dried apples, raisins and nuts, the basic ingredients, along with suet, for a good mincemeat. If grandpa adds a little rum, you'll have a great mincemeat. Of course, the pie crust will be made with lard.

Grandma may have made a plum pudding, a dessert that crossed over all ethnic groups. She'll top it off with a brandy or rum hard sauce; a "fairy" sauce made from whipped butter and sugar; or a "foaming" sauce made with soda. (There may not be any plum in grandma's plum pudding. "Plum" refers to any kind of dried fruit, said Johnson, whose own family continues to make an English pudding with beef suet, brown sugar, butter-milk, flour, date and walnuts.)

You'll kiss grandma goodbye as you pull a cut-out cookie off the tree. Back in the sleigh and heading home, you'll snap those sleigh bells and say into the crisp night air: "That was a fine Christmas dinner, with a hearty taste and feel to it."

Champagne from page B1

any game bird. Brut Millesime 1991 characterizes the vintage, but regardless of vintage, is always charming with a lengthy, creamy finish.

New from California

1992 Domaine Carneros Le Reve (the Dream) Brut \$35 is the newest sparkler from Domaine Carneros, Champagne Taittinger's California venture. It is a Blanc de Blancs (all white grapes, principally chardonnay).

Luxury Blanc de Blancs are rare even in Champagne, but it has been owner Claude Taittinger's "dream" to make the ultimate in sparkling wine deli-

cacy, a California sparkling wine with the elegance of Taittinger's Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs. Winemaker Eileen Crane, fulfilled the dream by crafting Le Reve, now the prestige cuvee of Domaine Carneros.

Early this decade, California's Domaine Chandon began planning for new millennium celebrations - literally a once-in-a-lifetime event! When the excellent 1992 vintage came along, it provided the base wine for Domaine Chandon Brut Cuvee 2000 \$25. Before its recent disgorging, it spent five years on the yeast developing complexity, richness, toasty notes and superbly creamy finish.

The name Cuvee 2000, bears not only special significance, but a warning. If you want top champagnes and sparkling wines for celebration Dec. 31, 1999, you need to be thinking about stocking up and securing your supply by no later than April 1999.

As an example, the 1992 Moet et Chandon Cuvee Dom Perignon will be released early next year. If you'd like magnums rather than 750mL bottles, you should purchase them as soon as possible; they're going fast! There will be a shortage of the best!

Champagne and Caviar

What's a great glass of bubbly without caviar? American and fresh water caviars are close in quality to imported, but much less costly. The best in the U.S. come from Carolyn Collins Caviar based in Chicago. Call (312) 228-0342 or fax (312) 226-2114 for complete list of caviars, truffle items and caviar butters. Overnight shipping available.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Conquests from page B1

Clean and chop spinach leaves and add to the artichoke hearts. Combine remaining ingredients and pulse machine to a rough chop; do not puree.

Place a dip into an oven-proof gratin dish and bake at 350s until piping hot throughout (about 15 minutes).

Top dish with freshly grated parmesan cheese and place casse-

role in the center of a large plate with toasted melba rounds scattered around the outside of the plate for dipping.

Chef Randy Smith is the Executive Chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham.

Look for his next Cooking Conquests column on March 21, 1999.

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum.

MEAT PIE

- Filling**
- 3 cups chicken, cooked and cut up
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 2 parsnips, chopped
 - 2 carrots, chopped
 - 1 rutabaga, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon marjoram

- 1/2 teaspoon parsley
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk or liquid from vegetables combined with milk to make 2 cups

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Place onions, garlic, parsnips, and rutabaga in a medium pot and cover with water. Heat to boiling.

Reduce heat and cook until tender (about 20 minutes). Drain and mix with meat. Set aside. If using vegetable stewing liquid in sauce, combine with enough milk to make two cups.

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Cook until bubbly, stirring constantly.

Add milk and vegetable stewing liquid mixture slowly and continue to stir until boiling. Let it boil for 1 minute while you continue to stir. Mix with meat and vegetables.

Pour into pastry-lined baking dish. Top with marjoram and parsley. Cover and seal with pastry. Cut small slits into pastry to allow steam to escape. Bake for 45-60 minutes or until crust is golden.

PASTRY

- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 pinch of salt

Combine shortening and flour. Add water and cut with two knives until well combined.

Divide dough in half. Roll each half on floured surface to form top and bottom crusts. Line pie pan or small baking dish with crust. Set the top aside. Yields: 6 servings.

Main Dish recipe from Daggett Farmhouse

CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

- Bread**
- 1/4 cup warm water
 - 1 package dry yeast
 - 3/4 cup warm milk
 - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 4 tablespoons soft butter
 - 2 eggs
 - 3 cups white flour
 - 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
 - 1/2 cup chopped almonds
 - 3/4 cup candied fruit

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. Let stand 5 minutes.

Mix milk, sugar, salt, butter, and egg in large bowl.

Add yeast and 1 1/2 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Cover and let stand 1 hour in a warm place. Add remaining flour so that the dough is easy to handle. Cover and put in a cool place for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F and butter a cookie sheet.

Turn dough out onto floured board and knead in fruits, nuts and lemon rind.

Roll dough to a 1/4-inch thick oval. Fold in half lengthwise, not quite to the edge. Press down along the edge to secure.

Place dough on prepared cookie sheet and let rise until double in size. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and glaze while bread is still warm.

GLAZE

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Blend sugar and lemon juice. Glaze bread while warm and decorate with fruits and nuts.
- Bread recipe from Edison Homestead*

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Christmas Eve • December 24, 1998
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(Especially for children. Nursery care)
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day - December 25, 1998
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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The Rev. Alan W. Brandemuhl, Jr.
Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Carols
7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist
(Babysitting Provided)
11:00 p.m. Carols
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
December 26th
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
December 27th
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24
5 p.m. The Children's Service
with the filling of the Creche.
Enjoy a musical prelude with
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gan, and carillon beginning at
4:30 p.m.

8 and 11 p.m. Traditional
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cal preludes with carillon, the
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flute, and organ begin at 7:30 &
10:30 p.m.

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11:00 PM

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Service December 25th
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Sun. Dec. 20, 1998 - 7 p.m. - "Come & Adore Him"
Sun. Dec. 20, 1998 - 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Pastoral Christmas
Sun. Dec. 20, 1998 - 11 a.m. - Sunday School Christmas Program
Thurs. Dec. 24, 1998 - 6 p.m. - Candlelight Service
Thurs. Dec. 31, 1998 - 10 p.m. - Watchnight Service

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Christ is Born

Pastor Larry & Sylvia Jordan invites you to join us for our

Christmas Candlelight Service

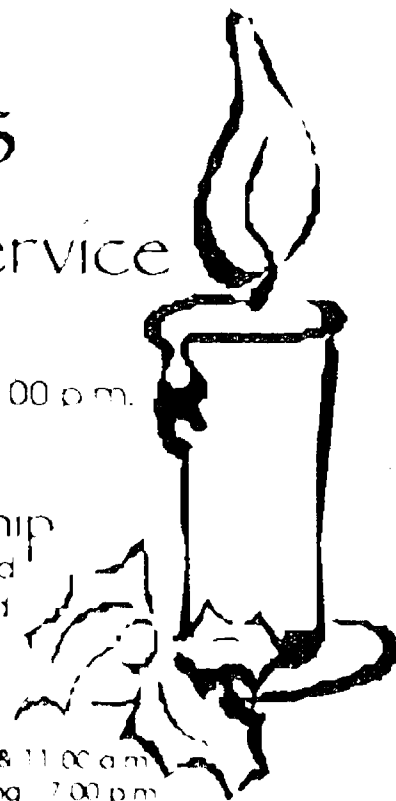
Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Family Victory Fellowship
19421 W. Ten Mile Road - Southfield
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Sunday Morning Worship Services - 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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- 6:00 PM (Nursery Provided)
- 11:00 PM Candlelight service

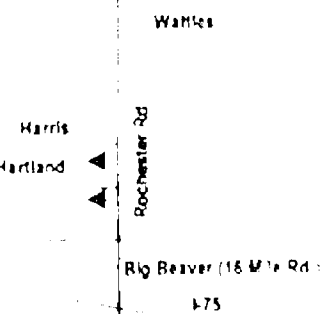
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- Sunday, December 20th
- Sunday, December 27th



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 Worship Services:
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 December 24 7:00 p.m.
 December 29 10:00 a.m.

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 service at 7:30 & 11:00pm

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 SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
 Children's Sermon; Church School 10:30
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 COMMUNION with Children's Story

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 December 19th, 7:30
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 Candlelight Services
 4:00, 6:00, 7:30, and 11:00

Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.)
 Dec. 24th, 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve
 Communion and Candlelight Services
 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
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Christmas Eve
 Family Worship - 7:00 p.m.
 Worship/Communion - 9:00 p.m.
 Communion/Candlelight - 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - Worship/Communion - 10:00 a.m.

Jesus is born

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 in Celebrating Christ's Birth
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Christmas Eve
 Family Worship with signing
 for the hearing impaired) 7:30 p.m.
 Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day 9:30 a.m.
 New Year's Eve Vesper Service 7:30 p.m.
 Please join us to celebrate God's gift to us - Jesus!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 5885 Venoy Road • Westland, Michigan 48185
 December 24, 1998
 Christmas Eve Family Service - Sunday School Program6:30 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion10:30 p.m.
 December 25, 1998
 Christmas Day Service with Communion10:00 a.m.
 December 31, 1998
 New Year's Eve Service with Communion7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
 1/4 mile west of Middlebich
 30000 Five Mile Rd.
 Livonia, MI 48154
 734-421-7249
Christmas Eve Family Service
 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 11:00 p.m.

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church
 9600 Levee Redford 48239 313/937-2424
 south of Plymouth Rd, between Inkster and Beech-Daly
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 Family Worship at 6:00 PM
 Communion Service at 10:30 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY!
 Communion Service at 10:00 AM

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 1800 West Maple Road
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CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:30 p.m. Children's
 Christmas pageant
 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Festival service
 of candlelight
 & carols
NEW YEAR'S EVE
 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner
 7:30 p.m. Worship service



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Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve
 Family Service w/Carols & Readings 5:30 p.m.
 Holy Communion w/candlelight 11:00 p.m.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
 Just north of I-96 (734) 522-6830
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 11:00 pm Candlelight Service
Christmas Day: 10:00 am Worship
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 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M.
 Christmas Day Service 10:00 A.M.
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 COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
 5631 North Adams Rd
 Bloomfield Hills
Christmas Eve
 4:30 p.m. Children's Service
 7:30 p.m. Family Service
 11:00 p.m. Festival, Holy Communion
Christmas Day
 10:00 a.m. Festival
December 31st
 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
January 6th
 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
Festival of Lights

Trinity Presbyterian Church
 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road
 Plymouth, MI 48170
 734-459-9550
Dr. William C. Moore Preaching
 "The True Spirit of Christmas"
 *3:30 & 5:15 P.M. Family Celebration with Christmas Pageant
 **7:30 P.M. Praise Celebration
 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Celebration
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First Presbyterian Church of Troy
 4328 Livermore Road
 248-689-0112
Christmas Eve Services
 6:00 Family Worship
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 Communion and Service of Light
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 Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400
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 7:00 p.m. Family Services
 Music by Children's Choirs
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
 Music by Youth and Chancel Choirs

BIRMINGHAM First Presbyterian Church
 1669 W. Maple Road
 between Woodward and Farmington
 Birmingham, AL 35202
 http://www.birminghamfirst.org
CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:00 p.m. Family Service - Children's Musical
 Wise Guys and Starry Skies
 8:00 p.m. Carols, Sermon and Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. Choral Service
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 Monday and Wednesday 8:15 am
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M.

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 5 Blocks E. of Telegraph (313) 531-2121
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
 Confessions 10:45-11:45 p.m.
 Carols begin at 11 p.m.
 Christmas Morning Mass
 9:00 a.m.
 Confessions 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
 600 Hubbard Avenue at West Chicago, Livonia
Christmas Eve Services
 5:00pm Family Service
 10:00pm Communion Candlelight Service
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 Church and Main Street
 453-6464
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 (Special music precedes each service)
 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. Family Worship
 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Candlelight Services
 December 28 - 10:00 a.m. Worship

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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 40000 Six Mile Road
 Northville, MI 48167

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 5:00 P.M. Family Service
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 11:00 P.M. Traditional Communion & Candlelight
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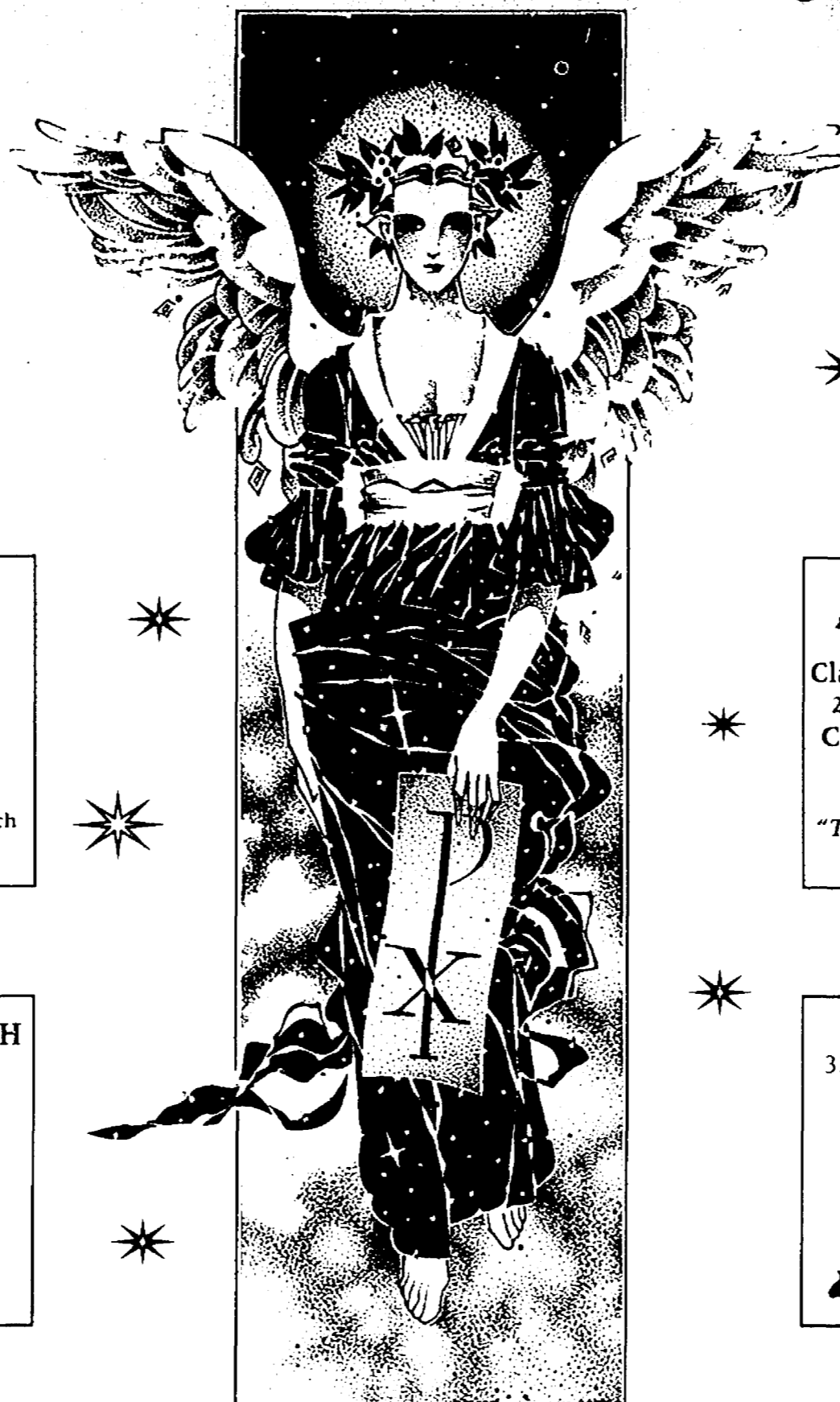
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Christmas Mass Schedule
 Christmas Eve: 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
 Caroling at 9:15 p.m.
 Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
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 SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034
 248-356-8787
Christmas Masses
 Dec. 24 5 p.m. &
 Midnight
 Dec. 25 7 a.m., 9 a.m.
 & 11 a.m.
New Year's Masses
 Dec. 31 5 p.m.
 Jan. 1 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

St. Alan Catholic Church
 23475 candlelight Hwy
 between Woodward & E. Brown
 Farmington Hills, MI
 Communal Penance Service: 7:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
 Christmas Eve Mass: 7:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
 Christmas Eve Mass: 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
 Christmas Day Masses: 10:00 a.m. (Candlelight Service) & 12:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
 New Year's Eve Mass: 10:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
 New Year's Day Mass: 10:00 a.m. (Candlelight Service)

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 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
 3:30 pm Children's Pageant in Church
 4:00 pm Mass in Church
 4:15 pm Mass in Church Hall
 6:00 pm Christmas Mass in Church
 11:00 pm Pre Mass Program
 12:00 m Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25
 8:00 am Christmas Mass
 9:30 am Christmas Mass
 11:15 am Christmas Mass
 1:00 pm Christmas Mass
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
 Saturday, Dec. 26
 4:30 pm
 6:00 pm
 Sunday, Dec. 27
 8:00 am
 9:30 am
 11:15 am
 1:00 pm
 5:30 pm

O' Come and Adore Him



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 7:00 Candlelight and Carols
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 11:00 Communion Service

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 In Historic Franklin Village
United Methodist in affiliation, ecumenical in spirit.
 Christmas Time in a colonial setting
 7:00 Traditional Family Service
 Lessons & Carols with Candlelight
 11:00 Service of Lessons & Carols with Candlelight Communion
 (Both services include: choirs and special music)
 Franklin Community Church
 26425 Wellington
 Between 13 & 14 Mile
 1 Block W. of Franklin Road
 Pastor: Karl L. Zeigler

Clarenceville U.M. Church
 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Christmas Eve Service
 7:30 p.m.
 Message:
"The Keeping of a Promise"
 Please join us!

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 30900 Six Mile Rd.
 (bet. Middlebelt & Merriman)
 Chuck Sonquist, Pastor
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 7:00 Youth led Family Service
 11:00 Traditional/Communion

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 20000 W. 13 Mile Rd. at Evergreen Rd., Beverly Hills
 Children's Christmas Eve Service 5:30 P.M.
 Service of Lessons & Carols 7:30 P.M.
 Candlelight Communion Service 11:00 P.M.
 Christmas Worship Dec. 27th @ 10:00 A.M.
 Phone 248-646-9777

Farmington First United Methodist Church
 33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573
Christmas Eve Services • Nursery Provided
 4:30 p.m. Candles & Carols for Families
 "Fulfillment" message by Dr. Large
 10:30 p.m. Handbells play Carols
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Carols
 "The Christmas Paddle" message by Rev. Willobee

St. Paul United Methodist Church Bloomfield
 Worship 11:00 AM - Summer 10:00 AM
 Sun. School 9:45 AM - NURSERY PROVIDED
Christmas Eve 7:00 P.M.
 Reverend Jim Greer - Pastor
 Barriar Free
 165 E. Square Lk. Rd.
 Bloomfield Hills
 338-8233
 VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.gbgm-umc.org/paul

Celebrate Christmas Joy with Us
Novi United Methodist Church
 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd.
 Just West of Meadowbrook Rd.
 248-349-2652
Christmas Eve Services
 4:00 p.m. Family Festival Worship
 7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI
CHRISTMAS EVE - Three Services
 6:30 p.m. Special Family Worship Service, Carols and Candlelighting. Nursery provided.
 8:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
 Special music by Choirs and Organ.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 620 Romeo Street, Rochester
 (Located 1 block N. of University & 5 blocks east of Rochester)
 248-651-9361
 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 "How Silently, How Silently" - Dr. Hickey
 11:00 p.m.
WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 "Go and Tell John" - Dr. Hickey
 Crib and Toddler Care available at all Services

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
 29887 W. Eleven Mile (west of Middlebelt)
 Farmington Hills, Michigan - 248/476-8860
 Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack
 Rev. Kathleen Groff
 Rev. Jane Berquist
 Rev. Robert Bough
 Mr. Melvin C. Rookus
 Mrs. Emily Bodoh
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Thursday, December 24
carol singing, scripture stories, special music, sermon, candle lighting
 4:30 p.m. - A family service with music by children's choirs
 6:00 p.m. - A community service with music by youth choirs
 8:00 p.m. - A metropolitan service with music by church choir
 "The Traditional Nardin Park Christmas Eve"
 11:00 p.m. - A contemporary celebration with pop rock combo and multi-media
 Come worship on the holiest night of the year!

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 30450 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 (Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
 248-626-3620
 Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid
 Educational Ministries: Margo Dexter
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, Dec. 20th
 Celebration of Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Festive music, a skit, "Stolen Jesus", and empowering words to take home with you.
ROAD TO BETHLEHEM, Drive-Through Living Nativity
 Monday, December 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Follow the Starlit path to see the story of God's great love unfold.
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICES, Dec. 24th
 5:00 p.m. - Family Service
 Heart-warming children's Christmas program
 9:00 p.m. - Multi-Media Musical Celebration
 Lessons and carols to re-awaken the spirit of young and old.
 11:00 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight Communion Service
 Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.
 Nursery care provided at all services.

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
 Welcomes You and Your Family Home for Christmas
Sunday, December 20
 8:00 p.m. "In Dulci Jubilo" - a special concert
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
 4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Worship Service
 8:00 p.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 10:00 p.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
 45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)
 (734) 453-5280

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Dec. 24
 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
 Featuring:
 ☆ Dramas:
 The First Gift (7:00)
 3 Women of Bethlehem (9:00)
 ☆ Children's Choir (7:00)
 ☆ Violin & Vocal Duet
 ☆ Chancel Choir
 ☆ Hand Bell Choir
 ☆ Candle Lighting
 Nursery provided @ 7 p.m.
 8:30 p.m. Organ Concert
 10000 Beech Daly
 2 blocks south of Plymouth Road
 313-937-3170

First United Methodist Church
 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham
 646-1200
Christmas Sunday - December 20
 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 "Somewhere Between Great Lakes Crossing and the Plains of Bethlehem"
 Dr. William A. Ritter
Christmas Eve Services
 4:30 p.m. Family Service
 All Ages Welcome
 Nursery Open
 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Lessons and Carols
 Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
 Nursery Care at 7:00
 Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter
 "Were You Born in a Barn?"
 Pastors
 William A. Ritter
 Matthew J. Hook
 Linda Farmer-Lewis
 Carl Price
 William Frayer

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Volunteers sought

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Botsford Health Care Continuum with benefits such as a complimentary meal on the day you work and a 15 percent discount at the hospital's gift shop. Positions include general patient services, and non-typing clerical assistance. For information, call (248) 471-8082.

Blood pressure

St. Mary Hospital will host a blood pressure screen 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in the Target Department Store in Livonia.

Garden City Hospital provides free blood pressure testing noon to 2 p.m. Jan. 4 (first Tuesday of each month) in the lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Everyone is welcome.

Botsford General Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings the third Wednesday of each month (Jan. 20) at Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile. Call (248) 477-6100.

Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club will host a free blood pressure screening. "Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked Monday, Dec. 28 (available the fourth Monday of every month from 8-10 a.m.) Located at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 477-6100.

Gifts for the health-conscious are easy to find

If you are struggling to find the perfect gift for folks interested in improving their health, don't fret. There are countless ideas that can make this Christmas great.

Gift certificates allow the user to redeem them at their convenience and you can get them from almost anywhere - for almost anything such as health spas, fitness centers, healthy cooking classes, health-oriented programming, skating/skiing/golf/tennis lessons.

Exercise shoes for running, walking, tennis, aerobics, etc.

Healthy cookbooks, magazines, recipe books.

Portable CD/cassette with headphones to use during exercise.

Journal/diary to document calorie counting, daily eating habits.

Reflective clothing for individuals who exercise at night.

Water bottle.

Water-proof watch.

Battery/solar powered device to monitor pulse and heart rate.

Bicycle, rollerblades, ice skates, skis, bowling ball, golf clubs, etc.

Sugar-free candies.

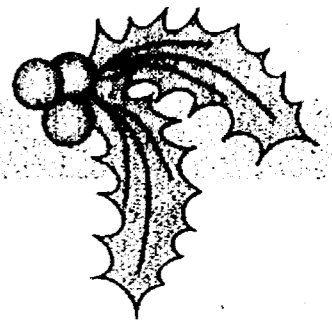
Exercise clothing.

Gardening plants or seeds for fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, etc.

Bottled water service.

Exercise equipment (treadmill, stationary bicycle, stair climber, etc.)

HEALTHY HOLIDAY HINTS



Child-proof your home to safeguard little visitors

When the decorations come out, the grandchildren can't be far behind.

"Having little ones underfoot can be a lot of fun - especially when you know, at the end of a long visit, they'll be going home with their mom and dad," says Botsford General Hospital Emergency Department physician Sanford J. Vieder, D.O.

"But child-proofing your home is serious business, and you have to approach it by imagining yourself as a totally fearless, 2-foot 6-inch tall, two-year-old in a potential minefield."

To insure your grandchildren's holiday are safe as well as fun, Vieder suggests:

■ Placing medications in a place far, far away from little hands.

"Older people often leave medications out - perhaps without child-proof caps - on a counter or table top where they're a visual reminder to take them at a certain time during the day. That's great if you're an adult, but young children are curious about everything. Put them on a high shelf or another place where they won't be a temptation."

■ Check the crib, playpen and booster seat. "Often grandparents will use the same furniture that their own children used when the grand-

children come to visit," says Vieder.

"That's a very bad idea. For example, new safety standards require that cribs have no wider than 2 3/8" between slats and that mattresses fit tighter in the crib. Lead paint is another real threat with older furniture. When in doubt, I suggest grandparents either borrow or rent new furniture."

■ Bar the stairs and cupboards.

"If at all possible, make sure you have gates at both the top and bottom of stairs - and not the old, accordion-type gate which can be a real hazard," advises Vieder. "Buy the type that glides and locks into position; that's one purchase you'll never regret."

Also, essential are safety latches for cupboard doors - particularly in the kitchen and utility room where cleaning agents and other chemicals are often stored.

■ Get a car seat.

According to Michigan's Child Passenger Safety Law, all children under the age of one must be properly buckled in an approved safety seat. Under the age of four, they must be protected by an approved safety seat or safety belt.

"Children should never be placed in a rear-fac-

ing infant seat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with an air bag," notes Vieder. "And grandparents, along with every other adult in a child's life, should always set a good example by wearing seat belts, too."

■ Watch the pet.

"If you're not sure how well your other 'family members' may feel around small relatives, either place them in another room or in a kennel. Otherwise, make sure you're keeping a watchful eye on both child and pet."

■ Make a clean sweep.

Lastly, Vieder suggests, making a thorough check of the house and remove any tantalizing items prior to the little ones' arrival. "Particularly during the holidays, 'edible' ornaments, holly berries and poinsettia plants should be placed out of reach, along with alcohol, perfumes and any other items that can be disastrous in small, curious hands.

The old adage, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' is worth remembering," he says. "The holidays should be a happy time when families come together to share old memories and make new ones - but not in an emergency waiting room."

Food-centered occasions need special attention

It's that time of year again and most of us will attend at least one holiday party. These special occasions are often centered around food and can make many of us lose control. Try to remember the following tips for a happier, healthier holiday season.

■ Don't arrive at any celebration hungry. Try to eat a piece of fruit or some yogurt before you go.

■ Make one trip around the food table before eating anything. Decide what you really want and then go back for it. Force yourself to make some choices without feeling the need to try everything.

■ Position yourself as far away from the food table as you can. If you have to cross the room every time you want something to eat, you may think twice before reaching for something you don't really want.

■ Eating slowly and savoring each taste is also a good way to stay in control. Try putting your fork down between bites, holding a glass of refreshing spring water, and engaging in conversation.

■ Plan for celebrations by fitting in some extra activity during the week.

■ Regular exercise during the busy holiday season will not only

make you feel better, but it will reduce the stress that so often accompanies the holidays.

■ Don't keep candies and cookies within reach at home or at the office. Try to keep fruits and vegetables handy when you need a snack.

■ Remember that none of us is perfect. If you do overindulge at a celebration don't beat yourself up. Just pick yourself up, brush yourself off and start all over again. Two or three big meals won't make a difference in the long run. It's what you do the other 362 days of the year that really count.

Remember the "reason for the season." Although traditional holiday celebrations include lots of fattening foods, remember what the holidays mean to you and focus on that.

■ Establishing healthy patterns for life is the important thing. Small changes repeated over and over again will eventually become habits. Start developing healthy habits slowly. Start today.

Written by Florine Mark, president and CEO of the Weight Watchers Group of Farmington Hills.

Heart Smart® cookies make holidays healthier

Neighborhood cookie exchanges. Office parties. Gift canisters.

Cookies inevitably make their way into homes, workplaces and schools during the holiday season. And they are probably one of the reasons the average American gains five to seven pounds during the holidays.

"Many traditional cookies - rolled sugar cookies, nutballs, peanut butter blossoms - are loaded with fat. But you don't need to abandon your favorite family recipes," says registered dietitian Fay Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Heart Smart® program at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"With a few simple modifications, it's possible to create healthier versions."

For example, traditional refrigerated cookie dough has about 5-6 grams of fat per serving (approximately two cookies). Box cookie mixes have up to 6-10 grams of fat per serving.

If you are baking cookies for gifts or parties, Fitzgerald recommends

giving them a healthier twist. Some suggestions for modifying your recipes include:

■ Mix dried fruit such as raisins, prunes or apricots into cookie dough instead of high fat ingredients like nuts and chocolate chips; use smaller amounts of nuts (1/3 - 1/4 cup per recipe).

■ For a satisfying crunch, leave the nuts in larger chunks; replace half the fat in the recipe with an equal amount of pureed fruit such as

ripe bananas, stewed prunes, apple sauce or canned pumpkin.

■ In addition, to reduce the overall fat, saturated fat and cholesterol content, try the following substitutions: instead of try -one cup butter, shortening, margarine, or lard use 2/3 cup vegetable oil.

Whole milk - skim milk
One egg - two egg whites or 1/4 cup egg substitute
Full serving of salt - half the amount.

NEW YEAR HEALTH CALENDAR

JANUARY 1999

MINI FITNESS CLASSES

Schoolcraft College offers almost 60, four-week mini physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.

WED, JAN. 6

STRESS MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three week stress management class. "Stressed for Success," starting on Wednesday, Jan. 6 through 20 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. To register call, (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

ACUPUNCTURE/WEIGHT LOSS

Presentation on how acupuncture can be an effective treatment for weight loss, free of charge. Meets at Botsford Health Development Network at 7 p.m., 39750 Grand River. Call (248) 477-6100 for information.

JAN. 7-19

STOP SMOKING CLINIC

The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven-night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates include Jan. 7, Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535.

MON, JAN. 11

STOP SMOKING

If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital is offering a two-week, four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, from Jan. through Jan. 21, in the First Floor Conference Room. Registration is required, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

WED, JAN. 13

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep it off. Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., C.D.E., LifeSteps is a safe and effective weight loss program that individualizes your new eating and activity pattern so that you lose weight permanently. A complimentary LifeSteps orientation class will be held 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. The

class will meet in the Pavilion Conference Room B. The management class is a 12-week program meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 20 through April 7. Pre-registration is required, call (734) 655-8940.

HEART SMART EXERCISE

This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, 6-7:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

THUR, JAN. 14

HEALTHY COOKING

"Making the Best of Potatoes." If you think french fried, baked and mashed is the only way to prepare potatoes - think again. Meets at 7 p.m. at Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.

THUR, JAN. 28

THE ALMOST VEGETARIAN

Know what's good for you and your family, but not quite ready to take that all-veggie, all-the-time plunge? 7 p.m. \$6 fee and preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River. Call (248) 477-6100.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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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 typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 21

SPORTS SAFETY

Course trains individuals to become instructors to teach coaches and other interested individuals basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, choking and CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee includes course cost and materials, \$50. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

JANUARY

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MON, JAN. 4

CARDIAC SUPPORT

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

HEART PALS

Support offered for cardiac patients/families. Discussion, education and camaraderie are focus. From 7-9 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Call (734) 458-3242.

TUE, JAN. 5

HEART SUPPORT

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

DIABETES EDUCATION

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

WED, JAN. 6

DIABETES SUPPORT

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

THUR, JAN. 7

HEALTH SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital is Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, in West Addition Conference Room B, near the South Entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. The blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

FRI, JAN. 8

REDUCING RISK

Dr. Marcella Salib will host a discussion on high blood pressure (hypertension) and stress at the Leather Bottle Restaurant. Guest speaker James Mikrut,

R.P.T. will be featured. The program will run from 1-2 p.m. (health-o-rama/2-3 p.m.). Subtopics will include cause/effect of hypertension, controlling and treating heart attack and coping and preventing complications of heart disease. The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of 8 Mile and Farmington roads.

MON, JAN. 11

ADULT CPR

Both day and evening classes available. \$20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 356-3900 ext. 255 to register.

TUE, JAN. 12

IMPOTENCY HELP

HIM (Help for Impotent Men) will discuss "Impotence: Man's Greatest Fear." Free of charge. 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 29050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

FELDENKRAIS

Feldenkrais Method® combines movement training and gentle touch to improve ease of movement, coordination, flexibility and posture. Taught through March 9 by certified Feldenkrais practitioner. \$100 fee for entire course. 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m. Preregistration/payment required. Botsford Integrated Medicine; call (248) 926-6370.

New Year's in cyberspace

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

Visits with family and friends are how most folks will be spending Christmas Eve. And the Internet reflects that. December 24th is the slowest night of the year on the Net. You can actually dial your service provider and not get a busy signal. Except for a few sites, like the Santa Tracker (www.santatracker.com) Web site that lets families "track" Santa's Christmas Eve journeys on a radar-style screen, the Net is a pretty lonely place.

Virtual celebration

A lot of people celebrate in cyberspace. If you're looking for New Year's Eve online action, the Net is a virtual happening.

Let's start with the biggest and most familiar. Everybody watches Dick Clark ring in the new during his annual live broadcast. But the New York City Tourist Bureau "cybercasts" the dropping of the ball on the Internet. Their site is called New Year's Eve at Times Square (http://www.nyctourist.com/newyears1.htm). And besides a lot of pictures, it offers up a great col-

lection stories dating back to 1906, when the tradition started.

Speaking of tradition, there's a site that tells the history of the holiday (http://wiltstar.com/holidays/newyear.htm). In case you ever wondered, the New Year has been celebrated since the Babylonians decided they needed another excuse for a good time some 4000 years ago.

One of our traditions is ... starting over. Everybody marks the New Year with a resolution or two. You know the old standbys ... lose weight, get more exercise, save more money, don't procrastinate. Well, to help you actually keep your resolutions, this site http://guestworld.tripod.lycos.com/BeOurGuest/NewYears/nysign.dhtm lists you fill in an on-screen form, let your goals and then, every so often, it promises to nag you about it by sending you a reminder e-mail.

You can also see how your resolutions compare to others. My favorite was from a guy I found the other day who resolves to "pity the people who have to use an Internet source to get their lives in order."

If you really have no life, spend New Year's Eve at your computer, at the Virtual First Night Web site (http://www.virtualfirstnight.org/) which has links to more than 200 cities across the world that will be holding special online celebra-

tions. You can enter the First Night chat room and exchange resolutions with other loners similarly dateless, as you eavesdrop on webcam coverage of those who do have dates and are out celebrating.

As popular as all these 1998 New Year's Eve sites may be, wait till next year. Already several dozen Web sites are online hyping New Year's Eve 1999... like the "Billennium" site (http://www.billennium.com/home-frame.htm), which links to the International Register of Millennium Eve parties.

When I checked the other day, there were several hundred listed. If you're having one, you can post it here, too.

Webcams: I've added a webcam on my PC Mike Web site (www.pcmike.com). Thanks to the folks at 2cu.com, I'll be "Net-casting" my WXYT Radio show. Tune into the radio to hear the broadcast and log on to the Net to see what it looks like. This is in addition to the RealAudio update reports I "broadcast" on the site each weekday.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at http://www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Professionals are welcome from area corporations, companies and firms whose employees are active residents in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Professionals, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; fax (734) 591-7279.

New sales consultant

Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia recently welcomed Paul Keriacos of Redford as their new services sales consultant. He is responsible for marketing and sales and controlling the costs of food and beverages.



Keriacos

New hire

Kim Skeltis of Farmington Hills recently joined the team of Shandwick Detroit as senior account executive. Her responsibilities include media relations and internal communications for real estate and software manufacturers.

Recent promotion

Bradley J. Porter of Livonia was recently promoted to the position of general manager of The Dako Group, a technical contract and permanent staff firm in Troy. Porter will be responsible for the continued growth of the company and obtaining and exceeding company wide goals. He has been with The Dako Group for over three years.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Thanks for the memories

As the end of the year draws close, it's time to remember those whose courage and commitment have made all of us a little bit better. I'm lucky as an arts reporter to have met these people and brought their stories to the attention of our readers. Thanks for all the inspiration you've given us.

Potters for Peace

Kris Darby made it possible for all of us to learn about and understand the Nicaraguan culture when she brought clay artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez to Plymouth for a workshop at the Village Potters Guild. An active member of Potters for Peace, Darby visited the two clay artists in January for a "how to" on marketing their work. In exchange, the Nicaraguan potters revealed secrets about creating their work to



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Cultural exchange: Kris Darby, through the nonprofit organization Potters for Peace, brought Nicaraguan artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez to the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth for a workshop.

members of the Village Potters Guild. During their stay, Rodriguez and Guzman also relayed interesting facts about their culture.

The average monthly salary for a police officer or teacher is about \$140 in Nicaragua. Yet on their trip to this country, they missed the tranquil lifestyle at home. Rodriguez told us, "we have time during the day to just sit and visit. There's a very close fraternity with our friends and neighbors." Maybe, we could learn something from this third world country.

Sharing culture

Artists and entrepreneurs of the Woodland Indians Trading Co. and Gallery showed courage in opening a space for Native Americans to sell their pottery, jewelry, and beaded items.

It's no easy road for new businesses. The Redford gallery began offering workshops on dreamcatchers and cornhusk dolls to attract customers.

Thanks for sharing your Native America culture. We've all learned that Indians living in the Great Lakes area are as talented as their Southwest brothers.

"Walk this Way"

Thanks to Ron Bachman for the courage to film the story of how he not only survived everyday life in a world that's frequently cruel to people with disabilities, but developed a positive attitude doing it. Bachman's legs were amputated at age four.

The film "Walk this Way," which premiered at the Penn Theater in Plymouth in October, showed vintage footage taken at the Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids after the surgery. Even back then, his courage to overcome the odds is an example for all of us to follow.

Bachman's proudest accomplishment, undoubtedly, was raising daughter Alicia, now a student at Michigan State University, by himself.

How does someone put a star on a Christmas tree when he can only walk on his hands? This was just one of the problem's Bachman solved when Alicia was 8.

Bachman's story proves attitude is everything. Where there's a will, there's a way. And he did it all with a sense of humor.

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Beasty Delights: This dragon (c. 604-563 b.c.) is one of the animals on exhibit through Jan. 31 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
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We live in a world of lists. To-do lists. Best-sellers' lists. Endless enumerations of popular opinions. All in all, a dizzying compilation of stuff.

Hopefully, the following list won't induce vertigo. And maybe, just maybe, it'll put some perspective on the people and events that distinguished the past year.

Here's hoping.

Indelible impressions

Best museum exhibits: "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art; "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels from the Vestiges" at the DIA; "And I Still See Their Faces" at the Jewish Community Center; "Juke Joint" and "Detroit's Black Bottom" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Best gallery exhibits: "Martin A. Maddox: A Memorial Exhibit" at the Kidd Gallery; "Detachable Music for a Collapsible Culture" at the Detroit Artists Market; paintings of Lui Liu at Galerie Blu; "New Paintings by William Glen Crooks" at David Klein Gallery; "Street Scenes: New Paintings by Stephen Magsig" at Lemberg Gallery; "Book Works" by Donald Lipsky at Hill Gallery; and, "Jeffrey Abt: Paintings and Drawings" at the Cary Gallery.

Best new/expanded museum: Cranbrook's expansive Institute of Science, including new permanent exhibits.

Best art festivals: First annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" in downtown Pontiac; Ann Arbor Art Fairs; and, "Art & Apples," presented by Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Best invitational exhibit: Habatat Galleries' International Glass Exhibit featuring 65 leading artists.

Best expression of love in a gallery: Artist Terry Lee Dill's video testimonial of his eternal affection for his fiancée, Diane Roch Smith.

Best community dance production: Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's "Dracula."

Best fine arts competitions: BBAC's Michigan Fine Arts Competition; Canton Project Arts Fine Arts Competition, and Art in the Village sponsored

by the Livonia Arts Commission.

Best art exhibits for kids: "Beasty Delights" at the DIA; and, ongoing exhibits at Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.

Best emerging art community: Plymouth's Old Village.

Best art created on site: Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The 17th annual event takes place Jan. 13-15.

Best art created for a corporate setting: The swirling stainless-steel sculpture, "Eco," by Joseph Wesner of Birmingham.

The sculpture stands inside the Delphi building in Troy.

Overdue recognition

Best contemporary arts museum that's not officially called a contemporary arts museum: Cranbrook Arts Museum.

It's time Director Gregory Wittkopp, and Assistant Curator Irene Hofmann got the credit they deserve for their gutsy pursuit of provocative contemporary art exhibits.

Best literary undertaking: Author/funeral director Thomas Lynch of Milford, whose recent



Historical setting: Livonia Arts Commission president Bob Sheridan displays some of the work in "Art in the Village," held at Greenmead Historical Village in June. It was one of the Best Fine Arts Competitions in 1998.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBELLI

A jewel: Developer Chuck Forbes' bold decision to move The Gem Theatre saved the historic building from the wrecking ball.

book of poetry,

"Still Life in Milford," reveals a literary artist in control of irony, metaphor and meter.

Best local literary journal: "Witness," edited by Peter Stine and published by Oakland Community College. A compendium of poems, essays and short stories by national writers inspired by social issues.

Best original composition by a local composer: "Tuskegee Airmen Suite" by Brian Belanger of Royal Oak, performed by the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

Pioneer Awards

Best conversation about the arts: (OK, OK, this might sound self-serving.) The quarterly roundtable discussions on the arts sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Best efforts to build dance scene: MOT's partnership with the American Ballet Theatre to make the Detroit Opera House the midwest home for the legendary ballet company.

Outstanding performances by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, and Detroit Dance Collective.

Best progress by an annual art fair: The West Bloomfield Art Festival, which featured 200 artists from around the U.S.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFMEYER

Visionary: Evelyn Orbach, artistic director at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, believes theater is a way to entertain as well as challenge audiences about social issues.

MUSIC

Trumpeter/actor returns home to play

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Todd Curtis' life is like a soap opera. Just when he seemed headed for success in the 1970s and 1980s, Curtis' career as a soap star was nearly cut short by an auto accident that left the Livonia native with serious facial injuries. At the time, Curtis was playing a rich playboy named Jordy Clegg on "Capitol."

Hepler, Ramo and Curtis

What: The trio performs a mix of Brazilian music, American standards, Spanish, French and Italian classics, and originals.
Where/When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 31 at (Il Posto Ristorante), 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield, (248) 827-8070; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 305-7333; and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January, at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, \$3 cover, for reservations call (734) 416-9288.

Undaunted, Curtis, and the producers, simply wrote the 1986 accident into the script after his release from the hospital.

Playing trumpet again wasn't as simple. Curtis was once a promising musician who'd perfected his skills at Boston University's Tanglewood Institute. The facial injuries Curtis sustained when he went through the windshield, more than likely, would prevent him from ever blowing a note again.

That was one of the hardest pills for Curtis to swallow. Before he'd won the

part on "Capitol," Curtis played with the Westside Jazz Ensemble while taking acting classes in California. After the accident, "any thoughts of trumpet were put on the shelf," however the emotional pain was tempered by the fact that Curtis had resumed his acting career.

Curtis didn't have worried when "Capitol" was canceled after a five-year run. Before long, producers of the "Young and the Restless" hired him to play Skip Evans, a photographer Parts in action films such as "American Tigers," "Night Eyes 3" and "Out for Blood" followed his five years on the "Young and the Restless."

It was while filming "Chain of Command" in Israel that Curtis decided to visit his sister Heidi Hepler, who had moved to Rome in the early 1990s. The trip triggered a renewed interest in trumpet Hepler, a vocalist, is half of a duo with husband Michele (MEL-ay) Ramo.

Apprehensive to find out if he could still play, Cur-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Family affair: Todd Curtis (left) joins sister Heidi Hepler and brother-in-law Michele Ramo (above) for their rare mix of music.

He finally picked up the trumpet again last year but told no one, not even his sister.

"It was the scariest thing that ever happened, nothing came out," said Curtis, "but trumpet is a different form of expression and I missed it. The last time I played was on 'Capitol.' I wrote a fanfare for the show. It was really a lot of fun."

Curtis didn't give up on his playing though. Gradually, his technique came back with daily practice. In June of this year, Curtis sent Heidi a tape of his

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Best from page C1

June's fair demonstrated the effectiveness of the chamber of commerce partnering with one of the area's biggest corporations, Henry Ford Medical Center, to promote the arts.

Best first year for arts centers: The Southfield Centre for the Arts completed its inaugural year, and established itself as a home for regional arts groups, and as a performing venue; and, the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, which opened in September.

Best word to describe what art groups talk about when not discussing art: Marketing.

Team art award

Best father & son artists: Robert and Joseph Maniscalco of Orchard Lake.

The elder Maniscalco is one of the most accomplished portrait painters in the country. His son, Robert, who recently returned to the area, also has a deft touch with the portrait brush.

Best conceptual vibe: Innovative conceptual artist Jef Bourgeois of Rochester, and other local artists who've transformed the old buildings near downtown Pontiac into studios.

Pontiac may not be Soho, but so what? The fledgling scene is the best statement that artists not only find creative solutions

but are good for the economy.

Best sidekicks: Andi Wolfe and Sylvia Gotlib, both of West Bloomfield, co-chairs of the annual Jewish Book Fair.

Wolfe and Gotlib personified the art of having a "good time" while working. Together they orchestrated a book fair featuring thousands of new titles.

Art for a cause

Best exhibits for a cause: "Survivors In Search of a Voice: The Art of Courage, a multimedia monument to women with breast cancer at Somerset Collection.

"Peace Through Humor: Visions of Peace from the Hands of Children" at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery.

"Empty Bowls," a fund-raiser for Gleaners Food Bank, held at Pewabic Pottery.

"She Be Me" presented by Canton Project Arts at Summit on the Park.

Best ongoing commitment: Very Special Arts of Michigan, which continues to showcase artists with disabilities.

Leadership

Best vision for culture: Cranbrook President Robert Gavin, and acting director of Cranbrook's Institute of Science

Elaine Gurian.

In a short period, both have broadened the perception of the Cranbrook Educational Community as a "destination point" to appreciate culture, rather than an exclusive enclave.

Best developer: Chuck Forbes of Troy, who moved and renovated The Gem Theatre in downtown Detroit, rather than have the historic building destroyed.

Best vision for theater: Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

The multi-talented Orbach continues to promote theater as a venue to entertain, educate and challenge audiences about contemporary issues.

Most enthusiastic new arts leader: Louis Spisto, DSO executive director, who took charge in January, has shown a relentless enthusiasm.

Ponderables

Best disappearing act: The Gateway sculpture project in downtown Birmingham.

The proposed public sculpture by renown artist Alice Aycock can't seem to gain enough support to be funded and erected.

When will supporters and opponents find common ground, and realize that, collectively, public sculptures should be as



Ice creations: Richard Teeple (right) and helpers carve out an ice sculpture.

varied as the populace?

Best abdication of common sense: The Birmingham City Commission's attempt to hold up a permit for Common Ground's annual art fair in Shain Park.

The commission figured the nonprofit social service agency should share its revenue with other local nonprofits or else.

Thankfully - and wisely - the

commission relented, and this past September's event was a well-attended success.

Best bill yet to become law: The proposed tri-county arts funding initiative that would earmark a property tax of .5 mill to go to fund operating budgets for cultural institutions and arts groups.

Best gossip: A metro area

developer is planning to renovate several buildings in downtown Detroit in hopes of opening a contemporary arts museum.

Best hope: Arts education programs will become central to teaching curriculums. And celebrating the arts will be considered as a positive way to promote self-expression and social understanding.

DIA extends Holy Land glass exhibit

(PRNewswire) - Ancient Glass from the Holy Land, an exhibition on loan to the Detroit Institute of Arts from the Israel Antiquities Authority, featuring over 200 glass vessels, has been extended until Feb. 7. The majority of the objects in the exhibition in the Knight Gallery have never The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, the museum will be open until 4 p.m. It will be closed Friday,

Dec. 25. Special holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Admission to Ancient Glass from the Holy Land, and other programs, is free with museum admission; recommended is \$4 adult; \$1 children, students and seniors; DIA members free.

The objects in Ancient Glass from the Holy Land are exquisite examples of the glassmakers' art and were found during excavations in Israel. The material spans many centuries, from the mid-15th century B.C. to the 8th century A.D.

A catalogue with color photographs of pieces from the exhibition, a map showing the excavated sites, views of Israel, explanations of methods of glass manufacture and the techniques of excavation will be on sale in the Museum Shops.

The exhibition was co-organized by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the Israel Antiquities Authority.

For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or <http://www.dia.org>

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Children are the future

The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory should be applauded for stepping in to fill the gap in education when Arnold Williams Music closed in Canton. Opened in September, the arts conservatory offers training in music and dance. Director Jeff Myers adds drama to the curriculum in January.

A conservatory for Southeast Michigan kids to learn the fine points of music, dance and drama is long overdue.

Thanks to the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, Livonia

Symphony and Plymouth Symphony for their young artists competitions, and the Livonia Arts Commission for its visual and performing arts scholarship program. The competitions and scholarships encourage budding musicians, visual artists and drama students to secure a future for themselves in the arts.

Building an arts district

And finally, thanks to the artists who realized the potential for banding together in a historic location such as Plymouth's Old Village. The newest to move into the area is Village Music. Owned

by Norma Atwood, the studio offers Kindermusic to the young, and voice and piano for adults.

If you're looking for blown glass, ceramics, ice sculptures, music or art lessons, or paintings, Old Village should be your first stop.

Plymouth may not be Greenwich Village, Soho, or even Pontiac or Hamtramck, but it's on its way.

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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music. She cried after hearing it. She'd long waited for the day when her "little brother" would return "to his roots in music." Shortly thereafter, Ramo called Curtis in Santa Monica with an invitation to play with the duo. Since arriving two months ago, Hepler, Ramo and Curtis have entertained audiences at Encore in Birmingham and the Coffee Studio in Plymouth. On New Year's Eve, the trio performs at Il Posto Ristorante in Southfield, and in March as part of the "Just for You" arts and entertainment series at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Their music defies categorization but shows strong influences of Brazilian, American, Spanish, French, Italian, jazz and classical music.

"I saw the potential," said Ramo. "The timing was there and the same thing happened to me. I didn't play guitar when I first came to this country, but at least I played violin. I know how hard it is to get back to something you haven't done for a while. Todd and I went to Hines Park to practice. I don't know the horn language, but I knew what I wanted to hear."

Born and raised in a small Sicilian village, Ramo began studying guitar at age 12 and violin at age 13. By age 15, he'd heard a recording by jazz violinist Stephan Grappelli and guitarist Joe Pass and decided that one day he would move to America.

At his father's insistence on obtaining a degree, Ramo went to Palermo to study violin at the Conservatory of Music. Although his passion at this point was for

the guitar, the instrument was out because the conservatory didn't have a guitar certificate. By age 17, he was under contract as a violinist with the Orchestra Del Teatro Massimo in Palermo. He went on to earn a master's degree in violin at the Conservatory of Caltanissetta in Italy in 1985.

Two years later on the way to the U.S. at age 23, Ramo's guitar was stolen in Florence so he improvised. He worked as a strolling violinist in a restaurant near Belle Isle. Ramo now has five recordings to his credit and is grateful for the opportunities he found in this country. He became a U.S. citizen in July.

From the early years when Ramo wrote his first piece of music capturing the sounds of birds, honking horns and homeless dogs while practicing 12 to 15 hours a day on a shepherd's range in Italy, he evolved into a composer for orchestra. "Afro-Brazilian Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra" is set for debut in 1999 by the Munich Youth Orchestra.

Ramo releases a solo recording in January. Curtis plays on one cut, Hepler sings on another.

"We're all trained in the classical field and broke out of it," said Hepler. "There's an understanding of what we're doing with phrasing."

Growing up in Livonia, Hepler's and Curtis' parents sought to cultivate an interest in the arts in their children. All three pursued studies in music: Curtis on trumpet, Heidi on cello and

younger sister Holly on piano. Talent seems to run in the family. Holly Hepler attended Interlochen Arts Center's summer camp and now works as an engineer for Fox 2-Detroit.

Hepler, from an early age, sang with the church choir. Later, she studied voice with Marjorie Gordon in Detroit; Seth Riggs, Los Angeles, and with the University of Michigan Opera Theatre at the Interlochen Arts Center. While in Rome she performed at the 1991 Rome Jazz Festival. Longing for home, Hepler returned to Michigan in 1994 and began singing with Ramo. They married in October 1994. Since then they've been busy touring Italy, Germany and The Netherlands as a duo.

"In our home, creativity was so encouraged," said Hepler. "And that's such an important thing. We used to put on productions like Rumpelstiltskin in the basement."

Music lovers will be able to enjoy the rare brand of music created by Hepler, Ramo and Curtis at least until January. Curtis' return to his home in California depends on potential movie deals and a series, currently in the negotiating stages. In the meantime, the trio will continue to be a family affair.

It's a small world according to Ramo. His sister is a big fan of "Capitol" now playing continuously in reruns in Italy. He never realized Curtis was such a big star in Italy until talking to his sister who still lives there.

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Holiday Sale, featuring work of 170 artists. Through Dec. 23. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit, (313) 393-1770.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
"Holiday Gift Gallery," features works of 51 artists, through Dec. 23. 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

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

PHOTO SALE
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AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

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

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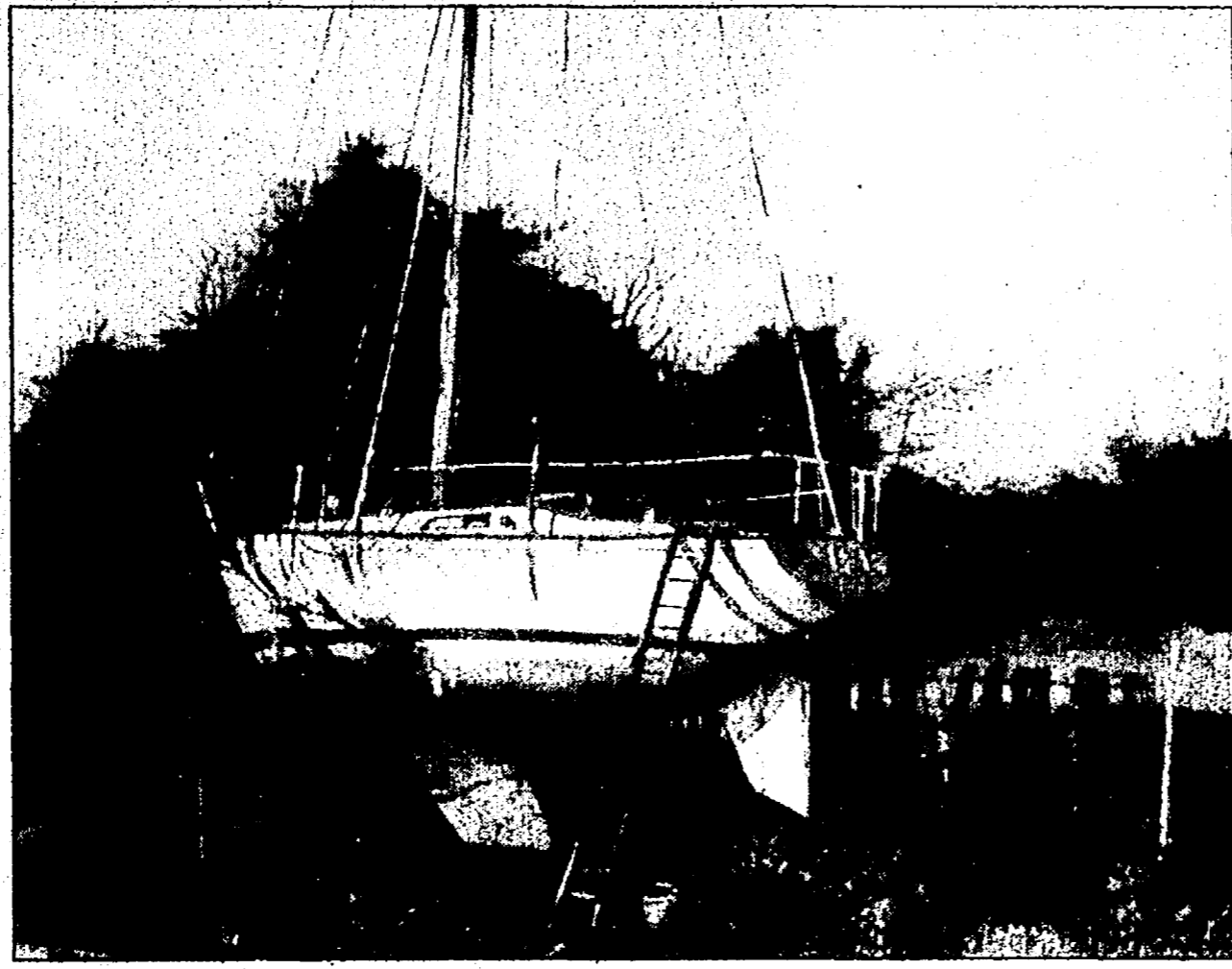
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CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street,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



New Paintings: Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, displays New Paintings by Fritz Mayhew through Jan. 21. The artist describes the work as "a reflection of the contrasts and similarities of between the two parts of the world in which we lived during the past three years, southeastern England and northern Michigan." Gallery open 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and Sunday, Jan. 3. Call (248) 642-3909 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

CONCERTS

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," sung by choir of All Saints Church, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac, (248) 334-4571.

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

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
"A Concert of Christmas Bells," 3:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Lone Pine Road, one mile west of Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-5210.

CHRIST CHURCH - DETROIT
Boys and Girls Choirs of Detroit's "Christmas Concert," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 259-6688.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
"Holiday Brass," a seasonal celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, just south of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 362-9329.

DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS
"New Year's Eve Gala," featuring program of Weber, Strauss conducted by Neeme Jarvi, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, guest violinist Alexander Markov, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 & 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. Orchestra Hall,

3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-5100.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
Presents "Forever Christmas" with the Stevenson High School Village Singers, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Clarenceville's Schmidt Auditorium on Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads), Livonia. Admission is free.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR
"Gloria" with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, (734) 341-3466.

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Holiday Celebration," a mix of traditional holiday favorites and light classical music, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 Mile and I-696, (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

DANCE

ROMANIAN DANCE
2000-year-old folk dances performed by authentically costumed dancers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com.

FISHER THEATRE
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26.50-\$49. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132.

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50), and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800.

JET
"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, through Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6000 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900 or http://comet.org/jet.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
A Christmas Carol, continues

to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300.

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972.

YOUTH THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Cinderella," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. 9 and 16. 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 10 and 17, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110.

PUPPETART
"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 28-29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. (313) 961-7777.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, east of Hunter, Birmingham. \$8 Wednesday and Saturday, free Thursday to anyone with a \$7 First Night Birmingham button. (248) 644-2075.

WILD SWAN THEATER
"The Cricket in Times Square," through Saturday, Jan. 2. Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (248) 763-1815. (248) 945-0530. (248) 645-6686.

LECTURE

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Between the Holidays," story telling with LaRoi Williams, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, 29, 30, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3323.

VOLUNTEERS

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

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Genealogy History Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and genealogy classes. May-October. A December Eight Mile Road at Northville, (248) 344-1177.

MUSEUMS

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

MUSEUM DOCENTS
Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BBAC
Through Dec. 23 - Wall drawing by Sol LeWitt, "Bands of Lines," Robinson Gallery, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Dec. 23 - Group show by the Creative Arts Council, 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 334-6716. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 - Jack Keeve: Pedestrian Micro-Landscapes, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - An exhibit of jewelry by Darcy Miro, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Dec. 26 - "The Art of the Brothers Hildebrandt," 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

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

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through Dec. 29 - Calligraphy exhibit by Linda McVicar of Novi, and watercolors by Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor, 32777 Five Mile Road, Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.

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

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

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

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

HABATAT GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - New work by Jose Chardet, and a holiday jewelry exhibit featuring work by Elizabeth Carey, Leslie Geringer and Ayva Robinson, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 333-2060.

HALSTED GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - Photographs of Michael Keena and cassette Solvaya, 560 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - From Zimbabwe, "Soul in Stone, and Africa on Canvas." Sculpture by Mteki, Chikumbirike and Dongo. Paintings by Bill Murcko, Joe Grey and C. Bruce Unwin, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

REVOLUTION
Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions: Caravaggio's Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gilje and Joseph Grigely; and, "Text (Rhopography Series)" by Tony Hepburn, 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

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

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

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

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

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

GALLERY 212
Through Jan. 3 - "Behind the Mask," featuring works by six local artists, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-8224.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 21 - New paintings by Fritz Mayhew, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, (248) 642-3900.

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

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

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 15 - Memory and Vision: A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1899-1999, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, call (248) 642-4260 Ext. 271.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase
Aurora Plaza 1-14
2150 N. Ogden Rd.
Between University & Wilson Blvd
248-373-2660

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NP STAR TREK: INSURRECTION (PG)

10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 10:50

NP JACK FROST (PG)

10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:40

NP PSYCHO (R)

10:45, 11:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20

NP BUG'S LIFE (G)

10:40, 11:50, 12:50, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

BASE (G)

10:50, 1:00, 3:10, 5:10

HOME FRIES (PG13)

11:30, 6:20

JERRY SPRINGER: RINGMASTER (R)

9:50

VERY BAD THINGS (R)

1:40, 4:00, 8:50

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

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RUGRATS (G)

10:30, 11:00, 12:40, 1:10, 2:45, 3:20, 4:50, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:10

MEET JOE BLACK (PG13)

8:00

WATERBOY (PG13)

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11:15, 1:45, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30

NP JACK FROST (PG)

11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45

NP PSYCHO (R)

11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00

NP BUG'S LIFE (G)

10:30, 10:50, 12:35, 2:10, 2:50, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

BASE (G)

11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

11:00, 2:15, 5:00, 6:50, 7:40, 9:20, 10:15

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)

7:50, 10:10

WATERBOY (PG13)

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NP JACK FROST (PG)

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ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

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WATERBOY (PG13)

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PSYCHO (R)

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BASE (G)

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RUGRATS (G)

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8:00

VERY BAD THINGS (R)

9:20

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PSYCHO (R)

11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00

BUG'S LIFE (G)

11:00, 11:50, 1:05, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30

JERRY SPRINGER: RINGMASTER (R)

1:40, 4:30, 9:00

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10

HOME FRIES (PG13)

11:45, 7:00

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Showcase Westland 1-8

6500 Wayne Rd.
One blk. S. of Warren Rd.
313-729-1060

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BASE (G)

10:55, 12:55, 2:55, 5:00

ELIZABETH (R)

10:50, 1:00, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25

RUGRATS (G)

10:45, 11:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:40

MEET JOE BLACK (PG13)

8:00

WATERBOY (PG13)

11:10, 1:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:45

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)

9:35

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Showcase Dearborn 1-8

Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3449

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NP BUG'S LIFE (G)

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BASE (G)

11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35

ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

11:00, 2:15, 5:00, 6:50, 7:40, 9:20, 10:15

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)

7:50, 10:10

WATERBOY (PG13)

11:45, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00

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Showcase Pontiac 1-5

Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph
248-332-0241

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ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

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WATERBOY (PG13)

12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50

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Showcase Pontiac 6-12

2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777

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PSYCHO (R)

10:55, 1:20, 4:00, 7:15, 9:15

BASE (G)

11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

RUGRATS (G)

10:50, 11:30, 12:45, 1:30, 2:40, 3:30, 4:40, 5:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:40

MEET JOE BLACK (PG13)

8:00

VERY BAD THINGS (R)

9:20

NP DENOTES NO PASS

NO 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 12:24

NP PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG)

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NO VP TICKETS

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NO VP TICKETS

NP JACK FROST (PG)

11:15, 2:10, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50, NO 9:50, 12:24

NO VP TICKETS

PSYCHO (R)

11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10, NO 10:10, 10:10, 12:24

A BUG'S LIFE (G)

10:30, 11:30, 12:20, 1:00, 1:55, 2:55, 3:35, 4:20, 5:30, 5:55, 6:50, 7:50, 9:10, 10:15

NO 6:50 ON 12/20

NO 9:10, 10:15 ON 12/24

BASE: PG IN THE CITY (PG)

10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50

THE ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)

11:45, 3:10, 6:20, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30, 10:20, NO 9:30 & 10:20, 12/24

RUGRATS: THE MOVIE (G)

10:15, 11:10, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:50, 5:05, 6:15

MEET JOE BLACK (PG13)

SUN-WED. 8:50 PM ONLY

WATERBOY (PG13)

11:05, 1:35, 4:15, 6:45, 9:25, NO 9:25 ON 12/24

VERY BAD THINGS (R)

8:10, AND 10:30 PM ONLY, NO 10:30 ON 12/24

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SUN-WED 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30, THURS. 12:10, 2:30, 4:50

NO VP TICKETS

A BUG'S LIFE (G)

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BASE: PG IN THE CITY (PG)

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RUGRATS (G)

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HOME FRIES (PG13)

SUN-WED. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00, THURS. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

MEET JOE BLACK (PG13)

SUN-THURS. 12:50, 4:40, 8:20, THURS. 12:50

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)

SUN-THURS. 12:20, 5:30, 9:50, THURS. 12:20, 5:30

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CONCERT TODAY

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents "Forever Christmas" along with the Stevenson High School Village Singers 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 in the Clarenceville High School auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Admission is free.

CALL FOR ART

Very Special Arts Michigan is looking for original art works by people with disabilities to exhibit in its 1999 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibition. Deadline for entry is Jan. 8. For details, call (248) 423-1080.

The 1998 Touring Art Exhibition, which showcases 43 two- and three-dimensional art works, has been exhibited in galleries, art centers, universities, festivals, and conferences in Escanaba, Mount Pleasant, Kalamazoo, Macomb, Grand Rapids, Novi, Hamtramck, White Cloud, Lansing, Livonia, Birmingham, Pontiac, and Franklin.

Very Special Arts Michigan is a state affiliate of Very Special Arts, an international organization that provides learning opportunities through the arts

for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., VSA provides programs in creative writing, dance, drama, music, and visual arts in 15,000 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 85 countries.

Founded in 1978, Very Special Arts Michigan provides a variety of arts programs in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and arts and community centers throughout the state.

ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins classes and workshops for all ages in sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film appreciation, drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, life drawing, and batik the week of Jan. 18 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction.

To register or for information, call (734) 416-4ART.

"THE WINTER'S TALE"

Carolyn Klein, a Livonia native, recently appeared in Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" at Indiana University where she is a second-year student in the MFA acting program. Klein received her BFA from

Western Michigan University. Before attending Indiana University she was in New York City auditioning for parts, taking classes at Weist Baron Studios and Sande Shurin Studio, and working as an extra in Polish Wedding with Claire Danes and Gabriel Byrne. Her professional experience includes one summer at Enchanted Hills, two summers at Tibbits Opera House, and industrial films in Detroit.

AWARD WINNER

Grace DeGrave won the Grumbacher Medallion Arts Award for Outstanding Achievement at a Livonia Artists Club show this fall.

DeGrave's acrylic painting, "Woods," depicts a shady roadway leading to a brightly lit turn in the road.

BUSINESS HELPS MAKE HOUSE A HOME

The Framing Corner, a Livonia business, donated six pieces of custom framed art to the Chicago Ronald McDonald House.

Founded in 1977, the Chicago Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children receiving hospital treatment.

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Holiday memories: Native Detroiter Paul Adams, known for his paintings of trains, will display his newest work, "Holiday Memories JL Hudson's 1951," at the Toy & Hobby Expo, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 26-27 at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road (Exit 162). The show will also feature The Wonderful World of Toy Trains, collectible toys, models, and bears. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Admission is \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 4-12. Parking is \$4, call (248) 348-5600 for more information.

200 members throughout the U.S. and Canada who recently donated 750 pieces of framed McDonald houses in North America.

DIA hosts holiday programs for families

The Detroit Institute of Arts will be open Saturday, Dec. 26 to Thursday, Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. so visitors can enjoy the galleries and attend special programs for all ages during holiday break.

Programs include drop-in workshops, puppet shows, concerts, artist demonstrations, dance performances and gallery tours.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. On Thursday, Dec. 24, the museum will be open until 4 p.m. It will be closed Friday, Dec. 25. Special holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Recommended museum admission is \$4 adult; \$1 children, students and seniors; DIA members free. For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or <http://www.dia.org>.

Here's the holiday program schedule:

■ Saturday, Dec. 26 - Drop-in workshop, puppets, noon to 3 p.m., Studio. Make your own puppet in the Studio and attend the puppet performance - "Frog in the Woods" featuring Brad Lowe, in the Lecture Hall at 2 p.m.

■ Sunday, Dec. 27 - Artist Demonstration "Woodblock Printing. Artist Lakshmi Shrivasta demonstrates the traditional Indian technique of woodblock printing on fabric. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Prentice Court; Drop-workshop, Ganesha, Hindu God of Wisdom and Good Luck. Learn about the Hindu god Ganesha and sculpt your own version of him to take home, noon to 3 p.m. Studio; Dance performance, Classical Indian Dance, 2 p.m., Lecture Hall.

■ Monday, Dec. 28 - Drop-in

workshop, Senufo Paintings. Learn about this tradition of fabric painting being used by the Senufo people of West Africa and create your own fabric painting to take home, noon to 3 p.m., Studio; Gallery Tour, 20th century Art with Beck Hart in the newly re-installed gallery, noon, Gallery N230; Drop-in drama workshop, 20th century art. Drama specialist Beth Dzodin leads participants in a series of improvisational exercises relating to works in the newly re-installed 20th-century galleries, 2 p.m. Gallery N230.

■ Tuesday, Dec. 29 - Gallery tour, Animals in Ancient Art. Tour the special exhibition, "Beastly Delights for Children: Animals in Ancient Art," noon, Gallery W104; Drop-in workshop, animal sculpture. Visit "Beastly Delights for Children," and make your own animal sculptures from self-hardening modeling material, noon to 3

p.m., Studio; Storytelling, Myths and Legends from Asia and the Ancient World, 2 p.m. Lecture Hall.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Drop-in workshop, Puppets noon to 3 p.m., Studio; Puppet Show, 2 p.m. "Close the Window," Lecture Hall.

■ Thursday, Dec. 31 - Drop-in workshop, Mythical Beasts of Medieval Times, noon to 3 p.m., Studio; Concert, Revel in the Renaissance, 1-3 p.m., Italian Galleries W220.



Puppeteer: Brad Lowe will present "Frog in the Woods," a tale inspired by the "Frog Prince" by the Brothers Grimm, with sign-language interpretation at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Dec. 26.

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Beauty knows no shortcuts

I just completed my first week of makeovers at the beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi, and each woman I made up had the same question every woman has had since I started in the business 125 years ago, "How long will this take me?"

Let me tell you something... you, the woman who says to me, "I need an easy hairstyle because I am busy." If you were adept at hair, you would take the time. If you were adept at makeup, you would take the time. No one is so busy they cannot take the time for proper grooming. Yes, grooming. That's all makeup and skin care are. Just like brushing your teeth. You take the time for that, don't you? (Please God.)

In this day of e-mail, microwaves and faxes, it seems that everyone is looking for shortcuts. Stop it! Let's get our priorities straight. How you look should be your number one priority, since how you look directly affects how you feel.

Several wives tales regarding skin care proliferate from the words, "instant," and, my personal favorite, "anti-aging." Nothing is instant. Botox, which scares me to death, and could literally maim you for life, is something any sane person would not attempt. "Anti-aging"...what? Nothing and no one can get rid of a line or a wrinkle. Soften them, certainly. But get rid of them? Never. If you try that, as per a plastic surgeon's knife, you will look like you could star in Mr. Tennessee Williams's classic, *The Night of the Iguana*, and you'd play the iguana!

So, all of you Michiganders, how should you take care of your skin this holiday season? Two years ago I spent two months in the Ann Arbor area, starring in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." If you remember, that winter you had 10 straight days of 48 degrees below zero with the wind-chill factor. I thought I was in Hell and I have good skin!

My skin care regimen is for all of my readers, male and female. Clinique really said it best with its ad, "Clean, Clarify and Tone." At night I use an aloe-based cleanser on my face, rinsing with warm water. Freshener (which is astringent without alcohol) follows, and then I hydrate with my aloe creme with collagen and biotin (my 24 hour cream). Next, I apply night creme followed by eye creme. Sound intricate? Not really. When I have the cleanser on, I brush my teeth. That takes three minutes. The whole shebang takes a total of four!

In the morning, I wash my face with a mild cleanser that does not contain alkaline or lanolin, rinse off, apply freshener, and then my aloe creme. That's it! Women would then add moisturizer if they are wearing makeup that day. In the cold winter weather, be sure to wear additional moisturizer, preferably one that does not have a heavy water content. Water...cold wind on your skin, freezing, not a pretty picture.

To complete your skin care regimen, if you are truly ambitious, you should perform a facial on yourself. Twice a week for normal to dry skin, three times weekly for normal to oily. It's really quite easy. First use an exfoliate (a product that sluffs off dead cuticle from the surface layer of the skin.) Rinse off and use a drawing masque. This will not only remove any blackheads/sebum buildup, but will also tighten your pores. The total process takes 20 minutes each time. Not a big deal! And well worth the time when you see the beautiful results.

Many of you have asked about the private makeover appointments at the Baronette in Novi. December and January are completely sold out (sorry again!) February has an added five days. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6588. You can also e-mail me at jwb@worldnet.att.net, or visit our Web site, jeffreybrucecosmetics.com. The minimum purchase of \$125 goes toward any Jeffrey Bruce aloe-based products used on you that day. You are one of four women for a two and one-half hour session (repetition breeds knowledge) and a great time is had by all. What a great holiday gift! ME!!! Of course, gift certificates are available.

I hope all of you have a beautiful and healthy New Year. See you in 1999!

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



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Shapes of the season

Shop windows are filled with faceless forms, their curvy torsos draped in holiday finery and warm winter woolens. In anticipation of snowflakes, mannequins are bundled in scarves and sweaters, mittens and fur cuffs. Others model holiday attire, including beaded sweaters and sexy white lingerie. Whether you're yearning for the ski slopes or a cozy night in front of the fire, area retailers and their window sculptures show the fashions that fuel your fantasies.

-Linda Bachrack



Window gazing: (clockwise from top left) Knitwear from Anthropologie; Christmas sweater from Kathryn Scott; white nighties from Harp's; live mannequin Jade Thieu with Liebchen at Figaro Salon, clothes from Tender; snowboard attire from Structure; bundled up at Woodward & Maple; beaded sweater from Metropolitan Tailoring; (center) French flair from Lilith. All in Birmingham.

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

GOAL ORIENTED
"Mr. and Mrs. Hockey," Gordie and Colleen Howe, sign their biography, *and...How!*, at Jacobson's Rochester Hills store. Second Floor. 12-2 p.m. (248) 651-6000.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

GO BO, GO BLUE

Bo Schembechler signs his book *Michigan Memories*, a record of "the Bo years" with the "amazin' blue" football team. 4-6 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward. Call (248) 203-0005 to request a signed copy.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

SEE THE LIGHT

John Wagner, author of *Michigan Lighthouses*, an *Aerial Photographic Perspective*, signs his book 1-5 p.m., Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

POST-CHRISTMAS TOYS

The Toy & Hobby Expo returns today and tomorrow to the Novi Expo Center. The show features fantastic operating displays, including the World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad. Today, 3-9 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$6; ages 4-12, \$3. Parking \$4. 1-96 at Novi Road. (734) 455-2110.

IN UNITY

Celebrate Unity, the first principle of Kwanzaa, on the first day of Kwanzaa. Enjoy stories told by professional storyteller Elaine Jordan, a Kwanzaa craft and music by Ya Tafari. 1 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

To donate old bowling and golf trophies, call Greg Gilbert, Oxford Township supervisor, (248) 969-9479.

Colored light wheels for aluminum Christmas trees can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge Road in Royal Oak, and through the Hammacher Schlemmer catalog. 1-800-543-3377.

Hard-to-find scents can be found through **Fragrances Unlimited** from Gary Droz, manager. You can write to Droz at 4836 Washtenaw, Apt. 7, A7, Ann Arbor, MI. 48108, or call him at (734) 434-0629, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

To reach the company that makes custom made lipstick, call 1-800-MAKEUP4U.

Linda called to say that, as of December, **Nestle's Hazelnut Coffee** is back on store shelves, unfortunately only at Jewell Supermarkets in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Found a **Combi stroller**. Found the words to "Johnny Roebeck" for Mary Beth. Found the "Parodies for Charity" CD.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Salada Tea 100 count regular tea bags (not decaffeinated).

Delores wants **Revlon Moon Drops** lipstick in Million Dollar Red (it came in a green tube).

Deb is looking for the **Lustre Rose china pattern** by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).

Still looking for a **Drowsy doll**.

Anna is looking for the book, **Temptations**, by Otis Williams from 1989 (a large paperback).

Sonya is looking for a 100% men's wool **Shaker sweater**.

Lorraine wants a **Power Ranger poster**.

Bob is looking for a completely disassembled **Harley Davidson** motorcycle to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter project.

Eleanore of Warren is looking for **Zoya nail polish #0192**, color Coretta.

Doris is looking for the children's book (hardcover) **Little Wiener**.

Noreen wants a **1998 Farmington High School** yearbook, new/used.

Pat wants children's metal dishes from the 1950s with an Oriental theme and individual packets of gardenia scented bubble bath from the '50s.

A **Fisher Price alligator flashlight** from two years ago for Pat.

Doris is looking for **Clinique Cheek Base** in Peach Soft.

Lisa wants a man's back pocket wallet made from eel skin.

The game of **Flinch**, for Barbara.

Darryl is looking for **New Era Potato Chips, NeHi Creme Soda and Apple Easy Dessert** (in a box, like apple cobbler).

Jerry is looking for four colognes: **Faberge's Aphrodisiac, Woodhue, Nine Flags** by Colton Company, and **Russian Leather**.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

FRESH FACE



Jennifer Koshorek of Berkley has been selected as the "Face of Ms. J" Birmingham in the second annual Jacobson's Ms. J model search for its Midwest stores. Koshorek, 17, will be featured in visual displays and signage throughout the Birmingham Ms. J department. She also receives a Ms. J merchandise certificate for \$100.

Koshorek is one of 13 Midwest store winners. The Ms. J department features fashion-forward apparel catering to the 16 to 30-year-old shopper who's smart, hip and knowing.

WESTLAND'S WANT LIST



Westland Shopping Center's picks for the hottest merchandise trends this season include:

- **Furby**, the newest animatronic pet, **Blues Clues, Rugrats and Teletubbies** (KayBee Toys, Hudson's, Kohls, BDalton)

- **Wide-wale corduroy pants, track pants, bell-bottom denim, wide-legged denim, cotton fleece, hula girl dresses, cardigan sweater twin sets with velvet ribbon trim, messenger**

RETAIL DETAILS

ISLAND APPAREL
bags, Adidas fisherman hats, fatigues (Size 5-7-9, Rave, County Seat, Kohls, JCPenney, Sears, Hudson's)

- **Handmade soaps and Bath Bombs** (The Bath & Body Shop, Merle Norman, Perfumania, Victoria's Secret)

- **Special Editions Barbie, Beanie Babies, Hallmark Ornaments** (Beanie Baby Kiosk and Fischer Hallmark)

- **Reproduction jewelry**, including Titanic-inspired jewels and vintage chokers (Corey's, The Loop, Claire's)

For more gift ideas or holiday event information, call Westland Center Customer Service (734) 421-0291.

CYBER SHOPPING

According to a report from Dataquest, Internet holiday retailing will reach \$2.35 billion worldwide (more than double 1997 totals of \$1 billion). Roughly 10 percent of U.S. consumers polled made an Internet purchase during the week after Thanksgiving, according to Marketing Corp. of America. Says Josh Linker, president of GlobalLink New Media, this is due to a number of factors:

- Consumers have overcome their security fears and show it by using credit cards online.

- Time management. People can do in 10 minutes, what would take them an hour at the mall.

- Online access is growing. According to a Marketing Corp. of America study, half of U.S. adults have Internet access.

- Simplicity. Instead of driving from store to store, consumers have an incredible resource of information at their fingertips.

GlobalLink New Media is an Internet development company in Bloomfield Hills.

OF THE MOMENT

Metals In Time, a new sterling silver and watch store in Royal Oak, offers an unparalleled stock of watches, from the affordable Swatch to ceramic RADOs and a prestigious line of Maurice Lacroix. Until Christmas, all silver jewelry is 20 percent off. 416 S. Washington. (248) 582-9344.

EVENT HOTLINE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has launched a 24-hour hotline to give the inside scoop into all of Plymouth's great events. If you would like to know what's going on in town this weekend or even next month, simply call (734) 453-1540. The Calendar of Events also can be found on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Web page at plymouthchamber.org.

ELITE FASHION

Elite, the newest fashion retailer at Fairlane Town Center, delivers just what its name promises: high-style women's fashions and accessories that guarantee a one-of-a-kind look.

A local brother and sister business team opened the boutique that carries a broad size range, from 2-26. The new store began last April as a single Fairlane Town Center kiosk, selling accessories only. Before long, Elite amassed such a following, it simultaneously ran four different kiosks in the mall.

The shop's selection spans casual through evening fashions, including coats. Also find handbags, scarves, sunglasses and shoes.

ISLAND APPAREL

If you plan to visit a balmy tropical island in the next few weeks, you might be shopping around for resortwear instead of warm woolens. Roz & Sherm's Annie Frank suggests the following hot designers for cruise or resort attire:

- **Tommy Bahama**: Classy safari looks in khaki and pastel blue, including comfortable two-piece silks.

- **Harari and Hino & Malee**: Not found in your local retail mall, these two designers provide a vast assortment of simple, yet elegant, day into nighttime wear.


Any fashionable cruise outfit should have a pair of classy pumps to accompany it, says Frank. Roz & Sherm shoe manager and buyer Paula Becker says lucite, high platform bottoms and strappy pumps are top sellers.

Tie the whole resort outfit together with sterling silver jewelry by three new designers - M&J Savitt, Vaubel and Lazaro.



Party perfect: Little girls make holiday debuts in a jewel-tone flocked velvet dress from Jacobson's.

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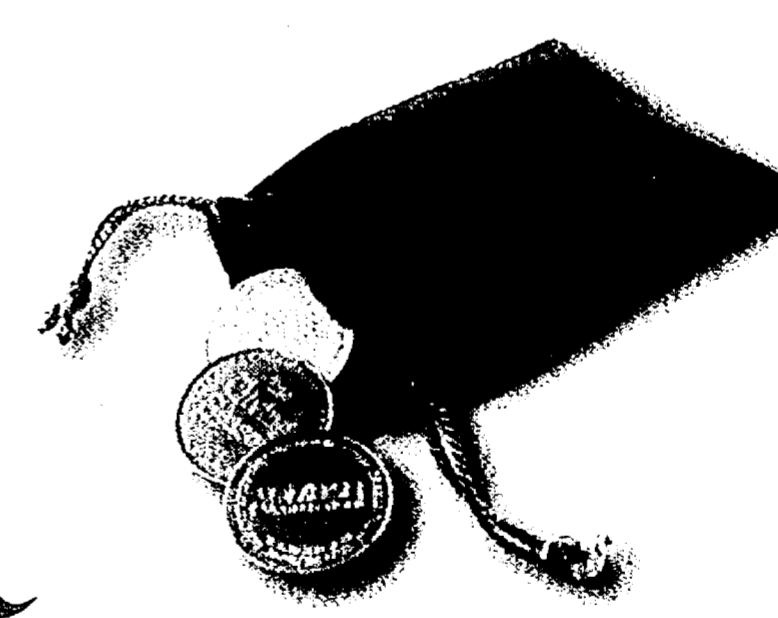
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It's time to make plans to greet the new year

It's time to answer the question - "What are you doing New Year's Eve?"

If you haven't made plans yet, here are some options.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Christmas Festival" concludes with a New Year's Gala, conducted by Music Director Neeme Jarvi at Orchestra Hall in Detroit 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

In the last few hours of 1998, the DSO and guest violinist Alexander Markov, will perform a concert that includes violin sonatas, whirling waltzes, a powerful polka and titillating tangos.

Ballroom and tango dancers Glenn Clark and Cindy Gerlands, and Michael Finegan and Pamela Preczewski of the Stardust Ballroom will join Jarvi and the DSO, as will Peter Soave on the banone (a member of the accordion family of instruments).

In addition to the music of the Joseph and Johann Strauss dynasty, this year's Gala will include a tribute to the tangos of Astor Piazzola. The concert will be followed by an elegant, Matt Prentice catered gourmet light supper with festive desserts and dancing on-stage to the sounds of the Keith Saxton Orchestra. A complimentary champagne toast will accompany a count-down to 1999.

Admission to this concert includes a Matt Prentice-catered dinner at serving stations throughout Orchestra Hall. Din-

ner includes appetizers such as smoked salmon on brioche canape with mustard sauce and fresh dill; whitefish pate on English cucumber rounds; and wild mushroom strudel.

Carving stations will provide marinated turkey breast with mustard thyme butter and apple cider sauce, as well as tenderloin beef with a choice of Bearnaise sauce, morel sauce or demi glaze. Cash bar stations also available.

The Keith Saxton Orchestra will perform hits from swing to Motown for those who wish to kick up their heels. Dancing will continue to 1:30 a.m.

Tickets range from \$50 to \$75, a limited number of box seats are available for \$100, call (313) 576-5111.

Here are some more New Year's Eve options:

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Will present two special New Year's Eve performances of "Resident Alien," 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfield. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and party favors. Tickets for the 10 p.m. show \$50 per person includes champagne, party favors, and breakfast. Call (248) 788-2900 or <http://commnet.org/jet> for more information.

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Special menu ranging from \$16.95-\$36.95. Party favors and complimentary champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627/(248) 399-6750 (rock)

RON BROOKS TRIO

With Stephanie from the Flint band Oasis, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$50, \$90 couples. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

JIMMY DILLON

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$50 for dinner and show, \$20 show only, benefits Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000

RACHELLE FERRELL

With Storming Norman Brown, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$26, \$36, and \$50. Party favors and champagne for 11 p.m. (313) 730-3490/(248) 645-6666 (jazz)

HOWLING DIABLOS

With 60 Second Crush and Face, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$25 includes show, hors d'oeuvres and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (R&B/rock)

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance, only at the Blind Pig. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

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TRAVEL

Toronto celebrates new year with 'First Night' program

BY LESLIE SALOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

Yipes! New Years is almost here and your family has no plans. Here's an idea:

Spend it in Toronto at the "First Night Toronto '99." It's an alcohol-free family fun and entertainment with a celebration of the arts with over 400 performers, 55 shows and 14 different stages both inside and outside around Harbourfront Centre.

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Some of the headliners for the adults are Gowan, one of Canada's favorite pop/rock singer/songwriters, and Albert Schultz, who croons songs by Gershwin and Danny Kaye. There is also Salome Bey, known to many as "Canada's First Lady of the Blues," and the "Yuk Yuk Comedy On Tour," featuring two of Canada's funniest standup comics, Chuck Byrn and Terry McGurrian.

For the kids (and adults too), the "Imagination Market" is where you can have your face painted, craft a musical instrument, create a head-dress, or a costume.

And with your costume, you want to be sure to show it off at the "People's Parade," led by the First Night's Marching Band. If you have never been in a parade, this is your chance.

After the parade, don't have your kids poop out early. Keep them up till 8:30 p.m. for the "Mini-midnight." There is music with Doug Barr and the Big Boy Band and a splashing fireworks display.

And because there are many events outside, be sure to dress for the weather. A pair of warm boots or shoes and a good hat and scarf and gloves if the weather is cold.

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To avoid standing in line and to be assured of a seat for a particular performance, for \$2 (Canadian) you can reserve a seat in advance (Call (416)-973-4000) before December 30th or

while quantities last. Just arrive 15 minutes prior to show time to take your reserved general admission seat.

For information call Harbourfront Centre Information Line: (416)-973-3000, Box Office: (416)-973-4000. Or visit their Web site at: www.firstnighttoronto.com

Leslie Salomon lives in Southfield.

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The New Year's Eve Celebration, hosted at the resort, is from

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Northwest beauty overcomes vacation's setbacks

BY RON PICARD
SPECIAL WRITER

I can't remember a vacation where so many things went wrong, at least at the beginning. We met my brother's family in Seattle for two weeks in the Pacific Northwest. We had planned to spend a few days in Olympic National Park before taking a driving tour through the Cascade Mountain Range.

Between our two families we had: your stereotypical screaming baby on the airplane (complete with a mom who didn't think to bring food or toys), a rental car agency that was not only not in the airport, but wasn't listed in the telephone directory, another rental car agency that charged for the most expensive insurance option available after we requested a waiver for the insurance, a rental car that was filthy, and a restaurant that didn't serve my lunch until the bill came for everyone else.

Not a good first day. It's not a good way to lead off a travel article either, but what can I say? If the trip hadn't gotten better I wouldn't be writing about it.

The first morning my wife, Rebecca, son, Andy, and I followed my brother's family (Tom,

Betty, Katy and Adam) north where we boarded a ferry to the Olympic Peninsula. On our way across the Puget Sound we got our first view of Mt. Rainier with Seattle's skyline in the foreground. Had we known that was going to be our best view of Washington's most impressive peak, I probably would have taken a few more pictures. Oops, sorry. I slipped back into that negativity again. The trip really did get better!

Olympic National Park

We decided to spend more time at Olympic than at anywhere else, mainly because of its diversity. There are three separate areas of the park and they've each got their own attractions. Mount Olympus, the highest peak in the Olympic mountain range dominates the interior of the park, while the Pacific coastal areas offer visitors a completely different aspect, with the Hoh rain forest is situated in between.

There are a number of trails that run throughout the park. We decided hike along Hurricane Ridge and were rewarded with wonderful views of the Olympic mountains, the Straits of Juan

de Fuca and blooming wildflowers all along the trail. There are a number of waterfalls that are created from the mountain run off. We also hiked to Marymere falls, one that Katy and Adam had seen in a travel video.

We explored two of the park's beaches, Rialto Beach and Ruby Beach. We arrived at both just before low tide, which allowed us to wade out into the lowest sections of the tide pool. At Rialto Beach we were able to tag along on a ranger led-hike. She took us out to where hundreds of starfish and anemones attached themselves to the rocks.

At the Hoh Rain Forest we hiked the two major trails, the Spruce Nature Trail and the Hall of Mosses Trail. Since it was the end of the summer they had received little rain the previous three weeks. The forest wasn't as green or wet as we expected. There was an extraordinary number of ferns growing on the ground and on nurse logs, old dead trees that as they decay become home to new trees.

Our hike (not to be confused with the Hall of Moses trail, which ends at the Red Sea...) was also led by a ranger, and no, she didn't provide that joke for us. We've found that when we explore new areas it's often beneficial to tag along with a ranger. They can provide local history and are able to point out things that we would miss on our own.

The Cascades

After leaving Olympic we headed south, following the Cascade mountain range. We stopped at Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens and made it as far south as Crater Lake in southern Oregon.

At Mount Rainier National Park we began by hiking to both Carter and Madcap Falls. There's no shortage of waterfalls to hike to so we stopped at the visitor center to get some recommendations from some of the rangers.

We headed up to Sunshine Point early the next morning. We went on a ranger hike to



Crater Lake: Rob, Rebecca and Andy Picard on Wizard Island in Crater Lake.

Emmons Glacier before warming for a lower elevation and warmer temperatures. We spent the rest of the day hiking to Sunrise and Clover Lake, where some of the local birds decided to try and steal our sandwiches. The kids thought it was pretty funny, but if the birds were that aggressive we didn't want to stick around to see what else was living there.

On the hike back we saw a half dozen deer, including a couple spotted fawn. It seems the entire animal population of the park is accustomed to people.

Our next destination was Mount St. Helens. We drove to Windy Ridge where we hiked to Spirit Lake. As you approach the park, the first glimpse of the devastation is quite impressive. We came away with quite a few science fair ideas.

The entrance on the west side of the park takes you to Johnson Ridge Observatory where you can look directly into the ridge of what used to be the mountain.

The new lava dome is visible complete with steam rising from fissures around the dome. We hiked a trail that went through a

pumas field where there was little growth, almost 20 years later. Overall this was one of my favorite parts of the trip.

From there our next stop was Crater Lake. Roughly 6600 years ago Mount Mazama erupted before collapsing in on itself. The resulting crater began filling with rain and snow and is now the deepest lake in the United States. There's not as much to do here as there is at the more famous parks in Washington, but we did hike to The Watchman, an old lookout tower that provided a panoramic view of the lake.

There are a lot of other attractions other than the volcano range, and we did take time to stop at a few. Fort Clatsop, where Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805-6, was on Tom's list of places to see, and Andy studied the Oregon Trail last year in school so we stopped at a couple of Oregon Trail museums.

At Newberry National Volcanic we hiked through a mile long lava tube cave. Parts of the cave were 20 feet high and you can see small stalactites forming

on the ceiling. We also hiked to the Big Obsidian Flow, an enormous area of black volcanic glass. Like most things on this vacation the vastness of the formation is quite impressive.

On a whim we decided to visit the Historic Columbia River Highway. We were surprised at the beauty of the road. It was opened in 1915 and was based on European roads that incorporated the sights along the way instead of avoiding them. 600 foot waterfalls emptied into pools that were a few dozen feet from the road. By far this road was our most pleasant surprise of the trip and we'll make sure we spend more time in the area on our next trip.

Overall I would have liked to spend more time just about every place we visited. Since it was our first trip to this part of the country we took the "let's see it all" route. Next time we'll chose two or three spots and spend more of our time on the trails and less time in the car.

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Washington native: Andy Picard examines a sea star on Washington's rocky coast.

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Collegiate note

•Charleston Southern (S.C.) sophomore **Michelle Roy** (Livonia Ladywood) was recently named to the first-team All-Big South Conference in women's soccer.

Roy, who played club soccer for the Michigan Hawks, has also been elected captain next season for the Lady Buccaneers.

Girls AAU hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Lightning AAU girls basketball team will be from 4-6 p.m. (14- and 15-and-under) and 6-8 p.m. (16- and 17-and-under) at Ladywood High School, located at Newburgh and Five Mile roads.

Age determination is based on Dec. 31, 1998.

For more information, call Lightning director Patrick Cannon at (248) 353-2530 (work) or (734) 953-0854.

SHSHL leaders

Livonia Stevenson's two goalies, Kevin Marlowe and Chris McComb, ranked 1-2 in the Suburban High School Hockey League goals-against standings, based on games through Dec. 17.

Marlowe hadn't allowed a goal in three games while McComb had been scored on twice in three outings.

Dwaine Jones of Churchill stood third with a 1.33 average. Teammate Matt Williams was fifth with a 2.00 goals-against mark.

John May of Stevenson was the leading scorer with 18 points on 11 goals and seven assists. Tony Saia of Franklin was second with 13 points (nine goals and four assists) while Brent Hojnicki of Dearborn stood third with 12 points.

The Spartans' Tim Allen (6-4), Dave Sellin (6-4) of Redford Unified and Joey Virga (3-7) of Dearborn all had 10 points to tie for fourth in the scoring derby. Dan Cieslak of Stevenson was seventh with nine points, on seven goals and two assists.

At eight points each were Joel Halliday (6-2) of Redford, Dan Cook (5-3) of Churchill and Mark Nebus (1-7) of Stevenson.

Whalers on TV

The Plymouth Whalers can be seen locally on cable television, with some games broadcast live and many others as replays.

Live telecasts by MediaOne begin at 7:10 p.m. with the pre-game show, featuring play-by-play announcer Eric Peasley and John Bower. Games on Dec. 29, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and March 13 have been selected to be televised live by MediaOne on channel 25 in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Replays of other Whaler games can be seen on channel 25 at 6:30 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, following live telecasts. Other communities to receive this service include Westland.

College news

•Madonna senior guard Katie Cushman ranks first in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in assists (5.7 per game) and steals (2.7). Teammate Chris Dietrich, is seventh in the WHAC in scoring (14.0 points per game) and assists (3.1).

•Madonna's 2-10 men's basketball team has struggled to find wins but not statistical leaders. Mike Massey ranks fourth in the WHAC in scoring (17.4 points per game) and Mike Maryanski is eighth (14.0); Maryanski is also seventh in rebounding (6.6).

Nick Hurley, a sophomore from Plymouth Canton HS, is fourth in the WHAC in both assists (4.3 per game) and steals (2.6).

Churchill wins tri-meet

Livonia Churchill beat Westland John Glenn, 15-7, 15-5, and Wayne Memorial 15-4, 15-4, in a volleyball tri-meet on Wednesday.

Against Glenn, Fernanda Leite had five kills and Luba Steca and Lauren Ruprecht four each. Leite served eight points and Marsi Phillips and Megan Sheehan seven apiece.

Against Wayne, Ruprecht and Leite had five kills each. Steca served seven points.

Penalty killers deadly for Spartans

Livonia Stevenson won short-handed — on the ice and on the bench.

Injury depleted Stevenson got a pair of power play goals and two short-handed scores Friday night to defeat rapidly improving Livonia Churchill, 5-2.

The victory kept the Spartans (6-1) perfect after six Suburban High School Hockey League games. The Chargers (3-3-2) are 2-2-1 in SHSHL play.

"Stevenson really established themselves as the team to beat in our league," said Coach Jeff Hatley, whose team was two days removed from its first victory ever over state power Trenton. "You really have to be impressed by their league record.

"They seem to find a way to dominate our league. Not just this year, but every year."

"Churchill has a nice team," Coach Mike Harris of Stevenson said. "They're playing hard. They were coming off a big win over Trenton. They played us extremely tough.

"It's too bad we can't combine these two programs. There's so many united teams out there. If we combined our two teams and Franklin, we'd be a force to be reckoned with for sure."

Goalie Kevin Marlowe stood out for the Spartans as usual and made a key trigger save late in the third period with the Chargers on a power play to preserve Stevenson's 3-2 lead.

Then came the killer, as far as Churchill was concerned.

The power play was still going on when Stevenson's Joe Suchara stole the puck and passed to Mark Nebus as the two broke in on goal. Nebus buried the shot on the breakaway with 5:42 to play to make it a two-goal lead.

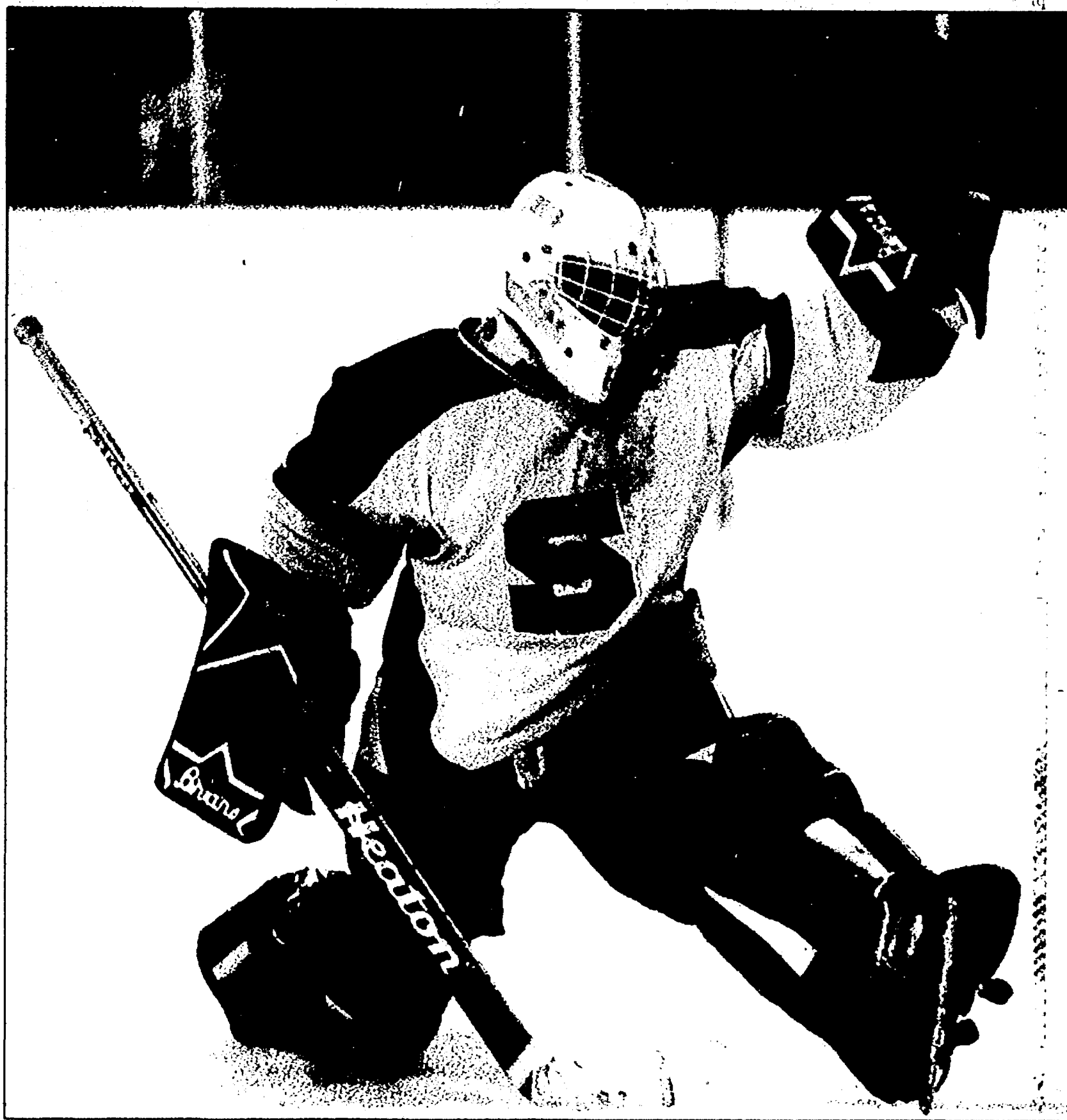
Churchill retained its man advantage but turned the puck over. John May notched the unassisted short-handed goal, deking the goalie and drilling the puck into the vacated spot, to make it 5-2 and seal the verdict.

"They did a nice job of executing their special teams, the power play and penalty killing," Hatley said.

Churchill held a 26-24 edge in shots on goal. Ryan McBroom was in goal for the Chargers.

Stevenson was missing four players due to assorted injuries.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Save by Marlowe: Livonia Stevenson was clinging to a 2-2 tie Friday night in its game against Livonia Churchill when goalie Kevin Marlowe came up with this big save. The Spartans went on to win the Suburban High School Hockey League game, 5-2.

Shamrocks clip Eaglets' wings, 59-56

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Orchard Lake St. Mary's scored 11 of the last 14 points in the second quarter to trail only 27-26 at halftime Friday against Detroit Catholic Central.

Problem for St. Mary's was it didn't have Moore in reserve.

CC senior guard Nick Moore scored 12 of his game-high 20 points in the third quarter and the Shamrocks held off the Eaglets, 59-56, in a packed and stuffy CC gym.

The Catholic League crossover win gave the Shamrocks a 3-0 record. St. Mary's fell to 1-2.

St. Mary's took its first lead of the game on a basket by Grant Mason early in the third quarter but a three-point shot by CC's Matt Lorigas and five

straight points by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 35-30 lead.

St. Mary's later cut the deficit to one with a 7-0 run but CC took a 47-41 lead into the fourth quarter with a seven-point run of its own. Moore started the spurt with a triple followed by consecutive baskets by Lorigas and Dave Lusky.

Rob Sparks' only triple started the scoring in the fourth quarter and Lusky's basket off a sweet pass by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 52-41 lead with 6:48 left.

Moore made all four of his shot attempts in the third quarter, including three from three-point range.

The Shamrocks had 11 first-half turnovers to only seven in the second half. St. Mary's, which loves to press and fast break, committed just 11 turnovers.

Lorigas joined Moore in double figures with 12

points, including 10 in the second half. Senior guard Dan Jess scored nine points in the first half, all on triples, and bruising center Anthony Tomey had a season-high six, all in the first half.

Even Tomey was surprised with his output. He scored the Shamrocks' first four points and maybe it was contagious. Before the end of the quarter, senior guard Dan Jess made two long range triples to give the Shamrocks a 16-9 lead heading into the second.

Larry Batiste led St. Mary's with 16 points and teammate Maurice Searight added 14. Mason had eight and Jonte Jones seven.

With a quicker lineup, St. Mary's game plan was simple.

"We had to transition the ball and push it and,

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Possession: Michael Kennedy of Livonia Churchill tries to hold off Stevenson's Keshay McChristian (center) and Paul Powers (right). The Spartans won most of Thursday night's battles.

Surprising Stevenson cagers club Churchill

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Tim Newman should think about taking a technical foul more often. Or should he?

Livonia Stevenson rattled off the first 17 points of the game Thursday night and cruised on to an easy 78-52 victory over Livonia Churchill.

Thus despite head coach Newman of Stevenson sitting out a mandatory one-game suspension for getting tagged with two technical fouls in his previous game.

"The kids played hard," said acting coach Scot Shaw. "Things go well when you play that hard."

They didn't go well for Churchill. 2-2 after the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game. Stevenson is also 2-2, which is two wins better than it was last year.

The Chargers relied on a one-move, one shot offense the first part of the game and it cost them. The Spartans also slipped their press rather easily.

"We broke it and we were patient," Shaw said. "We hit the open cutter and didn't panic. We made a lot of shots off the press break.

"Tim did a good job with this. He pretty much told me what to do. He put it in, we made it happen."

Stevenson was ahead, 21-6, after one quarter, 34-19 at the half and 58-31 after three periods. Eight Chargers scored, in part because the deep end of the bench got a lot of opportunities.

"Give Stevenson credit," Coach Rick Austin of Churchill said. "They played very hard. They played with confidence. That's a pretty good basketball team."

"They got very good guard play. We couldn't handle their quickness."

Austin pulled his scoreless starters with 3:47 left in the first quarter and the next five notched Churchill's first points on a bucket by Brad Bescoe with 2:30 showing on the clock.

The Chargers' starters couldn't get much closer through the first half of the second quarter, when it was 32-18, and got only one more point the rest of the half to muff their last chance to make it a contest.

Nine Spartans scored, five reaching double figures. Harland Beverly led the way with 15, most from the left wing or

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Too many people killed during firearm deer season



BILL PARKER

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
The 1998 firearms deer season was safer than last year, but also more deadly.

The number of hunting accidents dropped from 27 in 1997 to 21 during the recently completed 16-day season.

Unfortunately, four of those accidents resulted in the death of a fellow hunter, compared to just two fatalities last year.

While 21 accidents statistically makes hunting a safe form of recreation, with an accident rate of less than three per 100,000,

that's still 21 accidents too many.

Hunting is a recreational activity. Death and serious injury should not be a part of it.

As responsible hunters, we should all strive to reduce these numbers even further. Most every hunting accident can be traced back to a reckless or thoughtless act. That's why we must make safety a priority above everything else.

If every hunter used common sense and followed a few safety rules there's no reason we couldn't have an injury-free hunting season.

Unfortunately, in our quest for success, hunters sometimes throw caution to the wind and take shots without making sure their field is clear, or make reck-

less mistakes that result in accidental discharge.

There has been a drastic reduction of better than 60 percent in the number of hunting accidents since a couple of laws were enacted in the 1970s.

In 1971 the DNR implemented mandatory hunter safety classes for first-time hunters born since Jan. 1, 1960.

In 1977 a law was passed that requires hunters to wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color commonly referred to as hunter orange.

There are still a lot of hunting opportunities before the seasons of 1998 come to a close.

Be safe and be sure you're hunting with others who stress safety before success.

A majority of hunting acci-

dents occur between members of the same hunting party. If you have a reckless hunter in your party let him know how dangerous he is and that his actions will not be tolerated.

Don't be shy. Let the individual know you won't stand for jeopardizing your safety. If his recklessness continues refuse to hunt with him — for your own safety.

"With an accident rate of fewer than three accidents per 100,000 hunters, hunting continues to be one of the safest forms of recreation," said Herb Burns, DNR law enforcement chief. "But by obeying all hunting regulations and using common sense while handling firearms we can keep Michigan as the safest state east of the Mississippi."

Success reports from area

hunters continue to roll in. Remember, if you, a friend or family member tagged a deer this fall let me know, then look for details in an upcoming issue of the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper.

My address, phone number and e-mail address are listed at the bottom of this column.

Sixteen-year-old Justin Kosik had a tremendous 1998. The Plymouth resident and junior at Salem High School bagged a gobbler during the spring turkey season while hunting in Hillsdale County. Kosik returned to Hillsdale County for opening day of the firearms deer season and shot his first buck, a dandy 6-point.

A first-year bow hunter, Kosik also shot a doe during the early

archery season. "The outdoors give us a great chance to spend many hours together," said Justin's father, Dick. "We go fishing or hunting together on almost every weekend."

Dan Piergentilli shot a 4-point buck on Nov. 28. The Redford resident was hunting along the edge of a corn field in Hillsdale County when the buck walked out into the middle of the cut cornfield.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314. Send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SHOWS

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be held Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing will be Feb. 17-21 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

SEASON/DATES

BASS

Largemouth and smallmouth bass season closes Dec. 31.

DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for other special seasons.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb.

7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

A special late season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

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 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club

meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 691-0843.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13-14, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

METROPARKS

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its

are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

Shopping for trees

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

When my children and I went to cut down our Christmas tree the other day, the tree farm we went to had five different coniferous trees on display as we entered the gate.

There were white pine, scotch pine,

white spruce, blue spruce and Douglas fir. They all make fine looking Christmas trees.

White pine is our state tree and has five needles in a bundle as they grow on the twigs.

It is the only coniferous tree in the eastern U.S. that has five needles in a bundle. The five needles can also represent the five letters in the word "white."

Uncultivated white pines often grow with large spaces between branches, but cultivated trees that are pruned can be nicely full.

Some trees get so full, or dense, that it's hard to hang ornaments on them.

Speaking of hanging ornaments, white pine needles are very soft and do not prick your

hands while you decorate.

Scotch pine is an introduced species to Michigan. It has adapted very well to our climate and soils.

The medium length needles, two per cluster, are very sharp. Their needles do hold ornaments very well and give a nice full appearance.

White spruce have short needles that can be picky, but because they are short you can avoid them better when decorating.

Each needle is less than an inch long and squarish in shape if you cut it perpendicular to its length. An attractive feature of the white spruce is the presence of cones on the branches, a natural ornament.

They also, like some other coniferous trees, have a very pleasant pine fragrance.

White spruce are native to Michigan. They look similar to black spruce, but the cones of white spruce are more elongated and have a smooth edge to each scale.

Black spruce prefers wetter conditions and has a ragged edge to the scales of the cone. Today white spruce is frequently used for pulp, which is used in the manufacturing of paper.

Years ago native American used the pliable rootlets to sew bark pieces together.

Blue spruce are prized for their color. Tree farms like them because they are able to grow in the dry sandy soils of Michigan.

Though a non-native spruce, people plant them regularly because they have adapted well to our climate.

Like other spruce trees the cones hang down from the branches. On the Douglas fir the cones stand upright on the branches.

Douglas fir along the west coast can be over 300 feet tall, but Rocky Mountain firs are much shorter and more drought resistant.

They make a great Christmas tree because of their color, density and because their needles persist longer than many trees.

Tree farms provide habitat for various birds and other animals. They may have trees in rows, but it's more attractive than concrete and strip malls.

Based on the number of people cutting down trees, it looks like we'll have tree farms for a long time.

Happy Holidays.

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SWIMMING STEVENSON 135 MONROE 51 Dec. 17 at Monroe 200 medley relay: Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Kevin VanTiem, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler), 1:47.09. 200 freestyle: Justin Ketterer, LS, 2:02.21. 200 IM: Falk, LS, 2:00.50 (state cut). 50 free: Bublitz, LS, :23.34. diving: Jason Zykowski, LS, 133.95. 100 butterfly: Falk, LS, :55.00 (state cut). 500 free: Ketterer, LS, 5:24.43. 200 free: Stevenson (Falk, Buckler, Mike Malik, Brendon Truscott), 1:39.4. 100 backstroke: Bublitz, LS, :5.65. 100 breaststroke: VanTiem, LS, 1:06.57. 400 free relay: Stevenson (Bublitz, Malik, Ketterer, Matt Sproull), 3:47.55. Stevenson's dual meet record: 2.0.

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Chargers top Trojans

This high school hockey score should raise a few eyebrows around state — Livonia Churchill 4, Trenton 3.

The Chargers overcame a 3-2 second-period deficit with a pair of third-period goals Wednesday to upend the defending state Class A champions in a non-leaguer at Edgar Arena.

Trenton, winners of eight state titles and five runner-up finishes since the post-season tourney began, came in ranked fourth in Class A.

Unranked Churchill improved to 3-2-2 overall with the win. The Trojans fall to 5-2.

"One game doesn't make a season and we made some mistakes, but we finally got the monkey off our back," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We've been close on a number of occasions, but I don't think we've ever beaten them in 22 years."

Goaltender Ryan McBroom was the defensive and offensive hero for Churchill.

Besides coming up big in the nets, McBroom's clearing pass set up teammate Nathan Jakubowski for the game-winner with 1:45 left in the game.

"Anything can happen with this team," Hatley said. "We can get outthit, outshot and outskated, but Ryan is always going to be our X-factor."

Jakubowski's power-play goal from Adam Krug and Ed Rossetto with 7:51 remaining tied the game at 3-3.

Brad Zancanaro scored all three Trenton goals, including one at 7:53 of the first period after Churchill's Chuck Leight opening the scoring at 1:03 from Krug and Justin Charnock.

Krug then made it 2-1 at 1:01 of the second period, but Trenton forged ahead on two more Zancanaro goals at 3:27 and 6:26 (power play).

"In the second period we took some bad penalties," Hatley said. "You can't put Trenton on the power-play or they'll kill you. But I'm proud of the kids. They showed maturity and were able to pull together, come back and win the third period."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5, GP NORTH 2: The battle of unbeaten was almost over before it started.

Redford Catholic Central reeled off the first four goals of Wednesday night's game and never looked back in upping its record to 8-0. Host Grosse Pointe North dropped to 9-1.

Keith Rowe had a goal and three assists to lead the Shamrocks in scoring while Brandon Kaleniecki had two goals plus an assist.

Twice the Shamrocks scored at the 20-second mark of the first two periods.

Kaleniecki opened the game with a goal before it was a minute old, assisted by Brad Holland and Rowe. The second period wasn't 20 seconds old when Rowe scored, assisted by Chris Morelli and Kaleniecki, to make it 3-0.

David Moss, assisted by Matt Van Heest, scored for Catholic Central at

4:29 of the first period. Kaleniecki padded the lead to 4-0 at 14:27 of the second period with his second goal, assisted by Brian Yost and Rowe.

"I think they're learning the game pretty well," CC Coach Gordie St. John said. "Obviously you're happy to win, but you want to win doing things the right way. We still have a lot of stuff to work on."

Grosse Pointe North narrowed the margin to 4-1 but Derek Genrich expanded it again at 9:22 of the final period. Rowe and Holland drew the assists.

The Norsemen notched the game's final goal at the 13-minute mark of the final period.

Ben Dunne worked the first two periods in goal for CC with Matt Modelski picking up the action in the third. CC had a 27-23 edge in shots on goal.

Catholic Central will obviously retain the No. 1 ranking it has held this season.

"It's hard to stay there all season," St. John said. "You're bound to have some bumps along the way. We'll take it one game at a time, and let the rest take care of itself."

"Our kids are gamers. But it's early in the season. You don't want to take anything for granted. Everybody's shooting for us."

That's how it is when you're No. 1.

RU 7, FRANKLIN 5: Andy Dornfried's goal with 5:56 to play Thursday night broke a 5-5 tie and sparked Redford Unified to its seventh win in nine games this season.

Redford Unified with (Coach) Pete Mazzoni are doing great," Coach Terry Jobbitt of Livonia Franklin said after his team's second game in as many nights. "They're a good team."

J.J. Price and Jason Moul assisted on the game-winner and Moul sealed it with an empty net goal with 52 seconds to play, his second goal to go with two assists in the game.

Joel Halliday scored two goals for Redford, as did Dave Sellin, who also had an assist. Price assisted on two goals while Mike Karath, Cody Bartlett and Derrick Danielson each recorded one assist.

"We played a bad first period and scrambled the whole time," Jobbitt said. "Redford came out strong and just dominated us, getting 15 shots to our five."

"The second period was a different story. Franklin played great systems and neutralized RU, plus we scored two power play goals."

Tony Saia had a hat trick in the second period for Franklin, including the power play tallies. He also assisted on a first-period goal by Frank Geluso. Andy Garbutt scored the other Patriots' goal.

Adam Sexton had a pair of assists for Franklin, with single assists going to Geluso, John Nichol, Ryan Tracy, Josh Garbutt and Brandon McCullough.

"In the third period we lost Josh Garbutt to an injury and we ran out of gas," Jobbitt said. "But my boys never quit. This young Franklin team is my pride and joy. They should be proud."

Chris Garbutt went the distance in goal for Franklin, 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the Suburban High School Hockey League. Joe Roe was in goal for Redford during the first two periods with Eric Page finishing up. Redford is 7-1-1 overall and 5-1 in the SHSHL.

FRANKLIN 3, WL CENTRAL 2: Brandon McCullough's third period goal gave the Patriots a 3-1 cushion and they skated it home from there.

Trevor Skocen, assisted by McCullough, got Livonia Franklin off to a 1-0 start after a scoreless first period Wednesday night and Josh Garbutt made it 2-0 off assists by Tony Saia and Frank Geluso.

The Vikings narrowed the margin on Matt Friess' unassisted goal but Saia and Andy Garbutt set up McCullough for the game-winner.

Chris Haven closed the scoring for Walled Lake Central, assisted by Joe Torosian.

"We had a lot of shots on net," Coach Terry Jobbitt of Franklin said, "but not many quality shots."

The Patriots held a 41-21 edge in shots, with Rob Williams earning the win. Mike Vittore was excellent in net for the Vikings.

"This young Franklin team is one of the hardest working I've had in my career," Jobbitt said. "But we still have a lot to learn."

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Mike Nebus won't be back until early in 1999 due to a knee injury. John Katulski went down in practice Wednesday with a bad right wrist sprain and was unable to hold a stick at game time.

Dennis Queener missed the game because of a badly twisted ankle and Danny Wilson went off during his second shift of the game with a suspected jaw fracture.

"The character of the kids is just incredible," Harris said. "We have so many key players out with injuries. Guys are playing out of position to fill the holes. That they're willing to do that to keep the team strong is a credit to them."

"The stamina and determination the remaining guys showed is incredible. They wanted to win. They played with a lot of emotion, a lot of intensity. We were fortunate to capitalize on some Churchill mistakes."

The score wasn't an accu-

rate reflection of the Chargers' play. Having a one-goal deficit turn into a three-goal loss because of two short-handed tallies means you're just a bounce, a hit or a break away from victory.

"We don't pay too much attention to the league standings," Churchill's Hatley said. "We're just out to improve our team a little bit at a time."

Stevenson got off to a 1-0 start just 20 seconds into the game.

May made a pass back to the point on a 3-on-2 break and Ryan Sinks slapped the puck into the corner of the net. Chris Williams also drew an assist on the goal.

Churchill battled back to tie with at the 3:50 mark as Dan Cook picked off a pass, skated in and beat the goalie unassisted.

The Chargers took a 2-1 lead with 3:14 left in the period as Justin Charnock deflected a point shot from Cook.

Adam Krug passed to Cook on the power play and Charnock redirected his shot into the net.

The Spartans tied the score at 2 with 1:52 left in the opening period. Sinks walked out from the corner, deked the goalie down and lifted the puck into the upper corner of the net. Mark Nebus drew the assist.

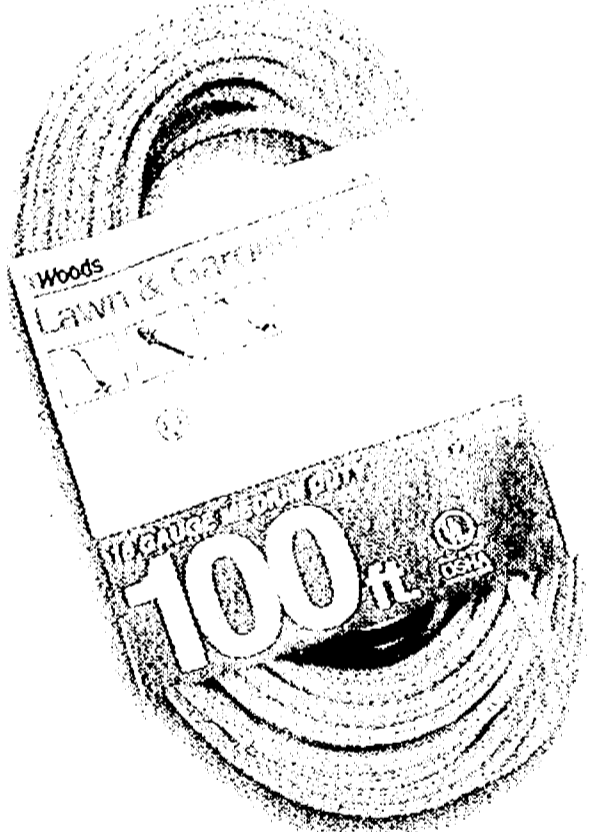
The second period's lone goal belonged to Stevenson.

Danny Cieslak, assisted by Sinks and Williams, scooted in on a power play breakaway and found the five hole 4:13 into the period to give the Spartans a 3-2 lead.

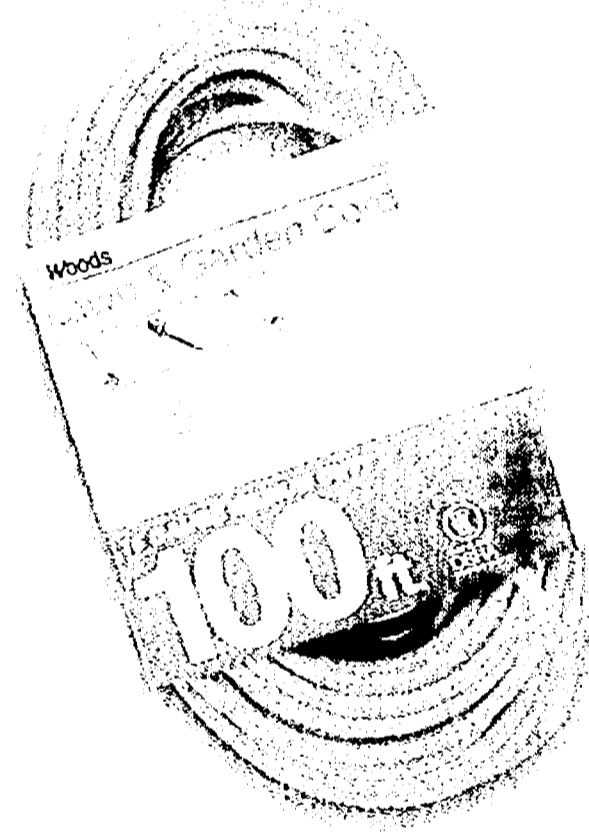
"The Cieslak goal was a key goal," Harris said. "Then getting two short-handed goals is a feather in our cap."

"This was a great game and a big win for us. We're excited to enjoy the holidays and have time to heal our injuries."

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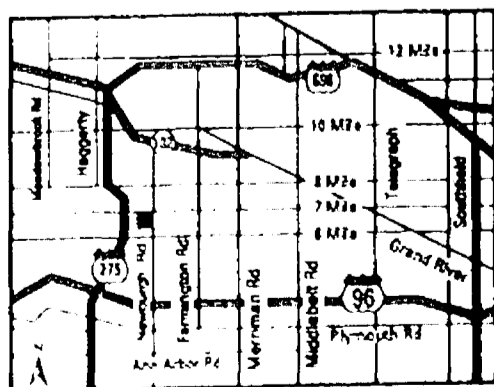
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RECREATION AND BOWLING

Need a gift idea?

Here's a buying guide for sportspeople



Dressing right: Heading out into our 'winter wonderland' means dressing right, from boots to waders to the proper vest for your fishing gear and a hat to keep your head warm.

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SPORTS SHOPPING

If on Christmas, you have visions of trout instead of sugar plums dancing in your head and the only line you can remember from a holiday song is the one about the partridge in a pear tree, and it's hunting season, then chances are you're a sportsman or woman.

Each year you endure the bad ties from your mother-in-law, when you're secretly lusting for a new battery for your bass boat or a new tree stand for deer hunting.

Well, it's not too late to drop a few hints about what you really want. Here's a list of some serious and not so serious outdoor gifts.

Winter is coming. That means ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, skiing and snowshoeing. It sure doesn't look like it now, but weather forecasters are calling for a colder winter with more snow than last year in the Great Lakes.

In fact, The Weather Channel is predicting above average amounts in the Ohio Valley and the eastern Great Lakes.

Keeping warm

There's nothing that can ruin a winter outing quicker than cold feet. For anglers and duck hunters who spend a lot of time in wet places, a pair of neoprene socks are just the thing. They're water resistant and lightweight. The cost is under \$15. They're available at most area sporting goods stores and through catalogs such as Cabela's.

The idea of crossing a leather boot and rubber boots has been around for most of the century. They have various names, depending on the maker. One of the first was developed by L.L. Bean in 1912 in an effort to help hunters keep their feet dry and comfortable.

It was a wonderful combination. Leather uppers allow the boots to dry, and the rubber bottoms keep out the

water. The boots come in various styles from shoe-like affairs to calf length. Some are lined with Gore-Tex and others are unlined. The lining makes them warmer for the colder months.

The boots, sometimes called pac-boots, are available at area sporting goods stores and via catalogue. The prices range widely. Discount stores often sell them for \$20, but retailers like L.L. Bean sell them for up to \$125.

The secret here is deciding what they will be used for. A sportsman or woman is going to put plenty of miles on them. Buying a good pair is worth it.

Winter walking

Even a walk in a familiar park is a different experience on a pair of snowshoes. The sport is experiencing a resurgence. Unlike cross-country or downhill skiing, men, women and children can master walking on them in a few hours. One tip from experts is to add a pair of cross country ski poles to your outfit. They're a help during a winter walk.

While sporting goods stores like the Benchmark in Farmington offer snowshoes, there's actually a factory in Michigan that produces traditional wooden ones. Iverson Snowshoe Co. is located in Shingleton in the eastern Upper Peninsula and offers various styles of shoes, plus furniture. The firm sells its wares at its factory. Just driving to the Upper Peninsula in the winter would make a great trip.

For information, contact the factory at: P.O. Box 85 FB - Maple St., Shingleton, MI 49884. The telephone number is (906) 452-6370, fax, (906) 452-6480.

'If you have to ask...'

There's an old saying that usually applies to yachts. We all know the answer: "You probably can't afford it."

But that also can apply to shotguns. Most shooters will recognize the names, Holland & Holland and Beretta. Both are makers of fine shotguns, some of which can fetch \$5,000 to \$10,000. If you want to get a glimpse of these wonders, the Internet can provide a view. The address is www.beretta.it

Reading material

We've all see them. Outdoors magazines that tell us how to bag that big buck or catch the big fish. And we've seen the other ones that try to sell us every conceivable piece of equipment pushed by manufacturers.

For a refreshing view of the outdoors, pick up a copy of Gray's Sporting Journal. It's pricey, about \$36 a year. However, its photo layouts and stories bring the outdoors alive in an old-fashioned, dignified manner. The stories focus on people, places and game, not just equipment. It's refreshing. Also, it publishes outdoors art and poetry. It's worth a read.

Staying dry

There's all kinds of pricy rain gear around that can cost \$200 and more. It's all great stuff. But so are plastic trash bags. You can turn them into a rain parka with a few slits, and they can serve as a sleeping bag in a pinch. The cost is cheap.

Just for women

While much sporting gear can be used by either men or women, there are some items that have been redesigned for use by women. L.L. Bean has produced a catalog just for women who like to spend their time in the outdoors. Bean has used female designers and product testers to produce the gear. Bean has produced such staple gear for women as boots, backpacks and sleeping bags.

When it comes to fly fishing, the firm has also come up with waders and wading shoes that actually fit women.

Bean's toll free number is (800) 221-4221.

Web sites take all the challenge out of finding adequate gear

The information age has certainly changed the world for outdoors men and women.

With a click, you can find out about the newest type of disc brake for a mountain bike, check on the price of a snowboard or the latest fancy shotgun from Beretta. There's also a Web site for classic fly rods that can fetch up to more than \$1,000.

Also, you can check on resorts, weather conditions, fishing spots,

and obtain maps for hiking, backpacking or mountain biking.

To get all this information, all you have to do is press your finger on the computer, spell the word halfway right and there's a Web site.

But all new technical advances come with a dark side. When it comes to engaging in outdoor pursuits, that side is the loss of mystery.

Finding fly fishing equipment in the early 1970s was difficult. One shop I frequented was in a guy's garage, you had to call his house ahead of time to make sure he was home and would be around

when you showed up.

Once there, you were ushered into the backyard, there the old guy would unlock the shed, and you could pick through the flies and other gear he had for sale. The price of the flies was worth it. He'd ask which river you were heading to and he'd set out a selection for you.

There were the inevitable conversations about the weather, fishing conditions, which flies worked best in certain conditions and access sites to rivers. Over the years, you built up a relationship with him.

Directions to fishing places were vague and often quirky. "Go down the two track till you get to the CCC pines, and make a right near the pine that was struck by lightning a couple of years ago."

That sort of thing.

One fishing companion regularly marks his spots with cigar butts. We have to get out of the truck and look for them. It begs the question: "How long does a cigar butt last on the ground in the woods?"

It's such mysterious questions that are being lost as the Internet demystifies every inch of ground and river in North America.

The Internet has even invaded the Ozark Mountains, a place in our country that's long been seen as a backwater of technical change, a place where the locals are afraid of outsiders and where good fishing places are found only through hard work.

Last spring I was doing some research on an upcoming fishing trip to the White and Red Rivers in the Arkansas Ozarks. I was just looking for the basics, the price of a fishing license, when the season started and where could I get some sort of map.

While clicking around, up popped the picture of an Ozark fishing guide, with his obligatory beard. He had his own Web site.

Fishing guides tend to be remote and often legendary figures. Getting a hold of them often involves calling a tavern some time after 10 p.m. Now here in the Ozarks is one with his own Web site.

Not only have some activities lost their mystery, but others have become bogged down with gear. Websites are usually maintained by businesses which have a commercial interest in an activity - in other words, they're trying to sell you stuff. And in many cases it's stuff you don't need.

These days it seems you need a degree in engineering to ride a bicycle in the woods, \$5,000 in gear to go backpacking for a couple of days and a \$10,000 boat to catch a few bass.

These ideas are being driven by corporations and delivered by Web sites. What's being lost is the knowledge obtained by experience. While we're up to our waders in data about equipment, we're losing the reason we bought the stuff in the first place, to get outside and do something.

John Muir, the 19th and early 20th century conservationist, went into the woods for days and weeks with a tea cup and loaf of bread tied to his belt and a wool blanket around his shoulders. He came back with astute observations that helped us preserve some of our natural resources.

That's the model we should have when it comes to outdoors activities. That isn't to say we can't enjoy a good, solid mountain bike, a finely made shotgun or a nice boat or canoe. All those items can help us enjoy the outdoors.

We need to remember that those things are tools we use for an outdoors experience. We're not out there just to use the stuff.

BOWLING

Prep bowling off and rolling

Tip of the Week: David Mahaz, Cloverlanes

David Mahaz is the owner of David's Right Line Pro Shop located inside Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Mahaz has competed on the Pro Bowlers Tour with most of his action on the regional basis, however he has had some success on the National PBA tour as well.

His best year on tour was 1991 when he had his first win. He got started bowling a bit late, but made up for lost time with talent and determination.

Q: When Joe Norris was in town recently, he mentioned the lane conditions as the major factor in bowling today. How should bowlers learn to play the lane conditions?

My advice to the more serious bowler is to learn all you can about lane conditioning, subscribe to Bowling This Month magazine, talk to the local pro shop about how they oil the lanes at places that you usually bowl. The pro shop in that house could tell you more, like how often they oil, when they strip, and how much do they use from 10 to 10, the middle part of the lane. There is still a lot of guesswork when it comes to the oil. Talk to some of the better

players in the league and find out where they are playing.

Q: If you watch the other bowlers and see which ones are throwing more strikes, will this tip you off as to how to make your shot?

What is more important in bowling is learning where the proper break point is. If someone is rolling good, whether a big bender or a straighter shot, it is good to know where the break point is, usually about 40 feet down the lane. This will allow you the most margin of error. In most houses, you can find the line that will get you to the break point whether it's over the second arrow or elsewhere.

Q: In the System of Bowling, they are supposed to use a light oil pattern for the first 10 boards, then double that in the middle boards all across to the other side tenth board. Do most houses do this?

Most houses try to follow that pattern for league bowling, but there are more variables, as to when they oil, and how often they strip the lanes. The condition of the wood can cause even more variances. They may usually put heavier oil on the heads to protect the wood. The ball hits at this spot and the wood has to be protected. The early oil helps provide a skid-roll-hook reaction of the ball. There is a tendency to use more oil on the outside, making it best to use the track shot.

Q: Is it good to find the oil line to make a better shot?

It is true that there is an oil line in most houses, the more you move inside,

the more oil you catch, so you could typically call that an oil line. That could allow you a little more margin of error, as the ball will skid further before it breaks.

Q: As a pro shop operator, what do you recommend for the type of ball needed in today's conditions.

Most of that depends upon the individual bowler, how serious they are about the game. Most recreational bowlers would only need one or two balls, one shiny and one with a dull finish. That would handle the strike shot and spare shooting as well. The higher average bowler in the 180 to 210 range may want to have four balls for various lane conditions and a tournament bowler needs at least eight bowling balls and must understand the characteristics of each. At least one ball should have a dull finish for oiler conditions, that is the most important factor next to the weight block. Once you understand these variables you can pretty much conquer any lane conditions.

Q: In a nutshell, what is the best way to play the lanes?

Generally, you want to play the shot that you are most comfortable with. For most bowlers, that's the second arrow down-and-in shot. Some houses may require more swing from the fourth arrow to the second arrow. In today's conditions for the last two years, the straighter shot is more effective than the big hook. The people with a simple down and in game are doing the most scoring and taking home the jackpots.

JEFF COUNTS

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The Western Division opened play last week at Cherry Hill Lanes and the Northern Conference started two weeks ago at Auburn Hills Lanes in Auburn Hills.

The Western Division consists of Westland John Glenn, the Dearborn area schools of St. Alphonsus High, Crestwood High, Dearborn High, Edsel Ford High and Divine Child and Detroit Mackenzie and Northwestern.

Auburn Hills Avondale, Auburn Hills Lahser, Milford Lakeland, Waterford Mott, Clarkston, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and Waterford Kettering occupy the Northern Division.

The Eastern A Division is com-

prised of east side schools.

The Northern Division teams began their season on December 5th. The Mott High girls team has the early lead in a 30 point scoring system with a 57-3 record.

There have been some efforts in the past to get the high schools organized for bowling as an interscholastic sport.

However, this time the Single Delivery System, Strike Ten and the combined forces are behind this movement on a nationwide level.

It is well planned and coordinated with the right people running the show. The teams are basically bowling clubs. The kids are getting well qualified coaching and will still be able to compete in other sports.

The SDS has the combined resources of ABC, WIBC, YABA and the BPAA. Their idea that kids can compete in a non contact high school sport has wide appeal to a lot of parents who look for the youth activities which will help develop sportsmanship and competitive spirit without losing their teeth.

This has been the way that bowling has been able to self-perpetuate over the years - develop-

ing youth bowlers to take over when the older bowlers move on. Now with the high schools involved, there will be more future growth as these youngsters learn the game and become more proficient at it.

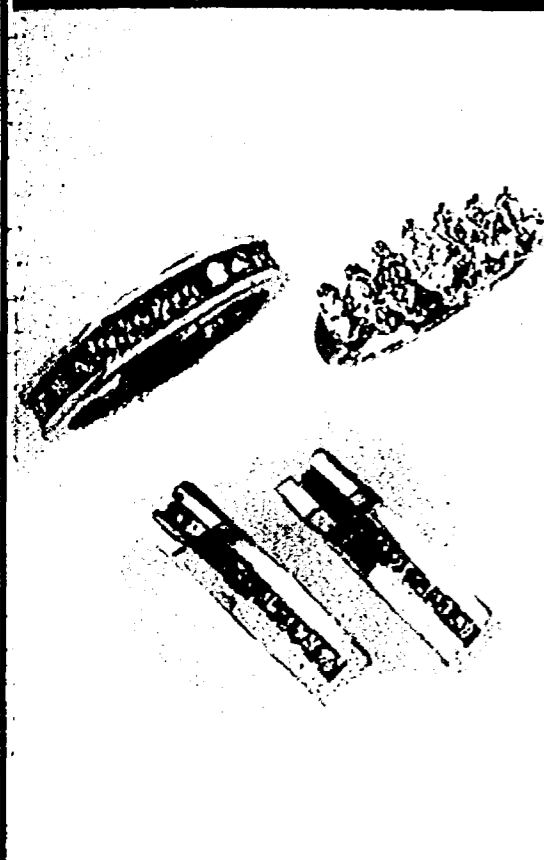
As the Western Division opened at Cherry Hill Lanes last week, the Westland John Glenn team showed their skills at a higher level than the others. The John Glenn boys are Tom Howard, Ryan Hilden, Darrin Turner, Brian Stewart and David Zmiky and the girls team consists of Nicole Neal, Heather Kellogg, Becky Boysen and Brandi Howard.

The Boys team is leading the pack after the first two sessions. High scores were rolled by Howard with 246/649, Mason Brantley (Detroit Northwestern) 246/648 and Stewart 236/639. The second session had Greg Guntow of At. Alphonsus roll 268/679 and Brantley 237/603.

We are looking at the beginning of something that will have a profound effect on the bowling scene in years to come. I will be receiving regular reports from the division secretaries and will keep the readers up to date on the progress of high school bowling.

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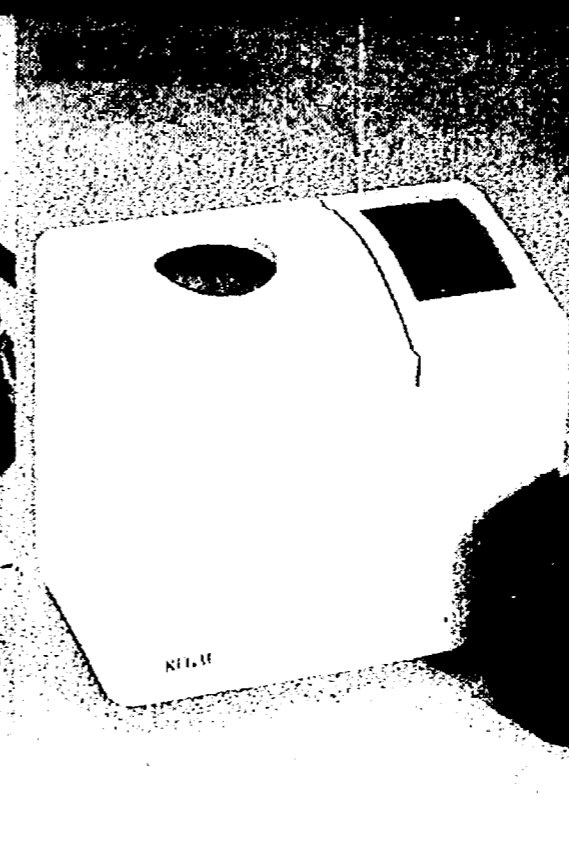
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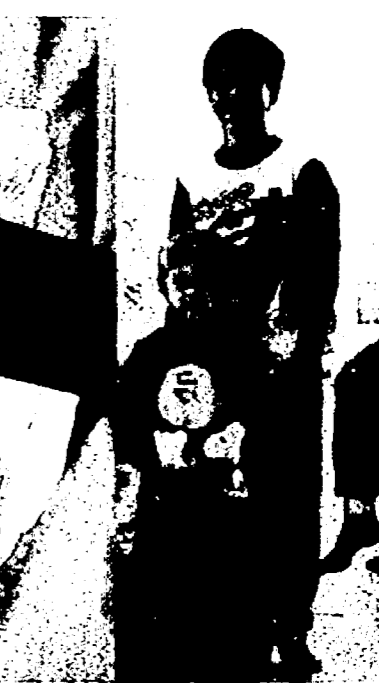
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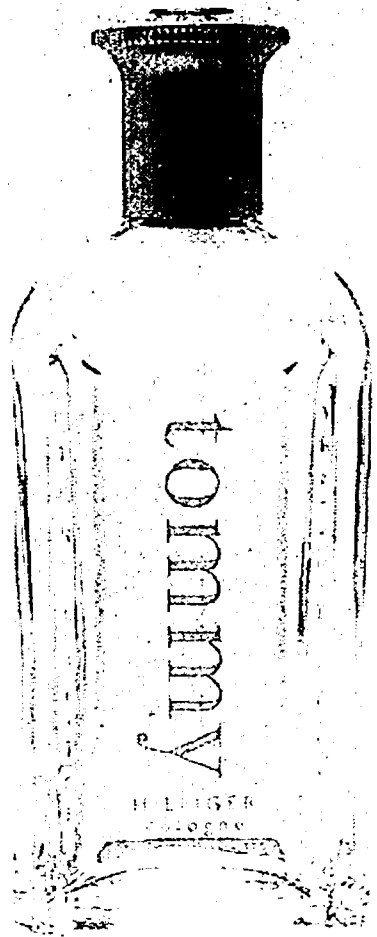
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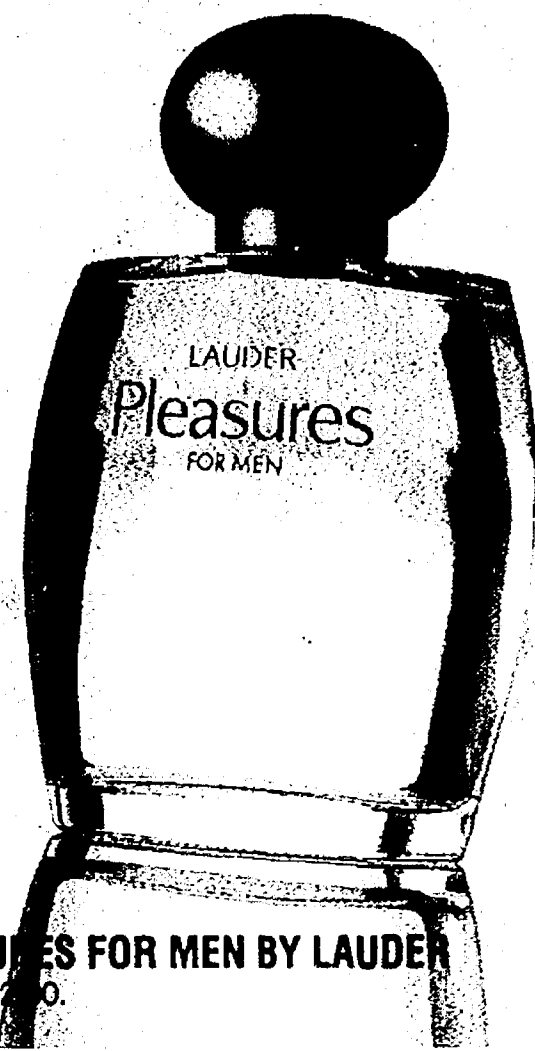
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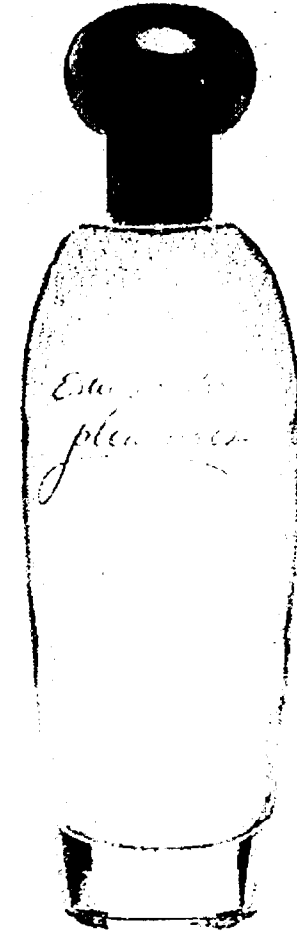
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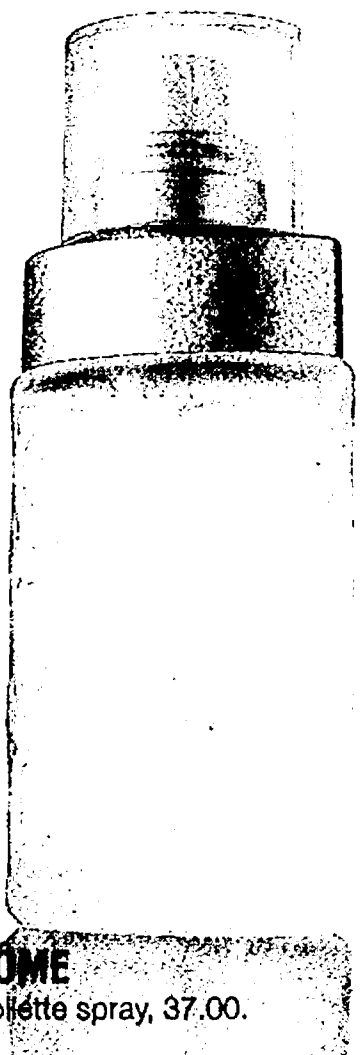
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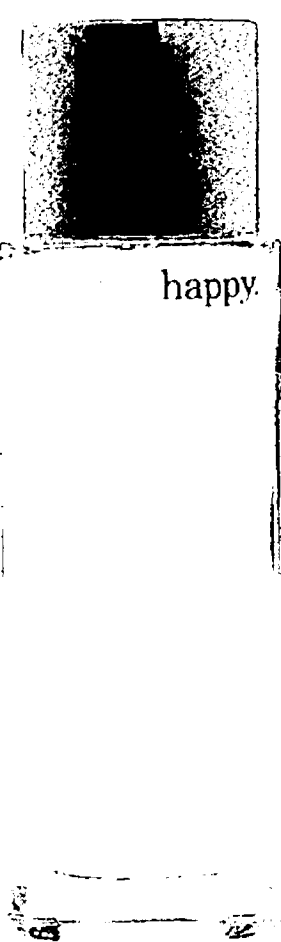
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