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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

### MONDAY

**Teen Net meeting:** At 4 p.m. Monday, the library's teen advisory group meets to discuss the types of music, books and programs they would like to see at the library. Community Meeting Room A.

### HOLIDAYS

**Closings:** The 18th District Court and Westland city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, New Year's Eve and New Year's 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 New Year's holiday. Thursday's trash pickup will be on schedule, while Friday's pickup will be Saturday.

**Library:** The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Thursday and Friday.

### TREE PICKUP

**DPS:** The Westland Department of Public Service will offer Christmas tree pickup Jan. 4-15 only. Put out compost and trees on your regular trash day in proper containers or paper refuse bags. No plastic bags will be picked up.

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## Family activities

### Time off need not be ho-hum

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

It's the day after the day after Christmas and you have a houseful of guests waiting to be fed and entertained for the next week. Well, take a deep breath, wade through the wrapping paper and make yourself a cup of coffee. This doesn't have to be the nightmare after Christmas.

From tours of the Auto Baron Homes to trips to Greenfield Village to a day of skating or an evening of games at home, Christmas guests can have quite a festive agenda if they want one.

And then there's all those fabulous neighborhood light displays.

"I often take guests out to look at the lights. One area subdivision you should go through is the Fox Run subdivision on the corner of Beck and Ford Road in Canton. It's a real sight to behold," said Judy Evola, director of community relations for the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Livonia sports its own unofficial light display on Ellen Drive, north off of Six Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, where the 23 homeowners have started a tradition that rivals Hines Park and Domino Farms. The light-happy bunch of neighbors welcomes the yearly trek of gawkers, who often shout compliments or leave notes and candy canes.

Joe and Pam Thomas of Canton keep their Christmas entertaining low-key with cards, videos and food. Joe said Pam is a "great cook," but it's the card games that take center stage during Christmas. "We're a big card family. We've done it most of our life. Euchre is probably the biggest."

Livonia resident Linnea Garvey recommends the Hands-On Science Museum in Ann Arbor for out-of-town guests anytime of the year. "It's a fun place for children and adults because when you go, you play. You just don't look, you do."

Sharon Scott, Westland City Councilwoman and president pro tem, offers this energy-saving, post-holiday entertainment suggestion: "Take them out to breakfast."

Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is heading home to New Martinsville, W. Va. this Christmas.

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Father and son: Jim Barnes of Westland carries his son Travis, 3, at the Westland Sports Arena. Travis was just learning to skate. Skating is a fun activity for the holiday vacation time.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

## There's plenty to do this week

### Let there be lights ... lots!

**Domino Farms' St. Nicholas Light Display** in Ann Arbor includes an animated nativity, an expanded indoor display with lots of family activities, an electric train kids can ride and a herd of real buffalo. Open 6-10 p.m. nightly through Thursday, Dec. 31. Minimum donation per car \$5 Monday-Thursday, \$7 Friday-Sunday. Located at 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road, north of Plymouth Road. Call (734) 930-4430.

**The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights"** is a dazzling display of animal sculptures formed by more than 400,000

lights. Open 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Cost: \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 2-12, slightly less for Detroit Zoological Society members. Call Wild Lights hotline at (248) 541-5835.

**The Wayne County LightFest** has 39 giant displays along 4 1/2 miles of Edward Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Dearborn Heights. Display runs until Jan. 1. Drivers should enter at Hines Drive and Merriman. Minimum car donation \$5. Call (734) 261-1990.

### Ice skating

**Compuware Sports Arena**, 14900 Beck in Plymouth Township. Public skating during Christmas week 9-11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. \$2 to \$4 depending on age and residency. Skate rental \$3. Call (734) 453-3427.

**Farmington Hills Ice Arena**, 35500 Eight Mile. Open at various times during Christmas week for adult (age 16 and over) and public skating. Open New Year's Eve 10 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. \$3.50 to \$6 depending on residency. Skate rental \$2. Call (248) 478-8800.

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## Cable channel lineup changes

■ The brand-new Game Show Network premiered Wednesday, featuring both first-run and classic game shows. The Game Show Network will share space with the Travel Channel.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER



Westland MediaOne customers who can't get enough of game shows will want to come on down to channel 15.

The brand-new Game Show Network premiered Wednesday, featuring both first-run and classic game shows.

MediaOne is the first cable company in the Detroit area to get the network, said Paula Peters, communications manager for Media One's Plymouth Township office.

"We're always looking for ways to enhance our lineup," Peters said. "The Game Show Network is a creative way of doing that."

Some of the first-run game shows viewers can catch include "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Price is Right." Classic shows include "Password," "I've Got a Secret" and "What's My Line."

The Game Show Network will share space with the Travel Channel. People can catch the game shows between 2 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the Travel Chan-

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## Canines get doggone good gifts

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Employees at a Westland Kroger store decided this year that they wanted to give something extra special to animals for the holidays.

This year, between 20 and 40 dogs at the Michigan Humane Society's Westland shelter will be a little bit happier whiling away their time in cages, thanks to a special dog treat delivery Tuesday from Santa himself.

Kroger employees at the Michigan and Merriman store collected donations from other employees and decided at the end of the year that MHS should get some of the money. A Kroger employee dressed as Santa brought the donations to the shelter this week.

The employees raised \$1,100 throughout the year. They decided to give \$500 to the pooches and \$600 to a local homeless shelter.

"Nobody remembers the animals at Christmastime," said Ted Beggrow, manager at Kroger's newest Westland store, at Michigan and Merriman.

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## Nankin Mills Center gets in touch with history

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Driving along Hines Drive it's easy to forget that the meandering Middle Rouge River was once a majestic magnet for settlers and industrialists.

"I grew up four miles from here and I didn't know all of the history," explained Carol Clements, Nankin Mills department manager/naturalist.

Today, Clements knows extensive details about everything from the natural habitat that includes mink, coyote and fox, history and each twist in the river in an exhaustive effort preparing exhibits that will be housed in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

By next fall, the stark white building east of Ann Arbor Trail along Hines Drive in Westland will show visitors that they're standing at the site of sacred Native American meetings held centuries ago. It was the place where the Ottawa, Potawatomi and Chippe-

wa Native Americans met annually.

Next the river drew European settlers, who built a gristmill in 1830. The building east of Ann Arbor Trail would later become a stage coach stop, general store and is rumored to be a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Henry Ford bought the mill in 1918 and with Thomas Edison used the Rouge for hydroelectric power to run machines that built small car parts. Ford's wife, Clara, donated the plant to the Wayne County Parks System in 1948.

Clements and crews of Wayne County employees are in the midst of making a longtime dream reality by re-creating the four eras - Native American, European, Ford's hydroelectric powered shop and the contemporary use.

By fall 1999, visitors will be greeted at the front door by a talking river that will direct them to the

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Scout visit: Boy Scouts watch a snake eating a worm at Nankin Mills recently.

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different exhibits explaining, 'Follow me back in time.'

Walking on the wooden front porch or in the upper levels of the building, visitors can begin to imagine all who have gone there before. Clements is asking anyone who might have stories about the area, or artifacts from the Ford days, to consider sharing what they have with the thousands of visitors who will be learning about what happened in the days gone by.

"I'd love to get local Native American people to give us more stories," she added.

Meanwhile, the Interpretive Center has become a popular place for family outings; scout tours and other activities, like family astronomy night; a demonstration on edible plants from the area; as well as programs on Michigan snakes and wildflowers in the Holiday Forest Wildlife preserve that abuts Nankin Mills.

In fact, students from Livonia, Garden City and the Plymouth-Canton school districts have been taking field trips to the historic building on a regular basis, Clements said.

Other programs highlight insect life and extinct animals; instruction on compass reading and map skills, as well as summer day camps. Not only kids are drawn to Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Crafts and other events attract people of all ages including senior citizen groups.

Much of what is going on in the building can be credited to Friends of Nankin Mills, a non-profit, volunteer group, that formed in 1988 when the wrecking ball was looming.

"They had a lot of foresight to see that the mill had to be saved," Clements said, adding that the 1996 passage of a millage for Wayne County Parks is

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also instrumental in forging the current plans.

"We're excited to have the public come back to Wayne County Parks," Clements said. "It's really been a Phoenix out of the ashes."

The Rouge River remains a vital drawing card to the area and with the recent Rouge River cleanup, more people, especially anglers, are returning.

Wayne County Parks has also recently drawn families and other groups back with programs like Saturday in the Park, where roads are closed for skaters, cyclists, runners and walkers on Saturdays from May through September; as well as the Wayne County LightFest during the holiday season.

Finishing a mini-tour of the exhibits that will be in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Clements concluded: "I sort of feel that we are onto the next era. We're reopening and appreciating everything that happened in the past. It's been taken for granted for so long. This is an exciting time to be here."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Tour: Boy Scouts recently visited the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. At right, a great blue heron stands in the foreground.**

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nel between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The Travel Channel features travel ideas and in-depth programming about the people, places and cultures of the world.

Other lineup changes include moving channel 25 (WPXD) to channel 11 and moving MediaOne Television from channel 11 to 25.

MediaOne has just launched a

## MEDIAONE

program geared toward helping the Wayne-Westland schools. Now until Feb. 28, 1999, when Westland residents purchase Home Theater pay-per-view movies, MediaOne will donate 10 percent of that purchase to new computers for the lab. The new computers will include high-speed Internet service from Media One.

"We wanted to do something for the community of Westland and help bring some additional technology to the schools," Peters said.

The plan will ultimately benefit the students, she said. Teachers will be able to tap into Internet resources to aid in instruction, among other things.

"I believe the teachers don't always have the technology skills to pass onto students. This is a way to give them technology."

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**A spill:** Michael Fowler, 5, of Plymouth falls while learning to skate with his father Rick at the Westland Sports Arena.



**Helping hands:** Michael Fowler, 5, of Plymouth is learning to skate and gets help from his father, Rick, at the Westland Sports Arena. Rick Fowler, who works in Westland, takes time off at lunch to teach his son how to skate.

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**The Redford Ice Arena,** Beech Daly between I-96 and Plymouth Road. Open skating during Christmas week: 9-11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday; 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1-3 p.m. Tuesday; 9-11 a.m. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (adults) Wednesday. \$2.50 to \$3.00. Skate rental \$2. Call (313) 387-2660 or 387-2757.

**Eddie Edgar Ice Arena,** Lyndon Road west of Farmington in Livonia. Open skating during Christmas week: 1-2:45 p.m. Dec. 28-29 and 4-5:30 p.m. Dec. 27. Resident adults pay \$2.50, children \$2; non-resident adults, \$4; child, \$3. No skate rentals. Call (734) 427-1280.

**Westland Sports Arena,** 6210 N. Wildwood between Ford Road and Hunter. Open skating during Christmas week: 1-2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27; noon to 1:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, to Thursday, Dec. 31; 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. Adults \$2.25; seniors and students \$1.75 during the week and \$1 extra on weekends. Skate rental \$2. Call (734) 729-4560.

### Roller skating

**Skatin Station II,** Ronda Drive off Joy Road between Haggerty and Joy in Canton is open for daily rentals 1-4 p.m. \$4.25. Skate rental \$2. Special New Year's Eve family party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. or all-night 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Call for rates, (734) 459-6400.

**Bonaventure,** 24505 Halsted, between Grand River and 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Public skating 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27; 1-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28-Sunday, Jan. 3; closed New Year's Day. Afternoon sessions \$5, evening sessions \$6. Skate rental \$2. New Year's Eve Party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$8. Call (248) 476-2200.

**Riverside Arena,** Plymouth Road between Levan and Newburgh in Livonia. Public skating 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27; 1-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31; 2-5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 2. Closed New Year's Day. Afternoon sessions \$3 during the week and \$4 during weekends. Evenings \$6. Skate rental \$2. New Year's Eve party 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. \$22. Call (734) 421-3540.

### Tours and museums

The historically accurate decor of the **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** includes trees decorated with blown-glass teardrop ornaments made especially for Eleanor Ford by the Ford Motor Glass Division. The Play House, a three-quarter scale Tudor-like building near the main house, will be decorated in a gingerbread theme especially for the kids. Tours on the hour: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 29-30; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 31; closed New Year's Day. Cost: \$5 adults; \$4 senior citizens (60 and over); \$3 children (12 and under). Located 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Call (313) 884-4222.

The **Detroit Science Center** is the home of Michigan's only IMAX 3D theatre. The theater is 3 1/2 stories tall with a 16-speaker sound system more powerful than a jet engine. "Everest" is currently showing. The center is located in the University Cultural Center at 5020 John R in Detroit. Admission: \$6.75 adults; \$4.75 seniors and youths; children under 3 are free. For holiday hours, call (313) 577-8400.

Become a human sound wave at the **Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum** by participating in the "Sound Off" program during December. Also scheduled is the

"Amazing World of Gasses." Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Mondays and holidays. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children over 3, students and seniors. Located at North Fifth and East Huron in downtown Ann Arbor. Call (734) 995-5437.

If there's snow, there are sleigh rides at **Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village**. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Interiors of Greenfield Village buildings are closed January through March. Admission: \$12.50 adults; \$11.50 seniors; \$7.50 children ages 5-12. Located on Oakwood Boulevard off Michigan Avenue. Call (313) 271-1620.

**Cranbrook Institute of Science** features "Beyond Numbers" until Jan. 4. General admission: adults \$7 (\$5 after 6 p.m.); seniors and children \$4; children under 3 are free. After 6 p.m., \$4 for everyone. Laser light shows every Friday and Saturday night until 11 p.m. for a reduced admission of \$5. Located at 1221 N. Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. For holiday hours, call (248) 645-3224.

### Take a trip

Everyone visits **Frankenmuth** during the Christmas holidays and not just for the chicken dinners. The carriage rides through town are a must and the lights along the Cass River are beautiful. Bronner's is the

world's largest Christmas store. All gift shops are open. Located off I-75, exit 136 (Birch Run). Head east to M-83, turn north into town.

### Kid fun

**Jeepers** at the Wonderland Mall on Plymouth Road in Livonia bills itself as Michigan's premier indoor amusement park for children ages 2-12. In addition

to several rides, there are dozens of skilled games with big ticket payoffs for prizes and an extensive soft-floored playground. Regular hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Restaurants available. Admission: \$10.99 for an all-day wristband ticket; \$4.99 for children under 40 inches. Single ride tickets also available. Call (734)

762-5118 for holiday hours.

**Kid's Kingdom** in the Canton Corners Shopping Center on the corner of Ford Road and Lilley in Canton has 8,000 square feet of fabulous indoor activities, like the life size River Raft. Restaurants available. Regular hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

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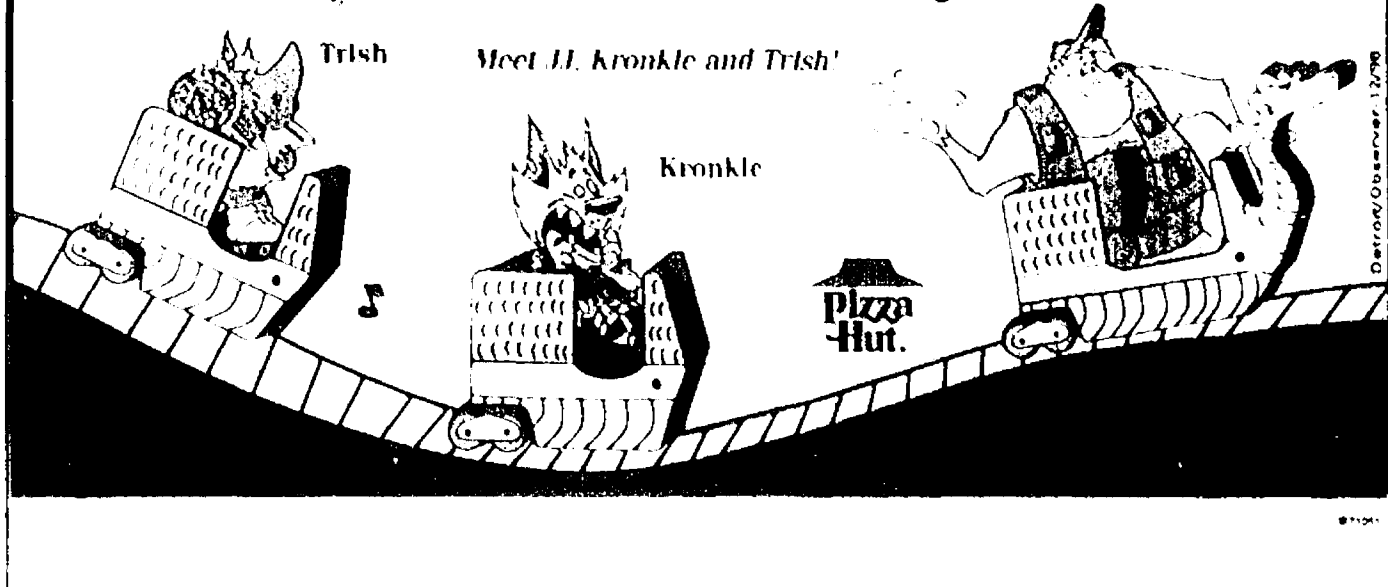
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## Time off from page A1

where she and her four siblings and their families will be guests in her father's spacious home along the Ohio River.

"We sleep everywhere. There's about 20 of us. The biggest whiners get the beds," she said.

Tobin's family is a real creative bunch. "For years we have put on Christmas entertainment. We sing songs, and the kids perform. We have even gone as far as finding interesting Christmas poems and acting them out."

Family entertainment for Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi includes the Wayne County LightFest, bowling and ice skating. Last Christmas, Vagnozzi took to the ice after a 15-year hiatus. "It was a disaster."

Vagnozzi stocks up on family videos for his seven grandchildren and often takes the older ones to Marvelous Marvin's on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. While the kids play the slot games and pretend they're skateboarding or driving a car, Vagnozzi does what most grandfathers do: "I usually sit and read."

Another city official with the holiday spirit is Mayor Jack Kirksey of Livonia, who joked "The art of entertaining out-of-town guests is to have an unlisted address."

The Kirkseys often take holiday company to Greenfield Village. However, often no entertainment agenda is required. "Some guests are there just to be with you," said the mayor.

Some Observer & Eccentric staff members came up with their own suggestions for keeping holiday guests from getting restless, such as an evening of board games or "charades." One suggested caroling at a local nursing home and another fun-loving soul favored an old-fashioned taffy pull or fudge-making session. At least if you make a mess you can eat it.

Other suggestions included making a video tape of Christmas memories with each guest recalling a special holiday story, designating a "Storytelling Night," and having children write a play that includes a surprise "guest role" for one of the aunts or uncles.

Need a bit of fresh air for your guests? Schedule a snowman-building contest. Have a box of props at hand: old hats, scarves, orphaned mittens and boots, aprons, charcoal briquettes and spray bottles of colored water. Or take the kids for a moonlit walk through the woods on the "breast of the new fallen snow."

Although the main entrance to Maybury State Park in Northville closes at dusk, the riding stable entrance on Beck Road remains open until 10 p.m. If there's snow, there's both classic and skate skiing at Maybury. And the "living" farm is open until 5 p.m.

"The animals are not as skittish this time of the year. You see squirrels, foxes and deer. And our trail systems are in good shape," said park ranger Ed Wichens.

Simple activities are often the best, especially during the hectic holidays. Watching a morning movie in your robe with a plate of Christmas cookies on your lap is a luxury. Warren Price, manager of Family Video in Westland, rated "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Christmas Vacation" as "really hot" Christmas videos.

There's only one rule to making the morning movie a big hit: Everyone stays in their robe or pajamas until noon. You're guaranteed not to hear a "humbly" However, whatever you do, wherever you go, enjoy yourself. Remember, Christmas guests come once a year. Ho, ho, ho!



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**AT THE LIBRARY**

**FRIENDS OF LIBRARY**  
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 826-8123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

**WESTLAND CENTER**

**WALKERS CLUB**  
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

**RECREATION**

**RECREATION AND FUN**  
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

**FIGURE SKATING**  
The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

**SCHOOLS**

**MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE**  
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222.

**SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S**  
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**  
The Wayne-Westland Communi-

ty School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottmeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

**CHURCH PRESCHOOL**  
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

**GARDEN CITY CO-OP**  
The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

**ST. MEL PRESCHOOL**  
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

**YWCA READINESS**  
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

**CHARTER SCHOOL**  
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

**LITTLE LAMBS**  
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday after-

noons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

**FRANKLIN PTSA**  
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

**TUTORIAL PROGRAM**  
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

**MOM'S MORNING OUT**  
Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

**LIVONIA COOPERATIVE**  
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

**HISTORY ON VIEW**

**WESTLAND MUSEUM**  
The Westland Historical Museum has a display of dolls from around the world and a display of toys for boys. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays (except during the holiday weekends) at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

**FRIENDS MEET**  
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September

and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

**FOR SENIORS**

**SENIOR CHOIR**  
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

**EXERCISE**  
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

**TRAVEL GROUP**  
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

**CARD GROUP**  
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

**MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE**  
The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on

Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

**WORK REFERRAL**  
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

**DYER CENTER**  
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

**CLUBS IN ACTION**

**CHADD**  
CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

**T.O.P.S.**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

**T.O.P.S.**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly. Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-8437.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
The Westland Easy Talkers

Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 328-5419.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. Call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**SCREENINGS**  
Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

**AIM**  
Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

**RATIONAL RECOVERY**  
Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City. Call (248) 476-2657.

**CHILDBIRTH CLASSES**  
Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teenage women. For information on programs, call 458-4330.

**CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION**  
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# Blood needed

## Red Cross needs more donations

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Spokeswoman Lisa Raycraft said between Christmas and

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

*Lisa Raycraft*  
—spokeswoman

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

"We are really stretched on where to go for units," she said.

If the blood supply dips too low, the southeastern Michigan American Red Cross imports from other states in the Mid-

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

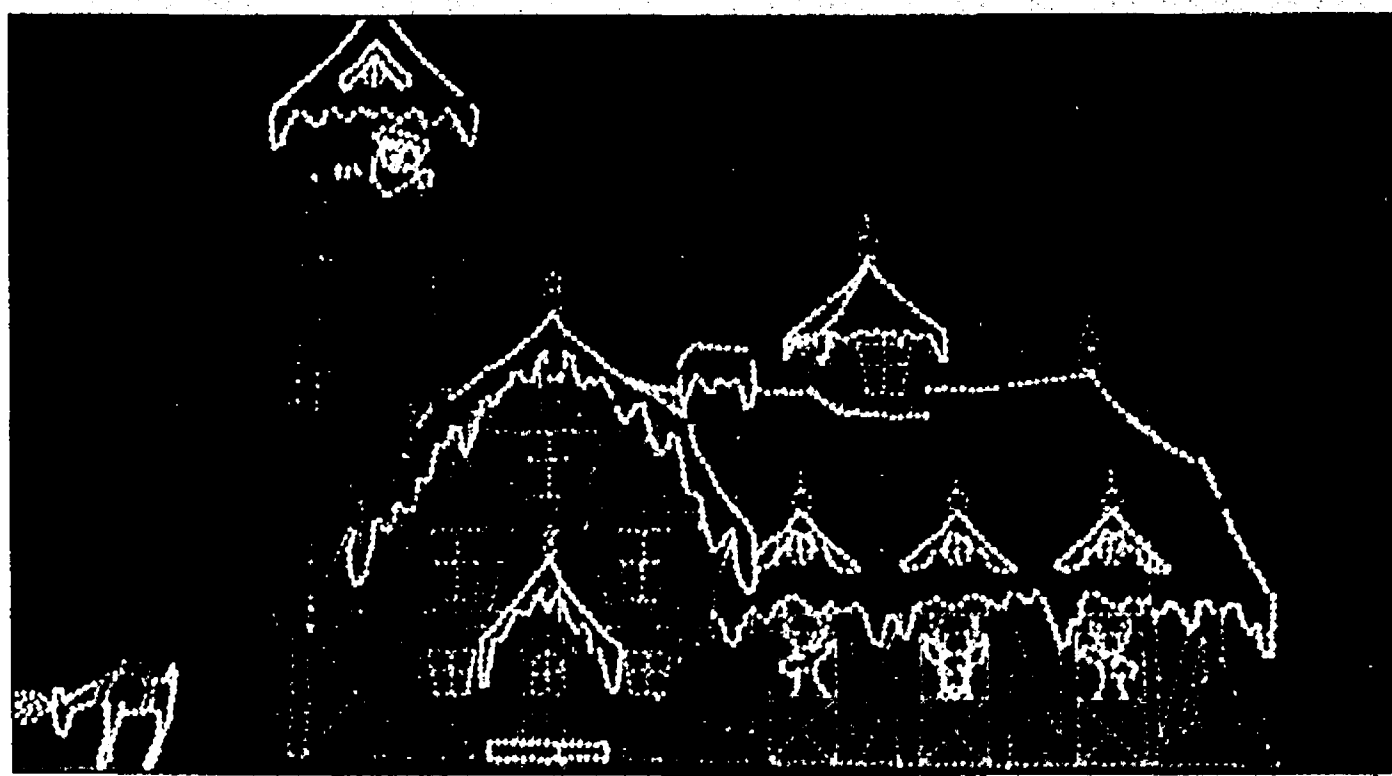
"This weather pattern is striking all of them," said Raycraft.

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

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

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

### Light-time



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

# Tax bill can be trimmed with early payments

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

BY GARY KLOTT

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

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

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

### Pay January mortgage installment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Pay property taxes

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

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

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

### Home offices

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

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

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

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

Treating yourself to some new fur-

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

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

### Home-office hopefuls

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

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

Please see TAXES, A7

## Chrysler helps Make-A-Wish

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

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

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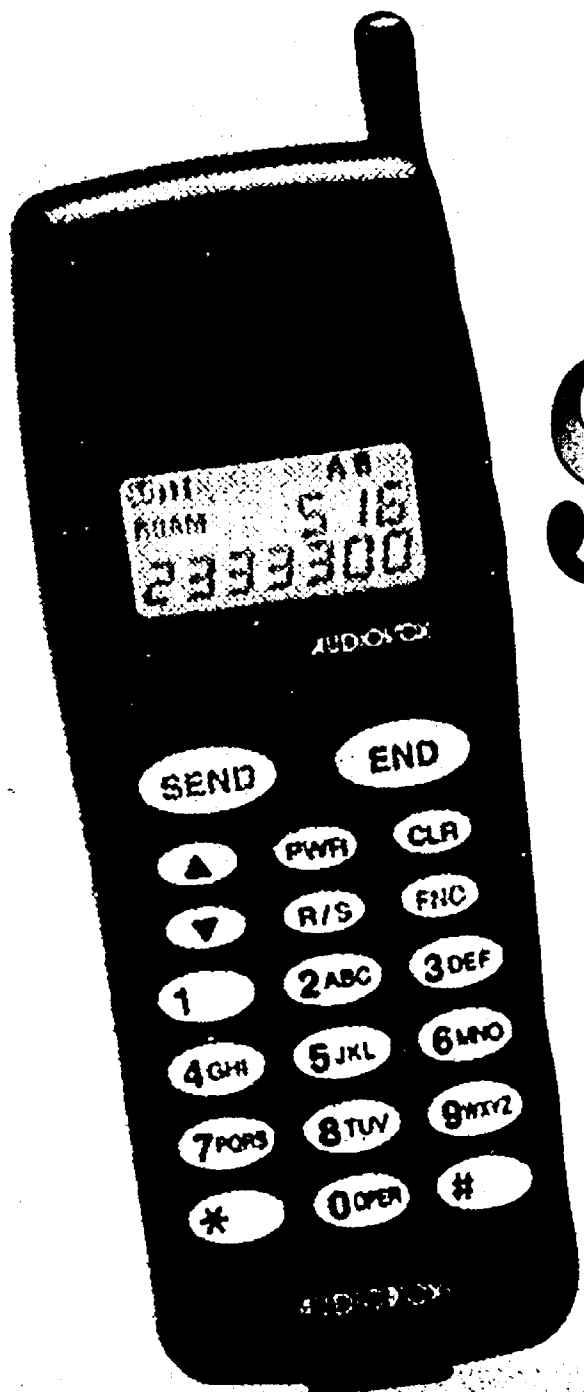
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## Dogs from page A1

While Kroger employees give money to charity every year, this is the first year Kroger employees have donated to the humane society, he added.

Kroger bought 150 "Kong" toys for the dogs with the money. These therapeutic chew toys can be filled with goodies like peanut butter, kibble or fat-free cream cheese. Kroger also donated 15 cases of peanut butter.

Michele Mitchell, communications director for the humane society, said the toys were a wonderful treat for the dogs. The toys provide hours of enjoyment and help the dogs cope with long stretches of time in the cages as they chew their way down to the special treats, she said.

"They're great toys," Mitchell said, adding that they were a particularly special treat because they are expensive.

"That was a very, very special donation for the dogs," she said.

On Tuesday, Santa Claus arrived at the shelter with a sack full of the treats. Some of the dogs came out to get their pictures taken and also started playing with their new toys.

Playing the part of Santa was Kroger courtesy clerk Harry Robertson, 80 of Garden City, who also played Santa at Wonderland Mall.

Donations to the MHS have been a fairly popular holiday gift choice this year, Mitchell said.

Many people give the donations in people's names instead of gifts.

"A lot of people are buying gifts for others who don't really need anything," she said. "We've got a lot of people who give donations (to the MHS)."

Donations seem to be ahead of last year, according to Jennifer Day, humane society community relations assistant.

Last year the society received \$3,836,122 in public support.

"There are definitely some



To the dogs: Santa Claus, also known as Kroger courtesy clerk Harry Robertson of Garden City; Jennifer Ottinger, Michigan Humane Society adoption counselor; and Ted Beggow, Westland Kroger manager; with "Fred" and a chew toy at the humane society in Westland Tuesday.

generous people in the Detroit area. We're very fortunate," she said.

About 50,000 animals are sheltered annually at the MHS shel-

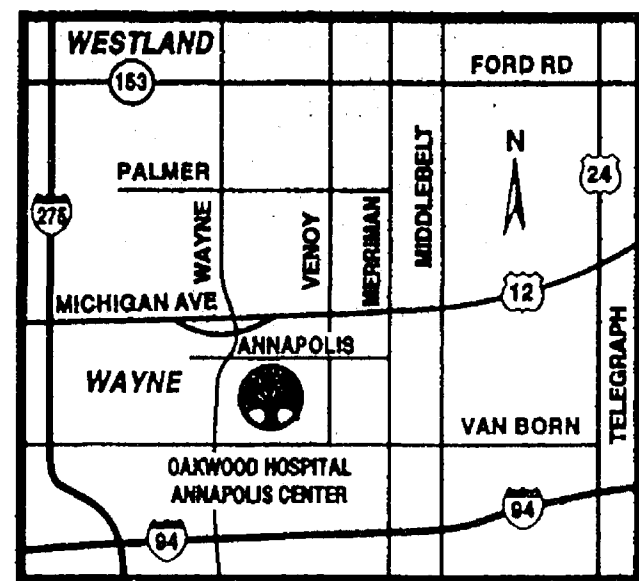
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that has barred home-office deductions for home-based business owners who typically perform their services away from home, as is the case for outside salespersons, plumbers and interior decorators.

The new law will permit such workers to deduct a home office as long as it's regularly used to perform administrative or managerial activities.

## Refinance before year ends

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

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

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thousands of dollars in extra deductions on your 1998 return.

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

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

So if you complete the new

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

## Real estate sales

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

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

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

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

made effective for sales beginning in 1999.

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

## Installment sale

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

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

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

That was the case under the capital gains cut enacted last

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

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Breastfeeding

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

### Narcotics Anon

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

### Top fundraiser

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

### Retaining memory

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

### Hearing screening

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

### Begin to exercise

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

### Alzheimer's support

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

### Fit in 1999

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

### We want your health news

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

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# Road to recovery

## Gambling treatment centers reach out

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

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

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

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

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

### Out of control

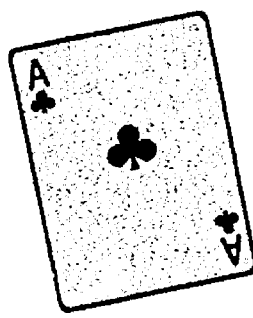
While a pathological gambler is rendered powerless over gambling — their loved ones are sometimes left with staggering debts and the guilt of knowing they may have enabled the gambler by "bailing them out" in desperation.

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

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

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

Today, Andy speaks from experience to fellow recovering gamblers on behalf of an Indiana-based organization, Trimeridian Inc., that began



treating clients at a new outpatient center in Westland modeled after programs in Las Vegas, Phoenix and Indianapolis.

ing to Daniel J. Body, co-founder, vice president and CEO of Trimeridian, Inc., establishing a treatment center in Michigan arose from the state's gambling prevalence rate that is "at or a little above" the national level.

"The demographics, population and prevalence rate supported the need for our first Michigan effort," added Body. "While we are neutral on the issue of legalized gambling, we recognize that the treatment of pathological and problem gamblers is under-served not only in Michigan, but nationwide."

Serving patients from a satellite office in Detroit since November, the permanent office at 8623 N. Wayne Road, Westland, opened last week to treat gamblers on an intensive outpatient basis in addition to providing support programs for families. Inquiries are being made from as far north as Bay City and Dexter to the west.

Carla Spight, Trimeridian program manager, said the population of individuals who are pathological/problem gamblers is under-identified because "nobody ever asks."

Andy says he believed his gambling was a secret when in reality everyone but himself knew he had a problem. "I didn't think anybody knew."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

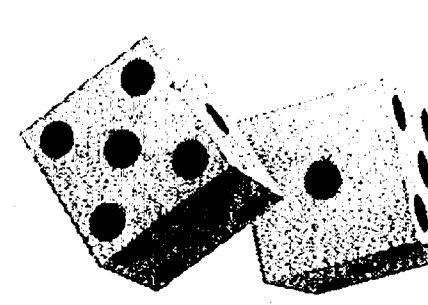
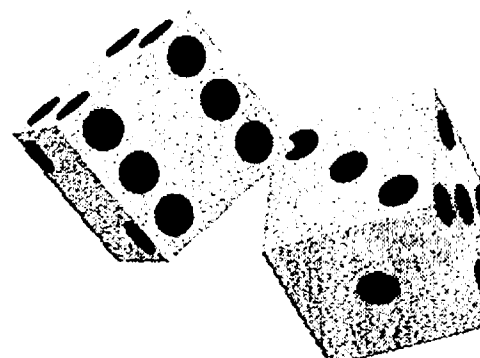
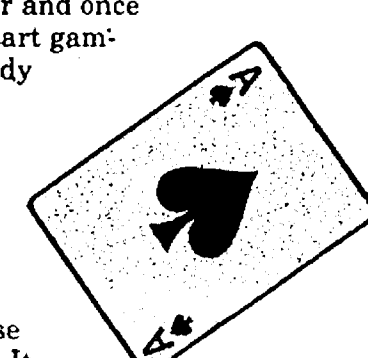
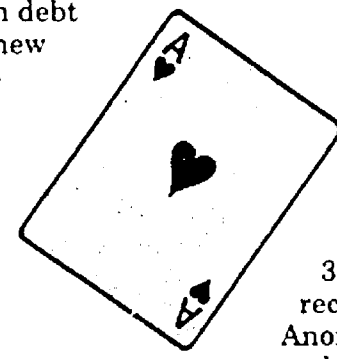
"I remember watching her win a few races, even some I had picked, and it seemed like the easy life," said Andy.

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

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

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

"Recovery is forever and once you stop going you start gambling again," said Andy who says he is also a recovering alcoholic. "I had to quit drinking because I knew if I got drunk I'd gamble and I had to quit gambling because I knew I'd get drunk. It had to be all or nothing."



# Gamblers Anonymous is there to help

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

- Is the person missing work on a regular basis?
- Have you noticed a significant increase in the balance on credit cards?
- Are there betting slips, IOUs or lottery tickets laying around your home or bedroom?
- Are personal items missing from your home (furniture, electronics, jewelry)?
- Is the person overly upset at the end of a sporting event?
- Do they seem withdrawn from their family?

- Are they angry and hostile?
  - Is the person suffering from insomnia or loss of appetite?
  - Do they exhibit signs of low self-esteem?
- Spight encourages readers to seek out assistance from a treatment center not only for the problem gambler but for themselves. Trimeridian in Westland offers family support and financial services in addition to GamAnon programs hosted at local churches and community centers throughout the area.
- Gamblers Anonymous a "fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem

- and help others to recover from a gambling problem," has several weekly support meetings in Wayne County including:
- GA and GAMANON meet at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills (northeast corner of 12 Mile and Halsted Road) every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
  - GA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Ypsilanti at 33 1/2 Cross Street.
  - GA meets at Salvation Army Church in Dearborn Heights at 26700 West Warren beginning at 7 p.m.
- There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; and they are not allied with any sect, denomina-

- tion, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause.
- "This isn't something you should hide from," said Spight. "There are many ways we can help you and your family deal with the addiction and begin to recover emotionally as well as financially."
- Gamblers Anonymous maintains a Web site at [www.gambler-anonymous.org](http://www.gambler-anonymous.org)
  - The Michigan Council of Problem and Compulsive Gambling offers help and support. For more information call, (313) 396-0402.
  - Trimeridian, Inc. of Westland is located at 8623 N. Wayne Road. They offer intensive outpatient and one-on-one counseling to problem and pathological gamblers and their family members. Call (734) 762-7900.

## Do you have a problem?

## This test may give you the answers you need

The National Council on Problem Gambling offers these 20 questions for individuals to ask themselves if they believe they have a gambling problem.

1. Did you ever lose time from work due to gambling?
2. Has gambling ever made your home life unhappy?
3. Did gambling affect your reputation?
4. Have you ever felt remorse after gambling?
5. Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties?
6. Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?

7. After losing did you feel you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses?
8. After a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more?
9. Did you often gamble until your last dollar was gone?
10. Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
11. Have you ever sold anything to finance gambling?
12. Were you reluctant to use "gambling money" for normal expenditures?
13. Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself and your family?
14. Did you ever gamble longer than you had

- planned?
  15. Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?
  16. Have you ever committed, or considered committing, an illegal act to finance gambling?
  17. Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
  18. Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?
  19. Did you ever have an urge to celebrate any good fortune with hours of gambling?
  20. Have you ever considered self destruction as a result of your gambling?
- The National Council on Problem Gambling has a nationwide helpline, (800) 522-4700.



# Send online greetings near and far

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Clear as a bell

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

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

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

## holiday options."

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

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

Additional Big Greetings General and Technical Information

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

Audio message is limited to one minute

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

## MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from the Observer area. Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Marie Aversa is the appointed public relations representative and Jennifer Trussler was recently named events specialist. All of these individuals will be working under the guidance of Communications Manager, Michael Millington.

## Personnel moves

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

## Trainers named

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

Hasse of Farmington Hills is assigned to provide coverage for all sporting events at Redford Union High School.



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

## PAY HEED TO BLEEDING GUMS

Because bleeding gums are symptomatic of gum disease, which can lead to tooth and bone loss in its most severe form, they should not be ignored. More than 80 percent of adult Americans have some form of gum disease, an inflammation of the gums that results from the buildup of plaque along the teeth and gum line. And, Americans spend more than \$10 billion annually replacing teeth lost to gum disease. The good news is that it is preventable with regular brushing, flossing, and professional cleanings for the removal of buildups of plaque and tartar. If the problem persists, the dentist can clean further down root surfaces to encourage gingival tissue to adhere to tooth surfaces.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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### TUE, JAN. 5

#### HEART SUPPORT

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

#### DIABETES EDUCATION

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

### WED, JAN. 6

#### DIABETES SUPPORT

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

### THUR, JAN. 7

#### HEALTH SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital is Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Jan. from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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.

terol. 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.). The Leather Bottle is located on the south east corner of Eight Mile and Farmington roads.

### MON, DEC. 28

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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 (available the fourth Monday of every month from 8-10 a.m.) Located at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 477-6100.

### JANUARY

#### MINI FITNESS CLASSES

Schoolcraft College offers almost 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.

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# PC Mike loves convenience of electronic organizer



MIKE WENDLAND

Admit it: I'm a sucker for a handheld. Starting with the Sharp Wizard, then the Apple Newton, through several incarnations of the Palm Pilot (the Pro and the Palm III), on to Windows CE palmtops from Casio and NEC and even the credit-card sized Rex, I have tried them all. But none offered a meaningful relationship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

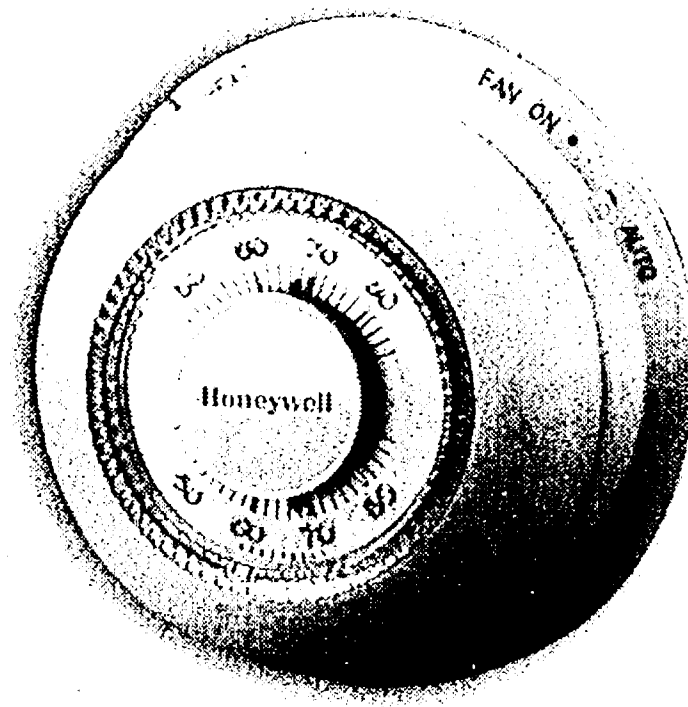
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I crave computer convenience. I want a PDA (personal digital assistant) to streamline my life, let me lose the big and bulky Franklin Planner, to keep track of appointments, contacts, tasks, memos and the miscellaneous.

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

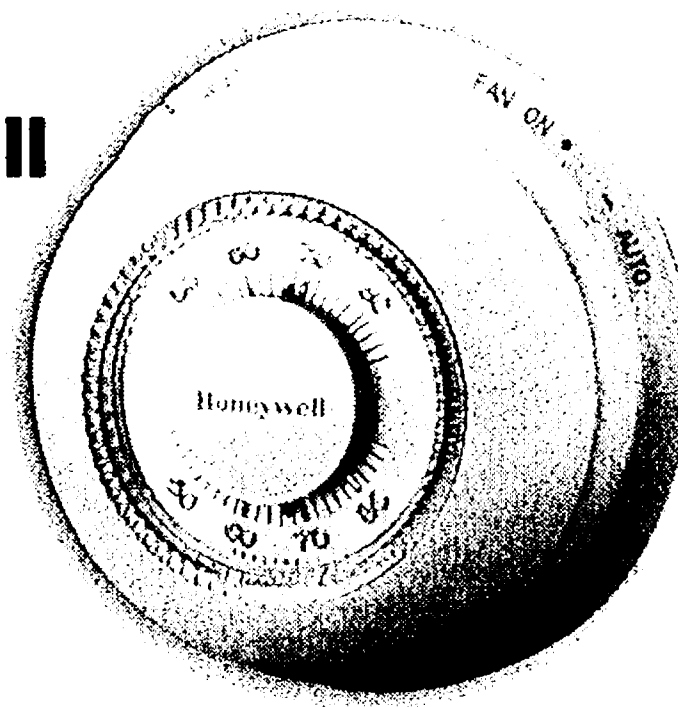
But now, finally, I think my heart has been truly won by a handheld.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Counting down the days till '99

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

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

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

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

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



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

### A day at a time

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

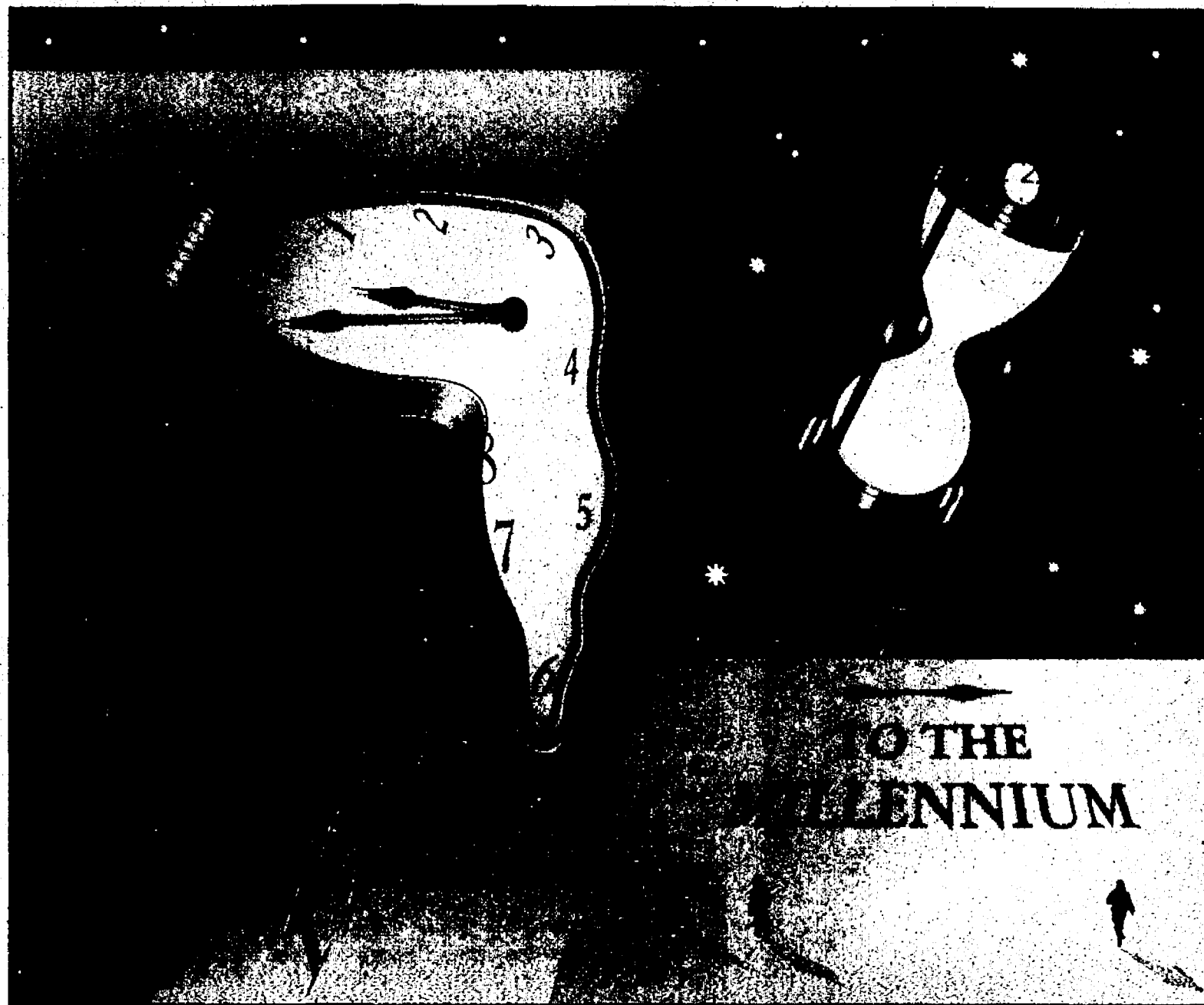
Since first mentioning the project to the Detroit Historical Society to identify each day of the year with a historical event two and one-half years ago, McConnell has spent hundreds of hours researching the State Archives in Lansing, materials at the Burton Historical Society, and reading the Detroit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

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

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

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## NEW YEAR INSPIRES REFLECTION THROUGHOUT ARTS COMMUNITY



# HOPES AND RESOLUTIONS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

the communities throughout the region.”

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

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

— Marlowe Belanger, manager, Southfield Centre for the Arts

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

— Gregory Wittkopp, director, Cranbrook Art Museum

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

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

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

— David Klein, owner, David Klein Gallery

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

— MariaLuisa Belmonte, executive director, Detroit Artists Market

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

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

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

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

— Elaine Gurian, interim director, Cranbrook Institute of Science

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

— Jennifer Tobin, executive director, Plymouth Community Arts Council

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

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

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

— Robert Bennett, president, Livonia Symphony Orchestra

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

work.”

— Bob Sheridan, president, Livonia Arts Commission

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

— Russell Reed, conductor, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

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

— David DiChiera, general director, Michigan Opera Theatre

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

— Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director, Meadow Brook Theatre

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

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

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

— Observer & Eccentric staff

## EXHIBITION

# Three artists shed skin to expose their art

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Three Solo Exhibits at Revolution

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

**WHEN:** Through Jan. 16  
**WHERE:** 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444  
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# Skin from page B1

Ferrari start abstract, head for more rarefied air and become an exercise in obsessiveness. Thankfully, there is no easily referred to "ism" that neatly describe the breadth of their elegant expressions. Rather there's a more earthy feeling that ties together the three dissimilar exhibits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

repeating an idea.

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

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

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

cork inserted in her mouth.

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

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

# Expressions from page B1

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

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

**A history of its own**

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

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

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

**Cover artist**

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

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

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

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

"I used to work for Bob who

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

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

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

Local historical societies, corpo-

rations, labor unions, civic groups, and other organizations are encouraged to share their stories with the "Days of Detroit" committee. McConnell can be reached at (313) 833-7937.

P.S. Thanks Alicia for your voice mail to wish me a Merry Christmas. It was really nice to hear that you enjoy reading the Arts & Leisure section, and are a fellow wolfhound lover who doesn't mind hearing about the antics of Shamrock, my 3-year old Irish Wolfhound. I hope you eventually find a wolfhound as sweet as the late Molly.

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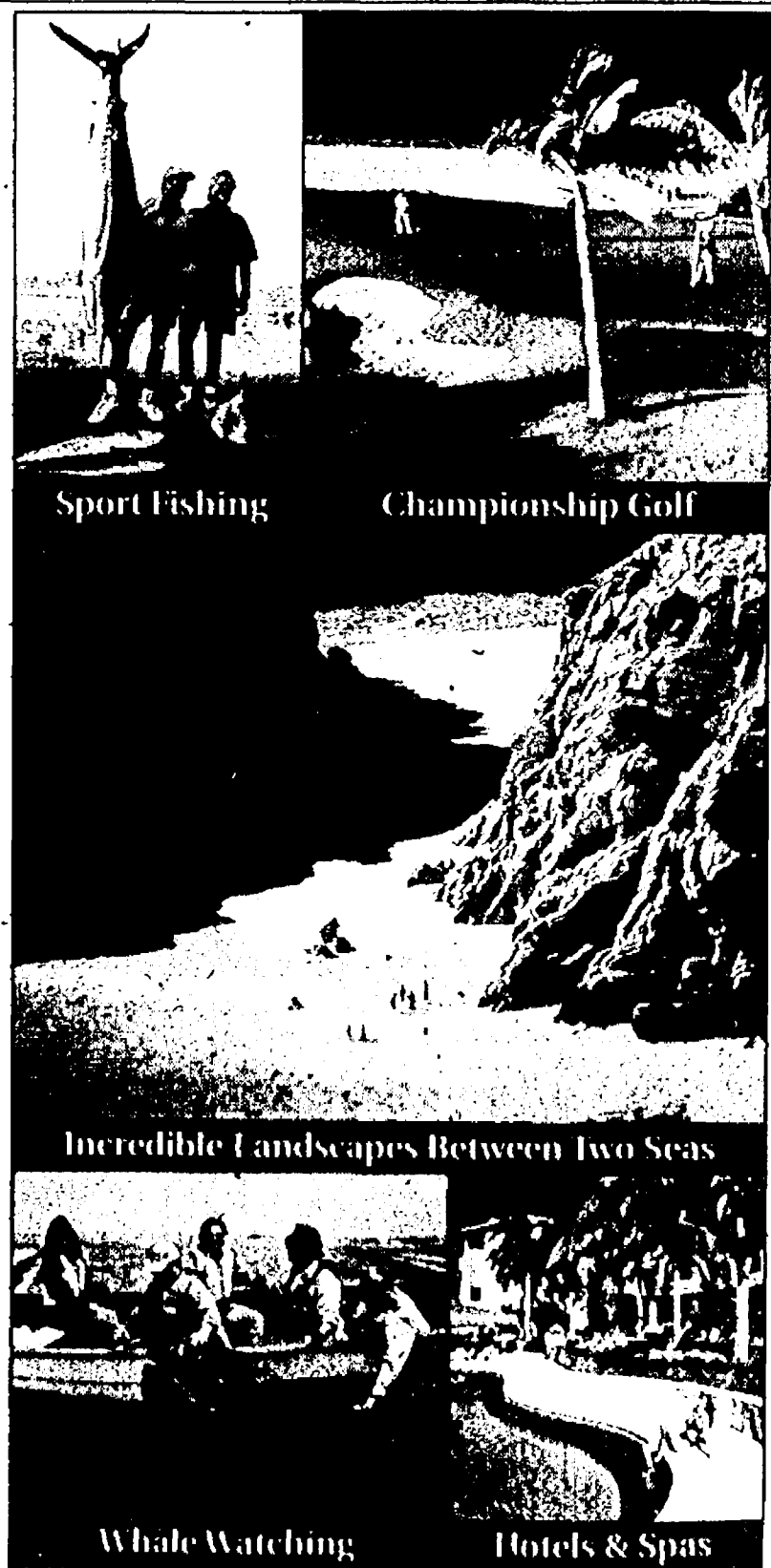
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Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all media, from glass ornaments to paintings and prints, through Jan. 2. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.
- PEWABIC POTTERY**  
Annual Holiday Invitational Show, "Earthy Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.
- PHOTO SALE**  
Featuring work by photographer Marji Silk, through Dec. 31. Call (248) 544-1203.
- SWANN GALLERY**  
Holiday show featuring the multimedia works of Gloria Dunn, through Dec. 31, 1250 Library St., Detroit, (313) 965-4826, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.

### AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

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

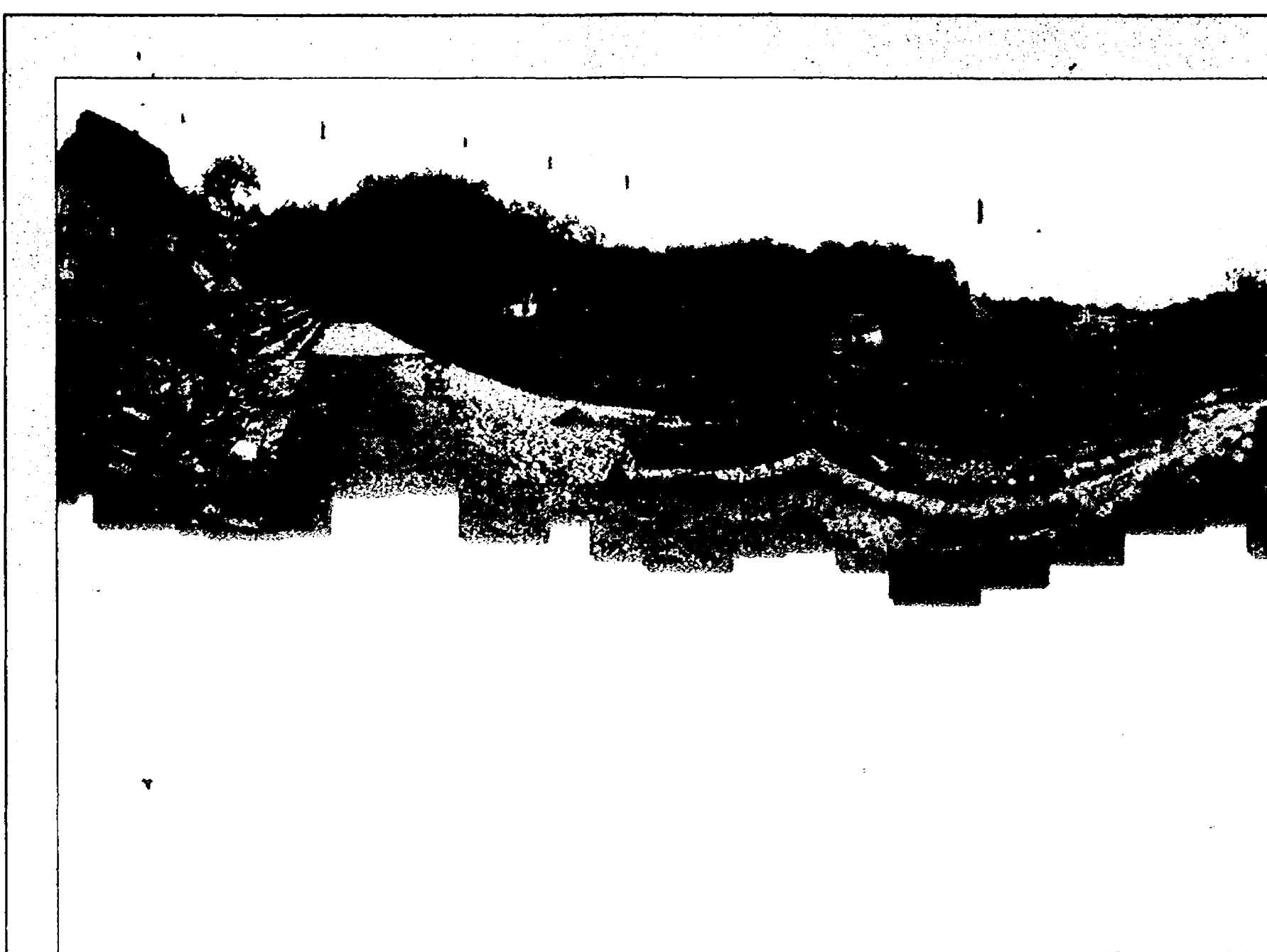
- HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**  
Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

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

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

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

- BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER**  
Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.
- CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.
- D & M STUDIOS**  
Classes for preschoolers through adults begin week of Jan. 4. Offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation. 8691 N. Luley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710.
- DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details. (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit.
- EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. Rochester Hills, (248) 852-5850.



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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

### CONCERTS

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

### LECTURES

- CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Betwixt the Holidays" story telling with LaRon Williams. 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. 2931 1221 N. Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-8333.
- DIA**  
"A Day on the Grand Canal with the Emperor of China," narrated by David Hockney. 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 2 & 3. Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.

Detroit: (313) 833-7900.

### VOLUNTEERS

- FAR CONSERVATORY**  
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic, arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.
- LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburg, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.
- MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND**  
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: 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 (OPENINGS)

- LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Jan. 4 - Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild exhibit, works of photographer John Copa of Orchard Lake. Through Jan. 30. 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.
- ANN ARBOR ART CENTER**  
Jan. 7 - Artists Under the Italian Influence, featuring work of Juliana Casademita, Jim Cosgwell, Susan Crowell, Ed Fraga, Mark Pardo, Debra Bosco, Roy and Mel Rosas. Through Feb. 7. 117 W. Liberty Ave. Arbor, (734) 994-8004.
- CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Jan. 8 - "Spirit of Memory" paintings and prints by Saw-san Egawa. Through Jan. 30. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.
- YAW GALLERY**  
Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan. 30. 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

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### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

- MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 27 - "Private Nature," watercolors and pencil drawings by Karen Anne Klein. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.
- LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Through Dec. 29 - Calligraphy exhibit by Linda McVicar of Novi, and watercolors by Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor. 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," collection of Japanese prints, and rare woodblocks by Hiroshige, Yoshida, Yoshitoshi, N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 645-5430.

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

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

**HALSTED GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - Photographs of Michael Kenna and Camille Solyagua. 560 N. Old Woodward Birmingham.

**MOORE'S GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 - From Zimbabwe, South Stone, and Africa on Canvas. Sculpture by Mteki Chikumbirike and Dongo Paintings by Bill Munko. Joe Grey and C. Bruce Lwin. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 647-4662.

**REVOLUTION**  
Through Dec. 31 - Recovering Lost Fiddlers. CARAVAGGIO'S Musicians. A project by Kathleen Gilre 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'at Tunich Stone Gardens," Maya architecture and landscapes. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

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

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

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

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

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

**G.R. N'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. museum-quality exhibition of artifacts and photos chronicles 100 years of the organized Jewish community of Detroit. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Docents available for guided tours. call (248) 642-4260. Ext. 271.



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



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BOOKS

Former Detroit Lion writes encouraging book for kids

Can I Play, Too?
By K. Scott Conover
(Proctor Publications, \$9.95)
BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER
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Inspiring story: Former Lion K. Scott Conover used his own experience as a child to write a story to help children face their problems.

As an offensive lineman for the Detroit Lions K. Scott Conover could be an intimidating presence.

But underneath the shoulder pads, Conover of Bloomfield Hills is a sensitive man whose early experiences as a child with leg braces has inspired this warm and encouraging book for children.

"Can I Play, Too?" follows the life of Teddy Watts from birth to freshman year in high school. Teddy has to wear leg braces to correct a pigeon-toed walk. In addition he's small for his age. This double whammy makes him the butt of other children's taunts and laughter.

But Teddy is not discouraged. A loving mother and two encouraging sisters help give him confidence in himself and resilience against the taunts of others. He is also encouraged by sensitive teachers and neighbors.

When Teddy wins a friend, Dudley, who is more handicapped than he is, he shows that he's learned compassion from his own experience. When Teddy loses his braces, has a dramatic growth spurt and becomes Ted, an accomplished basketball player, he doesn't forget the wisdom he's learned from the kindness of others.

It's a simple story, told directly and from the heart. "It was inspired by my experience as a young boy. I wore orthopedic braces from the time I was 1-1/2 to 3 and stopped wearing them because my parents couldn't afford them anymore," Conover said.

Unlike Teddy, Conover was big for his age in height and weight. During his eighth grade year in

school, Conover joined the Pop Warner Football team for the first time but wasn't allowed to play in any games because he was overweight.

"I always stood out," said Conover, who played Purdue and was drafted by Lions in 1991. He quit in 1996.

The book is part of Conover's concern for young people.

"I just wanted to inspire young people to pursue their aspirations. I've been working on motivating young people for the last seven or eight years. I wanted to do it in a different way than motivational speaking," he said.

Conover said he left the Lions at the same time as former coach Wayne Fontes when he was finally forced from the game by injuries. It gave him a chance to pursue his own aspirations as a writer and artist.

"This is not going to be the last book," Conover said.

He is currently working on a sequel to "Can I Play, Too?" fea-

tureing Teddy's pal Dudley. "I'm also an artist and I'm doing illustrations for these animated characters I've created, it also more on the educational side. I've always wanted to do it. When I was young I was always drawing cartoon figures, but my athletic skills grew faster than my artistic skills," he said.

In 1994, Conover founded the Scott Conover Youth Foundation in his native New Jersey.

"We provide athletic and academic enrichment programs for all students and subsidize economically disadvantaged students," he said.

Though currently operating only in New Jersey, Conover said he would like to expand it to other areas.

Conover will be promoting his new book through motivational talks at area schools. He is also trying to get the book into area bookstores. It is currently available at Walden Books.

Advertisement for Nickelodeon Game Lab featuring images of game pieces and promotional text: 'Presented By MediaOne This is Broadband. This is the way. Calling All Kids! Nickelodeon, the only network just for kids, has teamed up with MediaOne to give Observer & Eccentric Hometown Newspapers area kids a chance to participate in outrageous games from their favorite Nickelodeon shows as Nickelodeon's Game Lab comes to town on December 31. The 45-minute shows will take place at 4:15 & 6:15 p.m. in the heated tent across from the Community House in Birmingham. Part of First Night Birmingham '99 Buy Your Buttons Today! (Kids 5 & under FREE) Available at: All area Kroger stores, The Community House - Birmingham, Videomax - Birmingham, 33855 Woodward, First Night HQ., 725 S. Adams, L-17 - Birmingham'



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**HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMS**

Puppet shows, animal sculpture and puppet workshops, and a tour of the "Beastly Delights for Children: Animals in Ancient Art" exhibit are sure to delight the whole family Saturday-Thursday, Dec. 26-31, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Programs are free with recommended museum admission of \$4 for adults, \$1 children, Founders Society Members free.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 26-31. For more information, call (313) 833-4249 or (313) 833-7900.

**ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR**

The 17th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America, returns to Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 13-18.

Last year, more than 750,000 visitors watched carvers create everything from bears to Art Nouveau figures. This year, in addition to watching the professional and amateur competitions, there will be a Fantasyland featuring wild and crazy bugs carved from ice, a 24-hour light show, a working time piece created from ice, and electric trains that will travel among and through the displays in Fantasyland in The Gathering.

For more information about the free family festival, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the internet site at <http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice>

**GOLD MEDAL SHOW**

The Scarab Club's Gold Medal Show continues to Jan. 24 at the historic club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Observer & Eccentric artists, Jack Olds, Eileen Bibby and Elbert Weber of Livonia; John Tabb, John Dixon and Barbara Abel, Birmingham; William Bostick, Huntington Woods, and Nancy Pitel made a strong showing. Christopher Melikian judged the competition based on the overall feel and mood of a piece, skill level and technique, and presentation.

"We have some real good artists," said Greg Stephens, club manager. "The computerized Mona Lisa is very interesting as is the 24 by 24 Polaroid."

Another artwork not to be missed are Leo Granovsky's colorful abstract in oil and John Osler's "Back of Church." Osler won the Gold Medal award for another painting titled "Dignity." Joseph Maniscalco, an Orchard Lake portrait artist, received an Honorable Mention.

Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. For more information, call the historic club (313) 831-1250.

**ART CLASSES**

D & M Studios "Once Upon an Easel" begins classes for preschoolers to adults the week of Jan. 4 at 8691 North Lilley, at Joy Road, Canton.

To register or for more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Among the offerings are student and teen drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, and adult oil, watercolor and acrylic. Preschool classes begin Jan. 19.

Co-sponsored classes are

offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation.

**ENTRIES SOUGHT**

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, holds its fifth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students.

Ten finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions. Deadline for entry in Feb. 13.

The goal of the competition is to encourage and help develop young amateur vocal talent and to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. Each of the 10 finalists receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the finals concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. Taped selections from prize winners will also be broadcast on the Verdi Opera program aired weekly on radio station WCAR 1090 AM.

For an entry form or more information, call John Zaretti at (734) 455-8895.

**OFF-SITE EXHIBIT**

The Ann Arbor Art Center features the work of May Oppenheim, a former instructor at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, exhibits her terra cotta art through March 4 at Espresso Royale Cafe, 640 Packard Street in Ann Arbor.

Oppenheim, who earned an MFA from Eastern Michigan University in 1995, translates intricate structural forms of nature into clay.

For more information, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 122.

**GRANT AWARDED**

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra recently received a \$10,000 grant to support the commissioning of a new piece to create a ground breaking dialogue between Western and Asian classical musical traditions. The piece for Orchestra and Gamelan (classical Javanese percussion orchestra) will be composed as part of the American Composers Forum "Continental Harmony" program, one of four millennium projects identified and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The composer for the piece is yet to be chosen. As part of "Continental Harmony," this commission will be listed, along with other funded projects (one for each of the other 49-states and the District of Columbia), and composers will be invited to apply. Once chosen, the composer will take part in a series of residency events in Ann Arbor leading up to the premiere of the piece by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and University of Michigan Gamelan Ensemble in March 2000. The residency will allow the composer opportunities to meet with students, both at the university and in Ann Arbor schools, and to talk about the musical and cultural issues raised by the piece.

For information, call Mary Steffek Blaske or Charley Sullivan at (734) 994-4801. Information about "Continental Harmony" is available at [www.composersforum.org](http://www.composersforum.org)

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**CRUISE PLANNER**

Sandy Milis of Joyful Journey Travel of Livonia recently returned from an extensive 4-day series of professional workshops and training sessions and cruise ship inspections in Orlando, Fla., while attending the 16th Annual Leisure Travel and

Winter Cruise-a-Thon Conference, conducted by Travel Trade Publications and Cruise Lines International Association.

Milis joined with cruise and other travel industry leaders and professional travel agents throughout North America for an intensive study of cruise and tour vacation opportunities available during the coming year. Milis and her husband, Gary, enjoyed lunch and an intensive ship inspection of the Disney MAGIC. The Milis are escorting a multi-generational cruise on board the Disney MAGIC on June 11. Milis can be reached at (734)522-3304.

**SNOW SPORTS**

REI has programs planned on snow sports.

"Get Started Snowshoeing" will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. The clinic will cover snowshoe construction and features available on the different models, accessories and what to wear when participating in the sport.

"Intro to Snowboarding" is 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, where participants will learn about the variety of boards and gear, the terminology, techniques required and special clothing needs.

"Where to Go Cross Country Skiing In and Around Metro Detroit," is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20. Mary Dunn of the Wolverine Sports Club will discuss trails at metro and state parks, which trails are appropriate for skiers of different levels, where to rent equipment and where to go for few hours or an entire day.

"Michigan Ice: A Slide Presentation" will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Local ice climber Robert Drake will show slides highlighting climbing Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Grand Island in Munising.

All clinics are free and open to the public. REI is at 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville just off I-275 at Six Mile. For information, call (248)347-2100.

**WINTER TRAVEL**

An estimated 2.3 million Michiganders - 25 percent of the population - will travel during the winter travel season (through March 31), says AAA Michigan. According to an Auto Club survey, 80 percent of those traveling will stay within the United States. Three-fourths of these out-of-state trips will be to warm-weather climates, with Florida being the most popular destination.

The number of persons planning winter travel is up slightly over last year by nearly 1 percent.

Fifty-three percent of winter travelers surveyed plan to fly to their final destination; another 38 percent will drive a car, truck or van. The average trip will be for two weeks, and the average amount spent will be \$2,100. Leading winter activities will be general sightseeing (93 percent), followed by swimming (72 percent) and visiting a nightclub (50 percent).

**NATIONAL TRAVEL TRENDS**

A baby-boom generation with more money and less time to travel will dominate and shape the leisure travel market for years to come, says AAA.

According to Graeme Clarke, senior vice president, AAA Travel Related Services, "Baby-boomers are the key driving force behind current and future leisure travel trends. The travel industry will respond to their needs by offering travel options that offer thrills in less time."

According to research conducted for AAA by D.K. Shiflet and Associates, more than 40 percent of all leisure person trips are taken by people who are in the 34-to-54 age group. Despite rising costs and a struggling global economy, the purchasing power of the baby-boom generation will mean more growth in the leisure travel industry.

The single population accounts for 9 percent of leisure travel, a figure expected to jump by 26 percent in the next decade. The report indicated that the biggest overall increase in type of travel will be in the cruise industry.



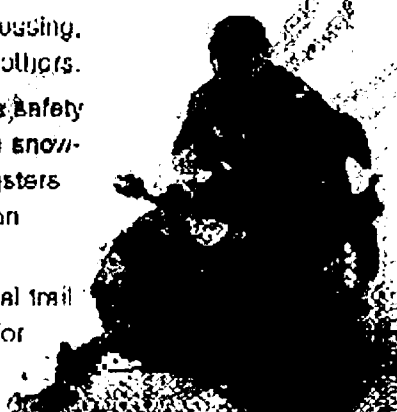
Riding the trails: Snowmobile enthusiasts number nearly 290,000 in Michigan where there are 5,900 miles of groomed trails.

AAA MICHIGAN

**Enjoy Snowmobiles Safely**

AAA Michigan urges snowmobilers to exercise caution and follow these safety tips:

- ⚡ Wear a full face helmet, goggles or face shield and/or mask. Dress in layers and avoid scarves that can tangle in moving parts.
- ⚡ Carry a first-aid kit, flashlight, matches, knife, compass, portable GPS (Global Positioning System) unit or cell phone.
- ⚡ Watch your speed. It's a major factor in nearly all fatal accidents.
- ⚡ Avoid alcohol. Drinking is a factor in nearly half of all snowmobile fatalities.
- ⚡ Pay attention. Take frequent breaks.
- ⚡ Avoid unfamiliar ice. Be wary around river mouths and on snow-covered ice.
- ⚡ Use caution near roads. When crossing, stop, look for traffic and signal to others.
- ⚡ Youth aged 12 to 16 must pass a safety class and be certified to operate a snowmobile without supervision. Youngsters under 12 must be supervised by an adult and cannot cross roads.
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**Best ale**

Mike brought over three pints and proceeded to pour me one outstanding ale. It was everything you could want from an ale, soft at the start with a great maltiness and perfect balance of hops. Mike said he was shooting for a Fullers London Pride, and boy did he come close - hmmm. Something clicked in my mind, and I filed it away as I finished my pint.

In July of 1995 my best friend Tom Stawarz and I made plans for lunch. Of course the restaurant was closed for the family vacation. Back in the car as we were driving around trying to think of somewhere else to go, Tom looked at me and said, "have you ever thought of making beer?" I replied, "yes," so we drove to the local hardware store and bought two copies of the new complete "Joy of Homebrewing," a plastic fermenter, air lock, racking cane, bottle filler, bag of caps, one pound of dry malt, and a one can kit for brown ale. Armed with a bunch of Hacker - Pschorr's (hey, we needed empty bottles), and two pizzas, we set out for Tommy's house with high hopes.

The directions on the can were followed, the Hackers enjoyed, and the pizza was great. Two days into fermentation Tom's air conditioning went down and it was in the 90s in his house for three days. This is not good for the beer. To prime (to create carbonation), the hardware store man told us to pour 1 teaspoon of dry malt into each bottle then fill and wait two weeks. What he neglected to tell us was that when the bag of powder is opened in a humid house it gets sticky and there is no way you will be able to measure and pour it into a bottle without making a mess. The bottles that did turn out were not too bad, they were way better than the Moosehead mix. We read the book, and I remembered an ad I heard for a place in Livonia called Brew & Grow, and one day we headed over there.

**Good advice**

Owner Scott Day and Todd Warren were working that day and are two of the most helpful guys there are. They told us to use the plastic bucket for bottling and buy two glass carboys for fermenting and secondary, to use liquid yeast all the time.

Since then we have been buying everything from them and Scott Day has taken over the right hand spot from Todd. The first beer we made from them was an ale, kinda like a Fullers. Next was a bitter, then a porter, then a brown ale. We made another ale and an imperial stout. The first contest we entered we won the Stout Category, and second place in Best of Show. The best part was

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# Stayin' Alive

## Award-winning drinks are alcohol free

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Darryl James of Southfield, who considers himself an amateur bartender, recently had a chance to mix up a drink for a panel of judges - and won \$500 and a "Golden Stirrer" plaque for his efforts.

This was a nice change for a man who had previously only tested his drinks on his wife and friends. "She's my guinea pig," James said of his wife, Cindra. "If I mix (a drink) up and she doesn't like it, that's as far as it goes."

He was one of the top four mixers in a AAA-Michigan sponsored non-alcoholic drink contest. His award-winning martini-style tropical drink was dubbed the "Panama Special," so named for the Panama Canal treaty signed in 1978. This year's contest theme was "Remember '78."

One of James' past drink inventions is called "Cindra's Starburst Martini," named for his wife. The drink is garnished with a star-shaped cucumber slice. Unlike "The Panama Special," however, this one has alcohol.

What makes his "Panama" drink special, at least according to one judge, that unless one knows it's "virgin," it could easily pass as alcoholic because of how it's served and because of the tartness from lime juice and non-alcoholic triple sec.

That is key to keeping some partygoers comfortable, particularly at parties where alcohol is

served, James said. Non-drinkers and designated drivers like to drink festive-looking drinks that "look" alcoholic. Because James' drink is prepared with traditional mixers and bartending tools, and is served in a martini glass, it fits the bill, he said.

"People are more comfortable with a drink in their hand," he said.

James works as a business development manager for a construction company. Now his co-workers are eager to try a sampling of his \$500 drink, he said.

James, who has lived in Southfield for about 25 years, said he hasn't decided what to do on New Year's yet, but it likely will be something that won't involve drinking.

"The older I get, the more good it seems to stay in (for New Year's)," he said.

Finalist Donna Affeldt of Rochester Hills put her ice cream parlor roots to work when concocting a drink, which won her \$50.

Affeldt works as a dental hygienist and said she decided to enter the contest on a "whim." Her high school and college job at Sander's in downtown Detroit helped her put her mixing skills to good use. Her drink is called the "20/20 Nuts and Berries Hot Fudge Shake," named for the television news show "20/20," which first aired in 1978.

"I used to make all that kind of stuff when I worked at Sander's," Affeldt said of her ice cream drinks. As a high school and college student, Affeldt used to gather with her co-workers after hours to see what kind of concoctions they could make. From this experimentation and her penchant for strawberry sundaes made with butter pecan ice cream, her drink idea was born.

The butter pecan ice cream along with chopped pecans give her drink a "nutty" texture, which makes it especially good, according to Affeldt.

She plans to spend New Year's with immediate family and friends, who have children of similar ages to her own. Early in the evening, they plan to serve non-alcoholic drinks from the AAA recipe book, including her own, but will likely have some alcoholic drinks later in the evening.

"(For the children) we're trying to emphasize fun drinks that are non-alcoholic," Affeldt said.

This year's AAA drink guide contains 19 recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in four regional "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contests held in October, as well as recipes from professional bartenders.

Contest finalists prepared their drink recipes in front of a panel of judges. Cities in which the regional contests were held included Cadillac, Kalamazoo, Marquette and Sterling Heights. The participants also had to give a little speech about



**Nutty drink: Donna Affeldt of Rochester Hills, a regional finalist in the AAA Michigan Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest, adds hot fudge topping to create her "20/20" Nuts and Berries Hot Fudge Shake.**

their drinks, explain how they were made and show how they should be served.

The Bee Gees' tune "Stayin' Alive" was popular in 1978 - the same year AAA Michigan launched its "First a Friend, Then a Host" non-alcoholic drink program.

For 20 years, the auto club has provided its "Great Pretenders Party Guide" free to Michigan residents to help make the holidays safer. More than 60,000 copies of the guide are distributed each holiday season through AAA Michigan branches, traffic safety organizations and in response to mail and phone requests.

"Stayin' Alive is one theme we take to heart," said Jerry Basch, community safety services manager for AAA Michigan. "That was our goal in 1978 - to help make the roads safer during the holidays, when people tend to drink and drive. That's still our goal today."

See recipes inside.



**Panama Special: Darryl James of Southfield pours a Panama Special, his Golden Stirrer Award winning recipe.**

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Holiday cooking and baking is a lot of work, and now that all the presents are unwrapped, it's time to unwind and relax a little. If you're planning to go to a friend or relative's house for New Year's Eve, here are two delicious dishes to pass.

Jennifer J. Peters of Canton shared a Glorified Potatoes recipe, and Linda Hall of West Bloomfield shared her Corn Casserole recipe.

"This is one of my favorites because it is very simple to make and it is very delicious," said Peters. "I am often asked to make it for special occasions."

Hallof's Corn Casserole is a recipe she has used over the years for Thanksgiving, but since it's easy to

prepare in advance, it's also a good choice to make if you are invited out and have to bring a side dish. "It transports easily," she said.

Both of the recipes can be made with ingredients you can keep on hand such as frozen hash browns and corn muffin mix.

**GLORIFIED POTATOES**

- 2 pounds frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 can 10 1/4 ounce cream of chicken soup
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup corn flake crumbs

Thaw potatoes. Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix all ingredients together except for corn flake crumbs.

Place ingredients in a 9 by 13 inch glass dish.

Bake at 375°F for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle corn flake crumbs over entire top. Bake an additional 30 minutes.

Recipe compliments of Jennifer J. Peters.

**CORN CASSEROLE**

- 1 can 13.25 ounces Freshkne Cream Style Corn
- 1 can 11 ounces Freshkne White Kernel Corn
- 1 stick margarine melted
- 2 EGGS

Sour cream  
 1 x 8 1/2 ounce box corn muffin mix such as Jiffy

Butter, a 1 1/2 quart casserole. Mix all ingredients one at a time in casserole. Bake 35-45 minutes at 350°F uncovered. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Linda Hall of

The best recipes are ones you share. Send us your favorite recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste on the fourth Sunday of the month, we'll send you a cookbook along with our thanks.

Send recipes for consideration to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net).

**Some facts about drunken driving:**

- Alcohol was a factor in 37.5 percent of fatal crashes in Michigan in 1997, an increase of 1.1 percentage points from 1996.
- There were 544 persons killed and 13,461 injured in alcohol-related crashes in 1997.
- Drivers age 21 through 44 were involved in 62 percent of the alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes in Michigan is \$2.75 billion.
- Out of 10,000 Michigan residents, 61 were arrested for drinking and driving during 1997.
- The percentage of fatalities in crashes involving drinking is seven times higher than non-drinking crashes.
- The highest proportion of alcohol-related crashes occurred on Saturday and Sunday.
- Of the 698 reported drinking drivers involved in fatal crashes, 546 (81.5 percent) were male and 122 (18.5 percent) were female.
- About 33 people are injured each day in alcohol-related crashes.

AAA Michigan

# Bring an easy-to-make side dish to the party



# Great Pretenders

## Festive drinks are alcohol free

See related story on Taste front.

### "THE PANAMA SPECIAL"

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

Recipe by Darryl James, Southfield - Golden Stirrer Award winner

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

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

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

### "20/20 NUTS AND BERRIES HOT FUDGE SHAKE"

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

Recipe by Donna Affeldt, Rochester Hills

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

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

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

### "MILLIKEN'S MOMOSA"

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

Recipe by Rosemary DeHut, Ontonagon

- 1 ounce peach juice from canned peaches

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

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

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

### "POLYESTER LEISURE SUIT SMOOTHIE"

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

Recipe by Betsy Thapkes, Rothbury

- 6 ounces Haagen-Dazs Irish cream (ice cream)
- 4 ounces praline pecan crunch (ice cream)
- 6 ounces Irish cream-flavored coffee (cooled)
- 2 ounces vanilla nut creamer
- 2 ounces cream soda

Garnish: sliced almonds, melted white chocolate, whipped cream

Combine first five ingredients.

Blend on high speed until mixture is thick and smooth. Pour into prepared glass and top with whipped cream. Garnish with a few extra nuts, if desired. Serves 1.

Optional: Melt 4 ounces white chocolate in a medium size bowl. Immediately dip rim of clear serving glass in chocolate. Press sliced almond into white chocolate before it sets to resemble a thick white belt with a belt buckle, the accessory frequently worn with a polyester leisure suit.

### "STAYIN' ALIVE FRAPPE"

Named for song in "Saturday Night Fever"

Recipe by Marilyn Seats, Kalamazoo

- 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup lemonade
- 1/4 cup strawberry jam
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons tonic water
- 1 tablespoon whipped cream
- 1 pinch nutmeg

Put ice cream, lemonade, jam, honey and tonic water in blender. Blend on low speed until smooth - approximately 10 to 15 seconds. Pour into stemmed goblet. Top with whipped cream and nutmeg. Serves 1.

## Cheers from page B7

hearing - "Good job boys, I like this a lot" - from Fred Eckhardt. Now we are hooked, bad. Many contests later, our best effort so far is a silver medal for a I.P.A. in the 1997 A.H.A. National Championships and first place in the Midwest with A.I.P.A and German Wheat in the 1998 Nationals.

Now we are trying to brew a certain brand, and if it does not turn out like a Affligem or a Hoegaarden, nine times out of 10 you will still have a great beer. It's not that hard.

There's a good quote from Zmurgy Magazine, a good thing to get, "It does not have to be rocket science unless you want it to be," and if you know Tommy and I, you know we tend toward Rocket Science.

Visit Brew & Grow, 33523 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 442-7939. They have tons of malt, grain, hops and yeast, and most important, knowledge and advice. They don't mind answering all your questions. Check out their web site, Brew&Grow.com

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

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

## Make your own ale

See related beer column on Taste front.

If you're interested in learning more about homebrewing, check out these websites: Eric's Beer

and homebrewing page. PEKKEL.UTHscsa.EDU/BEER.html; or The Real Beer Page. realbeerpage.com

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

### HAPPY TAIL ALE

- 1 pound medium British Crystal
- 2 ounces roasted barley
- 6 ounces Belgian Carapils
- 6 pounds extra-lite dry malt
- 2 ounces Goldings (5.4 percent) 60 minutes
- 1 ounce Goldings (5.4 percent) 20 minutes
- 2 teaspoons Irish Moss 20 minutes
- 1 ounce Goldings 5 minutes
- WYEAST #1028 London in 1 quart starter
- Prime with 3/4 cup of Dextrose or 1 1/4 cups dry malt per 5 gallons

## Tortilla Rolls ready in minutes

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

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

### TORTILLA ROLLS

- 3 slices Cheddar or American cheese
- 10 inch flour tortilla
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons bottled salsa
- 1 tablespoon fat-free sour cream

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

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

Recipe from National Cheese Institute

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# Cozy curried fondue easy to make, fun to eat

BY DANA JACOBI  
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CURRIED CHEESE FONDUE

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

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

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

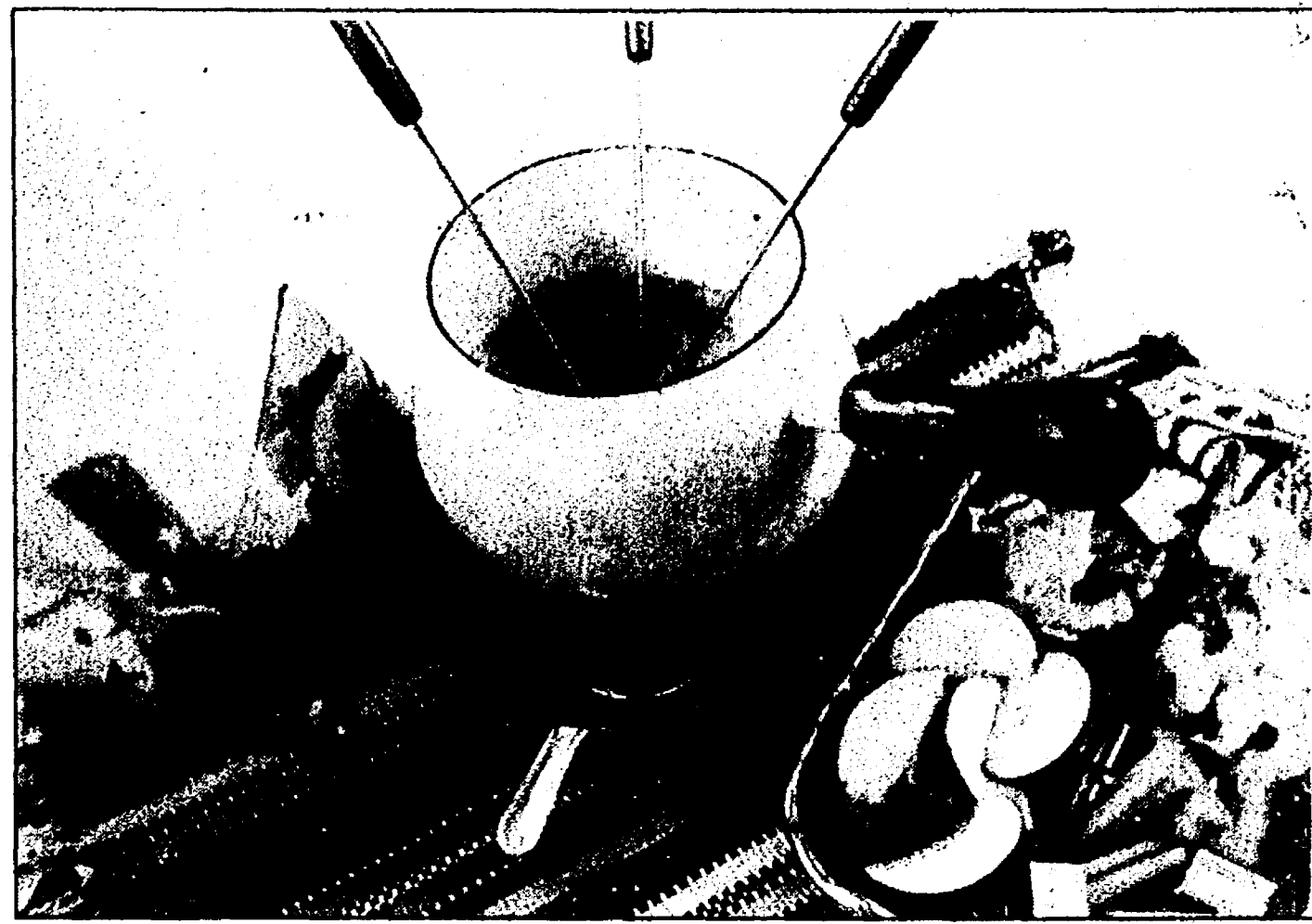
In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the cream cheese, onion and milk. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon, until the cheese melts.

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

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

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

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



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

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of *The Best of Clay Pot Cooking and The Natural Kitchen: SOY!*

# Relax during the holiday season with soothing tea

BY MELANIE POLK  
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

## ORANGE-CRANBERRY FIZZ

1 quart cranberry-raspberry juice blend, chilled  
2 cups cranberry-flavored or plain ginger ale, chilled

2 cups orange juice  
2 cups lemon-lime seltzer, chilled

Orange and lime slices, and cranberries for garnish

In large pitcher (about three quarts), mix cranberry-raspberry juice, ginger ale and orange juice. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, stir in seltzer. If you like, garnish with orange and lemon lime slices and fresh cranberries.

Each of the ten, 1-cup servings contains 107 calories and no fat.

## RESTFUL WINTER TEA

1/2 teaspoon dried lemon balm  
1/2 teaspoon dried lemon verbena  
1/2 teaspoon dried chamomile  
1 cup pink grapefruit juice, warmed

Steep the herbs in the warmed juice, covered for four minutes. Then discard the herbs and sip the tea.

If the weather is damp: Add a

slice of fresh ginger root before steeping.

If the weather is dry: Add five raisins before steeping.

Makes 4 servings; 95 calories per serving, no added fat.

Recipe from "Healing Secrets of the Season," by Judith Benn Hurley. (William Morrow and Co.)

## DEEP SPIRITS TEA

1 tablespoon cardamom pods  
1 tablespoon black peppercorns  
1 tablespoon cloves

2 cups hot water  
2 cups orange juice, warmed

Combine all of the ingredients in a teapot, cover, and steep for five minutes. Discard the spices and sip.

If the weather is damp: Add one star anise to the tea before steeping.

If the weather is dry: Add 1 tablespoon fennel seeds to the tea before steeping.

Makes 4 servings, 50 calories per serving, no added fat

Recipe from "Healing Secrets of the Season," by Judith Benn Hurley. (William Morrow and Co.)

For a free fact sheet on alcohol and cancer risk, send a self-addressed, stamped business sized envelope to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. FSA, P.O. Box 97161, Washington, D.C. 20090-7167.

Orange-Cranberry Fizz recipe and article information provided by Melanie Polk, Director of Nutrition Education for the American Cancer Institute, and a registered dietitian.

# Orange muffins breakfast surprise

AP - Sunday morning. Breakfast is ready. Bite into a muffin and - surprise! In addition to the gently orange freshness there's an extra zing, a distinctive bite of ginger, that makes Orange Ginger Muffins memorable. A real weekend treat.

## ORANGE GINGER MUFFINS

1 3/4 cups all purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt

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

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

white pith. Finely chop orange, removing seeds, set aside. With electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in reserved orange and grated peel. Beat in reserved flour mixture alternately with orange juice, ending with flour mixture. Fold in ginger. Divide batter among paper-lined muffin cups, filling almost to the top. Bake 16 to 20 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove muffins from pan, cool on wire rack. Makes about 12 muffins.

Recipe from C&H Sugar

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# Michigan celebrates winter on skis and snowmobiles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

that will include a tunnel to the lifts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marquette Mountain expanded

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

Michigan Tech's annual Winter Carnival is Jan. 30 to Feb. 6 featuring a variety of ice and snow events. Call (906)523-4884.



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**SPONSORED BY: Parks & Recreation Department Ballay Recreation Center** (36851 Ford Rd., E. of Newburg, behind City Hall-734-722-7620)  
1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$86 11 week  
\*\* \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes  
\* M/W 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 11 Staff  
M/W 5:55 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 11 A. Schumaker  
M/W 7:05 P.M. Sculpt&Tone Jan. 11 P. Noxon  
T/TH 5:55 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 12 B. Savalox  
T/TH 7:05 P.M. Step Circuit Jan. 12 L. Range  
\*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

**12 - PLYMOUTH**  
JoAnne's Dance Extension (Ply. Trade Ctr., 9282 General Dr. Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)  
1 day per wk/\$58 2 days/\$75 Unlimited/\$94 12 week  
\* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. \*\*Rotation Jan. 4 C. VanHoe  
\* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 5 K. Rudolp  
\*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family  
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**SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation**  
Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer-734-455-6620)  
1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$86 11 week  
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 11 S. King

**13 - LIVONIA**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merima)  
1 day per wk/\$58 2 days/\$75 Unlimited/\$94 12 week  
\*\*NOTE: No night classes Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, or 2-adj. made at registration  
\* M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 P. Peitz  
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact Jan. 4 M. Hopsor  
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 M. Hopsor  
\* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone Jan. 5 T. Brandor  
\*Babysitting available/\$2.00 per child/\$4.00 per family

**14 - SOUTHFIELD**  
**SPONSORED BY: City of Southfield**  
(Register through Southfield Parks & Rec. - 248-354-9603)  
1 day per week/\$48 2 days/\$62 Unlimited/\$78  
Brace-Lederle Comm. Ed. Bldg.  
(18575 W. 9 Mile Rd. bet. Southfield & Evergreen) 10 weeks  
M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 11 S. Reynolds  
M/W 7:00 P.M. Low Impact Jan. 11 Staff  
T/TH 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 12 K. Bishop  
T/TH 7:00 P.M. STEP Jan. 12 K. Bishop  
Student must provide own STEP

**15 - FARMINGTON**  
Piemontese (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty)  
1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$85 11 weeks  
\*\* \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step  
\* M/F 8:20 A.M. Low Impact Jan. 4 S. Kambouris  
\* M/W/F 9:35 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 Pierce/Goodman  
M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 4 P. Kerwan  
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 P. Ingrody  
W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit Jan. 6 S. Kambouris  
\* T/TH 9:15 A.M. STEP Jan. 5 P. Kerwan  
T/TH 6:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 5 K. Treadwell-Smith  
T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP Jan. 5 K. Treadwell-Smith  
Sat 8:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 9 L. Burks  
Sat 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 9 M. Navarro Bloom  
\*Babysitting \$2.00 per child



Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake)  
(Call 734-661-9191 for more information)  
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\* M/W/F 9:25 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 4 Lindy  
\* M/W/F 10:30 A.M. Sculpt&Tone Jan. 4 C. Zetterholm  
T/TH 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Jan. 5 K. Roberts  
\*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child  
**SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center** 11 weeks  
Farmington Hills Activities Center  
(28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C-248-473-1816)  
1 day per wk/\$53 2 days/\$68 Unlimited/\$85  
\* M/W 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 4 L. Morris  
M/T/W 6:30 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 Williams/Dellew  
\* T/TH 9:25 A.M. \*\*Rotation Jan. 5 J. Stec  
Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 9 K. Treadwell-Smith  
\*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child  
\*\*Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner. Check with instructor.  
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(Register through Farmington Comm. Ed. 248-489-3333)  
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Farmington Community School  
(30415 Shilawasse, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)  
\* M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 18 Staff  
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**16 - NOVI**  
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(45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)  
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NO CLASSES: Jan. 16 or 18, Feb. 15  
1 day per wk/\$47 2 days/\$62.50 Unlimited/\$79  
\*\* \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step  
\* M/W 9:00 A.M. Low Impact Jan. 4 S. Kelly  
\* M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP II Jan. 4 Staff  
M/W 6:15 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Jan. 4 L. Burke  
M/W 7:25 P.M. STEP II Jan. 4 L. Balagna  
\* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt&Tone Jan. 5 S. Flanagan  
\* F 9:00 A.M. Fat Burner Jan. 8 S. Kelly  
Sat 8:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Jan. 9 Staff  
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Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)  
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## PREP WRESTLING

### Spartans 2-3 at team dual

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Late Rice goal ties Chargers, 2-2

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

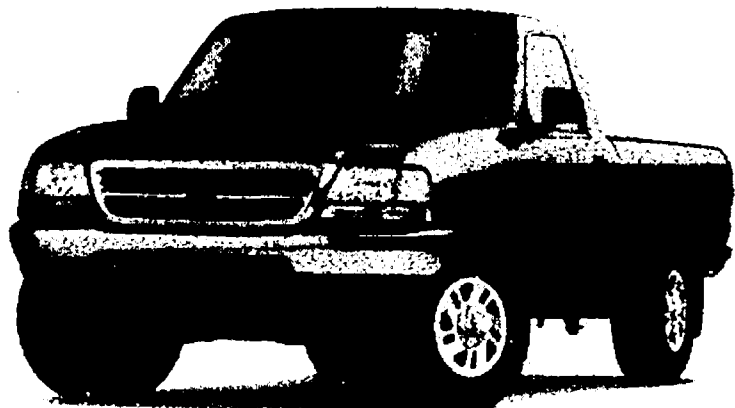
"We've been working on our penalty killing lately in practice," Hatley said. "We'll start on our special teams right after the New Year."

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

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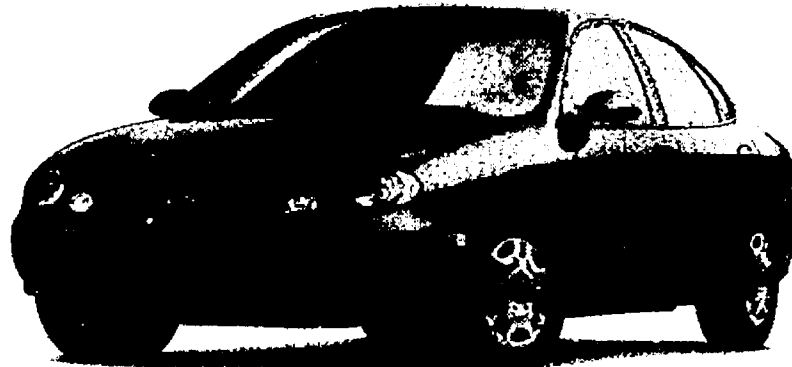
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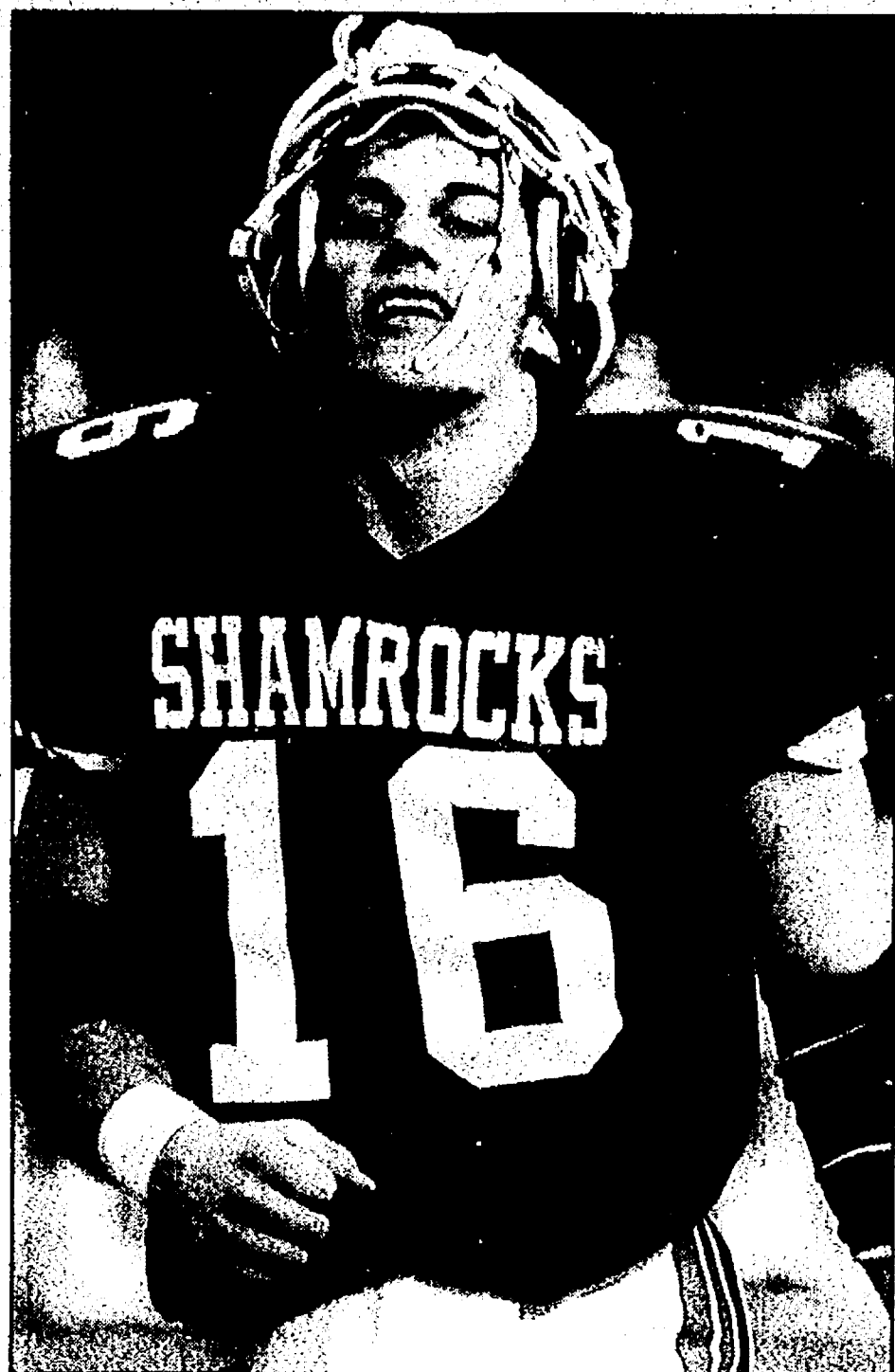
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# Memory lane

## Sports year provided ups, downs, drama



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Silverdome heaven: Redford Catholic Central quarterback Dave Lusky enjoys a second straight state crown.

Hirings, firings and 'good-byeings'... the last month gets ripped off the calendar and another year has been added to Observerland lore.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**regional final:** The lead on this story read "Can anybody top this one?" which said it all.

This game was one of the most memorable in Observerland history.

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

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

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

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

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

SC enjoyed its first winning season since 1984, finishing 24-7 overall, and in second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. For the first time ever, the Ocelots received votes in the National Junior College Athletic Association national poll.

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

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

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

It was quite an encore for what he accom-

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

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

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

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

His teams won eight regional and eight district championships.

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

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

**Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team repeats as Class A champion:** The Spartans were 41-0-2 under coach Jim Kimble

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

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

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

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

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

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

But what he accomplished in the summer came totally unexpected.

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

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

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

hand at a summer basketball camp. Not deterred, she recovered by the preseason practice and averaged 21 points, four assists, eight rebounds and four steals per game in earning first-team All-Observer honors.

**Canton's Charlie Craven untouchable on in-line skates:** The top junior male in-line skater in the world can be found walking the halls of Plymouth Canton High School.

The 17-year-old won five gold medals and two silvers as the top male speed skater among juniors in the World In-Line Roller Speed Skating Outdoor Junior Championships in Piombino, Italy last September.

Only the elements could slow Craven.

"There was just one day I didn't race the way I wanted to," Craven said. "I think I was out in the sun too long."

**Redford Union, Livonia Clarenceville reach state football playoffs for first time:** Redford Union put the memory of several losing seasons behind it with a 9-0 regular-season record under coach Glenn Scala to qualify for the Class A state playoffs. Dearborn ended the Panthers' dream ride, 34-27, in the regional semifinal.

Clarenceville, under coach Chuck Donaldson, used some help from other teams in the last week of the season to qualify for the Class CC state playoffs with a 7-2 record. The Trojans lost to Capac in the regional semifinal, 48-28.

The Trojans entered the last week of the regular season thinking they weren't going to qualify for the playoffs but several teams ranked ahead of them lost, and that opened the door.

**Farmington Hills Mercy wins Class A swimming title:** The Marlins emerged from a handful of contenders at the girls state championships in November to capture their second Class A title.

Mercy also was the 1972 state champion in the first year the Michigan High School Athletic Association conducted a girls state meet.

The Marlins overcame a one-point Zealand lead in the final event, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with a record time of 3:31.25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Livonia Franklin girls swim team controversy:** Head

coach Jean Pritchard resigned after three of her swimmers skipped a meet against Northville to participate in homecoming decorations. Franklin administrators supported the removal of the three, but the Livonia Public Schools overturned the decision, reinstating the trio. John Kuenzel, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction in the district, cited provisions in the student-athlete handbook in overturning the decision.

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

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

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

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

### Other stories of note

\*Canton native Jeff Angiulli won the gold medal in the Senior Figures at the U.S. Roter Skating National Championships last August in Fresno, Calif. His victory earned him a trip to the World Championships in Bogota, Columbia.

\*Livonia Franklin graduate Matt Bauman left the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team after his freshman year and transferred to Schoolcraft College, where he's been instrumental in the Ocelots' 80 start, best in school history.

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

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

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

hockey program. Redford Union started its third year in prep hockey by combining its program with Redford Thurston.

\*Livonia Decision Consultants Inc., champion of the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, won its first three games at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament in Johnstown, Pa. DCI, coached by Mike George, fell one game shy of the championship round, losing to Washington 11-1 on the final day of play.

\*Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demick collected the gold medal in the 150-pound division at the AAU Folkstyle Wrestling National Championships in April. He also finished second in the 30-and-over division in the same weight class. He has won three gold medals in the last three years.

\*Schoolcraft and Madonna University men's soccer teams each were eliminated in regional tourney action.

\*Madonna's women's volleyball team enjoyed a perfect season in the WHAC.

\*Plymouth Canton's softball team made it to the Class A Final Four last June before losing in a storm-delayed semifinal to eventual state champ Waterford Kettering by a 4-2 margin, despite an out-of-the-park home run by Liz Eisner.

\*Junior Karyn Juziuk, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill, became Xavier University's first Smallbore Individual National Champion at the NCAA Rifle Championships. She shot a score of 1,169 out of a possible 1,200 points to beat out her cousin, Livonia Clarenceville graduate Lucinda Roddy of Jacksonville (Ala.) State.

\*Westland John Glenn product Bobby Hayes played on his second University of Michigan NCAA hockey champions in his four seasons with the Wolverines.

\*Catholic Central's baseball team advanced to the Class A Final Four, losing to Saline in a semifinal game that ended close to midnight on a storm-filled Friday in Battle Creek.

\*Redford Union graduate Brian Berryman, who pitched last spring at University of Michigan, was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the seventh round last June and is currently pitching in the Padres minor league system.

\*Westland John Glenn product Derek Besco, a right-fielder from Michigan, signed with the Detroit Tigers after going in the 25th round.

\*Walt Barrett resigned as boys soccer coach at Livonia Stevenson to take an assistant's job at Eastern Michigan University. The Spartans tapped Lars Richters, one of the school's all-time great players, to replace him. Richters spent the previous seven seasons playing pro indoor soccer with the Detroit Rockers.

\*Bad knees forced Livonia Bentley alumnus Al Inafrate to quit hockey in September, but by late December he was mulling a return to the NHL.

\*Redford resident and longtime University of Detroit baseball coach Bob Miller was included in the latest class to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

## WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Monday, Dec. 28  
PCA at Lanesawee Tourney, TBA  
(Rematch of Classic at U-D Joust)  
Redford CC vs. Cw. Hughes, 1:45 p.m.  
Borgese vs. Douglass, 4 p.m.  
Salem vs. Det. Northern, 8 p.m.  
(Riverview Sub. Michael Tammey)  
St. Agatha vs. Trv. Kennedy, 6 p.m.  
Grosse Ile vs. Trv. Richard, 7:30 p.m.  
(Traverse City Central Tammey)  
Sag. Arthur Hill vs. Holland, 6 p.m.  
Canton vs. T.C. Central, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
T.C. Central Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m.  
PCA at Lanesawee Tourney, TBA.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Riv. Richard Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m.  
(Superintendent's Classic at Cobo)  
Wayne vs. Det. Cass Tech, 8 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Sunday, Dec. 27  
Schoolcraft Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 2**  
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Delta, 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Sunday, Dec. 27  
Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
(Taylor, Ind. Univ. Tournament)  
Madonia vs. Ohio Dominican, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Taylor Univ. Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 2**  
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Delta, 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Dec. 29  
Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
W. Bloomfield Inv., 8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 2**  
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
- PREP HOCKEY**  
Monday, Dec. 28  
UD Tourney at City Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Churchill at G.P. South, 7:25 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Sunday, Dec. 27  
Whalers at Brampton, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
Ply. Whalers vs. London at Compuware Arena, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 1**  
Whalers at Belleville, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 2**  
Whalers at Barrie, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 3**  
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- PREP WRESTLING**  
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Youth Friday Juniors: John Lenover, 209.

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

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

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

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

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

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

FoMoCo Thurs Night: Roger Moore, 269; Steve Bester, 268/717; Bob Pado, 266/689; Cal Collins, 246/709;

Bill Freeman, 257/654.

St. Aidan's Men: Keith Isaac, 246; Bill Louisele, 214-245-213/872; Tony Kaluzny, 227-227/646; John Nemeec, 217; Rob Jackson, 213.

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Senior Merry Bowlers: Watson Kostorek, 201/540; Ralph Starkey, 215/521; Carmen Leggett, 200/570; Roy McMahan, 224/562. Adele Mansuy, 210.

Newburg Ladies: Alice Kolarov, 197; Susan Lindam, 191; Mary Carothers, 190; Vera Smith, 186; Kathy Tellow, 177.

Saturday Hot Shots: Kevin Landon, 278-279-247/804.

St. Aidan's Mixed: John Nemeec, 266; James Cowans, 264; Wally Gajor, 231; Carol Andrikides, 208; Maggie Nemeec, 190.

Early Risers: Ev Roman, 501; Lois Konjarevich, 525; C. Truskowski, 581; Wanda Denardis, 506.

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DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nal Brith Morgenthau Lichayin/Zelger-Gross: Steve Hoberman, 243-223/659; Nick Altweger, 202-220/613; Bill Yaker, 212-212; Mike Diskin, 223; Bob Franklin, 212.

B'Nal Brith Downtown Fox: Jeff Sprague, 256-234-219/709; Jason Elbinger, 226-221-207/654; Shel Rakotz, 236-221/651; David Little, 232-211/611; Nancie Rakotz, 217/601; Kevin Elbinger, 258; Jack Geer, 222.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)
Sunday Goodtimes: Wayne Lanning,

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

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

University Men's: Ron Mathison, 278; Kimberly Kelm, 268; John Wiliamowski, 706; Mike Weed, 687.

EVER-7: Rob Roy, 256/695; Walt Malkowski, 254; Dave Camavesio, 254/711; John Wilmok, 253/712; Ivo Gasparoto, 248/676; Tony Ellas, 270.

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

Greenfield Mixed: Nena Atkins (134 avg), 526 (124 pins o/a); Kim Ludlow (130 avg) 522 (132 pins o/a); Ron Turner, 201-223-216/640; Ken Smith, 248/602; Vern Gooding, 236-208/634.

B'Nal Brith Plagah: Jerry Lash, 215-237-245/697; Allen Kuppke, 247-232/677; David Edelman, 203-236-214/653; Andy Rubin, 236-232/649; Rod Brown, 244-204/646.

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

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

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

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

B'Nal Brith Brotherhood: Eddie Jacobson: Howard Waxer, 246-235/678; Dennis Horwitz, 242-202-228/672; Howard Kuretzky, 235-204-203/642; Marc Weberman, 215-204-205/634; Mike Lieberman, 202-220/623.

Y.A.B.A. Leagues: (Farmington Schools) Shelby Berger, 208; Matt Lash, 200/563; Susan Zack, 142; Joane Shunia, 133.

Country High School: Eric Raby, 224/636; Mike Thomas, 223/616; Melissa Miller, 212/563; Jenny Long, 200/577.

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

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

Beginners: Mark Mouawad, 108; Justin Doud, 101; Casey McKay, 74; Taylor Wagner, 58.

NOVI BOWL

Westside Luthegan: Kevin Chambers, 268/672; Rip Gagnon, 257/659; Bob Garvin, 624; Terry Krohn, 652; Paul Krohn, 624.

PLUM HOLLOW LANES (Southfield)
Friday Night Out: Lawrence Mathis III, 300.

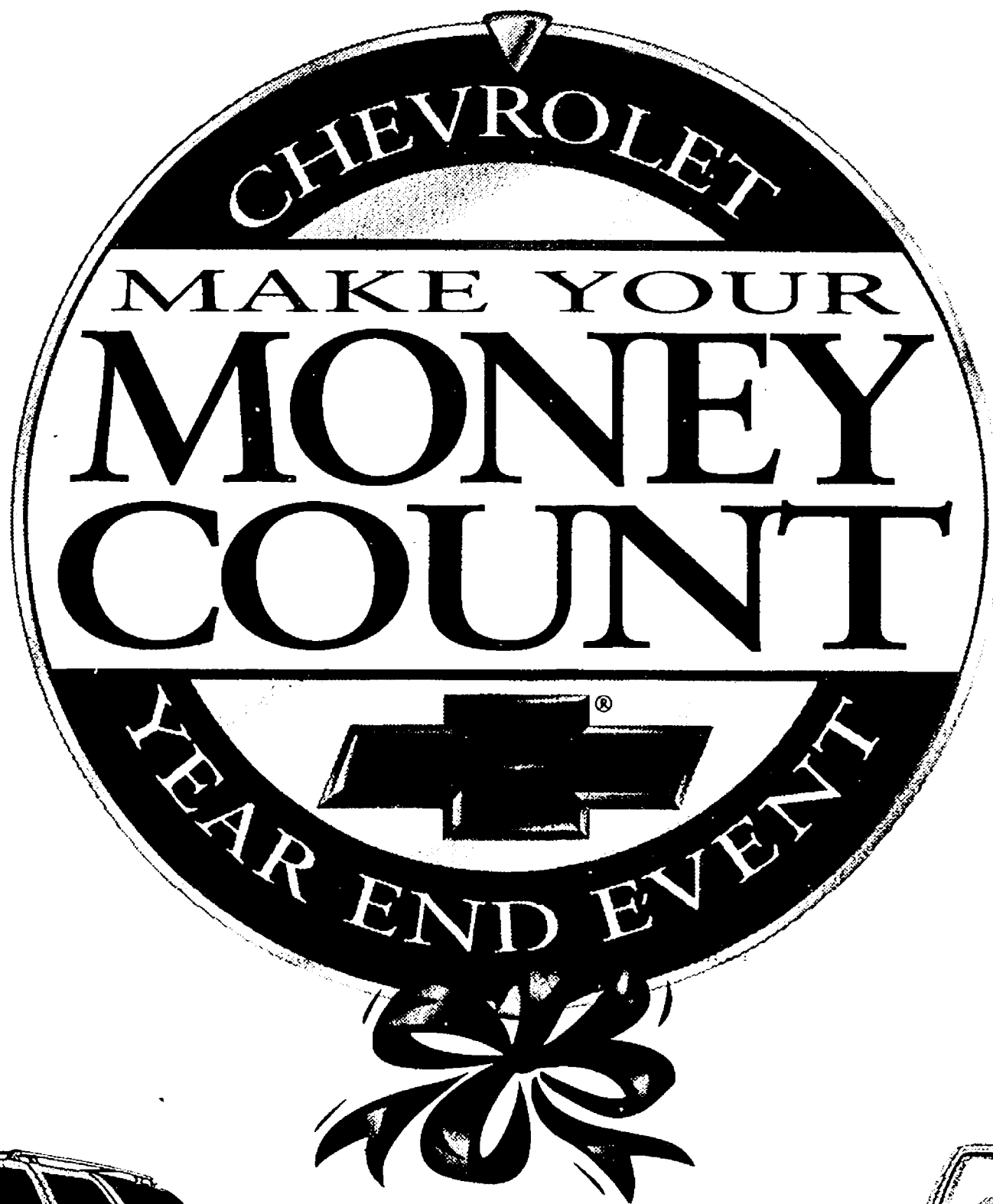
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RECREATION

My top New Year's resolutions list

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

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

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

I haven't written any down in years.

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

I got many years of use out of both.

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

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

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

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

3. A combined Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality, or at least a solid working relationship between the two. When Governor John Engler split the DNR and formed the DEQ our natural resources took a big hit. The DNR was left understaffed and the DEQ seems more interested in keeping bureaucrats and developers happy than man-

aging and preserving our valuable natural resources.

4. An end to the bickering between hunter groups. It does no good when one group whines and complains that another group has a longer season, or is shown a preference in permit allocations. To sit down together and work out these differences is much more productive than back-stabbing and bickering. If we work together we can accomplish good things (remember the bear hunting ballot proposal in 1996?). Remember, united we stand, divided we fall. Please Santa, unite these groups and help them to work together.

5. Clean water. The Great Lakes and the thousands of inland lakes in Michigan remain polluted with mercury, dioxins and other chemicals despite years of cleanup and pages of regulations to attain and maintain clean water. Unfortunately, most of the damage has already been done. We're working hard to continue the cleansing effort, but a little intervention here would be greatly appreciated.

6. A healthy perch population in Lake Michigan. The perch

population in lake Michigan has been on a slide for several years and there is no simple solution to the problem. If you could intervene and bring the population back up to where it was just a few short years ago it sure would be great for the anglers of the state.

7. A few million alewives. The decline of the, once-abundant alewives has raised concerns about the possible crash of the salmon fishery in lakes Michigan and Huron. The decline is so great fisheries managers in states surrounding these lakes have agreed to reduce future chinook salmon stocks. Those stocks will be reduced by 27-percent this year in Lake Michigan and by 20-percent in Lake Huron in the year 2000. If you could dump say a few million alewives in the lakes I know it would help the salmon.

(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 barker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

but it was not bitter cold.

Some of the shallow lakes in northwestern Oakland County, where the count is held, had a thin layer of ice on them with many pockets of open water.

Clouds persisted throughout the day finally giving way to a light rain in the late afternoon. Not too bad for counters or water birds.

This year 18 different species of water birds were identified. This is more than previous counts during warm winters in 1975 and 1982 where 16 and 14 species of water birds were identified respectively.

In 1982 two unlikely species of ducks were seen, a gadwall and a shoveler. Puddle ducks such as these are more likely to migrate because shallow water where they feed is more going to freeze

first. These two species had not been seen since 1982, but were seen this year.

People that live on lakes in southeastern Michigan frequently see the mute swan, which is the large white swan with an orange bill. They nest here in the summer and will stay in winter if there is open water.

Another large white swan that looks similar is the tundra swan. Tundra swans do not stay here in winter very commonly. They migrate to Chesapeake Bay for the winter.

This year two tundra swans, with their black bills, were seen on the Christmas Count.

Another puddle duck, that would normally have migrated south, seen on the count was a northern pintail. A beautiful bird that, as its name suggests, has a

long pointed tail.

Hérons also rely on open shallow water for feeding. At least six great blue herons were seen near open water. Great blues will feed on fish active in the shallows, as will the belted kingfisher.

This stocky blue colored bird with a punk "hairdo" can still find food in the open water like the heron.

Though these species of water birds were seen in mid-December when, under normal conditions they would have migrated farther south, they will move south when the lakes and ponds freeze.

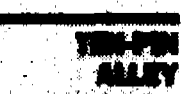
A birds' mobility allows it the flexibility to move great distances on short notice.

No need to worry about these birds.

AREA BOWLING REPORT

Promising bowler: Vitale shows stuff

Thirteen-year-old Tony Vitale of Canton Township now has the distinction of being the youngest person ever to roll a 300 game Nov. 21 at Super Bowl Lanes.



TONY VITALE

He did it in the Saturday 9 a.m. Majors Youth League. Tony has been bowling at Super Bowl since he was 6 and is now averaging 213 on Saturdays.

For someone so young, he has already had his share of conquests.

When he was only 10 he captured the Youth Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes and was awarded a gold medal by Nelson Burton, Jr. for that.

Tony also bowls in the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic.

It was his first perfect game, and the next day while practicing, he did it again, but that one doesn't count. He had come pretty close to perfection on two other occasions this year with a 289 and a 290. He was using the Triton



AL HARRISON

Heat Ball by Track, Inc.

Ironically, Tony's 19-year-old brother Bill shot a 299 game in the same league when he was a 13-year-old bowler.

Tony attends West Middle School in Plymouth and also plays baseball. Other hobbies include hunting and fishing.

He has had the benefit of very supportive parents, Nick, who is an auto salesman at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, and Cheryl, who is a legal secretary for Sandra Cicirelli in Westland.

She is also the tournament director for the W.W.Y.T.C., a most vital task for the youth bowling organization.

Tony plans to join the Michigan Junior Masters Association for their monthly tournaments next year.

Eventually he'd like to take a shot on the Pro Bowlers Tour.

Another reminder, that the Bowling Show will be Friday through Sunday, Jan. 15-17 at the Novi Expo Center.

The Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road across from the Twelve Oaks Mall.

It will be held in conjunction with the Health and Fitness Show.



On a roll: Canton Township's Tony Vitale (left), 13, recently rolled a 300 game and is averaging 213 during a Saturday league at Super Bowl. With the support of his parents, Nick and Cheryl, he is showing great promise.

Pro talks approach

This week's pro is Tim Wleczorek, owner and operator of the Rack Attack pro shop located in Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road in Troy.



TIM WLEZOREK Maple Lanes

Tim was an up and coming competitor on the Pro Bowlers Tour until he suffered an aneurysm which turned out to cause physical limitations.

Tim has fought back and overcome this setback, but can not bowl at the highly competitive level again, however, he gets a lot of satisfaction from being able to help others who want to learn and to improve their game.

I asked Tim to relate to the readers what it takes to make a good ball delivery, from the main components, the approach, the swing and the release.

First, the approach, which Tim says this is the foundation of the game.

Technique breakdown

"The basic approach is a four-step delivery. A five-step is the same as four with a little stutter step to start.

You want your steps to be in sync with yourself, so when you get to the line you can plant your foot and release the ball and still be in balance at the release.

A lot of the time people will have to bring their back foot around to keep from falling over. That is definitely not right. The whole approach should be smooth and with the steps in sync with the swing.

Next, get the perfect arm swing. It achieved with a straight back-swing, keeping everything straight right through the release and follow through.

The biggest part of the arm swing is the hand position. If the hand turns too much before the release and the ball will go left (right for left-handers).

As for body position, this is up to your own individual style of

bowling. One crucial element is how you are playing the lanes.

If you have dry back ends, and it's a little dry at the heads, your ball starts hooking too early.

In this case you want to be down stroking on the ball, to get it going on down the lane further. You want to stay down at the foul line in order to down stroke it.

If you are up stroking, the ball will have a tendency to hook sooner, good for those oily lane conditions.

Now we look at the release, the most crucial part of the whole delivery. The release goes back to where the steps take place, whether four or five steps.

If you get to the line too fast, the ball will generally hook too soon, which means your hand will be a bit turned at the release point.

If you are too slow at the line, the ball will go to the right. If the shoulder is open, the ball will hook right away, if the shoulder is closed, the only thing working the ball is your hand, so you have to stay with the ball and let the momentum carry through the shot.

If you cup the ball, you will turn it more, so that is not best for most bowlers who are not used to this type of release.

It is best to stay with one hand position, the one you are most comfortable with. It is OK to break the wrist back for certain spare shots. If you are getting too much or not enough hook, it is better to change to another ball. It is best to avoid early hook. To make difficult shots, like the corner pins, it's best to stand at the opposite side of the lane and try to reduce the hook, there are several ways to do this.

To convert the ten-pin, look at the shadow of the pin and throw directly at that target. A lot of inexperienced bowlers will do better if they learn to line up properly for both strike and spare shots.

We are working with the kids from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher High in the Eastern Division, and they are learning a lot about bowling mainly by using these techniques."

SHOWS

CANINE TRAILS A.K.A. The 2nd Annual National Dog Show & Flea Market. The RV Show will be held Jan. 31 at the Silverdome.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

SEASON/DATES

BASS Largemouth and smallmouth bass season closes Dec. 31.

DEER The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. A special firearms antlerless-only deer season runs through Jan. 3 on private land only in much of the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact locations of the late hunt.

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.

CRANE 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.

CLUBS

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 668-8910 for more information.

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) 476-1494 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) 591-0843.

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

MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 15-14, 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 (817) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

WORLD OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers

bowling instruction for all ages. Call (248) 668-8910 for more information.

A weekly program for junior anglers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archery in Westland. Call (480) 861-8878 or (313) 285-3170 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (shot & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1830 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

METROPARKS

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

THE PUNNY FARM This one-hour program for ages 3 and older includes farm stories, activities, live critters and much more and begins at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Kensington Farm Center.

BIRD COUNT Help census the park's bird population during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Kensington.

CHICKADEE IN THE HAND Learn all about chickadees during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Stony Creek.

TEA TRACKING Learn about animals and their tracks, then track up a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at Kensington.

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 permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

MOVIE MATINEE Enjoy some popcorn and the photography of some of Michigan's best film makers during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Independence Oaks.

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) 249-6800. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-8762. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 249-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 249-2433.



**CLASS REUNIONS**

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

**ANN ARBOR PIONEER**  
Class of 1989

Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.  
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com  
**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
Class of 1969  
A reunion is planned for July 17 and a reunion picnic for July 18.  
(248) 737-1398 or srdcarlson@aol.com  
**BISHOP BORGESS**  
Class of 1989  
A reunion is planned for August 1999.  
(313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days),

(248) 652-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907  
**CHERRY HILL**  
Class of 1983  
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.  
(734) 729-6783  
**DEARBORN FORDSON**  
Class of 1989  
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.  
(248) 366-9493, press #8  
**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
January-June classes of 1944  
May 23 at the Hotel Baronette, Novi.  
Marcia Pollock, 29393 Laurel Woods Drive, No. 201, Southfield 48034  
**DETROIT COOLEY**  
Class of 1950  
A reunion is being planned.  
(313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503  
**DETROIT PERSHING**  
Classes of 1949-53  
Are planning a reunion.  
(734) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244  
**DETROIT REDFORD**  
Class of 1949  
May 15 at Plum Hollow Country Club.  
(248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540  
Class of 1949

A reunion is planned for May 16.  
(248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540  
**DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN**  
Class of 1959  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25.  
(313) 884-1243  
Classes of 1950s-1960s  
A themed reunion cruise is planned for Holland America's Westerdam, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale on March 13.  
(248) 646-3979 or (810) 777-4266  
**DETROIT WESTERN**  
Class of 1949  
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3, 1999, at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn.  
(313) 274-3214  
**GARDEN CITY WEST**  
Class of 1968  
A reunion is planned for September 1999.  
(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170  
**HENRY FORD TRADE**  
Class of 1949  
A reunion is planned for June 1999.  
(313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546  
**HIGHLAND PARK**  
Class of 1969  
Is planning a reunion.

(313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201  
January-June classes of 1950-51  
Are planning a reunion.  
Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023  
**LADYWOOD**  
Class of 1988  
March 18 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia.  
(313) 255-8078  
**LIVONIA BENTLEY**  
Class of 1964  
July 24 at the Holiday, Laurel Park, Livonia.  
(734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
Class of 1979  
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites, Southfield.  
(248) 366-9493, press #3  
**MADISON**  
Class of 1974  
A reunion is planned for April 24.  
(810) 795-0266 or (248) 548-6044  
**NORTH FARMINGTON**  
Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield.  
(248) 360-7004, press 2  
**NORTHVILLE**  
Class of 1979  
July 10 at the Italian America Club, Livonia.  
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.  
Class of 1974  
Is planning a reunion.  
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com  
**PLYMOUTH**  
Class of 1969  
Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton

Hotel, Novi.  
(248) 446-1028 or Karlanca@aol.com, or (734) 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com  
**PLYMOUTH CANTON**  
Class of 1979  
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.  
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunionsworks.com  
**REDFORD UNION**  
Class of 1979  
Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.  
(313) 692-8537 or (734) 416-0807  
Class of 1949  
Is planning a reunion for September 1999.  
(313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208 or (248) 349-1331  
**TRENTON**  
Class of 1989  
Aug. 28 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center, Riverview.  
(248) 360-7004, press 6  
**WATERFORD**  
Class of 1979  
Is planning a reunion.  
(248) 674-3946  
**WAYNE**  
Class of 1950  
Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion.  
(734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
Class of 1983  
Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City.  
(248) 360-7004, press 1  
**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
School of Social Work Alumni Association will have a reunion luncheon 11:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at the McGregor Conference Center on the WSU campus in Detroit.  
(313) 577-0309

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
January 18, 1999**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 18, 1999 at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of an amendment to an ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance amendment is as follows:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #99-**

An Ordinance extending the term of the Cable Communications Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cablevision, Inc.

WHEREAS, Comcast Cablevision, Inc., ("Comcast") is the successor Grantee under a cable television franchise (the "Franchise") granted by the City of Garden City ("City") dated July 26, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has requested a renewal of the Franchise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Comcast's request for a renewal, the City conveyed a proposal to Comcast for a new franchise for Comcast's consideration of April 10, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has also requested that the term of the Franchise be extended beyond January 31, 1999, subject to the rights and obligations established in the Franchise, to consider issues relating to franchise renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to extend the term of the Franchise under applicable law, including Article 7, Section 29 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution, the Home Rule Cities Act, Section 5.02(4) of the Charter and Sections III(C) and IC(E) of the Franchise, and in exercise of its police powers; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety, and welfare warrant extension of the Franchise term for a limited period of time in order to complete the process for consideration of renewal in an orderly fashion; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary, reasonable, and appropriate to extend the term of the Franchise to July 1, 1999 in order to preserve and promote the public health, safety, and welfare and to respond to Comcast's request.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Granting of the Extension of the Franchise Agreement.**

Pursuant to Section 5.02(4) of the City Charter and in accordance with Chapter 123 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City (the "City Code"), incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, the 1982 non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise granted to Comcast Cablevision, Inc., as a successor Grantee, is hereby extended to July 1, 1999, effective January 18, 1999. All rights and obligations of Comcast Cablevision, Inc., as set forth in Chapter 123 of the City Code and the Franchise shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 2. Consent to Extension.**

This Ordinance shall be void and of no effect, if Comcast fails to provide to the City Comcast's written consent to, and acceptance of the extension of the Franchise within thirty days of adoption of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Conflicting Provisions.**

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Ordinance and the provisions of any other ordinances, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JAMES L. BARKER  
Mayor

ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Adopted:  
Published December 27, 1998

**GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

6000 MIDDLEBELT  
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON JANUARY 5, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185

PLEASE NOTE: THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES

YEAR & MAKE	STYLE	VIN #
1997 FORD RANGER	PU	1FTCR10A5VPA42583
1998 PLYMOUTH NEON	4 DR	1P3ES47Y6WD670057
1976 OLDSMOBILE	2 DR	3J57R6M433218
1987 CHEVROLET PU	PU	1GCCT14R7H2128853
1986 CHEVROLET NOVA	4 DR	1Y1SK1948GZ124484

Published December 24 and 27, 1998

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE  
JANUARY 14, 1999**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed text amendment to Section 161.048 of the Zoning Ordinance to amend the parking requirements for Professional Offices, Clinics of Doctors, Dentists, and Similar Professions.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, written comments may be mailed to the following address: City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 until the date of the Public Hearing.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: December 23, 1998  
Published December 27, 1998

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
MICHIGAN  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Notice is hereby given, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (734-525-8808) on or before January 21, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item:

**Optical Scan Voting System**

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name of item.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Published December 27, 1998

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 1998  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.  
Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller.  
The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

**Item 12-98-530**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.

**Item 12-98-531**

Moved by Briscoe, supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To appoint to the Planning Commission, Wilby R. Pistor, with term to expire, March 31, 2001. AYES: Unanimous.

**Item 12-98-532**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek: Council was informed that 29780 Rush was not part of the Brandt Street Assessment.

RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the City of Garden City established an assessment district in 1996 in partial payment of right of way improvements to Brandt Street, and WHEREAS, it has been established that some owners of property have no access to Brandt Street and do not benefit from the improvements NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garden City shall assume the assessment obligations of those property owners who have no access to Brandt Street and who do not benefit from the improvements The addresses of the homes on Burnly Street are listed as follows:

ADDRESS	SIDWELL	LOT NO.
6420 Burnly	005-04-0045-002	45B, 46A
6432 Burnly	005-04-0044-002	44B, 45A
6444 Burnly	005-04-0044-002	44B, 45A
6516 Burnly	005-04-0040-000	40
6528 Burnly	005-04-0039-000	39
6552 Burnly	005-04-0037-000	37
6564 Burnly	005-04-0036-000	36
6600 Burnly	005-04-0035-000	35
6612 Burnly	005-04-0034-000	34
6636 Burnly	005-04-0032-000	32
6648 Burnly	005-04-0031-000	31
6716 Burnly	005-04-0028-000	28
6726 Burnly	005-04-0027-000	27
6736 Burnly	005-04-0026-000	26
6846 Burnly	005-04-0025-000	25
6810 Burnly	005-04-0023-000	23
6820 Burnly	005-04-0022-000	22
6840 Burnly	005-04-0020-000	20
6850 Burnly	005-04-0019-000	19
6860 Burnly	005-04-0018-000	18
6908 Burnly	005-04-0017-000	17
6918 Burnly	005-04-0016-000	16
6928 Burnly	005-04-0015-000	15
6938 Burnly	005-04-0014-000	14
6948 Burnly	005-04-0013-000	13
6958 Burnly	005-04-0012-000	12
7022 Burnly	005-04-0009-000	9
6408 Burnly	005-04-0016-002	16B
6456 Burnly	005-04-0012-000	12, 13A
6540 Burnly	005-04-0018-000	18
6621 Burnly	005-04-0033-000	33
6660 Burnly	005-04-0030-000	30
6706 Burnly	005-04-0029-000	29
6756 Burnly	005-04-0024-000	24
6830 Burnly	005-04-0021-000	21
7034 Burnly	005-04-0008-000	8
7048 Burnly	005-04-0007-000	7

7058 Burnly	005-04-0006-000	6
7070 Burnly	005-04-0005-000	5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any property owner or successor in interest who is relieved of this obligation, shall reimburse the City's cost if access to the right of way is later obtained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall record with the Wayne County Register of Deeds a Memorandum notifying successors in interest, to the above addressed properties, the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

AYES: Unanimous

**Item 12-98-533**

Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To accept Change Order #2, the Pardo and Hartel Paving & Water Main Improvements which reconciles quantities and the result being a net decrease of \$51,389.42.

AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Investment Policy.
2. Ameritech 9-1-1 Service Agreement Contract.
3. DDA Streetscape/Watermain Payment #5.
4. Used Vehicle Equipment - DPS.
5. Elevator Maintenance Bid.
6. HRC & McNeely & Lincoln Joint Venture Invoice.
7. Conference of Western Wayne Annual Membership Dues.

**Item 12-98-534**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the annual maintenance agreement for 911 service, in the amount of \$6,572.00, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #101-325-811.100. AYES: Unanimous.

**Item 12-98-535**

Moved by Briscoe, supported by Kaledas: Council discussed with the contractor the concrete in the staging area and their pricing of that area. RESOLVED: To approve payment #5 to Wayne-Oakland Contractors, in the amount of \$214,128.90, for the DDA Streetscape/Watermain Project to be charged to DDA Bond Issue Account #729-729-987-400. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

**Item 12-98-536**

Moved by Kaledas, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To award the bids for used vehicles/equipment to

John Murphy	1989 GMC 4x4 Pick Up	VIN#GTEK24R6JE53510	\$1,979.79
Tierra Aggregate Co., Inc.	1988 Chevrolet Caprice	VIN#1G1BEM78KR196267	\$ 749.00
Mike Claus	Turf Tires, Goodyear 13.6X28-NEW		\$ 155.55
<b>Grand Total for used DPS Vehicles/Equipment</b>			<b>\$2,884.34</b>

Reject bids for Trench Box, Hydraulic Broom, Back Blades and Brush Hog.

AYES: Unanimous

**Item 12-98-537**

Moved by Lynch, supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To award the bid for elevator maintenance to Elevator Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$3,240.00, Option 2, Two (2) year contract.

Account #101-444-775-202	City Hall	\$1,080.00
Account #101-444-775-204	Police	\$2,160.00

AYES: Unanimous

**Item 12-98-538**

Moved by Wiacek, supported by Dodge: Councilmember Wiacek moved the value of membership in the Conference of Western Wayne Mayor and SEMCOG Mayor Barker agreed and complimented Council's selection of membership organizations. RESOLVED: To approve the annual membership dues in the amount of \$5,982.00 to the Conference of Western Wayne, Account #101-101-958-000, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous.

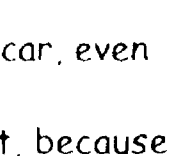
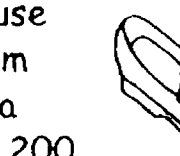
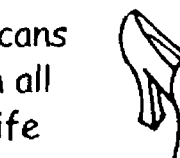
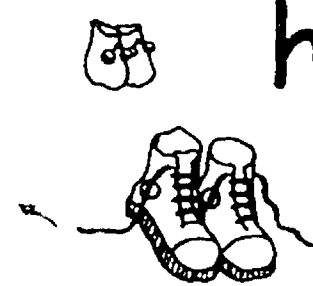
**Item 12-98-539**

Moved by Kaledas, supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To accept a Consent Session to discuss Labor Negotiations, AFSCME, with the City Council returned from closed Session and the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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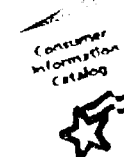
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## How Do You Plan A Career?



GEORGE HAYES

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

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

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

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

• Play the odds by building on your strengths. A strength is a skill supported by an interest. It's not just a question of what you are good at doing. Most people are pretty good at what

they do. What skills do you have that you truly enjoy using?

• Become intense. Identify at least one area in your profession in which you will become very, very good. It's almost impossible to be very, very good at lots of things. However, by becoming an absolute expert in one thing, you will have more upward and outward pathways open to you.

• Become diverse. Even while you are becoming intense in one area, learn as much as possible about related disciplines. Understand the big picture in your field or industry. Improve your credibility by becoming comfortable with other aspects of the business.

• Fantasize about your objectives. People often don't get what they want because they don't really believe their goals are attainable. In truth, almost anything is possible if you practice seeing it, having it and enjoying it in detail.

• Change in small, defined increments. Maybe it is unrealistic to make a million bucks by June 30. It could be unlikely that you will land a job as a Sales Manager when you don't have sales experience. But it might be possible to increase your income by 10 percent. It might be doable to get five interviews for sales jobs. You are more likely to take action and less likely to become frustrated when objectives are bite-sized.

• Review plans regularly. Establish a weekly goal review meeting with yourself. Monday morning is the best time. Chart your progress. Congratulate yourself for progress to date and sketch out the coming week.

• Focus on process. The best objectives define what you will be doing, not what you will "be." Titles don't matter. No one glows very long about being promoted to president or passing the bar. In the end, satisfaction or disappointment comes from every day activities. You might be closer to your dream job than you imagine if you think about goals from a task perspective.

As I was penning in a few goals of

my own for 1999, I began thinking about some of the candidates and business associates I've dealt with over the past year. Like most people, I struggle with those constant, gnawing questions about what I really should be doing with my career and what, if anything, of significance I have accomplished so far. Sometimes I think I'd rather be...

Jim Pawlak. This guy has it all. His column is in something like 400 newspapers around the country and his income probably rivals Bill Gates'. Jim's car is a hot little yellow sports job and he has a condo on an exotic island. He's smart, a good businessman and a real nice guy. Yeah, I'd like to be like Pawlak. But then there is...

Sandy Theaut. Actually, I wouldn't want Sandy's job as a Production Scheduler because it is too hard. But she can look back at her career and be very proud of leading a major company to QS 9000, then successfully making the switch into a completely different discipline. I suppose the real reason I would like to be like Sandy is because she is going to have a baby. Of course, I wouldn't personally like to have a baby, but it is the neatest thing in the world. Congratulations in advance. Maybe I should aspire to be... Jim Rutkowski. Now here is a fellow who can usually come up with a unique perspective on any given problem or life situation. He is absolutely expert at what he does (testing and evaluating job candidates) - maybe the best of the best. He knows more about computers than I ever will. While I don't always share his tastes, I always admire his values. I trust him implicitly. Jim has deftly juggled a host of business and domestic challenges over the past year. On the other hand, it would sure be neat to be...

Jan Learman. How can anyone be so nice? A normal person would snap dealing with the likes of me and her bosses every day. But Jane just seems to roll with it. We pile everything on her. Jane is the living example of that old cliché: "If you want to get something done, ask the busiest person." She is accommodating, pleasant, efficient

and dependable - the ultimate good attitude. Congratulations on your promotion, Janie! Of course, it would sure be interesting to be...

Bud, my barber. What a great lifestyle this guy has. He comes into the big city to cut hair four days a week, then goes back to his estate in the country to feed the deer. Bud knows everybody in the neighborhood of his barbershop and seems to be an uncle figure to some of the young people. He has the ability to talk with almost anyone about anything and the good sense to be quiet sometimes (a trait lacking in most barbers). Bud always seems content and occasionally closes up just because he feels like it. He has it pretty good, but what about....

Tony Carman? He dresses great, does an excellent job and always comes across as urbane and engaging. Or how about Tom Eurich? He is a brilliant engineer and seems to maintain an constant, boyish good nature, even under stress. It's impossible not to like Tom. Then there is Mary Ann Walton who now does what I thought I wanted to do a long time ago. She is extremely competent and professional. Much like Linda Scicluna and Tamara Binder (both of whom have foregone modeling contracts to pursue interests in technical fields). And what if I were able to lighten things up by telling a joke or two, like Joe Scott or Debbie Davidson? Of course, it would be fantastic to be like Steven G., who built a company, helped a lot of people and then made a major career adjustment to achieve goals in a different arena.

Now. It's fine just being me. I have indulgent editors who cut me some slack at the end of the year so I can put my friends' names in the paper.

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# The ABC's of Managing Your Career



Time for another lesson in the ABC's of managing your career and your life. Relate to the definitions as you evaluate where you are, where you want to be and what it will take to achieve your goals.

**Aspire** - To have a great ambition; to strive toward a goal. If you don't want to be the best you can be, you're wasting your life.

**Bask in glory** - The lack-of-a-future affiliation of people who forget that success is a journey, not a destination. Constantly reveling in reliving past accomplishments is like living life through a rear-view mirror.

**Career** - 1. A chosen pursuit. 2. To move or run at full speed. Many careers (i.e. #1) take shape in slow motion because individuals aren't doing what they are.

**Dharma** - The ultimate law of all things. From my perspective it means that you'll only get back what you freely give.

**Elaborate** - Planned with painstaking attention to numerous parts and details. While the devil may be in the details, too many people spend ninety percent of their time on planning and ten percent on execution. Reverse those percentages and you'll accomplish more and learn to think on your feet, too.

**Folkway** - A way of thinking or acting unreflectively adopted by members of a group as part of their shared culture. Prejudice is often the result of folkways. If you want to understand someone, walk in their shoes.

**Good Samaritan** - A person who unselfishly helps another or others. See Dharma above.

**Hesitate** - Slow to act or decide because of uncertainty. Hesitation can lead to doubt which leads to inaction. New experiences always involve uncertainty, so don't let hesitation turn into fear of success.

**Insight** - The capacity to discern the true nature of a situation. Seeing things as they really are will help you plan a successful next step.

**Jurassic Perk** - The buyout package given to older workers considered skill-set dinosaurs by their employers.

**Karmageddon** - The change in attitude of a positive-outlook individual when constantly sur-

rounded by negative people.

**Leap of Faith** - A move to action in a time of uncertainty based on your belief in yourself. Outcomes are rarely totally controllable, but they are more predictable if you believe in yourself.

**Matterhorn** - A mountain peak, 14,701 feet high. Life is full of personal mountains to climb. Do you have the mindset and right skills to climb your own mountains?

**Never** - Not ever; at no time whatsoever. A word often used by chronic underachievers who won't believe in themselves and what they could achieve.

**One-trick pony** - An individual with a very limited skill set. If you don't buy into lifelong learning and self improvement, a Jurassic Perk will be your just reward.

**Purist** - One who believes in the correctness of following procedures to the letter regardless of changes in circumstances. They do what they're told without question and without hesitation.

**Querist** - A questioner. An inquirer. You can't learn if you don't ask questions.

**Results** - The sum of: Ideas + Initiative + Belief + Planning + Effort

**Savoir-faire** - Saying and doing the "right" thing in any situation; tact. It's not what you say, but how you say it, that conveys your true meaning.

**Thin-skinned** - Oversensitive, especially with respect to criticism. Use savoir-faire when dealing with these types of people.

**Unbond** - Freed from bonds

or shackles. People can break free of their self-made shackles by believing in themselves and building their skills.

**Vegetable** - A person who leads a monotonous, passive or merely physical existence.

**Wet blanket** - One who discourages enthusiasm and enjoyment. Beware of Karmageddon (see above) if you associate with these gloom and doom personalities.

**Xenophobia** - Fear of strangers, outsiders and foreigners. The only way to build an effective personal network is by talking with strangers.

**Year** - 525,600 minutes to use wisely.

**Zinger** - A sarcastic comment. If you dish it out, make sure you can take it, too.

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