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THE WEEK AHEAD

Needy: New or slightly used blankets are being collected by Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt south of Ford. Blankets are being gathered to help the American Red Cross reach a goal of 8,000 blankets for shelters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Blankets may be dropped off 9:30 a.m. to noon today and next Sunday.

TUESDAY

Blood drive: A Red Cross blood drive will be 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. For an appointment, call Joe Burchill, (734) 326-6123. The drive will be for Diane Abbott, Westland's cable director, who is ill.

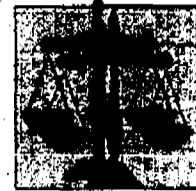
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Stalker tells court he's sorry



BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old John Glenn High School special education student told a judge Wednesday he was sorry for stalking a former teacher and expressed a willingness to get help. Judge Gail McKnight sentenced Derek Ingle to 89 days of jail with credit for time already served and two

A 17-year-old told those at his sentencing Wednesday he's sorry he stalked a teacher at John Glenn High School. The young man will serve 89 days in jail, followed by two years of probation.

years probation for misdemeanor stalking. The teacher filed a personal protection order against him in October that barred him from contacting her or entering school property. During his probation, Ingle will be subject to drug screenings and required to take necessary medications. McKnight denied a request by Ingle's

attorney, Darin Weinberg, for an electronic tether, because of the intimidating nature of the crime. "In that sense, (stalking) is like an ongoing nightmare to the person being stalked," McKnight said. She cited Ingle's repeated tangles with police. "You're dealing with some big guys who tell you not to do something and you still do it," she said to Ingle, who was caught stalking at the school by Westland police more than once. Weinberg said a tether would allow Ingle to get the counseling he needs. "He's willing to do whatever necessary," Weinberg said.

Ingle told the court — including the teacher and her husband, who were both present — he was sorry. "I'd like to apologize to the school," Ingle said, addressing the court. "I'd just like to say I'm sorry and I have learned my lesson." Both the teacher and her husband declined to comment. Melanie Sheridan, a probation officer, told the court Ingle began stalking the teacher in August, despite being told not to by his mother, Nancy. "He said (the teacher) did not let him tell his side of the story," Sheridan

Please see STALKER, A4



Wow: Left to right, Nick French, Tom Minor, Jennifer Marion and Pete Daniels take advantage of Dress Up Day Wednesday at Lutheran High School Westland.



Shall we dance? Chris Olson and Cateen Crandell pose for the camera while dancing in phys ed class Wednesday. Below, Erin Jung (left), Amy Kaurath (center) and Cali Heins share a laugh.

Mood's festive at high school

Teenagers may be known for wearing jeans, but students at Lutheran High School Westland defy the stereotypes. On Wednesday, the last school day before Christmas vacation, students observed Dress Up Day, wearing their Sunday best. Such celebrations occur some three times a year, said Principal Steven Schwecke, before breaks. "We usually end the day with a special chapel." One was held Wednesday afternoon, he said, featuring Bible readings, a short message and Christ-

mas carols. Students wore their best Wednesday, and some donned Santa hats. The mood was positive, Schwecke said. "Obviously, it was very upbeat. A lot of students exchanged gifts." The student council sold candy canes with messages, which were delivered in homeroom. "Today was the last day, so the mood was very upbeat," the principal said. "Counting the minutes." The Lutheran High School Westland stu-

dents will return to class Jan. 3. The school has a dress code, so students aren't normally sloppy, but Schwecke agreed it's nice to see them dressed up. "It's a nice way to end the school year with a chapel." He agreed that school breaks are good, allowing students and staff to spend time with family and friends, some who live a distance away. "It's good for the whole school community," Schwecke said.

Salvation Army reaps benefits of local generosity

Westland-area residents were generous this year, and The Salvation Army is seeing the benefits. As of Wednesday morning, the local Army had raised \$104,053, or 86.7 percent of its \$120,000 goal. On Tuesday, the figures had been \$101,463, or 84.5 percent, said Lt. Chuck Yockey, corps commander. "It's going very well." The Red Kettle effort took in an average of \$3,000 a day, he said. Last year, the campaign took in

\$88,000. "We're doing much better," Yockey said Wednesday, noting there were several days left before Christmas. "It could still happen." He had hoped to reach the goal by Christmas, but is counting on checks that will come in after Christmas. The goal will be reached, he predicted. Yockey thanked "just everybody" who helped. The woman who gave a much-needed dollar bill is just as important as the man who gave \$1,000, he said.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him,

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.' Then the king will answer him,

Priesthood all in the family for them

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER
With nearly 50 years in the priesthood, 24 years as pastor at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Redford, the Rev. Michael Barna reflected recently on an illustrious career and sums it up simply by saying: "Prayer works." Barna followed in his father's foot steps when he became a priest. Today, he works with his son, the Rev. Timothy Barna, who is assistant pastor at St. Michael and who plans to take the helm when his father retires.

Together they mark three generations of priests in the Orthodox Catholic Church. At 81, Barna has no immediate plans to step down. "When people say, 'Are you going to retire?', I just tell them, 'Why would I. I'm just getting good,'" he explained, his eyes warm and inviting behind black frame glasses, his face encircled by a white beard that skims his clerical collar. Having reached the highest level a married man in the Orthodox Church can attain, the Rt. Rev. Mitrofan Arch-

priest Michael Elias Barna will mark half a century in the priesthood July 2, 2000. As a boy he told his father that he didn't plan to be ordained, especially after hearing stories about the struggles faced by his father, who emigrated from Russia and was among the pioneer priests who brought the Russian Orthodox religion to America. "Stories about how the water used during liturgies would freeze because the church couldn't afford heat.

Exam is waived

A 10-year-old Kansas native missed 14th, 15th and 16th grade in Westland, and school officials agreed to waive the exam for her to enter 17th grade at the end of the school year. The student, whose name was not disclosed, had been homeschooled in Kansas. Her parents, who live in Westland, said they were pleased with the school's decision. Please see EXAM, A4

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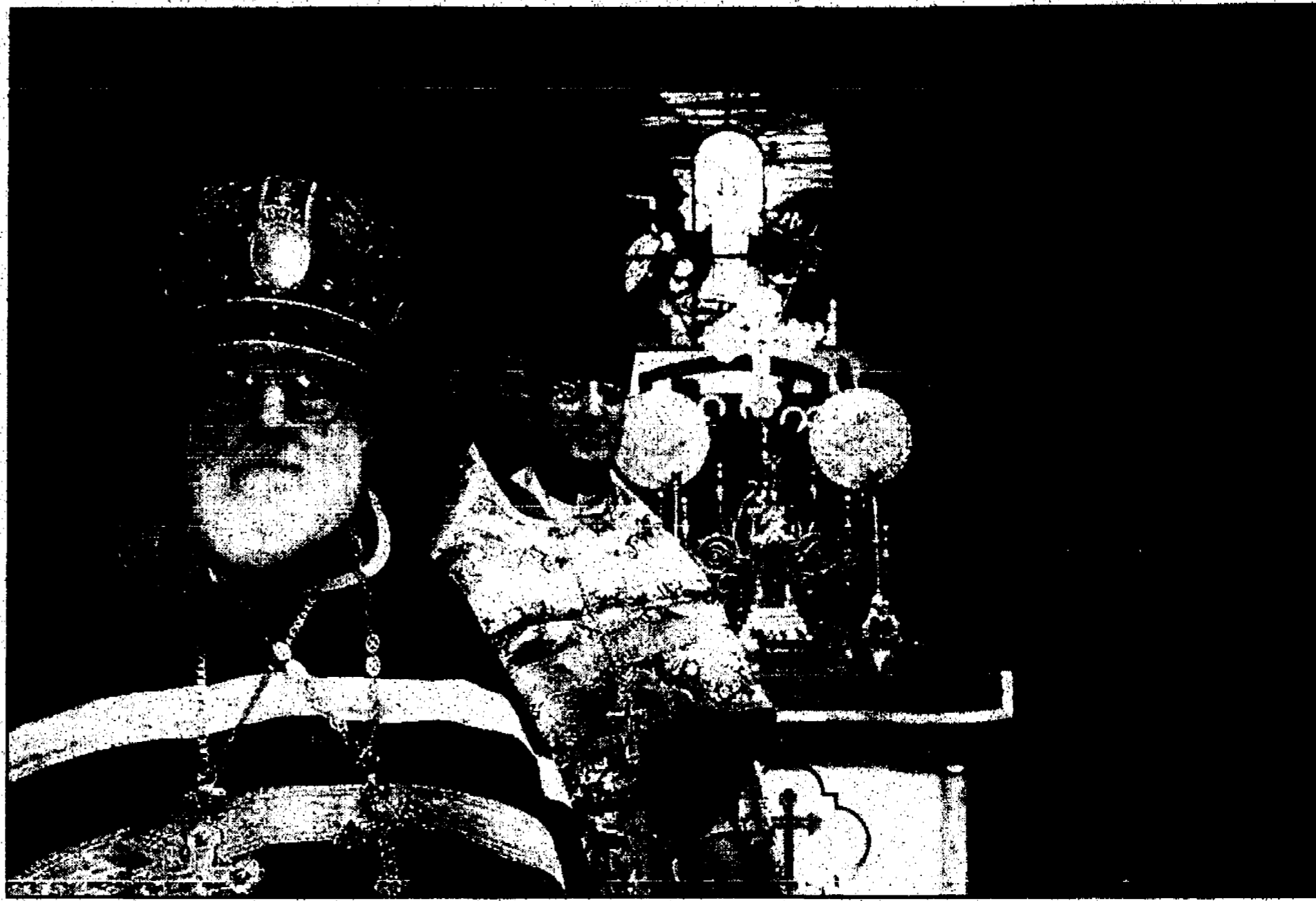
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Father and son: The Rev. Michael Barna (left) and the Rev. Timothy Barna are father and son priests at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Redford.

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He changed his mind, though, on the day when he believed he received a sign from God.

Barna was serving in the Navy in the South Pacific on the battleship USS Colorado. His crew was hot and exhausted when they reached the end of the powder supply they fed into the big guns. They decided to go topside to get fresh air and watch the action.

He was the last in the line of men who scrambled up a ladder, when he hurried down to retrieve a crucifix his father had given to him. Then he heard a series of blasts that killed the other men.

Several nights earlier he had a dream about his father, dressed in mourning black, coming to visit him.

Instead of shaking his son's hand, he turned to his son's best friend, who was among the men who died in the blasts.

Decades later, the Rev. Barna becomes misty eyed as he tells about how this friend asked him to stand up in his wedding party.

It's obvious this war story has become part of the family legacy. His wife of 55 years, Matushka Jane, and son, Timothy, sit in the parish office and occasionally add details to his story. Each of their lives is dedicated to the parish, made up mostly of people with some Russian heritage or who are married to someone who does.

"I feel that because our people have been collecting money and give to charities that God has blessed this parish," said Matushka Barna, adding that the church recently received \$26,000 from the estates of members who have died.

Officiating at countless weddings, baptisms and funerals, Barna has watched as the church on West Chicago has

gone from holding liturgies done mostly in Slavonic, a Russian dialect used during church services, to liturgies predominantly done in English to accommodate the younger generations.

Going full circle, Barna has recently added more Slavonic liturgies to meet the needs of a recent influx of Russian immigrants who have become members of St. Michael.

Timothy, 51, joined the church last February. And while his calling was less dramatic than that of his father, he said, he showed signs early on that he would be a priest.

Matushka Barna explains how as a child, serving as an altar boy, Timothy loved to eat the leftover bread used during liturgies.

But, it wasn't until he was serving in the Air Force that Timothy realized where he was heading for sure.

"I knew right then that something was missing," Timothy said. "I came out of the service and my dad said: 'We need deacons, would you like to help out?'"

While he served as pastor of two churches in Pennsylvania, he also worked as a truck dispatcher and as an unemployment clerk to support his wife, Sherry (Hope) and daughter, Natasha, who is now 25 and a nurse in Pennsylvania.

"The churches were too small to support us," Timothy said.

Nodding toward his father, there's an obvious admiration and mutual respect.

"I'm assistant pastor, he's in charge," Timothy added.

Barna smiled contentedly and still wears the cross that saved his life during the war and led him to a life in the priesthood.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE C. DONNELLY

Services for Josephine C. Donnelly, 73, of Westland were Dec. 23 in St. Theodore Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born April 10, 1926, in Detroit. She died Dec. 17 in Mission, Texas. She was a social worker for St. Vincent DePaul.

Survivors include husband, Edward; son, Kevin (Robin); daughter, Kathleen (Chris) Popiela; sisters, Jean Tabor and Genevieve Jacob; and grandchildren, Amanda and Michael.

Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home of Westland.

KATHRYN L. WASKO

Services for Kathryn L. Wasko, 64, of Westland were Dec. 23 in the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial

was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. Wasko was born Sept. 18, 1935, in St. Louis, Mo. She died Dec. 19 in Livonia.

She was a secretary/accountant for Lawrence Technological University.

She is preceded in death by husband, James L. Wasko.

Survivors include daughters, Kelli Gavney and Lisalyn Wasko; sons, James (Tracy) and Edward (Angela); brother, James Farris; grandchildren, Jonathan and James; and friend, Daniel Stan.

Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home of Westland.

GEORGE W. HIGLEY

Cremation rites were accorded for George W. Higley, 77, of Westland.

Mr. Higley was born Oct. 2, 1922. He died Dec. 19 in Wayne.

He is survived by wife, Theresa; daughters, Victoria Lynn, Marie (Paul) McMillian, Judy K., Jenelle King and Joann King; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

PATRICIA JANE SMITH

Services for Patricia Jane Smith, 73, of Westland will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. The Rev. Jerry Bechard will officiate.

Mrs. Smith was born April 17, 1926. She died Dec. 20. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by husband, David G. Smith; sons, Mark David, Christopher Michael (Nancy) and Kevin Patrick; daughters, Constance Lynn (Marvin) Leaym, Susan Elise (William) Young, Kimberly

Ann (Joseph) Lepish and Suzanne Bower; brother, F. Coleton Weirich; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

DEMMA BREEDING

Cremation rites were accorded for Demma Breeding, 70, of Westland.

Mr. Breeding was born April 10, 1929. He died Dec. 1 in Livonia. He was a truck driver.

Mr. Breeding was preceded in death by daughter, Linda K. Breeding.

Surviving are wife, Keota; sons Demma Roy (Gaynell), David and Roger (Janet); daughter, Brenda Dowell; sisters, Hel Midkiff and Edith Moore; brother, John; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Skater injured

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Team effort: Danielle and Steve Hartsell practice last year.

Her doctor is really optimistic about it. Georgia Hartsell—mother

A Westland figure skater's injury during a recent skating practice means she will not be able to defend her title at an upcoming national skating championship in Cleveland. Danielle Hartsell, 19, broke her kneecap while practicing a lift with her brother and skating partner, Steve, Dec. 17 at the Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills. "Danielle and her brother were doing a lift, and he kind of lost his balance," mother Georgia Hartsell said. "She fell on her kneecap. "When she realized she was going down she pulled back so she wouldn't hit her head," she said.

Danielle Hartsell had surgery last week at Crittenden Hospital in Rochester Hills, where she had screws put in her knee. Doctors estimate she'll be able to begin skating again in early February, but it will be a while before she's doing fancy maneuvers like lifts, her mother said. "Her doctor is really optimistic about it," she said. "He showed us after the surgery how much better it looked."

Her brother was unhurt, but did get some bruises. "He's really upset about it," Danielle is scheduled to begin physical therapy at the Detroit Skating Club with physical therapists who specialize in treating skaters. "They'll be working with her right at the rink," she said. Danielle was not feeling well Thursday morning and declined commenting to the Westland Observer, according to her mother. The National Pair Figure Skating Champions have skated with Todd Eldridge, Michelle Kwan and Elvis Stojko. They also were honored by the city of Westland and the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

City braces for New Year's Eve

The city of Westland has established Y2K New Year's Eve emergency communications provisions, along with a special phone number. Residents and businesses should continue to dial 911 for police, fire or medical emergencies only. If dialing from a cell phone, be sure to give your exact location as these calls go through the State Police and not directly to city dispatch. Westland 911 has been tested by Ameritech, and residents are asked to refrain from dialing it to test it. If you cannot get through on 911 or to report any other problems, dial the Y2K New Year's Eve report line at 467-7954. This line will be live 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. or later if it appears necessary. City emergency personnel will be on duty at all fire stations. If you cannot get through by phone,

go to the nearest fire station. Mayor Robert Thomas has announced City of Westland Radio, a low power AM radio station at 1700 on the AM dial. It will serve as a source of up-to-date local emergency and general information over the holiday and beyond, in addition to cable TV broadcasts on Ameritech Channel 10 and MediaOne Channel 12. The Friendship Center for seniors recommends that seniors spend New Year's Eve with a loved one, or have someone spend the night with them. Westland seniors who will be alone should call 722-7632 as soon as possible. A list will be kept and calls made New Year's Eve. If there is an interruption in phone service, efforts will be made to contact seniors in person.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Stephanie Parrish, 12, of Westland is Carrier of the Month for December for the Westland Observer. She is a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, where she earns straight As.

She has delivered the Observer since the summer of 1997.

Parrish is the daughter of Mark and Deborah and has a brother, Josh, 15. Her favorite school subjects are math and science.

She enjoys bowling and basketball, and scored a 225 in bowling. She is on the honor roll and hopes to become a pediatrician.

Parrish enjoys the nice people on her route and earning her own money.



Stephanie Parrish Carrier of the Month

Disney World trip is prize for winner

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

A teaching consultant for the Redford Union School District has won an all-expenses-paid family reunion at Disney World this winter.

Beverly Grezlik, a consultant for the hearing impaired for 15 of her nearly 20 years with RU, won the grand prize in the "You Make the Memories, We'll Make the Meal" national sweepstakes sponsored by The HoneyBaked Ham Co.

Grezlik, a Livonia resident since 1989, was one of 10,000 entries, according to company officials. She won a four-day, three-night package that includes airfare, hotel accommodations and park passes for herself and five immediate family members.

Going with her in February to the Florida fun spot will be her mentally-impaired son, Andy, 26; her 83-year-old mother, Mary Elizabeth Mattern of Southgate; and her other son, Joe, 32, plus his daughter Genevieve, 7, and wife Michelle. Joe, a Livonia Franklin High School graduate, and family live in Saline.

Grezlik, a longtime Westland resident (1969-89), said she never dreamed she'd have the chance to take her mother - a great-grandmother to 11 - to the

Walt Disney playland.

"I feel good about bringing my mother because she has always been there for me and helped me throughout my life," said Grezlik. "This is going to be such a treat for her."

Said Mattern, "I am so excited about going to Disney World."

"I never thought I would get the opportunity to go there myself. This is really going to be a fabulous vacation."

In the late 1970s, Mattern and her husband, Hal, had gone to Disneyland in California. However, the night they got there - Feb. 15 - Hal, 62, died.

Noting the Disney World trip will begin the same date, Mattern commented, "I hope this one won't be jinxed."

Grezlik's first trip to Disney World was this past summer.

Grezlik, who got the prize Monday at the same company-owned, Five Mile and Merriman roads store at which she entered the contest, "never expected to win."

"I filled out the entry form in June when I was ordering a ham for my son's graduation party," she said, then "forgot about" the contest.

Andy graduated this summer from the Livonia-based Bryant Center for the Mentally Impaired. He works for Gorman's Furniture in Novi.

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land resident Roger Burns with a .40-caliber automatic handgun Dec. 11.

A single bullet pierced his upper right chest and was found in an apartment wall. Burns, 42, was treated at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne but refused to stay for observation, according to police reports.

Burns reportedly took Marcum's gun away from him after he was shot once.

Judge Gail McKnight said

Marcum's pretrial date for 9 a.m. Jan. 5 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Burns had let a friend use his Venoy Terrace apartment on Venoy south of Palmer, who in turn let Marcum, who did not know Burns, use the apartment. Marcum is said to have shot Burns after Burns returned from a trip out of town.

Marcum was jailed following his arrest in lieu of a \$50,000/10 percent bond.

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said. "He thought it was very unfair that she would not listen to him."

Sheridan said Ingle is suspended and that the Wayne-Westland school district was considering expelling him. He is being homeschooled by his mother.

Contributing to Ingle's problems were bouts of depression, angry feelings about his parents, who are divorced, and binge drinking following stalking incidents, Sheridan added.

"He'd go home and drink because he felt guilty about it," she said.

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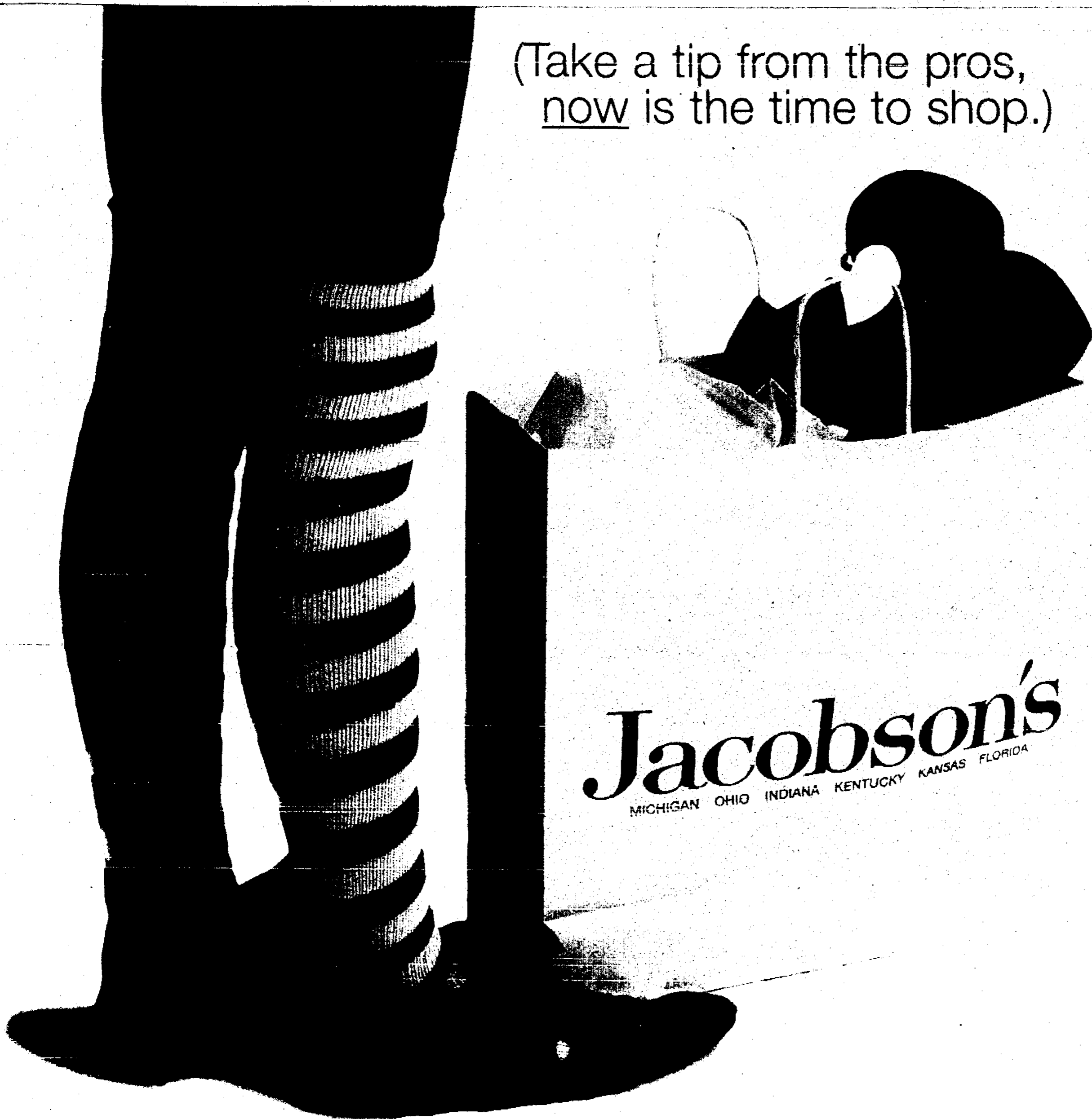
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Of all the ways to spend the day after Christmas, shopping is on the top of many, many lists.

And, the question that's probably on everybody's mind is "what's going to be on sale?"

There were many fads and trends this season, so rest assured there will be many items on sales

racks and tables the day after Christmas. In many cases, they'll be available in bountiful quantities, too.

Retailers have tired of their fall and winter apparel and already need to make room for spring and cruise merchandise. In fact, spring collections are expected to arrive in stores in January and February.

That's good news for fashion devotees and those of us who passed on expensive trends, like Pashmina shawls and scarves.

I did a bit of shopping with retailers' space concerns in mind. I also talked with store owners about what they expect to see on sale the day after Christmas.

In general, trendy merchandise and anything shoppers saw in abundance will be readily available at bargain prices following Christmas.

Since just about every retailer stocked up on cashmere apparel and accessories, from boat-neck sweaters to living room throws, shoppers are likely to find a plethora of cashmere goods with slashed price tags. Even cashmere classics - a black turtleneck, colorful twin-set or winter scarf - will likely be available at bargain prices.

Stores also have been teeming with scented goods and aromatherapy products aimed at easing stress, promoting relaxation and living well.

Given the sheer quantity of scented merchandise and the array of choices in the category, fragrant candles and aromatic bath products are sure to be out there at basement prices.

The days after Christmas will likely be an excellent opportunity to snag a deal on a leather jacket, jeans or skirt since designers and retailers offered a plethora of leather apparel this year. Micro-fiber apparel and goods also were abundant, so look for bargains on wallets, bags, purses and boots in the fabric.

Of course, holiday merchandise will also be marked down. Beyond holiday cards, wrapping paper and tree ornaments, look for special occasion sweaters that can be worn in the evening and in the day.

In luxurious fabrics, like cashmere and mohair, with beads, sequins and other shiny details, many special occasion sweaters can be purchased by last-minute planners to pair with dressy bottoms to wear on New Year's Eve. Other evening wear, including those trendy ball skirts, also will likely go down in price after Christmas.

Other merchandise that shoppers will likely see at bargain prices include bead bracelets in vibrant colors, sterling silver jewelry, felted-wool clothing, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, puffy, quilted-nylon outer wear, especially vests, and just about anything made of fleece.

Also, many retailers began discounting their merchandise before Christmas, so keep in mind that items you saw on sale while shopping for gifts may be available for even less on December 26.

Lillith in downtown Birmingham, for example, began their semi-annual sale the week of Christmas. Among the items discounted by 30 percent were tulle skirts in silver and magenta and cashmere sweaters.

Rear Ends in Westfield also marked down fall apparel prior to Christmas. Items on their sales racks included fur-trimmed sweaters by Erik Stewart, knit tops and sweaters by Buffalo and Easel. At Maxwell, a men's clothing store in downtown Birmingham, designer sportswear by Hugo Boss, Zegna and Zanella, as well as, wool, three-button suits were put on sale before Christmas.

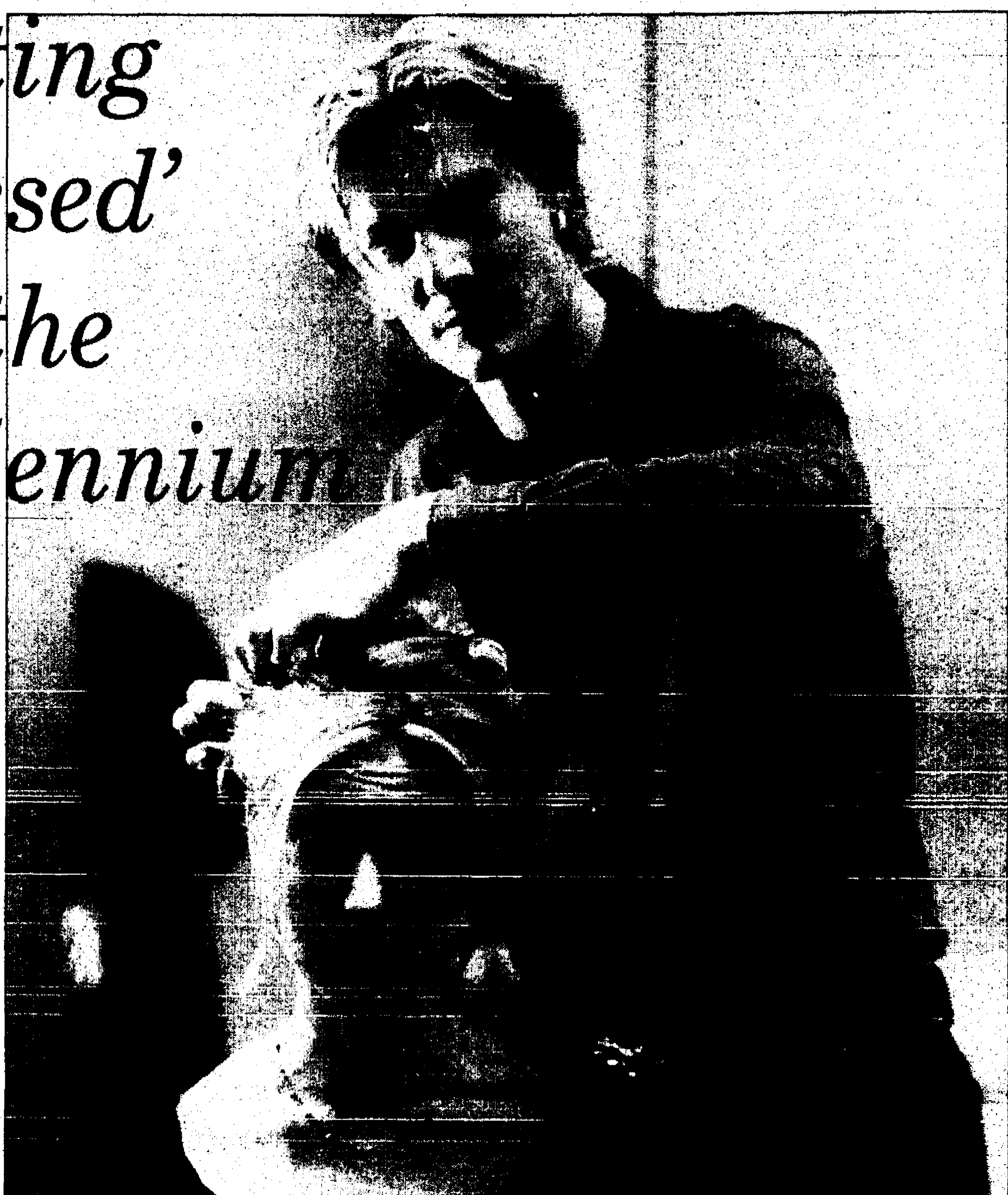
In other words, if you're looking for a bargain, chances are you'll find many, especially on trendy items, over-stocked merchandise and goods that went on sale before Christmas. Happy bargain-hunting!

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Getting 'tressed' for the millennium

STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Hair for the party of the century: Jeremy Lyle, stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, works with Jamie Michalski's hair for the holidays. There's no particular look for women to obtain for New Year's Eve parties, according to Lyle and other area stylists. However, important characteristics to keep in mind are sleek and shiny and hair with texture. Up looks are softened and more natural this year.



There's no particular look, but lots of options

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The dress is certainly a head-turner. And those heels for which you shopped forever certainly give your gams a long, lean elegance. Accessories? You've got that down to a fine art.

Looks like you're ready to take on New Year's Eve in high style.

But what about your hair? For the final party of the 20th century, you should settle for nothing less than the perfect coif.

Like fashion, this year's most popular hair-styles embrace the past with a nod to the future, so don't be surprised, if you see a retro do or two on the dance floor.

"We're going back to looks I've seen before in my 30 years in this business. Styles are retro, allure and renaissance, but each generation gives it a twist," said H.C. Scott, owner of Scott's Hair Unlimited Salon in Rochester and past president of the Michigan Cosmetologists Association.

In the '60s, "ratting" gave hair volume and height. Now, in the twilight of the '90s, teasing the hair up in back is termed "back-combing." But, instead of

pasturing hair high up, stylists are striving for more of a natural look around the face.

"It's not like a bouffant. You're not going to get big hair," said Lisa Willard, a stylist at Salon International in Plymouth and resident "up-do" specialist. This year's look is either more loose and tasseled or smooth and slick with very large, interwoven curls, she said. Willard terms the look a "controlled mess," and keeps it elegant, loose and fun.

In the past years, it's been twists and tiny curls. Thank God they're not doing that again," she said. And, even short hair can be given an "up-style," said Willard.

Jeremy Lyle, a stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, had a different take on shorter hair. Bobs with interior layers and a wind-blown look are popular for the holiday season, he said.

However, there isn't one particular hair look that women should be striving to obtain, whether they have long or short hair, he said.

One characteristic of current hair trends is that styles are "more sleek and shiny," he said. "Textures are also very important this year, either with the cut or with styling products," Lyle said.

For straightening hair and making it sleek and shiny, Lyle recommends using a finishing product called

Straight by Bumble & Bumble. Buff, a weightless, greaseless pomade by Sebastian, does a good job at creating texture in the hair, said Lyle.

Hair ornamentation, including clips, rhinestones, bobby pins and other accessories, are still popular, especially with the younger crowd. However, Lyle said many of his clients are shying away from these accessories.

The same applies to hair glitter. "Glitter is in, but light glitter," said Scott. "If it's heavier, it looks like dandruff."

At Salone Nadwa in Novi, owner Nadwa Yono uses a simple style to give volume and texture, then pulls hair into a ponytail, rolls it over to one side, and pins it. She often adds a decorative headband or magnetic rhinestones to complete the look. She prefers magnetic to Velcro clips because they stay in place better.

"We had the butterfly clips last year. Now they're out, but accessories are the biggest thing going on. A lot of major designers are using them in shows," Yono said.

What stylists do agree on is suiting your hair style to your clothing. Whether your party plans include an elegant ball or something a little more revved up, the hair style you choose should complement your outfit.

"The first thing I ask is 'What are you going to wear?' That has a lot to do with how the hair is put up," said Lyle. For spaghetti straps or bare shoulders, he suggests leaving the hair down to frame the face. With a higher collar, putting up the hair offers balance.

For those with medium or long hair lengths who prefer to do their own New Year's Eve style, Willard suggests using big rollers. Let the hair fall and then pick up strands and pin them, she said. Or, just let the strands hang loose. For the holidays she said, "There's no real set style. It's whatever looks good on you."



Decorative up-do: Magnetic rhinestones lend elegance to upswept hair styled at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.



Crystal coif: Holiday hair is easy to style using a jeweled headband from Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
DESIGNER RESALE COLLECTION
Marian's Designer Resale, located in the Ramada Inn on 9 Mile Road near Greenfield in Southfield, presents a special collection of designer and one-of-a-kind evening and after-five apparel for women through Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For additional information, please call (248) 351-9084.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
MILLENNIUM BEAUTY RENEWAL
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy,

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offers Clinique facials and makeovers for the millennium with assistance from a special company representative, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To make an appointment, call (248) 614-3367.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
PARIS BEAUTY PICKS
Get a new look and learn about future trends at Lancome's Paris Picks Trend 2000 makeover event at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy through Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To schedule a

personal appointment, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 466.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

HUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAY
Hudson's presents First Fridays at the DIA, which allows visitors to browse the Detroit Institute of the Arts in the evening and participate in a variety of gallery activities, 4-9 p.m., DIA.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9
PRIORITY BRIDAL REGISTRATION
Hudson's stores at the Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi hold priority bridal registration events. Brides-to-be are able to register before regular store hours and receive special assistance, 9:30 a.m., Gift Registry department. Reservations are required. Please call or stop by your local Hudson's Gift Registry department.

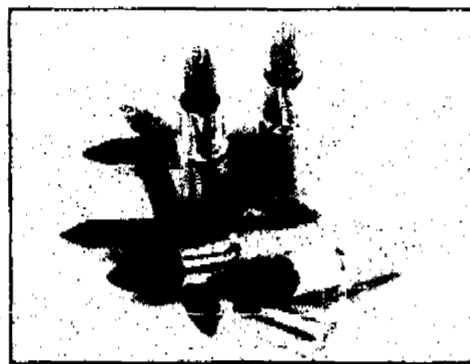
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STUFF WE CRAVE



Midnight ice: Jewelry designer David Yurman commemorates the millennium with a new collection of jewelry, the *Midnight Ice Collection*. The collection features pavé diamonds, black onyx, sterling silver and 18-karat gold, starting at \$925 exclusively at Neiman Marcus.

Spring lips: Beauty retailer L'Occitane will introduce a lip color collection in March 2000. \$13-16 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Tasteful memorabilia: Fitz and Floyd's millennium tapestry plate captures the 20th century with charm and taste. \$500 at Hudson's stores.

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Icons: Celebrate the 20th century with a water globe displaying cultural icons of the time. \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.



WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item, owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A video tape of the movie "Heidi," starring Shirley Temple can be purchased through 800.com, 800-327-5815.
- Decorative decals are sold at Har-Bon Ceramics, (517) 595-2463.
- One He-Man castle and one yogurt maker is available from a reader.
- A cookie press can be purchased at Brookside Hardware in Novi, (248) 349-4485.

Ironstone Crown Ducal pottery from England may be available at the Shanfield Meyers store in Windsor.

An undergarment to wear beneath culottes is available from the Hane's catalog, (800) 300-2600.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- Due to a new phone system, readers were unable to reach the "Where Can You Find" hot line last week. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.
- We're still looking for carpet tiles. Home Depot does not carry them.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A carousel slide projector for Margaret.
- A 1982 Waterford "Partridge in a Pear Tree" ornament for Marsha.
- A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural areas for Tom.
- An original or restored RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn for Andy of Canton.
- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.
- Oneida "Twin Star" silverware by

Betty Crocker for Janet.

A store where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold for Jean.

A set of Ben Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.

A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.

A millennium camera with savings at the bottom for Joanne.

A store or stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo pasta sauce is sold for Alice.

A store where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available for Mary.

A salad dressing called He-Man.

Roquefort cheese for Lee.

A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.

A store where a policeman's uniform for a 3-year-old (size 5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.

The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.

Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampo-

line (formerly available through the Sears Wish Book) for Carol.

An antique, full-size, brass, rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.

A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.

A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bevril for Nora.

A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

A store that sells Benson's fruitcakes for Brenda.

A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.

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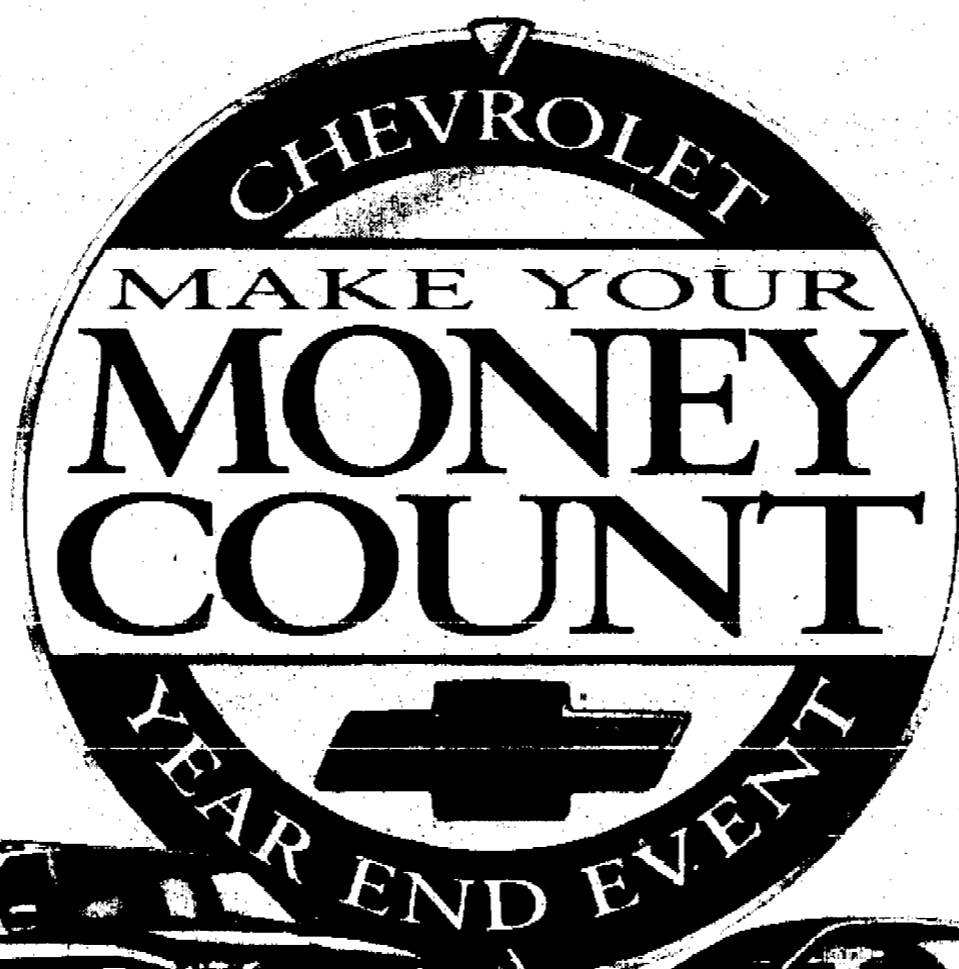
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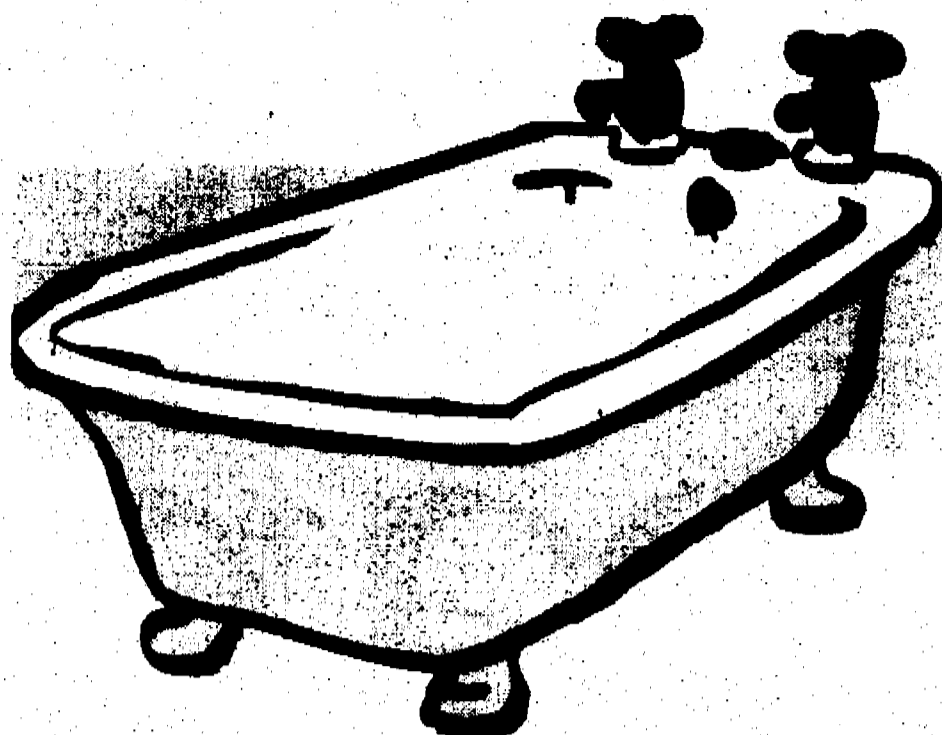
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Fill up the tub. Residents can prepare for Y2K by filling their bathtubs before 10 p.m. Dec. 31 to use the water to flush their toilets. A Detroit Water and Sewerage Department spokesman called the tub fillup a "precautionary measure." The DWSD has spent \$50 million to prepare for Y2K and water department officials say they don't anticipate computer glitches from their end of it and uninterrupted service.

Still, consumers face the possible usual winter storms at this time of year that may create pump problems for Detroit water if power is lost.

"If by some fluke, a storm or power outage occurs, people (who fill their tubs) will have water to flush their toilets," said Dorothy Mann. "We're just telling people to do this as a precautionary measure."

The Red Cross and Federal



Emergency Management Agency have recommended that residents prepare for Y2K and consider incorporating some of the following emergency preparedness guidelines into their family's routine:

- Store one gallon of tap water per person, per day, for cooking, drinking and personal hygiene — enough for a three-day period. Plastic food-grade containers with screw-top lids can be used for pop, milk and orange juice.

- In case of low water pressure, conserve water and limit its use to essential needs until pressure is back to normal.

- If your home or business loses heat, turn off the water where it enters the building at the meter. Drain the pipes to prevent them from bursting.

DWSD officials believe their greatest challenge may be a loss of electrical power. They have provided for backup power service and partnered with other utilities. These efforts will enable the DWSD to maintain at least some water pressure and prevent sewage from backing up into basements.

The water supply system also has limited automatic controls. All systems have manual overrides, officials said. Gates and valves "minimize" the probability of backups, the DWSD said.

Y2K preparedness information can be found on the DWSD website at www.dwsd.org.

Cold weather brings hypothermia danger

Wayne County Health officials are urging residents to listen to weather forecasts and dress appropriately to prevent hypothermia, a condition that begins when the body's core temperature falls below normal.

"Hypothermia can result from several small errors such as taking off a glove, eating snow for thirst or unzipping a jacket," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director for the Wayne County Health Department. "The signs of a hypothermic individual include a pale, puffy face, cold feet, hands and face, listlessness, drowsiness, mental confusion, poor coordination, loss of consciousness and irregular heartbeat."

People who know they will be exposed to cold should take the following precautions:

- Wear several layers of warm, loose clothing, especially headgear.

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Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk

Wayne County Health Department Medical Director

- Wear protective, waterproof and windproof outer garments.

- Keep head and neck covered to help retain body heat.

- Stay dry.

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages.

If you suspect a person is experiencing hypothermia, seek prompt medical attention and then do the following:

- Remove any damp clothes and dress the person in dry clothes or blankets.

- Give the person warm, not hot, liquids to drink.

- Allow the person to warm up gradually in a warm room.

- Give the person a warm, not hot, bath.

The National Institute of

Aging indicates that 28,000 people die from hypothermia each year, with older people making up a big percentage of this number. Normal age-related physical changes, certain medications and some illnesses all increase susceptibility among the elderly to the dangers of cold weather. Others at increased risk are infants, drug or alcohol abusers and the homeless.

"Older people may be less able to shiver effectively, which is one of the ways our bodies heat up," said Dr. Lawrenchuk. "As people age, they may lose their sensation to temperature changes and may not be aware they are in a dangerously cold environment. We're asking people to watch over seniors who may be ill or live alone, especially during winter's coldest times."

For more information on hypothermia, contact the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000.

New law requires full disclosure on local tax increases

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State lawmakers want local governments to make full disclosure of tax increases and bond issues put before voters.

House Bill 4177, sponsored by Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, has won the approval of both the House and Senate — by 107-0 and 36-0 votes respectively — and now awaits the governor's signature.

Specifics of tax proposals are often left out of the language, according to legislative analysts. Local officials, for instance, often do not include in the ballot language the tax rate they are seeking when they ask for voter approval of bond issues on the grounds that fluctuations in the community's state equalized valuation can cause the tax rate to fluctuate, too. As a general obligation bond issue, municipalities are required to set whatever rate is needed to meet the payments on the bond.

HB 4177 requires that an estimated tax rate be included for bond issues, but states that the general obligation bonds will not be affected if the tax rate is calculated in error.

Specifically, the bill requires that municipalities seeking property tax increases include:

- The rate to be authorized.
- Estimated revenue from the increase in the first year.

- Duration of the tax increase in years.
- A statement of purpose for the tax increase.

- A clear statement as to whether the proposal is a renewal or new tax.

When municipalities ask for approval for bond issues, they'll have to include:

- The amount to be borrowed.

- The number of years for which the bonds could be outstanding.

- The purpose of the bond issue.

- An estimated tax rate needed to cover the cost of repayment.

In the case of revenue bonds, the legislation requires municipalities to state the specific source from which those revenues will be derived.

Toy backs diaper tax exemption

State Rep. Laura M. Toy is co-sponsoring legislation providing a sales tax exemption on infant diapers and adult incontinence undergarments.

Toy said the measure will provide much-needed tax relief to all Michigan families.

"The money young families will save could purchase a car seat, stroller or other needed items," said Toy, R-Livonia.

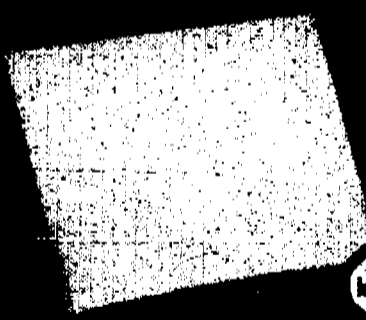
"This legislation will help many young families in Livonia and Redford as well as some of our older residents."

New parents will purchase about 8,000 diapers during their baby's early years.

"With an average cost of approximately 10 cents per disposable diaper, that's a total sales tax of almost \$200 per child," Toy said.

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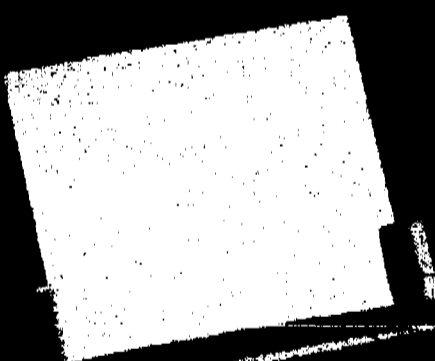
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Honored: Marjane Baker, a teacher at Tonda Elementary School in Canton, and first-grade student Shadi Jammoul receive an award for the school's naturalization project.



Schools, residents cited for Rouge River projects

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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An advisory council overseeing the Rouge River has honored two schools and residents for three projects to enhance or protect the Rouge River.

Tonda Elementary School in Canton received a habitat protection and enhancement honor roll award on Dec. 15 from a subcommittee of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council. Tonda teacher Marjane Baker and first-grader Shadi Jammoul accepted the award for the schools creation of a fish habitat for wildlife and a native habitat on Fellows Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River.

Salem Elementary School in Salem Township was honored for the South Lyon Community Schools Outdoor Environmental Lab project, for students and local residents to experience and learn about Johnson Creek, its floodplain and its relationship to the Rouge River.

Selena Brown of Northville and the city of Northville were honored for their partnership in creating the city's first citizen-initiated "Prairie Park," an all native Michigan, wet prairie of wildflowers and tall grasses in the Middle Rouge River floodplain near Novi and Eight Mile roads.

Bill Craig, a member of

RRAC's habitat and headwaters committee, said the committee looked for effort from individuals and partnership with schools or communities in improving the Rouge River to honor.

"At Tonda, the students removed trash, removed invasive species and planted natural native species," Craig said.

Tonda's 635 students created an outdoor learning laboratory by planting more than 1,000 native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers along a section of stream bank that once contained only turf grass. The project also included bird and bat nesting boxes and a wooden observation deck.

The Tonda project demonstrated protection or enhancement of habitats in the Rouge River watershed, strong partnerships, linked economy, environment and society, and commitment to sustainability, Craig said.

Conference center opens at Metro

DETROIT, Dec. 21 (PRNewswire) - Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport and the Detroit Regional Chamber announced Tuesday the opening of a new conference center to be located at the airport's Smith Terminal.

The state-of-the-art center was built by a partnership of both public and private investors and will be used to spur economic development in the Metro Detroit area.

The Detroit Regional Economic Partnership worked on behalf of economic development organizations from Detroit; the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. It also teamed up

with over 125 private sector investors including: Ford Motor Co., General Motors, Daimler-Chrysler, Northwest Airlines, Detroit Edison, Bank One and Comerica to build the facility.

"What an impressive welcome for visiting business prospects and corporate officials," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "It is appropriate to be opening this center during the holiday season - the spirit of cooperation that went into building this beautiful new facility is a shining example of local leaders working together to give something back to the community."

"Detroit's business and economic development community now has the opportunity to use

this unique setting to show off all that southeastern Michigan has to offer, and to welcome visitors right here at Metro Airport - the gateway to our wonderful and diverse community."

The new airport presentation center will be available to all public and private sector investors, said Richard Blouse Jr., president and CFO of the Detroit Regional Chamber. "State-of-the-art communication technologies, including video and teleconferencing, Internet and fax hook-ups, flat screen televisions, presentation equipment, and fully equipped workstations will be available for partners and guests looking to do business or promote economic development in southeastern Michi-

gan," Blouse said.

In addition to this new conference center, the airport has recently taken on a host of projects to improve passenger comfort, convenience and amenities at Metro. The county and Northwest Airlines are constructing a new \$1.2 billion 74-gate terminal and has plans to remodel the existing Smith and Davey terminals.

Other recent improvements at Wayne County's Metro Airport include a new roomier security checkpoint at Concourse A & B, new restaurants and improved menus at concourse snack stands, more efficient security and tripled arrival curbside access to Northwest flights.

Auto Club says be a friend first, then a host

Holiday partying has begun. What's the most important thing you can do as a host to assure that guests enjoy your soiree?

The Automobile Club of Michigan suggests every party-giver should make it a primary goal to be "First A Friend, Then A Host" by including nonalcoholic options among the beverages served.

To help out, the Auto Club has published its 21st annual Great Pretenders Party Guide. The colorful, 20-page booklet includes 15 prize-winning, alcohol-free recipes for party drinks, and photos of the amateur mixologists who created them. Also in the booklet are party-snack recipes from three of Michigan's

leading chefs.

The booklet provides facts about the dangers of drinking and driving and a review of new legal penalties drunk drivers face in Michigan.

"Parties with family and friends are a great way to celebrate the holiday season," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan's manager of Community Safety Services, "but some people might be tempted to drive after drinking too many alcoholic beverages."

In 1999, 525 people died in Michigan in crashes where alcohol was a factor, and another 12,758 were injured," Basch notes

To focus attention on the danger of drinking and driving, AAA Michigan started the "First A Friend, Then A Host" program in 1978. The Great Pretenders Party Guide is the centerpiece of the program.

The guide includes these tips for being "First A Friend, Then A Host."

- Serve a variety of nonalcoholic beverages, and don't force alcoholic drinks on guests.

- Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation, party games and lots of good food.

- Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available

- Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption.

- Encourage car pooling, and have small gifts for designated drivers.

- Don't let a guest drive who has had too much to drink. Take the keys, call a cab or insist the guest spend the night at your home.

AAA Michigan will distribute more than 65,000 copies of the Great Pretenders Party Guide free. There are available at all AAA Michigan branch offices, or by calling toll free 800-AAA-MICH 222-6424 or by e-mail to pr@aaaamich.com.

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Church founder 'knew how to reach the people'

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The founder of Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church is remembered as a magnetic leader with a dry sense of humor whose work touched the lives of people around the world.

The Rev. Bartlett L. Hess, who continued his ministry after his retirement as Ward's pastor in 1992, died Tuesday of a heart attack at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, which would have been Hess' 89th birthday.

"He was an outstanding spiritual giant and a genius," said the Rev. James McGuire, Ward's pastor, on Thursday. "He was very literate, but could converse with anyone no matter their educational level or their economic level. Everyone could feel at ease in his presence."

Hess' survivors include his wife of 62 years, Margaret, and four children.

His preaching, which stretched over nearly 70 years, was widely known for its power, even among people who weren't members of Ward.

"He knew how to reach the people, and he reached 'em," said Geraldine Joyner, who met Hess in the mid-1970s when they helped establish Livonia's annual prayer breakfast.

"We were very attracted to his style and his sincerity and his knowledge," said Jack Engebretson, Livonia City Council president, adding that Hess was one of his heroes.

Engebretson and his wife, Senie, belonged to a different church but started attending

Ward about 20 years ago after hearing about Hess from friends and neighbors, he said.

McGuire, Joyner and Engebretson all said Hess had a good sense of humor and could laugh at himself.

"He seemed to radiate enthusiasm and he always had a sparkle," Joyner said.

Hess founded Ward in Livonia in 1956 as a branch of the Elizabeth Ward Memorial Church in Detroit, where he was pastor. McGuire said. The church at Six Mile and Farmington Road grew to more than 5,000 members under his leadership. The congregation moved to a new facility

in Northville Township in 1998.

Born in Spokane, Wash., in 1910, Hess had a bachelor's degree from Park College in Missouri and master and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. He earned his master of divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He served at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Chicago from 1935 to 1942 and at Warren Park Presbyterian Church in Cicero, Ill., from 1942 to 1956, when he was assigned to Detroit.

Hess traveled extensively, conducted overseas trips, and was an ambassador for U.S. Presby-

terians in the Philippines, Brazil and Argentina.

In 1981, Hess was one of the founding pastors of a new denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which now has 190 churches and more than 60,000 members.

Following his retirement, he organized Knox Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, where he served until 1996. He continued to preach regularly.

Joyner said Hess was known for an open-minded, ecumenical approach to faith and community.

He and Margaret Hess, who ran a Bible study group at Ward

open to people of all denominations, worked closely together, she said.

In addition to his wife, Hess is survived by two sons, Daniel and John, two daughters, Deborah and Janet, and nine grandchildren.

Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, in the main sanctuary at Ward, 40000 Six Mile, just west of Haggerty. A funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the church.

Burial, at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia, is private.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hess Scholarship Fund at Ward.



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State's economy gets 3 smiles

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced today that Expansion Management magazine's economy experts are giving Michigan across-the-board "smiley faces" for legislative elements they believe critical to a state's business climate health.

The three elements represent the state's business-friendly attitude and include, calculated over a five-year period, the reduction of the percent of total tax revenues collected in both corporate and individual income tax categories and the reduction of the percent of expenditures for interest payments on debt. Michigan was the only state to receive the "three-smile" rating.

"Making changes legislatively is crucial to building a healthy, sustainable business climate," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "It ensures long-term solutions for doing business in Michigan, not just short-term fixes. It's great that Michigan is getting attention for doing it well."

Along with the legislative rating, the experts also put Michigan at the top of all the Midwestern states in regards to overall business climate. The ranking takes into account many determining factors, like the state's tax structure, spending, labor laws and debt load.

Demand for electricity sets new records

DETROIT, Dec. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Detroit Edison customers Thursday demanded a record amount of electricity for the second time this winter. The winter-record demand is attributed to the continuing economic boom in Southeastern Michigan and increased use of holiday lighting by homeowners and businesses.

The record, 7,987 megawatts (MW) of electric demand, was reached for the hour ending at 7 p.m. yesterday, surpassing the previous winter peak of 7,857 MW set on Nov. 30 of this year.

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Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an all-sparkling wine dinner.

Bubbly styles

Sparklers labeled Blancs de Blancs are almost always 100 percent chardonnay. They are delicate and dry. It is traditional to match them with oysters, smoked salmon, caviar or paté. They pair with soft cheeses, such as brie, goat cheese and gorgonzola.

Non-vintage (NV) brut represents a producer's style. They are generally blends of chardonnay and pinot noir. Vintage-dated brut represents the characteristics of a particular year, and are generally only made in top vintages. Both take to salty foods, such as nuts, thin slices of Parmegiano-Reggiano cheese, prosciutto or freshly-popped popcorn (no kidding).

A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

A Blanc de Noirs is made from pinot noir and takes to any dish with mushrooms. It's also excellent with game birds or poached salmon. For dessert or ushering in the millennium in a special way, serve it with chocolate-dipped strawberries and amaze your guests.

A Brut Rosé and rack of lamb is sensational. Try it with steak or Mediterranean cuisine, including grilled tuna with a tomato, olive oil and garlic sauce, duck or venison.

A bubbly dubbed tete-de-cuvée is the top wine in that brand.

Champagne or sparkling wine, in a 1.5L bottle, also called a magnum, has the best taste. No one really knows why, but it's true. Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium bottles (both 1994 and 1996 vintage) are available in magnum at \$53. The bottle has been dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened onto the front. Good looks and great taste. Domaine Carneros is owned by Taittinger Champagne of France.

Marketing surveys indicate that more than half the people who have never drunk champagne before will this New Year's Eve, and nearly all people who have celebrated with champagne before will make a choice that is higher in price than their usual selection.

Here are our favorite bubbly baubles for your champagne glass:

Blanc de Blancs

- 1993 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$69
- 1993 Domaine Carneros Le Reve \$50
- 1991 Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs \$30
- 1996 Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs \$28.50

Non-vintage Brut

- Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42
- Champagne Deutz Brut Classic \$38
- Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32
- Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut \$19

Vintage Brut

- 1998 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70 (made only in years of exceptional quality such as 1979 and 1985, then 1988)
- 1992 Schramsberg J. Schram \$65 (tete-de-cuvée)
- 1991 Iron Horse Brut 1.D \$60

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Festive sips: At the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest in Southfield, contestants prepared their holiday alcohol-free drinks for the judges to taste. Pictured (left to right) are Dorothy Dandridge Delight, James Galway's Flute, Uncle Milt's Miami Beach Malt, Savory Sinatra Sizzler, and Kirk Chocolate Maltby.

'Stars of the Century' this year's theme of Zero-Proof Mix-Off

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Thick and creamy, with just a hint of almond, Kirk Chocolate Maltby - named for the Detroit Red Wing hockey player, will help you achieve your goal of serving tasty, but alcohol-free, drinks on New Year's Eve.

Created by Margie Thomas of New Hudson, the drink was judged number one by me and two other judges in a Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan on Oct. 7 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield's Town Center.



Cheers: The judges, Keely Wygonik (left to right), James Schultz, and Sgt. Michael Mellec, click glasses to toast the holidays and sample Savory Sinatra Sizzler, one of the drinks entered in the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest at the Westin Hotel in Southfield.

Joining me at the judge's table were James Schultz, administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Center, and Sgt. Michael Mellec of the Southfield Police Department.

The Southfield contest was one of three. The others were in Petoskey and Grand Rapids. Five finalists, selected from entries from all over the state, were chosen to mix their drinks in person at each of the three Zero-Proof Mix-Offs.

Three local community leaders tasted the drinks at each mix off and picked their favorites. The winner in each contest received \$500 and the Golden Stirrer Award plaque. Runner-ups were awarded a ski or golf weekend for two at a Shanty Creek Resort, plus \$50. Honorable mentions each received \$50.

This year's theme was "Stars of the Century." In addition to Thomas, the finalists at the Southfield Zero-Proof Mix-Off included Victor Garske of Birmingham, Darryl James of Southfield, Camille Barr of Harper Woods and Renee Reeves of Milford.

Garske was named a runner-up for his James Galway's Flute, a flavorful blend of raspberry and lemon sorbet, lemonade and sparkling raspberry juice.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Barr for her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, James who created an exotic drink he named Dorothy Dandridge Delight after one of the first African-American women to achieve stardom in Hollywood, and Reeves for Uncle Milt's Miami Beach Maltby named after comedian Milton Berle.

As the finalists prepared their drink, they described the ingredi-



First-place winner: Margie Thomas garnishes her Golden Stirrer Award-winning drink, Kirk Chocolate Maltby, named after the Detroit Red Wing Hockey player.



Runner-up: Victor Garske of Birmingham pours raspberry lemonade into "flutes" to make his special drink, James Galway's Flute, at the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.



Honorable mention: Darryl James of Southfield measures Ribenea, a black currant juice drink mix, as he prepares Dorothy Dandridge Delight, an exotic drink named after an actress.

ents and explained how they created it.

We were told to rate the recipes based on appearance, taste and creativity of the name (each recipe was to be named after a famous entertainer or sports celebrity).

Taste was the most important factor, but the drink also had to look nice and be easy to make.

As James created his drink, he explained that because he thought Dorothy Dandridge was beautiful and exotic, he chose really interesting ingredients including Ribenea, a concentrated black currant juice

drink mix, and aqualibra, a sparkling fruit and herbal drink.

Garske said his James Galway's Flute can be prepared in any kind of glass and describes it as being "cool and refreshing," just like the music James Galway plays on the flute.

"As she created her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, Barr played some of Frank Sinatra's music. Because "Sinatra did everything with a passion," one of the ingredients in her drink is Old Orchard Apple Passion

Please see PRETENDERS, B2

Gala brings families together for food, fun

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Take eight couples, 21 kids, and two days, and what do you get? The ingredients for a memorable new year celebration.

Lisa Rahn and Tina Forsberg of Beverly Hills began organizing a New Year's Gala four years ago to provide themselves and their children a fun, wholesome and safe way to end one year and begin the next.

The group divides up between two houses for dinner, which is traditionally lasagna.

"When I say divide up, I really mean divide," said Rahn. "One spouse goes to one house, the other to the second. Children from one family are also divided between the two houses. This way the guests mingle with others instead of with their own families."

"But this is only a temporary separation, only for dinner. At 10 p.m. we all end up at one of the houses for dessert and our New Year's Eve party. All the families help provide the food for the dinner and the party afterward."

Their celebration follows a traditional mode with hats and nonseamakers packed away each year for the next year. For the midnight hour, adults are served champagne.

The children are served grape juice.

"Sometimes we have everyone write down and bring their best memory of the past year to share with the other guests. This year, in keeping with the new millennium theme, we're going to bring written thoughts and items for a time capsule. We just haven't decided where we're going to bury it," said Rahn.

The group's celebration doesn't end at midnight. Fathers rise early on New Year's Day to prepare breakfast at still another house. Spouses and children arrive later for an abundant first meal of the year. Then the wives go to a movie, while their husbands and kids watch football games on TV.

"We rejoin our husbands and kids for the Rose Bowl Game, and for more food and togetherness," said Rahn. According to Rahn, their annual celebration is full of friendship, food and fun. "And what can be better than that?"

TRADITIONAL FAMILY LASAGNA

vegetable or sauce

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion, grated, sautéed
- 1 table-spoon bay leaves
- 2 table-spoons tomato paste

1 (16 ounce) can crushed tomatoes

2 (6 ounce) cans tomato paste

2 eggs

3 cups cream-style cottage cheese

1 (2 cup) grated Parmesan cheese

2 table-spoons parsley, flakes

1 (2 table-spoon) bay leaves

1 pound mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked with sauce

Spray a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with vegetable oil. Brown meat in skillet over medium heat, drain excess grease. Add next five ingredients. Simmer uncovered for 20-30 minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally.

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients, except cheese and parsley.

Layer half the noodle on bottom of pan. Add sauce and egg mixture, half the cheese and parsley. Top with half the mozzarella cheese.

Repeat layers. Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving. Serves 12-15.

Recipe courtesy of Lisa Rahn

Toast 2000 with alcohol-free drinks

See related story on Taste front.

KIRK CHOCOLATE MALTY

- 1 1/2 cups vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream
- 2 cups skim milk
- 5 tablespoons chocolate malted milk powder
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- Whipped cream
- Shaved chocolate

Mix ingredients in a blender until smooth.
Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

Serve in a daiquiri glass with a straw. Makes three 8-ounce servings.

Recipe compliments of Margie Thomas of New Hudson, Golden Stirrer Award Winner, AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off Contest held at the West-in Hotel in Southfield on Oct. 7.

JAMES GALWAY'S FLUTE

- 1 pint Haagen-Daz raspberry sorbet
- 1 pint Haagen-Daz lemon sorbet
- 1 cup Minute Maid raspberry lemonade
- 1 bottle St. Julian raspberry sparkling cider/juice

Using a 1-inch or 1 1/2-inch ice cream scoop, place one scoop of lemon sorbet in the bottom of a champagne flute.

Top that with one scoop of raspberry sorbet.

Four in 1/4 cup of raspberry lemonade, then fill the flute with the sparkling cider/juice.

Makes 4 servings.
Recipe compliments of Victor Garske of Birmingham, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE DELIGHT

- 1 1/2 ounces Ribena concentrated black currant juice drink mix
- 1 ounce Rose's lime juice
- 1 1/2 ounces Original Aqualibra sparkling fruit and herbal drink
- 3 or 4 ice cubes
- Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink
- Lime slice

Stir first four ingredients well in a tall Collins glass with a long muddling spoon.

Top with Brazilia drink. Stir well again. Garnish with lime slice.

Makes 1 serving
Recipe compliments of Darryl



James of Southfield, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

Note: Ribena, Aqualibra and Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink are available at Merchant's Fine Wine and other specialty stores.

SAVORY SINATRA SIZZLER

- 3 cups Old Orchard Apple Passion mango juice
- 1 cup club soda
- 3 scoops Edy's peach sorbet
- 2 apricots (OK to use canned

apricots)
Pineapple slices

In a blender, mix juice, soda, sorbet and apricots, in that order. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour into two 8-ounce dessert glass. Garnish with pineapple slices.

Makes 2 servings.
Recipe compliments of Camille Baar, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.



Milty's Malt: Renee Reeves of Milford adds ice cream to her blender to make Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malt, a drink named after comedian Milton Berle.

UNCLE MILTY'S MIAMI BEACH MALTY

- 2 scoops French vanilla ice cream
- 1 banana, sliced
- 2 ounces cream of coconut
- 16 ounces lemon-lime soda, chilled
- 1 tablespoons malted milk powder, or to taste
- 1 ounce Santa's White Christmas flavoring syrup (or almond syrup)
- Splash of Rose's lime juice

(optional)
Garnishes: Whipped cream, sweetened coconut sprinkles, almond sprinkles, star fruit slices

Combine ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Pour into three 10-ounce glasses and garnish with whipped cream, sprinkles of sweetened coconut and almonds and slices of star fruit. Makes 3 servings.

Recipe compliments of Renee Reeves of Milford, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

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(seven years on the yeast in the bottle before disgorging; tete-de-cuvée)

- 1990 Piper-Heidsieck Brut Vintage \$50
- 1993 Champagne Deutz Brut \$48
- 1993 Roederer Estate Anderson Valley L'Ermitage \$38 (tete-de-cuvée)
- 1994 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut \$24
- 1994 Iron Horse Russian

Cuvée \$25 (creamier than the Classic Vintage; also suitable as a dessert pour)

- Blanc de Noirs
- 1993 Schramsberg Reserve \$47
- 1996 Iron Horse Wedding Cuvée \$30
- 1995 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs \$28.50
- Brut Rosé
- 1993 Champagne Deutz Brut Rosé \$52

Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$40

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Out with the old, in with the new year

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Will you be cooking or going out on New Year's Eve? Most of us will be staying home, enjoying the passing of the old year, and welcoming the new, with family and friends.

My husband, David, and I will share cooking responsibilities. He likes steak, I like seafood. On New Year's Eve we each eat what we like, count our blessings, and make goals for the new year.

Just before midnight, I'll hurry, like I always do, to open all of the doors of our house to let out the old year, and let in the new. Some of our neighbors think we're crazy, but I insist on pounding on pots and pans with a wooden spoon at midnight, just like I did when I was a kid.

This year almost everyone you talk to admits to being a little nervous about the new year. Are you worried about Y2K? Just in case, I stocked up on bottled water, firewood, and canned goods. Our barbecue tanks are filled with propane, and this summer's power outages were a good dress rehearsal. We have extra candles, and flashlights that really work. I hope we don't need them, but just in case, we're ready.

Sylvia Traitman, home economist for the MSU extension of Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline, said water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade containers.

Allow at least two quarts of water for drinking and two

quarts for food preparation and hygiene. Therefore, a total of one gallon per person per day is recommended for storage.

As we bid farewell to 1999, and welcome 2000, here are some things to ponder:

■ The next time you take your vitamins, toast Casimir Funk, a chemist from Poland, who coined the term "vitamin," in 1914.

■ "One hundred years ago, people sitting down to a meal were simply looking for something hot, filling and, in most cases, inexpensive," said Melanie Polk, a registered dietitian and director of Nutrition Education at the American Institute for Cancer Research. "The notion of a 'balanced diet' was still quite abstract."

■ In the 1940s and 50s, as women began to enter the workplace in large numbers, time for food preparation became more limited. Products like Bisquick, Spam, instant oatmeal, canned tomato sauce and pre-sliced American cheese began to appear. Frozen dinners and fast food chains came on the American food scene.

"The focus was on quick, simple meals," said Polk. "At mid-century, ease of preparation was still paramount. It wasn't until the '60s and '70s, when nutritional research really began to gain the nation's attention, that food manufacturers started to offer options that were both quick and health-conscious."

In the 1980s and 1990s everyone got health conscious, and started eating low-fat this and no-fat that. New rules about nutrition labeling set standards for what can officially be termed low-fat.

What will the new year and millennium bring? Current studies show we're starting to eat more beef reversing a trend that began in 1970 when per capita chicken consumption increased 39 percent while beef consumption dropped 19 percent.

Blame it on all those high protein diets. We're eating more eggs too.

How about you? Have you made any new year's resolutions to eat healthier foods?

If you want some inspiration, circle 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, on your calendar. Sandra Dalka-Prysky, of Beverly Hills, will explain how she lost 170 pounds "Slow But Sure," at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham.

Prysky wrote a book about her experiences, "Slow But Sure. How I lost 170 pounds with the help of God, Family Circle Magazine and Richard Simmons." She'll be discussing her book, and the challenges she faced on her journey to lose weight, and keep it off on Jan. 10. The program will include a reading and book signing. Call (248) 647-1700.

I met Prysky in 1993 when she weighed 325 pounds. She said she wanted to start writing for a newspaper again, and to lose weight, a lot of weight. Over the years, Sandy and I have become friends. Her articles have appeared on the pages of Taste and Entertainment. In fact, there's one today. See recipe to share.

Sandy's an inspiration, and a good writer too. She's proof of the old adage — "If you think you can, you can."

Happy New Year

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mango juice. Reeves wore a straw hat as she prepared Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malt, a fruity tropical blend of vanilla ice cream, banana, coconut, lime juice and lemon-lime soda. "It's an easy, breezy drink," she said. "I think it will appeal to everyone in the family. It's smooth and refreshing, with or without ice cream."

As the contestants mixed their drinks, the judges and I toasted each one for his creativity and delicious taste. We could pick only one winner, and Thomas' Kirk Chocolate Malt — ice cream blended with malted milk powder or syrup, almond extract, topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate — was our favorite hands-down.

Now in its 21st year, the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest is part of

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- Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation, party games and lots of good food.
- Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.
- Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption.
- Encourage car pooling, and have small gifts for designated drivers.

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Floating fruit salad bright with berries

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Fruit salad was the consolation prize of desserts when I was growing up. My mother's bowl of diced fresh fruit - hard cubes of apple and pear, slices of sometimes unripe banana and tart orange, punctuated by green grapes and red grapes with pits - provided something vaguely sweet at the end of the meal. It was better than no dessert, but barely.

As a teenager, I encountered somewhat more interesting versions of fruit salad when I began to explore New York City, where I grew up. French restaurants then, in the 1960s, served Macedoine, a mixture of fresh fruit splashed with liqueur. Although no sweeter than my mother's

fruit salad, it provided my first experience with getting a bit tipsy. Some Chinese restaurants served blocks of a milky white, almond-flavored gelatin floating with canned fruit salad in lots of the cloyingly sweet canned syrup. Nicely presented in a footed dessert dish, the fruit was mushy, but the almond part was great.

The moment when I realized fruit salad could be exciting came in Paris at a three-star restaurant. It was 1981 and Nouvelle Cuisine was at its height.

When the Fruit Soupe Exotique, part of the prix-fixe menu, arrived, it was a melange of fresh lychee, kiwi, and pineapple, sliced paper-thin, plus wisps and dots of passion fruit, all swimming in a glass bowl. The

FLOATING FRUIT SALAD

- 2 cups sugar
- 6 strips lemon zest, each 2 inches by 1/2-inch
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns
- 1 kiwi, peeled
- 1 star fruit
- 1/2 medium banana
- 1 medium peach, halved
- 1/2 Fuji apple
- 1/2 bosc pear
- 2 passion fruit, or 2 rings fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries, or frozen, thawed
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds (optional)
- Fresh mint for garnish

Place the sugar in a large pot. Add 5 1/2 cups water. Add the lemon zest and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 5 minutes.

Steep the syrup until it cools to room temperature. Pour the syrup through a strainer into a large glass or other serving bowl. Reserve 3 strips of the lemon zest. Discard the other solids. Cut the zest crosswise into the thinnest possible strips. Add

them to the syrup.

Cut the fruit as follows and add it to the bowl of liquid: Slice the kiwi crosswise as thinly as possible. Cut the ends off the star fruit. Standing it on one end, vertically cut the hard outer tip off each point. Lay the fruit down, and cut it crosswise into thin stars. Slice the banana as thinly as possible.

Cut the peach halves crosswise into thin slices. Stack the slices and cut them in half crosswise. With a melon baller, scoop out the core of the apple. Slice it like the peach. Cut the neck off the pear and discard. Core with the melon baller, and slice it like the apple.

Cut the passion fruits in half. Scoop out the flesh and seeds, adding them to the bowl. Or, thinly slice the pineapple rings vertically, making tiny wedges. Add the raspberries and pomegranate seeds to the bowl. Cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 6 hours.

To serve, ladle 3/4 cup of the fruit and liquid into large wine glasses or clear glass bowls. Garnish each with a spring of fresh mint.

Nutrition information: Each of the eight servings contains 243 calories, and less than one gram of fat.

liquid, a light, barely sweet syrup, was a procession of unexpected flavors. They rolled intriguingly from vanilla to hints of fresh mint and lemongrass, followed by the aromatic lingering of lime zest. Light as a tropical breeze, this new fruit salad, beautiful and full of surprises, was as satisfying to me as the most voluptuous chocolate dessert.

Since then, I have created at

least a half dozen variations, each tuned to the season and the occasion, like this one, bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Holiday surprise: Bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars, Floating Fruit Salad is a tasty way to serve fruit.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Corsi's Banquet Center - Family New Year's Eve celebration served buffet style 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Features homemade lasagna, roasted chicken and beef, potatoes, vegetables, two soups, pizza, salad and dessert bar. Beverages, tax and tip not included. The cost is \$10 adults, \$9.75 senior citizens, \$5.50 children under age 10. Reservations a must. Corsi's is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, between Inkster and

Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

Chicken soup contest - Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, noon Friday, Feb. 25. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. First prize is a feature segment on Keith Pamie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield, third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Irish to gather for music, dance

Every year around Christmas time, Mick Gavin revives a tradition borrowed from his native Ireland. Before immigrating to America in 1974, the Redford fiddler and his neighbors used to gather to play music and dance. The evening began with "gambling dens" where revelers would vie to win two turkeys, two chickens, a pig or a lamb.

While party-goers won't be able to win Sunday dinner at "Crossroads Ceilidh" Wednesday, Dec. 29, at The Ark in Ann Arbor, they will be able to watch world-class step-dancers from Riverdance, hear award-winning musicians, and maybe even kick up their heels a little while listening to traditional Irish and Scottish jigs and reels.

"It's just a gathering that was the social activity in the farming area," said Gavin.

"I remember at age 8 or 9 in the 1940s, going with my father in a horse and buggy. After the gamble was over, local guys would take out their fiddles. They would clear the kitchen to play then clear the floor for set dancing."

Four years ago Gavin brought the idea of an Irish gathering to David Siglin at The Ark. This year, Gavin's lined up Plymouth dancers Paul Cusick and Michael Belvitch, and Pat Quinn of Battle Creek. All three went on to perform with Riverdance after studies at the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland.

Nick Gariess, who's performed at Wheatland and other folk festivals throughout Michigan, also will dance.

Family affair

Gavin and his sons Michael and Sean will play as well. Sean finished second in the All-Ireland Championship's Grupai Ceol (group music) division in August in the town of Ennisceorthy in Wexford County, Ireland. A flutist and student at U of D Jesuit High School, Sean will join three of the original group members - Jeremy Kittle, Colleen Burke and Colleen Shanks - to play their winning number. The fifth member, Tyler Duncan, remained in Ireland to study uilleann pipes.

"We're going to celebrate the end of the century with an Irish bash," said Gavin, who plays 7 p.m. Sundays at Connor O'Neill's Irish Pub in Ann Arbor. "The highlight is these kids from Riverdance."

Seasoned Riverdancer

Paul Cusick's seen a lot of the world since he danced at last year's Ceilidh. Since August, he's performed with Riverdance in Cologne, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Zurich, Rotterdam, Vienna and Prague.

Cusick arrives home from Germany just in time for the Ceilidh then



World champion: Michael Belvitch kicks up his heels at a gathering to celebrate traditional music and dance at The Ark.

The Best of '99

An entertaining year that pushed aesthetic boundaries, celebrated diversity

Another "Best of" list? Well, yeah. But this one is different. Decidedly different.

This list makes no pretentious proclamations. We tried, but couldn't come up with any.

Admittedly, the following list is a year-end, highly unscientific sampling of what several staff writers deemed to be interesting.

In other words, here are our opinions.

Best Installation of Permanent Gallery: The DIA's modern galleries, featuring interactive kiosks and a fascinating overview of works from Picasso to Rauschenberg. (Finally, modern art with a decidedly contemporary presentation.)

Best Artist Unbound By Preconceptions: Gerhardt Knodel whose "Skywalking" exhibit at the Sybaris Gallery went beyond the expected display of textiles, and investigated space, motion and light.

Best Improv: Nancy Hayden, first-year director of Oakland County's Arts, Culture & Film office. Hayden, former member of "Second City," showed that a passion for the arts can compensate for a lack of bureaucratic background.

Best Spectacle That Wouldn't Go Away: The Three Tenors extravaganza before, during and after their Tigers' Stadium concert in mid July. (Concert received raves. Egos barely fit into the old ball yard.)

Best Spectacle That Went Away: Installation artist Jef Bourgeois' "shock art" exhibit that closed one day after it opened because the material was deemed inappropriate.

Best Musical Documentary Exhibit: "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. (Gospel, Blues, Jazz and Motown all under one roof.)

Best Fans: The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts for their ongoing support in raising funds and awareness about the local arts scene.

Best Weird Exhibit: "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science" at Cranbrook Art Museum. Where do you draw the line between a frog in formaldehyde and installation art?

Best Photography Exhibits: "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks" and "Walker Evans: Simple Secrets" at the DIA.

Best Museum Exhibits: "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA and "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ire-

Best photos: Gordon Parks' retrospective at the DIA was one of the most compelling exhibits of the year

Best Mystical Exhibit: "In the Garden," new works by Ed Fraga at the Lemberg Gallery.

Best Local Exhibit: Robert Wilbert's new paintings at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery. A master painter at the top of his art.

Best Import Exhibit: "A New Russian Realism," the works of Natalya Nesterova, Vasily Shulzhenko and Sergei Shershiuk at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Best Exhibits With A Conscience: "Diversity: Victims and Survivors," Richard Kozlow's paintings with selected interviews from the Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Paintings from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series at The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City.

Best "Out-of-this-World" Exhibit: Artrain USA's "Artistry of Space," works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Museum.

Best Use of Limited Resources in Theater: The Heartlands Theatre



Contributors: A. Alfred Taubman (left), architect Michael Graves, Nettie Seabrooks from the City of Detroit, Richard Manooogian and Maurice Parrish of the DIA at the April announcement of the kickoff of the museum's capital campaign.

land" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Best Father & Son Team: Joe Dobbins, Sr. and Joe Dobbins, Jr., whose work was exhibited during African-American History Month at Umoja Fine Arts in Southfield.

Best Team In Planning an Event: (1.) Janet Torno and the staff at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; (2.) Jonathan Witz and staff who organized "Arts, Beats & Eats"; (3.) Jewish Book Fair staff of Amy Brode, Carrie Kushner, Sylvia Gullib and Andi Wolfe.

Best Alternative Exhibit Space: Detroit Contemporary in Detroit, which opened in early March.



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Company led by founder Jan Radcliff of Birmingham. Heartlands conducts a 12-hour playstthon, a new plays program and seminars for actors.

Best Everyman Artist: Sculptor Joseph Wesner, whose bronze sculpture exhibit at Hill Gallery in April gave a new perspective to the metaphor of the mind.

Best Debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble for their New York City debut in mid June at the Dance Theatre Workshop.

Best Left Undeputed: Andrea



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Bocelli's tepid performance in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Werther."

Best Biggest Donation: Josephine Ford, Richard Manooogian and A. Alfred Taubman's lump sum \$50-million donation to launch the DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign.

Best Memorable Donation: Bernard and Marilyn Pincus of Bloomfield Hills donation of \$6 million to the DSO in the name of their late son, Jacob Bernard Pincus.

Best Book By An Inspired Father: Tim Smith, a reporter for the Farmington Observer. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, who was born 15 weeks premature, inspired his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Premature Babies."

Best Photography Books: Ted Nelson's "The Nature of Kensington" and Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick's "Stranger in the Woods."

Best Music Festival: Great Lakes

Best Import: "A New Russian Realism" at Meadow Brook Art Gallery featured the works by three contemporary Russian painters.

Chamber Music Festival: held in mid June.

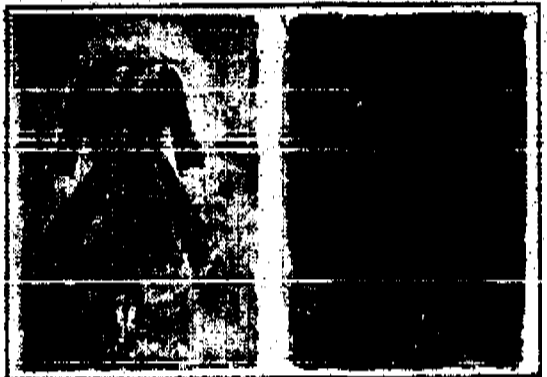
Best Free Jazz Festivals: Michigan Jazz Festival at Schookcraft College and Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Hart Plaza.

Best Musical Series: University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

Best Friend: Frank D. Stella. He's



Best Museum Exhibits: "Bookshop: Hebrew Books, Holy Days Book" was featured in "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA.



Best Museum Exhibits: Alice Maher's "Irish Dancers" is in the exhibit, "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ireland," at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

on nearly every list of donors and cultural supporters. In June, his friends got together to pay him homage. They had to rent a ballroom at Cobo Center. And they could've sold tickets to fill the Silverdome.

Best Writers Retreat: Cranbrook Retreat for Writers, held in early July. The retreat includes workshops, lectures and readings.

Best Outdoor Arts & Music Festival: "Arts, Beats & Eats" in downtown Pontiac.

Best Gutsy Exhibit at an Art Center: "Body & Soul," curated by John Cynar at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Best Outdoor Art Show (without booths): "No Booth Art Fair" in Rochester Hills, the brainchild of go-itir-own-way artists Peter Hackett and friends.

Best Art Created on-Site: Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Best Secret Unveiled: The newly constructed Seligman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day. The center offers 700 seats, an acoustical gem, and possibly a venue for local professional performing groups.

Best Book Fair: Jewish Book Fair held in early November.

Best Belly Laughs: "Flanagan's

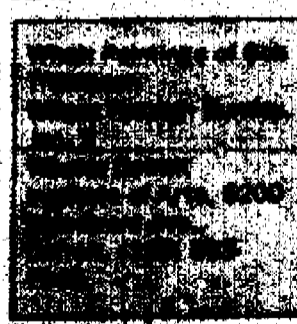
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EXHIBIT

Lyrical painter creates swirling imagery with explosive palette

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There's an all-too-familiar mystique and tragic sense of irony surrounding Bob Thompson's paintings, currently on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.



In the expansive examination of Thompson's work from the late 1950s to his death in 1968, one theme is particularly strong: Thompson saw painting as a means to an unbridled freedom, both of expression, and perhaps as a path that led beyond the volatile politics of the day.

He may have also been a realist. While there is a strong utopian sensibility in his compositions, many of his earlier works are also imbued with a sense of despair as gray specters haunt the edges of the canvas.

Whiffs Thompson, an African American, painted during the time when pop art, abstractionism and ethnocentric art had gained a stranglehold on most artists, his landscapes defy easy classification.



Vivid: The allegorical images of Bob Thompson contain a distinctive personal iconography.

Thompson's choice and contrasts of colors has the floating, unpredictable lyrical quality of an improvisational jazz quartet. And in many ways, his paint-

ings have the feel of a works-in-progress. Some art historians might draw parallels with the swirling organic figures of Matisse and the similar tone found in Gauguin's Christian iconography.

Yet clearly, Thompson's work is not derivative. That was perhaps the compelling reason the Whitney Museum had planned a major exhibit of his work. When a new museum director took over last year, however, the Thompson's exhibit was cast aside.

It took Maryanne Wilkinson, curator of modern art at the DIA, nine months to add pieces to the exhibit assembled by the Whitney. She added about one-quarter of the show from works owned by local collectors, including Richard Manooogian and Mike Hlitch.

In the early 1960s, the former Donald Morris Gallery exhibited Thompson's work. "This is an important show for Detroit," said Wilkinson, who noted that the area boasts one of the largest number of collectors of African American art in the country.

"I hope the exhibit inspires new scholarship," she said. "While Thompson was inspired by what was happening around him, he wasn't involved in racial

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leaves Jan. 22 for a Scandinavian tour with the acclaimed dance troupe -- not bad for a 19 year old who graduated from Catholic Central High School in June.

"The music is absolutely amazing," said Cusick, who in 1997 was the first American male ever to win the All-Ireland Championship. He won the World Championship in 1998. "I danced last year at the Celidh and had the greatest time! It's a fun place."

On his way

Michael Belvitch began performing with Riverdance in July. He's one of the "flying squad" reserves who fill in for full-time dancers. A 4.0 student at Plymouth Salem High School, Belvitch plans to join Riverdance full-time after graduating in June. Although he's been accepted to the University of Michigan and Notre Dame, Belvitch is

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deferring college for a year to tour with one of the three Riverdance troupes.

"It's been a lot of fun but a long road getting there," said Belvitch, who's taught dance at the O'Hare School in Westland as well as in Chicago, Akron and Anchorage. "I auditioned 1-1/2 years ago in Orlando then took workshops in February and July in Chicago and Toronto. It's pretty intense training and then you have to survive a three-week try-out on stage."

Since then, Belvitch has performed with Riverdance in Portland, Detroit, Boise, Palm

Springs and Edmonton, Alberta. Belvitch said he loves seeing new sights and meeting new people as well as spending time with Riverdance cast members who are mostly from Ireland and England.

"The first time you walk out and see a theater of faces looking back is nerve-wracking," said Belvitch. "I get comfortable the more I go out."

Belvitch began taking classes at age 8 after watching dancers from the O'Hare School perform at the Plymouth Fall Festival. His teacher, Tim O'Hare, a two-time world champion, has been

his role model since Belvitch began studying with him at the O'Hare School.

"I liked dancing right from the start," said Belvitch, who made his first visit to Ireland in 1994 when he was in sixth grade. "I liked learning new steps and routines and winning medals."

Belvitch considers himself extremely competitive in whatever he does, whether it's dancing or swimming with Plymouth Salem's team. Belvitch, 17, won the World Championship in the junior men's division in Ennis, Ireland for the last two years. In February, he returned to Ireland and won the All-Ireland Championship.

"I don't do things just for the sake of doing it," said Belvitch.

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Wake" at Baci Theatre in Pontiac. Jeff Daniel's comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

Best Religious Revival at a Concert: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, who led a night of rock and roll worship at the Palace.

Best Concert Under-attended: Poi Dog Pondering at St. Andrew's Hall.

Best Chance to Rush Main Floor: Family Values Tour 1999 -- featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter and Crystal Method -- spurred a rush of fans from the nosebleed section down to the already-over-

crowded floor at The Palace.

Best Band to Become Household Name: The Push Stars, an alterna-pop sensation on the verge from Boston and Train, who showed listeners what a return to really good music sounds like with its first single "Meet Virginia."

Best Under-Used Venue: 7th House in downtown Pontiac, complete with quaint tables and balcony seats, all in an unassuming locale.

Best Homecoming Performance for Local Actress: Southfield native Erin Dilly's portrayal of leading lady

Bertrande in the musical love triangle "Martin Guerre" at the Fisher Theatre.

Best Attempt to Bring Live, Local Music Back to the Suburbs: The Alley, inside Rochester's Mainstreet Billiards, known for scheduling top-notch local acts in '99.

Best Punk Rock Band: The Demolition Doll Rods, Oakland County's answer to a stripped-down punk revival. The band was picked up by Matador Records last Spring.

Best Encore: Fans down in a sea of silver ticker tape at the encore of the Hoie show at the

State Theatre in Detroit in May. (And Courtney Love didn't even threaten to walk off stage once.)

Public Service Awards: The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan and Art-Serve Michigan for funding and coordinating an unprecedented analysis of audiences for cultural events in southeastern Michigan.

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politics. For the most part, his figures are faceless and multi-colored.

Using a self-styled pictorial vocabulary of birds, utopian garden settings and references to paintings by the great masters, Thompson offers the type of originality and fertility that transcends any stylistic trend.

Unfortunately, when Thompson died of sclerosis of the liver, he was only beginning to distill both the narrative quality and vivid coloration in his work.

Sadly, Thompson, too, suffered from the disease of self-indulgence that took away some of the other 1960s cultural icons. At 29, Thompson left a trove of paintings, most of which are oils on canvas. Over a seven-year creative output it's estimated that Thompson finished 1,000 paintings.

Like the decade when his work began to mature, Thompson's allegorical imagery swirls with the self-indulgence and rage of the 1960s avant-garde and

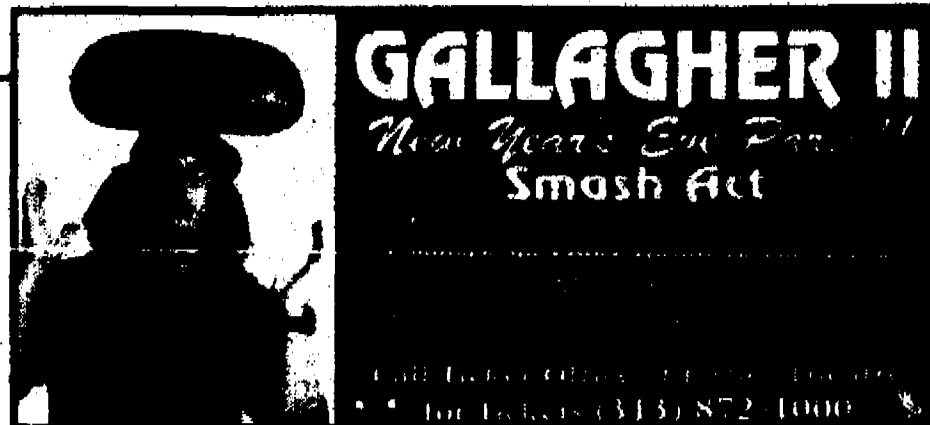
counter-culture.

But it's probably an exaggeration to claim that his work should be reconsidered alongside the great painters of the last half of the 20th century.

Yet there's no denying that toward the end of his life, Thompson's work was growing in sophistication and vibrancy. So, too, must have been his inability to control his vices.

In the end, Thompson died far too young. Perhaps that's why his work and career can be

summed up with the same words used to describe those other artists who died before their time: Thompson, too, shares the legacy of being a "great maybe."



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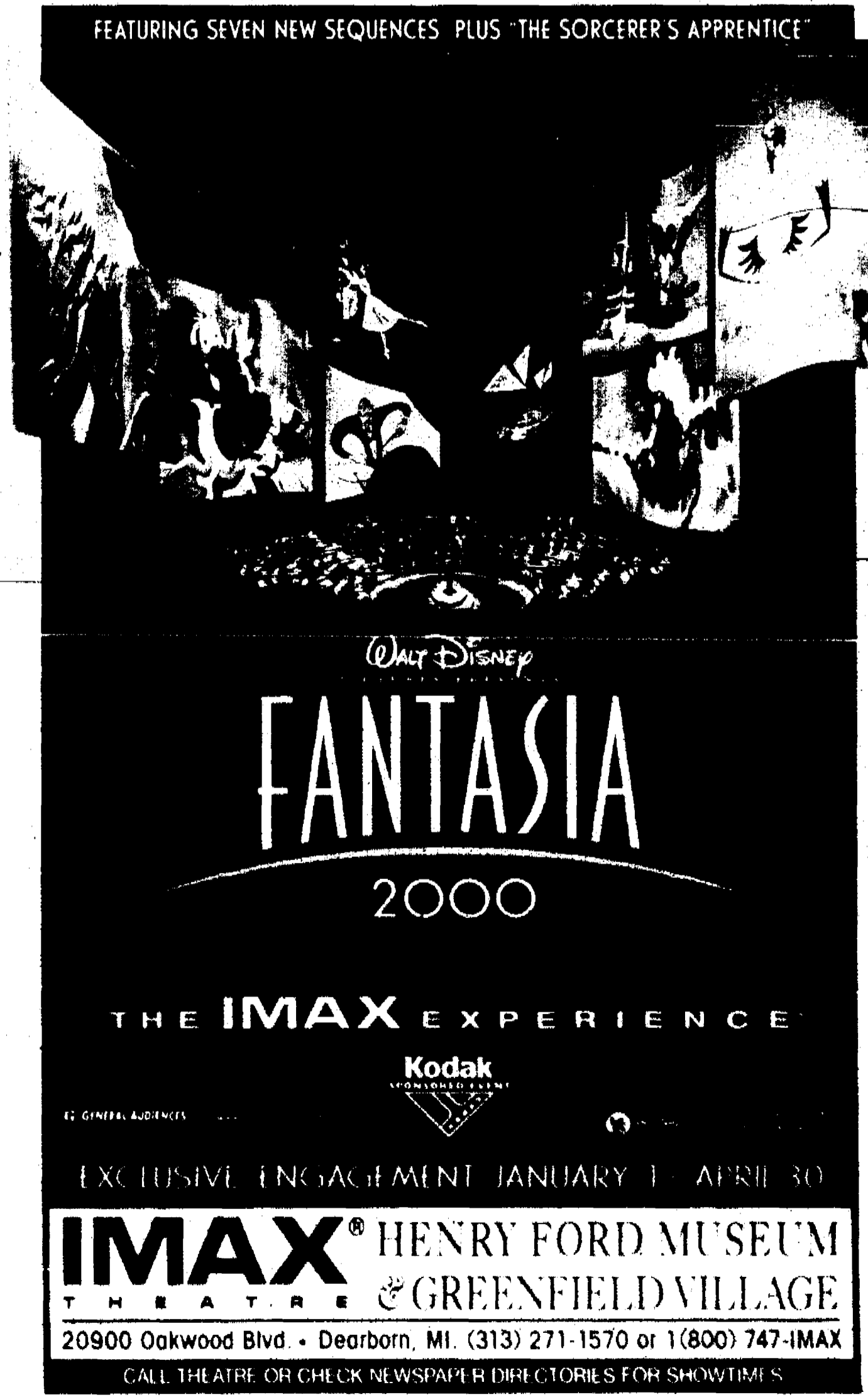
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CHICAGO EVENT Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Lights continues until the day after New Year's at the famed Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The event keeps alive a tradition begun 58 years ago as a United Nations Day salute to American allies involved in the war. Today 43 trees and three crèches decorated by the city's cultural and ethnic groups offer an opportunity to peek into a "global living room." The museum also illuminates the season with a lights collection, including those that explain the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year, Diwali (Hindu and Sikh festivals), Kwanzaa (African American), Ramadan (Muslims), Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day (Buddhist), and St. Lucia Day (Swedish tradition). The holiday show includes "Kid Stuff," an exhibit of popular childhood toys down through the years; highlight is a giant Radio Flyer wagon at the museum's main entrance. The museum is at 57th and Lake Shore Drive in downtown Chicago. Holiday hours include being open Jan. 1, call (800) 6OTOMSI for hours or check www.msichicago.org - an excellent and detailed Web site.

SKI HOT LINE AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan offer a guide to services at all of Michigan's ski areas and it is available free at all Auto Club offices. Also, the ski phone line will start up in December. Call (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328) for daily ski conditions. The same number will get a free copy of AAA's Ski Michigan booklet, which contains a two-for-one coupon for mid-week skiing at participating ski runs. In south-east Michigan, Alpine Valley near Milford will use a water-cooling tower to help make drier snow earlier in the season. They have remodeled their lodge and will be offering Sunday night lift tickets at 40 percent off for their 40th anniversary. At Pine Knob in Clarkston they have increased their snowmaking capacity, lengthened the race hill by 25 percent, and upgraded the lodge and cafeteria.

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BOOK TEE TIMES ONLINE Apart from the unkempt sand trap and inopportune body of water, the major obstacle faced by golfers of all ages and handicaps is the thong jockeying for a great tee time. SelectTeeTimes, a leading online

golf destination at www.selectteetimes.com, recently launched a new, free online golf reservation service. Golfers can make online reservations in less than a minute at courses in Southern California, Northern California, Phoenix, Hawaii, South Carolina, Mexico and Ireland. The site also features a search feature with color photos and details about over 120 of the most beautiful courses in the country; tournament and lesson information; golf travel news; a free e-mail-based newsletter, and links to other golf sites on the Web. Travelers may take advantage of SelectTeeTimes course maps to explore golf courses at various destinations, and instantly view reservation availability.

AT MOVIES

Now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters

"ANNA AND THE KING" Set in 19th century Thailand, the film tells the story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam, based on historical inspiration. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-fat.

"CIDER HOUSE RULES" Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey. Leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

"BICENTENNIAL MAN" Robin Williams, Embeth Davidtz, Sami Neil and Olive Platt star in this romantic drama that follows the life and times of an android programmed to perform menial tasks. Over time he recognizes that his destiny is becoming human.

"RIDE WITH THE DEVIL" Skeet Ulrich and Tobey Maguire team up in this drama that takes place during the Civil War as two young men join a gang of bushwhackers. During this time they find the friendship, loyalty and sense of family needed to survive during such desperate times.

"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY" Drama about a young man who comes back to his hometown to find out why because a girl and someone he thinks is his talent is seeking to rejoin him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to the game and the arrival of a young player of the team. Stars Kevin Spacey and Michael Vartan.

"LIBERTY HEROES" A dramatic film about the lives of a group of men who fought for freedom and justice during the American Revolutionary War. Stars John Cusack and Matt Damon.



Romance: Alessandro Nivola and Frances O'Connor star in "Mansfield Park" based on the book by Jane Austen.

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Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MUSIC CLASSES
Village Music is now taking registrations for classes in Kindermusik, hammer dulcimer, and private voice and piano at the studio, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 24. To register or for more information, call (734) 354-9825.

Village Music owner Norma Atwood, who was recently honored by the Kindermusik Educators Association, is also looking for new members (ages 8-15) for the Rising Star Singers. The choral group of students, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 4 at Village Music.

PAINT WORKSHOPS
D & M Studios is holding All Day Student Paint Workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30 at 8691 N. Lilley at Joy Road, Canton.

The cost is \$24 for each session. There will be drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. To register, call (734) 453-3710.

Art classes for the winter term begin the week of Jan. 3. Five week classes, including preschool and ceramics, begin the week of Jan. 10.

AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
Conlen Productions presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 at the church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joy Road, Westland; 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 near Beech Daly and Five Mile, Redford.

"Amahl" is a tender Christmas season musical drama for the entire family. The story is about a very poor, crippled boy and his mother who receive a visitation from three kings as they journey to worship the newly born King. Admission is free but dona-

tions will be accepted after the performance. For more information, call (248) 478-8932.

SLIDE/LECTURE
Multi-media artist/designer Saundra Weed will give a slide/lecture presentation 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan meeting begins with a short presentation by fiber artist Judy Dunnet of West Bloomfield followed by Weed's slide/lecture and workshop. Dunnet will speak about transferring images to fabric by using a computer. Weed, a Westland artist, will show slides of her works including paintings, clothing and fabric collage murals. She will also talk about the creative process from idea to finished work. A workshop by Weed will follow from 1-1:30 p.m. The subject is creating images on fabric with tools such as candles, crayons and permanent markers. The cost is \$30 members, \$40 non-members (includes all materials for project).

To reserve a space and materials kit, call Judy Dunnet at (248) 363-5697 by Jan. 5. Weed's lecture is \$5 for non-members.

VAAL CLASSES
The Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers weekday, evening and Saturday classes beginning Jan. 7.

Oil Painting with Lin Baum. Creative Approach to Watercolor with Edee Joppich, and Watercolor & Mixed Media with Marge Chellstorp are among the subjects scheduled. Pastel, drawing and portraiture are also available. Workshops include perspective, mastering color, and watercolor monotype. Peter Gillierau will teach design elements for

artists Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1.

For more information or to register, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

ART EXHIBIT
Plymouth artist Sharon Bida is one of 11 artists displaying work in the all-media "Count-down" exhibit continuing through Thursday, Jan. 9 at Gallery 212, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

Hours are 7-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, and Monday-Wednesday by appointment. For information, call (734) 665-8224.

OPENING RECEPTION
Plymouth artist Toni Stevens exhibits portraiture Monday, Jan. 3 to Monday, Jan. 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

An reception to meet the artist is scheduled 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

Hours for the Livonia Arts Commission-sponsored show are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE
Visit a group class free during Open House Week Monday-Saturday, Jan. 17-22 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton.

Call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times.

Evola offers group classes in Kindermusik, piano, violin and organ.

CLASSES TO BEGIN
The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins its winter classes and workshops the week of Jan. 24. Choose from an actor's workshop, teen drama club, kid's dance classes, drawing and sketching, clay, water-



Fiber art: Westland artist Saundra Weed gives a slide/lecture presentation on her work, which includes this floral fabric wall hanging.

color, batik, and swing dance. Also take advantage of the brown bag art lectures and drop-in art studio.

For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Schoolcraft College is looking for exhibitors for its Spring Craft Show Saturday, March 11. The juried show features 150 crafters who paint or create sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass,

leather and woodcarvings.

Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application, if they have not been accepted for a previous show. To apply, contact the Marketing and Development department at (734) 462-4417.

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With the approaching New Year, we've all heard stories about the importance of being prepared for any problems that may occur as we enter the year 2000.

If you're a regular listener of AM 760 WJR, you already know we've had an on-going, on-air initiative to help separate the facts from the fiction as we speed towards the new millennium. For example, we've been airing special features during the Paul W. Smith morning show, the news department has been focusing on the various facets of the Y2K frenzy, and we've taken lots of calls from listeners like you, who have had a chance to have their questions answered.

Now, it's important to remind you that no matter what takes place as the New Year dawns, AM 760 WJR will be here to keep you updated and informed.

Our award winning news department will be mobilized, working hand-in-hand with all of Southeast Michigan's emergency management agencies. In fact, in addition to being in direct communication with their command centers, WJR will be the site of a critical information/communications center linking us with various local and state agencies. What does this mean to you? WJR will have ALL of the "official" information as it happens to keep you constantly informed.

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So, as we forge ahead into the year 2000 with friends and family, all of us at AM 760 WJR wish you a prosperous and safe new year.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Alcoholic support

Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather every-day for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

Stop smoking

The city of Livonia is sponsoring the 14th Annual "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver, an anti-smoking facilitator. The seven night program will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates for the clinic are Jan. 6, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14, and Jan. 18. The smoker who is serious about quitting needs to attend all seven sessions. For more information call (734) 466-2535.

Tai chi

Participate in a tai chi class conducted by Jeff Smith. Tai chi is an ancient art that will aid in enhancing relationships, careers, and promote health and well being. All who took tai chi since September and want to continue classes are welcome to participate. Classes begin Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Rd. Livonia. Cost is \$25 for six weeks. Sign up early as class accommodates only 20 people per session. Call (734) 421-5406.

Vision 21 lecture

Gerald Fitzgerald, CEO of Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. will be the featured speaker at the Vision 21 (One Goal, One Community) forum Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center in Southgate. For information or to register call (734) 283-4190.

Eating disorder

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m., Tue. Jan. 4. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call (734) 458-4330.

Y2K walk/run

Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31, at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Brodeur Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and \$15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. Call (313) 886-5560.



X-rays in motion

Technology changes standard diagnostic testing

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"Everyone's had an X-ray," said John T. Kenney, president of NU-BEST Diagnostic Labs of Farmington Hills. But not everyone has had the benefit of Dynamic Motion X-ray — an imaging system used to visualize and evaluate body joints in motion. That's right, motion.

"The X-ray most people have had required them to lie perfectly still, even hold their breathe sometimes to avoid distorting the image," said Kenney. "Dynamic Motion X-ray improves a doctor's ability to see joints and ligaments in motion by revealing the true source of the pain that may only be occurring during movement."

The technology utilizes a C-shaped device that scans the body and produces a "picture-within-a-picture" motion film that shows the patient moving a joint while the X-ray portion of the image instantly shows the corresponding movement inside the body.

The film is recorded by a nationally registered radiological technologist on Super VHS tapes and read by a board certified radiologist.

Kenney says he has witnessed injuries missed by other diagnostic methods such as standard X-rays, MRIs and CAT Scans because of the difficulty in detecting soft tissue injuries while the ligaments and joints are motionless.

Kenney recalled one instance where broken wires from a previous neck surgery were not detected during standard X-ray but with motion X-ray the film recorded the wires separating and coming back together when the patient moved their head forward and backward.

"The woman continued to complain of neck pain but the source of the problem couldn't be found until she had a motion X-ray," said Kenney.

To further insure the accuracy of the diagnosis, two tapes are created — one remains on file at NU-BEST Diagnostic Labs and the other delivered to the referring physician the day of the test, along with miniature X-rays and colored ligament pictures. A board certified radiologist supplies a report within 48 hours.

On the move

Kenney also promotes the benefit of the X-ray technology being installed in a mobile testing facility. The air-controlled, carpeted van can be driven to various locations for on-site, instantaneous testing at locations such as clinics, doctor's offices, work sites, independent and assisted living facilities, and sporting events.

The oversized van is FDA approved and lead-lined for safety.

"It's an accurate way to view the anatomy in motion," said Dr. Glenn D. Krieger of Pain Management & Rehab Associates of Southfield. "We can evaluate any injury in a matter of minutes."

Krieger said members of the Detroit Red Wings hockey organization recently observed and participated in a demonstration of the technology.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Up close: Emory Daniels of Westland had his hand X-rayed by a Nu-BEST radiology technician. Daniels can be seen through the lead glass window by the technician, who gave him various commands to both clench and release his fist while it was simultaneously being recorded on video tape. A copy of the video is sent to the referring physician the same day.

"Players, for example, could come right off the ice without having to change out of their equipment and uniforms and be X-rayed immediately. We can determine the severity of an injury and the physician can make a decision as to whether they should return to

play or not," said Krieger.

The Southfield physician, who specializes in rehabilitation and sports medicine, plainly describes the difficulty that can be created when determining injuries with standard X-ray technology.

In the past an X-ray, for example, was taken of a patient's arm extended. Then the radiology technician had the patient flex their arm back and another X-ray was taken.

"The radiologist and physician would have to gauge the source of the pain, decide from viewing both X-rays if there was an injury and how significant the injury was," said Krieger. "With motion X-ray the film records the patient moving the arm and internally we can see movement inside the body and don't have to estimate the extent of injury."

Changing technology

With Dynamic Motion X-ray, NU-BEST gives radiologists 2700 frames of film on Super VHS with less radiation exposure to the patient. Frames can be individually analyzed and viewed.

Motion X-ray can be used for a wide range of medical needs such as TMJ (Temporomandibular Joint) numbness, pain in the back, neck and limbs; headache, dizziness and tingling; knee, hip and elbow problems; to confirm suspected soft tissue lesions; and confirm divergent range of motion.

"This kind of X-ray technology is cutting edge and often requires patients to take on a different mind set about diagnostic testing," said Kenney. "Patients understanding of the motion

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Instant analysis: Dr. Glenn D. Krieger of Pain Management & Rehab Associates of Southfield, talks to Livonia resident Dave Varga about the results of the motion X-ray of his knee.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE

During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

EATING DISORDER

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call (734) 458-4330.

WED, JAN. 5

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 call (734) 458-4330.

CHILD/INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three-hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-4330.

MON, JAN. 10

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT

The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no

charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

WED, JAN. 12

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Free of charge. Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, Classroom #1. Call (734) 458-4330.

THUR, JAN. 13

FOCUS ON LIVING

A self-help designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meets in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital. Free of charge. Call 458-3311.

MALL WALKING

Join Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club. Enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5

p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

TUE, JAN. 18

THE ART OF MASSAGE I

Learn the basic strokes of a relaxing, therapeutic massage. Good for self-massage, helping family members and friends, couples massage, or for those considering professional training. Bring two sheets, a pillow case, a towel, massage oil, and dress comfortably. Your instructor, Celeste Hamilton, is nationally certified and has 17 years of experience in teaching massage therapy. Class runs Tuesday, Jan. 18-Feb. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

WED, JAN. 19

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A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor

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Veteran journalist comments on Y2K coverage, crow eating



MIKE WENDLAND

I've been covering Y2K since 1995. And in these last few days before the new millennium, I've been doing a lot of interviews with print and broadcast reporters around the country. Inevitably, after asking for background on the Y2K problem and what safeguards consumers need to take, they all ask how I want to be identified.

"Do we call you a Y2K expert?" I answer them all the same way.

There is no such thing as a Y2K expert.

We've never had a Y2K before. We've never faced the uncertainty of computers that may refuse to "think" properly.

Amidst an apparently unprecedented threat of terror-

ism to Americans abroad and at home, at least a dozen known computer viruses, worms and Trojan horses are set to activate on or shortly after Jan. 1.

No wonder that's why so many of our friends and neighbors are working New Year's Eve.

As the days wind down to the big night, all of the big news portal sites like CNN (www.cnn.com), MSNBC (www.msnbc.com) and ABC News (www.abcnews.com) plan extensive Y2K coverage. I'll be in Washington on Y2K eve and the days leading up to it covering the story for NBC-TV affiliates around the country. I'll post the latest news I come across on my Web page, too (www.pcmike.com).

But here are some other Internet resources to keep you informed on what is happening in key areas and what needs to be done.

Y2K Resource sites - It's hard to pick the best, but for general and current info, try Y2K and You (<http://2000andyou.com/2000/>), the Cassandra project

(<http://cassandraproject.org/>) and the Web site maintained by the non-profit policy and research organization known as the Arlington Institute (www.arlingtoninstitute.org/).

Utilities - Will the power stay on? Visit the North American North American Electricity Reliability Council Web site (www.nerc.com/~y2k/y2k.html). This group is the official coordinating agency for power companies and has lots of information on utilities and other industries essential to the infrastructure. For a more pessimistic view, check out the Electric Utilities and Y2K site (www.energyland.net/index.htm) maintained by Rick Cowles, an outspoken Y2K worrywart.

Transportation - Airline and airport experts who are preparing for canceled and delayed flights and large crowds of stranded travelers if their computer systems don't work. All Amtrak passenger trains will be shutting down New Year's Eve just in case. The official U.S.

Department of Transportation has a Y2K Web site (www.y2ktransport.dot.gov/ty2k/) devoted to civil aviation.

Viruses - Anti-virus software experts say they have already identified a dozen malicious computer viruses, Trojan horses and worm programs in circulation and set to activate on or around Jan. 1. Some actually masquerade as Y2K fixes. All are sent via e-mail. For the latest info on how to eradicate them from a PC, visit Symantec's SMART (Symantec Millennium Action Response Team) Web site (www.symantec.com) or Network Associates' AVERT (Anti Virus Emergency Response Team) Y2K site at (www.nai.com).

For a good healthy dose of virus skepticism, check out Rob Rosenberger's Computer Virus Myths Web site (www.kumite.com/myths/).

Gloom and Doom sites - There are hundreds of Web sites and personal pages devoted to Y2K disaster scenarios. Most are amateurish, outdated and unre-

liable. Some are hysterical. A huge list of them can be found at <http://kode.net/~ggrid/bookmark.html>. But probably the two most influential Y2K gloom and doom Web sites are Gary North's (www.garynorth.com) and the Y2K Newswire (www.y2knewswire.com). Both are in full alert mode. But I wonder: Come the weekend, will they be eating crow? How will they rationalize what they've been so vocally predicting with what really happens?

Terrorism - The U.S. State Department's Y2K Terrorism warning can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/1214y2k.html>. For the FBI's take on domestic terrorism, read a copy of the agency's "Project Megiddo" Y2K report, available from the official FBI Web site (www.fbi.gov).

So... here we are now. Less than a week away. I've written nearly 200 news stories and TV reports about Y2K over the past five years and after all that, I have to say, I still don't know what will happen.

I'm optimistic that most of the major bugs have been worked out and while I think there will be some glitches and inconvenience, I'm not overly concerned. I think things will be normal enough that I will be able to spend the first week of the new year in Las Vegas, covering the Consumer Electronics Show.

But first I have to get back to Detroit from my NBC-TV assignment in Washington. And, wouldn't you know it, as it now stands, I am scheduled to be on a Northwest flight from Washington, D.C., to Detroit just before the clock turns midnight.

Happy New Year everyone. See you in Y2K.

I hope.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar

WED, DEC. 29
BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International's regular meeting is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The Laurel Park Chapter gathers at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia chapter meets at St. Maurie Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon in Livonia. For more information call BNI at (810) 323-3800

JAN. 10, 2000
CANTON BPW
The Canton Business & Professional Women meet the second

Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring.

THUR, JAN. 13
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
If your company is considering competing for government contracts, attend "How to Become a Government Contractor" at Schoolcraft College. Learn how technological advances have streamlined the dynamics of doing business with the government. The seminar will be presented from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a \$25 per person fee. To register, call (734) 462-4438.

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is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. Jan. 19 - Feb. 23. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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ADULT CPR CLASSES
Three hour evening class conducted at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road in Classroom #3 of Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Free of charge. Call 458-3481.

Complete Health & Fitness. 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800 AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

FUNDAMENTALS OF STEP WORKSHOP
This workshop will concentrate on choreography building techniques and fresh ideas as well as a review of the fundamentals and an update on the latest research. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800 AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

TUE, JAN. 25
BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330.

WED, JAN. 26
NEWBORN CARE
A two session class meets at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes Child & Infant CPR conducted by American Heart Association instructors. Registration required. Call 458-4330.

SMOKING CESSATION
Providence Medical Center in Livonia will host a stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

THUR, JAN. 27
WEIGHT CONTROL
Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh will host the weight control program on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 3:5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Call (877) 345-5500.

SAT, JAN 29
TURNING POINTS CONFERENCE
Oakwood's Turning Points Conference will focus on the importance of a healthy attitude: Feeling Magnificent: A New Attitude for the New Millennium at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$30 per participant. The conference will feature keynote speaker Liz Curtis Higgs.

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TUE, FEB. 15
MESSAGE II (THERAPEUTIC)
Beyond relaxation. Learn specific methods of affecting the body. Techniques include reflexology, acupressure/shiatsu massage, and neuromuscular techniques. Class runs Tuesday, Feb. 15 - March 7, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

WED, MARCH 1
YOGA
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. March 1 - April 5. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

TUE, MARCH 14
MESSAGE III (BODYWORK)
Advanced techniques that provide long-term results. Techniques include strain-counter-strain, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques. Class runs Tuesday, March 14 April 4, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

APRIL 11 & 18
SHIATSU
Learn the traditional Japanese method of balancing body energy. Done on the floor over the clothing, this energizing treatment promotes health and well-being. Bring a mat and dress comfortably. Class runs Tuesday, April 11 and 18, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$75. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

WED, APRIL 12
YOGA
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. April 12 - May 17. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

TUE, MAY 2-16
BIOKINESIOLOGY
Learn to use muscle testing techniques to determine which vitamins, herbs, foods are best for you. Cost is \$115. Class runs Tuesday, May 2-16, from 6-9 p.m. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

TUE, JUNE 13
TOUCH FOR HEALTH
Learn to use muscle testing techniques. Neurolymphatic massage, acupressure to strengthen weaknesses, relieve pain, and improve posture. Bring a "Touch for Health" book, available at book stores. Class runs Tuesday, June 13 - July 26, from 6-9 p.m. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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Innovative: John T. Kenney, president of NU-BEST Diagnostic Labs of Farmington Hills, stands in front of a mobile testing facility that features Dynamic Motion X-ray technology. The C-shaped device helps radiologists and physicians detect hard-to-find injuries that are sometimes missed by standard diagnostic tests.

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*Patients can be tested fully

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For more information on DMX technology visit www.nubest.com/dmx.html or call NU-BEST at (877) 258-8588.

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You may have used good sense and spared undue stress on an already strained back by getting help to lug the heavy presents and extra food into your home.

You may have scheduled your shopping so you didn't spend more time in malls than your arthritic feet and ankles could bear. You may have stopped yourself before you experienced undue fatigue, thereby preventing future days of pain for your shoulders, neck and back.

You may have shown the wisdom of a veteran in balancing the needs of the holidays with the limits placed upon you by your arthritis. But you are not yet a success. You must keep aware of the after-Christmas returns and sales and the New Year parties coming up. You still must face weather which will change from romantic cold and snow to bitter winds, sleet, rain and the ice.

Thus, you must continue to use restraint in what you take on and accept that you will need to move slowly and with care. You must be willing to postpone meetings, socialize with and avoid people who are over the top.

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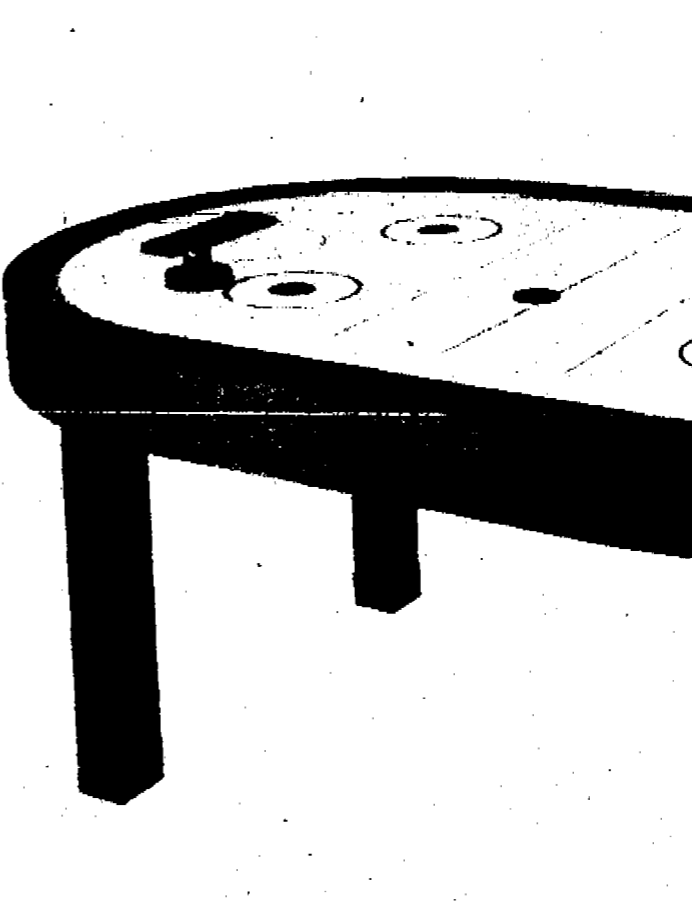
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Stevenson spikers 2nd

It was within Livonia Stevenson's grasp, but the Spartans couldn't quite reel Chesaning Saturday in the final of the Delta College Volleyball Tournament.

Stevenson led 10-1 in the first game only to lose the match, 16-14, 15-11 and finish second in its season-opening event.

The Spartans were 5-1 on the day, beating Bay City Western 15-4, 15-5 in the semifinals.

Kate LeBlanc led the attack for Stevenson with 36 kills and eight solo blocks.

Other standouts for the Spartans included Carly Wadsworth, 24 kills; Kelley Hutchins, 12 service aces and 62 assists to kills; Cassie Ehlerdt, eight aces, five solo blocks and 10 kills; Julie Pfeiffer, seven aces; Dana White, 19 assists; and Christine Matheson, 10-of-15 on serve reception.

Churchill girls runners-up

Senior Meagan Sheehan had her best outing of her career with 22 kills, 32 digs and 93 percent passing efficiency as Livonia Churchill (6-1 overall) finished second Saturday in the eight-team Carleton Airport girls volleyball tournament.

Churchill lost to Northville in the finals, 7-15, 8-15, after defeating Airport in the semifinals, 3-15, 15-7, 21-19.

The Chargers won all three matches in pool play, defeating Jackson Lumen Christi (15-10, 15-5), Saginaw Heritage (15-13, 15-13) and Saline (15-9, 15-9).

Other Churchill individual standouts included Sheila Gillies, 26 solo and assist-to-blocks; Beth Bushey, six kills in six attempts against Heritage; Amy Cadovich, 96 percent serving including three aces; and solid setting from Colleen Guardiola (52 of 54) and Kristin Leszczynski (51 of 55).

Czekaj on target

Brandon Czekaj, a sophomore at Livonia Stevenson, placed first in the Sharpshooter class and was the high junior shooter (970 out of 1,000) at the Doug Greiner 100 Shot Offhand match Dec. 4 in Jackson.

Czekaj also took first in the Sharpshooter class and was high junior shooter at the third annual Pauline Merchant 3-position rifle match held in October at Ithaca. Czekaj scored 1,128 out of 1,200 in the event to earn his NRA Junior Olympic Silver Star.

He will compete next month in both smallbore and air rifle at the USA Junior Olympic Regional in Flushing. Czekaj hopes to represent the state February in Colorado Springs, Colo. at the USA Junior Nationals.

Spartan grapplers 3rd

Livonia Stevenson finished third with a 4-1 record Wednesday in the 10-team Trenton dual wrestling tournament.

Host Trenton defeated Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the final.

Stevenson earned victories over New Boston Huron (39-31), River Rouge (65-12), Lincoln Park (48-30) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (42-28).

The only loss was to Annapolis, 51-25.

Stevenson's dual meet record heading into the holiday break is 6-3-1 overall.

Undeclared wrestlers for Stevenson on the day with 5-0 records included Imad Kharbush (160) and Mike Falzon (152).

Kharbush is 16-0 overall on the year, while Falzon is 14-3.

State champion Josh Gunterman (112) won all three of his matches, two others by void. He is 13-0 on the season.

Other Stevenson standouts on the day included Dan Hine (heavyweight), Chris Coopridge (145), John MacFarland (171) and Tim McCarthy (189) — all 4-1 on the day.

Bill Bullock (119) added a 3-2 record.

Stevenson resumes action 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Plymouth Salem Invitational.

Scheffer outrighted

Westland John Glenn High product Aaron Scheffer, who made four relief appearances with a 0-0 record and a 1.93 earned run average last year with the Seattle Mariners, has been outrighted to AAA Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

The Mariners recently acquired two relievers.

The move means Scheffer will not be part of the Mariners' 40-man roster in spring training.

Schoolcraft rings up 150

COLLEGE HOOPS

BY C.J. RISAK
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"All I want for Christmas is..." Those who follow Schoolcraft College men's basketball must figure there's nothing left to wish for.

Check all the key numbers and compare them to those posted four short years ago, and the turnaround is simply astounding.

Proof provided: Last Wednesday, the Ocelots entertained St. Clair College from Windsor.

Now in the pre-Carlos-Briggs-as-coach past, this would have been a game SC would have hoped to win — unlike most of their other games, in which they were shellacked.

That's not the case any longer. Now it's SC doing the shellacking, something St. Clair experienced last Wednesday — by a 150-58 margin.

"We played hard, got up and down the floor," said Briggs. "And we shot the ball better than we had in awhile. It helps when you get a lot of easy baskets off your defense."

"And it helped that St. Clair played an up-tempo style, which is conducive to our kind of game."

Seven of the Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Lamar Bigby's 32 points (he also had eight rebounds). Robert Brown had 28 and a team-high 14 rebounds; Quentin Mitchell got 24 and Tony Jancevski — from Plymouth Salem — netted a career-best 19 (with eight boards).

Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Chris Colley finished with 11 apiece, and Dwight Windom got 10. Reggie Kirkland had seven points and 10 assists.

Greg Layson led St. Clair with 18 points.

The win boosted SC's record to 7-4 going into the holiday break. The Ocelots are now idle until Jan. 3, when they play at Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference rival Macomb CC.

"It's going to be a dogfight," said Briggs of the upcoming league schedule. "There are more teams that are equal than in the past. The competition has been raised, which is good for Michigan junior college basketball."

It's also nice to see that SC is part of that dogfight. Before Briggs arrived on the scene prior to the 1997-98 season, the Ocelots had trouble winning 10 games in a season much less posting a winning record or — heaven forbid! — challenging for a league championship.

They've done all of that since he's been here, however, and more.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Slam Jam: Schoolcraft's Robert Brown dunks against St. Clair of Ontario in Wednesday's 150-58 rout.

The holidays were always a time of dread in SC's past. As the first semester drew to a close, the playing careers of several Ocelots who couldn't make grades would end, too.

That isn't the case any longer. For the second-straight year, Briggs assured that every SC player would make grades and remain eligible to start the second semester.

In fact, the team's overall grade-

point average could be close to 2.9 — and that's "the best since I've been here," Briggs said. "The LAC (Learning Assistance Center) and the administration have both been very supportive."

It all made that 7-4 record a bit more acceptable. Briggs thought SC "should have finished no worse than 5-3. But we'll learn from that."

It all makes SC's future look bright.

Stevenson tops Flyers in key test

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Last year there was a 27-goal difference between Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Unified.

Now it's down to two goals and about four inches.

Stevenson defeated Farmington, 4-2, Wednesday night and will carry the top spot in the Western Lakes Activities Association standings through the holidays.

"That was a big, big win for us," coach Mike Harris of Stevenson said. "I'm proud of the determination my team has shown since the Livonia Churchill loss."

"That was the third game in a row we've played extremely well."

Stevenson was coming off a weekend trip to Marquette for a tournament, losing to Marquette, 2-1, in overtime before winning the consolation, 2-1, from Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We did a good job, playing on seven hours of sleep, then coming back here to play Farmington, which was waiting for us."

The Spartans (6-3) carried the play through much of the middle part of the game but were trying to nurse a 3-1 lead home.

Then the Flyers pulled goalie Logan McLean with 1:38 to play.

The extra man hardly had time to jump into action, however, when Brad Heraghty blasted a rebound just a drawn out Kevin Marlowe to narrow the margin to 3-2 with 1:36 to play.

Scott Salomonson and Brian Marlowe had the assists.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISQER

Summit meeting: Stevenson's Mark Blazok (left) vies for the puck against Farmington's Brad Heraghty in Wednesday's game.

Stevenson called a timeout with 1:01 to play and about seven seconds after the ensuing faceoff to Marlowe's right, a Farmington shot went post-to-post some 2-4 inches in front of the red line.

It looked, in fact, like Harris had the puck on a string from the Spartan bench and was drawing it ever-so-slowly away from the goal line.

Mike Ventumiglia iced it with 28 seconds left by scoring into the Flyers' empty net. Mike Majkowski and Mark Blazok assisting.

So the game was just a couple of inches from being a draw, a far cry from the 9-0 and 16-0 beatings the Spartans gave the Flyers a year ago.

"We scored first," coach Glenn Breuhan of Farmington (7-2) said, "so that kind of got the monkey off our

back."

A year of experience, an influx of more travel level players and good disciplined hockey has brought the level of the Farmington program up to speed.

Stevenson is now 4-1 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the Lakes Division. Farmington is 3-2 in the WLAA, 1-1 in the Lakes.

"We anticipated we would be better," Breuhan said. "We hadn't lost a game by more than one goal and this was two goals, with one being an empty net goal."

"Last year there were 6 to 8 games we weren't in."

"That's a nice team, a quality team," Harris said. "They're the most

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Hammye's longevity proves he can adapt

Area resident sets win mark at WSU

He is a familiar fixture at area high school and junior college basketball games.

And judging by his 6-foot-9 frame, there's no mistaking Wayne State University's Ron Hammye is a basketball coach.

And when you strike up a conversation with this gentle giant you get a strong sense he has a passion for Dr. James Naismith's game.



BRAD EMONS

A resident of Canton Township since 1989, Hammye toils in relative obscurity as the Tartars — wait a minute, it's Warriors now — head men's coach.

He's been at inner city school 12 years as a head coach after serving previous six as an assistant under Charlie Parker.

The 43-year-old Hammye is what you call a survivor.

Besides being a gentleman with good reputation among his players and his fellow coaches, Hammye manages to get his share of victories.

He made history Dec. 15 in a lopsided win over Madonna University when he surpassed Joel Mason as WSU's all-time winningest coach.

That night Hammye notched his 187th victory.

In 12 years, he is 189-134 with three appearances in the NCAA Division II Sweet 16, including a trip to the Final Four in 1993.

Two of his teams have gone 25-5 and Wayne State has won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference titles four of the last eight years.

Being at one college, whether it's Division I, II or III for 18 years, is an accomplishment in itself.

"I'm just glad to have a paycheck and do something I really like to do," Hammye said. "I've been blessed to have great kids and great assistants. That's the reason I've been able to hang in there."

Although Wayne State's academic reputation is second to none, recruiting qualified academic basketball players to the Detroit campus is tricky.

But Hammye proves he can get the job done.

"North Carolina has a system, but at Wayne State you adapt your coaching to meet the strengths of your players," Hammye said. "Sometimes you have big teams, and sometimes you have small teams. We don't have a system. You have to adapt to the kind of teams you have."

Hammye usually studies and learns as he goes along.

"I've watch a lot of basketball and of course I steal everybody's ideas," he said.

Hammye starred at Genoa High School (just outside Toledo) and led his team to the 1974 state Class AA semifinals.

It was under his high school coach, Dave Hitchen, that he learned the rudiments of the game.

"He was a big influence on me," Hammye said. "He stood far morals and doing things the right way."

He also knew how to treat people, how to be kind and how to be tough. You have to know what the kids are feeling, even the ones who think they should be playing, more and sit the bench. You have to have compassion for those kids as well."

At Bowling Green, Hammye lettered all four years, playing in 101 games, averaging 10.1 points, the all-time SC scoring leader with 1,208 points and fourth in

Please see Hammye, C3

Next millennium: What lies ahead

What lies ahead for the sport of bowling as we enter the year 2000?

Back in the year 1999, nobody had to worry about computer bugs, electricity or gasoline supply lines.

The state of bowling is very good.

The game has gone more than a century with the same basic rules of play, governing organizations that have set and kept standards for equipment plus playing conditions that are both consistent and variable for the times.

Local associations have maintained the integrity of the game through the efforts of many who give their time on a voluntary basis for the betterment of the sport of bowling.

These local officials have dedicated their knowledge and ability to foster the growth of the game and create more interest.

The future looks bright indeed for bowling in the next century.

The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held its Tenth Annual Tournament of Champions last weekend at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The event also marked the changing of the guard, as Ken Charrette made his retirement official.

Ken had been executive director for the past 33 years and has been a class act both on and off the lanes.

As for the tournament itself, 57 champions vied for the top prizes, and the qualifying rounds narrowed the field down to the top ten: Doug Evans, Dale Hoffmeister, Larry Walker (Garden City), Ken Kossick (Canton), David Mahaz (Northville), Arnie Goldman, Chris Marshall, Jason Johnson (Farmington), Robert Mireles and Dick Beattie.

Evans, Walker and Beattie are

in the MMBA Hall of Fame. During the qualifying rounds on Saturday, two perfect games were bowled — one by Larry Franz of Redford and another by Evans, who averaged 246.7 in the early rounds.

In the finals on Sunday, Hoffmeister of Essexville took top honors and a prize of \$2,000 while Beattie came in second and won \$1,100.

Third-place winner of \$800 was won by Walker, Farmington's Johnson, who rolled a 300 game in the finals, finished in fourth to take away \$700 in prize money.

Charrette was given a standing ovation during the opening ceremonies in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the organization, which he helped from its inception to make the most successful tournament for scratch bowling in the Midwest.

If you're not a really good bowler, do not enter this type of competition.

Lee Snow of Farmington will take over the helm from Charrette. He has the vision and ability to keep the MMBA on course.

Ebonite International has recently made posters of Aleta Sill in recognition of her becoming the first woman to top \$1 million dollar mark in career earnings.

You can see this excellent picture on display at many local pro shops as she uses Ebonite balls exclusively.

Already an attractive lady, this picture shows a glamorous side of Sill that says, "A great bowler, and a real American beauty."

It took Sill 19 hard years to do win her million as the cash prizes in the early part of her career were not big.

She also shot another 300 game at Cloverlanes in Livonia last week.

That's about the 30th one for her — she's stopped counting. •Have a Striking New Year!



AL HARRISON

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Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Wednesday Men's Trio: John Wodarski Jr., 257/762; Steve Hubble, 269/739; Dennis Seeman, 267/721; Mark Payne, 268/703; Paul Wright, 256/698.
Early Birds: Kathy Janik, 203; Marilyn Gould, 508; Pat La Morand, 200.
Ford Parts: Ron Hamon, 700; Jim Jones, 690; Dan Chevillet, 717; Minh Grogan, 257/761; Jerry Miller, 675.
Jacks & Jibs: Kris Maki, 289/707; Joe C. Monge, 625; Art Maki, 270/738.
Senior House: Mickey Smith, 257/720; Mark Chrysler, 299/719; Lorne Green, 257/711; Greg Wizrind, 266/708; Dave Norwick, 256/738.
Midnighters: Frank Nickowski, 221/650; Tim Mielczarek, 242/621; Colleen Cacicado, 218; Doug Wiseman, 234/592; Paul Bruckner, 222/593; Evans Brown, 232.
Gay '90s (Seniors): Glen Snyder, 208; Howard Fetherston, 212/213/616; Chuck Simpson, 207; Stan Skabinski, 244/203/641.
Monday Seniors: Berlie Hillebrandt, 216.
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
Thursday: Steve Bester, 288; Bill Crabtree, 779/738; Chuck O'Rourke, 275/790; Gene Kaminski, 277; Brian LeBlanc, 258/733.
Tuesday Seniors: Dave Gold, 227/559; Norm Kovala, 277/680; Harry Ackeman, 266/574; Ken McDaniels, 232/225/602/659; Chet Zajac, 205/561.
Junior House: George Jackson, 279/677; Vern Stachowiak, 257/723; Christopher Priebke, 277/715; Ron Braczky, 288/558; Al Hall, 267/406.
St. Aidans Men: Keith Isaac, 229/600; Mike Kowalski, 257/692; Bob Racey, 256/666; Joe Naujokas, 278/654.
Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic: Steve Engebretson, Jr., 254/258/257/769; Ryan Warner, 277/268/203/748; Jackie Haner, 235; Roy Hixson, 289; David Gray, 257; David Jacobs, 252/610.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Tamika Glenn, 290/769.
Hari Bowl (Livonia)
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Susan Tossava, 200; Betty Fortin, 219/523.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: David M. Bzner, 224/268/215/707; Larry Curtis, 258/693; Dan Bollinger, 241/667; Frank Bollinger, 237/226/664; Marv Owens, 230/643.
Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Sue Siemesz, 279/267/741; Cheri Moscarello, 278/682; Dawn Williamson, 244/627.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Joe Buranowski, 242/678; Stan Gagacki, 249/635; Ron Lancaster, 257/596; Bob Sherwood, 255/614; Al Hanson, 246/650; Tony Wolak, 249/686.
Friday Seniors: Jim Klebbs, 279/650; Bud Kraemer, 266/643; Jack Dahlstrom, 253/639; Al Thompson, 253/647; Ray Olson, 244/626.
Good Neighbors: Arnette Trader, 204; Saira Merchant, 191; Gail Galitz, 190; Yvonne McCarthy, 500.
Redford Bowl
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Men): Dick Zeman, 273/610; Bob Chuba, 233/648; Tim Magyar, 233; Tony Ballarta, 224/610; Rod Florida, 221/638.
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Ladies): Judy Washington, 199; Janice Ream, 197; Gloria Metz, 188; Pam Jones, 186/513; Sharon Beardsley, 182.
Oak Lanes (Westland)
G&G Auto: Paulette Daniels, 237/617; Tom Stranger, 235/613; Shannon Ribsch, 215; Judy Gentilia, 224; Linda Batke, 209/558.
Tom's Country Lanes (Westland)
Friday Mixed: Marc Blevins, 300.
Arlines: Jim Erwin, 237/259; Brad Falot, 257/694; Jim Matties, 275/700.
Bitmore: Cheri Brzozovsky, 222/629; Christina Lowe, 205; Kelly Rusinek, 203/546.
Wednesday Ladies Junior House: June Peeli, 223/660; Gloria Picard, 289/821; Kathleen Blares, 235; Marcey Reed, 234/640.
Westland Bowl
Monday Morning Men: Bob Simmons, 248/655; Fred Heater, 226/561; Pat Stover, 224/670; Walter Machinak, 221/609; Vernon Looney, 215/600.
E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 201/576; Bill Bergvein, 186; John McIntosh, 182/521; Sally Mersino, 221/570; Diane Vandermeir, 180.
Sunday Sleepers: Brian Gross, 300/777; Rich Trullard, 289/790; Don Vojtkofsky, 280/735; Bob Schepis, 279; Gary Brightwell, 279/667.
Thursday Nite Mixed: Franklin Boner, 266/655; Dan Harrison, 269/639; Daryl Lapham, 235/602; Candy Bailey, 235/588; Helen Ostrander, 221/504.
Westland Change: Sunday Gains, 256/648; Suzanne Ellis, 226/544; Charlene Keller, 226/655; Donna Middelitch, 223/591; Mary Marvaso, 215/580; Yvonne Skibbe, 215/535; Angela McAllister, 212/536.
NASCAR Trio: Lou Swindell, 222/576; Dan Duddle, 213/523; Mike Boucher, 211/582/521; Sally Eisey, 202/567; Holly Stevenson, 180.
Youth Leagues (Saturday Coca Cola Majors): Tom Wiedling, 246/561; Jason McMillin, 222/566/Tim Caldwell, 214/539; Corey Robertson, 213/540; Jennifer Gons, 214/532; Crystal Trongo, 214.
Saturday Coca Cola Juniors: Darrell Olds, 222/605; Aaron Manning, 193/536; Trey Raynes, 192/535; Heather Lindon, 160; Samantha Kumber, 176.
Saturday Coca Cola Preps: Christopher Hittunen, 145; Adam Whalen, 142; Mike Martin, 130; Holly Clendingen, 158; Olivia LaFortune, 147.
Saturday Coca Cola Bantams: Logan Chaston, 126; Steve Murphy, 107; Jesse McSherry, 103; Donielle Mood, 87; Kayla Fisher, 67.
Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)
Guy's & Doll's: Kevin Papke, 267/280/723.
Keplers: John Tursell, 201/265/236/702.
Plaza Men: Al Kooner, 299/742; Jeff Ellenwood, 298/730; Jim Campbell, 286/696; Brian Puckett, 268; Terry Mills, 264/696; Chris Kloc, 257/692.
Super Bowl (Canton)
GM Wednesday: Dave Jacobs, 203/300/247/750.
Friday Funsters: Joe Cabrera, 235/550; Cliff Richards, 241/239/238/718; Ben Hornik, 212/563; Sterg Chamis, 201/534; Freda Bernhardt, 180; Carl Walters, 200.
Saturday Youth (9 a.m. Majors): Ken Bazman, 209/542; Todd Schemanske, 214/616; Jon Robison, 211/578; Pat Brown, 209/588.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Preps): Danny Naorowski, 174; Derek Schwartzberger, 185; Danielle Korstjens, 132.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Majors): Matt McCaffrey, 221/544; Ciry Calcross, 214/557; Drew Barth, 555.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Juniors): Ryan Craig, 200/560; Dominic Gahio, 183.
Friday Youth (Majors): Steve Reitzel, 238/629; Tim McClureff, 236/603; Leon Walsh, 240/603; Brian Peczynski, 212/561; Brent Moore, 202/569.
Friday Youth (Juniors): Eric Pawlus, 261/635; Justin Borkowski, 515; Matt Lipford, 181/502; Karen Henke, 153.
Friday Youth (Preps): Ricky Huddleston, 166.
Thursday Youth (Seniors/Majors): Mandy East, 181; Brian Chack, 502; Jeff Hiedis, 128.
Thursday Youth (Preps): Scott Gasorski, 155.
Thursday Youth (Bantams): Steven Albert, 141.
Country Lanes (Farmington)
B'nal Brith Plogah: Larry Horn, 247/667; Howard Water, 248/682; Jeff Eisenberg, 245/678; Lyle Schaefer, 246/668; Jerry Lash, 228/227/659.
Monday 8:30 p.m. Men: Frank Perks, 269/631; Jeff Sosnowski, 266/652; David Podyn, 247/634; Terry Castillo, 243/656; Bob Glover, 238/631.
Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakula, 258/621; Jim Anderson, 247.
C/L Ladies Semi Classic: Sue Marzella, 232/615; Phyl Long, 218; Jackie Ream, 580.
University Men's: Tony Clifton, 268; Jeff Eaton, 266; John Wilamowski, 720; Allan Provo, 710.
Country Keglers: Derek Takala, 269/644; Keith Brandemihl, 268/625; Walt Ulich, 265; Jim Rennolds, 247/639; Larry Kaplan, 245/636.
EVER-7: Ivo Gasparotto, 268; Bob Tuslanowski, 268/679; Tony Elias, 267/645; Dennis Lis, 249/663; Leo Ksiazek, 247.
Tuesday Trio: John Osborne, 244/672; Mike Weed, 241; Lyle Schaefer, 639; Ollie Mitchell, 262; Jeff Eisenberg, 258/672.
Tuesday Morning Ladies: Diane Holday, 205; Dorothy Harrison, 203.
Monday Midnight Men: Mike Kassa, 270/686; Simon Shamoun, 269.
Monday Night Men: Mike Ferris, 279; Dave Zajac, 278; Chris Brugman, 723; Larry Franz, 714.
Temple Israel: Neil Schussel, 266; Jerry Rubin, 266/633; Mike Lefton, 266; Kory West, 233.
Friends & Neighbors: Cece Swisher, 180; Marion Lyman, 175.
Afternoon O'Lites: Bonnie Oshinsky, 204; Fonda Schwartz, 201; Heleine Spitz, 514; Sue Osten, 500.
B'nal Brith Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson: Howard Water, 256/254/713; Lee Roth, 254/246/703; Scott Gittleman, 220/257/681; Rick Woolman, 235/637; Gary Klinger, 233/633.
B'nal Brith Brotherhood: Yazaan Kassar, 225/538; Edie John, 208/525.
Youth Leagues (Country High School): Doug Ginotti, 228/606; Shawn Meyers, 223/584; Melissa Miller, 185; Jenny Long, 185/514.
Juniors: Kopy West, 167/650; David Silver, 181; Christina Mowad, 223/528.
Preps: Derek Wesch, 139; Brent Ellis, 129; Rachel Dubiel, 137.
Beginners: Joshua Valletieri, 110; Adam Rummel, 102; Marice Swan, 97.
Drakeholm Lanes (Farmington Hills)
B'nal Brith Mergenthaus L'Chayim/Zeiger-Gross: Jon Fichtl, 223/230/653; Mike Aaron, 220; Steve Hoberman, 261; Sandy Freeman, 230; Ryan Lash, 221.
B'nal Brith Downtown Fox: Kevin Elinger, 236/223/609; Jeff Sprague, 214/206; Mark Feinberg, 214/202; Ken Gross, 227; Ivan Fenyvesi, 222.
Novi Bowl
West Side Lutheran: Lynn Lewis, 206; Ron Williams, 266/633; Mike Faith, 638; John Switzer, 625; Mark Reitz, 616.

Krug goal gives Chargers 1-1 tie versus Rice

Adam Krug scored on a breakaway Wednesday to enable host Livonia Churchill to earn a 1-1 tie with Birmingham Brother Rice in a non-leaguer at Edgar Arena.

Churchill enters the winter break with a 5-3-1 overall record.

Rice carried a 1-0 lead into the final period on Kyle Detloff's deflection goal off the shot from the point from Chris Roff. Spiro Drosis also assisted on the Rice goal at 12:43 of the second period.

The game tying goal by Krug came at 6:09 of the third. Sean Smith and Nate Jakubowski drew assists.

Churchill was 0-for-4 on the power-play. "We had numerous opportunities but we shot the puck wide," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "This game had all the intensity you'd expect in a game played at this time of year."

All-State goaltender Ryan McBroom, a junior for Churchill, returned to the lineup for the first time after sitting out the first seven games with a groin injury.

PREP HOCKEY

He played the opening period before giving way to Matt Williams.

STEVENSON 2, A.A. PIONEER 1: Mark Blazok tallied both goals Saturday as Livonia Stevenson won the consolation game of Marquette Tournament against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Blazok scored a power-play goal at 6:29 of the first period (Dave Bonello assisted) and at 4:57 of the third (from Mike Majkowski).

Pioneer scored nine seconds later, but couldn't secure the equalizer.

Stevenson netminder Kevin Marlowe (28 saves) was named to the All-Tournament team. Marlowe had 37 saves in Friday's 2-1 overtime loss to eventual winner Marquette.

Stevenson had 16 shots against Pioneer.

In the championship game Saturday, Marquette defeated Calumet, 4-2.

"It was a productive trip for us," Harris said. "The team got to bond, and they played with a lot of heart and discipline."

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rebounding (810). He attended two NBA camps, his first stop in Kansas City where Cotton Fitzsimmons was the coach and the players in camp included Billy McKinney, Darnell Hillman and Tom Burleson.

"Phil Ford was holding out for more money at the time," Hammye recalls.

He also played for the Fresno (Calif.) Stars of the Western Basketball Association and had another NBA tryout in 1979 with the San Antonio Spurs before hanging up his sneakers.

"I saw the handwriting on the wall," Hammye said of his pro aspirations.

His coaching journey began with the Genoa varsity girls team in 1980-81. He then became a graduate assistant at Bowling Green in 1981-82.

Parker, who worked as an assistant at Bowling Green when Hammye was a player, took him with him to Wayne State as an assistant where the Tartars finished 119-56, including three GLIAC titles and three NCAA Division II appearances (1982-88).

When Parker left for Southern Cal and eventually to the NBA (where he is an assistant now for the Dallas Mavericks), Hammye stepped in and has been the school's head coach ever since.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to Charlie because he got me into college basketball," Hammye said.

Wayne State eventually plans to move up to Division I and Hammye will likely part of the transition.

"I've applied for some Division I jobs and I don't know how long I'll coach, but I'll keep doing it as long as I enjoy what I'm doing," he said. "I want to stay in athletics, maybe become an athletic director some day and become involved with all sports."

Hammye believes coaching remains the same, even after 18 years.

"The game itself has changed, but not the teaching," he said. "There have been a lot of rules changes, but the fundamentals and teaching remain constant."

Wayne State, coming off a big 92-60 win Tuesday over 13-1 Siena Heights, enters the holiday break with a 7-6 record.

The Warriors have rebounded from an 0-3 start. Hammye gave his team five days off. The Warriors return to action Jan. 6.

But Hammye doesn't take a break. He was off to Schoolcraft College Wednesday night to see the Ocelots take on an out-manned St. Clair (Ont.) squad.

Always one to cover his bases, Hammye was there to evaluate and recruit more talent.

When he asked me if I was going to be covering the game, I responded sarcastically: "It's not going to be much of a game. That's going to be a blowout and a waste of time."

Hammye responded kiddingly "You only go if it's a good game? Is that how it works with you guys?"

Needless to say, Schoolcraft won by a whopping 98 points, 150-58.

And despite my warning, Hammye was there, no doubt.

Call it the love of the game.

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improved team in the league.

"Their No. 10 (Heraghty) is a good, good forward. And 98 (Glen Hearn) is a gazelle and 24 (Tom Close) is a hard-nosed, tough defenseman. That's a talented team.

"But it's unified (a combination of three Farmington schools). I'd like to see how Livonia would go unified."

The Flyers came out flying initially and took a 1-0 lead with 12:33 showing on the clock on a goal by Kevin Temerowski, assisted by Marion and Salomonson. Temerowski fired a shot behind Marlowe flying in on left wing.

The Spartans began carrying the play at that point but the lead stood until 4:24 was left. Bryan Dery stripped the puck from a defenseman, broke in alone on McLean, deked him upstairs and swept to the left wing before putting it in the net.

Stevenson grabbed a 2-1 lead with 9:09 left in the second period as Mike Perraino lifted the puck over a downed McLean. Mark Nebus and Ventimiglia assisted.

The Spartans scored on a power play with 3:32 left in the second period. Biazok, working the puck behind the net on the right side, passed out in front and David Bonello ripped it

home.

Farmington came to life again when it had a power play with 8:17 to play and had some excellent scoring chances.

"The seemed to put wind back in our sails," Breuhan said. "The problem we had, we thought we were going to play 45 minutes of consistent hockey."

"It seemed like we did better when we were aggressive forechecking. Before that, in the neutral zone they were skating all over us."

"This may not be the most talented Livonia Stevenson team ever," Harris said. "but it's got a lot of heart and character."

"And it helps when you get that great goal-tending that Kevin Marlowe's giving us. He's a great leader, on and off the ice. I love that kid."

The Flyers were missing forward Matt Lee, out with the flu, but still turned in a relatively solid all-around game.

Both teams will be idle until after the turn of the century. The Spartans get a lift at that time because forward Bobby Zagata becomes eligible to play early in January.

"We're healthy, happy and we're playing with a lot of heart," Harris said. "They know they have to work every game — and they're doing it."

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Going, going, gone

Auto auction may be your answer to an affordable car

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Going once, going twice, sold! That's the sound of a good deal going down at the Midwest Auto Auction in Redford. If you're looking for an older used car at a great price, then you should put your bid on one of the area's only auctions that's open to the public.

The auction, located at 14666 Telegraph, is held twice a week — once at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and again at 10 a.m. on Friday. While it won't cost you a dime to get on the auction floor, it may save you hundreds of dollars.

"A lot of people come here right after work. We didn't always have a nighttime auction but there was such a demand we added one," said owner George Badeen.

In these days of Internet bidding and electronic price wars, it might surprise some attendees that a real, live auctioneer calls out bids in a stereotypical drawl that seems more suited to the Kansas state fair.

And while the Midwest Auto Auction does have an Internet presence, it also has an owner who hails from the deep south and has schooled the uninitiated on the finer points of calling an auction.

Badeen, who was born in Kansas and raised in Texas, started out towing cars over twenty years ago at the Midwest Auto Auction. He spent time as a clerk before finally becoming an auctioneer himself, and to this day he still runs the auction when he finds himself in a pinch for a good deal caller.

While some of his auctioneers honed their skills at special schools through out the Midwest, Badeen said his expertise comes from hands-on experience.

"A couple of other auctioneers have helped me out along the way, but I just picked it up over the years. I had a good ear for the rhythm and the chant.



Making deals: Midwest Auto Auction owner George Badeen shows off some of the used cars that will soon be on the auction block.

It's been a while since I've done it on regular basis, but I did recently have to fill in when we had an auctioneer come down with a bad sore throat," Badeen said.

Most of the auction's cars come from used car dealer's lots or bank repossessions. They're separated into two "lines" for auction: the "a line," which is comprised of newer, better quality cars, and the "b line," cars which have higher mileage and more wear and tear.

The sellers pay a flat \$75 fee to enter their vehicle, then an additional percentage of the final sale.

Badeen said about 225 cars usually change hands during one of the sales, although the auctions are usually a little slower during the holidays.

"It's pretty dead until about the second week in January," he explained.

Internet aficionados can view a live stream with sound from the auction twice a week.

"We have certain customers that like to watch the auction as it's happening to see if their sales are going through," Badeen said.

However, Midwest hasn't yet ironed out the kinks of electronic bidding.

"We'd like to get into Internet auctions but we haven't launched anything yet. Selling cars out of state can be a real headache, you get in to a lot of different regulations and different sales taxes. It could be done, but we need to put a lot more work into it," he explained.

Midwest has also sponsored several charity auctions, the most recent of which supported extracurricular activities and equipment for schools in Redford, Badeen said.

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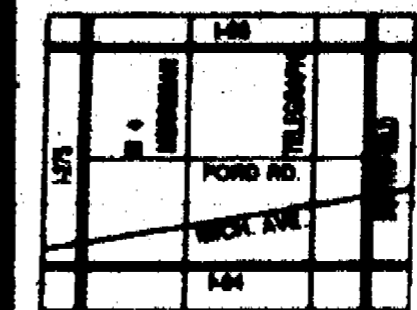
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1946 Squad car was one of first models off the line after WWII

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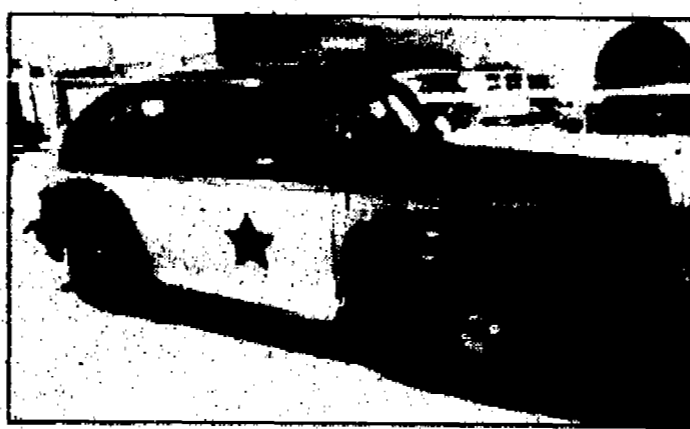
When peace finally broke out at the end of WWII it was time for the auto manufacturers to retool from the swords of military production to the plowshares of personal transportation. Ford, like most of the other car builders at the time, dusted off the existing 1942 tooling, went to work on simple trim and grill facelifts and started spitting out as many "new" 1946 models as possible. With no new cars for over four years, the public was snapping up anything that was available. Government agencies were also limping along on well worn vehicles and, at times, were able to get priority over the public.

This 1946 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor sedan was purchased by the Oakland Police Department. While city governments usually

buy lower priced "fleet" models, Oakland was forced into the Super Deluxe because Ford saw no need to build the pre-war, entry level Special model and regular Deluxe sedans were in short supply. The only option on the car was a set of factory "heavy duty" 15 inch wheels (Fords came equipped with taller "16" units). Upon delivery, the sedan was fitted with an Edison two-way radio. (Calling all cars... calling all cars...) a pair of Unity spotlights, some white door panels and a star on the door. It's funny to think that in such a short time we've come from stock Ford Tudors with broadcloth upholstery to today's screened-in rolling mini-jails.

On patrol in the 1946 Ford Squad Car

This drive report car is owned by Skip Silva of San Leandro.



CA. Skip had seen the car for years languishing away in the garage of a neighbor. The neighbor had bought the car at a Oakland city auction in 1950. The Tudor had just 63,000 miles on it. It was driven home, parked in the garage and just sat there. By the 70s the engine had frozen but the neighbor still refused to sell. Finally, in 1978, the owner, in the midst of a

divorce, had to sell the car and called Skip.

Silva pulled the heads, hammered on each piston 'till it came loose, buttoned it all back together and drove it

off. After a while it started smoking pretty bad so the heads and pan were removed and new rings and rod bearings were installed. The Tudor now has over 68,000 miles on the odometer and runs great. Skip has done a few other modifications as well. He works for the City of San Leandro and had access to a set of modern 15 inch police pursuit radials - some "take

offs" from a wrecked modern patrol car. They fit nicely on the Ford's optional wheels. Two inch longer front shackles lower the front a bit. The "Baby Moon" hubcaps are temporary until a nice set of originals can be obtained.

The Classic Drive

Slide behind the wheel with me and we'll take this old Ford out for a ride. The car feels big, but not too big or overstuffed, and tall, with lots of headroom. All of the controls are easy to get to and the steering wheel is at a tolerable angle. The car starts smoothly and settles down to that lovely flathead burble, burble, burble.

The shifter works well as it slides into first - give it a little RPM and we're off. Smooth and powerful are the words that come to mind as we run it

through the gears. I had never driven an original stock powered post-war Ford sedan before and was really surprised at the performance for a car of that era. I'll bet that only a few luxury cars with big engines and tall gearing could run away from it. It leaves stock Chevys and Plymouths from that era in the dust!

The handling is also very good. Usually, in my experience, radial tires make older cars feel mushy and squirmy. In this application, the tires somehow canceled the straight axle Ford's tendency to follow imperfections in the road and "hunt" from side to side. This car rode smoothly and required much less correction at the helm. A run over to an industrial area allowed me to test the area. It wound up slowly, just like in the movies, and took at least three minutes to wind down. Great stuff!

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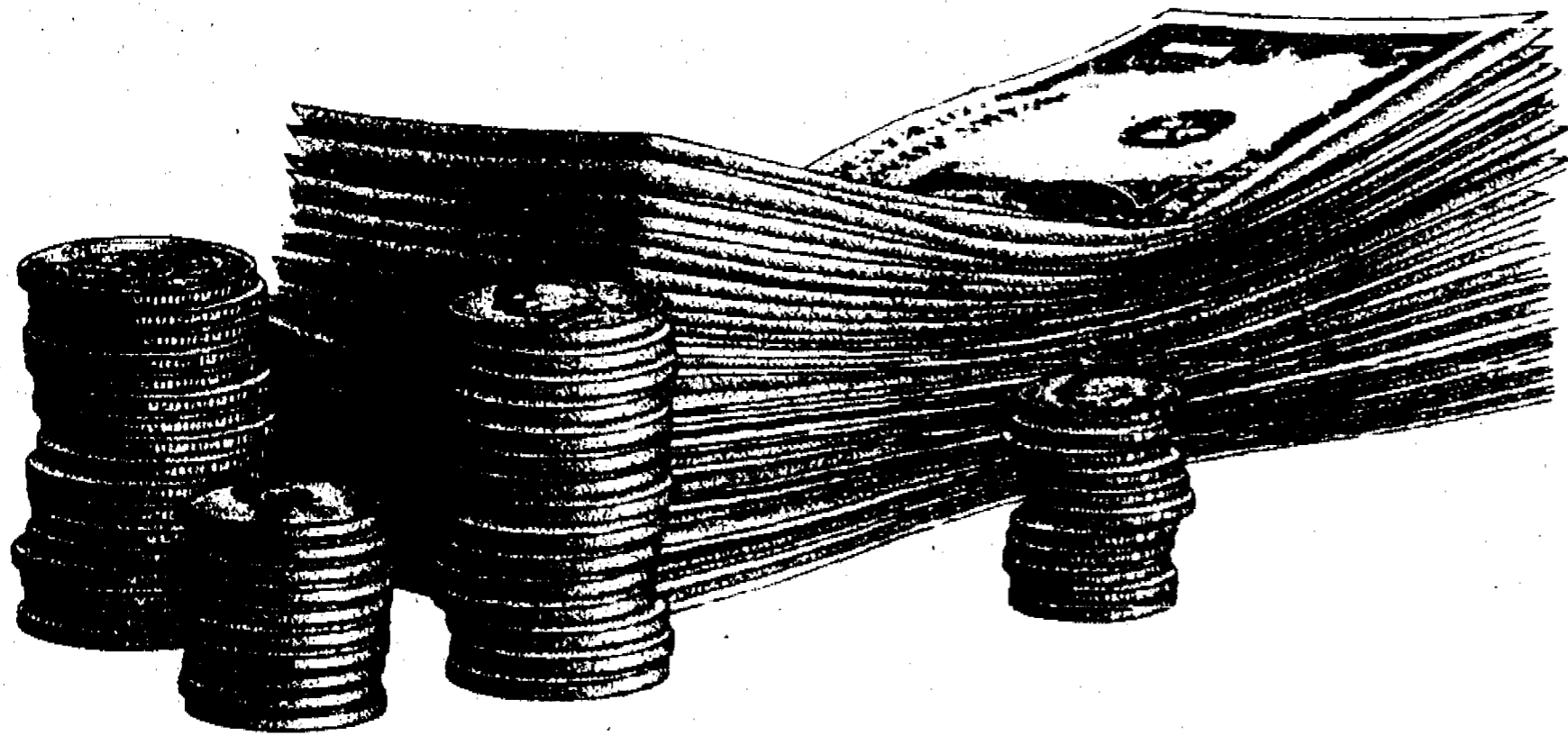
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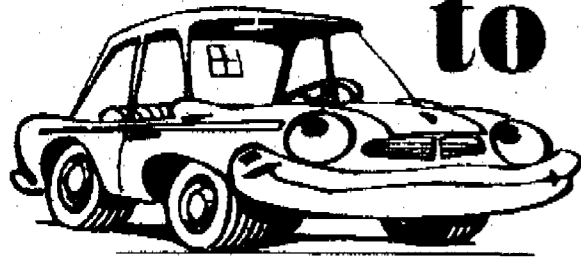
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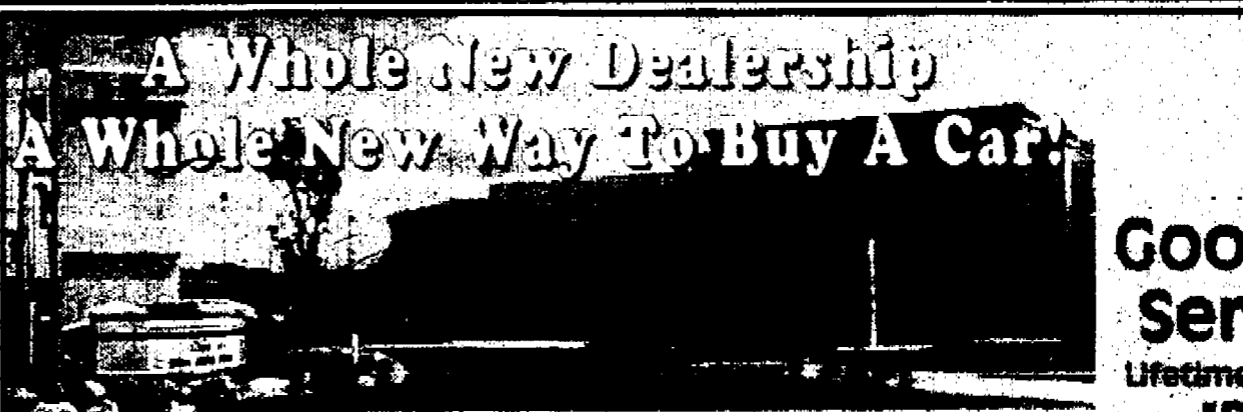
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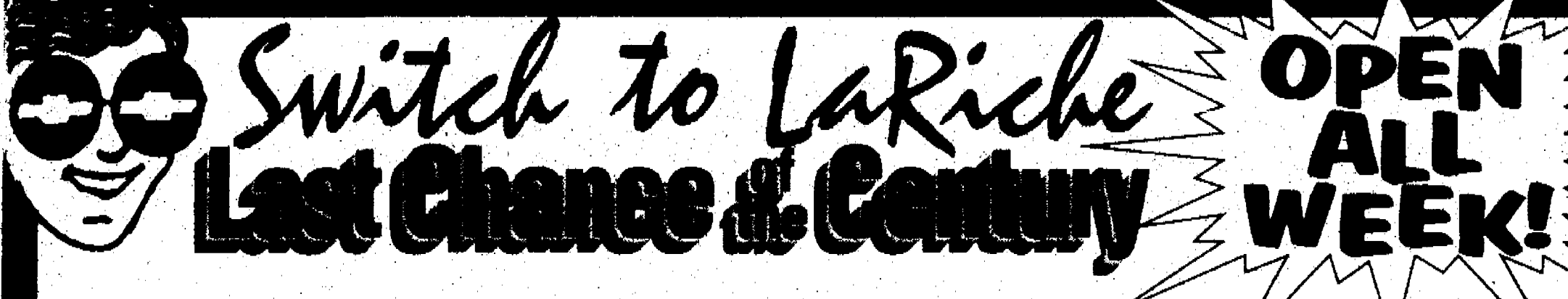
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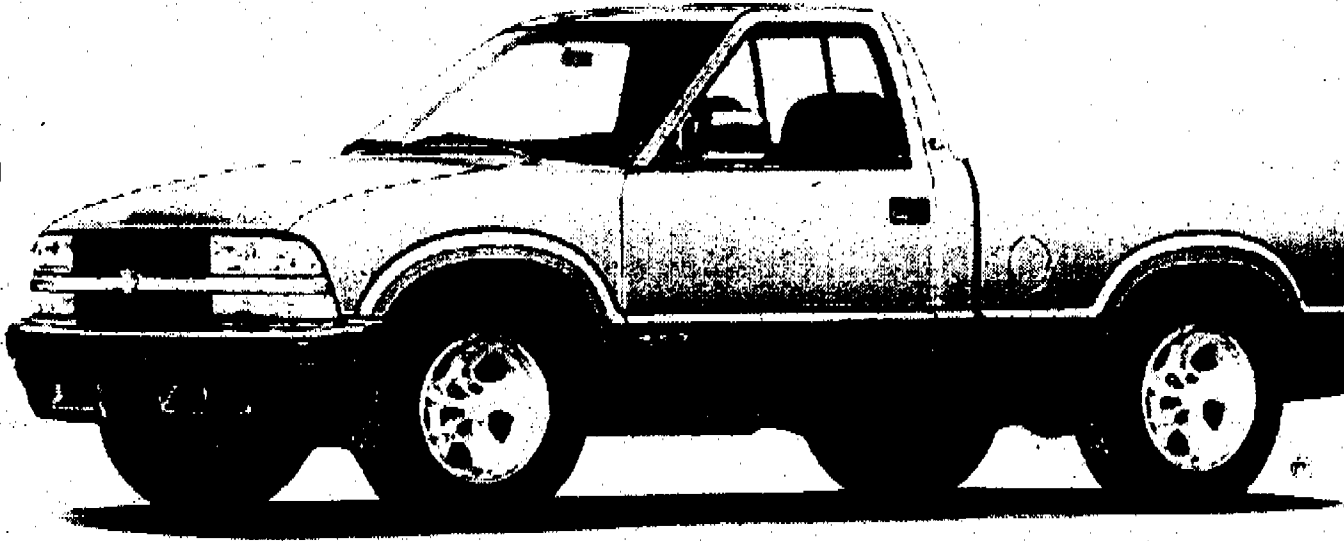
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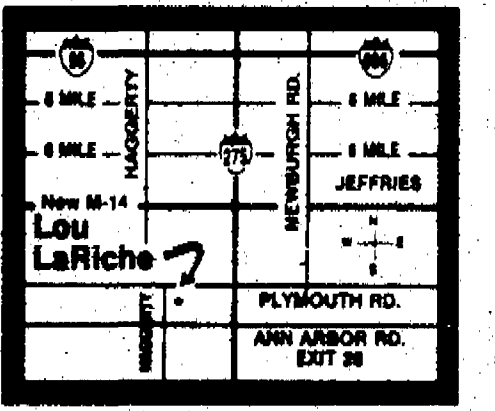
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