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CLOSINGS

City: During New Year's week, city of Plymouth offices will be closed Dec. 29, 30, 31 and New Year's Day. The treasurer's office will be open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 for tax payments.

Township: The township of Plymouth offices will be closed New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Friday, Jan. 2. The treasurer's office will open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve for tax payments. A drop box is also available.

Schools: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrative offices will be closed throughout New Year's week and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

MONDAY

Game: The Plymouth Whalers are playing the Erie Otters at 2 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena on Beck Road, just north of M-14. The match is an Ontario Hockey League Game of the Week. For ticket information, call 313-453-8400 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays only.

TUESDAY

Hurry: You may be running out of time to place your reservation for any number of New Year's Eve get-togethers, including at the Water Club Grill, Fox Hill Golf Club, as well as the West Side Singles, which may be contacted at 981-0909.

WEDNESDAY

Party: Happy New Year's Eve! Be safe. Don't drink and drive and be sure to buckle up.

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In time: The new fountain that graces Kellogg Park is ready in time for the 16th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Jan. 14-19. There were some delays in finishing the new fountain, which was brought to Plymouth, thanks to a hefty donation from Charlotte and Calvin Perry and the Plymouth Rotary.

Fountain is ready to go



Some parts that weren't quite right and poor weather caused delays in finishing the new fountain in Kellogg Park. But it is ready to go for the annual ice festival.

By KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Just in time for the ice show, the new improved Kellogg Park fountain

Work to improve the fountain stat-

ed in September. Architect David Schaff predicted it would take a few weeks to erect the new three-tiered fountain and make other improve-

But after the fountain kit arrived from Stoneware Magnalite in Nevada, some parts weren't quite right. "The pumps that were shipped

were of the wrong voltage. There were a couple other parts like that," Schaff said "None of us who were involved

ever put together anything like this," Schaff said. "We made a lot of phone calls back and forth to Nevada to Stoneware Magnalite.

"Part of the time the weather was-

Please see FOUNTAIN, A2

Library still to move March 1

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Work on a new Plymouth District Library next to Plymouth City Hall on Main Street is on track.

"I'm still looking at March 1 to move," said Library Director Pat Thomas.

CONSTRUCTION

One key to construction being completed on time is enclosing the new library interior before serious winter weather arrives

"I don't see that that's a problem," said Gary Toney, site superintendent for Ellis Don Construction, general contractor for the job.

"The brick work is progressing very well, the roof is 95 percent complete," Toney said. "Those are the two big items to open up all our work on the

"They're still putting the bricks on all the widows and the walls, they're finishing the roof," Thomas said. "Meanwhile they've been working along inside, partitions are in, the dry wall is

not up. "They're installing electrical service boxes, then they'll turn on the heat. Pretty much the rough stuff is done but

they've got all the finished stuff to do Please see LIBRARY, A3

French cuisine whips up good business

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Business has been better than expected at Cafe Giverny, since downtown Plymouth's newest restaurant

That's what owner Neb Brankovic was to open. reports, one week after opening his crepes and coffee restaurant on Main Street across from Kellogg Park.

The Health Department inspected us at 4:30 on Friday," Brankovic said, just hours before the new restaurant

Because perishable foods couldn't be brought in before the inspection, Brankovic, his staff and wife Celeste who has a daytime consulting job scrambled around to bring food in and get the restaurant ready to open the

Cafe Giverny replaces the Chameleon Gallery. The new restaurant's walls are done in a warm yellowbrown cream color, with canopies

Please see CAFE. A2

MADD Liferides available

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is hoping its annual Project Liferide will help produce a third consecutive year of no drunk driving fatalities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties New

NEW YEAR'S EVE

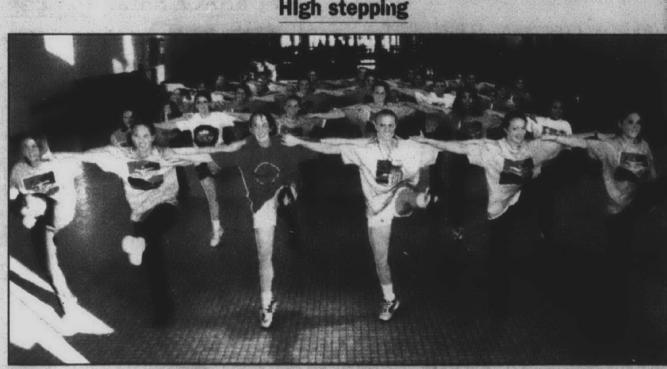
For the 13th year, MADD is the main force behind Project Liferide, which provides cab rides for anyone too impaired to drive after ringing in the

Hosts of private parties will be able to call the lifeline for guests who have had too much too drink. Restaurant, lodging and bar establishments in the tri-county area will be able to arrange a free ride home for their customers who may be too intoxicated to safely

This year, MADD has a toll-free number for Liferide, 1-888-398-6233 (MADD). Operators will be taking calls for free cab rides from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 5 a.m. New Year's Day. Last year, there were 549 requests for rides, with 1,144 people transported. Sponsors picked up the tab, which was about \$7,000.

The number of calls is almost double what it was 10 years ago. As a result, MADD is encouraging drinkers to plan for rides home, or have a designated

Please see MADD, A4



Stepping up: The Canton High School Chiefettes (above) and the Salem High School Rockettes are the two best pom-pon squads in the state, following the Mid-american Pom Pon Dance Competition earlier this month.

Salem, Canton step to the top

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

eady? One, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick, kick, KICK!

When it comes to soaring kicks and great dancing, the Canton Chiefettes and the Salem Rockettes have all the right muscles and moves. They're two of the best pompon squads in the state. At the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Competition at Cobo Hall Dec. 7, the

Chiefettes placed first not only for high kicks but first for best overall

squad. The 33-member team scored 96.25 out of 100 points.

The Rockettes, who have 24 members, won first place for their dance choreography for the fourth year in a row. Both teams went up against 14 other squads from the large-school

Kelly Frader, 17, of Canton, one of three Chiefettes captains, recalled the moment: "They called second

place and we started shaking. We worked so hard. It was nice to get

the recognition."

Kristy Davis, 17, of Plymouth Township, another captain, said the activity is addictive. "It really is. We're all such good friends. It's like they're my family."

The Rockettes claimed their share of pulled muscles in preparation for the competition during their two-

Please see WINNERS, A4

New center prompts concern for emergencies

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

A 140-unit three-story assisted-living senior center is planned for Plymouth Road west

of Haggerty.

And while Plymouth Township trustees say such developments are fine, one said this would be the Plymouth community's fourth senior facility - and that raises concerns about expensive emergency ambulance runs.

"We're flattered, but frankly it's costly," said Trustee Charles.

The township board of trustees unanimously approved Regent Street's request for a planned unit development zoning option to allow the plan to continue. The applicant has 18 months to submit a final development plan.

Before approving the zoning option, firm president Phyllis Howard told Curmi she was interested in working with the township to minimize use of public ambulance services.

Michael Rein of Regent Street told trustees the company hires

more skilled staff, better trained to get seniors to the doctor or quish Manor, a senior home. to get seniors to the doctor or other care without using 911

Rein said senior center staff also like to head off ambulance runs. "These visits are very upsetting. There's the feeling,' Am I next?' and 'Who was it?" he

"We monitor their needs so there are not emergencies," said Howard, a registered nurse.

Curmi said the city of Plymouth "is taking a disproportionate number of ambulance

Curmi suggested a system be set up by where senior facilities would call private ambulance companies for services instead of relying heavily on public ambulance services.

"I'll be very happy to work with you and the township on that," Howard responded.

Plans call for the Regent Street facility to have three buildings. One licensed nursing home facility would have 46 units with skilled nursing and

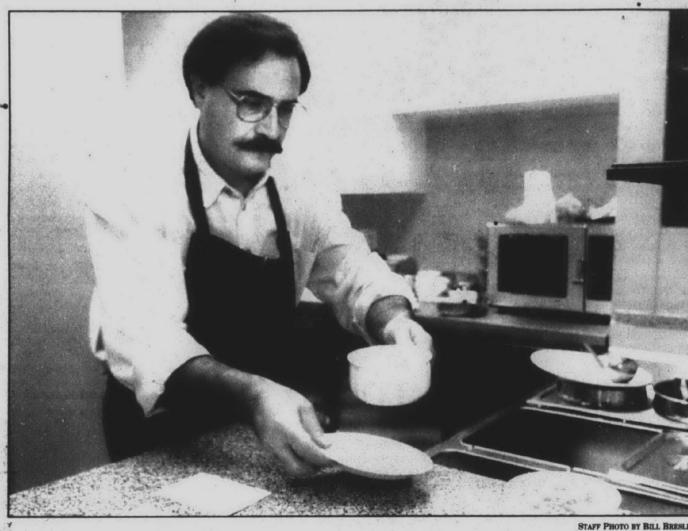
therapy staff.

A second building would house 26 assisted living units with special care "for dementia related to aging as in small stroke syndrome, Alzheimers and senility," according to the proposal.

A third building would have 86 assisted living units "designed and programmed for the frail

The facility would not have inroom kitchens. Common dining facilities and bathroom facilities would be provided, Rein said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

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inside, framed paintings and other touches that suggest a southern France - North Africa cafe.

A seat inside the restaurant offers a view of Kellogg Park through the oversized glass window. "The lights in the park are really beautiful at night," Brankovic added.

Some top selling menu items so far are spinach crepes and Italian crepes. "Those are on the lunch side. On the desert side people seem to like peaches and cream," he said.

"Yesterday I introduced chocolate mouse, that went very fast," Brankovic said, laughing.

He employs six staff, and is looking for more part-timers, especially with the ice festival looming.

While chatting with a visitor, a woman patron approaches Brankovic and asks for a gift certificate. He tells her he doesn't have them ready

"Business has been very brisk. I know we've perked the community's interest," he said.

Restaurant hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Brisk business: Owner Neb Brankovic (at left) works in the kitchen at the new Cafe Giverny.

■ 'Business has been very brisk. I know we've perked the community's interest.'

Neb Brankovic -Cafe Giverny owner

Cafe Giverny offers breakfast crepes for \$4.75, French toast, brioche, scones and pastries. Lunch and dinner crepes are \$4.25, and there are crepes and soup, crepes and salad and soup and salad combinations.

There's also a \$5.50 pasta salad, salad de jour and Cafe Giverny house salad for \$6.25.

Onion Soup Giverny is a leek and potato cream soup. Also on the menu is a cheese and fruit plate, spinach and cheese puff pastry and a variety of coffees, teas, juices and pop.

With the food service counter to the rear of the restaurant, Brankovic said he'll probably set up a coffeedrink service counter near the front for the ice festival. Once some problems with the plumbing for the former coffee bar to the rear of the restaurant are fixed, he also plans service there.

The restaurant, named for a French city, seats 47.

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the inter of the basin. It took a the temperature is above 40 toward the fountain. The Plycould be set on it," he said.

"Also the construction season was very busy this year especially in the fall, it was hard to get people to commit the time and work on it," Schaff said.

In early November the fountain began to be installed in pieces. "Once again the weather

FURNACE SALE

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n't cooperating that well. One of turned cold, we couldn't use the the key things to do is refinish adhesive that's needed unless Plymouth contributed \$50,000

> degrees," Schaff said. Problems with the weather and parts allowed work on the 14-foot fountain for only two or three days at a time.

> But in the last few weeks, a break in the weather allowed work to continue. "We're missing a nut or two but we're still ready to go," Schaff said.

COP CALLS

Air bags stolen

Eight auto air bags valued at \$1,300 each were discovered stolen Monday from Dick Scott Dodge, 684 W. Ann Arbor Road.

According to the report filed with Plymouth city police, door locks were punched out to get inside cars to get the air bags.

The thefts happened sometime between 3 p.m. Dec. 20 and 12:30 p.m. Monday. Police recovered a glove believed left on a front seat by a thief, and found fingerprints believed to be traceable to the thief. There were found on top of a steering column and on a steering wheel.

Police are continuing to inves-

What is your bank offering?

mouth Rotary Club contributed paving blocks around the fountain and some landscaping.

Also contributing to the project were general contractor Earl Hall of E & M construction and Schaff. The total project cost was

While Schaff said he'd hoped to test the fountain last week, it

Charlotte and Calvin Perry of was decided to wait for warmer weather in the spring.

Also this spring, a plaque recognizing the contributions of the Perrys and the Plymouth Rotary Club will be placed in the fountain bowl.

The city government is expected to upgrade walkways leading from the fountain through the park next year.

RUBBISH SCHEDULE

Please remember that your rubbish pick-up will be delayed by one day if your regular pickup is Thursday or Friday during the week of New Year.

Christmas trees and natural wreaths will be picked up curbside, on your regularly scheduled collection day, during the week of January 5-9, 1998 for compost disposal. Remove tinsel, garland, non-organic materials and plastic tree disposal

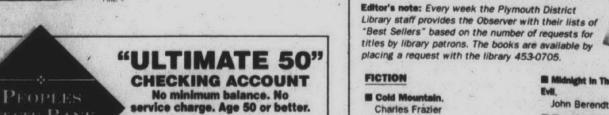
For one week only (January 5-9.1998) leaves and yard waste may be placed curbside for collection on your regularly scheduled collection day. Yard

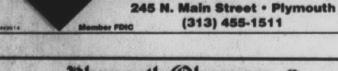
waste must be separated away from your regular rubbish and placed in paper yard bags or containers (not to exceed 30 to 32 gallon size with sturdy handles) labeled with a large "C"

The township's Compost Program will resume weekly curbside collection of yard waste again beginning April 6, 1998.

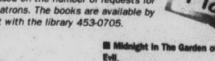
Rubbish, recycling and yard waste may be placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day but not later than 7 a.m. on your collection day.

For additional information contact the Solid Waste department at 454-0530.





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A real kick: Olivia Wofford (back row, third from left) practices her number with members of the Rockettes. The Canton girl won the dance lesson in a local television station promotion.

Rockettes

Canton girl takes a lesson from high-stepping dancers

BY RENEE SKOGLUND

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livia Wofford, 9, of Canton has taken dance lessons for four years, and now - thanks to her mother and FOX-TV Channel 2 - she's had a lesson from the world-famous New York Rockettes.

A few weeks ago, mom Christine was in her husband's home office when she caught a blurb on Channel 2 announcing a contest for children to win dance lessons with the Rockettes. The worldfamous high-kickers currently are starring in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Inspiration bright as a Christmas tree light flashed in her head: Olivia.

Without telling her daughter, Christine dashed off a picture of her daughter dolled up in a pink dance costume to Channel 2. "I thought, oh well, that would be great if she won.'

Well, Olivia was one of 15 children randomly chosen from over 300 entries. Lessons were scheduled before showtime on Dec. 11 in the Fox Theatre's

Five Rockettes, dressed in red velvet and white fur, instructed the 14 girls and reluctant one boy in steps from the show's famous "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" number. The lesson lasted 45 minutes.

"It was fabulous, everyone (maybe not the boy) was in awe," said Christine. "The older girls were just giddy beyond all means. Olivia did great. She's not one to jump up and down in public, but I could tell by the gleam in her eye she



A winner: Olivia Wofford's lesson lasted 45 minutes.

Olivia may not be able to able to kick as high as the Rockettes - she said she kicks higher than her kitchen table but not as high as the counter - but she thinks her costumes are just as pretty. Especially the one she wore in the picture her mom sent to Channel 2.

"It was like a fairy kind of thing. It had pink sparkles and a skirt with it and a cool headband and that's it," she

Olivia, a fourth-grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel-in Plymouth, really aspires to be a science teacher but says dancing is fun, especially "the moves." She patiently explained her favorite move, which she said requires just the right amount of balance:

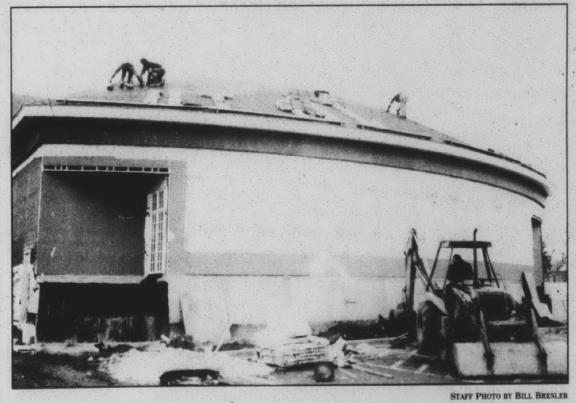
"You take your foot and put it beside you. It doesn't touch the ground. Then you put the foot you didn't use behind you. And then you do it with the other foot. And then you do it with the other foot and the other foot.

II 'It had pink sparkles and a skirt with it and a cool headband and that's it."

> Olivia Wofford -Young dancer

Olivia, who's kind of quiet, didn't say if her favorite move came in handy during her lesson with the Rockettes. She simply enjoyed the entire experience. After all, how many 9-year-olds get to high-kick with the best.

Christine Wofford, who said she's always been fascinated by live performance, admitted to being a bit stagestruck during the lessons and the show "It was almost like first-row seats to the-Miss America Pageant," she said.



Violations: Following a crane boom mishap in October, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act inspectors visited the new library site and issued some violations. But the library appears to be on track.

Library from page A1

inside yet," Thomas said. "We should have permanent

electrical power within another week or so," Toney said.

Following a crane boom mishap Oct. 2 when a load of lumber was dropped on a worker - he was treated and released from the hospital and back on the job that day -Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act inspectors visited the site and issued some violations to subcontractors, Thomas said.

Toney declined comment on the violations.

Greater Plymouth voters have approved nearly a halfmil for library construction and another half mil for operating millage

Thomas said decisions on buying books and computer

'We're waiting for things to shake down to see what we need. The rule of thumb for a new library is if building activity increases 20 percent. If that happens we will have to have more staff.'

> Pat Thomas -Library director

equipment and additional staff more staff," she said. won't happen until four to six weeks after the new library is

"We're waiting for things to shake down to see what we need," Thomas said.

"The rule of thumb for a new library is if building activity increases 20 percent. If that 5 p.m, Friday and Saturday happens we will have to have and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The library currently employs 10 full-time staff and 20 part-time employees.

New library hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to

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Services were held for Phyllis Rose Goltz, 78, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Plymouth, on Dec. 27 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline, Mich. Arrangements

were made by the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline.

She was born April 16, 1919. in Plymouth. She died Dec. 23. She was a food service employee for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor. She was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth for more than 35

She is survived by two sons, Eldean Goltz of Plymouth and Brian Goltz of Summerville, S.C.; a daughter, Carol Jensen of Belding, Mich.; four grandchildren; one great- granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the

Killarney Lutheran Camp, in lieu of flowers.

LEONA M. HOFFMAN

Services were held for Leona M. Hoffman, 88, of Livonia, on Dec. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard I. Peters officiating.

She was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Johnsonburg, Pa. She died Dec. 23 in Westland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She came to Livonia from Detroit in 1940.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Speight of Oregon

and Emily Hillbush of Texas; a son, Benjamin Leece of Westland; seven grandchildren; eight great- grandchildren, and three

Memorials may be made to the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

MADD from page A1

"We would rather have people plan ahead to get rides home if they know they'll be drinking," said Michele Compton, chapter administrator for MADD in Oakland County. "However, if they haven't, we certainly would encourage them to call us instead of getting behind the wheel."

"I can't imagine not being able to find someone to drive if you've been drinking," said Carol Nalepka of Westland, who runs the Wayne County chapter of MADD. "However, Project Liferide gives you a viable alternative, so there is no reason to be on the road after drinking."

Tom Peterson, the owner of Northwest Transport in Livonia,

has been with Project Liferide since day one.

"I work New Year's Eve myself to make certain everything is safe," said Peterson. "Our job is to make sure everyone gets home. Without the rides, people will have a tendency to try and drive their own cars when drink-

ABC Cab in Livonia, which also covers Farmington Hills, has been part of Project Liferide

"I think the program is great," said Val Duarard, office manager. "We get about 35 MADD calls during that evening."

Both cab operators say they don't have many problems with those who have had too much to

"We're kind of used to drunks and how to handle them," said Duarard. "However, we've had no problems during all these vears.

Peterson notes "most drinkers are happy-go-lucky and don't cause any problems. One time a woman did take off all her clothes and throw them out the window. We ended up in Farmington Hills, before finding out she lived in Canton."

A recently released poll by EPIC/MRA of Lansing shows about 8 percent of Michigan adults will drive at least once after drinking during the holiday

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition offers a Senior Hot Lunch Program at the following locations and times:

Canton Township Recreation Center, Summit-on-the-Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Serving hour: 11:30 a.m.

Allen Terrace, 401 High Street, in Northville. Serving

Tonguish Creek, 1160 Sheridan in Plymouth. Serving hour:

■Monday, Dec. 29: Oven fried chicken drumsticks, redskin potato salad, harvard beets, pound cake, pineapple tidbits, pumpkin bread with margarine

■Tuesday, Dec. 30: Manicotti shells with low salt tomato sauce. Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad with Italian dressing, tropical fruit, garlic bread with margarine and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Closed Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed

Friday, Jan. 2: Ham with. fruit sauce, sweet potatoes, corn, graham cracker pudding with whipped cream, wheat roll with margarine and milk.

share special moments.

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older get together to

"Our seniors enjoyed them

so much," said Betty Wobst,

activity director at Plymouth

Vinners from page A1

here's nothing better Inn on Haggerty.

hour practice sessions before school. But it all came together during their dance routine to a song from "West Side Story," which captain Robyn Novak, 17, of Canton said was "more lyrical" than past performances.

"I like performing, just knowing everybody is looking at you. We've been so successful these past four years. It makes you want to keep coming back," said Stacey Barboso, 17, of Plymouth.

One, two, three, kick. Way to go, girls ... and, uh, guys.

'It was intense waiting to see if we won," said Canton senior Christopher Porman, 17, of Canmales on the Chiefettes' team can do some stupendous mid-air toe touches

"That's athleticism personified," said Matt Marcos, 17, of

'I like performing, just knowing everybody is looking at you. We've been so successful these past four

Younger and older celebrate

Children from ISEP (Tanger

School) entertained senior citi-

zens at Plymouth Inn for more

than an hour with Christmas

carols and joined them for

refreshments and a celebra-

Stacey Barboso -Pom pon member

Canton. When asked just what the guys on the team do, he replied: "We boogie down."

"We just go out and have a great time," said Rob Schmitt, 16, of Canton.

In the guy-girl part of the competition, the guy Chiefettes lost by a mere six-tenths of a point to their Rockettes counterpart. "It felt good knowing we lost to rocked Cobo," he said.

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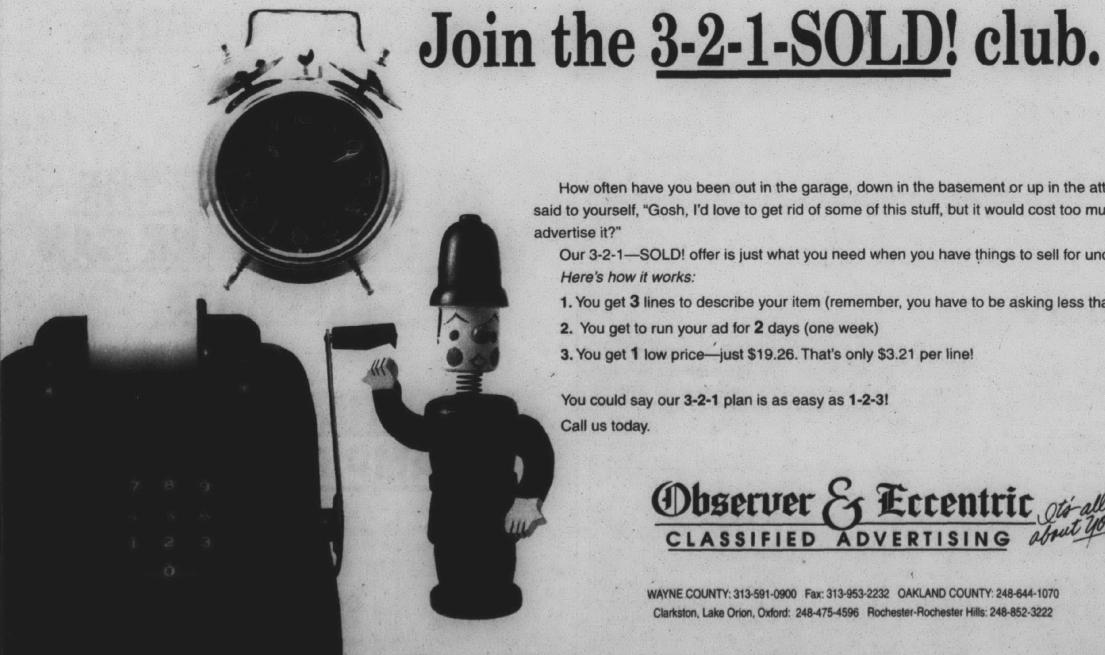
Marnie Holdefer's daughter, Katy Tolbert, has been a Canton Chiefette for three years. She said she is impressed by the girls' - and guys' - "precision, showmanship, smiles and all of their energy.

Holdefer, a Canton resident, admitted to being somewhat of a stage mother as she watched the competition. She held her breath as the judges announced the five place winners then started announcing fifth, fourth, third and second place. "At that point I started crying because I knew they won," she said.

She shouldn't have worried. The Chiefettes and the Rockettes were destined for glory. Just ask guy-Rockette Schmitt. "We



At the top: The Rockettes, who have 24 members, won first place for their dance choreography for the fourth year in a row.



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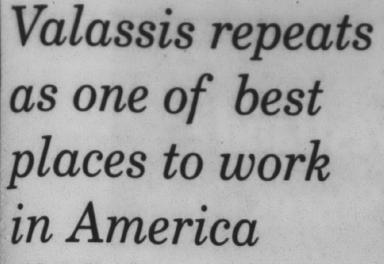
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UM-D sells land

The University of Michigan-Dearborn has sold eight acres of its land at Mercury and Hubbard Drives for \$1.8 million. UM-D Chancellor James C Renick said the proceeds will go into an endowment to support

student scholarships Buyer Tri-Mount, a real estate development firm, will build condominium housing on the site, UM-D said. UM-D acquired the property in 1974 in a swap with ord Land Development Co.



Valassis Communications, at an all-time high," said David Inc., headquartered in Livonia. has been named one of the 100 Best Companies to Work for in America by Fortune Magazine.

This was the second time in less than seven years that Valassis has made the list. The results will be published in the Jan. 12 issue of Fortune Magazine which will be on the newsstands later this week

Companies were evaluated using multiple criteria, such as employees' trust in management, pride in work and company, and camaraderie. Workplace practices were also evaluated, and an extensive survey was randomly administered to employees to obtain their confidential opinions

Valassis employees are proud of the ranking. Barney Bourgeois, senior insert publishing specialist said, "I'm proud to be a Valassis employee. I've always known that this is a great place to work; now all of America does,

*Our workplace environment of respect and caring makes this a place that we want to come to every day. And on top of that, we're saving Americans billions of dollars every year by providing them with our products coupons," said Bourgeois.

"Employee pride and morale is

will help students explore the mysteries of financial aid on Wednesday. Jan. 21 during its Regional Financial Aid Night. The program is designed for college-bound high school students and their parents and will be helpful to students who are

transferring from a community

Program topics include the

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be a question-and-answer period following the formal presenta-

The program will begin at 7

p.m. in the Waterman Center.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just

Rivers to meet

with residents

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-

13th District, invites residents of

that Congressional district to

join her for a cup of coffee and conversation in Northville.

Rivers will be at Rebecca's on

Center (formerly Murphy's), 134 N. Center St., in Northville

8:30-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6,

for coffee with her constituents. On Jan. 15, Rivers will be at the Early Bird II, 27412 Michi-

gan Ave., in Inkster from 8:30

to 10 a.m. On Jan. 16, she will visit Rex's Family Restaurant, 35111 Michigan Ave. in Wayne

For information, call Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor at (313) 741-4210 or Wayne (313)

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A. Brandon, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Valassis Communications.

"This terrific accomplishment was a total team effort and demonstrates that a corporations' success is not best achieved at the expense of employees. Rather an atmosphere of respect, empowerment and positive energy produces the best customer service, product quality and the excellent financial results that increase shareholder value," said Brandon, who has been president of Valassis since 1989

The last study conducted by Levering and Moskowitz in the early '90s resulted in a book The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America." That study was conducted in a similar fashion and ranked Valassis Communications high in the areas of opportunities, job security and openness/fairness areas in which Valassis remains

Valassis Communications, Inc. has grown from a company with a single printing press to one of the nation's largest producers of free-standing inserts. It is the leading company in the sales promotion industry, offering a broad array of consumer promotion techniques.



Selected: CEO David Brandon (center) surrounded by employees at the company's Livonia headquarters, said being named one of the top 100 best places to work in America was a "total team effort" that will "serve to inspire our organization to continue to achieve great results in 1998.

The company prepares and prints billions of inserts each year at its printing/production facilities in Livonia and Plymouth, Michigan; Wichita, Kansas; and Durham, North Carolina. In addition, eight regional sales offices are strategically placed across the country.

In a speech earlier this before the Canton Economic Club. Brandon said the financial performance of the Livonia-based company goes hand-in-hand with his belief in building a workplace culture that draws and holds onto - top talent in

Who you hire, how you hire them and how you treat them once they're on the job are keys to success in any business, Bran-

"We really believe in this thing called culture, the environment we create for our employees to do business," said Brandon, 45, Valassis president and CEO since 1989 and a Plymouth Township resident.

On the economic side of the ledger the now publicly held company has a net worth of \$1.3 billion, triple from 1979, when Brandon left Proctor and Gamble to return to Michigan, where he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974.

Valassis was trading at a 52week high of 33 1/8 on the New York Stock Exchange at midmonth December

Brandon's half-hour talk was filled with anecdotes and personalized business bromides including two favorites illustrating his management style: "Change is good" and "If it ain't broke.

Brandon is a strong believer in employee participation at all levels. "Let employees participate in your success to get the idea across that they can take ownership in what you're doing." he said. "A company of 'owners' will behave differently."

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HEALTHIER APPETITE



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The best weight-loss is gradual

he thought of stepping on a scale right now is as scary as waking up realizing you're late for an important meeting, or not being able to find your purse, wallet or keys.

"I hate the word diet," said Juliane Steenkamer a clinical dietitian at Garden City Hospital. "Michigan has one of the highest obesity rates in the country, and it's a long winter. People tend not to exercise.'

Steenkamer works a lot with cardiac patients who have no choice but to cut the fat from their diets. On monthly grocery tours at Kroger's in Garden City, she shows them how to help reverse the progression of heart disease by changing their choices.

"Watching fat is the most important part of your diet," she says. During the holiday season, which begins with Thanksgiving, some of us count Halloween, and ends New Year's Day, the average person gains five to 10 pounds.

Burn to lose

"You have to burn, or cut 3,500 calories to eliminate one pound of weight," said Steenkamer. "Eating an additional 500 calories a day adds up. Remember those five cubes of cheese you ate at the last party? That was about 500 calories, add six Ritz crackers for another 125 calories.

Nuts are also high in fat. Ten peanuts equals about 45 calories, and forget about cashews - six cashews also equals 45 calories, but can any of us eat just six?

There's no time like the present to make changes in your diet and lifestyle. Why wait until Jan. 1 to begin. Little changes do add up.

"If you love nuts, only have nuts in the shell at home. You'll eat them slower, and it's more of a challenge to get them out of the shell," said

Dilute juice and wine with club soda, munch on assorted veggies, and dip them in fat-free salad dressing. Use I Can't Believe It's Not Butter spray on vegetables and to make garlic bread instead of butter or mar-

For flavorful sweet potatoes, skip the butter, and mash them with a half can of drained, crushed pineap-

"If you're going to a friend's house, bring a low-fat dish," suggests Steenkamer. "Forget the all or nothing mind set, gradually introduce new low-fat dishes. Pick up your exercise. If you beef up your physical exercise

you can splurge a little bit." Incorporate more lean cuts of beef, poultry and fish in your diet. Don't eat the dark meat, or the skin of

chicken, or turkey. Start changing your focus to fruits, vegetables and grains - "they'll fill you up, without filling you out," said Steenkamer. "Meat shouldn't displace foods that are more healthy for you. Most of us eat more than a normal serving size of meat, which is 2 to 3 ounces cooked, about the size of a deck of cards. When we eat this much meat, we're not as likely to eat as many nutrient-dense vegetables,

fruits and grains.' Read labels

Make a resolution to start reading labels when you grocery shop. "One half cup is the standard serving size of ice cream, but how many of us eat only half a cup," said Steenkamer. Cut your intake of saturated fats those that are solid at room temperature. Unsaturated fats are liquid at

room temperature and better for you. When reading labels, compare fat content per serving size. Try different fat-free products until you find ones

you like. Fat-free cheese doesn't melt. "Sprinkle it on top of tacos or sandwiches," said Steenkamer. "Skip fatfree cream cheese, use jam or jelly

Please see HEALTHIER, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Focus on Wine



Too big: Sandra Dalka-Prysby shows how much weight she lost by putting on a pair of her "fat" pants at the Beverly Hills Raquet Club where she regularly works out.

Looking back: When this photo was taken of Sandra Dalka-Prysby in 1995, she was at the half-way point.



Editor's Note:

With her sunny personality, and can-do attitude, Sandra Dalka-Prysby is the type of person who lights up a room when she walks in. We met three years ago when she called to talk about her weight-loss plan and the possibility of doing some freelance writing for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Concerned about her health as she approached her 50th birthday, Prysby wrote to "Family Circle" magazine, and asked for help. Besides being overweight, she was a smoker. Sandra quit the cigarettes right away, but losing weight was harder. She stuck with it, and reached her weight-loss goal this year. In fact, she exceeded it and lost more than 175 pounds instead of the 150 she set out to do. Sandra's a joy to work with and an inspiration. - Keely Wygonik

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY

orget making the usual New Year's resolutions to lose weight. It's time to get ready for the new millennium and there's no better time than now to get started.

I used a "Slow but Sure" philosophy to lose more than 175 pounds. It took me 3-1/2 years, and with the same diligence, and a lot of effort, you too can succeed in being healthier and more fit when the calendars turn over to 2000.

"Slow but Sure" is not only my creed, it's the title of a book on my weight-loss due to be released by Doubleday in January, 1999. You don't have to wait until then to learn some of my secrets for success. I'll share them with you now.

When I tipped the scales at 325 pounds in January, 1994, it was because of my high-fat diet and lack of exercise. This unhealthy lifestyle changed when "Family Circle" magazine

agreed to follow my weight-loss progress and arranged for nutritional help from Muriel G. Wagner, a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist who practices in Southfield. She's also a regular contributor to

Muriel put me on a 1,800 calorie a day high carbohydrate food plan. In addition to 8-10 ounces of protein, 10 starches, and two dairy and fat servings, the plan called for three fruits and four daily servings of vegetables. Immediately, I began to lose weight.

With an offer of the use of the facilities and a trainer at Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, I began a regular, fourtimes-a-week exercise program. This program has been expanded to seven days a week with aerobic workouts (walking, biking, water aerobics and step classes) intermixed with free weights and toning exercises. As important as exercise has

Please see FIT, B2

Celebrate New Year's simply with good food and friends

BY ELEANOR HEALD PECIAL WRITER

You know other people who copped out, and didn't make plans for New Year's Eve.

"I'll invite them over and make a simple New Year's Eve dinner," you say to yourself. Do it!

Molly O'Neill, food columnist for The New York Times Magazine, is one of the most "with it" cookbook authors. She delivers the best whimsical guide to preparing and orchestrating a dinner party, keeping a host sane in the effort.

In "The Pleasure of Your Company: How to Give a Dinner Party Without Losing Your Mind," (Viking, 1997, \$26.95,) the chapter "Nan Does New Year's Eve" is now relevant.

From the chapter, we've organized a "grazing" menu. Nothing formal. Don't even set the dining room table. Sit around a coffee table or by a cozy fire. Drink champagne or an inexpensive California bubbly such as Domaine Chandon Brut \$17.

Your starter is Herb-Marinated Chicken Wings Stuffed with Scallion Goat Cheese followed by Spicy Shrimp, Bacon and Date Skewers; then Middle Eastern Lamb-Stuffed Wontons.

HERB-MARINATED CHICKEN WINGS STUFFED WITH SCALLION GOAT CHEESE

6 ounces goat cheese, softened

- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 24 chicken wings
- 3 large cloves garlic, finely chopped 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rose-
- mary 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Stir together the goat cheese and scallions. Separate chicken wings at the joint and save tips for another purpose, like stock. Loosen skin over the top of remaining portions, making a pocket between the skin and meat. Fill each pocket with about 1 teaspoon of the goat cheese mixture, do not overfill.

Combine garlic, rosemary, salt, pepper and oil in a large bowl. Add chicken wings and turn to coat well, Refrigerate for several hours.

Preheat broiler. Place chicken wings on broiler pan with a drip tray and broil until the skin is browned and chicken is cooked through, about 8 minutes. Serves 12 as an hors d'oeuvre.

Note: Chicken wings can be stuffed and marinated a day before. They must be wrapped well and stored in the refrigerator and are best if broiled shortly before guests arrive. They can be served sizzling hot or at room temperature.

SPICY SHRIMP, BACON AND DATE SKEWERS

Skewers can be assemble the day before, wrapped and refrigerated. Broil them just before serving.

- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice 1/4 cup olive oil
- 36 large shrimp, peeled and develned
- 18 pitted dates, halved crosswise 18 strips bacon, halved crosswise

Place cumin and cayenne in a small heavy skillet over low heat and stir constantly for 2 minutes. Place in a large bowl and whisk in lemon juice and olive oil. Add shrimp and toss to coat well.

Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Place 1 piece of date in the curve of 1 piece of shrimp, wrap à piece of bacon



around the shrimp, and secure all together with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Preheat the broiler. Place skewers on broiler pan with a drip tray and broil until shrimp are just cooked through, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Serve hot or at room temperature. Serves 12 as an hors d'oeuvre.

Please see CELEBRATE, B2

Tasty dishes will help you lose 'Slow but Sure'

See related story on Taste

Recipes compliments of Sandra Dalka-Prysby

PARMESAN CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese.

1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/3 teaspoon salt

- 4 skinned, boneless chicken breasts (3 ounces each)
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- Vegetable cooking spray Combine first four ingredients in

a large plastic zip-lock bag. Dip chicken in buttermilk and place in bag, one at a time. Shake bag to

Coat baking pan with cooking spray. Place chicken in pan. Bake covered at 350°F for 25 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 20 minutes. Serves 4.

Each serving is 210 calories with approximately 6 grams of

VEGETABLE RICE

- 1/3 cup green onions, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup green pepper, finely
- chopped 1/2 cup red pepper, finely

chopped

- 1/2 cup frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed and

- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped in small pieces
- 2 cups cooked white rice 2 tablespoons fresh parsley.
- chopped 1 1/2 teaspoons minced gar-
- lic Salt and pepper taste

In a large non-stick skillet coated with vegetable cooking spray, cook onions and peppers over medium heat until tender but crisp. Add remaining ingredients, cover, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Makes six (1 cup) serv-

Each serving is 125 calories with approximately 1 gram of fat

been to my success, it's what I put in my mouth that made all the difference.

Nutritious foods are the only way to achieve healthy weight loss. Smaller portions of the "right" foods in the answer. This means eating small and medium-sized fruits, not the gigantic apples, etc. that draw our attention in the produce section of the grocery store.

It means choosing half a cup of pasta or three-quarters of a cup of cereal (both equal one starch). It means using one tablespoon of regular, or two tablespoons of reduced calorie/fat dressings on

The only way to assure that you are eating correct portion sizes is to measure and weigh everything. That's what I did and that's the reason I lost

Another reason I was successful is because I didn't expect overnight results. I started my weight-loss journey knowing that it would be a long haul. I was willing to take whatever time was needed - there was no rush - to get the job done. In the process, I learned how important variety is to success.

Eating the same foods every-

day can be boring. Not only that, but boring often leads to failure.

There is a wealth of healthy foods and an abundance of nutritious and tasty recipes that make staying on a good food plan

In early 1996, I was stuck on a plateau and my weight loss stalled. "Family Circle" brought in Richard Simmons, the nation's diet guru, to take me to the finish line. He reduced my daily calories to 1,300 and insisted that I drink eight glasses of water a day.

These efforts worked. I lost the remaining weight and not only reached but exceeded my goal. Originally, I planned to lose 150

"You have to love yourself if

you're going to succeed" was Richard's ongoing advice. "And you have to believe that you're going to succeed."

Armed with these beliefs, you, too, can succeed. Just remember to go slow for surely this is the best way to accomplish any goal. Set your weight-loss goal for the new millennium. That gives you time to do it right!

Celebrate from page B1

MIDDLE EASTERN LAMB-STUFFED WONTONS

- 3/4 pound ground lamb
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground
- coriande 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground
- pepper
- 3 tablespoons golden raisins 3 tablespoons coarsely

chopped pistachios 36 wonton skins (3x3 1/4

inches), available in most supermarkets or in an Oriental-grocery

vegetable oil for deep frying

Mix together lamb, coriander, cinnamon, salt, pepper, raisins and pistachios until well combined. Brush edges of one of the wonton skins with water. Place 1 1/2 teaspoons of the filling in the

center. Bring the 4 corners of the skin together over the filling and press edges together to seal tight. Repeat with remaining skins and filling.

Working in batches, deep-fry wontons until nicely browned. Make sure the oil is not too hot or skins will brown before filling is cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve immediately. Serves 12.

Healthier

Begin the new year with healthier fare

instead." You can substitute two egg whites for one whole egg in recipes and cut the fat. Substitute one half cup applesauce for one half cup butter in recipes.

Make your own salad dressing with balsamic vinegar, extra virgin olive oil, a pinch of sugar and mustard.

Use 3 parts (3 tablespoons) vinegar to 1 part (1 tablespoon)

olive oil. Add sugar, mustard and other herbs to taste.

Gradually increase the amount of fiber in your diet. Sprinkle a high fiber cereal - one with more than four grams of fiber per serving, on the cereal you currently eat. For instance, mix a high fiber bran or wheat cereal with corn flakes.

Just because you're full, doesn't mean you've gotten the nutri-

ents you need to be your very

"Working in cardiac rehab has opened my eyes to how people have contributed to chronic disease," said Steenkamer. "The time to start is now. If you're well nourished, you'll feel better about yourself."

Keely Wygonik is editor of Taste section for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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0005 Here are some healthful

APRICOT OATMEAL COOKIES

recipes for the new year.

- 1/2 cup firmly packed light
- brown sugar 1/3 cup margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup non-cholesterol egg substitute 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup quick-cooking oats 1 cup crisp rice cereal

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup diced dried apricots 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 to 3 teaspoons orange juice

In a bowl, with mixer at high speed, beat brown sugar and margarine until creamy. On medium speed, beat in egg product and vanilla until blended. In small bowl, mix oats, rice cereal, flour, cinnamon, and baking soda; stir into creamed mixture. Stir in

raisins and apricots. Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto greased baking sheet. Bake at 350°F. for 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool completely on wire racks. In small bowl, combine confectioners' sugar and orange juice;

(NAPS) - When you wake up

on New Year's Day, odds are

you'll participate in two age-old

traditions. First, you'll be one of

the 426 million people worldwide

tuning in to the Tournament of

Roses Parade to watch the Uni-

versity of Michigan marching

band. Second, you'll probably promise to eat healthier and

According to a national survey by Weight Watchers Internation-

al, over two-thirds of Americans

would like to lose weight. When

the big ball drops in Times

Square, people all over the world

make dietary promises they'll

shed a few pounds.

drizzle over cookie tops. Makes 2 dozen cookies.

Nutrition information per cookie: 82 calories, 3 g total fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 62 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

CREAMY CARROT POTATO SOUP

- 2 cups sliced peeled carrots
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 2 cups diced peeled potato
- 1/2 cup lower salt, chicken
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Tuna helps keep New Year's resolution

Yogurt, for garnish Chives, for garnish

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 3/4 cups water
- broth

garine until tender. In medium

Makes 5 servings

saucepan, heat potato, water, and chicken broth to a boil; reduce heat. Cover: simmer 10 minutes or until tender.

In large skillet, saute carrot.

onion, celery and garlic in mar-

In electric blender, puree the carrot and potato mixtures Return to saucepan; add milk and seasonings. Cook over low heat until heated through. Serve warm topped with a swirl of yogurt and a sprinkling of chives if desired.

Nutrition Information per serving (without garnishes): 144 calories, 5 g total fat, 1 g saturated ; fat. 1 mg cholesterol, 179 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber.

Recipes from the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics of the American Dietetic Association.

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AULD LANG SYNE LINGUINE (Makes 4-6 servings)

2 tablespoons olive oil 4 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups sliced mushrooms 1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

2-1/2 cups chopped plum tomatoes 1 can (14-1/4 ounces) chick-

en broth plus water to equal 2 cups 1/2 teaspoon salt

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uncooked fresh linguine 1 can (12 ounces) white tuna, drained and chunked

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cilantro In 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; sauté garlic, mushrooms, onion and red pep-

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toes, chicken broth mixture, salt and black pepper; bring to a boil. Separate uncooked linguine into strands; place in skillet and spoon sauce over. Reduce heat to simmer; cook covered, 4 more minutes or until cooked through. Toss gently; add tuna and cilantro and toss

again. Prep time: 12 minutes. Nutrient Analysis Per Serving: Calories, 210 gm; Protein 20 gm; Fat, 6 gm; Carbohydrate 19 gm; Cholesterol, 25 mg.

Scrumptious saute ready in minutes

AP - Need to prepare a scrumptious meal in less than 15 minutes? Shrimp, Pear and Sugar Pea Sautè is a savory mixture of pears, shallots, shrimp and sugar peas, sautèed in olive oil and dry white wine. The recipe is from Janet Hazen. author of "Pears: A Country Garden Cookbook."

SHRIMP, PEAR AND SUGAR PEA SAUTE

2 shallots, thinly sliced 2 teaspoons olive oil

1 pound medium shrimp,

shelled and tails removed 1/3rd pound sugar peas, trimmed

2 pears, cut into 1-inch wedges 3 tablespoons dry white wine

1 tablespoon unsalted butter 2 1/2 to 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice Salt and pepper, to taste

In large saute pan, cook the shallots in the olive oil over moderate heat for 3 minutes. Add the

shrimp, sugar peas, pears and wine and cook 4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are almost done. Add the butter and orange juice and cook 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Makes 4 serv-

Nutrition facts per serving: 244; calories, 24.9 grams protein, 7.5 grams fat, 19.3 grams carbohydrates, 3.3 grams dietary fiber, 180 mg cholesterol, 245 mg sodi-

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Festive salad sure to please Michigan fans

Everyone at Ardo's thought a unique, Michigan inspired Rose Bowl Salad would go a long way to win over party guests and cheer the team to victory. The recipe was created by Chef Jeff Crank, owner of Ardo's Grill & Chill, 27900 Hoover in Warren.

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Ardo's is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Sundays are reserved for parties and banquets. For more information, call (810) 582-0080.

Ardo's is designated to the memory of Jeff Crank's late friend and mentor, John "Ardo" Arduino, who passed away from leukemia

"All of our recipes were developed by Ardo and me in our mother's kitchens," said Crank who plans to designate a portion of restaurant sales in Ardo's name to support bone marrow transplants for leukemia

Crank's Catering operates nine kitchens and cafeterias in Southeast Michigan including Little Crankers in the Insignia Group Building in Bingham Farms. In 1992 he created The

Second Chance Foundation. "We wanted to give others suffering from catastrophic diseases, drug or job related problems a 'second chance' on life," said Crank.

Last year Crank's Catering was the largest contributor to the Forgotten Harvest food bank. Crank's Catering can be reached by calling (810) 977-

MICHIGAN ROSE BOWL SALAD

- 1 bunch white Kale
- 1 head lettuce 2 heads red leaf lettuce
- 1 cucumber (sliced thin)
- 2 cups red cabbage (blanched until color turns blue)
- 1 cup Feta cheese
- 1/2 pound smoked bacon (chopped fine)
- 6 large tomatoes
- 2 yellow bell peppers
- Dressing 3 cups olive oil
- 1 cup tarragon vinegar
- 1/2 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons basil
- 4 tablespoons granulated gar-

- 3 tablespoons salt 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon oregano
- 3 cups sun dried cherries

Take oval platter and arrange white kale around outside of platter. In bowl toss chopped red leaf lettuce with chopped head lettuce. Set lettuce mixture into center of platter. Top with Feta cheese, sliced cucumber, blanched red cabbage and cooked chopped bacon.

Take individual tomatoes, one at a time, and cut skin off in one long piece using a knife to cut around entire tomato. Take tomato skin and roll into rosebud shape. Set tomato roses just inside white kale to surround base of salad. Top mixture with yellow bell pepper sliced into a giant "M" for Michi-

Cherry Vinaigrette Dressing: In a separate bowl, combine olive oil, vinegars, basil, garlic, salt & pepper, sugar and oregano. Pour over top of salad mixture and top with sun-dried cherries.



Go Blue: This salad, created by Chef Jeff Crank, owner of Ardo's Grill & Chill, is a savory blend of greens and vegetables topped with a cherry vinaigrette dressing.0

Steamy cup of tea chases January chills away

In the chill of January, nothing beats a cup of hot tea. And, while our tea traditions are steeped in black tea, health researchers suggest you make your next "cuppa tea" green tea. A substance found in green tea appears to inhibit cancers of the skin, stomach, colon, liver, pancreas, lung and breast.

Green tea is a staple of Asian diets, and some scientists believe it could be a reason why the Japanese have half the incidence of lung cancer as Americans, even though they smoke nearly twice as much. In addition to its cancer preventative powers, green tea is also being tested as a cancer therapy, because it seems to prolong the survival of some cancer patients.

While green tea was once hard to find outside Asian markets, many major American tea companies have responded to growing demand by producing their own varieties, making them available in grocery stores across the country.

Supporting this growing interest in tea's health benefits has been the revival of the tradition- breads for added fiber and nutri-

al "teatime" ritual in many parts of the country. Taking tea provides a way to relax and renew the spirit and body. Modern teagoers can maintain tradition and get the full health benefits of the ritual by preparing finger foods to accompany their beverage that are nutritious as well as tasty and attractive.

Tea time treats can be scrumptious, but should never be heavy. Thin slices of angel's food cake. low-fat spice cake or poppy seed cake can satisfy a sweet tooth without spoiling dinner.

Fresh fruit is always a welcome addition to this afternoon repast when appetites are small.

The sandwiches often found at traditional teas are not the thick two-handed meals you'd find at the local deli but thin, crust-less triangles that can be held easily in one hand and eaten in one or two delicate bites. Try roasted turkey, curried chicken salad, or minced shrimp with dill vinaigrette, as well as the traditional cucumber, watercress and jam sandwiches.

Use flavorful whole grain

The best tea time snacks are small, visually elegant fare that bring delicious flavor to the table. Mini pita pockets can be broiled lightly to puff them up, and filled with chopped pear and a tiny bit of crumpled blue cheese. Ginger snaps spread with orange marmalade are a spicy-sweet treat that compliments the subtle flavors of tea.

Those with more traditional tastes can bake a low-fat zucchini or oatmeal carrot cake bread, spreading small squares of it with a thin layer of light cream

OATMEAL CARROT CAKE BREAD

- 1 cup oats
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups shredded carrots (3 medium)
- 1/2 cup raisins

- 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice
- 4 egg whites
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat the oven to 350°F. Lightly spray the bottom only of a 9 by 5inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine oats with milk; mix well and set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Stir in carrots and raisins.

Combine reserved oat mixture. pineapple (including juice), egg whites, vegetable oil and vanilla; mix well. Add to dry ingredients: mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 60-75 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean and crust is golden brown. Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cool completely.

Each of the 12 slices contains 246 calories and 5 grams of fat

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Can-



Time for tea: Oatmeal Carrot Cake Bread is a delicious

Toast the New Year with tasty alcohol-free sips

Take the alcohol out of your New Year's celebration. In a "Salute to Sports" here are some drink recipes featured in "The Great Pretenders party Guide," published by AAA of Michigan.

BROWSER BOILER

Microwave-safe coffee mug 6 1/2 ounces apple cider 3 heaping teaspoons unsweetened whipped

8 white miniature marshmal-

3 ounces Faygo Rock-n-Rye or

In coffee mug, microwave apple cider on high for 2 minutes. Remove mug from microwave. Scoop whipped cream on top of cider, then sprinkle marshmallows. on top of whipped cream. Do not stir. Pour Rock-n-Rye or Cherry Coke over the top and watch it start to boil. Serve immediately.

Recipe created by Allan Goci of . Rochester Hills

MOCHA MEGABYTE

1 teaspoon instant coffee

granules

- 1 Tablespoon hot water
- 1 Tablespoon cold water 2 Tablespoons whipping
- cream, unwhipped
- 2 ice cubes
- 3 Tablespoons chocolate instant pudding powder
- 3/4 cup nonfat chocolate frozen yogurt (Haagen-Dazs preferred)

Sweetened whipped cream for garnish

Pour instant coffee granules into blender. Add hot water. Blend a few seconds until coffee is dissolved. Add cold water, whipping

cream and ice cubes, and blend until ice is crushed. Add chocolate instant pudding powder and blend until powder is dissolved. Add chocolate frozen yogurt, blend until smooth. Pour into stemmed glass. Garnish with dollop of sweetened whipped cream. Yield 1

Recipe by Dion Frischer of Ann Arbor, first place winner, Birmingham Regional Contest.

SANTA'S CYBER SIPPER

- 1/2 cup cranberry/raspberry juice
- 8 frozen strawberries
- 1/2 frozen banana
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup 7-Up

Process the first five ingredients in a blender until smooth. Add 7-Up. Turn on and off just enough to mix. Serve in a tall glass. Garnish with a strawberry. One serving.

Recipe compliments of Gloria Emde of Benton Harbor, second place, Grand Rapids Regional





Sunday, December 28, 1997



Holiday mornings: Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy and Dearborn, offers these luxurious robes by Daniel Hanson, navy lamb-swool/angora robe belted with a tassel and lined in silk, \$950; ivory multi-stripe long sleeve silk pajamas, \$495; ivory robe lambswool/angora, \$850.

Loungewear looks lovely

What's more relaxing than lounging around the house in your sleep-wear? I know a couple of teachers who change into their pajamas before dinner some days - they say it helps them unwind after a stressful day at school.

You can also find some great buys on sleep-wear now, due to post-holiday clearance sales. And, as Cheryl Hall Lindsay, of Saks Fifth Avenue points out, 'Pajamas aren't just for sleeping anymore.



Some people run errands in their pj's and some even entertain guests in them, she said. "Sleep-wear is encompassing a larger area now - a better term for it is loungewear," she said, adding that it includes everything from casual to glamorous fashions.

On the casual end of the scale, cotton-knit separates - including

drawstring pajama bottoms and pajamastyle tops - are the most popular for men and women, according to Lindsay. They come in a wide variety of solid colors and designs, look like casual pants and tops, and are made by numerous vendors, including Natori, Donna Karan, and Saks Fifth Avenue's Private Label, to

"They're something you could wear 24 hours. You wouldn't want to wear them to work, but you could run errands in them all day and then wear them to bed at night," Lindsay said.

Velour is the next step up from cotton knit, because it's a dressier fabric, she said. It's so dressy that a hostess could wear a pair of velour pajama bottoms to a winter party at her house for a stylish-yet-comfortable look, Lindsay said.

Silk lounge-wear, which is at the higher end of the scale, is more for private entertaining, she said, because of the way it flows around the body.

At the very high end of the scale are things like: a \$495 pair of ivory-colored, long-sleeve silk pajamas; an \$850 embroidered, lambswool and angora robe; and a \$950 silk-lined, angora robe. All three are made by Daniel Hanson and are carried exclusively by Saks.

I don't know about you, but I feel guilty spending \$30 on a pair of pajamas (after all, nobody's going to see me in them but my family). I couldn't imagine spending \$850 on a robe – that's almost what I paid for my first car!

Who would buy such an expensive item? I wondered. Hugh Hefner? So I asked Lindsay, "Who are these expensive

robes and pajamas aimed at?"
"I think they're for someone who takes their lounge time very seriously," she said. She said she could see people giving them as gifts for special anniversaries and other occasions. She also said that having a luxurious robe or pair of paja-mas to slip into can be comforting to siness travelers when the day is done and they're back in their hotel.

With the proper care, a well-made robe with the proper care, a well-made robe can last 10 years or more. "And when you think of all the enjoyment you're going to get out of it," it helps justify the cost, she said.

Speaking of proper care (here's a question of hot debate in some households)

tion of hot debate in some households) how often should pajamas be cleaned? After each use or at longer intervals?

"It's really a matter of personal preference," Lindsay said. If you don't get any food stains on them, you could wear cotton knit pajamas three or four times in a row before washing them, she said.

Unique catalog sells gifts to grow the mind



■ If you want to expand your mental horizons in the New Year, check out the merchandise from Mindware. The company offers enrichment activities and gifts for thinkers that are sure to provide some fun, too.

BY CAROLYN BARNETT-GOLDSTEIN SPECIAL WRITER

Composer Ludwig van Beethoven's manuscripts are often messy affairs. How-ever, handwritten in ink between 1783 and 1826, prior to advanced technological delete keys, they provide an opportunity to see how this great creative mind worked on problems to find the precise notes he needed to express his individuality. We are able to see him breaking the known boundaries of music at the time, revolutionizing music.

Yet, when these notes are played together, this seeming chaos is found to have created an order sounding so inevitable, it is universally felt to be natural to the human experience to this day.

Now, going into the 21st century, these same problem-solving tools and skills for creative thinking are being recognized as imperative to education and business as we enter the auspicious future realm. What constitutes creative thinking, and how and where to acquire and develop these skills can be found in the new Mind-Ware catalog.

Packed with several varieties of handson-puzzles, riddles, games, and mystery products to appeal to ages seven through adulthood, MindWare is marketed to parents, children, educators, businesses and professionals.

With this unusual "hands-on" emphasis on creative thinking, it should not be a surprise to discover the unorthodox Mind-Ware creator and CEO Jeanne Voight, is a former opera singer with a degree in

While she admits to being a "corporate dropout," this year's recipient of the Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award said, "I wanted to get into an environment where I could combine more creativity along with the business side. love business. Business for me is like a game, like a puzzle for me."

The three-year-old company is already profitable. Voight said, "The business is growing. We are clearly filling a need. Peo-

ple want this."

MindWare is developing more of its own products to add to the successful Handful of Riddles, a deck of cards with word riddles dealing with the environment. Voight is most proud of the Bella Mystery Deck, starring MindWare's own 13 year-old Bella in 52 non-violent mysteries.

The catalog features an accompanying paragraph for each item, designating the specific intellectual and creative skills it addresses. There are word puzzles, games, and designs to "encourage expertise in problem solving.

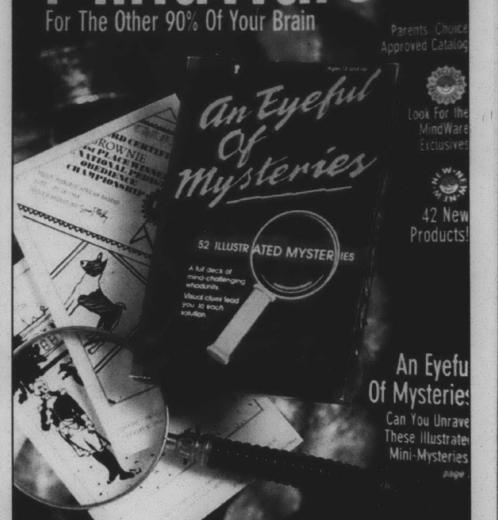
Pattern and design puzzles and kits invite exploration in design and color composition and alternative solutions. Visual illusions for visual problem-solving promote focus and concentration. Math problems, including geometry, are posed in interdisciplinary contexts, even sports like football, basketball, and baseball.

"Escher's Kaleidocycles" provide twodimensional pieces with the graphic artist's masterful designs of perspective and symmetry and color and form that can be formed into 3D shapes.

A range of age-appropriate materials cultivate components of critical thinking, nourishing observational acumen, supplying logic problems where students find winning strategies and apply deductive logic, and conjure other tactics within given parameters. Forethought, visualization, and cause and effect are also developed, accompanying analytic assessment.

Most products are multi-level in content and purpose and are sufficiently versatile to permit a user's inventive solutions. Made out of substantive materials to last, instruction booklets and suggested solutions are provided.

However, knowing how to deal with failure and success, acquiring patience, tenacity, and objectivity are integral skills in these fields of learning. There are materials for individual activity, games with contemporary themes, such as courtroom scenarios and science and weather, for friends and coworkers to relax and social-



Putting it all together: The Mindware catalog provides parents and teachers with a source for mind challenging gifts and toys. The book has merchandise for all ages.

uzzles, Books & Games To Educate & Entertain

ize, and, importantly, games and problems that create opportunities for parents to teach and play with their children. (And yes, there is a parental guide, "Teach Your Child How To Think," by Dr. Edward

Especially in demand are the Einstein posters. "That's the kind of thing people would think of us for," she said.

MindWare affords opportunities to invest in one's mind to acquire capabilities actually needed to adapt now as well as in the future. For a copy call 800-999-0398.

Editor's note: Barnett-Goldstein is a Southfield-based freelance writer who fervently believes children should be exposed to more than video games and computer programs. She endorses this catalog!

Designer prefers royal creations

JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON

Cynthia Bach likes to give jewels the royal treatment.

The Los Angeles-based jewelry designer, whose line is sold exclusively

Marcus stores nationwide, began creating heraldic jewelry in 1989 when a customer commissioned her to design a crown brooch for his wife to commemo-

rate their

at Neiman

50th wedding anniversary. This inspired Bach to research crowns

throughout history. "The crown is the ultimate jeweler's art," says Bach, whose heraldic designs include crown, cross, orb and scepter-shaped brooches, rings, bracelets, earrings and charms.

"In art history," Bach says, "there are 400 different crosses. It's a beautiful, classic shape that will never go out of style." Bach creates 18 different styles of crosses ranging from a show stopper piece that is three-inches high and twoand-a- half inches wide, to a petite

Botonny Cross that is encrusted with diamonds She is particularly proud of her scepter pin that is pictured in the December issue of Town and Country

It's my museum piece," she says. Made out of 17 different pieces, the fiveand-one-half-inch-high pin features a pear-shaped, rubelite tourmaline stone with an intense hot pink color and a dia-

mond entourage. While making a personal appearance earlier this month at Neiman Marcus in Troy, Bach said that charm bracelets are back in style. "People are buying charms like crazy. Husbands like them because they can buy one at a time.

Bach created a wonderful royalthemed charm bracelet in 1995 for a princess of Brunei

Each link of the bracelet is a different design, and there are cross, heart, crown, scepter and charms.

Aaron Spelling recently purchased an identical one to give to his wife, Candy, for Chanukah this year. "But, don't tell anyone," Bach cautions. "It's a secret."

In fact, Bach's jewelry is very popular

with Hollywood royalty.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger bought a big, medieval cross for Maria Schriver with citrines, sapphires and pearls. Of course, Arnold is going to buy the biggest," she says. "And the stars love baby jewelry. It's the hottest thing in L.A. Meg Ryan and Nastassja Kinski have my baby rosary necklaces.

Besides heraldic-themed pieces, other popular Bach designs include skinny stacking rings available in platinum, yellow or rose gold. Some have carved motifs; others have colored stones

The rings appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show on Dec. 11. Afterwards, "our phone and the Neiman Marcus phone rang off the wall," says Jim Matthews, Bach's husband who is also a master jeweler.

Bach's jewelry is crafted almost entirely out of 18 karat gold (with a sprinkling of platinum and rose gold pieces), pearls, semi-precious and precious

Everything is produced by hand much of it under the microscope - and she personally selects all of the stones. Her exquisite workmanship employs five metalsmithing techniques: brocade work, gadrooning (grooves), handengraving, granulation (beading) and satin-finishing.

Each piece is intricately detailed. "Even the backs are pretty," Bach says. "I believe the back should be just as beautiful as the front.

The Neiman Marcus store in Troy has a permanent collection of Bach's designs.



medieval cross. Below, crownset rings.



Holiday help: Customer Service Numbers

Parents and grandparents may find these phone numbers handy when the gifts Santa Claus left are missing pieces or hard to assemble:

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Lionel Trains: 1-810-949-4100 Little Tykes: 1-800-321-0183

Mattel: 1-800-524-8697 Playskool: 1-800-752-9755 Ohio Art: 1-419-636-3141

Tyco: 1-800-423-5340



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Millions of Americans rely on 7-Eleven to be open holidays for those easy-to-forget essentials like film, batteries, milk,

But in recent years, the conveniencestore chain has realized that in addition to servicing last-minute errand-runners. there are plenty of shoppers looking for an easy place to get unique holiday gifts and avoid the crowded malls.

This year, 7-Eleven has an expanded line of holiday items, which range from hostess gifts to wrapping paper, to holiday party platters and even Hickory Farms gift sets.

"Since 1962, when the stores first began to operate round-the-clock, about 95 percent of the 5,400 U.S. stores have stayed open on Dec. 25," said Wendy Barth, the company's vice president of sales and marketing. "It's also the company's busiest sales day of the year."

And while the company expects to sell a lot of staples like milk and bread, there are plenty of frantic holiday shoppers searching for that perfect gift for hostess-

Here are a few gift items at 7-Eleven that are sure to be a big hit with kids as well as adults:

Santa Switchboard" phone card, which allows children to phone Santa and leave their wish list. Parents can then use the phone card to call and hear the child's requests. There's also 10 minutes of longdistance talk time on the card.

■ Festively-decorated 15- and 30minute holiday pre-paid phone cards are perfect gifts for college students, military personnel, relatives and friends far from

Pagers continue to be hot this year, and 7-Eleven has the Motorola Pronto numeric pager for a suggested retail price of \$39.95, which includes activation val-

■ This year, 7-Eleven has an expanded line of holiday items, which range from hostess gifts to wrapping paper, to holiday party platters and even Hickory Farms gift sets.

ued at \$20. The pagers come in colors of teal, blue and black.

■ Back by popular demand are 7-Eleven's hand-painted porcelain holiday tree ornaments - free with any 8-gallon gasoline purchase. Customers can collect all five and even purchase three additional ornaments for a suggested retail price

■ Perfect for men (and women) — new cigar gift packs, which include ash trays, cigar cutters and lighters. There's also a black leather cigar carrying case and humidor for storing cigars.

■ 7-Eleven expects to sell 35,000 of its 1997 limited edition toy trucks - one is a 1928 Chevrolet truck, and the other a 7-Eleven/Citgo truck and carrier with working lights and motorized sounds that includes a removable NASCAR racer inside the carrier. Both are made of diecast metal. Some stores began taking orders for the trucks in November. Each truck is numbered for collectibility.

You won't see the Coca-Cola beantoys plush bear, seal and penguin anywhere but 7-Eleven. The popular animated advertising characters come with a small plastic bottle of Coke in one hand. Beanie collectors will want these items because of their high quality, uniqueness and limited availability.

Hickory Farms gifts sets. One includes a beef stick, crackers, two cheeses, herbs and spice cheese spread

and hot mustard. The other has four varieties of meats and sausages.

Where's the party?

For parties and get-togethers, 7-Eleven stores will offer three varieties of holiday platters: spicy chicken wings, assortment of meats and cheeses and a vegetable medley with dip. The platters can be pre-ordered and picked up the following day.

■ 7-Eleven's wide array of premium wines and champagnes make great hostess gifts, and the stores also carry festive holiday gift bags made especially to fit a wine or champagne bottle.

■ If sweets are preferred, there's a selection of Whitman and Russell Stover chocolates in boxed gift sets just waiting to be gobbled up.

■ Plenty of stocking stuffers like Barbie clothes and accessories, a Micro Machines collectible mini 7-Eleven store, Hot Wheels cars, Nintendo hologram wrist watches (only available at 7-Eleven stores), colorful holiday beanbag soft plush toys, festive socks for men and women, red and green glitter nail polish and an assortment of holiday earrings and matching pendants.

■ Lottery tickets and crisp bills from the automated teller machines make great stocking stuffers, too.

■ 7-Eleven even has an assortment of wrapping paper (sorry, you have to wrap it yourself), gift bags, bows and tissue.

Saved by 7-Eleven: Presidential chef Matthew Antonovich, who has cooked for five of the last six commanders-in-chief, faced a promotional challenge from 7-Eleven recently, and created holiday recipes from items at the 24-hour convenience store. Here's his recipe for Savory Stuffed Apples: 4 apples, 1 pound pork sausage, 8 oz. sharp, cheddar cheese grated, 3 teaspoons bread crumbs. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut apples in half and core. Remove 1/2 apple pulp, chop and knead into the sausage. Stuff each apple half with the sausage mixture. Sprinkle each apple with 1 oz. of cheese. Top with bread crumbs. Bake 1 hour until apples are soft and sausage is cooked through.

A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie of Lit-

• The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in White for Fay. • The Sesame Street by Vetex cartridge in green for

Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy

• Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from

· Clean shower was spotted at Target in Westland or Oakridge Market on Crooks in Royal Oak.

· Xia-Xiang perfume can be found in the Beauty Boutique Catalog 6836 Engle, P. O. Box 94520 Cleveland, OH 44101 (440) 826-3008.

• The card game Flinch at The Barn, 8 Mile and

Readers offered the talking Cookie Monster and Oscar for Linda.

• The Shirley Temple is at Village Hidden Treasures, in downtown Farmington, Grand River/Farmington roads. (248) 477-3388.

• Tatiana by Diane Von Furstenberg is on the Home Shopping Network (800) 284-1300, The America Store on T.V. (800) 284-3400, and QVC (800) 345-1515.

· We found the Arthur Godfrey album for Sue, the Lone Ranger board game for Linda, the Apple II C monitor with hard drive and Word and Excel programs for Richard, Sea Chanty albums for Cindy and her dad.

• The rust spot remover Magica Cleaner is on QVC (800) 345-1515.

· Clairol Color lite ash blonde for Kathy, call Clairol

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We're still looking for:

• A race track game from the 50 or 60's called Tric Trax for John.

· A picture of all the Santa Bears.

The correct address for E.J. Danish modern chair

 Debbie is looking for a Mary Mag power doll house from the early-mid 60's on magnetic stilts in its entire-

· Fuzzy Wuzzy soaps.

· Lori is still looking for a card game from the 70's Mille Bourne.

· Denim bib overall for men 36 length for Kathy in Garden City.

 Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion for nails, cuticles, grey gone detergent.

· Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair.

• Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane." • A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington

· Word-of-mouth spaghetti sauce for Rose.

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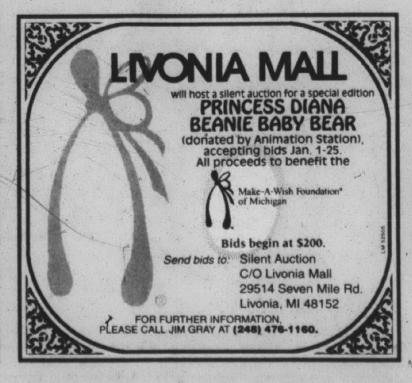
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Class traces 'Herstory of Art'

eborah Lubera-Kawsky challenges men and women alike to look through any art history textbook for images created by or for

Although women's contributions to the arts have been significant throughout history, explains Lubera-Kawsky, that has not been reflected in the teaching of art history. The majority of photographs found in the textbooks are representations of women.

Lubera-Kawsky, a Plymouth resident who graduated with a doctorate in art history from Princeton University, is about to change that. She will teach a new class, "The Herstory of Art: Women and the Visual Arts," beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. For more information, or to register, call (248) 644-0866.

"How many women artists can you name?" asked Lubera-Kawsky. "In the art history textbooks you do see more images of women, than created by women. In Renaissance times, women were more to be seen than heard. Women were considered more objects than subjects. Elaborate dresses in the portraits represented importance of the family not the woman.

According to Lubera-Kawsky, the lack of images by or for women is an oversight often explained by the lesser social and economic status of women, by the perishable nature of the arts frequently practiced by women such as textiles and ceramics, and by the categorization of these arts as "minor arts."

Slides shown during the classes will document the history of women in art while examining a range of topics from portraits of women in Italian Renaissance art to contemporary art as political statement. She will also cover the achievements of women in the arts from the prehistoric era to the present time, highlighting women as subjects, patrons and artists. For the final session, Lubera-Kawsky plans to bring in a contemporary woman artist for her perspective on the state of women artists today. The class will also take a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view works.

"Up until our own century, there were so many rules placed on women in society," Lubera-Kawsky. "It's inspiring to see how many obstacles

they overcame." Investigating the topic has been illuminating for Lubera-Kawsky. "I wanted to do the class because I

wanted to know about this myself. I ended up doing a lot of research on not only artists but historical background and placing the works in historical context. You need to know the history of how and why things were

Some of the earliest self-portraits were created in the Middle Ages by women artists who were transcribing manuscripts.

"In the Middle Ages you either got married or joined the convent, and if women wanted to be artists, the monastery was the main center of learning where they could be trained and receive education.'

Up until the Middle Ages, there is not much documentation of women creating art except for textiles.

"During the Renaissance and Middle Ages, we first started knowing the names of artists, but women weren't major figures in influencing the art of

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Women in art: Mary Cassatt created this pastel on paper titled "Women Admiring a Child" in 1897.

Artists draw on future

Creative leaders resolved. wishful, determined

BY FRANK PROVENZANO . STAFF WRITER





The annual rite of making New Year's Resolutions is upon us.

Raise a glass to the impeccable timing of the eternal calendar makers, those Dionysian comics who've combined year-end festive cheer with a dash of

After binging on food, sweets, family and football for the last week and the biggest celebration

ahead - we'll soon enter the push and pull post-holiday season. Also known as the rest of our lives.

Get a notepad to consider a few resolutions of your own. It's a good way to jump-start those slumbering brain cells.

Follow along as members of the local arts community cogitate on their prospective course for

Some have made resolutions, and of course, some have assembled a wish list. But then, this is the arts, a world where having a dream is not idle reflection, but a prerequisite.

Building the arts community

"My resolution for the DIA is to build a stronger financial base for the museum and to expand the opportunities for people to experience art.'

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

"To continue building on the popularity of opera among a young audience; to pay off the Detroit Opera House mortgage well in advance; and, to remain healthy so that I can meet the challenges that lie ahead."

- David DiChiera, general director Michigan Opera Theatre

"I'm resolved to get the message out that Meadow Brook is here and the artistic standard is rising; to increase the audience by 4,000; and, to make a lot of noise.'

- Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester Hills

"We're resolved to find a generous soul who'll donate the funds (\$2 million) to complete Phase III and Phase IV of the BBAA's building project."

Janet Torno, executive director Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association

Plymouth Community Arts Council

"Our hope for 1998 is that the arts will find a place in every home in our community and every person is reached by the PCAC and its programs. Jennifer Tobin, executive director

"To bring more activities to make this the center of arts in the area; to introduce new programs in theater, dance and ethnic classes; to get more exposure so people known we're here.

- Helen Gale, programmer Southfield Centre of the Arts

"To continue to increase the interest in the arts by spreading the word through information (via a newsletter and cable), good publicity and leader-

- Bob Sheridan, chair Livonia Arts Commission

"To help foster a feeling in the community that celebrates the spirit that's central to the arts."

- Maury Okun, executive director

Detroit Chamber Winds, based in Troy "To create full houses. Of course, the \$64,000 ques-

tion is how to do it. On a personal level, I'm resolved to begin playing piano again." - Bob Bennett, president

Livonia Symphony Orchestra Proverbial search

"To find a visionary with deep pockets who can help us double the size of the museum."

- Gregory Whittkopp, director Cranbrook Art Museum

"To expand the funding base and explore more partnerships; and, to take time to enjoy the arts as we're administering them.'

- Betty Ruedeselli, executive director Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester

"To encourage the acceptance of the public sculptures (around Livonia); to enhance any of our

existing city (arts) facilities. Lee Alanskas, vice chair

Livonia Arts Commission "To reach into the schools more meaningfully; increase the size of our audience and develop a

broader base of support. - Russell Reed, music director Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

To show the kind of art that is open and expressive and will invite viewers to get in touch with their own feelings and to come away with new

- Alan Cary, Director

Cary Gallery, Rochester "To educate our customers about Native American art and artists; to encourage people to seek out art by visiting a museum or gallery.'

- Annette Horn, owner Native West, an art gallery in Plymouth

"To continue to bring extraordinary cultural events to our community enriching the human soul and spirit through music."

- Ginka Gerova-Ortega of Bloomfield Hills artistic director, Musica Viva **International Concerts**

Smell the roses

"To be more organized and to work more efficiently. I always say I want to work harder, but then I always say 'Don't work so hard and smell the

> - Laurie Eisenhower, director Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Rochester Hills

"Eat more healthy food; attend more movies at the DIA with my new husband; stop nagging my 29-

year-old brother to clean his apartment.' - Laurie Landers Goldman of Birmingham

violinist, Detroit Symphony Orchestra "To focus more on my own work; to work less on boards and community activities. I'd like to com-

plete 20 new works next year." - Sergio DeGiusti, sculptor Redford resident

"To find ways to revive spirituality in my work, and to get back to the basic relationships of why an audience is moved." - Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director

Meadow Brook Theatre

"To be instrumental in creating an awareness of the value of art in our society and in each individ-

Janet Torno, executive director Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association

"To promote what the late Walter Buhl Ford II said, 'Art in all its forms and manifestations of expression is the soul of living."

- Alan Cary, director Cary Gallery, Rochester

Lift your resolution

And lastly, Ginka Gerova-Ortega, artistic director of Musica Viva, perhaps best articulated the spirit of those who seek artistic expression as a way to understand themselves and appreciate the vast differences among the people of the world.

"Live your dream and god-given talent to the fullest," said the renowned Spanish-born flutist. "Radiate love. Believe in the miracle of goodness."

Take a moment. Raise a glass. Lift your resolu-

And believe.

EXHIBITION

Painter highlights city, village life

Littorio Dei Signore

What: An exhibition of approximately 30 oil paintings by the artist born in Italy and now re: Park West Gallery, 29469 North-

western Highway, (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in Park West Plaza, Southfield. To R.S.V.P for receptions with artist or for more information, call (800) 521-9654. When: Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18, with receptions to meet the artist 7-9 p.m. Friday, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Littorio Del Signore has been painting since he was 6 years old. "I have the need inside to express myself in painting," said Del Signore who was visiting his cousin John Del Signore and wife Lina at their restaurant Fonte d'Amore on Dec. 18 to check last minute details for his one-man exhibition Jan. 16-18 at Park West Gallery in Southfield. "I paint what I think in my heart and my mind; it's very romantic."

Created in post-Impressionist style, the 30 oil paintings distinguish the 59-year-old Montreal resident as an artist of the people as Del Signore portrays men, women and children engaged in everyday activities. Each city, village and market scene is bathed in golden morning light or sunset rose

Lina translated for Littorio Del Signore who speaks Italian and French but little English as they met with Park West Gallery president

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Impressionistic light: Littorio Del Signore, an artist of the people, creates everyday scenes such as this painting titled "The Break."

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the day," said Lubera-Kawsky.
"During the Renaissance, women
were primarily portrait artists
then started moving into history
painting. Male artists resented
the move."

In the Baroque era, Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1653) was probably the most significant woman artist and one of the first to move into the male dominated area of history painting. Her oil on canvas "Judith and Maidservant with the Head of Holofernes" (c. 1625) is one of the paintings the class will visit



Self portrait: The age of enlightenment did not filter down to women like Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun, the official portrait painter to Marie Antoinette.

at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The painting shows Judith (of the Old Testament). Judith lib-

erated her people from an advancing army by seducing and then beheading the general of the army.

"Artemisia's own experiences affected what she represented in her art," said Lubera-Kawsky. "She was raped by one of her instructors so she often represented women being wronged."

In the 18th century, the Age of Enlightenment did not filter down to women like Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun (1755-1842), the official portrait painter of Marie Antoinette before the French Revolution. However, women artists did play a role in influencing politics. Even though some of them almost lost their heads doing it.

"At the time, artists were political propagandists," said Lubera-Kawsky. "During the revolution Marie Antoinette was criticized for saying "let them eat cake" in reference to her subjects so Vigee-Lebrun painted Marie Antoinette with her children to try to change her image. After the family was executed, Vigee-Lebrun fled the country fearing for her life."

In the late 19th century Mary

In the late 19th century, Mary Cassatt (1844-1926), was one of the most influential female artists. She painted primarily women and children.

"We know a lot about her art, but she was important in promoting the French Impressionists," said Lubera-Kawsky. "At the time, French Impressionism was very revolutionary and people didn't like it."

Women artists, such as Cassatt, could not take a life drawing class with nude female models until the 19th century, nor

with male nudes until the 20th century.

"It wasn't considered proper," said Lubera-Kawsky. "Now it seems silly for us to think a woman couldn't go to a life drawing class to study from a male nude."

One of the most important women artists in the last half of the 20th century is Judy Chicago (b. 1934) who relays feminist issues in her work. The class will also cover African American artists such as Faith Ringold.

"I wanted to do the class because I wanted to know about this myself," said Lubera-Kawsky. "I ended up doing a lot of research on not only artists but historical background and placing the works in historical context. You need to know the history of how and why things were represented."

A mother of an 18-month-old and 4-year-old, Lubera-Kawsky would like to offer an art history class for children at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association in the future. Unlike the art history classes Lubera-Kawsky taught at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the BBAA offers her the freedom to design courses.

"I was so impressed by the depth of the appreciation of the arts at the BBAA, and I like being involved with the community," said Lubera-Kawsky. "I like to bring art to life, to discuss the function of art, how it was used to save your soul during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Those paintings of objects were part of daily life."

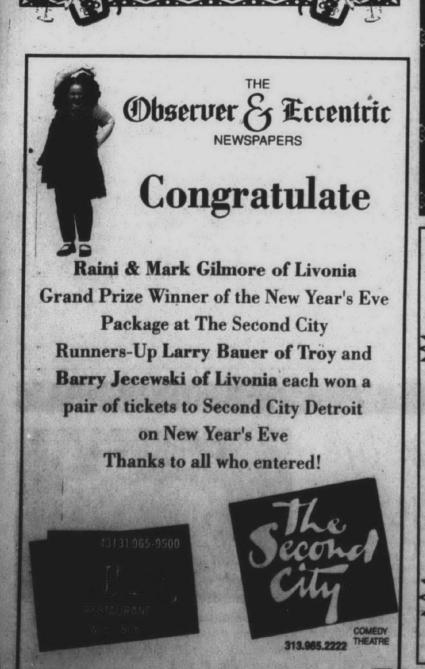
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History painting:
Artemisia Gentileschi painted the oil on canvas
"Judith and Maidservant with the Head of Holofernes" in 1625. The maidservant is thought to be a self portrait of the artist.

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Albert Scaglione

Born in Italy, Del Signore studied with Panfilo Del Beato and J.P. Serralongue in Annecy, France, at Ecole des Beaux-Arts where he earned a diploma with honors.

Mesmerized by its cosmopolitan charm, Del Signore moved to Montreal 15 years ago. Much of his work is documented in the book titled "Del Signore."

For the city scenes, Del Signore sketches on location, then uses his imagination. When the subject matter is architecture such as his paintings of Laurel Manor and Madonna University, Del Signore works from photographs to maintain accuracy. But even these paintings of buildings incorporate people going about their daily lives.

"Thirty years ago when I finished school in France, everything was abstract," said Del Signore. "I wanted to do something different. I wanted to do the figure."

An admirer of Sargent and Cassatt, Del Signore strives for brush work that's fast and spontaneous. The painting must be complete in his mind before he picks up a brush. Then he paints very fast. When his daughter Sonia, also an artist, married, Del Signore painted 250 miniature works to give each of the guests at the wedding.

In preparation for the Park West show, Del Signore started painting one year ago. With every painting sold, Littorio says that the purchaser is taking away a part of him.

"All of my paintings are my children," he said.

Classical influence

This is Del Signore's first show at Park West Gallery, and his premier exhibition in America although he has work in private,

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"I feel the work is excellent, powerful. It comes out of a background of Italian artists, the Renaissance and painters like Tintoretto," said Scaglione. "It's hundreds of years of Italian painting coming to a contemporary culmination."

Scaglione met Del Signore a year ago after receiving a phone call from Frank Stella to come to Fonte d' Amore to see the work of the Italian artist. Since that time, Scaglione began selling Del Signore's paintings in the gallery. Delighted with the quality and content of a group of paintings he received this fall, Scaglione asked Del Signore to do a show in January.

"He's been painting 40 years so you're looking at a level of high craft and beautiful Impressionist brush work," said Scaglione. "If you look at the light it just glows. Littorio does (sells) very well in Montreal. It's the sign of a popular artist when you ask if he has any paintings, he'll say a few then you know he sells."

"This is one of the first opportunities as an Italian American to find someone that so well fits the classical painting of Italy today," said Scaglione, "and because his market has been Montreal, his prices are such that I feel the show will be a sell

Scaglione estimates paintings will, on average, range from under \$1,000 to \$4,000.

Together again

John and Littorio Del Signore took different roads after growing up in Italy. They met again at a relative's wedding in New York after being apart 40 years.

"We lost communication, but now we're together," said John, who's brother is a sculptor in Italy. "Littorio's original, and he's a very hard worker, what he does he puts in his heart and soul. We're cousins and it makes me feel proud."

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Lina remembers Littorio at age 14 painting the skirt of one of her friends back in Italy. When asked what she likes about his painting, Lina replied, "there isn't anything I don't like. It's not just what he sees, but his creativity. He's very honest. Each painting, I saw has a reality. I see the reality of something he's done from his heart. I see love."



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FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions for spring session 7:30 p.m. January 6 & 13. Chorus performs two major shows each year, a holiday concert and a spring concert. Must be an area resident, at least 18 years old. Farmington Hills Activity Center, 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

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Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried all media exhibition, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15. 1998. PCCA seeks applications from artists in fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival, Sept. 12-13, 1998. Slides must be received by March 6, 1998. Entry fee: \$20. For prospectus and application form write or contact PCCA, 407 Pine Street. Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

MICHIGAN DRAWING BIENNIAL '98 Hand deliver entries to Room 106 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University by 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Opening reception Tuesday, Feb. 3, exhibit thru Feb. 20 for information, contact Eastern Michigan Art Department SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages. St.

Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia; (248) 349-8175 or (313) 462-**VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN**

Call for Art by people with disabilities, for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, My 48075; (248) 423-1080.

MUSIC COMPETITION The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will

hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22. must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998, Send to: Herbert Couf. c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russet Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. **DOCUMENTA USA**

Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1988 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342. PARK PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 & 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, open audition for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." All roles open for casting. Prepare 16 bars of a song to demonstrate vocal range. An accompanist will be provided. Scheduled performances March 21-23, 28-30 and April 3-4, 1998. North Rosedale Park Community House 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit; (313) 459-

2332. HARBOR BELLS English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (248) 681-6453.

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER AUDITIONS Regional auditions 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, University of Michigan, Room #2043. Brevard Music Center is a summer music festival in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The program runs June 24-Aug. 9, 1998 for advanced instrumentalists ages 14-35. and for opera students who have completed at least one year of college study. Auditions will serve both admission and scholarship purposes. To schedule an audition, and for more information, call Lynn Johnson, (704)

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A cal andar of 12 images selected from the 87-piece international exhibit, and holiday cards and note cards. Write/contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue New York, NY, 10017; (800) FIGHT MS.

CHORALE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, the Polanise Chorale in a concert of Polish Christmas songs. St Barbara, 13534 Colson, Dearborn; (313) 863-6209.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BBAA WINTER CLASSES Registration for Jan. 5-March 28 classes, new offerings include Women and



Hibiscus Rising: One of the new works by painter Nancy Wolfe on exhibit through Jan. 15 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

Visual Arts, Color Theory and Application, Experimental Basketry with Paper, Introduction to Printmaking Steel Soulpture Workshop. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248)

PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMING AND

Jingle BEL, Inc. of Rochester Hills offers members of Rochester and neighboring communities a program to expand skills to build self-confidence through participation in the arts. Winter classes: 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13-April 1, "Live Wires," the basics of vocal, drama and choreographic techniques; 4:15-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1, Broadway Brigade," instruction in music and theater; 3:15-4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1 Short Circuit," a children's class covering basics of drama, singing and movement with emphasis on developing

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS Winter classes: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Landscape in Pastel," \$120/10 weeks; 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, "Ceramics," \$50/8 weeks; 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, "Painting & Drawing," \$75/6 weeks: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, "Experimental Watercolor Workshop," \$40/1 meeting; 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, "Introduction to Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, Advanced Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, "Chain Making Workshop," \$35/1 meeting; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, "Basic Bead Stringing," \$10/1 meeting; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Vintage Beaded Knitted Bags," \$15/1 meeting.

Southfield Road. **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS** Through March 5 - 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Survey of World Art," Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults," Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Altering Spaces: Installation Art: " Holley Room: 10 a.m. noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, "From the African Loom to the African

Southfield Centre for the Arts: 24350

register call (313) 833-4249. **PCCA WINTER CLASSES** Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester.

American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and

workshops require preregistration. To

To register, (248) 651-4110. ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 12. including garden vessel workshop. painting landscapes, figurative painting

117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004 WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN

January and February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield. Ferndale and Petosky. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

CLASSICAL BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, "Between the Holidays Spectacular," conducted by Felix Resnick, guest artist pianist David Syme. Program includes Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64. Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op. 30.

Temple Beth El. 14 Mile at Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-

DANCE

SWAN LAKE ON ICE 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, and 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet performs the elaborately costumed production. Macob Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp.; (810) 286-

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

SWANN GALLERY

Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Gamerman, David Mandiberg, Virinder Chaudhery. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

Through Dec. 30 - "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr. 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak: (248) 398-9999 SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec. 30 - Iraqi-born artist Ali Makki. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield: (248) 424-9022. JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN

MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 - "Threads," an exhibit and sale of quilts, fabric art, textiles and tapestries. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield: (248) 661-7641.

KNOLLWOOD GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - "Food Art of David McCall Johnston." 6447 Inkster Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Dec. 31 - *50th anniversary exhibit of the Michigan Weaver's Guild." 1200 N. Telegraph Road. Second Floor, Executive Office Building, Pontiac: (248) 858-0415 ZEITGEIST GALLERY/PERFORMANCE

VENUE Through Dec. 31 - "The Hi & Goodbye Show," paintings by Jacques Karamanoukian and sculptural woodcuts and prints by Karl Schneider. 2661

Michigan Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-9192 CLIQUE GALLERY Through Jan. 3 - 7 p.m., *8 Years, 3 Floors," Elaine Redmond's mannequin

series. 200 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 545-2200 **DONNA JACOBS GALLERY** Late Hellenistic jewelry from 2nd to 1st century B.C. 574 N. Old Woodward,

Birmingham; (248) 540-1600.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Through Jan. 3 - "Feliz Navidad, Celebrate the Holidays," children's book illustrations by Elisa Kleven. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

GALLERIE BLUE Through Jan. 4 - "Art and Artifact," a student exhibit under the direction of fiber artist/sculptor Susan Aaron-Taylor. 568 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472 CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings." 162 N. Woodward Avenue. Birmingham NETWORK GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "New Work" by Susan Goethel Campbell, and "Enclosures," an exhibit of picture frames, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes,

Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper.". 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-

SYBARIS GALLERY Through Jan. 10 - "Sculpture" by Susan Martin. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388 ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Jan. 15 - New Works by painter Nancy Wolfe. 117 W. Liberty. Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004. HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 15 - New glass work by Pavel Hlava. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac: (810) 333-2060. POSNER GALLERY

Through Jan. 16 - Group exhibit of new works by Marianne Hall, Annie VanGelderen, George Snyder and Paul Jacobson. 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552. REVOLUTION

Through Jan. 17 - Sculpture by James Shrosbree, including wall mounted and free-standing sculpture; and "On Paper II," prints and drawings of Frank Auerbach, Dara Walker and Sue Williams, 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY Through Jan. 17 - "Six Views: New work by Susan Beiner, John Gargano,

Adelaide Paul, Betsy Rosenmiller, Bonnie Seeman, Deborah Sigel." 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070. SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming

Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY Through Jan. 25 - Stephen Magsic: Urban Landscape Paintings. Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University. Rochester Hills: (248) 370-3005.

THE HALSTED GALLERY Through Jan. 31 - "Monique's Kindergarten," a series of photographs by Michael Kenna, 560 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248)

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY Through Jan. 31 - "National Horse Show," an invitational featuring 45 artists. Thru Jan. 31, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909. UZELAC GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 - Group show of Center for Creative Studies students and gallery artists. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

SENIORS ART

644-8284

Through March 16 - "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannan House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-

EXHIBIT (OPENINGS) MILLERS ART CENTER GALLERY

2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, "The Painted Narrative," an exhibit of paintings. exploring storytelling and imagery by Alice Allman and Tony Kroes. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale: (248) 414-

A.C., T. GALLERY

Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "Ashes to Ashes," featuring Jeanne Bieri, Anne Fracassa, Preston Prout and Jack Summers. Through Feb. 13. A.C., T. is an artists' cooperative. Hours: Friday-Sat. noon-5 p.m. 29 E. Grand River, across from e

north side of the Woodward Avenue Hudson's building: (313) 371-6522. ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "New works from Susanne and John Stephenson," two nationally recognized ceramists. Their latest works explores manifestations of nature through their abstracted, tactile sculpture. Through Feb. 8, 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 122.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Jan. 11 - 2 p.m., "The Birth of Israel," color photographs taken half a century ago of Israelis struggling to survive while creating a Jewish state. Through Jan. 29. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Focus on Islam," works of Islamic art, Middle-Eastern crafts and traditional calligraphy. Through Feb. 21. The University of Michigan Dearborn, Third Floor of the Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058

JACOB/COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY Jan. 16 - "Laughter Ten years After," an international touring exhibit of contemporary art by women artists. Through Feb. 21. Community Arts Auditorium, 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University: (313) 577-2423.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

Through Dec. 29 - Holiday exhibit, featuring Manel Anoro, John Asaro, Sohol Hohn and Rick Laney. 390 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 540-8505. CHRISTIE'S GALLERY Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic

ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward. Birmingham **CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY**

MARKETPLACE Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac: (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road. Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items." including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row,

Birmingham; (248) 64-SHONA. **PARK WEST** Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knief. 29469

Northwestern Hwy., Southfield: (248) 354-2343. **PEWABIC POTTERY** Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show,

"Earthly Treasures." 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954. SILK PHOTOGRAPHY Through Jan. 31 – "Annual Holiday Photo Sale." 14261 Nadine, Oak Park: (248) 544-1203.

> INDIAN MUSIC DANCE

TWO LEGENDS

2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, internationally acclaimed artists flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega and classical-modern Indian dancer Puspita Das present an Indian legend using the rhythms, gestures and poses of Indian dance and the ragas of the flute. The concert is accompanied by a narrator and explanations by the performers, Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-4249.

LECTURE

DIA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sunday, Dec. 28 - noon: "Great Cities of the Ancient World: The Pyramids and the Cities of the Pharaohs," a video presented in the Lecture Hall; 1:30 & 3:30 p.m.: "Kalakshetra - Devotion to Dance," a video presented shown in the Holley Room: 2 p.m.: "Jadu," a concert and dance performance featuring flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega and classical modern Indian dancer Puspita Das. Lecture Hall. Monday, Dec. 29 - 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., "Family Theater: Ancient Echoes : Tales from Egypt," DIA Theatre; 2 p.m., "Cinderella," a puppet show, Lecture Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 2 p.m., "A New Year's Gift Galliard," dance tunes and ballads to the sounds of shawms. crumhorns, recorders, lutes and drums, Italian Gallery W220. Detroit Institute of Arts. 5200 Woodward Avenue: (313) 833-7899.

HISTORY OF THE BLUES

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, jazz historian and musician E. Howard Nelson presents a lecture on "The History of the Blues," presented in conjunction with Meadow Brook Theatre's production, Thunder Knocking on the Door: A Bluesical Tale of Rhythm and the Blues. 500 Olde Town, Rochester; (248) 370-3321

ART OF CHINA

Six-week survey of Chinese Art begins 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12. Professor Michael Farrell will trace the development of Chines art from Neolithic origins through the 19th century with attention to the sculpture, scroll painting and decorative arts. Fee: \$80 six week course; \$15 per lecture. Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9022.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Wednesday, Janhris Unwin. Admission free. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ART

Through Jan. 4 - "Glances and Gazes of the Social Fantastic: Early 20th-Century French Photography; through Jan. 4 -Fifteen Visions: Books by Contemporary Regional Artists. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (313) 764

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of

Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 494-5800. CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Through Jan. 4 - "Photography and

Site," an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers; "Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323 CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through Jan. 4 - "Seasons Lab," a featured attraction at the Experiment Gallery. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills: (248) 645-3324. **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

Through Jan. 4 - "Changing Spaces, Part I," "Splendors of Ancient Egypt:" through Jan. 16-Feb. 22 - "Changing Spaces, Part II." Suggested admission: \$ 4 adults; \$1 students/children; 833-7900. 5200 Woodward Avenue. Founders Society members free; (313)

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Through Feb. 1 - "The Mars Show," a planetarium presentation of the red planet narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor: (313) 764-0478.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

CHASE THE BLUES NIGHT

9:30-11:30 p.m., Dec. 31, featuring Little Sonny and the Detroit Rhythm Band, First Baptist Church, next to Jacobson's, downtown Birmingham, between Willits and Bates streets. Admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children;

(248) 644-0550. DSO'S NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, featuring music of Strauss, Bernstein and Webber. The Keith Saxton Sextet will perform for dancing onstage after the

concert. Party hats, noisemakers provided. Tickets: \$25-\$85. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-

JAZZ REVISITED

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, "Jazz Revisited," featuring James Dapogny's Jazz Band in a celebration of swinging jazz. Hosted by Michigan Radio's Hazen Schumacher. Other featured performers include vocalist Banu Gibson and Franz Jackson, Tickets: \$25: (248) 645 6666. Sponsored by WUOM, WVGR, WFUM. Power Center, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. For infor-

READING

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, "Books at lunch," a reading series meeting the first Wednesday of the month. Works to be discussed include "Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time" by Dava Sobol and Kate Atkinson's "Behind the Scenes at the Museum." No registration required. 300 West Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

OPEN MIC AT CARIBOU

Third Wednesday of each month. Caribou Coffee, Walton & Livernois; (248) 544-4657.

SINGING.

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, internationally renown Canada's Star-Scape Singers. Each singers have a three octave range. Material ranges fro traditional classics to unique arrangements of contemporary classits. Tickets: \$12 & \$20. Shrine Chapel, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0521.

STORYTELLING CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28. Betwixt the Holidays: Storytelling with LaRon Williams." Admission: \$4 adults: \$2, students, children and seniors, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue. Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

VOLUNTEERS

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HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AT CRANBROOK

Cranbrook Art Museum invites families to participate in a variety of hands-on activities based on the current presentation of architecture and photography in their current exhibit, "Evidence: Photography and

Young visitors, ages 3-10, will also be able to construct an artistic holiday gift.
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CLICK ON DSO The Detroit Symphony Orchestra home page is now on the World Wide Web. The address is: www.detroitsymphony.com

The site was developed and hosted by EDS' Interactive Architects business. The new site will feature the latest DSO concert information.

broadcast schedules and ticket information, DSO and Orchestra Hall history and information on DSO educational programs. In early 1998, visitors to the Web site will be able to purchase

tickets, CDs and other DSO merchandise. NEW PLAYWRIGHT-IN-RESIDENCE

AT MEADOW BROOK Karim Alrawi has been named Meadow Brook Theatre's first playwright-in-residence and literary manager. He will oversee the theatre's development of new works, and assist in outreach programs to local schools.

Born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt, Alrawi has had his plays produced in his homeland, England. Canada and the US. His best-known plays include "Migrations," "Fire in the Lake," "Child in the Heart" and "Patag-

onia. Alrawi has won the Whiting Award, Edinburgh Fringe First Award and Canada's Jesse Richardson Award. He has also written several feature length films and television documentaries that have aired on the BBC.

He comes to Meadow Brook after serving as artistic director of the New Play Centre in Vancouver, Canada.

OPENING RECEPTION The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a reception to meet artist Barbara Demgen 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington. The public is invit-

The mixed media exhibit features watercolor still life by Demgen, a Livonia painter who retired as an art teacher in the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School. The exhibition continues through Jan. 30.

Hours are 9 a.m to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

FINAL DAYS William Craft Brumfield, photographer and historian of Russian architecture, captures the catastrophes of the 20th century (revolutions, famine and massive political terror) and its' disastrous effects on Russia's magnificent cultural heritage in an exhibition continuing through Jan. 4 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525-South State Street, Ann Arbor.

third prize.

Historic architecture, particularly in the countryside and provincial towns, has suffered from neglect and outright destruction. In the face of current economic uncertainties, the challenges of restoring a culture and its memory are too often met by scant resources for renovation. The exhibition, "Lost Russia" illuminates the fate of this cultural legacy in 46 stunning silver prints depicting beautiful but dilapidated churches, monasteries and country estates dating from the 12th to 19th cen-

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT Madonna University is hosting an "Origami" art exhibit of folded and colorful painted paper designs Jan. 8-30 in the library wing's second floor Exhibit Gallery, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The public is invited to an opening reception and free origami lesson 4:30 p.m. Thursday,

Pieces included in the exhibit are hats, geometric forms, animals, birds, and design motifs.

Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information. call (734) 432-5711.

LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITS

Vocal winners: The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is

looking for Michigan high school students to enter its'

tion. Pictured here are the 1997 winners Ryan Kelly

(left) of Traverse City High School, first prize; Ruth

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Crismley, Bethany Christian High School, Troy, second

Award winning artist Connie Lucas of Canton will display lively watercolor and gouache paintings through Feb. 6 in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5325 Elliot Drive, Ann Arbor.

Lucas is one of several artists showing their work as part of the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off-Site Exhibitions on Location Program. The program offers Michigan artists the opportunity to display their work at various business locations and provides; art exhibits for public enjoyment.

For more information about; the program or to exhibit work. call Sharon Currey at (313) 994-8004, ext. 122.

VOCAL COMPETITION The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) and the Italian American Cultural; Society is looking for Michigan, high school students to compete; in its' fourth annual "Italian" Songs and Arias Vocal Competition." Ten finalists will be selected. Deadline for submitting tapes is Feb. 15. For additional information, call (313) 455-8895.



Dedicated: Village Players held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in early December to commemorate the opening of their renovated playhouse in Birmingham. Gail Gotthelf, left, Birmingham Mayor Archie Damman, Village Players President Dianne McKeon, and playhouse members Kelly Gustafsson and Sharon Jordan.

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Would like to meet special friend, or
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SWF, 33, 5'5", N/S, enjoys the outdoors, concerts, bilking, fishing, seeks SWM, 28-37, who would someday like to build a dream house in the mountains.

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Outspoken, fun-loving SBF, 27, 5'5', full
figured, N/S, N/D, enjoys opera, classical music, movies, sports, bowling.
Seeking tall, well-groomed SM, 28-35,
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I'm attractive, siender, tall, and a young looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gent who's 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. \$27756

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A GOOD WOMAN
Intelligent, attractive DWPF, 38, blonde/
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sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall,
courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. \$\mathbf{T}7848\$

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SWF, 70, feets younger, seeking WM,
65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving
and honest, who loves to laugh and
have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. 127849

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blondish/brown, blue eyes, 577, 110/bs, enjoys dancing, cider mills, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. 127853

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PARTNER WANTED
SWF, 47, 518, blonde/hazel, home owner, no dependents, believes in God,
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more. Seeking SWM, animalflover, with
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DJF, 40tsh, N/S single mom, enjoys
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Seeking romantic, caring honest S/DJM,
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FOR A MIRACLE
DBF, 5'4', 126be, blackbrown, humorous, employed, seeks S/D Indian M with long hair, 57"- 59", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. 177936

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A LITTLE SHY
SWF, 38, 57", red/blue, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. \$\overline{27962}\$

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king friendship, possible LTR, with
right man. 127995

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Attractive SWF, 25, 4*10*, 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, fong walks, hockey and lootball. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. \$28044

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Slim, attractive DWPF, 50, N/S, seeks
S/DWPM, 45-55, 58*+, HW proportionate, for CSW denoing, rollerblading,
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GENTLEMAN ONLY
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DWF, 50s, seeks confident, tall SWM, financially secure, 50s, who enjoys travel, dining in/out, moveles, sports, for friendship first. \$\overline{\pi}\$28475

SWEET
BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Pretty, intelligent SWF, 22, 57", college
student, seeks sweet, honest, funny,
intelligent, attractive SWM, 22-30, who
enjoys music, travel, hockey, travel,
romance, for friendship first, maybe
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ATTRACTIVE MAN WANTED SF, seeks handsome SM, 6', slim build, who enjoys going out, and having fun, for LTR. \$78519

GREAT COMBINATION
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ARE YOU FOR ME?
Handsome SWPM, 6'4', 225lbs, N/S, emotionally/physically fit. Seeking meaningful relationship with SF, under 40, who's slim and attractive, with similar value/ attributes. If this sounds appealing to you, please call me. 12*6569

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Nice-looking DWM, 40+, 5'9", 165fbs,
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spirited conversation, fireplaces, hot
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LONESOME TONIGHT?
SWM, late forties, 5'11", 180lbs, former
Elvis impersonator, loves dancing, walking, sports, and romance, seeks good
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mind games, give me a call. 1278547

VERY ATTRACTIVE SWM, 28, 5"11", 175'bs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. 12'8548

ONE-OF-A-KIND
SBM, 34, 510°, slim, dark, handsome, financially secure, attentive, caring, fun-loving, passionate, family-oriented, sincere, romantic. Seeking attractive, independent, energetic, honest, secure, NS SF, HW proportionate, for LTR. Race open. \$\mathbf{T}8225\$ Handsome, fit, sensitive, spiritual, romantic, fun DWM, 45, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys bikes, blades, dinner, moties, dancing, candielight, cozy times. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 35-42, 5'-5'5', str. Moties and the service services.

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Considered attractive SM, 5'11", 192bs, smoker, social drinker, manager, enjoys sports, dining in/out, movies, being out with friends. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere SF, who enjoys having fun. No games. \$\mathbf{T}\$8521

DOWN-TO-EARTH landsome DWPM, 30s, N/S, N/D, bu-inessman, body builder, runner, seeks tractive, intelligent, open-minded, ath-tic SF, H/W proportionate, for possi-le relationship. \$78604

ANYTHING ONCE, TWICE...
if it's outdoors. Athletic SWM, 32, 58°, 175lbs, teddy bear physique, brown(little gray)/blue, enjoys spending time with samily/friends. Seeking petite SWF, 25-40, silm, tor open, honest relationship. Kids ok. \$2806

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"
Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5°10", 165lbs, blond/blue, N°S. Appreciates: class/style, walks, fire sides, music, and small towns. LTR. No games. \$278456

RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SJM, 44, 5°F, 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, soutmate, 33-43, who enjoys boating, beach walks, volleyball, movies, art fairs, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining. \$\mathbf{T}8457\$

SEEKING COMPANION
DWM, 40, 190lbs, european, homeowner, enjoys outdoor life, soccer, movies, and traveling, seeks attractive, loving, considerate, sharing woman, 30-45, kids welcome. \$\mathbf{T} 8459\$ WHY BE ALONE?

Why BE ALONE?
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5'10", 170lbs, enjoys nature, quiet meditation, long walks. Seeking very secure, non-materialistic SF, for companionship, possibly more. \$\mathbf{T} 8463\$ SINGLE IN DETROIT
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Open-minded SM. young 53, 5'10'. brown/blue, enjoys activities that most people enjoy. Seeking warm, caring, monogamous SF. Hope to hear from you soon.

28467

Handsome, romantic, affilietic, big-hear-ed SWM, 24, 5'11", clean-cut, dark-haired, seeks stender, active WF, beau-tiful inside/outside and is missing some-one special in her life. Age unimportant. \$\pi\ 8468\$

MISSING INGREDIENT
Romantic, caring SWM, 28, 627, 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, and romantic times. Seeking sincere, honest SWF, 21-32, for possible LTR. 127, 8473

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Self-reliant, honest, romantic SWM, 26, college graduate, financially independent, never married, enjoys cooking, movies, outdoor activities, hunts and fishes now and again. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who is interested in developing a possible LTR. \$28474

owwin ze, 5 10, 155bs, professional dark hair and eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sporting events, good conversation, humor, romanic dinners, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. \$\overline{\pi}\$8478

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CUTE CONSERVATIVE MALE SPM, 37, physician, seeks intelligent, attractive SWF, for special relationship. \$\pi\$8480

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 38, 59°, brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing, Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship, \$278482

THE ULTIMATE MAN Extremely attractive, romantic, honest, passionate, sexy SWM, 24, 6; great kisser, seeks sierder, attractive, active SWF. Age unimportant. If you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. \$\pi\$8483

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ITALIAN STALLION SWM, 44, 6, attractive, muscular, very active, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit female, 45 or under, for

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KISS TODAY GOOD BYE Man of honor and understanding, seek-ing a darling woman, I do not know who you are, but I've seen you in modreams, but it's been misty. \$28303

Active, honest, loyal, educated SJM, 50, 57*, former Boy Scout/Marine, likes to smell the roses, seeks fit WF, for LTR, 178304

PALACE AWAITS PRINCESS Honest, sharing, loving, special DWM, 43, 57°, 160lbs, multiple home-owner, financially secure, various interests. Seeking sincere, communicative S/DWF 30-40, H/W proportionate, who likes van-

ety, nature, travel, romance, for possible LTR/marriage. \$\mathbf{T}\end{a}8043 COUNTRY TO TUX

Professional, attractive SWM. 49, 6
175tbs, brown/blue, very fit, reacer, sports enthusiast. Seeking very attractive, slim SWF, 30-45, for love, laughter, fun, LTR, willing to enjoy life to its fullest. * fullest. \$28309

AFFECTIONATE SWM, 45,5'9", medium-build, seeks SWF, 40-49, N/S, who's affectionate, caring, and down-to-earth, for movies, dining out, concerts, and dancing. 12:8310

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SM, 47, 1700s, brown/blue, smoker, responsible, good-looking, spontaneous,
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OLD-FASHIONED, QUALITY. 39. 6'1", 190lbs, articulate, sincere, communicative. You're slim, intelligent romantic, value friends and family, sensual, also wanting LTR. \$\mathbf{T} 8359\$

SEEKING MS. RIGHT and have fun together. For friendship, possible relationship. \$\mathbf{T} 8360\$

DWM 51, enjoys romance, and spend-ing quality time together. Seeking pas-sionate S/DF, 40-50, with similar inter-

HEALTH-CONSCIOUS GUY Attractive, romantic, athletic, hard-work-ing, big-hearted, N/S, drug/alcohol-free SWM, 24, enjoys working out, mountain biking, running, rollerblading. Seeking slim SWF, 18-32; with similar charac-

FUN-LOVING Handsome SWM. 49, 5°11", 180lbs, salt-n-pepper/brown, NS. secure. happy enjoys cooking, traveling, any outdoor sports, seeks SWF. 39-54. N/S, stender

A LADY-FRIEND Honest, intelligent, open-minded SBM 26, seeks honest open-minded SF 18-24. who would like a commitment 278210

PRINCE SEEKS PRINCESS
Me: SWM, 30, 6"1", 175lbs, dark skin, honest, faithful, with great sense of humor, enjoys movies, nice dinners, camping, concerts, dancing, more. You S/DWF, 24-37, for great friendship, possible LTR. Smoker ok, social-drinker. 129
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SEXY 52
Healthy, attractive DWM: 52. financially and emotionally stable. Seeking SF, 40-52, with similar traits, for LTR, possible marriage Enjoys dancing, golf, dining out, movies and relaxing at home. 1278215

SEEKING
PRETTY WOMAN
SWPM: 50. N/D. N/S. successful, prolessional, good career, healthy, fun-loving. Seeking attractive, petite female, 26-38. for quality good times and Fionda travel. Race unimportant. 276216. HERE'S
LOOKING AT YOU!
Attractive outgoing SWM, 46, very caring, giving, with a variety of interests,
towes to be romantic and cook. Seeking,
same in petite SWF, for friendship,
maybe more. 178220

INTERNATIONAL
SWM. 31, 6, 165lbs, boyish good looks, creative professional / enjoys good food/flicks, black and white photography, music. Seeking trim, unpretentious. Asian, Persian or Hispanic female, 25-35, 5'4' + 178221 THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP

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CHILD OF UNIVERSE Spiritual, growth-minded SWM, 41, seeking stable, proportional SWF, 32-42 18118

A GOOD CATCH SWM, 5 9". 175lbs, 49, offers kindness, security, good sense of humor. Seeking sincere, loving female. All responses answered. \$\mathbf{T}\$8119"

RED WINGS RULE!!

The Stanley Cup is ours! Handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 24 loves sports, rollerbladding, music, movies, romance, outdoors. Seeking attractive, athletic, slender, outspoken SWF, 18-28, for friendship, summer fun, maybemore, \$\frac{\pi}{28}\$127

FOR COMMITMENT
Loving canng honest sensitive SWM, from overseas. 26. 516°, 170lbs. blackfolius, seeks same in an attractive SWF 18-35 #8128 QUIET GENTLE SINCERE

companionship for dining out, movies, theater comedy clubs sporting events, romantic evenings at home, age/looks not as important as friendliness and compatibility. \$28131 WAITING FOR YOU SWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, car-ing, slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, with the possibility of something more sen-

ous #8132

FIRST-TIME AD Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4", N/S, H/W proportionate. Profession or social status unimportant. Will return all calls.

HAPPINESS COUNTS
SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nice-looking. Enjoys dinner, dancing, sports and companionship. Seeking SWF, 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. \$\mathbf{T}_6177\$

NORMAL GUY

Active, hard-working SPM, 39, 56*, 150lbs, considered good-looking, honest open, principled, outgoing and romantic. More interested in who you are, than what you do. 17/8136 TALL
WM. 60, 61", 195lbs, handsome, college graduate, good health, financially independent Seeking WF, 45+, pretty and slender, \$\overline{T}8137\$

ANYONE READ THESE? SWM 35. N.S. HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover. HW propor-

tionate, for friendship, relationship, mar riage. \$28138 'S.O.S. Please save this somewhat shy, pro-tessional, slim SWM 29, from being alone, enjoys racquetball, music, com-puters, and trying new things. Seeking SWF, N.S. for friendship leading to LTR

Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, roman-nic, sincere, SWM -24, 5111, black-green enjoys, outdoors, music, animals, biking, rollerblading, people watching, parks, movies making people laugh, seeks, alender SWF, 19-28, with simi-lar interests, and characteristics. 178141

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TRAVEL

Livonia couple stake out their paradise in Hawaii

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

George and Sharon McConnell have staked out their place in paradise.

The McConnells of Livonia had their honeymoon in Hawaii, their fifth anniversary in Hawaii and, a year ago November, their 10th anniversary in Hawaii. And they plan to go again. And before she was married, Sharon, who works for United Parcel, had already been to the 50th state twice.

"It's a tropical paradise, but in this country," said George, who works at General Motors Hamtramck plant. "You feel safe. In Cancun or the Caribbean, you're still traveling outside your country. There you don't need a pass-

port. The McConnells had done Oahu and Kaui on past trips. This time they went to Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii, where an active volcano has been spewing a steady flow of lava.

Hawaii is a place where you can relax on a white or black sand beach as you watch 8-foot waves carry surfers into shore or it's a place you can participate in a variety of activities.

The McConnells did a bit of

"Neither of us had been snorkeling before," said Sharon.

So she bought a throwaway, underwater camera for a snorkeling adventure off Hawaii Island. The snorkelers gathered in the bay at Captain Cook's monu-

"The water was crystal clear and the colors there were the colors of the rainbow," said George.

The snorkeling was an all-day adventure with a barbecue lunch in between snorkeling.

"It was all ages, they didn't push anyone, but they encouraged everyone," George said.

And Sharon's underwater pictures came out surprisingly

The McConnell's took helicopter rides over both islands. On the day they explored Hawaii there was a heavy fog and the active volcanos were erupting and spewing steam making it impossible to fly to the peaks.

"Lava coverd the roads in places. And we were close to where it flows into the ocean." Sharon said, showing pictures of billows of steam along a winding

As seasoned Hawaiian travelers, the McConnells have some tips for those who want to go.

On Maui, they had stayed in the Kaonpali area but after being checked into a hotel they didn't like, they were moved to the Wailea area, which they proclaimed superior in every way.

"Stay away from Waikiki (on Oahu), it's just another big city. Go to the Big Island of Hawaii if you want to get away from people," George said.

"Take half of what you think you'll need. We packed too much," said Sharon.

"Go to Pearl Harbor at least once, make it a side trip. Go to

Maui and Kaui," George said. Other prime Hawaiian activities include parasailing, scuba diving and submarine rides to view tropical fish, beautiful golf

courses and bicycling. Seafood is the top cuisine of the island, but every hotel plays host to a luau where a pig roast takes center stage in a show that includes hula dancers and native Hawaiian music. McConnells said they went their first time but have steered clear since. The island restaurants



In paradise: George and Sharon McConnell took their Observer along on their trip to Hawaii.

Hollywood to expensive seafood and Oriental restaurants.

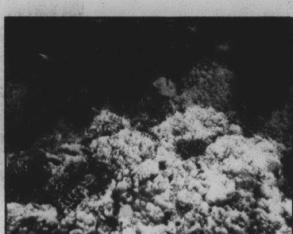
The McConnells admit that Hawaii can be expensive.

"It's expensive, but not as out of reach as some people think. We usually ate just one major meal a day and grabbed snacks the rest of the time, because we were always on the move," said

"You can go there pretty cheap because there is a wide range of hotels," said George

The McConnells said their vacation was somewhere in the middle at around \$3,500

And they definitely plan to go



Undersea theater: Sharon McConnell captured this underwater parade off Hawaii Island with a throwaway waterproof camera.

GREAT ESCAPES

Hawaii's beautiful islands.

Jungle vista: This lush vegetation is a hallmark of

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WINTER DRIVING TIPS

As winter brings on rain, fog, snow and ice, AAA urges motorists to use caution when driving in wet and hazardous conditions.

"Winter can be a dangerous driving season for motorists," said Ron Kennedy, a AAA Northern California spokesman. In California last year, 224 people were killed and 14,050 were injured in weather-related crashes, according to the CHP.

To help motorists avoid wet weather collisions, AAA recommends the following: WET WEATHER SAFETY

Slow down. Your car needs

three times the distance to stop on slick roads. Maintain six to eight seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you,

Cloudy weather reduces visibility, so use extra caution when passing vehicles.

Be deliberate in maneuvering your vehicle - most skidding is caused by sudden stops and

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Do not speed up when navigating through standing water. Doing so may cause the tires to lose contact with the road, causing the vehicle to hydroplane. If this happens, avoid braking hard or turning sharply. Hold the steering wheel steady, and lightly apply the brakes. After the wheels gain contact with the road, slow down until you have full control of the car. After making it through standing water,

lightly pump the brakes to restore normal braking capacity. Be prepared. Have tire

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If you are having car trouble, turn on your hazard lights and pull off the road as far to the right as possible. Ignite flares or signal for help. Stay in your car unless it is in danger of being hit

The AAA affiliate for Northern California, Nevada and Utah serves nearly 4 million members with an array of automotive, travel, and insurance services.

WEATHER CONDITIONS ON WEB

New this winter on Travel Michigan's web site at www. michigan. org, are road conditions reports, provided by the

Michigan State Police, updated twice daily.

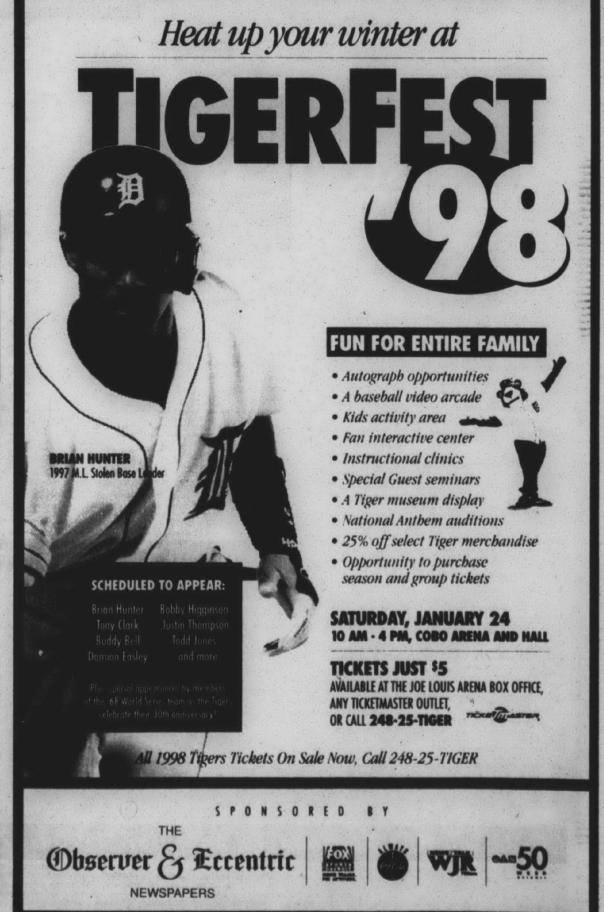
"During the winter months, when Michigan's weather conditions can change from clear and dry to clouds and significant

snowfall in a matter of hours, drivers are encouraged to check out weather and road conditions before traveling," said Richard Czuba, director of Travel Michigan. "It is our goal that every-

one traveling Michigan highways and secondary roads this holiday season, arrive at their destinations safely. We encourage using this service," he added.











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Soccer refs

New soccer referee training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 7, 14, 21 and March 7 at Canton Township Hall. Those interested in becoming a soccer referee must attend all

You must be at least 12-years-old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to: P.O. Box 700260, Plymouth, MI, 48170-

For further information, call (313) 454-7355. Class size is limited.

Tennis Tournament

Steven Thomas, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, won the boys 18 and under singles title at the Huron Valley Tennis Club Tournament Dec. 21. He defeated Ramsey Trix from Ann Arbor Greenhills High, 6-3, 6-3 in the finals.

Team USA

Plymouth Whalers forwards David Legwand and Jesse Boulerice are playing with Team USA in the World Junior Championships in Finland.

The Americans dropped a 4-2 decision to Russia Tuesday. Legwand and Boulerice played in the game, but failed to score. The tournament runs through Jan. 3.

Racquetball League

A men's winter racquetball league will begin Jan. 14 at Body Rocks-Racquetball in Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based upon ability level. Registration is under way and the cost is \$100 per person. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the league. Players can register at the Canton parks and rec office located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Recreation Basketball

A men's recreation basketball league will begin Jan. 7 at Field Elementary School in Canton. Games will be played Wednesdays from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. The league lasts for 10 weeks at a cost of \$25 per person. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the league for Canton residents only. Register in person at the park and rec office at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Bike Trekkers

Serious bikers can get on the right track Sunday mornings by joining members of Bike Trekkers for a ride through West Bloomfield. Bike Trekkers meets at 8 a.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-15 miles on various routes through the subdivisions of West Bloomfield.

Routes include both paved and dirt roads as well as the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take riders outside West Bloomfield.

The program is free and there are no residency requirements. Cyclists must be at least 16 years of age, have a bike with sturdy tires that can endure gravel roads, and must wear a helmet.

For more information call Doug McEwen at (248) 738-2500 or leave a message at (248)788-3940. The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

Skaters needed

The Southfield Ice Company is looking for skaters to perform in its 1998 production.

Arguably one of the top ice shows in the metro area, Ice Company 1998 takes place Wednesday, May 13, through Sunday, May 17, at the Southfield Sports Arena (26000 Evergreen Road, just south of 1-696). Wednesday and Friday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday shows are 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday performances are 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The auditions are open for skaters ages 5 years and over. Following is the audition schedule: Saturday, Nov. 8 from noon to 2 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 10 from 4:15-5:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 17 (for soloists only) from 4:15-5:50 p.m.

For more information, call 354-

Lopez shines at Madonna

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Behind every good young basketball player there's usually a devoted parent.

Someone that teaches their child the fundamentals of the game and how to be a good sport. In that regard, Andres Lopez isn't much different than other

But it wasn't always his dad that did the tutoring.

"I use to shoot a lot with mom and dad," said the Madonna University forward. "But mom worked on my jump shot with me.'

Andres, who graduated from Plymouth Salem last June, learned his

The freshman is playing about 10 minutes per game and making solid contributions for the Division II Crusaders. Coach Bernie Holowicki said Lopez has a bright future.

"He's a very smart player, an intelligent basketball player," he added. "You tell him something once and he knows

Holowicki, in his third year with Madonna, thinks the Plymouth product could start within a few years.

"It's possible, yes," he said. "Andres is a worker, not a shirker."

Lopez knows that he has a long road to travel before getting those major

Tourney Time

"I see myself as a starter," he said. "But I have to work for it."

Basketball, you might say, is in the 18-year-old's blood.

His maternal grandmother played hoops back in the 1920s. Lopez' father played high school ball, too, and later encouraged his son.

Still, Andres credits his court prowess to "my mom's side of the fami-

He began playing early, first with his parents and then in town recreation leagues. Lopez needed just a year's experience before joining Salem's varsi-

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Andres Lopez

DePorres beats CC by four

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Detroit St. Martin DePorres made it two for two against Catholic League Central Division boys basketball opponents, beating Detroit Catholic Central in the first round of the River Rouge Holiday Tournament Friday night.

The Eagles, members of the AA Division, led most of the way and settled for a 67-63 victory over the Shamrocks.

DePorres, which beat another Central Division team, Redford Bishop Borgess, in the season opener, took a 3-0 overall record into the championship game Saturday night against River Rouge. The Shamrocks were to play Ecorse, Rouge's first-round opponent, in the consolation game.

The loss was the first of the year against two victories for the Sham-

CC's 6-foot-11 senior center Chris Young, bound for Michigan, was held scoreless in the first half and finished with 10 points.

Senior guard Joe Jonna helped the Shamrocks keep it close, scoring most of his team-high 17 points in the first

Junior guard Nick Moore had 10 of his 12 points in the first half, but DePorres coach Derrick Owens was even happier with the defense applied to Moore than on Young.

Junior guard Marc Sturdivant guarded Moore and junior center Aloysius Anagonye was responsible for guarding Young with help coming from both sides as well.

"Our first key was Nick Moore," Owens said. "Everything goes through him. You kill the head, the body dies. We're still doing too much lunging for me, though. We can't be playing that 'Olay' defense."

Junior guard Jason Owens, the coach's son, and Anagonye led DePorres with 15 points each. Sturdivant contributed 12

Anagonye had some impressive dunks off passes in the paint from his teammates

"He's going to be a force to be reckoned with," Owens said.

The Shamrocks were outrebounded by the Eagles. Justin Ockerman, a 6-10 freshman center expected to help Young on the boards, didn't play after picking up two quick fouls in the first

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Coming up Roses

Straight ahead: Scott Saulski and the rest of Plymouth Canton return to the hardwood

tomorrow night in the Traverse City Tournament. The Chiefs play two games and then take a week off before facing Ann Arbor Huron at home Jan. 6. Campus rivals Plymouth Salem played in the Grosse Ile Tournament last night and will test its luck tomorrow. Read Thursday's Observer for complete details.

Former Harrison star dreams of national title

BY DAN O'MEARA

If the University of Michigan wins the Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day, the victory will complete a big year in sports for the Bryant family of Farming-

Kevin Bryant is a redshirt sophomore playing for the No. 1-ranked and undefeated Wolverines, who are on the verge of winning their first national championship in 50 years.

His younger brother, Ricky, played a key role in Farmington Harrison winning the Class A high school title a month ago and posting a perfect, 13-0

A former Harrison star himself, Kevin helped the Hawks win back-to-back state titles in 1993-94 and watched his brother in this year's final game against Midland Dow at the Silverdome.

"That was the only game I saw and I was nervous for him, but I was so proud of him," said Kevin, who spoke via the telephone Friday from Pasadena, Calif. "A lot of people say he's going to come up here and take my position.

We talk all the time and tease each other. I tell him I have two rings and am about to have three; he just got his first.

Bryant began his college career as a defensive back but is now a backup wide receiver who also plays on

Senior Russell Shaw is ahead of him on the depth chart, but Bryant hopes to see the ball Thursday against Washington State and make the starting

lineup next season. "The last half of the season I was working a lot at wide receiver," he said. "They were trying to work me in with the first group."

Bryant, who goes against Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson every day in practice, caught passes in the Indiana and Notre Dame games. He'll be on the field Thursday for both kickoff teams as well as punt returns.

"I'm happy with (his U-M career to date), because each year I've moved up, and next year I hope to be taking over the wide receiver position," he said. "I'm growing and learning a lot and getting a good educa-

"I was expecting to see more (playing time), but I wasn't mad at what happened this season. I'm happy with my contribution, and the coaches are happy

Bryant has as his personal motto the Latin phrase "carpe diem," which means to seize the day, make the

"Every chance I get to practice or play in a game, I

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with.

in the country.

The Shamrocks' smaller players aren't athletic enough to rebound with DePorres, but coach Rick Coratti believes more hustle could have given them a much better chance.

The Eagles missed 20 of 35 free throw attempts, including several front ends of one-and-one attempts, but all that did was help pad the Eagles' rebounding statistics.

"We just got outhustled on the boards, period, all of them," Coratti said. "They are a pretty good rebounding team and we

treat it as the last one," he said.

"I try to give 100 percent in

everything I do. You have to

seize every day, and I thank God

I have another chance. I have to

use the talent he blessed me

The Wolverines hope to seize

the day on New Year's Day and

follow through on their opportu-

nity to finish as the No. 1 team

"It's like a dream come true,"

had to keep them from geting second and third shots and we'd have a chance. We had a shot at them, got them to miss at the line, and we don't rebound.

"They did a good job defending our post. Jonna kept us in it and Adam (Tubaro) gave us a spark (with six points off the bench). We want to play hard (Saturday night) and get ready for the (Catholic League) season. I told them going in this tournament would be a good experience no matter what happens.'

CC trailed by as many as 16 midway through the third quar-

the polls will take care of them-

selves, so we're just concentrat-

Bryant is making his second

and enjoying the change from

"It's beautiful out here," he

trip to California - he was there

previously on a family vacation

the dull, gray, December weath-

said. "During practice, I can look

over and see the mountains; it's

real nice. It's nice and sunny;

ing on Washington State."

ter before Young sparked an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to eight. DePorres turned the ball over twice and Young had a tip-in and inside basket to go with a blocked shot during the rally.

Moore and Jonna also had driving baskets. "I thought that was going to be

when they broke," Young said. DePorres got the lead back to 11 but Jonna cut the deficit to

49-41 after three quarters following an off-balanced left-handed layup and free throw to finish a three-point play.

CC got as close as five points

That's why Bryant thinks it

was a good idea for U-M coach

Lloyd Carr to take the team to

different climates and adapted

each time, so it shouldn't be a

problem for us," he said. "We've

been out here practicing over a

week, so we're getting used to

The Wolverines have been

doing a lot of sightseeing, too,

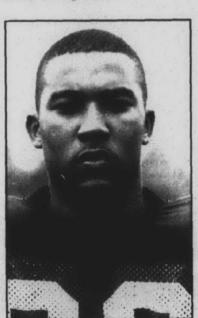
"All year we've been playing in

California earlier than usual.

three times in the fourth quarter once after a basket by Tubaro, again with 1:13 remaining following two free throws by Moore and with 29 seconds left after a three-point shot by Rob Sparks. DePorres managed to hold on despite making only three of its last six free throws.

Young accepted much of the blame for the loss.

"I'm just not fighting hard enough to get through it, getting outworked by everyone on the floor," Young said.



Kevin Bryant

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EN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday, Dec. 30 aginaw Valley at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3 hoolcraft at St. Clair. 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Monday, Dec. 29

Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 Vhalers at S.S Marie, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3 Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Bryant said. "When you're growthere's a nice breeze.' with trips to Hollywood and Uniing up, you always dream about Big Ten teams usually have versal Studios still planned. trouble getting back on track a going to the Rose Bowl, being The annual Beef Bowl took month after the regular season. Big Ten champs and having a place Thursday night at Lawry's have found the nice weather too chance at the title. Restaurant where the Rose Bowl "As a team, we're not really distracting and traditionally concerned about it. If we win, haven't done well in the Rose opponents try outdo each other.

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er in Michigan.

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He started several games his sophomore year and helped the Rocks to about 15 wins. By his junior season, Lopez gained a starting

Salem rebounded from a rocky year to win division and district titles his senior year. Individually, it was his best season as he averaged about 13 points as six rebounds.

"My senior year," said Andres, "we had more guys to compliment me. Everyone knew how each other played."

He still keeps close tabs on the Rocks, which are off to a 1-2 start this year.

"I miss playing there," he said, "but there comes a point in time when you need to move on."

Lopez appeared ready to move on to Albion

The Britons, along with Madonna and several other schools, recruited the 6-foot 4-inch forward. He signed with Albion, though, back in March.

After working at several summer camps at the school, Lopez began to have doubts about his decision. He discovered that his first year at the Division III school would like be playing for its junior varsity.

"I thought I was better than JV in college," Andres said.

By early July, after registering for classes at Albion, he decided not to go. After talking with Holowicki, a high school coaching legend at Detroit Catholic Central, he decided

"I'm happy I made the choice to come here," Lopez said. "I think it's the right

While it may have been the right choice, it's not to say that it has taken some getting use to, both on the basketball court and academically.

Lopez is undecided about a major, although he's considering secondary education and broadcasting. No doubt his mom, Anna, a high school teacher at Redford Thurston, is hoping he picks the former. "She tells me that I'd be a good teacher,"

Andres said. "I'm good with kids." Basketball practice began in mid October.

It was tough juggling his hoop and academic commitments at first. "The first week was rough," he added. "I

was use to being done by 12:30 and not having anything to do. After that, I fell into a rhythm." A pretty good rhythm at that. Lopez fin-

ished his first college semester with a 3.2 grade point average.

The Crusaders, unfortunately, haven't fared as well. Madonna is off to a 1-12 start. Several factors have contributed to that

The Crusaders lost 6-8 all-league performer Mike Maryanski to injury before the

man didn't return to school.

Madonna was left with a lack of size. Holowicki said it forced his team to change styles from fast-breaking to slow it down, methodical-style offense.

"We're just out manned," he added. "I'm not mad at the guys. How could I be? They, work very hard.

The Crusaders are also extremely young with seven freshman and only a few seniors on the roster

"We start three freshmen and two sophomores," Holowicki said. "No other team in the league can say that.' Lopez said the team is progressing.

"We've come a long way since October," he commented. "We've made a vast improvement from the first game.'

Madonna begins its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule after the holidays. Holowicki said it won't get any easier with three of Division II's top 20 teams in

"It's a good basketball league," he said. Lopez said the veteran coach has helped the team stay loose despite tough times.

"He's got a lot of sayings, a lot of one-liners." Andres noted.

After winning so much with Salem, losing hasn't been easy, he added. But he's approaching it with a positive attitude.

You can't let it get you down," Lopez said.

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I always get a kick out of reading movie reviews. Many critics, it seems, are more intent on impressing readers with their vocabularies, knowledge of film making and brilliant insights rather than telling a bit about the movie and its stars.

Critics' final ratings often seem to be skewed,

Movies with certain actors and actresses always get a higher rating. When's the last time a Susan Sarandon film got one star?

Sports movies, on the other hand, always seem to start out with a strike against them. So what if Rudy got bad reviews, I loved it.

I'll bet many other of you sports fans feel the same way. To paraphrase a famous line from Network, we're mad as heck and we're not going to

With that in mind, I began thinking about sports

There have been more of them made in the past few years than before. That's good, I believe, because there are many good stories about athletes and sports in general that have yet to been told.

But it also brings up another question. What are the best sports movies of all time?

Raging Bull is at the top of many lists. Everyone has their opinion, though.

That being the case, I've come up with a list of my 10 favorites. See if you agree with my picks:

Field of Dreams

It's a little sappy in parts, I'll grant you. But it's

For many baseball fans, nostalgia makes the game what it is. This movie revolves, at least on the surface, around one of the game's most nostalgic figures, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

Along with seven of his Chicago White Sox team-

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mates, Jackson was kicked out of baseball for throwing the 1919 World Series. Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) builds a field on his farmland for these players and others to once again

Burt Lancaster gives a wonderful performance as Doc Graham. James Earl Jones and Amy Madigan are the film's other stars.

Gene Hackman plays a high school basketball coach in rural Indiana. With is fiery and disciplinarian style, he guides his small town squad into the state finals.

The movie is based on a true story. It's underdog appeal is simple, but no less gut-wrenching and upbeat. It's David versus Goliath.

Hackman makes you believe he's an old hand at coaching. Dennis Hopper also gives a strong performance as an alcoholic father of one of the play-

Slap Shot

It's rank. It's raunchy. It's downright fun.

Made in 1977, it's the story of a minor league hockey team stuck in a losing streak. Paul Newman is the coach, player and leader of the squad.

The Hanson brothers, of course, have made a living off of their appearance in the movie. Spouting their "old-time hockey" credo, the trio help revive

Not for the faint of heart.

The Natural

As you can see, my list has a bias towards baseball. But, hey, it's my list.

Anyway, The Natural is a touching story. Robert

Redford plays Roy Hobbs, a player of unbelievable talent whose youth is stolen by a psychotic older

After being out of baseball for more than a decade, Hobbs returns in his late 30s for one final shot as a pro. Despite the reluctance of a manager played by Wilfred Brimley, he earns a spot on the New York Knights and leads the team to glory.

The movie gives a somewhat romantic portrayal of baseball in the old days, but it's well worth renting if you haven't seen it.

Forget the sequels, which were pieces of trash. The original remains a classic.

Sly Stallone plays Rocky Balboa, a club fighter that gets a one-in-a-million shot at glory. Before the viewers eyes, Rocky is transformed from a down-and-out bum to a courageous warrior.

Burgess Meredith plays his crusty old trainer. Carl Weathers is the heavyweight champ that gets more than he bargained for.

Bull Durham

Costner and Tim Robbins star in a comedy about minor league baseball.

Costner is Crash Davis, a hard-hitting, harddrinking veteran catcher. Robbins is a rookie pitcher with a million-dollar arm, but two-cent

The movie has numerous hilarious moments. None are better than Costner explaining to Robbins how to give a press interview.

"If a reporter asks how the team is going to do, here's what you tell 'em. 'We're gonna take it one game at a time. I just want to help the team and give 110 percent. **Priceless**

Major League

In hopes of moving the Cleveland Indians to Florida, the owner puts together a team of hasbeens, retreads and never-weres to kill attendance.

The Tribe spoil those plays by making the playoffs and putting fans in the seats. Tom Beringer, Corbin Bernsen and Charlie Sheen star.

It's not Oscar material, but it's funny and you do pull for the players.

Jim Thorpe -All-American

Now here's one you probably haven't heard of. Made in 1951, the movie stars Burt Lancaster as Jim Thorpe, a great multi-sport athlete from around the turn of the century.

The story runs the gambit of emotions. It shows Thorpe's rise to Olympic fame and his fall to side show attraction.

By today's standards, the movie is primitive. But it doesn't diminish the strength of the story.

This one goes in the tear-jerker hall of fame. It's the true story of Chicago Bear Brian Piccolo and his battle with cancer. The movie chronicles his friendship with running great Gale Sayers and

how that bond is tested by illness James Caan and Billy Dee Williams star in what

was a made for TV movie.

North Dallas Forty Nick Nolte plays a burned-out NFL wide receiver battling his failing body and team management. Mac Davis plays his quarterback friend.

The film is good for plenty of laughs and also provides a look at the personal costs of playing professional football. Oakland Raiders' great John Mutuszak co-stars

Scott Daniel is a staff writer for the Observer newspapers.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31. DEER

The second archery season runs

through Jan. 1 statewide. A spe-

cial late antlerless only firearms season runs through Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III. The special late Canada goose season runs Jan. 2-Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been

changed this year and are now

the exception of the five GMU's.

the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES

The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Birmingham Continuing Education will offer a 10week fly tying class beginning at

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 5. Call (248) 203-3800 for more informa-

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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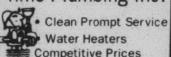
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

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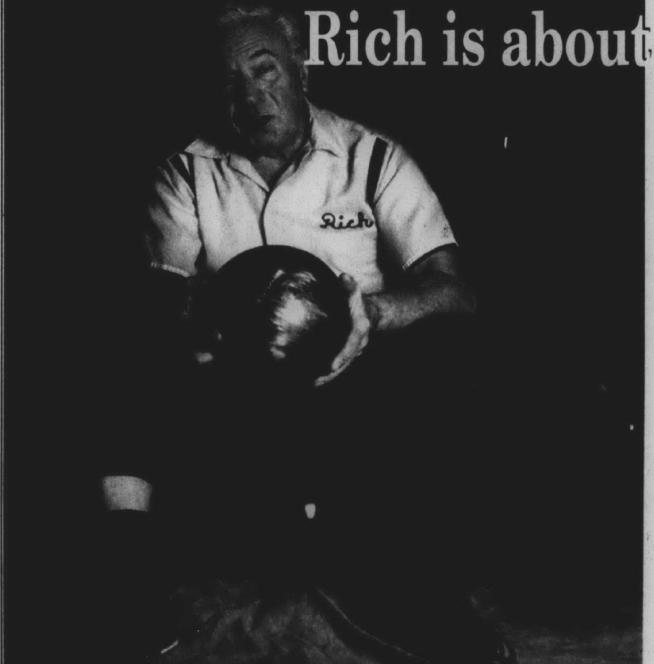
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RECREATION

Backyard bird feeders important because winter cold takes its toll

most small game but song and other non-game birds that use backyard feeders are particularly vulnerable.

Some of the most important things to consider for birds during January and February are water and the quality of food," said Sunni Lawless, a wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' non-game program. "Obviously birds are very small and, comparably, can't store a lot of body fat. Foods that are very high in a fat content or protein are very essential."

That would include bird seed, of course. While there are dozens of seed brands on the market. Lawless recommends sticking to the basics for cold weather feeding.

"An economical choice for seed that will feed a wide variety of birds is just plain old black oiled sunflower seeds," she said.

Lawless noted that woodpeckers and popular backyard birds, species that ordinarily do not use a traditional feeder, are sometimes overlooked when temperatures dip.

"If the temperature is below

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freezing and woodpeckers are out there trying to find a meal underneath the bark of a tree and trying to forage on something that's pretty well frozen, that's a hard job for them," the biologist said.

The solution: suet feeders. There inexpensive feeders are basically plastic-encased wire baskets that holds a "suet cake," Lawless said.

"Suet is just fat, so it's a very high energy source for birds, she noted. "Some are called berry treats and will be chocked full of berries that the birds like to find this time of year. And some have insects imbedded in the suet . . . they are just a good energy source for some birds such as different types of woodpeckers."

Birds should also be provided with plenty of free-flowing Snow, Lawless explained, is not a substitute for liquid.

Someone might think, Well they can eat snow.' " she said. "But if they take that snow in they have to warm it, and then ingest it into the body, and they burn a lot of energy doing that. So open water is very important.

"If we get some really harsh

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weather just over a night or two, birds can freeze to death," she added. "They basically starve to death. It doesn't take very long for some of our smaller song birds if they can't find the food and water they

Back yard feeders attract birds year round but are especially important in winter when natural food sources dwindle. Feeders will attract a crowd and should be checked frequently.

'That's really important, especially this time of year," Lawless said. "Sometimes if they're not really pressed for energy, birds will kind of nitpick around and chase some other (birds) off. But this time of year several will be occupying the same feeder. And they will eat pretty much all day

There are almost as many types of bird feeders available as there are birds. Lawless's only suggestion is to use a model designed to keep squir-

"If you have squirrels, especially in a residential area. they're going to be eating all your bird seed," she said.

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DATES/DEADLINES

Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.

DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. A special late antlerless only firearms season runs through Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

GOOSE

The special late Canada goose season runs Jan. 2-Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's .

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

Rabbit season runs through

March 31 statewide.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Birmingham Continuing Education will offer a 10week fly tying class beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 5. Call (248) 203-3800 for more informa-

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ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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1998 PERMITS

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for

more information. RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Ten Oakland County Parks will be recycling Christmas trees through Jan. 11. Trees may be dropped off 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

FULL MOON CROSS COUNTRY SKI

Experience an evening of cross country skiing under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud

Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

Olympic games as a medal sport and to attract new bowlers. The Single Delivery system and Strike Ten Entertainment have combined HARRISON to deliver millions of dollars

The new AMF venture with Michael Jordan will begin to have an impact this year and

A look back at 1997 showed

ments.



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bowlers like you and I will benefit for years to come.

continued strong efforts on the part of local associations to work together and bring about bigger and better events and tourna-

to sanction. Some of these perks In 1998 we can look forward to included trade discounts, a yearly copy of "Bowling Magazine," a regularly published newsletter for GDBA and a better awards I had one prediction come true that there would be a sanctioned 900 series. Sure enough, Jeremy Sonnenfeld of the Uni-

versity of Nebraska came I now predict there will be at least three 900s bowled in 1998 and that one will come from this

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will select a "Bowler of the Year" and the first selection will be announced early in the new year for the 1997 recipi-

A committee of bowling experts has already been put together for this purpose and the winner will be chosen from write-ins to the Ten Pin Alley

bowling column. Candidates must reside in one of the O & E cities to be eligible. More information will come out in coming weeks including selection criteria and how to enter someone you know. If you know someone you believe worthy of this award, let's hear from you.

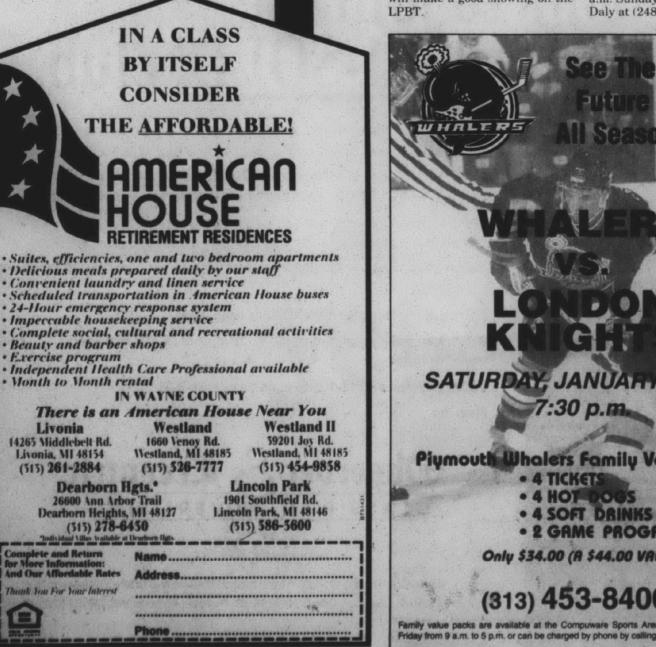
The major event of the year will be the ABC Annual Tournament in Reno, Nev. It will take place at the new National Bowling Stadium (you saw this place if you watched the movie Kingpin) and the annual meeting will also be held for delegates from every local association.

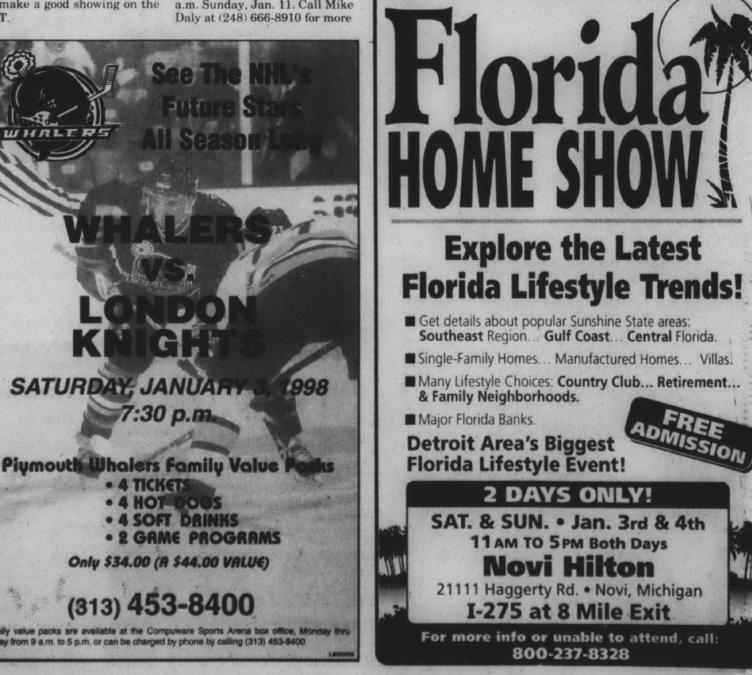
The 1998 tournament opens Feb. 14 and runs through June 27. It is expected to draw nearly 20,000 teams and 100,000 individuals including the one and only Joe Norris, a former Detroiter and holder of the all-time ABC total pinfall record.

Reno, Nev., will be the host site for the 1998 Mixed Tournament, slated for the fall. The WIBC team event will be held in Davenport, Iowa while the doubles and singles will be contested in Rock Island, Ill.

Look for bigger and better things from our local stars who venture out on the Pro Bowlers tour. Men such as Harry Sullins. John Mazza, Gene Stus and young Vernon Peterson should have an impact while the ladies, led by Aleta Sill, Marianne DiRupo, Lisa Bishop and others will make a good showing on the

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VFW, Red Cross drive

VFW Post Bova Engineers of Westland will be the host site of an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6. The Westland post is located at 6440 Hix Road, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (313) 728-3231. Appointments are not necessary.

Behavioral health line

Oakwood Healthcare System has made behavioral health treatment just a phone call away. The Central Intake Center is available 24 hours-aday, 7 days-a-week and staffed by experienced mental health professionals who can immediately arrange treatment services into any of Oakwood's Behavioral Health sites.

Oakwood's behavioral health team treats a multitude of problems that include: depression; anxiety; chemical dependency; marriage and grief counseling; children; adolescent and family counseling including attention deficit disorders; crisis intervention and a specialized program tailored to the Arabic speaking community. To utilize the behavioral health team or for more information, call 800-427-

Breastfeeding beyond

Pathways to Parenting: "Breastfeeding beyond the first six weeks," will be a program sponsored by Botsford General Hospital lactation consultant Elaine Webber. This new monthly support group, which meets the first Wednesday of each month, gives new moms an opportunity to network with peers, share concerns and obtain information, free of charge. The site will be the Holy Cross Episcopal Church (46200 10 Mile Road, just west of Taft) from 12:30-2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Snow named director

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor has named Louise Snow, BSN, as its new administrative director of Oncology. Her duties include oversight of the outpatient services provided through McAuley Cancer Care Center, located on St. Joe's East Huron River Drive campus. Before her promotion, Snow served as administrator of the Oncology Research Program at St. Joe's, a position she held since 1994.

Hearing screenings

Join MedMax of Westland for a day full of complimentary hearing screenings, Friday, Jan. 2 at 35600 Central City Parkway (across from Westland Mall). Call (313) 458-7100 to register.

Childbirth education

This six week course provides information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and a two session refresher class are also available Jan. 5 and 15. Register early in your pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-3242.

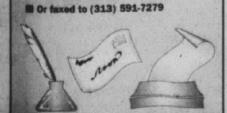
Prenatal exercise

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-postnatal Exercise class that meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. Class dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the Pavilion Conference Room A from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is \$35 per person. The class includes warm-ups, stretching, low-impact aerobics, cool-down and relaxation techniques. Registration is required by calling MWC at (313) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in

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POINTING

AFINGER

IMPROPER PROCEDURES CAN CAUSE DAMAGE AND NAIL LOSS

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

If you treat yourself to a weekly or monthly manicure, more thought should go into who's maintaining the condition of your nails than what color pol-

The popularity of nail enhancements such as tips, silk wraps, gel and acrylics has grown increasingly greater in the last five years while simultaneously creating a dangerous epidemic in the industry that has many licensed nail technicians and manicurists fearing for their clients well being.

The wrongful application of an acrylic monomer called MMA or methyl methacrylate with nail powder, has been found to cause health hazards to people wearing fingernails prepared with the product. The Food and Drug Administration has taken legal actions against its marketers and distributors. Liquid acrylic monomer is the catalyst which hardens

Damaging effects: The use of methyl methacrylate can

ues to show signs of damage.

the nail powder into an artificial nail.

damage from long-term exposure.

Fingernail products fabricated with methyl

dents of skin reactions, permanent nail bed dam-

One of the most common hazards is the strong

age, nail loss and respiratory/nostril membrane

bond the substance has to the original nail that

doesn't permit a clean break of the nail tip when

and painful tear of the acrylic tip along with the natural nail can occur resulting in an injury that

can be both dangerous and permanent.

the finger is jammed or caught. Instead, a complete

"We've seen customers come to us with their own

finger nail missing or barely attached, holes in the

"It's really horrible for the client. Not only is it

very painful but MMA is causing permanent dam-

Lock, speaking from experience, said she had a

complete set of acrylic nails applied at a salon she

dents on the nail surface from the "dental acrylic,"

damage to her cuticles and at least one nail that in

A local dentist confirmed her industry's use of

three years hasn't returned to its normal growth

refers to as "discount" only to come away with

nail plate and splits across the entire nail," said Laurie Lock, owner of Nails & More in Westland.

methacrylate monomer are reportedly causing inci-

Common hazards

cause skin reactions, eye irritations and cracks in the nail

bed as pictured above. Injuries suffered by the nail wearer

MMA in the preparation of temporary crowns.

"Before a permanent crown is made we hone down the tooth and put on a temporary, that you can walk out of the office with, made of methyl methacrylate," said the Livonia dentist. "It's a very

Lock and Westland nail technician Kasey Bojanowski say discount salons use liquid methyl methacrylate monomer because of its bargain price
– approximately \$15 per gallon compared to ethyl methacrylate that can cost in excess of \$200 per gallon – the latter of which is much safer for cos-

metic nail preparations.

Nail technicians often confuse MMA with the use of MMA polymers or don't know the difference between the two, according to the Nail Manufacturers Council, an organization that publishes educational updates for nail technicians to keep them informed about current industry trends.

"In the fully polymerized and solid form, this substance is considered safe. Fully polymerized MMA will not cause adverse skin reactions or other problems associated with the 'liquid monomer.' In the poly methyl methacrylate form it is chemically identical to Plexiglass™ or Lucite™ and is conidered safe for use on natural nails," stated the NMC.

Paul Bryson, co-director of research and development at OPI Products in North-Hollywood, said methyl methacrylate monomer is a harmful solvent in its solitary state. However, combined in a chemical process with monomer, after monomer, after monomer the solvent becomes polymerized into ethyl methacrylate and is no longer volatile but "a harm-less solid."

OPI Products manufacture cosmetic nail care products such as nail polish used in

were done more than three years ago and the plate continply stores throughout the

Bryson went on to say MMA monomers can penetrate the skin and permeate the air causing skin and eye irritations. Polymerized MMA does not have the ability "to go through anything" and therefore is not a dangerous irritant like MMA,

said the California researcher.

The two Westland technicians note since their September grand opening, they have had to adjust their prices as a result of the discount salons. We've had no choice," said Lock, "and we're providing a safer service that isn't causing a health risk."

Acrylic and other specialty nail preparations, as a rule, require a person to have their nails "filled" every two weeks as the acrylic tip grows forward or "lifts" requiring another application of powder and the liquid acrylic combination.

Nails being treated with MMA may go up to four weeks without a fill because of its strong bond that may lead to a stunt in the growth of the nail. Other potential problems can include fungus or infection forming under the tight adherence of the product that may not be detected because the nail isn't able to lift naturally.

Lock says removal of nails prepared with MMA is a time consuming and sometimes uncomfortable procedure of soaking and filing. The product must be soaked off in 100 percent acetone nail polish remover that results in a "gummy" byproduct unlike nails treated without MMA. "It's not hard to



Nail business: Laurie Lock, owner of Nails and More in Westland puts the finishing touches on the nails of a regular customer. Lock says she's seen an increase in new clients wishing to have acrylic nails, treated with MMA, removed as a result of its strong bond.

Finding a nail professional

Nail technicians, licensed by the state of Michigan, must renew their accreditation annually and are required to have up to 300 hours of training prior to certification. Some important rules of thumb, say technicians, you should look out for when searching for a reputable nail professional include:

Make an effort to have your nails done by the same person on a

regular basis.
"If there's something wrong with your nail, say an infection or fundition from visit to visit," said Laurie Lock, Westland nail technician. "That person is going to know your nail health better than someone different each time."

■ Look for a sanitizing product where nail implements such as tweezers, metal files and clippers are kept. The liquid is typically blue or green in nature and implements soak in the Sterile solution.

Make sure the technician is using a new file on every client.

Ask to see the original bottle of the liquid acrylic the tech is

using to guarantee the product does not contain MMA.

■ Despite the lack of MMA as a listed ingredient, you may be able to detect the chemical by its distinct odor. Compared to the smell from other acrylic liquids, MMA is very strong-smelling and extended exposure can cause headaches and dizziness.

If your manicurist is wearing a surgical mask, ask why. It may be possible he or she is using MMA and don't want to inhale the strong, acidic odor of an MMA product. However, other reasons may include the person not wanting to inhale nail dusts and filings or having a cold and trying not to spread germs considering the close proximity in which you come to one another.

■ Make sure the manicurist or technician is openly displaying his or her license. If not, ask if he or she is licensed through the state

know when MMA was used. It can take two hours sometimes just to get the tips off," said Bojanowski, "then a lot of filing is required to get down to a thin

Randy Houston of Dream Nails said the Garden City salon has seen a significant increase in the number of clients coming in to have their acrylic nails removed as a result of the use of MMA.

"The porcelain these discount salons are using doesn't allow the nail to breathe properly and the acrylic isn't lifting naturally like it should," said

"Then people don't want to spend the money to have their nails filled and if there's a problem under the nail, like fungus or mold, things can only get worse the longer they let it go."

Houston said permanent damage on the nail bed such as peeling, discoloration and deep plate grooves are the side effects from fungus growing under the MMA acrylic. "It's very bad. After soaking and filing the nails can become sensitive to hot and cold."

Although the FDA hasn't proposed regulations against the use of MMA as an ingredient in nail products, they did issue a statement in September

We continue to believe that liquid methyl methacrylate, when used in cosmetic fingernail

preparations, is a poisonous and deleterious sub-

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Healthy nails are at your fingertips

Nails can represent an art form, a fashion statement, a method of personal expression and a mirror of inner health. Dermatologists can improve the appearance of the nail, recommend cosmetics that can maintain nail health. treat nail disease, and diagnose other conditions of medical importance, based on the appearance of the nails.

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Short or long, decorated or plain, your dermatologist can help you keep healthy nails for life.

The lifespan of the nail begins before birth. Properly formed, smooth nails in a newborns reassure that all is well. Teen-agers value nails for their fashion versatility. Men and women recognize that healthy nails present a positive image beginning with the first hand-

Society has come to enjoy nails as an art form and a fashion statement. Stores and salons nationwide offer various press-on nails, nail sculpture, tips and jewels. Millions apply nail polish, nail sunscreens, and the latest strengtheners and quick dries.

Fingernails can also signal potential health problems. For example, patients suffering circulation problems may experience a bluish/purple nail bed. Psoriasis suffers may have tiny holes in the nail plate, and fungal infections may show in a misshapen nail plate with debris. In addition, broken blood vessels beneath nails may signal lupus, and a discolored nail plate may indicate liver or kidney diseas

Chemotherapy may lead to horizontal grooves in nail plate.

See your dermatologist if any of these problems exist.

Of particular interest to the elderly, new antifungal drugs such as itraconazole, fluconazole and terbinafine are being used in the treatment of onychomycosis, a fungal infection which affects the finger and toenails. Onychomycosis accounts for 50 percent of all nail diseases, and causes the nails to become thickened, hard to cut and often painful. The disorder is made worse by moisture, warmth, trauma, communal bathing and other activities that lead to exposure to fungi.

Some tips for maintaining healthy nails for a lifetime:

Do not remove the cuticle.

■ Eat plenty of protein and biotin.

■ Moisturize the nails and cuticles

Protect the nails from harsh detergents and solvents.

See your dermatologist quickly if any problem develop.

Give your nails a rest for one to three months per year from any cos-

metic adornments. Never bite or peel a hangnail. According to the experts they heal

faster and there's less of a threat of infection if they are trimmed with clippers or taken care of by your manicurist or dermatologist.

■ Nail strengtheners can make nails more durable if the bed is naturally brittle or soft, if acrylics or tips aren't of interest to you.

Computers as gifts, don't be overwhelmed Nails from page E5



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A lot of folks got new computer systems for Christmas and are just now venturing out into Cyberspace, wondering what the rules are and where they can find the coolest sites

It's a confusing time for the Net newbie because there are so many

options and new procedures.

Let's start with how you are identified on the Net.

As soon as you are "wired" or provided an online account, you should have received your e-mail address. It consists of the user name you sign on with followed by the symbol @, as in "at," followed by the name of the place that gives you Net access. That's called the "domain" or the computer that "hosts" your account.

For example, my e-mail address is: mike@pcmike.com . If you break it down, mike is my user name. What distinguishes my mike from the hundreds of thousands of other mike's out there is where I belong. That's the domain part. My domain is pcmike.com and I am the only mike at pcmike.com.

Computer jargon

What does the "com" part at the end of my address mean? I know someone out there is asking that. It means commercial organization. It tells those in the know that my domain is involved in making money (at least I sure hope it is).

Similarly, "edu" means educational institution, "gov" means some sort of government agency, "uk" is from Great Britain and "org" is a non-profit organization. You can easily spot e-mail that someone sent you from one of the commercial online services because it will have a domain of aol.com or compuserve.com.

To read your Internet e-mail. you need a program. There are stand-alone software packages you can get like Eudora (www.eudora.com) or Pegasus (www.pegasus.usa.com) but the two most popular World Wide Web browsers --- Netscape and Internet Explorer --- come bundled with perfectly adequate email applications.

I wrote a column on November 23rd about the proper "Netiquette" involved in sending email that you can access through my Webpage (www.pcmike.com). When you get to the site, click on "BBS" in the upper navigation bar and you'll see a list of all my columns and special reports. Look for the one called "E-Mail Netiquette."

But assuming you've sent a few e-mails and are working your way through cyberspace, it's time to learn the neighbor-

Bookmarking saves time

To ease your surfing frustrations, let me offer up PC Mike's Favorite Bookmarks.

Bookmarks, as you've no doubt learned, are electronic placeholders, saved Internet addresses on your browser. If you use Netscape's browser, they're called bookmarks. Bill Gates doesn't want his product to be anything remotely like Netscape's so Microsoft's Internet Explorer calls them "Favorites.

But "Favorites" are the same thing as "Bookmarks," a collection of your favorite Web sites.

The first thing you'll want is a bookmark for finding stuff. Search engines, people finders, newsgroup search engines and the like.

The Search and Research Mas-(http://www.wimer.net/search.ht ml) is a great place to start. It links to several of the most popular search engines, a bunch of telephone directories and even an acronym or abbreviation find-

Private-Eye.Net (www.privateeye.net/databases.htm) offers an assortment of links to sites that

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help you locate e-mail and mailing addresses. I particularly like the reverse phone number lookup that lets you enter a phone number to see the person or business that it's listed under.

The search engine I find myself using the most these days called HotBot (www.hotbot.com). It searches everything on the Net --- newsgroups, the Web, e-mail addresses, business listings and even domain names, if you want to find out who runs a particular Internet site. I like it because its very fast and lets you search by phrases, individual words, exact names and several other varia-

I'm also finding myself frequently using an auxiliary site that specializes in news stories and articles. It's called NewsBot (www.newsbot.com) and it's searchable by news categories like entertainment, business,

sports and technology Purdue University has a great site all Net newbies should check out called the Virtual Reference Desk (http://thorplus.lib.purdue.edu/reference/index.html). It has complete online dictionaries and thesauri (that's the plural of thesaurus), government directories and maps.

Cyber directions

For the easiest to use online maps, check out Mapquest (www.mapquest.com). You can get maps and driving directions for anyplace in the country from this site.

The U.S. Government has a comprehensive site that links to every single government agency that is online. It's called Fed-World (www.fedworld.gov) and it is loaded with information, databases, reports and abstracts. Almost all Michigan governmental agencies can be found online, too, under the Michigan State Government site

(http://www.migov.state.mi.us/)

Drudge The Report (www.drudgereport.com) is a collection of links to online news sources and columns. It's not a flashy site but it's probably the most comprehensive news and information resource you'll find.

If you've ever gone to address a letter or card but found yourself frustrated by not knowing the zip code, then you'll need to bookmark the National Address Server (http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/adserv.html) Just type in the address and this site returns the proper zip code.

Something for free

The Net is loaded with places to get free software. The site I use the most is right here in Southeastern Michigan. It's called the Oak Software Reposi-

0 (http://www.acs.oakland.edu/oak. html) and it's maintained by Oakland University's Office of Computer and Information Services. Another great source for shareware and freeware that should be on your bookmark list Download.Com (http://www.download.com/).

I could go on. But half the fun of the Net is finding your own favorites. These should give you more than enough to discover just how useful the World Wide Web has become.

Have fun.

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stance. Generally speaking, the agency is prepared to consider regulatory action against fingernail products formulated with liquid methyl methacrylate monomer as one of its ingredi-

OPI Research and Development Director Sunil Sirdesai said the most serious health risk women face is MMA's ability to bond like nothing else. "When a women jams her finger she should expect the acrylic to pop off with no harm to her natural nail," said Sirdesai. "MMA has super excellent bond and won't allow the nail to break free without taking a persons own nail with it.'

Nail technicians say their best advice is to be "beauty wise." You may be pampering yourself but in haste, unknowingly hurt"We've seen customers come to us with their own finger nail missing or barely attached, holes in the nail plate and splits across the entire nail.'

> Laurie Lock -owner, Nails & More

ing yourself at the same time. Don't trade safety to save a few dollars and don't be afraid to ask questions. . . the answers are at your fingertips.



Blood donations critical during holidays when supplies are low

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During the winter holidays of 1995 and 1996 the community blood supply was at a dangerously low level and an emergency appeal for blood donations was issued to the public. The American Red Cross, Southeastern

Michigan Blood Services Region is working hard to prevent this from happening during the 1997 holidavs

In doing so, Red Cross is appealing to businesses, community organizations, places of worship, social groups and others,

during the critical period - now through Jan. 4.

Your blood drive sponsorship will help hundreds of hospital patients who need lifesaving blood for their survival. For more information call (313) 494-2790.

The Red Cross understands with a group of 30 or more that the holidays are a very busy donors, to sponsor a blood drive time; they are also a dangerous

time for the community blood supply. If you are unable to sponsor a blood drive, please make and keep a blood donation appointment at a Red Cross Donor Center or blood mobile

To donate blood, call 1-800-



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