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THE WEEK AHEAD

A Whale of a show: Tune in to cable Channel 25 today. The Plymouth Whalers play Brampton in the Ontario Hockey League. The live telecast by MediaOne begins at 7:10 p.m. with the pregame show, featuring play-by-play announcer Eric Peasley and John Bower.

MONDAY

What to do?: Visit the Plymouth District Library. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Thursday and Friday for the holidays.

TUESDAY

Paint workshop: D & M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley, is holding an all-day paint workshop for children ages 6 and up, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 29-31. Bring a lunch. Cost is \$15. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

THURSDAY

Closed: City and township offices will be closed for the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1.

Party planning: Drinking and driving don't mix. Appoint a designated driver and ring in a happy and safe New Year!

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New court to be built in spring

The groundbreaking for a new courthouse will begin in the spring now that the 35th District Court Authority awarded the construction bid to Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia for \$6,765,000.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Construction of a new Dunbar Davis courthouse in Plymouth will begin next spring.

Nearly 18 months after fire destroyed the court complex on Plymouth Road, the 35th District Court Authority Wednesday afternoon awarded the construction contract to Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia.

Bedzyk Bros. was the least expensive of 15 general contractors who submitted bids on the project. The base construction cost is \$6,765,000. The authority also voted to spend an additional \$62,500 to add a fourth elevator for transporting prisoners between floors without having to come into contact with the public, jurors and staff. The authority is also considering spending another \$12,500 for lightning protection equipment.

The authority did reject spending an additional \$171,250 for add-ons, including \$94,500 to completely finish the magistrate's courtroom and \$59,000 for audio and video equipment for one of the four courtrooms.

The authority is made up of the five communities which are served by the court, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"I'm very happy. It gives us something to look forward to," said Chief Judge John MacDonald. "And, it's good for the morale of the employees. They finally see something being done. I'm very excited."

"I'm glad that we are finally going to

be able to break ground, that there's light at the end of the tunnel," said Judge Ron Lowe. "We can now begin to anticipate when we'll be able to move out of this temporary facility."

Spending money

The total cost of the project, according to the authority's financial adviser, Bob Bendzinski, will be more than \$8.2 million. The total balance includes costs such as architectural and engineering fees, furniture and equipment, and site surveys.

The authority still needs to decide how large a mortgage it wants for the project. The authority can bond up to

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Tradition: Above, Plymouth Community fire Chief Larry Groth (left) celebrated 30 years as a firefighter this month. His son, Larry Jr. (right), is a sergeant at the Metro Airport Fire Department. At right, his father, Charles Groth (right), was a firefighter for 41 years in South Lyon and the city of Plymouth.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Family calling

The firefighting Groths have big boots to fill

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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You wouldn't have noticed much of a change while walking through Fire Station No. 1 in Plymouth on the morning of Dec. 1.

No banners. No parties. No speeches.

On that morning, fire Chief Larry Groth celebrated his 30th year with the Plymouth Community Fire Department with little fanfare or recognition.

"Yes, I thought about it, but I had to be in court this morning," he said. "To be honest with you, I was probably thinking about that more. I've had a few congratulations here and there because our secretary put it on the schedule so all the firefighters saw it."

In fact, that morning followed pretty much the same script as his first day on the job three decades prior: Arrive at a quarter to eight ... cup of coffee ... sit at the desk with the red phone on it.

Nothing new ... except today, he doesn't sweat it out as much.

"Yeah, I remember that first day," he recalled. "I was the only one here and I sweated profusely that day hoping that the phone wouldn't ring."

It didn't that day, but it certainly did in the years that followed.

He was on the scene when the old theater burned in Plymouth on Jan. 2, 1966, and again when the Packaging Corp. building went up in flames in December of 1974.

Fire's destruction

He watched in the bitter cold as a fire destroyed 11 shops along Penniman Avenue in 1980.

Firefighters actually took turns throughout the night trying to warm up in the lobby of the post office across the street for that one.

"That night was extremely cold," he said. "The guys could only go up on the ladders for 15 minutes before they had to come down and warm up. I



Growing up: A young Larry Groth. The boots fit much better these days.

remember their coats were so frozen that they would stand up on the lobby floor by themselves."

He has fought fires during the wee hours of the night, 8-10 inches deep in snow with 35 mph winds.

He has seen firefighters blown across lawns as the result of a backdraft and been involved in four child deliveries.

Not to mention the countless automobile accidents he's been to that aren't as spectacular in comparison, but are life-jolting to the people involved.

He was on the scene in 1971 when firefighter Ken Warfield nearly lost his life in a gas leak house explosion.

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Whalers make bid for Memorial Cup

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Some of the best minor league hockey teams in the United States and Canada could be coming to Plymouth at the end of this season - not to play the Whalers, specifically, but to play each other.

With the success of this year's team, Plymouth will be given an opportunity to bid on hosting the Memorial Cup Tournament this spring. It is a playoff of the winners of each of the three minor Canadian hockey leagues (Ontario, Western and Quebec Major Junior) plus a host team.

The four teams play three games each in a round robin followed by semi-finals and a final.

"They all play for their own (league) championship," said Ryan Stupakis, director of public relations for the Whalers. "We go through our playoffs for the OHL championship and then go on to wherever the Memorial Cup is being held, unless it were held here."

If Plymouth is able to land the event, the Whalers would receive an automatic bid as the host, regardless of the team's outcome in the OHL playoffs. It would also mean an additional \$5-7 million in revenue for the community during the eight-day event.

"That estimated revenue would be from food, tickets, souvenirs, hotels ... those type of things," said Aaron Bell, a public relations official for the Ontario Hockey League.

If Plymouth hosts the tournament, and wins the OHL championship, the OHL runner-up will also participate in the Memorial Cup.

The tournament, which will be held May 15-23, rotates between the three leagues with Spokane, Wash., hosting it as the WHL representative last season. Peterborough, Ontario, was the last OHL team to host the tournament in 1996.

Some individuals are concerned that the Canadian leagues would rather not award the Memorial Cup to an Ameri-

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Regional arts center wins school support

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Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Chuck Little believes a regional performing arts center located at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park would be a positive addition to the high school complex.

"It would be a great addition with the new high school," said Little. "Think of all the money we wouldn't have to spend for land for a performing arts center, since the school district would be leasing the property for a dollar a year. And, we're going to have to improve the site anyway, so it's perfect."

Little believes the area wants and needs the center.

"We think we can create enough interest by focusing on culture and education, so that we can make this attractive for people in our area and also get regional support," said Little,

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Chuck Little

who is among a group attempting to make the dream a reality. "We're in the process of putting together a committee of people who have the ability to reach some of the financial support from the state, as well as some of the very powerful brokers of culture and education who want to see this happen in western Wayne County."

Little said the group is looking at "foundations and corporate support ... so we can create an auditorium without a tax impact on anyone."

Little is looking at making the center a self-supporting business venture.

"We can make it an attractive teaching place. There are places all over the area that teach music and dance," added Little. "Performing groups in the area need a place for drama and performing. We just don't have enough auditorium space."

Grant awarded for regional arts center

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A state of Michigan grant will help create a nonprofit organization that would run a regional performing arts center in Canton.

The township will receive nearly \$27,000 from the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, according to Supervisor Tom Yack. He said funds will be used to help build the nonprofit and hire consultants to create a business plan for the potential center.

"It looks like the performing arts center will happen," said Canton Community Foundation Director Joan Noricks. "That's what's exciting."

The foundation has spearheaded a two-year drive for the

creation of a center. A foundation steering committee was formed more than a year ago and consisted of members of local arts agencies, such as Canton Project ARTS, the Plymouth Community Chorus and Plymouth Theatre Guild.

A six-month feasibility study, which was funded by the foundation and completed in October, revealed that proper funding for a 500-800-seat center does exist.

Canton has informally committed \$2 million to the project. It's hoped that other municipalities such as Plymouth and Northville townships as well as the city of Plymouth will come on board later.

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"I would assume (Canton) would contact us when they're ready to talk about it," Walters said. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Community Chorus both have Plymouth and Canton residents involved, he pointed out.

"It certainly is a logical thing to talk about," Walters said.

The big question is what does "support" mean?

"Does 'support' mean a community fund-raising effort or a three-governmental supported entity?" Walters asked.

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District may play a key role in the creation of a center.

Discussions of locating the facility adjacent to the district's new high school at Beck and Joy roads have taken place, schools Superintendent Chuck Little recently said.

The district would lease land

and infrastructure, for \$1, to the center while students would benefit from having a performance theater and areas for lessons, Little said.

Before any such plans can be firm up, Noricks said the nonprofit must be created. The foundation is in the process of selecting a board of directors for the organization.

Don Soenen, president of the Plymouth Symphony, has already been named chair, Noricks said. The nonprofit will raise money for construction of the center and then manage it after completion.

The organization has yet to be named, said Noricks.

"We're hoping to do that after the first of the year," she added.

Tuesday, the township board unanimously authorized Yack to

enter a grant agreement with the state.

A primary purpose of the grant is to hire a consultant to create a business plan for the center. That's vital in securing funding, said Noricks.

Grant funds may also be used to hire an architect to help conceptualize the center. While no firm plans exist, Noricks said the facility may wind up with 700 seats and a cost of about \$7 million.

Yack hopes that fund-raising will begin within a year. He thinks the performing arts center will become a reality.

"Based on the feasibility study," Yack added, "I think it can be done."

Staff writer Heather Needham contributed to this report.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH



Jeffrey Chapman

JEFFREY CHAPMAN

Jeffrey Chapman, 11, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Plymouth area. He has been delivering the Observer since March 1996.

The Allen Elementary fifth-grader's favorite subjects are gym and science. His hobbies are playing basketball, Nintendo, and Rollerblading. He was the student of the month last year at Allen Elementary School.

Jeffrey plans to attend college after high school. The customers on his route are what Jeffrey enjoys most about it.

Responsibility, self-discipline and budgeting money are some of the areas he has developed.

Jeffrey is the son of Max and Kim Chapman. He has a sister, Jodi, 20, and three brothers, Jared, 18, Jordan, 16, and Jonathan, 13.

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Remerica: Downtown office goes national

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Remerica Real Estate Corp., which got its start as a four-person operation in Plymouth 10 years ago, has plans to expand to 300 offices nationally.

Remerica's new turf will include New England following the October purchase of other real estate franchises there. Remerica franchises, which are all independently owned and operated, are located in 20 states, including New England. There are 30 Remerica offices in metro Detroit.

The New England operations will operate under the newly formed subsidiary "Remerica New England." Remerica first expanded outside Michigan

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about 1-1/2 years ago.

The New England market is expected to bring Remerica's total number of offices nationally up to as many as 300, Remerica co-founder Jim Courtney said.

Founders Courtney and Jim Preston have overseen the company's growth over the past decade. Both were seasoned real estate veterans when founding Remerica. Courtney previously owned a Century 21 franchise.

The main keys to the company's success over the past decade

are experience and training. The company made about \$700,000 in profits last year, according to Courtney.

"We're a real estate company run by real estate people," Courtney said. He and Preston were partners at a Century 21 firm before founding Remerica.

Remerica offers extensive training for its agents. First they get 40 hours of pre-license training required by state law. Then they get additional training in computer skills, marketing skills and sales skills, Preston said.

"We're hands-on," Preston said of the training. "We stay on top of new technology. We feel we know what it takes to make an office successful."

Technology will be key in Remerica's next big venture. This project, expected to be finished by June, 1999, will connect all Remerica offices nationally with each other through the Internet, Preston said.

This means people seeking to buy or sell homes will be able to either show their home or look at homes to buy through the Web site. This also will link Remerica offices across the country with each other. Some national real estate companies don't have that kind of communication, Preston said.

While this won't eliminate the need to look carefully at a house before buying it, it will make the search for the perfect home easier, Preston said.

The Remerica web site is expected to be up by January. The address will be www.remerica.com.

Overseeing the company's push into the new market will be Robert Hutchinson, the company's new president. He formerly served as vice president of operations for Century 21 International.

Since beginning as a real estate agent, Preston has watched family sizes shrink and home sizes grow. He joked that he's been in the real estate business so long, that when he started, the typical customer was looking for a "log cabin." Now people want recreation rooms and lots of space.

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While identification of psoriatic arthritis is straightforward for your doctor, the treatment is not. The basic problem is that we do not know the cause of the arthritis. The theory is that in some people with psoriasis a common element in the skin and the joint linings exist that cause an autoimmune reaction with accompanying inflammation.

The same theory, with more evidence, forms the basis for treatment in rheumatoid arthritis. Thus, patients with psoriatic arthritis receive salicylate, motrin, gold, and methotrexate just like patients with rheumatoid arthritis. However, psoriatic arthritis is different, and the medication borrowed, while useful, often lacks the same efficacy as occurs in rheumatoid arthritis.

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Holiday shopping: A day in the life of a Canton High School senior



This is the third installment to the Plymouth Observer's "Year in the Life" project in which we invited a high school student to share their last year in high school with our readers.

Carrie Hayes, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School and Plymouth Township resident, went Christmas shopping Dec. 13 with her mother, Ruth, at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. We tagged along.

As typical with any mother-daughter relationship, Carrie, at far right, has a brief disagreement with her mom while taking a break from shopping.

Above, Carrie tries on a sweater, while Ruth sips on a soda at Express. Next, Carrie and Ruth check out a sale on earrings, also at Express. And finally, Carrie and Ruth ride the escalator to the second level. More shopping is to be had.

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School groundbreaking planned for March 14

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Groundbreaking for the new Plymouth-Canton school district middle school has been set for March 14, 1999.

Trustees had considered a January date, but decided to wait until spring.

The groundbreaking is on a Sunday, in an effort to get those involved in passing of the Oct. 3 bond issue for the new school involved in the ceremonies. A starting time for the festivities has not been set.

Last fall, voters approved an \$18.8 million bond issue for the new school, to be constructed at the corner of Hanford and Canton Center roads. All the money,

At an expected 126,000 square feet, the new middle school will be larger than any of the current middle schools. It will also be the first built in Canton.

except for \$500,000 which is being used to purchase buses, will go towards construction and equipment costs for the new building.

The new middle school will replace Lowell Middle School, which has been leased by Plymouth-Canton from the Livonia Public Schools for the past 18 years. Livonia officials will end

the arrangement with Plymouth-Canton in the summer of 2000 as it restructures its own needs.

Plymouth-Canton administrators are confident they're on schedule to open the building in time for the 2000-2001 school year, the same time the lease expires, to avoid costly classroom alternatives such as split shifts and extended school days.

At an expected 126,000 square feet, the new middle school will be larger than any of the current middle schools. It will also be the first built in Canton.

No name has yet been chosen for the new building. However, school board trustee Roland Thomas asked the administration to have one ready to announce before groundbreaking ceremonies.

Independence Village wasn't wishing for a wet Christmas

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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For the residents of Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road, this Christmas was a little wetter than usual.

Early Wednesday morning a water pipe in the building's first floor dining room burst, flooding much of the area and prompting the local fire department to respond.

"It came in as an active fire because the sprinkler system was activated and the water was flowing," said Plymouth Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Given the size of the building, and the fact that it currently houses as many as 150 residents, more firefighters than usual were called to the scene.

"We sent all three stations because of the potential for dan-

'We had 17 men and five vehicles on the scene during the night ... most of them squeegeeing the carpet. Unfortunately, everything we pushed out of the front door turned to ice because of the cold.'

Larry Groth
—fire chief

ger if there was a fire," he said. "We had 17 men and five vehicles on the scene during the night ... most of them squeegeeing the carpet. Unfortunately, everything we pushed out of the front door turned to ice because of the cold."

Residents were awakened just before 3 a.m. by a fire alarm in the building. Most of the residents weren't affected by the water but a few basement apartments were flooded when water spilled under their doors.

Because the pipe burst in the main dining hall, residents will not be able to use the facility for a while. A second dining hall is on another floor but the only kitchen in the building is on the main floor, next to where most of the damage occurred.

"They're going to have to prepare the food on the main floor and take it up to the other dining hall to serve the residents," said Groth.

Even though the water dampened some spirits during the night, Groth kept the event in perspective.

"I'd rather have this than a fire," he said.

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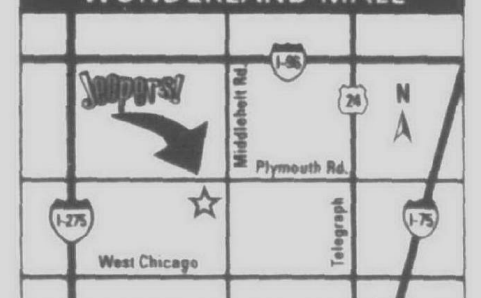
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Groth *from page A1*

The next day's headline read: "Ten Seconds From Death." "I had just come out the door to get a plug and the explosion occurred," said Warfield, now occupying his time as mayor of the city of Wayne. "The whole house exploded and the west wall was on top of me. There were four other firefighters on the scene that rescued me from under that wall. Larry Groth was one of them."

The same holds true for last week when he was once again on the scene. This time for the fire at the Document Processing warehouse that lit up the sky on a Sunday evening.

He has saved his share of lives and won his share of awards. Some of the faces stick out in his mind ... some have faded into obscurity.

Looking back

One incident that he recalls when reflecting back on days gone by, is the time he held a 6-week-old baby boy in his arms in the back of an ambulance on Sept. 28, 1970.

The child had stopped breathing several times and required mouth-to-mouth resuscitation two or three times during the five-minute ride to St. Mary's Hospital. According to a letter of recommendation, his actions saved the child's life and avoided any "brain damage or other after effects."

Turns out, the baby was released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor too early after suffering from pneumonia.

Larry doesn't know where that child is today. He would be 28 years old.

"I was scared at the time," he said. "Scared to death. But I love this job. I love to work with people and love to help people. Some of them you see now and again and some of them you lose touch of."

Thirty years of service is an astonishing feat in any field these days, but if you consider his background, it's easy to see that firefighting was surely this man's destiny.

Family profession

You could easily say he's a

Groth's son, Larry Jr., is a sergeant at the Metro Airport Fire Department and his 18-year-old daughter, Stephanie, is taking firefighting classes at Schoolcraft Community College with plans of becoming a full-time career firefighter... The saying around these parts no longer seems to be, 'Where there's smoke, there's a fire,' but rather, 'Where there's smoke, there's a Groth.'

Groth is the fourth person in his family's ancestry (that he or his father can recall) that has put in a minimum of 30 years of work as a firefighter, the sixth with at least 25 years and the third that has achieved the rank of fire chief.

Yet, perhaps, the most telling number that describes the Groth family's long firefighting lineage that dates back to the 1920s, is that, between a combined nine family members, they have recorded at least 222 years of service to date ... and counting.

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And to think Groth almost declined taking the fire chief exam.

"I went to my dad and asked him if I should go ahead and take it or not," Groth said. "He told me, 'Son ... you see that boot? I'm going to stick it where the sun doesn't shine if you don't.'"

He did, and the history of the Groth family continued.

Despite the laurels that have been directed his way over the years, including a public recognition at the Dec. 15 Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting, he remains a constant in the Plymouth communities.

He knows what is important to him and keeps it close to his heart, a good thing to do in this tight-knit line of work.

"In my 30 years, I never would have been where I'm at without the support of my lovely wife and children," he said. "That is something that is very important to me and I couldn't have done any of this without their support."

And what would he tell his son if he came to him for advice about becoming a fire chief?

"You see that boot?" he said with a laugh.

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BY RENEE SMOGLIN
STAFF WRITER

The American out for blood, especially time of the year.

"The holidays are a slow period for us and we are currently a 40 percent reduction. With the forecast for the year, our available supply is quickly," said Stella, chief operating officer of the American Red Cross Michigan Region.

"We need people out of their homes and donate a portion of the local hospital patient. Spokeswoman said between 0

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The first Gift event by the Chrysler and Jeep stores held from Monday through Monday that period, \$5 lease will go to Michigan.

The project is the largest bus A-Wish of Michigan and will fulfill children with terminal illnesses.

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Red Cross needs more donations

By RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Spokeswoman Lisa Raycraft said between Christmas and

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

Lisa Raycraft
—spokeswoman

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

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

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

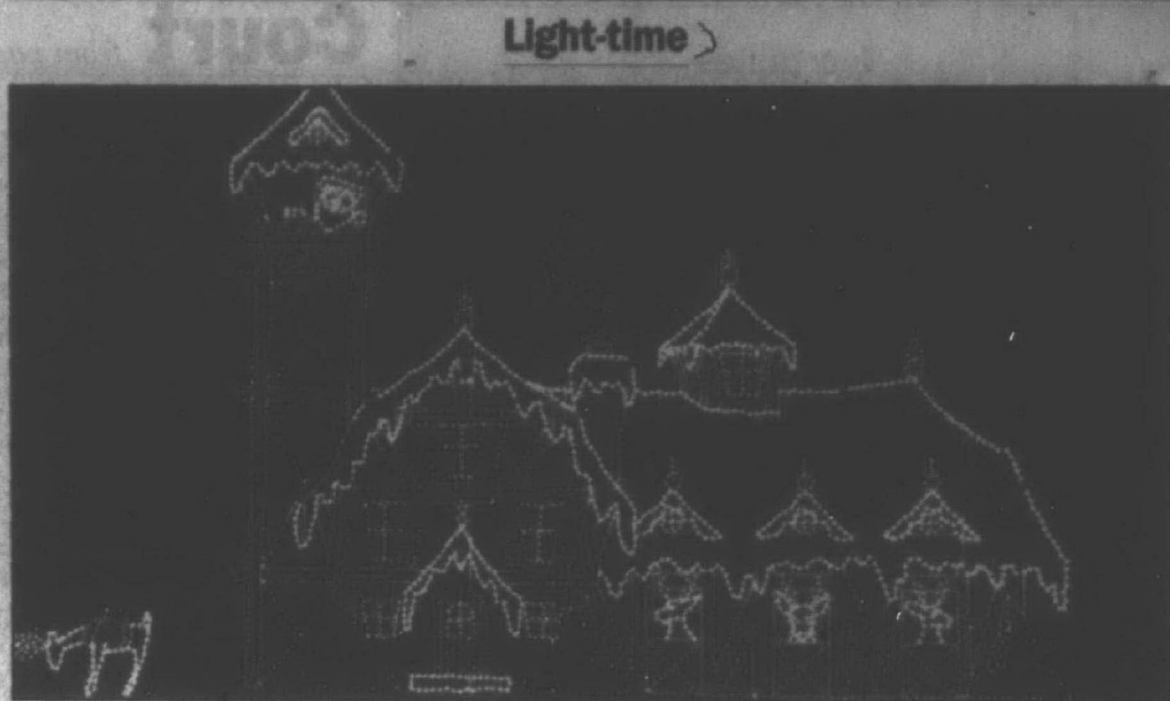
west. However, importing blood from states like Minnesota is not always the answer.

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

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

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

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



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

Tax bill can be trimmed with early payments

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

BY GARY KLOTT

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

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

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

Pay January mortgage installment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pay property taxes

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

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

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

Home offices

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

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

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

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

Treating yourself to some new fur-

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

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

Home-office hopefuls

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

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

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Chrysler helps Make-A-Wish

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

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

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Ice follies



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Slippery: Michael Fowler, 5, of Plymouth falls learning to skate with his father Rick at the Westland Ice Arena. Rick, who works in Westland, takes time off from lunch to teach his son how to skate.

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TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth has approved a contract of Lease (the "Contract") with the 35th Judicial District Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First extra Session), as amended ("Act 31"). Such Contract provides, among other things, that the Building Authority, which has been incorporated by the charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, Michigan (the "Incorporating Units" and each an "Incorporating Unit"), will acquire, construct, furnish and equip a district court facility for use by the 35th Judicial District of Michigan to serve the incorporating Units (the "Project"), and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT. The remaining portions of Project not financed with the proceeds of the Building Authority bonds described herein will be financed from insurance proceeds and other proceeds available to the 35th Judicial District of Michigan. The Building Authority bonds will mature serially or be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from no earlier than 1999 to not later than 2030, inclusive, and will bear interest at fixed or variable rates not exceeding eight percent (8%) per annum on the outstanding principal balance as determined at the public negotiated sale thereof.

The Contract further provides that the incorporating Units will lease the financed facilities from the Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BUILDING AUTHORITY BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE FACILITIES AND ALL COSTS of the Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether the facilities are completed or are untenable. The principal amount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the City for the purposes of statutory and constitutional debt limitations, and the principal amount, together with the City's rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of the facilities.

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This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8(b) of the Act 31, as amended. Further information concerning the details of the Contract, the project being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the Contract are on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, for public inspection during regular business hours.

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\$6 million, however representatives of the communities expressed they want to keep the debt as low as possible.

To determine that, the authority has to decide how much of its \$4 million in insurance money and excess court revenue it wants to put into the project. If they use the entire \$4 million, the bond would be for approximately \$4.2 million, to be paid with interest over a 20-year period.

Despite the project being nearly a million more than was projected last spring, members of the authority are generally pleased with the outcome.

"We're dealing with a very competitive building market," said Tony Minghine, Canton's director of finance and budget. "While I'm not happy the cost went up, we did get bids that were very close together and competitive."

Plymouth's interim city manager, Paul Sincoc, agrees.

"In today's construction market, I'm not surprised," he said.

"There are a lot of construction projects out there, economic times are good. We may pay a bit more on the project, but the bond interest rates will be lower."

Plymouth Township building official Charles McIlhargey said timing was a key in the cost going up, but not skyrocketing.

"The Detroit projects haven't broken loose yet, or I'm sure the costs would have been higher," he said. "Once they start building stadiums and casinos, the bids will go up because the workforce just won't be there."

Set to start soon

Bob Bedzyk, president of Bedzyk Bros., said he's ready to begin construction in the spring, and doesn't expect any problems with the March 2000 completion date. Unless ...

"There are a number of union contracts coming up, with rumors there will be a number of strikes," said Bedzyk. "If that happens, it will definitely have an impact on completion of the project."



Artist rendering: A March 2000 completion is targeted for the new courthouse.

The new courthouse will sit on the same site as the building which burned down, but will be two floors instead of one. The 44,481-square-foot building will include four courtrooms, conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus

a security garage for judges and court personnel.

Occupancy is set for March 2000, although completion of the parking area and landscaping is expected to take several more months.

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can team for a second straight year.

Jennifer Larke, director of marketing for the Whalers, is confident that it won't be an issue.

"From what I've heard, that's not going to have anything to do with it," she said. "My thinking is, if they were concerned with that, they shouldn't have let American teams into the league in the first place."

To get an opportunity to host the event, a team must be one of the top two in its respective division standings or one of the top two wild card teams after 40 games played. All teams will have played 40 games by Jan. 16.

Plymouth will guarantee its chance to bid if the team wins at least two of its next eight games.

"Ottawa and Barry have already clinched an opportunity

Plymouth will guarantee its chance to bid if the team wins at least two of its next eight games.

to bid," said Bell. "Plymouth should clinch fairly soon and, with Sarnia creeping into the wild card spot, it looks like they will be in a position to try and host it as well."

Larke said that not all of the teams that are eligible to bid will make presentations, increasing Plymouth's chances.

"Sault Ste. Marie and Peterborough each hosted the tournament recently," she said. "More than likely, they would be eligible but they know they won't get it. They probably won't waste the time in doing a presentation."

According to Larke, Plymouth's major competitors, Ottawa and Barrie, also have

downfalls.

"Barrie hosted the all-star game last season and the OHL draft this past summer so they've had a lot of attention called to their area lately," she said. "Hull, which is across the river from Ottawa, hosted the tournament a few years ago. That could be a knock on them (Ottawa)."

Several issues are considered by the three-person panel in determining which city gets to host the event.

The panel consists of National Hockey League consultant Brian O'Neill, president and CEO of Major League Baseball Paul Beeston and director of central scouting for the NHL Frank

Bonello.

The most important factor would most likely be facilities, according to Bell.

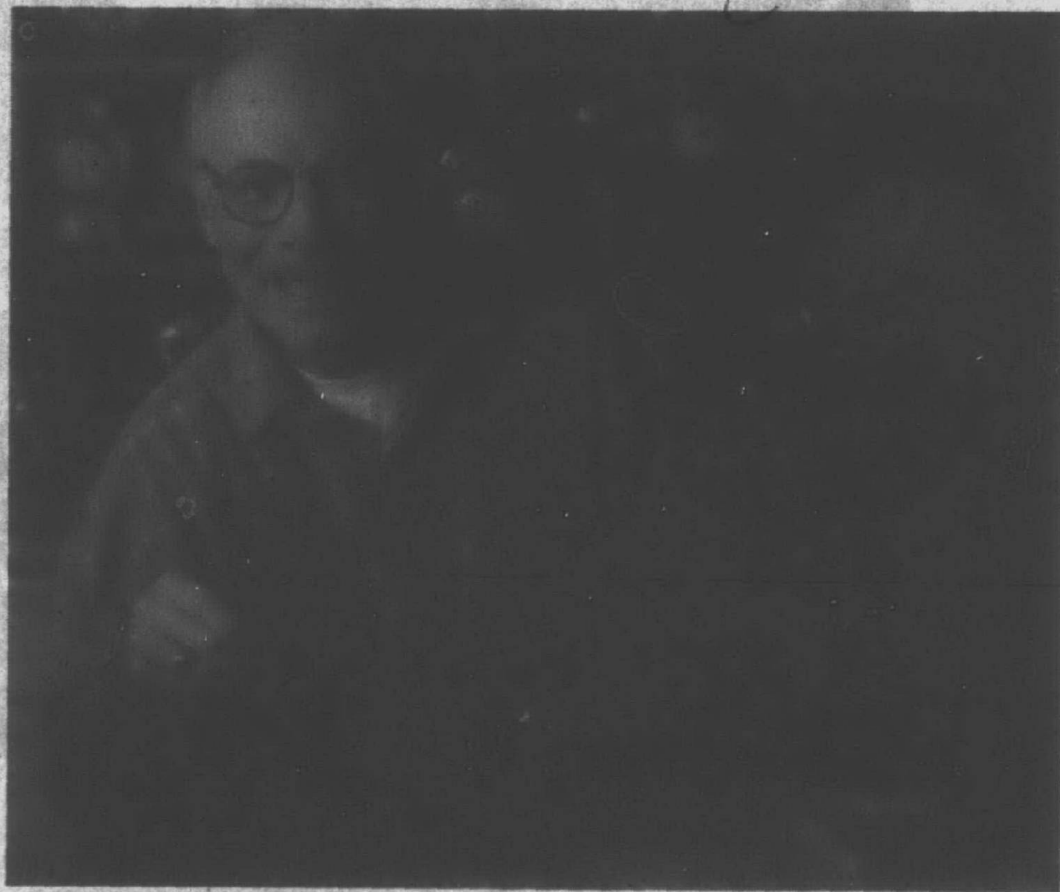
Although the Whalers boast a shiny new Compuware Arena, the seating capacity is approximately half of what a team like Ottawa will offer in its proposal.

"A team that builds a new facility like Plymouth has done, would be more heavily considered for an All-Star game," said Bell. "But I don't know that that's the case, particularly with the Memorial Cup. The decision is more of a culmination of everything."

All teams will give their presentations to the league on Jan. 20 with a decision being made as quickly as a few days later.

No OHL team will get an opportunity to host the event again until the 2001-02 season.

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Refinancing

Recent rates have homeowners years pasting again lower rate. If you're again, there's time to get of this year transaction be able to

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

The new law will permit such workers to deduct a home office so long as it's regularly used to perform administrative or managerial tasks and there is no other fixed location where they conduct "substantial administrative or managerial activities."

Refinance before year ends

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

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

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thousands of dollars in extra deductions on your 1998 return.

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

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

So if you complete the new

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

Real estate sales

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

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

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

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

made effective for sales beginning in 1999.

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

Installment sale

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

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

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

That was the case under the capital gains cut enacted last

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

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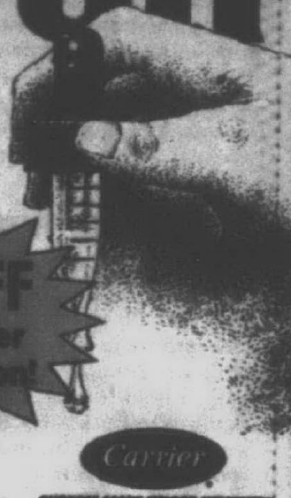
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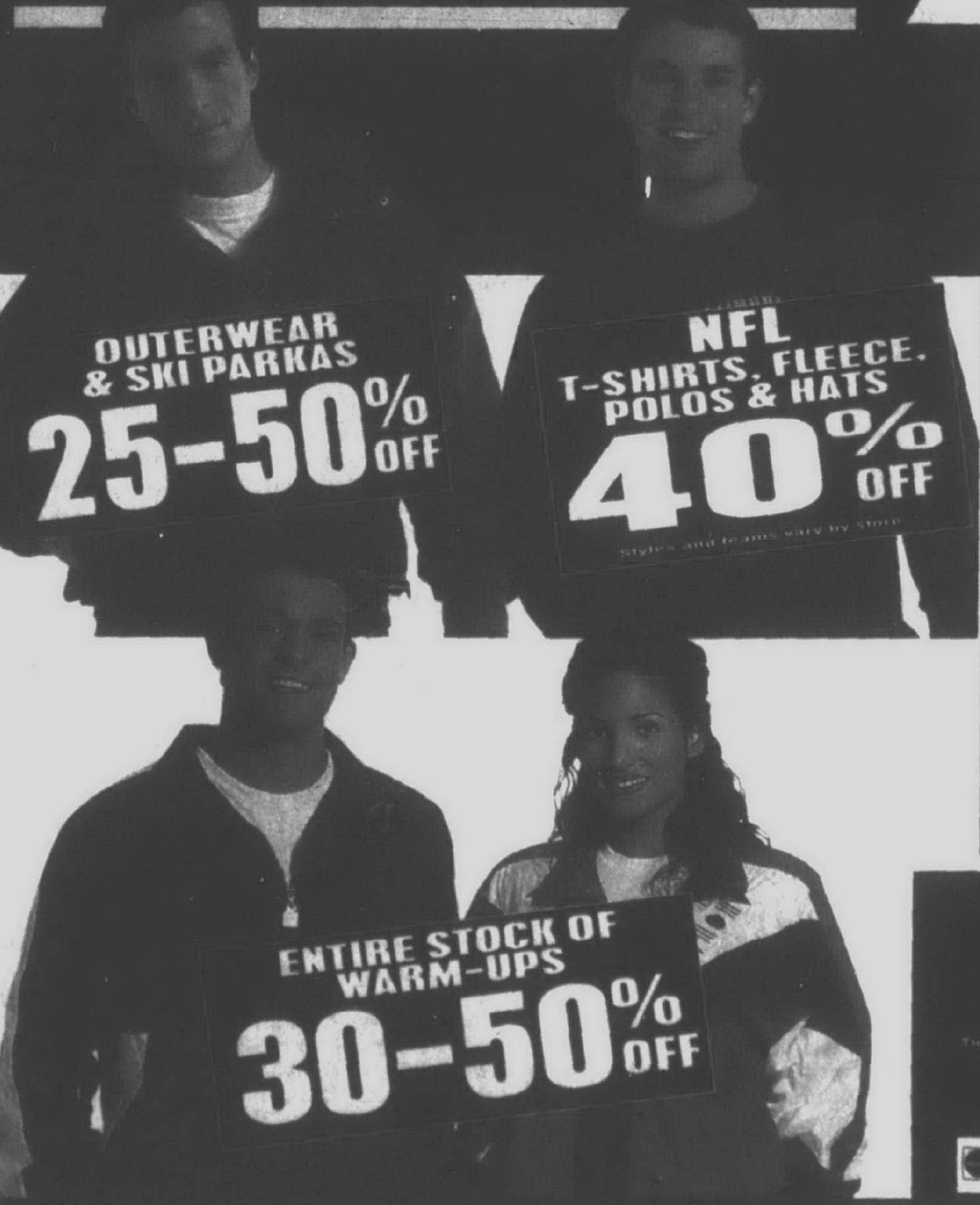
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Narcotics Anon

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

Top fundraiser

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

Retaining memory

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

Hearing screening

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

Begin to exercise

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

Alzheimer's support

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

Fit in 1999

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

We want your health news

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

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Road to recovery

Gambling treatment centers reach out

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Out of control

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

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

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

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

Today, Andy speaks from experience to fellow recovering gamblers on behalf of an Indiana-based organization, Trimeridian Inc., that began treating clients at a new outpatient center in Westland modeled after programs in Las Vegas, Phoenix and Indianapolis.

According-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"That makes it hard to leave if you have nothing at home whether you lose a few bucks or not." He says he's also weary of scratch-off games at places like McDonalds that may be setting up kids for problems later on in life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Recovery is forever and once you stop going you start gambling again," said Andy who says he is also a recovering alcoholic.

"I had to quit drinking because I knew if I got drunk I'd gamble and I had to quit gambling because I knew I'd get drunk. It had to be all or nothing."

Gamblers Anonymous is there to help

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

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

- Are they angry and hostile?
- Is the person suffering from insomnia or loss of appetite?
- Do they exhibit signs of low self-esteem?

Spight encourages readers to seek out assistance from a treatment center not only for the problem gambler but for themselves. Trimeridian in Westland offers family support and financial services in addition to GamAnon programs hosted at local churches and community centers throughout the area.

Gamblers Anonymous a "fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem

and help others to recover from a gambling problem," has several weekly support meetings in Wayne County including:

■ GA and GAMANON meet at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills (northeast corner of 12 Mile and Halsted Road) every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

■ GA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Ypsilanti at 33 1/2 Cross Street.

■ GA meets at Salvation Army Church in Dearborn Heights at 26700 West Warren beginning at 7 p.m.

There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; and they are not allied with any sect, denomina-

tion, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause.

"This isn't something you should hide from," said Spight. "There are many ways we can help you and your family deal with the addiction and begin to recover emotionally as well as financially."

■ Gamblers Anonymous maintains a Web site at www.gambler-anonymous.org

■ The Michigan Council of Problem and Compulsive Gambling offers help and support. For more information call, (313) 396-0402.

■ Trimeridian, Inc. of Westland is located at 8623 N. Wayne Road. They offer intensive outpatient and one-on-one counseling to problem and pathological gamblers and their family members. Call (734) 762-7900.

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

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

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

- planned?
15. Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?
16. Have you ever committed, or considered committing, an illegal act to finance gambling?
17. Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
18. Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?
19. Did you ever have an urge to celebrate any good fortune with hours of gambling?
20. Have you ever considered self destruction as a result of your gambling?

The National Council on Problem Gambling has a nationwide helpline, (800) 522-4700.

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

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

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

Clear as a bell

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

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

holiday options."

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

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

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MON, DEC. 28

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

JANUARY

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

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DIABETES SUPPORT

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THUR, JAN. 7

HEALTH SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital is Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Jan. from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B, near the South Entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol.

terol. The blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

FRI, JAN. 8

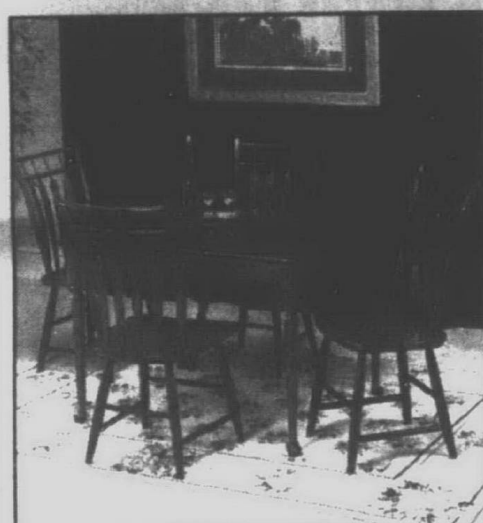
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Dr. Marcella Salib will host a

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Personnel moves

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

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

Trainers named

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

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



in the 90s

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PC Mike loves convenience of electronic organizer



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK
I admit it: I'm a sucker for a handheld. Starting with the Sharp Wizard, then the Apple Newton, through several incarnations of the Palm Pilot (the Pro and the Palm III), on to Windows CE palmtops from Casio and NEC and even the credit-card sized Rex, I have tried them all.

But none offered a meaningful relationship. I crave computer convenience. I want a PDA (personal digital assistant) to streamline my life, let me lose the big and bulky Franklin Planner, to keep track of appointments, contacts, tasks, memos and the miscellaneous. But, like true love, the perfect device has been hard to find. After the initial rush and the first flirtations with the others, I always, reluctantly, returned to the trusty old Franklin Planner. But now, finally, I think my heart has been truly won by a handheld.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

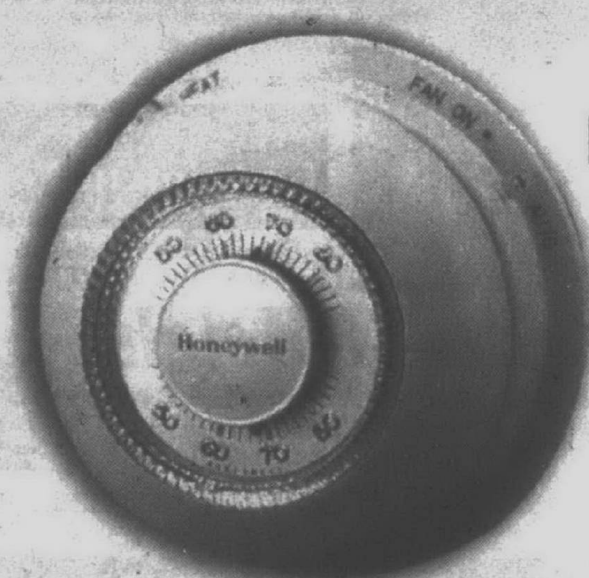
One noon hour test drive on it at Comp USA was enough to persuade me to pop out my credit card. I've seen a lot of handhelds. This one stole my heart. I'm still smitten, two weeks later.

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

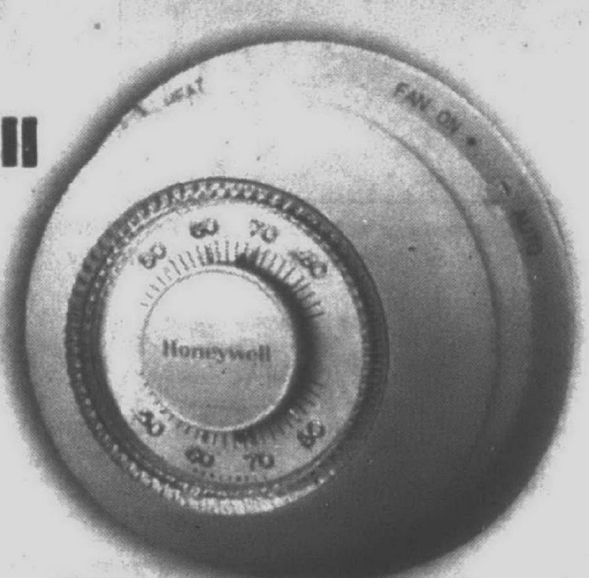
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Counting down the days till '99

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

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

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

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

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



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

A day at a time

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

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

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

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

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NEW YEAR INSPIRES REFLECTION THROUGHOUT ARTS COMMUNITY



HOPES AND RESOLUTIONS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

the communities throughout the region.”

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

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

— Marlowe Belanger, manager, Southfield Centre for the Arts

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

— Gregory Wittkopp, director, Cranbrook Art Museum

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

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

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

— David Klein, owner, David Klein Gallery

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

— Maria Luisa Belmonte, executive director, Detroit Artists Market

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

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

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

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

— Elaine Gurian, interim director, Cranbrook Institute of Science

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

— Jennifer Tobin, executive director, Plymouth Community Arts Council

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

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

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

— Robert Bennett, president, Livonia Symphony Orchestra

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

work.”

— Bob Sheridan, president, Livonia Arts Commission

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

— Russell Reed, conductor, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

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

— David DiChiera, general director, Michigan Opera Theatre

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

— Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director, Meadow Brook Theatre

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

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

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

— Observer & Eccentric staff

EXHIBITION

Three artists shed skin to expose their art

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Three Solo Exhibits at Revolution

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- “Absent One,” ceramic sculpture by Jae Won Lee
- “Recent Works on Paper” by Gina Ferrari

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Ferrari start abstract, head for more rarefied air and become an exercise in obsessiveness.

Thankfully, there is no easily referred to "ism" that neatly describes the breadth of their elegant expressions. Rather there's a more earthy feeling that ties together the three dissimilar exhibits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

repeating an idea.

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

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

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

cork inserted in her mouth.

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

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

Expressions from page B1

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

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

A history of its own

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

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

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

Cover artist

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

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

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

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

"I used to work for Bob who

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

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

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

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

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

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Featuring work by Marj Silk, through (248) 544-1203.

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Original juried art accepting applications. Artists should send addressed stamped the Ann Arbor Street P.O. Box 1352, Ann 48106. Or call (734) Applications must Feb. 5.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT

Adult musicians (brass and special players) of all ages are 7:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7, School, 13 Mile Road, Southfield Road, Call Bruce Kramer 7519 for details.

FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Call for entries for Michigan Fine Art presented by the Bloomfield Art Center. Open to artists years old living in Michigan. Works accepted. Cash prize \$9,000. Submit 3 slides by Jan. 4, details, contact L (248) 644-0866.

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Open to singers of all ages. Auditions 7: Tuesday, Jan. 5, School, 25524 John Heights; (248) 5

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Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all media, from glass ornaments to paintings and prints, through Jan. 2. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

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PHOTO SALE

Featuring work by photographer Marji Silk, through Dec. 31. Call (248) 544-1203.

SWANN GALLERY

Holiday show featuring the multimedia works of Gloria Dunn, through Dec. 31, 1250 Library St., Detroit, (313) 965-4826, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR

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

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

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

FINE ARTS COMPETITION

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

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

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

MADISON CHORALE

Open to singers from any community. Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5. Wilkinson Middle School, 25524 John R. Madison Heights, (248) 548-6340.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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

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Classes for preschoolers through adults begin week of Jan. 4. Offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation. 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710.

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER

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

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

CONCERTS

BBSO

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents "Jazz Up Your Holidays," with guest artist Larry Nozero, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-8850.

DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS

"New Year's Eve Gala," featuring program of Weber, Strauss conducted by Neeme Jarvi, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31; guest violinist Alexander Markov 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 & 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5100.

LECTURES

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

"Betwixt the Holidays," storytelling with LaRon Williams, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, 29:30. 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3323.

DIA

"A Day on the Grand Canal with the Emperor of China," narrated by David Hockney, 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 2-3. Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

VOLUNTEERS

FAR CONSERVATORY

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

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburg, Livonia, (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

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

MUSEUM DOCENTS

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

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

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

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Jan. 4 - Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild exhibit; works of photographer John Copa of Orchard Lake. Through Jan. 30. 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 466-2490.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Jan. 7 - "Artists Under the Italian Influence," featuring work of Juliana Clendenin, Jim Cosgwell, Susan Crowell, Ed Fraga, Mark Pomilio, Debra Bosio, Riley and Mel Rosas. Through Feb. 7. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-8004.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Jan. 8 - "Spirit of Memory," paintings and prints by Sawson Elgamal. Through Jan. 30. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

YAW GALLERY

Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan. 30. 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

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

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

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

GALLERIA

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

ARIANA GALLERY

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

BARCLAY GALLERY

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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

HABATAT GALLERY

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

HALSTED GALLERY

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

MOORE'S GALLERY

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

REVOLUTION

Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions: Caravaggio's Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gilje and Joseph

Grigely; and, "Text (Rhopography Series)" by Tony Hepburn. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Through Dec. 31 - Metallic angel prints by Ronald Pavsner. Indian Trail Road at Orchard Lake.

TROY LIBRARY

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

ZEITGEIST GALLERY

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

THE C.R.A.I.G. GALLERY

Through Jan. 1 - "Along the Garden Path," new paintings by Richard Jerzy, N. Old Woodward, just north of Maple, downtown Birmingham, (248) 647-3688.

BARCLAY GALLERY

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

GALLERY 212

Through Jan. 3 - "Behind the Mask," featuring works by six local artists. 212 S. Main, Ann

Arbor, (734) 665-8224.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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

GALERIE BLU

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

HILBERRY GALLERY

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

NETWORK

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

HILL GALLERY

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

REVOLUTION

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

SYBARIS GALLERY

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

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

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY

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

SCARAB CLUB

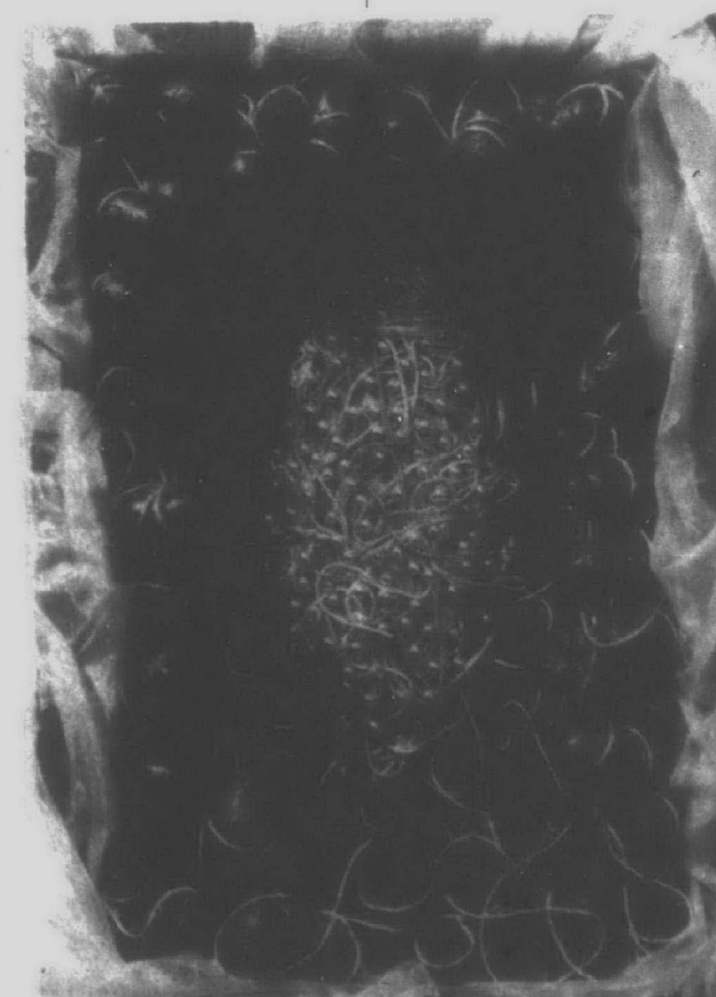
Through Jan. 28 - 85th Annual Gold Medal Exhibit & Holiday Sales Show, featuring fine art, sculpture and photography by Scarab Club members. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, (313) 831-1250.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Jan. 30 - Paintings by Frank Bowling. 1616 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-2700.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Through March 15 - "Memory and Vision," A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1899-1999, museum-quality exhibition of artifacts and photos chronicles 100 years of the organized Jewish community of Detroit. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Docents available for guided tours, call (248) 642-4260, Ext. 271.



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

ART BEAT

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

HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMS

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

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

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

ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

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

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

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

GOLD MEDAL SHOW

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

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

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

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

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

ART CLASSES

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

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

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

Co-sponsored classes are

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

ENTRIES SOUGHT

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

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

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

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

OFF-SITE EXHIBIT

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

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

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

GRANT AWARDED

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

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

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

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CRUISE PLANNER

Sandy Milis of Joyful Journey Travel of Livonia recently returned from an extensive 4-day series of professional workshops and training sessions and cruise ship inspections in Orlando, Fla., while attending the 15th Annual Leisure Travel and

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

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

SNOW SPORTS

REI has programs planned on snow sports.

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

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

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

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

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

WINTER TRAVEL

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

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

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

NATIONAL TRAVEL TRENDS

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

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

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

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



AAA MICHIGAN

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

Enjoy Snowmobiles Safely

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

- * Wear a full face helmet, goggles or face shield and/or mask. Dress in layers and avoid scarves that can tangle in moving parts.
- * Carry a first-aid kit, flashlight, matches, knife, compass, portable GPS (Global Positioning System) or cell phone.
- * Watch your speed. It's a major factor in nearly all fatal accidents.
- * Avoid alcohol. Drinking is a factor in nearly half of all snowmobile fatalities.
- * Pay attention. Take frequent breaks.
- * Avoid unfamiliar ice. Be wary around river mouths and on snow-covered ice.
- * Use caution near roads. When crossing, stop, look for traffic and signal to others.
- * Youths aged 12 to 16 must pass a safety class and be certified to operate a snowmobile without supervision. Youngsters under 12 must be supervised by an adult and cannot cross roads.
- * Snowmobiles must have an annual trail permit to travel on public lands. For information, call the Michigan Snowmobile Association: (818) 361-7285.



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How many of you got a homebrew kit for Christmas? Yikes! That many?

Here's how I got hooked. In 1978 I had my first homebrew and it was, well, if you mixed it with a Moosehead half and half it was tolerable. Two years later I had one from the same guy, and you could actually drink it like a real beer.

I have been drinking imported beer for 22 years now. I started with a dark Heineken and went "wow! This is great." Then I started working my way through Germany, then England, then Belgium, and then back to a long sojourn in England being fortunate enough to have a store nearby that stocked about 140 beers.

In 1990, one fine Sunday afternoon after work, I was at Chef Frank O'Donnell's house and he said his neighbor Mike made some of the best ale he ever had. By now my palate was pretty good so I told him to bring it on.

Best ale

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

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

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

Good advice

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

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
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Stayin' Alive

Award-winning drinks are alcohol free

By HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

See recipes inside.

Some facts about drunken driving:

- Alcohol was a factor in 37.5 percent of fatal crashes in Michigan in 1997, an increase of 1.1 percentage points from 1996.
- There were 544 persons killed and 13,461 injured in alcohol-related crashes in 1997.
- Drivers age 21 through 44 were involved in 62 percent of the alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes in Michigan is \$2.75 billion.
- Out of 10,000 Michigan residents, 61 were arrested for drinking and driving during 1997.
- The percentage of fatalities in crashes involving drinking is seven times higher than non-drinking crashes.
- The highest proportion of alcohol-related crashes occurred on Saturday and Sunday.
- Of the 658 reported drinking drivers involved in fatal crashes, 536 (81.5 percent) were male and 122 (18.5 percent) were female.
- About 37 people are injured each day in alcohol-related crashes.

-AAA Michigan



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GLORIFIED POTATOES

- 2 pounds frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1/8 cup diced onion
- 16 ounces sour cream
- 1 can (10 1/4 ounces) cream of chicken soup
- 1 stick butter
- 8 ounces grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1 cup corn flake crumbs

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

Place ingredients in a 9- by 13-inch glass dish.

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

Recipe compliments of Jennifer J. Peters.

CORN CASSEROLE

- 1 can (13.25 ounces) Freshlike Cream Style Corn
- 1 can (11 ounces) Freshlike Whole Kernel Corn
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 2 eggs

- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 (8 1/2 ounce) box corn muffin mix such as Jiffy

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

Recipe compliments of Linda Hallof.

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

Send recipes for consideration to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kwygonik@ee.homecomm.net

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"THE PANAMA SPECIAL"

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

Recipe by Darryl James, Southfield - Golden Stirrer Award winner

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

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

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

"20/20 NUTS AND BERRIES HOT FUDGE SHAKE"

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

Recipe by Donna Affeldt, Rochester Hills

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

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

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

"MILLIKEN'S MOMOSA"

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

Recipe by Rosemary DeHut, Ontonagon

- 1 ounce peach juice from canned peaches

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

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

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

"POLYESTER LEISURE SUIT SMOOTHIE"

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

Recipe by Betsy Thapkes, Rothbury

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

Garnish: sliced almonds, melted white chocolate, whipped cream

Combine first five ingredients.

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

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

"STAYIN' ALIVE FRAPPE"

Named for song in "Saturday Night Fever"

Recipe by Marilyn Seats, Kalamazoo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make your own ale

See related beer column on Taste front.

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

and homebrewing page, REKKE.UTHSCSA.EDU/BEER.html; or The Real Beer Page, realbeerpage.com

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

HAPPY TAIL ALE

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

Tortilla Rolls ready in minutes

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

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

TORTILLA ROLLS

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

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

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

Recipe from: National Cheese Institute

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

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

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AP - Sunday morning. Breakfast is a bite into a muffin and - surprise! In addition to the gentle orange freshness there's a zing, a distinctive bite of ginger that Orange Ginger Muffins memorably weekend treat.

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Cozy curried fondue easy to make, fun to eat

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

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

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

CURRIED CHEESE FONDUE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Relax during the holiday season with soothing tea

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SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

ORANGE-CRANBERRY FIZZ

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

2 cups orange juice
2 cups lemon-lime seltzer, chilled
Orange and lime slices, and cranberries for garnish

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

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

RESTFUL WINTER TEA

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

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

If the weather is damp: Add a

slice of fresh ginger root before steeping.

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

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

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

DEEP SPIRITS TEA

1 tablespoon cardamom pods
1 tablespoon black pepper, corns
1 tablespoon cloves

2 cups hot water
2 cups orange juice, warmed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

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

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

white pith. Finely chop orange, removing seeds, set aside. With electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in reserved orange and grated peel. Beat in reserved flour mixture alternately with orange juice, ending with flour mixture. Fold in ginger. Divide batter among paper-lined muffin cups filling almost to the top. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove muffins from pan; cool on wire rack. Makes about 12 muffins.

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Michigan celebrates winter on skis and snowmobiles

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

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

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

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

Here is AAA Michigan's rundown on skiing in the state:

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

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

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

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



AAA MICHIGAN

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

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

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

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

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

that will include a tunnel to the lifts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marquette Mountain expanded

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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13 - LIVONIA

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PREP WRESTLING

Spartans 2-3 at team dual

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Late Rice goal ties Chargers, 2-2

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

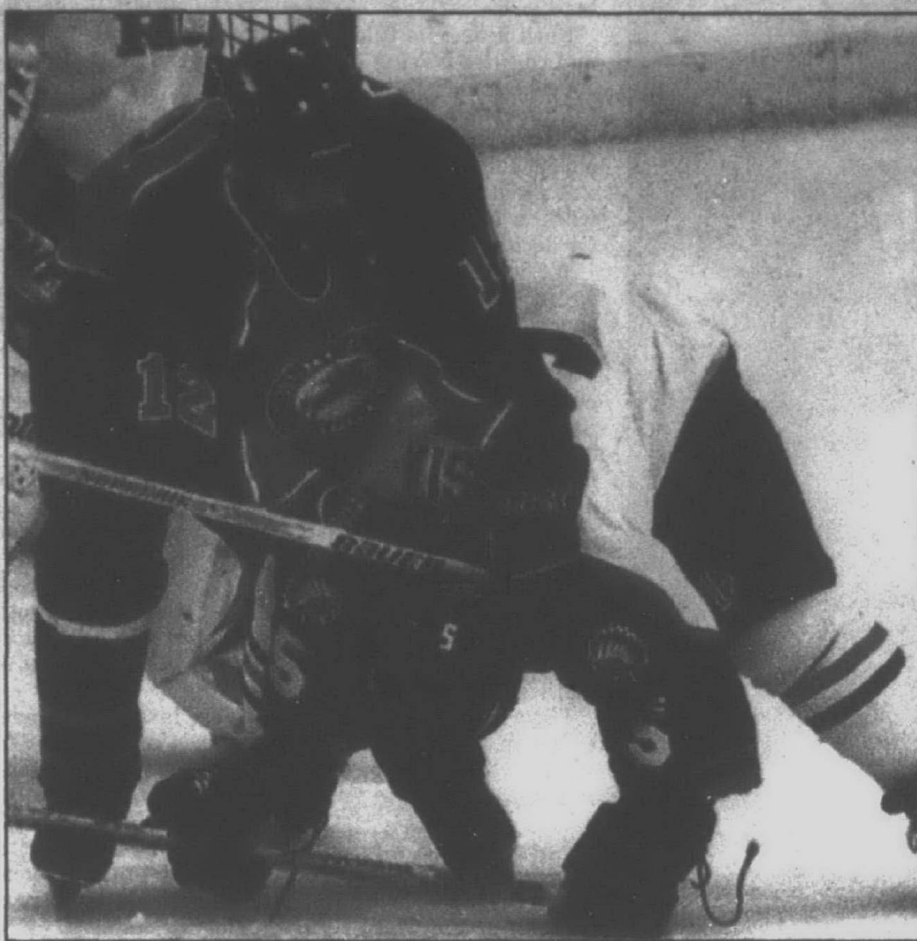
Churchill dominated play for long stretches of time. But the last eight minutes they went into their prevent defense — and any Detroit Lions' fan can tell you that only prevents you from winning.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREP HOCKEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1998 OBSERVERLAND YEAR IN REVIEW

Memory lane

Sports year provided ups, downs, drama

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

regional final: The lead on this story read "Can anybody top this one?" which said it all. This game was one of the most memorable in Observerland history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was quite an encore for what he accom-

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

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

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

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

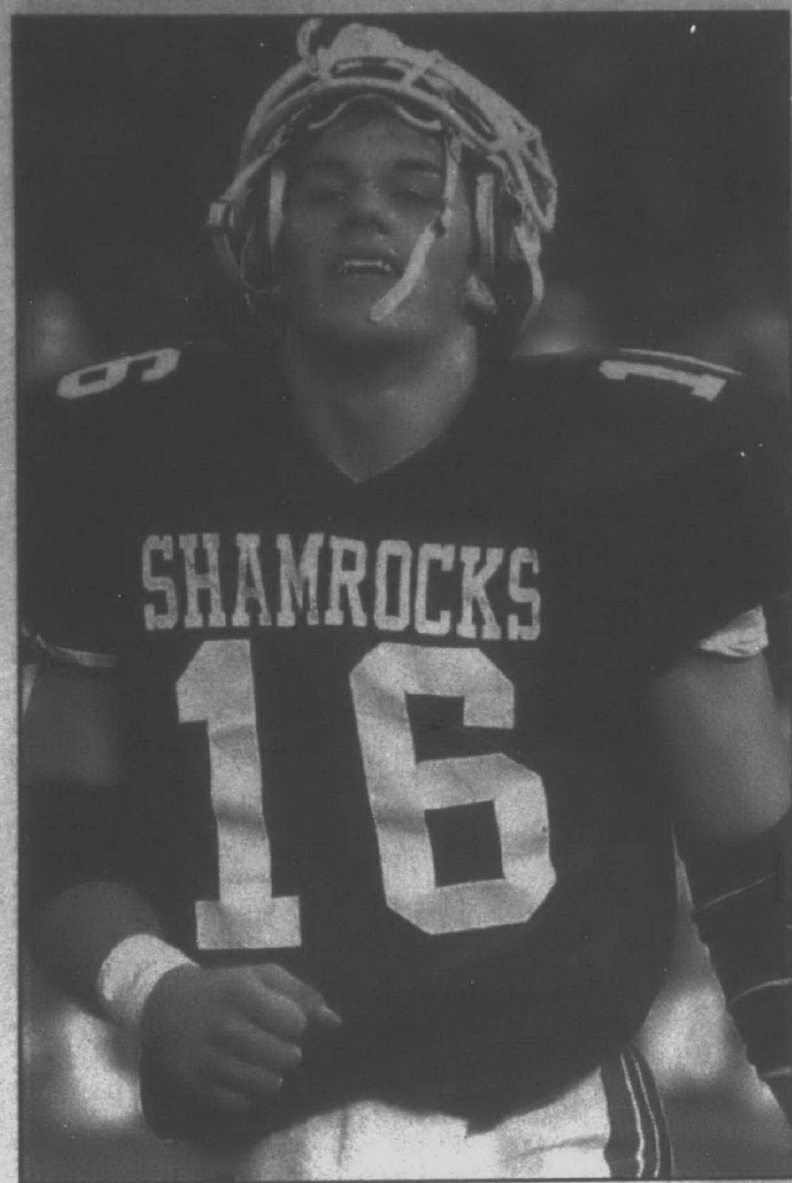
His teams won eight regional and eight district championships.

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

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

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

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the last two years, finishing with a C championship trophy possession.

Stevenson, ranked the final national Rochester Adams 3 championship game unbeaten and 11 games played last season. Allison Campbell, state's highest individual receiving the Miss!

Plymouth Salem's Jeff Roth joins elite Michigan pro golfers: Roth had a 3 current club pro at Club, Roth had a 3 pros can relate to.

The 40-year old Michigan Open and championship, joiners who managed the same year, the Buddy Whitten in came within two s in the Tournament, ons, which would be the state's first-ever winner.

Roth's fabulous him his third Michigan Year title.

Stevenson seizes Steve Polanski 1-ner-up in Michigan: Polanski won the expected in the fa place at the Class with a two-day tota Maple Creek Cour aid) in St. John's.

But what he ac the summer came pected.

Playing against years older in most year -old Polanski second youngest to play at the Michi where he lost in Shawn Koch, 2-ana He signed with tian after the high in November.

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Suburban Prop. Travel (Ladies): Barb Buhler, 233/609; Carol Puryear, 222/591; Pat Garry, 211/549; Vn Wal-drep, 205/532; Teresa Ballarta, 202; Kathy Butler, 198/577.

TOWN 'N COUNTRY LANES (Westland)

Our Gang Mixed: Darrin Stow, 275/678; Ken Gawkowski, 260/695; Ed O'Haire, 247-227/689; Nathan Scire, 244; Dale Harbour, 237-234/632; Jeannette Gawkowski, 244/583; Cindy Mench, 213-200/604; Bobbi Farkas, 211/553.

Tuesday Junior Classic: John Nozowski, 300.

Thursday Morning Men: Tom Brothers, 300.

Airlines: Ernie Arbogast, 608.

WESTLAND BOWL

Thursday Mens 950: John Chute, 255/627; Jim Landau, 279/686; Roger

Troke, 257/675; John Moore, 258/613; Jack Brown, 254/614; Phil Gerhart, 245/672; Mike Robertson, 258/671.

Sunday Sleepers: Walt Dietz, 289/782; Pat Engbretson, 279/766; Mark Robertson, 267/705; Gary Duarard, 274/706; Jason Johnson, 266/729; Terry Tesarz, 256/711.

St. Mel's Men: Tom Hammerschmidt, 277/589; Jim Seymour, 243/616; Al Barter, 216/632; Greg Davis, 232/600; Earl Auty, 231/615; Gary Morton, 230/635.

Westland Champs: Sunday Gains, 239/667; Susan Tkachuk, 218/560; Monique Wiley, 233/538; Tina Van Dyke, 225/519; Sherry Sosna, 209/546; Debbie Gunn, 212/521.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Plaza Men: Bob Day, 263; Steve Demeter, 247/699; John Groza, 289-235/716.

Friday Night Leftovers: Chuck Sturgis, 297/236-205/738.

Sheldon Road Men: Fred Leach, 266-232/684; Ira G., 258-279/731; Dave Kowalski, 279-211-211/701; Mike Lundy, 278/680.

St. Colette Men: Jim Morrell, 279-194-256/729; Mike Ksiazek, 266; Mark Webb, 246/6689; Bob Wolney, 258; Jim Bainbridge, 300; Frank Pencola, 300/733; Paul Davis, 253.

Keglers: Mark Beasley, 267/675.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Plymouth)

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Art Kuzniar, 213-211-249/673; Jack Dahlstrom, 267-205/652; Tony Golchuck, 289/627; Big Bill Kandilian, 224-222-236/682; Ed Dudek, 266/624.

Good Neighbors: Gloria Mertz, 234.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Parent/Child Mixed: Keith Kingsbury, 228/606; Molly Leon, 156; Jason Salda, 166.

Youth Friday Majors: Steve Reitzel, 210/572; Dave Jacobs, 257/639; Tim Moncreiff, 269/677; Alan Florke, 258/687; Jon Robinson, 208/527.

Youth Friday Juniors: John Lenover, 209.

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

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

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

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

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

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

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

Bill Freeman, 257/654.

St. Alden's Men: Keith Isaac, 246; Bill Louiselle, 214-245-213/672; Tony Kaluzny, 227-227/646; John Nemes, 217; Rob Jackson, 213.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Sandy Winbigler, 247-258-200/705; Lisa Bishop, 224-217-247/688; Cyndi Black, 238-235/665; Darlene Dysart, 210-267/674; Michelle Ewald, 228-245-247/720; Karen Hagan, 242-279/701.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Ford Parts: Billy Ogden, 267/702; Bob Thomas, 724; Larry Cooper, 691; Mark Wenzel, 689; Cliff Cavender, 664.

Jacks & Jills: Joe Cabrera, 627; Paul Thor, 651.

Livonia Strikers: Jerry Johnson, 711.

Morning Glories: Chris Tiseo, 209; Wanda Denardis, 506.

Mens Senior House: Martin Lunceford, 242-279-248/769; Garrett Nagle, 279 - 225-268/770; Eric Gambrell, 199-267-257/723; Greg Bashara, 228-267-239/734.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Kings & Queens: Joanne Pencola, 269/640; Brad Wolter, 268/724; Frank Yandric, 258/682.

Nite Owls: Brian Goodell, 279/721; Curt Grangood, 245/697; Ray Kufel, 269/688; Tom Cadeau, 269/657; Jeff Koshen, 269/663.

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Motor City Men's Early: Pat Allen, 266/691; Ron Seal, 276; Dave Klein, 268; Bill Killeber, 289.

Thursday Traveling All-Stars: Mike Koiviniemi, 278-278/788; Jay Lang, 278/771; Chris Sand, 268/770; T. Mihalyi, 746; Trey Edwards, 258/731.

Saturday Nite Live: Jim Hopkins, 244/714; Mike Delgreco, 265/689; Marc Wadsworth, 246/686; Julie Maynard, 206/515.

Bowlerettes: Dawn Spisak, 245/559; Sue Marsella, 539; Mary Suda, 196/509; Jackie Jeruzal, 233; Dodie Yaskevich, 215.

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COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Sunday Goodtimers: Wayne Lanning,

245-243/678; Mike Kovacs, 215/567;

Jesse Antman, 201/59 pins o/a; Todd Wortinger, 227-201/611; Ralph Davis, 209.

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EVER-7: Rob Roy, 256/695; Walt Malkowski, 254; Dave Camavesio, 254/711; John Wilmok, 253/712; Ivo Gasparoto, 248/676; Tony Elias, 247.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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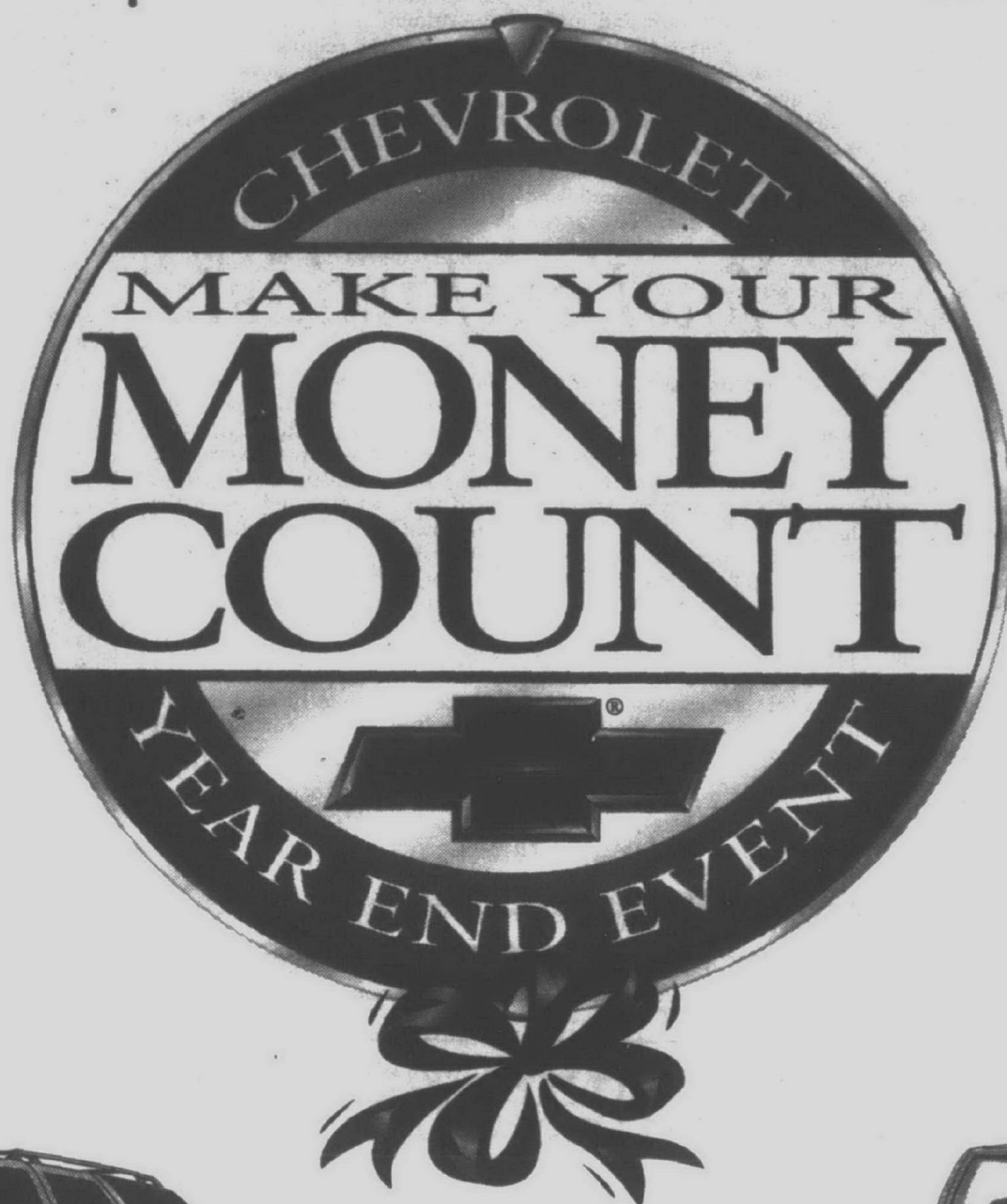
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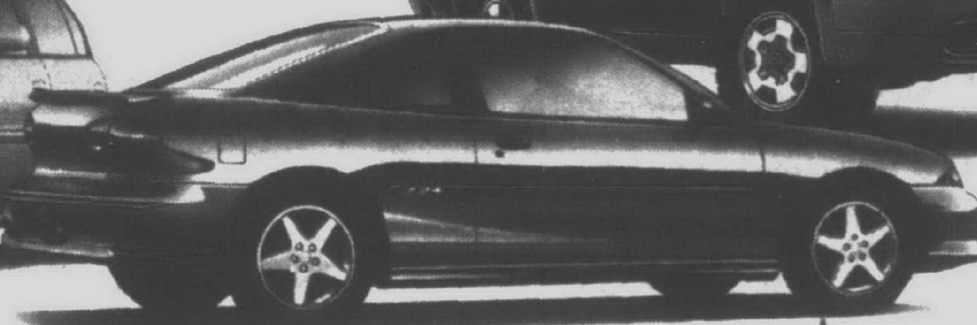
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SILLY HEART

Happiness makes life better. Funny, free-spirited, successful SWF, 50, 5'7", blonde/blue, two sons, seeks humorous, fun, free-spirited SWM, 35-50, for emotional happiness and LTR #2084

OUTGOING FEMALE

Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium build, seeks same in men. Call soon. #2139

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Attractive, fit, fun-loving, outgoing SWF, 27, enjoys traveling, working out, movies, Red Wings, quiet nights, much more. Seeking confident, successful SWM, 25-35, with sense of humor. #2086

ROMANCE PASSION...

Honesty and laughter are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well educated female, 30s. If you are successful, kind, sincere, doctor. You should call me. #2081

RN SEKS

Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, homeowner, no dependents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. #2146

FIRST TIME AD

SWF, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys movies, dining, travel, loves to laugh. Seeking attractive, humorous, loving, honest DWM, 38-42, with children, heart of hair, friendship first. LTR #2187

TEDDY BEAR WANTED

SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. #2104

WHAT A COMBINATION

Tall, thin, fiery-tempered SF, 30, blonde/blue. Passionate love, great friend. Impresario to look at. Even better to converse and/or debate with. Did I mention confident? Call me. #21715

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SWDM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #2160

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Very attractive, blonde, slender, degreed DWF, 48, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spontaneous, honest, outgoing, DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #2158

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL

Widowed WF, 60, 5'7", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 38-65, good sense of humor. #2123

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED

For romance and interesting times. Degreed, fit, fun-loving, pretty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're N/S, sporty, savvy, fine dining, movie, theater, concerts, cuddling. Call soon. #21907

SLENDER & STYLISH

Active, independent, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, blue-eyed blonde, 40s, (looks 30s), 5'8", Birmingham homeowner, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered, male counterpart, 6', for extreme fun, romance, and adventure. #21710

LET'S FLOW TOGETHER

This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde would love to take a ride in your truck. There is something about a man in a truck. 30-45, who loves kids and is attractive and easygoing. #21166

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS

Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 27lbs, curly, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover to share time, talking, flirting, etc. #2125

CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN

Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. #21531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED

Very pretty, full-figured, blue-eyed blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'6", smoker, lives in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man, for friendship. #21772

FIRST-TIME AD

WCF, 31, tall, thin, blonde, professional, seeks attractive, adventurous male who loves skiing, golfing and boating. #21470

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND

SWF, 5'4", 130lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself, fun, can be humorous as well as serious. #21298

GENTLEMAN ONLY

I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smooth, 5'2". Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner, shared with good conversation. #21265

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE

Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'7", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #21193

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR #2052

COWBOY WANTED

DWF, wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50, over 5'7", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. #20553

SEEKING SCENE OF HUMOR

DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a SWDM, 48-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #21598

TALL, ATTRACTIVE

DBF, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SWM, 40+, 6', who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! #21995

YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL

Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking. Seeking, loves people. Seeking someone in a successful, single SWM, 45-75. Please reply. #21192

GENTLY USED

Blonde lady, late 50s, 5'3", 125lbs, enjoys life. Seeking someone, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, friends first. #21906

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

SF, 38, loves animals, gardening, spectator sports, laughing, seeks SM, N/S, no kids, for new start, possible LTR. #21665

TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW

Attractive SWF, 27, N/S, social drinker, enjoys movies, enjoys travel, enjoys theater, more, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, N/S, with similar interests. #21967

NATURE LOVER

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48, #21723

PASSION FOR LIFE

Classy, spirited, poised DWF, 59, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 58-65, N/S, romantic and trim, to share interests which include dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship. Leading to LTR. #21908

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...

On eagles wings? Do you believe in angels? I do. I'm a successful, financially independent woman who is looking for a special someone? If you dare to believe God call and let's fly together. Seeking SWM, 40-50, #21026

COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. #21726

SINGLE WHITE MON

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable SWM, 40-48, for friendship. #21621

OF JUNGLE FEVER

Complex preference, not novelty. DWF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of a substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure black gentleman, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. #21621

GREAT PERSON/FUN

Black female, a young 50, affectionate, outgoing, enjoys romantic, sports, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking confident, emotionally/financially stable SWM, 38-45, N/S, for LTR. #21902

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BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

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SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going out, North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6', N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. #21655

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'7", enjoys dining out, dart, Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is not afraid of a commitment. #21959

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. #21657

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Financially secure, attractive SWF, 50, 5'4", N/S, N/D, seeks SWDM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. #21951

WHERE ARE YOU?

Employed, active DWF, 50, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #21595

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Caring, attentive, friendly, handsome SWPM, dark blonde/large gorgeous blue, tall, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 40, who's fun, romantic, kind, and possible romance. Please call me. #21994

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Pretty, proportionate 54 year young lady who loves life, travel, excitement. SBF believes in kindness and sharing. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure gentleman who enjoys the wonders of life with. #21213

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Several years ago, David Hizer and I put on a workshop for a group of accountants (or sales people, I can't remember) that dealt primarily with career planning. It was fantastic. The six or seven people in attendance applauded wildly for several seconds before adjourning to the bar. Hizer and I considered taking our planning show on the road, but we became distracted.

How do you plan a career, anyway? Most of us just wind up in a job or discipline through a series of unscheduled twists and turns. If we ever articulate life or career objectives, they are almost always set aside or forgotten as our interests change or as family considerations rearrange our priorities. Mostly, we just become lazy or intimidated as we learn more about the time, energy, risk and self-discipline really required to achieve our dreams. We work within a context of resignation and compromise. We "mature." It's not so bad. This is reality.

Maybe so. But what could you do in the coming year to make some positive career adjustments? I don't mean earth shattering changes that vault you from mail clerk to brain surgeon and I'm not talking about putting your family's welfare in jeopardy. Rather, let's look at some planning ideas and pleasant things to do that might enhance your situation by this time next year.

• Put pen to paper. By setting goals, you automatically improve the odds of accomplishing some measure of career success. By spelling out an objective, you create a hidden tension between you and your destination. A goal that is not written down is just a wish.

• Play the odds by building on your strengths. A strength is a skill supported by an interest. It's not just a question of what you are good at doing. Most people are pretty good at what

they do. What skills do you have that you truly enjoy using?

• Become intense. Identify at least one area in your profession in which you will become very, very good. It's almost impossible to be very, very good at lots of things. However, by becoming an absolute expert in one thing, you will have more upward and outward pathways open to you.

• Become diverse. Even while you are becoming intense in one area, learn as much as possible about related disciplines. Understand the big picture in your field or industry. Improve your credibility by becoming comfortable with other aspects of the business.

• Fantasize about your objectives. People often don't get what they want because they don't really believe their goals are attainable. In truth, almost anything is possible if you practice seeing it, having it and enjoying it in detail.

• Change in small, defined increments. Maybe it is unrealistic to make a million bucks by June 30. It could be unlikely that you will land a job as a Sales Manager when you don't have sales experience. But it might be possible to increase your income by 10 percent. It might be doable to get five interviews for sales jobs. You are more likely to take action and less likely to become frustrated when objectives are bite-sized.

• Review plans regularly. Establish a weekly goal review meeting with yourself. Monday morning is the best time. Chart your progress. Congratulate yourself for progress to date and sketch out the coming week.

• Focus on process. The best objectives define what you will be doing, not what you will "be." Titles don't matter. No one glows very long about being promoted to president or passing the bar. In the end, satisfaction or disappointment comes from every day activities. You might be closer to your dream job than you imagine if you think about goals from a task perspective.

As I was penciling in a few goals of

my own for 1999, I began thinking about some of the candidates and business associates I've dealt with over the past year. Like most people, I struggle with those constant, gnawing questions about what I really should be doing with my career and what, if anything, of significance I have accomplished so far. Sometimes I think I'd rather be...

Jim Pawlak. This guy has it all. His column is in something like 400 newspapers around the country and his income probably rivals Bill Gates'. Jim's car is a hot little yellow sports job and he has a condo on an exotic island. He's smart, a good businessman and a real nice guy. Yeah, I'd like to be like Pawlak. But then there is...

Sandy Theat. Actually, I wouldn't want Sandy's job as a Production Scheduler because it is too hard. But she can look back at her career and be very proud of leading a major company to QS 9000, then successfully making the switch into a completely different discipline. I suppose the real reason I would like to be like Sandy is because she is going to have a baby. Of course, I wouldn't personally like to have a baby, but it is the neatest thing in the world. Congratulations in advance. Maybe I should aspire to be... Jim Rutkowski. Now here is a fellow who can usually come up with a unique perspective on any given problem or life situation. He is absolutely expert at what he does (testing and evaluating job candidates) - maybe the best of the best. He knows more about computers than I ever will. While I don't always share his tastes, I always admire his values. I trust him implicitly. Jim has deftly juggled a host of business and domestic challenges over the past year. On the other hand, it would sure be neat to be...

Jan Learman. How can anyone be so nice? A normal person would snap dealing with the likes of me and her bosses every day. But Jane just seems to roll with it. We pile everything on her. Jane is the living example of that old cliché: "If you want to get something done, ask the busiest person." She is accommodating, pleasant, efficient

and dependable - the ultimate good attitude. Congratulations on your promotion, Janiel! Of course, it would sure be interesting to be...

Bud, my barber. What a great lifestyle this guy has. He comes into the big city to cut hair four days a week, then goes back to his estate in the country to feed the deer. Bud knows everybody in the neighborhood of his barbershop and seems to be an uncle figure to some of the young people. He has the ability to talk with almost anyone about anything and the good sense to be quiet sometimes (a trait lacking in most barbers). Bud always seems content and occasionally closes up just because he feels like it. He has it pretty good, but what about...

Tony Carman? He dresses great, does an excellent job and always comes across as urbane and engaging. Or how about Tom Eurich? He is a brilliant engineer and seems to maintain an constant, boyish good nature, even under stress. It's impossible not to like Tom. Then there is Mary Ann Walton who now does what I thought I wanted to do a long time ago. She is extremely competent and professional. Much like Linda Seicluna and Tamara Binder (both of whom have forsaken modeling contracts to pursue interests in technical fields). And what if I were able to lighten things up by telling a joke or two, like Joe Scott or Debbie Davidson? Of course, it would be fantastic to be like Steven G., who built a company, helped a lot of people and then made a major career adjustment to achieve goals in a different arena.

Now. It's fine just being me. I have indulgent editors who cut me some slack at the end of the year so I can put my friends' names in the paper.

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Aspire - To have a great ambition; to strive toward a goal. If you don't want to be the best you can be, you're wasting your life.

Bank in glory - The lack of a future affiliation of people who forget that success is a journey, not a destination. Constantly reveling in reliving past accomplishments is like living life through a rear-view mirror.

Career - 1. A chosen pursuit. 2. To move or run at full speed. Many careers (i.e. #1) take shape in slow motion because individuals aren't doing what they are.

Dharma - The ultimate law of all things. From my perspective it means that you'll only get back what you freely give.

Elaborate - Planned with painstaking attention to numerous parts and details. While the devil may be in the details, too many people spend ninety percent of their time on planning and ten percent on execution. Reverse those percentages and you'll accomplish more and learn to think on your feet, too.

Folkway - A way of thinking or acting unreflectively adopted by members of a group as part of their shared culture. Prejudice is often the result of folkways. If you want to understand someone, walk in their shoes.

Good Samaritan - A person who unselfishly helps another or others. See Dharma above.

Hesitate - Slow to act or decide because of uncertainty. Hesitation can lead to doubt which leads to inaction. New experiences always involve uncertainty, so don't let hesitation turn into fear of success.

Insight - The capacity to discern the true nature of a situation. Seeing things as they really are will help you plan a successful next step.

Jurassic Perk - The buyout package given to older workers considered skill-set dinosaurs by their employers.

Karmageddon - The change in attitude of a positive-outlook individual when constantly surrounded by negative people.

Leap of Faith - A move to action in a time of uncertainty based on your belief in yourself. Outcomes are rarely totally controllable, but they are more predictable if you believe in yourself.

Matterhorn - A mountain peak, 14,701 feet high. Life is full of personal mountains to climb. Do you have the mindset and right skills to climb your own mountains?

Never - Not ever, at no time whatsoever. A word often used by chronic underachievers who won't believe in themselves and what they could achieve.

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Unbond - Freed from bonds

or shackles. People can break free of their self-made shackles by believing in themselves and building their skills.

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Come join a progressive, growing and exciting company. We are looking for a Classified Manager. This person will have direct responsibility for managing the sales activities of classified phone advisors. Will hire, train, perform reviews and provide special promotions to enhance the profitability of the classified department. Responsible for scheduling phone room personnel to ensure adherence to classified deadlines. Requires minimum of 1 year of supervisory experience in inside sales or classified department. Must be computer literate and have a flair for creative selling. Please send Resume to: M. Previle/CPM, Hometown Newspapers, P.O. Box 230, Howell, MI 48844. Please, no phone calls. EEO/ADA

COORDINATOR

for Worksite learning center. 32 hrs per week/4 days per week. Must be able to work evening hours & occasional weekends. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred. Worksite learning experience preferred. Grant writing experience. Posting closes 1-9-99. For information on applying call after Jan 4th 734-595-2025

CLEANERS

Office cleaning-evenings up to \$8/hr. Canton & Livonia & Farmington. Novi area. (248) 468-7600

CLEANERS-OFFICE

Livonia. Part-Time. Evenings and Weekends. GREAT PAY! Ask for Pat: 734-421-3361

CLEANING OFFICES

3+ hrs. even. Mon-Fri. Farmington. Plymouth, Livonia. 248-615-3554

CLEANING PERSON

wanted for vacant apartments. Full time Mon. - Fri., 9-5. Westland. 734-729-9636

CLEANING SUPERVISORS

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CNC MILL and CNC LATHE OPERATORS

Are you an experienced CNC Mill or Lathe Operator? Loc Performance is looking for top notch people to fill day shift and night shift positions. Excellent pay, company paid health, life and dental. Quarterly bonus program - 401K plan. Paid vacations & holidays! Applications starting January 4, 1999.

LOC PERFORMANCE

201 INDUSTRIAL DR. PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 734-453-2300 Fax: 734-453-5180 EOE M/F/H/V

CNC MILL OPERATOR.

Some experience required. Full time. 45 plus hours. Benefits. Milford Twp. (248) 984-0551

COMPANY EXPANSION IN PROGRESS

Due to product demand, this large electrical appliance firm has many entry level positions available. All men & women encouraged to apply. These positions are full-time & permanent. \$400 & Up Per Wk No previous experience necessary. Call 734-641-4700

CONSTRUCTION

Homebuilder looking for motivated, detail-oriented customer service representative to meet with customers after closing to review repairs lists, schedule sub contractors and perform minor repairs. 2-3 years construction-related experience necessary. Send resume to: The Selective Group, Inc. Attn: Customer Service Dept. 27655 Middlebelt, Suite 130 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

CONSTRUCTION LABORER/PUNCHLIST PERSON

needed ASAP. Farmington Hills Builder/Developer seeking experienced (but will train) person for on-site labor & punch list items in new home construction. Tools a plus, but will provide. Own transportation a must. Opportunity for advancement. Salary 248-478-4983 or 248-478-0403, ask for Jeff or Bob.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE/OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Entry level full-time positions available in Farmington Hills store, one of Michigan's largest kitchen & bath retailers. Duties include: customer entry, administrative support & customer service. Computer experience required. \$8-9/hr. Full benefits. Fax or mail resumes to: Kurli Kitchen & Bath Centers, ATTN: Shelly, 12500 Meridian Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Fax: (734) 522-9987 Preemployment drug screen required.

COST ACCOUNTANT

Major company has position for Job Cost Accountant. Responsible for maintenance and reporting of job contract billing and cost information. Seeking experienced individual with Excel and Word. Top benefits and advancement.

CREDIT ADMINISTRATOR

Advertising Company seeks professional individual for Credit/Collection department. Qualified candidate must have two years experience with consumer collections, company credit management. Must possess the following skills: strong problem solving, excellent verbal and written communications, ability to organize & prioritize for multiple deadlines, Excel spreadsheets and knowledge of accounts receivable, accounting & computer skills. If you are well organized and enjoy a challenge, please forward your resume to: L. Dranginis Hometown Newspapers 101 N. Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178 No phone calls please EEO/ADA

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DELIVERY DRIVERS

Sonic Air, a UPS logistic company is looking for independent contractors to cover nights & weekends. Excellent benefits. Van, mini-van or covered pickup preferred. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm: 1-800-698-3732

DIETARY AIDES

Heartland Healthcare Center-University, a premier long term care facility, is currently seeking Part-time Dietary Aides (entry-level), cooking experience is a plus. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including afternoons. Please apply in person at: Heartland Healthcare Center-University 28550 Five Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48154

DIRECT CARE

Looking for caring, qualified individuals to work full or part-time in a S.I.P. program in Rochester Hills. Benefits available to full-time employees after 90 days. For more information, call Wendy at (248) 360-4039

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DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR

The City of Rochester Hills has an opening for the full-time, non-union classification of Deputy Planning Director. Responsibilities include: assist director with administrative duties and operation of department; coordination of Land Development Services, serving as project manager for the permitting process for commercial/industrial/residential projects. Requires Bachelor's degree in Planning, Economic Development, or Public Administration; ACIP or Master's degree; and four years of full-time work experience within public sector, or as their consultant, responsible for review of site plan, or equivalent combination; and valid Michigan driver's license with no more than five (5) points currently on record. Please submit a Cover Letter identifying position and Resume to: Human Resources Department, City of Rochester Hills, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309-3009 or send by FAX 248-656-4739. Apply by January 12, 1999 (5:00pm.) for first consideration. EOE

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