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TUESDAY

Break time: D & M Studios offers student paint workshops from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at D&M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton.

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Giving from the heart

Donations pour in for local family struck by tragedy



When Eriksson Elementary Principal Jim Burt asked for a little help for a Canton family touched by an accident, he never dreamed what he would get.

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When it comes to giving to those in need, the holidays tend to bring out the best in

people. That caring spirit was no more evident than at Eriksson Elementary in Canton last week when parents, students and those who just wanted to help raised \$10,000 in just

four days for a Canton family whose lives have been turned upside-down.

"I knew Eriksson had a reputation in the school district for being family oriented, but I didn't know it was this type of kindness and generosity," said Principal Jim Burt, who transferred to Eriksson this year. "I'm just shocked."

The money was raised for the family of Eric and Michelle Toepfer of Canton; they were

involved in a highway accident near Lansing the day before Thanksgiving, while on the way up north to spend the holiday with relatives. A car traveling eastbound on I-96 crossed the median and hit their van in the westbound lanes.

Two of the Toepfers' three children were hospitalized, and Eric, 35, remains in a coma in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. The ordeal has left

the Toepfer family devastated and in need of financial assistance.

Toepfer's neighbor, Kelly Harr, asked Burt to help.

"The only thing we did was put out a letter to parents asking for donations for the family," said Burt. "I was hoping for a few hundred dollars, considering it was the last week of school before the holiday

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Hospital tries to be 'home' for holidays

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The room where Ruby Hancock sleeps seems too small, even for a 21-month-old child.

Her mother, Andrea, sits on a small couch alongside the high metal crib and waits for Ruby to wake up. Then, they get to go home.

And when you're in C. S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor less than 10 days before Christmas, going home takes on a whole new meaning.

"We're just hoping we won't have to be in," Andrea says, watching as her daughter stirs. "It would be sad to have to be in on Christmas."

Chances are, Ruby will spend the holidays at home with her twin sister, Alice, and 3-year-old sister, Madeline. She is being treated for leukemia, but her prognosis is good.

Doctors make every effort to get their patients home for the holidays, whether it's a pass for the day or permanent discharge. Still, a small number of children and their families end up trying to cobble together a Christmas around the centerpiece of critical illness.

"It's hard right around the holidays, because as many as they can get out leave," says Child Life Specialist Theresa Foster. "The ones who are here are the sickest."

Everyone on staff puts in long

IN THE Spirit of Christmas



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD

Therapy: Renee Linley of Plymouth, 16, recovering from appendicitis, gets a visit from Kathy Mount and her poodle Bambi at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Below, Mount and Bambi bring presents and good tidings to LaRonn Graham of Toledo, 9. At upper left, children who will spend Christmas in the hospital got to choose from a basket of stuffed puppies.

hours to ensure those kids have as enjoyable a Christmas as possible. Nurses on the midnight shift deliver a present Christmas morning, and Santa makes a visit with more presents later in the day.

But all who spend time at Mott during the month of December receive a little extra dose of holiday spirit—delivered by a cadre of dedicated, generous health professionals and volunteers who seem to love every child as one of their own.

One leader among the citizens' brigade is Kathy Mount, a Plymouth woman whose spirit and energy have driven donations valued at a quarter million dollars,

just this year. She credits her community, which has wholeheartedly supported her efforts.

But clearly, this is Mount's mission in life.

On the afternoon of Dec. 20, she was preparing for one of several holiday parties held between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hers will include gifts, high school carolers and a visit from her pet, Bambi.

The apricot poodle carries on a legacy initiated by Mount's first poodle, Brandy, who started delighting patients at Mott Children's Hospital in 1977. When Brandy died at the age of 18, Mount became terribly depressed and was

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Children are great teachers when it comes to life's lessons



The tiny brush barely wavers over the ceramic figurine Ashley Hartmann is painting.

The voice comes from her 3-year-old body softly, so quiet you have to lean in to hear what she's saying. Of course, then you have to do battle with the million-watt smile she's showing off, but life has its triumphs. To hear Ashley Beth Hartmann speak, and

It's not always easy, but they keep doing it, because someone has to, because they're touched so deeply by these kids.

to be in the glow of her smile is a treat.

Ashley suffers from cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects roughly 30,000 children and young adults. According to information on the cystic fibrosis Web site, it's the most common fatal genetic disease

in the United States today.

That Ashley can smile at all is a wonder to behold. But there she is, in her room at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, furiously trying to set a world record for crafts painted by one patient. They are going to be decorations for her Christmas tree, assuming she gets home in time to put them up.

As with most of the young patients in this hospital, that was an iffy proposition.

"Our goal (was) to be home for Christmas, but we just don't know." Her dad, Barry, just shrugs. Those

decisions are in the hands of the disease right now. "No one's promising anything."

Ruby Hancock lies quietly in her crib, sleeping gently, which annoys her mom, Andrea. Not the normal reaction of mothers, who generally wish their children would sleep more. But Andrea knows she can't take Ruby home from the hospital until she wakes up and is alert.

And Andrea is very eager to get her 21-month-old out of Mott and home to her sisters, twin Alice and

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Some store owners want more shopping hours

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Some downtown Plymouth store owners would like to see their fellow businessmen adopt the holiday spirit and increase their store hours during this busy shopping season.

On the last weekend of what has been a good money-making retail season because of the economy, shops and malls

in neighboring communities were booming with business late at night. However, most stores in downtown Plymouth were closed by 6 p.m.

"Nobody shops in downtown Plymouth after 6 p.m. because they know we roll up the streets," said Jerry Sindici, owner of Robin's Nest, who stayed open until 7 p.m. last Saturday when the last customer was gone. "I'm forced

I would like to see downtown businesses open later.

Sharon Pugh
—owner, Sideways

into closing early. Who's going to shop downtown when only a handful of businesses are open?

"The people who are working

and have money to spend shop in the evening," he said. "Things will change when the restaurants come downtown."

When asked if he'd stay open later if fellow businessmen did, Sindici's response was "Hell yes, in a heartbeat."

Sharon Pugh, owner of Sideways which is open seven days a week, isn't as concerned about increasing weekend hours as she is with consistent

"I would like to see downtown businesses open later during the week, plus on Saturday and Sunday," she said. "That would be a good start."

"Then we need to be consistent in doing it for several years so customers know we are open," added Pugh. "But thus far business owners haven't wanted to do that. I

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Booher contract nearly done

Deal should be finished by next week

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Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Sue Davis hopes to have a contract agreement for a new superintendent as early as Monday.

Davis and Trustee Darwin Watts met with Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher, 50, for approximately 2-1/2 hours Wednesday in an undisclosed meeting place in Plymouth. Another session to hammer out a new contract is scheduled for Monday.

"She wants to come here and we want her here," said Davis. "There are a few adjustments we need to make, and I want to make sure the rest of the school board members know before agreeing to them."

The board, which unanimously voted to offer Booher a contract, has reportedly tendered an offer of \$125,000 for her to become the district's next superintendent. Booher is earning \$111,000 in her present position.

Booher had indicated that if a contract were signed by the first of the year, she could join Plymouth-Canton sometime in

February. Davis said Wednesday there may be a possibility that Booher could take over the district's top spot as early as Jan. 31.

Booher would become Plymouth-Canton's first female superintendent. She'll replace former superintendent Chuck Little, who left the district in July. Little was making \$120,000 when he left.

The district has been paying interim superintendent Ken Walcott \$10,000 a month to fill the void until a new superintendent is found. While his six-month contract is up in mid-January, Walcott has expressed an interest in helping the district until Booher assumes control.

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break. "What we got was an outpouring of help," he said. "Kids were bringing in plastic bags with their quarters, dimes and pennies. The PTO chipped in with \$600. Others heard about the family and we received a \$1,000 donation from the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation and \$300 from Detroit Edison."

"Ninety-five percent of the people who gave didn't even know the family," added Burt. "I just think people realized this could happen to them. It touched a nerve."

Michelle Toepfer, 33, was completely surprised when she received a check for \$10,000.

"I don't know how to thank everyone," she said. "Words aren't enough. I'm just overwhelmed by the generosity."

Toepfer, who has been living in a Lansing motel with her children in order to be close to her husband, said with this being the holiday season, the ordeal has been much harder on her family.

"If it hadn't been for the out-

pouring of support from the community, with their donations and cards, it would be much tougher," she said. "Mothers from the school have come to the hospital with hugs and support. The kids' teachers brought us get well cards from the students. That's how we get our strength to endure this situation."

Harr, who helped begin the drive for donations, is also overwhelmed by the generosity of the community.

"It's incredible that we received so much support from so many people," said Harr. "Sometimes you have little faith in society, and then something like this occurs. It's really a wonderful thing."

Lt. Jim Davison of the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation said his organization will continue to take donations for the Toepfer family.

"We'll be glad to continue collecting money for the Toepfer family and pass the money on to them," said Davison.

Meanwhile, as one might expect, Christmas for the

Toepfer family was not a joyous occasion.

"Eric is in a coma with closed-head injuries, and doctors aren't optimistic," said Toepfer.

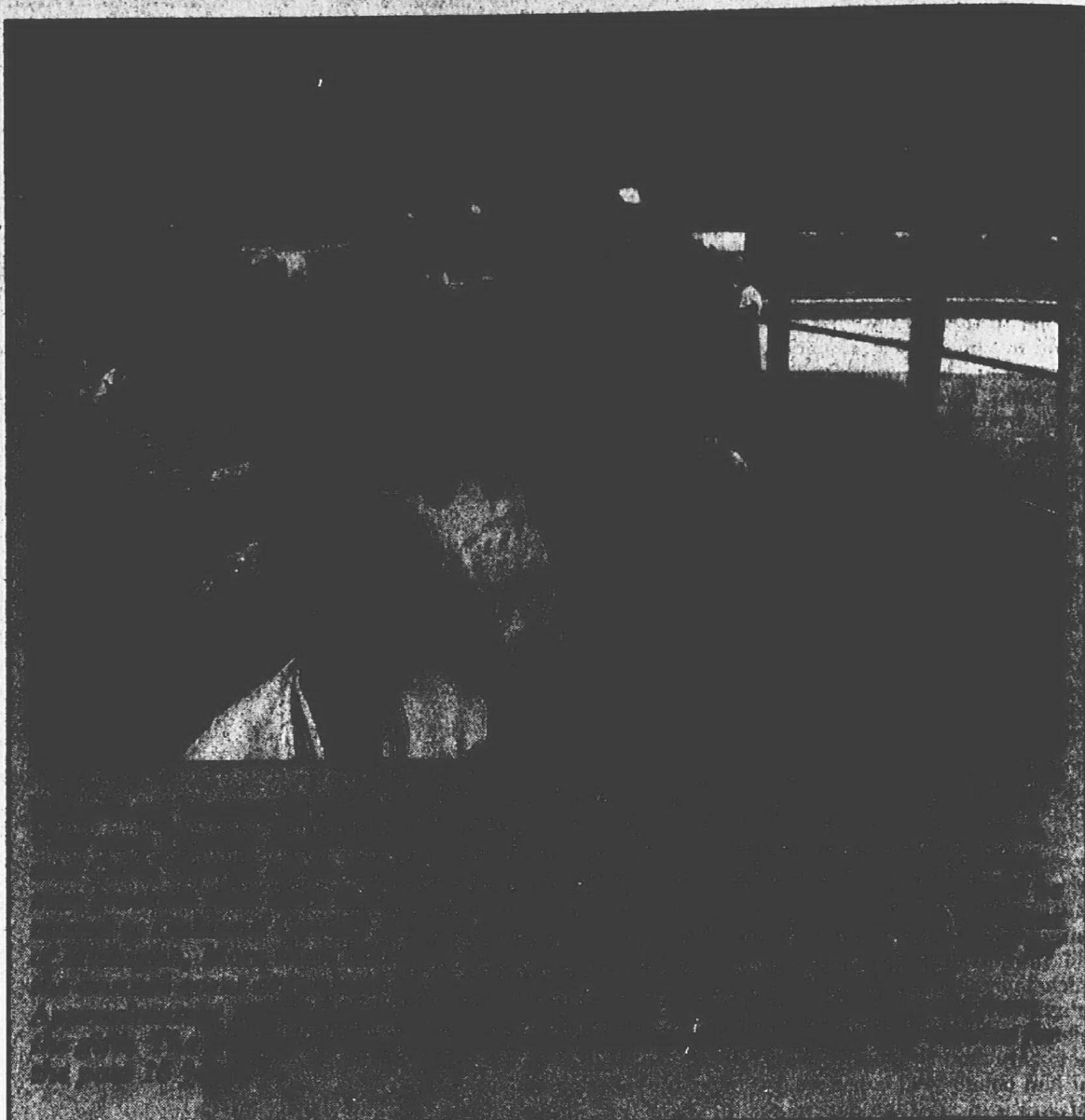
She said her family spent Christmas in the hospital with Eric.

"Rachel (7) just keeps saying 'All I want for Christmas is my daddy,'" said Toepfer.

Ford Motor Company employees in Dearborn, where Eric is employed as a designer, completed the family's Christmas shopping.

"At first the kids (Rachel and 6-year-old twins Spencer and Nicholas) didn't want any presents. But then they decided they'd open half their gifts with daddy on Christmas Day in the hospital," said Toepfer. "They want to save the other half and open them when daddy gets better."

Donations for the Toepfer family can be sent to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.



Grant helps develop park

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The Charter Township of Plymouth has been awarded a Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond grant that will help develop the Miller Family park.

The 3.5-acre triangularly-shaped property is on Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson and will be developed as a new park. It is just west of I-275.

The grant was obtained through the assistance of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and staff and McKenna Associates, the township's planning engineering consultants.

"It will provide passive and active recreation," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "No parking will be developed."

The land is expected to be developed in the spring, Keen McCarthy said.

The land will provide a family park catering to area young families, the elderly, and those with special needs. Total estimated cost for the project is \$230,000. The grant amount is \$172,500

with the remaining \$57,500 to be paid by township funds.

The park will be developed with landscaping, benches, a drinking fountain, children's play structures, climbing sculptures, signage, and a sidewalk.

The land was donated on behalf of Peter Miller and his wife, Adele. Peter Miller was known for selling raspberries from a stand on Ann Arbor Trail, the park site.

"He loved children," Keen McCarthy said.

Miller had worked in a number of jobs. He was a manager for the Jackson-Harness Raceway and press secretary for Michigan Gov. Harry Kelly in 1943, according to township history. The couple had one son, Joe, who was killed in a plane crash while on his honeymoon in 1958.

The Millers specified that after they died, the land should be donated to the township for a park site. Adele Miller died in 1982. Peter Miller died in 1998 at age 92.

In the fall of 1998, Claire Haske, Adele's sister, and Gail Nutter, Adele's niece, presented

the land to the township.

This grant is among the first round of local recreation projects that fall under the CMI.

The program authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to spend up to \$50 million for grants to local units of government to develop and upgrade indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. The percentage allocation of funds according to four categories.

"A total of 242 applications requesting over \$49 million were scored against the CMI Recreation Bond program criteria," said K. L. Cool, DNR director in a letter to Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township Department of Public Services.

"Final funding decisions were based on application scores, the geographic allocation, and the Department of Natural Resources' intent to allocate \$10-\$12 million in CMI Recreation funds each round until the funds are fully allocated."

"Fifty-nine grants totaling \$11.4 million were approved for round one funding," Cool said.

OBITUARIES

LOUISE W. BRADLEY

Services for Louise W. Bradley, 94, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville with the Rev. Douglas W. Vernon and the Rev. Thomas M. Beagan officiating. Private burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

She was born Nov. 1, 1905 in Chicago. She died Dec. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township.

She graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree. She was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity for women, the Tuesday Musicals, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 115, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick W. Bradley. Survivors include her

two daughters, JoLouise (Jack) Seidler of Capac, Mich., Trudy E. Bradley of Westland; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Seidler of Warren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist of Northville Memorial Fund. Local arrangements were made by The Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

ROBERT W. FRANZ

Services for Robert W. Franz, 53, of Canton were Dec. 22 at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Moore officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

He was born Aug. 20, 1946. He died Dec. 19 in Canton. He was a supervisor. He was preceded in death by one sister, Bridgett.

Survivors include his wife, Jill; four daughters, Margaret (Dave) Lewis, Debbie Turner, Jessica, Melissa; one son, James; one sister, Louise Sundquist; one brother, Richard; and three granddaughters, Nataley Lewis, Nicolette Lewis, and Alexandra Lewis.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Chorus auditions

The Plymouth Community Chorus begins rehearsals for its annual Spring Concert Jan. 11. Open auditions for new members will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty, between Warren and Joy roads in Canton.

Auditions by appointment will be conducted Jan. 11, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

beginning at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road west of Sheldon in Plymouth. Tenors and basses are especially needed, but there are openings for sopranos and altos.

For an appointment or additional information, call (734) 455-4080.

YMCA meets

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, elect officers and to conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

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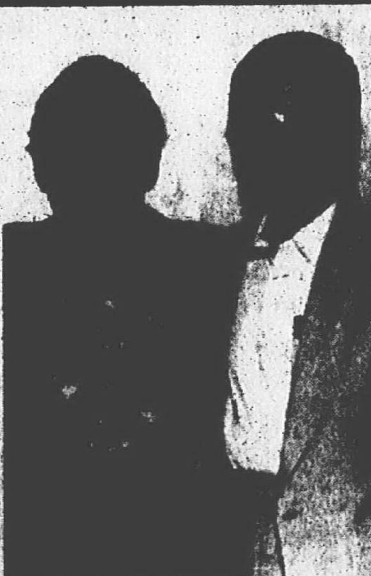
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n't sure she could go on.

On a day when she'd decided she just couldn't take it any more, Mount prayed that another pet would come her way. Bambi appeared that afternoon, sick and in need of medical care.

"She wouldn't even let you look her in the eye," Mount said. "I told my husband I was going to give her three months. By Christmas morning, I'd taught her 14 tricks. A year to the day of Brandy's last visit, I brought her to Mott."

Since then, Bambi's visits have become a staple of Mount's holiday visits. All year through, she collects donations and provides gift packages, toys and games for the play and activity areas, as well as clothing and other items for children who are virtually abandoned at the hospital.

There's just something special about Christmas, though. It's reflected in Mount's voice as she looks forward to a journey that begins with picking up stacks of sweatshirts, T-shirts, toys and games from their storage space in a Plymouth business owner's conference room.

"I just know there'll be so much joy rained on this place tonight," she said just moments before she walked out her front door. "My Bob (husband) went out and bought 400 cupcakes, so parents and siblings can have treats, too. We're going to do every little thing we can think of to make this glorious."

Twenty volunteers help with everything from gift packaging to delivery. Even with their help, her volunteer work is a full-time job, one she's grateful to have. Mount finds her reward in knowing she's brought joy to the heart of a sick or dying child, some of whom have little else in the world.

Not long ago, she received a \$200 donation from a church and wondered how to make the best use of it. She alerted the staff at Mott, who called back the next morning. Mount's voice shook with emotion as she related what they told her.

"They had a little boy who had

been dropped off at the hospital by his parents," she recalled. "They said, 'He's in an empty crib, in an empty room.' The family said not to call until he was dead. He had a brain tumor."

Though she wasn't feeling well herself, Mount shopped that afternoon and made sure the child had toys and mobiles hanging from his crib. Nurses told her the only reason he sat up was to play with the mobiles.

Another child hasn't had a visit from his family in five months. Several couples from Plymouth are combining their resources to buy him some new clothes. Those stories of abject need, filled by a generous community, are typical of the holiday season at Mott, staffers say.

They, too, go out of their way to ensure a wonderful Christmas for every family touched by illness and pain.

Development Officer Karen Larson can list a range of activities that set a dizzying pace at Mott, beginning in September. Staff members spend countless hours planning events with an emphasis not only on the kids, but their families as well.

"We really work to be inclusive, so all the kids can participate in all the events," she said. "Volunteers will bring activities to kids who can't leave their beds."

Visits with Santa via ham radio, a holiday store where kids can purchase gifts for their parents and siblings and pre-Christmas parties pave the way for the Jolly Old Elf's Christmas Day visit. Surprisingly enough, all of Santa's elves don't work at the North Pole.

Some of them appear to have full-time jobs at Mott.

Take Canton resident Shannon Scott, an art therapist who works with kids in rehabilitation after spinal cord or head injuries, as well as those who are seriously ill.

"Most kids, as they're growing up, are trying to be indepen-

dent," she explained. "There's a huge loss of control (with hospitalization). You walk in, they take away your clothes, and they give you a gown and a number."

The children she helps are often anxious about being away from friends and family and afraid of their illnesses and treatments. The holiday season only magnifies those feelings.

Scott pays close attention to families who appear to be struggling financially. Having a child in the hospital often results in monumental medical bills—as was the

case last Christmas for the parents of a little girl who was being treated for a failing kidney, while her sister was hospitalized in Grand Rapids with leukemia.

The hospital connects parents with agencies designed to help with those needs, and community donors have kept Mott supplied with gift certificates for local restaurants, hotels and movie theaters, so stressed parents can take a break. Siblings are pulled into the circle as well, because in all the hub-bub around the sick child, their needs sometimes go unmet.

"They're just kids, so they don't have the ability to reason it out," Scott said. "They feel jealous, and then they feel guilty because of the jealousy."

Child Life Specialist Theresa Foster sees the same kinds of problems in her work, which also centers around helping kids and their families cope with hospitalization. She, too, has been working on Christmas since September.

If she and Scott are tired of it all, it just doesn't show. Both young women appear to have boundless enthusiasm for their work and the people they serve.

"Because kids are in and out so much, I have a personal relationship with them," Foster said. "We try during the holidays to make it feel as much like home as we can."

The scent of freshly baked and decorated cookies can be followed from anywhere in the hospital to the fifth floor. Kids help decorate a huge Christmas tree in the lobby and color in line drawings the hospital's resident artist creates along a wall of windows.



Puppy love: Colleen Barbus of Cadillac, 18, gets a visit from Bambi as her father sits with her.

Without question, Foster said, the holiday spirit at Mott goes above and beyond the norm.

"These kids are really showered with donations, gifts, parties and visits from Santa," she said. "We have had a few years where it was just too much."

Larson said staff members have scaled back a little. "We've learned how to make it the best of both worlds, and to balance things," she said.

The Holiday Store is an important part of the balancing act. Volunteers help children pick out presents for their families, with some even dashing back and forth to the rooms of those who can't get out of bed, to finish their gift lists.

"When they feel the real spirit of Christmas is when they can go out and get something for someone else," Foster said.

Some families postpone their holiday celebrations until after their child is out of the hospital. The parents of one little girl

decided, instead, to bring the family to the hospital for their celebration.

The Hancocks don't know yet whether Ruby will be hospitalized over Christmas. If she is, Andrea said, the family will just celebrate whenever Ruby comes home.

Ruby has already experienced a bit of the Mott holiday spirit. Though she missed the floor's holiday party, staff members

saved some presents for her, which delighted Andrea as well. "They all know Ruby, and they love

Ruby," she said, adding all the activities and extra effort help immeasurably. "It's really important to have a break from the room. We both need it. As hard as it is for Ruby to be in the hospital, it's hard for the parents, too."

Foster does keep some distance, but it's obvious in how she responds to Ruby that she gets attached to her patients. The toughest part of her job, she said, is watching how some kids fight so hard, and still lose the battle.

"I've seen kids and families with amazing attitudes and strength," she said. "You look back, and it makes you go even further into making each opportunity better, because you know that's going to be such a lasting memory for that child."

Foster displayed some strength of her own this year, by running in a fund-raising marathon in memory of one young woman and in honor of two other patients. Scott also finds some comfort in the strength shown by many families and watching sick kids throw themselves into the spirit of Christmas activities.

Some years, though, the burden of grief can be overwhelming. "Last year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we had sixteen deaths," she said quietly. "I went to Christmas Mass and just lit a lot of candles. You can't take it home with you."

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3-year-old Madeline Ruby has just finished a treatment for her leukemia. She's been in and out of Mott since June.

Ashley and Ruby are just two examples, but there are countless others. Examples of kids who have to tough it out, kids who aren't going to get your typical Merry Christmas. Thank God they've got people like Kathy Mount and Theresa Foster and Shannon Scott and the many other volunteers and hospital workers who look out for them.

In the days leading up to Christmas, Mott had several visits from Santa, and on Christmas morning, nurses on the mid-night shift made sure every child woke to a present. As they do every year, local businesses donated everything from toys to food, and those who could leave their rooms got to come to a big party. Those who couldn't had the party brought to them.

Ruby got there too late for the party. Didn't matter.

"We missed (the party), but they saved presents for Ruby," Andrea Hancock said. "They all know Ruby, and they love Ruby."

It's like that for everyone. Mount, a Plymouth woman, has for years hosted holiday parties at Mott, making sure children get presents and the like. Scott, a new Canton resident and therapist, works with children to get them to express themselves through art.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMANN

Foster is a Child Life Specialist who gets very involved with the children, their siblings and parents, helping them cope not only with their feelings around the holidays, but with the depth and breadth of their pain and suffering.

"Because kids are in and out so much, I have a personal relationship with them," Foster said. "We try during the holidays to make it feel as much like home as we can."

It's easy to see why that's so important to these people. Spend 10 seconds watching

Ashley Hartmann painting her seahorse or hear the glee in her voice when she talks about ringing the handbells playing Christmas carols, and you can't help but admire her strength.

Kathy Mount and her dog Bambi visit with Emily Comstock of Lapeer, 10, at Mott Children's Hospital.

Watch Ruby Hancock pick up her little head and smile and wave at perfect strangers just hours after a chemotherapy treatment and see if you look at Christmas differently.

That's how it is every day for people like Kathy Mount and Theresa Foster.

It's not always easy, but they keep doing it, because someone has to, because they're touched so deeply by these kids.

"When you see kids fight so hard, and still lose the battle..." Foster's voice trails off for a moment. "I've seen families and kids with amazing attitudes and personal strength. I have my own stages of personal grief, and I try to turn that negative energy into positive things."

Christmas is about the kids. It's a lesson you learn with a trip through Mott near the holidays. But it's a lesson Kathy Mount and Theresa Scott learn — and live — every day.

Plymouth resident turns author

Plymouth resident and community activist Jack Bologna announced that he has co-authored two books to be published in the year 2000.

John Wiley & Sons of New York will publish "Avoiding Cyber Fraud in Small Business." Butterworth-Heinemann of

Boston will publish the other, to be titled "Embezzlement."

Bologna has been a Plymouth resident for 30 years. For 15 of those years he was an associate professor of management at Siena Heights University in Adrian. He retired two years ago as Professor of Management

-Emeritus.

Bologna's main areas of study include forensic accounting, fraud auditing and computer crime investigation.

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'Prayer works'

Philosophy uses words to live by for local pastor

BY DIANE GALE ANDREAS
SPECIAL WRITER

With nearly 50 years in the priesthood, 24 years as pastor at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Redford, the Rev. Michael Barna reflected recently on an illustrious career and sums it up simply by saying: "Prayer works."

Barna followed in his father's footsteps when he became a priest. Today, he works with his son, the Rev. Timothy Barna, who is assistant pastor at St. Michael and who plans to take the helm when his father retires.

Together they mark three generations of priests in the Orthodox Catholic Church.

At 81, Barna has no immediate plans to step down.

"When people say: 'Are you going to retire,' I just tell them, 'Why would I, I'm just getting good,'" he explained, his eyes warm and inviting behind black frame glasses, his face encircled by a white beard that skims his clerical collar.

Having reached the highest level a married man in the Orthodox Church can attain, the Rt. Rev. Mitred Archbishop Michael Elias Barna will mark half a century in the priesthood July 2, 2000.

As a boy he told his father that he didn't plan to be ordained,

especially after hearing stories about the struggles faced by his father, who emigrated from Russia and was among the pioneer priests who brought the Russian Orthodox religion to America — stories about how the water used during liturgies would freeze because the churches couldn't afford heat.

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

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

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

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

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

Decades later, the Rev. Barna becomes misty eyed as he tells

about how this friend asked him to stand-up in his wedding party.

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

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

Officiating at countless weddings, baptisms and funerals, Barna has watched as the church on West Chicago has gone from holding liturgies done mostly in Slavonic, a Russian dialect used during church services, to liturgies predominantly done in English to accommodate the younger generations.

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

Timothy, 51, joined the church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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think it will change when the new restaurants come to town."

Meanwhile at Gabriella's, owner Larry Bird doesn't see closing early as a detriment to profits.

"The customer base isn't here at night. We haven't seen the demand," said Bird, who notes his holiday sales are up nine percent from last year. "Our customers haven't said to us that we need to be open late. And besides, I don't have the staff to do it."

"We don't have the traffic like the malls," he added. "It's very difficult to get the rest of the merchants to stay open. If they

did, then I would do it, too."

City commissioner Michele Potter noted during last week's regular meeting she was disappointed to see downtown closed during the last shopping week-end of the holiday season.

"We need to support our businesses, but only as much as they want to be supported," said Potter. "Not being open also has a negative effect on those stores that are open because they don't get any foot traffic."

"If downtown looks closed up, people will drive right through Plymouth and go straight to Laurel Park," Potter added.

Postal service exceeds CFC goal

For the second consecutive year Southeast Michigan federal employees have exceeded the target set in this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

In the midst of the season of giving, a record \$2.6 million was raised for local charities. This is a 22 percent increase over last year's totals. Postal Services employees of the Plymouth Post Office donated \$14,555.

"I am quite proud of the employees of the Plymouth offices," said Lynette Smith, officer-in-charge. "Their continued generosity is shown throughout the year with their participation in a variety of community and charitable activities that the Postal Service has partnered in." Through the CFC, postal service employees donate more money than any other corporation in America.

This year's CFC theme, "Federal Employees Caring...A Team Effort," exemplifies the federal workforce in southeast Michigan.

The 1998 campaign raised \$2.1 million. Southeast Michigan federal employees received a national award from the Office of Personnel Management in Washington D.C. for the largest increase for a campaign over \$2 million.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main, offers the following events for the Plymouth community in the month of January:

■ **"Connecting to the Internet,"** Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. — Richard Truax, an independent computer trainer and consultant, presents the options and issues in connecting to the Internet. Register for the program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, beginning Jan. 6 at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling 453-0750, then press "4."

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group,** Wednesday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m. — The title selected for this month's discussion is "The Poisonwood Bible," by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies of the book are available at the check-out desk. For further information, call Darlene Urael, 453-0750.

■ **Brown Bag Books Discussion Group,** Wednesday, Jan. 26, noon — Copies of this month's selected title, "The Shipping News," by Annie Proulx, are available at the check-out desk. Bring a lunch; beverages provided by the library.

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club,** Thursdays, Jan. 13 and Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. — Writers of all ages are invited to join other aspiring writers to share their work in a friendly group meeting. Contact club facilitator Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

■ **Your Poetry Group,** Sunday, Jan. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548 or donhewlett@aol.com for more information.

■ **Great Books,** Mondays, Jan. 17 and 31, 7:30 p.m. — This discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For additional information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie, (734) 453-2454.

Teen Events

■ **The Teen Advisory Board** is a group of teens who meet in the library to share ideas for improving the library's teen programs and services. The January meeting is planned for Saturday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. Advanced registration is not necessary. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Contact Eva Davis, young adult librarian, 453-0750, Ext. 230, or eva@tin.lib.mi.us.

■ **The Teen Book Discussion Group** meets bimonthly on the second Monday to discuss books of interest to students in grades six through 12. The first meeting will be conducted Monday, Jan. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Come prepared to suggest at least one book that the group might read. Refreshments will be provided. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4. Attendance is limited to the first 15 teens who register.


Youth Events

■ **Toddler/Parent Storytimes** for children 2 to 3-1/2 years, Mondays, Jan. 10-31 — Storytime at 10 a.m. is a one-on-one session with toddlers and adults participating together; please make other arrangements for siblings. Storytime at 11 a.m. is a family session with siblings and other family members welcome. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in person, 10:30 a.m. by phone on Monday, Jan. 3.

■ **Preschool storytimes** for children 3-1/2 to 5 years old, Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1 — Storytimes are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parents must remain in the library. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in person, 10:30 by phone on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

■ **Preschool family evening storytimes** for children 2-5 — Storytime at 7 p.m. is a family session; siblings and other family members are welcome. Session one: Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, registration begins at 7 p.m. in person, 7:30 by phone on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Session two: Wednesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 2, registration begins at 7 p.m. in person, 7:30 by phone on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

■ **Lap Sit Storytimes** — Lap sit storytime is a 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies 0 to 24 months-old and their caregivers; no older siblings, please. Lap sit storytime will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10. Registration begins Monday, Jan. 3, and is limited to 12 children per session. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.



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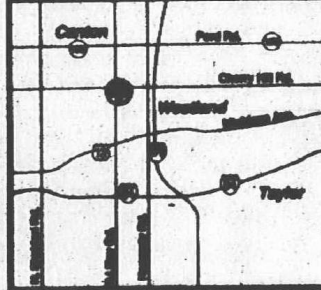
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You're sure to find plenty of trendy goods on sale

THE REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

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

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

There were many fads and trends this season, so rest assured there will be many items on sales racks and tables the day after Christmas. In many cases, they'll be available in bountiful quantities, too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cari Waldman is a freelance stylist and writer who lives in West Bloomfield.

Getting 'tressed' for the mill

STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Hair for the party of the century:

Jeremy Lyle, stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, works with Jamie Michalski's hair for the holidays. There's no particular look for women to obtain for New Year's Eve parties, according to Lyle and other area stylists.

However, important characteristics to keep in mind are sleek and shiny and hair with texture. Up looks are softened and more natural this year.



There's no particular look, but lots of options

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

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

But what about your hair?

For the final party of the 20th century, you should settle for nothing less than the perfect coif.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, there isn't one particular hair look that women should be striving to obtain, whether they have long or short hair, he said. One characteristic of current hair trends is that styles are "more sleek and shiny," he said. "Textures are also very important this year, either with the cut or with styling products," Lyle said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

HUDSON'S BRIDAL REGISTRATION
Markus's Designer Boutique, located in the Ramada Inn on 9 Mile Road near Greenfield in Southfield, presents a special collection of wedding and one-of-a-kind evening and after-dinner wear for women through Dec. 31. For more information, please call (248) 351-1111.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
Hudson's stores at the Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi hold priority bridal registration events. Brides-to-be are able to register before regular store hours and receive special assistance. 9:30 a.m., Gift Registry department. Reservations are required. Please call or stop by your local Hudson's Gift Registry department.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
COMMUNITY FASHION
Get a new look and learn about make-up trends at Lane's Paris Picks Trend 2000 makeover event at 505 Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To schedule a

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
HUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAY
Hudson's presents First Fridays at the DIA, which allows visitors to browse the Detroit Institute of the Arts in the evening and participate in a variety of gallery activities. 4-9 p.m., DIA.

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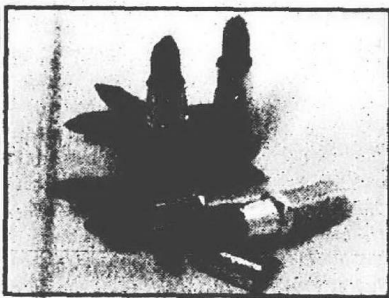
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STUFF WE CRAVE



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

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



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



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



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WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A video tape of the movie "Heidi," starring Shirley Temple can be purchased through 800.com, (800) 327-5815.
- Decorative decals are sold at Har-Bon Ceramics, (517) 595-2463.
- One He-Man castle and one yogurt maker is available from a reader.
- A cookie press can be purchased at Brookside Hardware in Novi, (248) 349-4488.

- Ironstone Crown Ducal pottery from England may be available at the Shanfield Meyers store in Windsor.
- An undergarment to wear beneath culottes is available from the Hane's catalog, (800) 300-2800.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

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

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

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

Betty Crocker for Janet.

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

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

- A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.

- A millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joanne.

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

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

- A salad dressing called He-Man.

- Roquefort cheese for Lee.

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

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

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

- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampo-

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

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

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

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

- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

- A store that sells Benson's fruitcakes for Brenda.

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

- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.

- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.

- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.

- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETING

■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

PAINT WORKSHOPS

■ D & M Studios will be offering All Day Student Paint Workshops during the school break from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28; Wednesday, Dec. 29; and Thursday, Dec. 30 at D&M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The workshops are for students 6 and older. The cost is \$24 for each four-hour session. There will be drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. Bring a lunch and join us for a fun way to use your time by creating. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

GUY LOUIS

■ Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express Musical Program will perform at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Plymouth Pops Theatre. Tickets are \$6 per person. This is a show for young people of all ages. For more information, call Cook Development at (734) 453-3230 or the Penn at (734) 453-6530.

TAI CHI SOCIETY

■ The Taoist Tai Chi Society (a non-profit organization) is forming new beginner evening Tai Chi classes starting Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, in Livonia, 38121 Ann Arbor Road. Day classes also available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit the website at www.ttcs.org. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

BEGINNER'S YOGA

■ There will be beginner's yoga classes held from 9-10:10 a.m.; 10:30-11:40 a.m. Monday mornings in Plymouth and from 7-8:10 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning Monday, Jan. 3 and Wednesday, Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building in Canton on Canton Center Road. Instructor is Dr. Jacqui Magon. Cost is \$60 for seven weeks. To register or for more information, call (734) 454-0935.

HOCKEY GAME

■ All elementary and middle school students can enjoy free admission to the 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Canton vs. W.L. Central game and/or the 7:30 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 8, Salem vs. Stevenson game, both held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To receive free admission, pick up a flier from your school and present it at the gate. Fliers will be available the week of Jan. 3.

AUDITIONS

■ Whistle Stop Players will hold auditions for ages 5 and up for the spring musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends." Auditions will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, or Sunday, Jan. 10, at The Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Participation fee due upon casting is \$100 for members (student membership is \$25 for a year). Scholarships are available for those in need. Fee includes costumes, scripts, cast party, etc. Rehearsals are Sundays and/or Thursdays for most cast members. Performances are April 30 through May 19 at the PCAC and local schools. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

■ The next meeting of the Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current and incoming players are invited to attend.

ART CENTER

■ The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering new creative courses for its winter session, which begins Jan. 19. The new courses to be offered include Abstract Painting, Portfolio Preparation and Beginning Blacksmithing. Registration runs from now until Jan. 10. Class space is limited. To register or for more information on winter classes offered at the Ann Arbor Art Center, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101, or drop by the Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

ME & MY SHADOW

■ New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is

an introductory class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin on Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins on Jan. 17, 2000. New Morning is certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more information contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

YMCA

■ The 38th Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, elect officers and to conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

ELECTION WORKERS

■ Canton Township needs precinct inspectors to work the polls on three election days in 2000. The dates are Tuesday, Feb. 22 (presidential preference primary); Tuesday, Aug. 8 (township and state primary); and Tuesday, Nov. 7 (presidential, township and state general election). Qualified applicants must be Wayne County residents 18 or older; and registered to vote in their community. Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 for the day, with hours 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For an application, contact the clerk's office at (734) 397-5367.

SEMINARS

■ Plymouth Independence Village will host two seminars at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, with guest speakers, Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx. Hanson and Marx are from All America

Financial and will lecture on long term care insurance and senior estate planning. The lecture is open to the public at no cost. For more information, call 453-2600 and ask for Bryan Neal.

EDUCATION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. (Dec. 17 through the holidays by appointment only). Call (734) 207-3918.

CENSUS 2000

■ The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for people who want to earn some extra money while helping out their community. Enumerators are needed for the 2000 Census in Canton and neighboring communities. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. In order to find people at home, census takers must work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid weekly, paid to attend training, and are reimbursed for mileage costs. Pay is in the \$13-\$15-per-hour range. Bonuses are available for exceeding production and quality standards. Call (888) 325-7733 or (734) 632-0320 for more information.

MOPS MEETING

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every

Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to "Escape To The Caribbean." The annual fund-raiser dinner/auction will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000. Auction items will include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture, and of course all kinds of art. Dance to the "Couriers," back by popular demand. Entrees to select from include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken, or orange roughy. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$20 is tax deductible). Advance sale tickets are only \$50 each if purchased before the end of the year. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

DISCUSSION GROUP

■ "Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group, will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these topics may join the "Shooting the Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been established for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. Call (734) 455-6250.

■ First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

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Z-99-15 827 W. Ann Arbor Tr. Non-Use Variance Requested: Construct a building below the Base flood level.
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Tri-Mount Companies

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206
All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Unit #2032 - Linda Card - 200 misc. boxes

Unit #5243 - Reginald Reed - Dresser, Cabinet and misc. boxes

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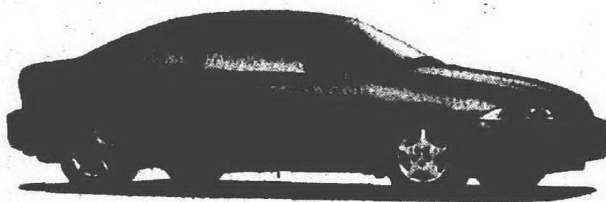
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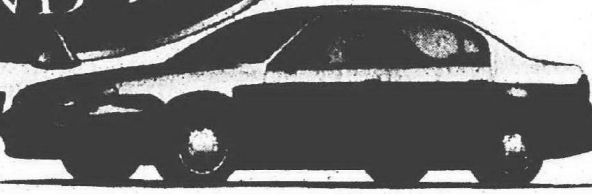
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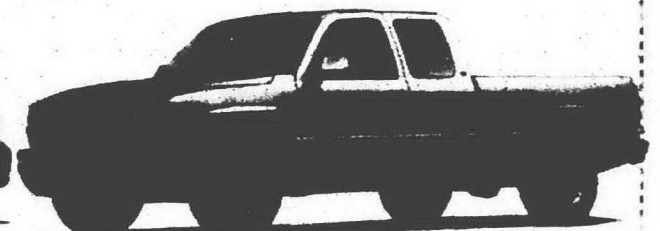
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Water Department says fill the tub

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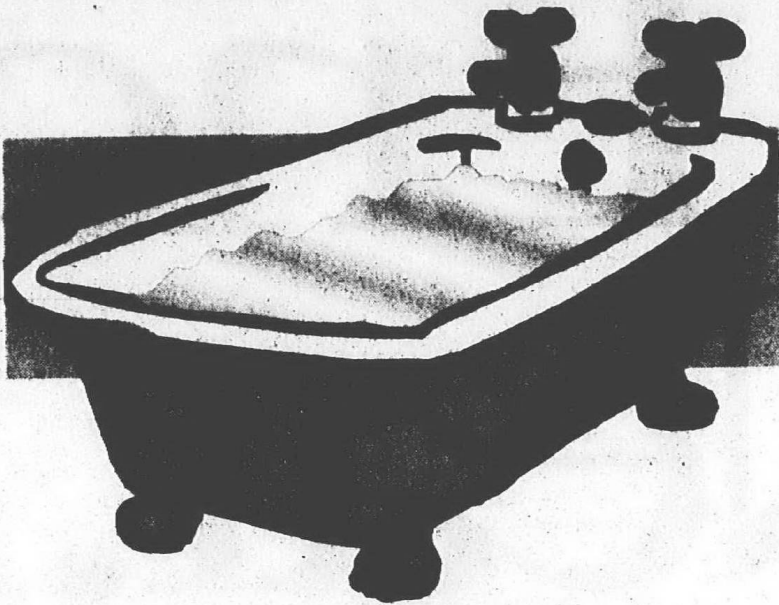
Fill up the tub.
Residents can prepare for Y2K by filling their bathtubs before 10 p.m. Dec. 31 to use the water to flush their toilets.

A Detroit Water and Sewerage Department spokeswoman called the tub fillup a "precautionary measure." The DWSD has spent \$50 million to prepare for Y2K and water department officials say they don't anticipate computer glitches from their end of it and uninterrupted service.

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

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

The Red Cross and Federal



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New law requires full disclosure on local tax increases

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ The amount to be borrowed.
■ The number of years for which the bonds could be outstanding.

■ The purpose of the bond issue.

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

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

Cold weather brings hypothermia danger

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

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

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

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

'The signs of a hypothermic individual include a pale, puffy face, cold feet, hands and face, listlessness, drowsiness, mental confusion, poor coordination, loss of consciousness and irregular heartbeat.'

Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk

Wayne County Health Department Medical Director

■ Wear protective, waterproof and windproof outer garments.

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

■ Stay dry.

■ Don't drink alcoholic beverages.

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

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

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

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

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

The National Institute of

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

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

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

Toy backs diaper tax exemption

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

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

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

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

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

"With an average cost of approximately 40 cents per disposable diaper, that's a total sales tax of almost \$200 per child," Toy said.

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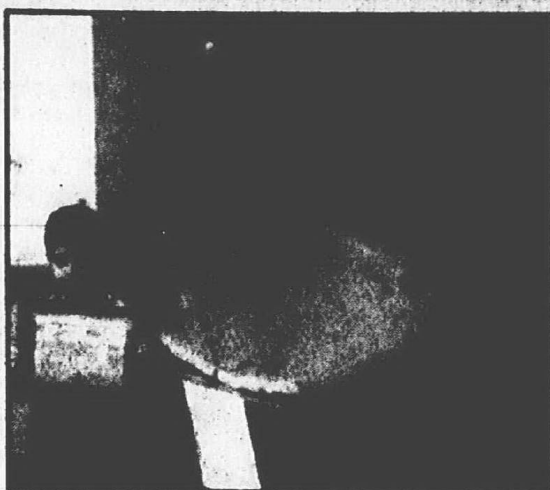
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Honored: Marjane Baker, a teacher at Tonda Elementary School in Canton, and first-grade student Shadi Jammoul receive an award for the school's naturalization project.



Schools, residents cited for Rouge River projects

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

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

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

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

Bill Craig, a member of

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

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

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

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

Conference center opens at Metro

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

gan," Blouse said.

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

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

Auto Club says be a friend first, then a host

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

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

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

leading chefs.

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

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

In 1998, 525 people died in Michigan in crashes where alcohol was a factor, and another 12,758 were injured," Basch notes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Church founder 'knew how to reach the people'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

in Northville Township in 1998.

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

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

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

terians in the Philippines, Brazil and Argentina.

In 1981, Hess was one of the founding pastors of a new denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which now has 180 churches and more than 60,000 members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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State's economy gets 3 smiles

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

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

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

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

Demand for electricity sets new records

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

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

Detroit Edison customers typically demand the most electricity in the hot summer months when air conditioning is operating. The utility's overall record peak demand is 11,088 MW set on June 10, 1999.

Focus on Wine



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Clink glasses and toast the new year

The countdown has begun. Here's some fizz to help you pick a memorable bubbly.

Champagne should be served chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves five glasses.

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

Bubbly styles

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

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

A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

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

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

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

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

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

Here are our favorite bubbly baubles for your champagne glass:

- **Blanc de Blancs**
1993 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$69
1993 Domaine Carneros Le Reve \$50
1991 Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs \$30
1996 Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs \$28.50
- **Non-vintage Brut**
Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42
Champagne Deutz Brut Classic \$38
Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32
Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut \$19
- **Vintage Brut**
1988 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70 (made only in years of exceptional quality such as 1979 and 1985, then 1988)
1992 Schramsberg J. Schram \$65 (tete-de-cuvée)
1991 Iron Horse Brut LD \$60

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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

ents and explained how they created it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gala brings families together for food, fun

By SANDRA DALKA-PRYBY
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Their celebration follows a traditional mode with hats and noisemakers (packed away each year for the next year). For the midnight toast, adults are served cham-

pagne. The children are served grape juice

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

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

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

TRADITIONAL FAMILY LASAGNA

- Vegetable oil spray
- 1 pound ground round
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided

- 1 (16 ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups cream-style cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- 10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

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

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients, except mozzarella cheese and noodles.

Layer half the noodles on bottom of pan. Add a layer of half the egg mixture, half the meat mixture. Top with half the mozzarella cheese.

Repeat layers. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving. Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Lisa Rahn

Toast 2000 with alcohol-free drinks

See related story on Taste front.

KIRK CHOCOLATE MALTY

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

Mix ingredients in a blender until smooth.

Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

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

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

JAMES GALWAY'S FLUTE

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

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

Top that with one scoop of raspberry sorbet.

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

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

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE DELIGHT

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

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

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

Makes 1 serving. Recipe compliments of Darryl



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

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

SAVORY SINATRA SIZZLER

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

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



Sizzler: Camille Barr of Harper Woods pours a serving of Savory Sinatra Sizzler, a tasty blend of apple passion mango juice, club soda, peach sorbet and apricots. The drink was named in honor of Frank Sinatra.

(optional)
Pineapple slices

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

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

UNCLE MILLY'S MIAMI BEACH MALT

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

(optional)

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

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

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

Wine from page B1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allow at least two quarts of water for drinking and two

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy New Year

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mango juice.

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

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

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Floating fruit salad bright with berries

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

FLOATING FRUIT SALAD

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

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

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

them to the syrup.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since then, I have created at

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

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



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Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

■ **Chicken soup contest** — Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, noon Friday, Feb. 26. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. First prize is a feature segment on Keith Farnie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield, third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Irish to gather for music, dance

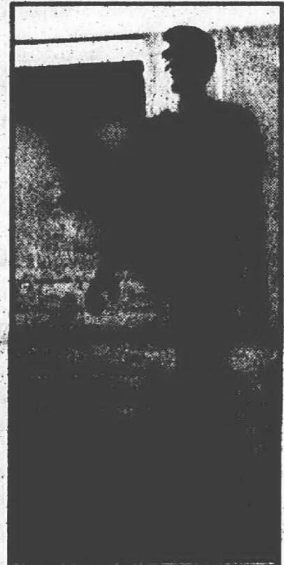
Every year around Christmas time, Mick Gavin revives a tradition borrowed from his native Ireland. Before immigrating to America in 1974, the Redford fiddler and his neighbors used to gather to play music and dance. The evening began with "gambling dens" where revelers would vie to win two turkeys, two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

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

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

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

Four years ago Gavin brought the idea of an Irish gathering to David Siglin at The Ark. This year, Gavin's lined up Plymouth dancers Paul Cusick and Michael



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

Family affair

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

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

Successful Riverdancer Gavin's son, Sean, is one of the world's most successful young Irish musicians. He has performed in London, Frankfurt, and other cities. He is a member of the original group members of the Riverdance show.

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The Best of '99

An entertaining year that pushed aesthetic boundaries, celebrated diversity

Another "Best of" list? Well, yeah. But this one is different. Decidedly different. This list makes no pretentious proclamations. We tried, but couldn't come up with any. Admittedly, the following list is a year-end, highly unscientific sampling of what several staff writers deemed to be interesting. In other words, here are our opinions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

land" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

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

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

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



Mystical: New works by Ed Fraga were featured at the Lemberg Gallery.

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

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

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

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

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

Best Use of Limited Resources in Theater: The Heartlands Theatre

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

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

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

Best Left Undebuted: Andrea



Best debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble made their New York debut in mid June.

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

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

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

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

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

Best Music Festival: Great Lakes

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

Chamber Music Festival: held in mid June.

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

Best Musical Series: University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

Best Friend: Frank D. Stella. He's



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Belly Laughs: "Flanagan's

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EXHIBIT

Lyrical painter creates swirling imagery with explosive palette

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

In the expansive examination of Thompson's work from the late 1950s to his death in 1966, one theme is particularly strong: Thompson saw painting as a means to an unbridled freedom, both of expression, and perhaps as a path that led beyond the volatile politics of the day.

He may have also been a realist. While there is a strong utopian sensibility in his compositions, many of his earlier works are also infused with a sense of tragedy as gay spectators lounge on the edges of the canvas.

While Thompson, an African American, painted during the time when gay art, homosexuality and homosexuality were considered taboo, his work was a quiet rebellion.



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

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

ings have the feel of a works-in-progress.

Some art historians might draw parallels with the swirling organic figures of Matisse and the similar tone found in Gauguin's Christian iconography.

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

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

In the early 1960s, the former Donald Morris Gallery exhibited Thompson's work.

"This is an important show for Detroit," said Wilkinson, who noted that the area boasts one of the largest number of collectors of African American art in the country.

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

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Expressions from page B4

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

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

On his way

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

■ Michael Belvitch began performing with Riverdance in July. He's one of the "flying squad" reserves who fill in for full-time dancers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best from page B4

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

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

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

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

crowded floor at The Palace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staff Writers Stephanie Casola, Linda Ann Chomin, Hugh Gallagher, Frank Provenzano, Alice Rhein and Keely Wygonik contributed to this article.

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politics. For the most part, his figures are faceless and multicolored.

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

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

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

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

counter-culture.

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

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

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

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

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Weekends of special holiday sales. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

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Auditions for new members by appointment. Winter semester rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 11. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For information call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES

D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 6691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 625 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

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Registration runs now through Jan. 10 for classes on abstract painting, portfolio preparation and beginning blacksmithing. 417 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 964-6004, ext. 101.

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Holiday program: Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a mandala sand painting at The Detroit Institute of Arts Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31, as part of the DIA's holiday programming. Millions of grains of sand are laid into place on a platform to form the image of a mandala, or cosmogram. The opening ceremony is noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. The monks will continue working daily on the painting 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can ask questions at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily until Friday, Dec. 31, when the mandala will be dismantled. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward Ave. in the University Cultural Center. Recommended admission is \$4 adults, \$1 children. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the monks will perform "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" robed in magnificent costumes and playing traditional Tibetan instruments. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Dec. 26-Dec. 31. For a schedule of holiday programs, call (313) 833-4249.

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CONCERTS

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"A Century of Song: From Vienna - to Broadway - to Hollywood" at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 and 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31. Legendary jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter performs at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FINNISH INN JAZZ

The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Barbara Ware at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756.

FOR KIDS

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Extended holiday hours and planetarium program December 27-31. Schedule includes a Young Stargazers program 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Millennium Sky Show (ages five and up only), 2 p.m. Holiday lasers, 3 p.m. Millennium Sky Show, 4 p.m. Holiday lasers, 5 p.m. Millennium Sky Show. There is no 6 p.m. show on Friday, Dec. 31. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-60-CRANbrook.

DETROIT BALLET

Registrations being taken for the Winter/Spring season beginning Jan. 30 for piano, violin and organ lessons at Evos Music, 7470 Haggerty, Canton. (734) 466-4677.

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A concert performance by the Detroit Puppet Theater at the

Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man" with sign language interpretation, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 in the Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-60-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan 2 - Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 - The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

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Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rent and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland. 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANNAS GALLERY

Through Jan. 2 - Folk Hand-doodled featuring 500 dolls for holiday. Through Jan. 2 - "Let There Be Light." 119 E. Main St. Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

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An exhibition of photography by William Berry, Ruth Brown and Bill Watson. 4800 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 526-1400.

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DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through Jan. 9 - "364 Days" featuring Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 27 - The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Dec. 30 - An exhibit by the Chaldean American Association of Fine Arts. 47 Williams Street. (248) 333-7849.

CPOP GALLERY

Through Jan. 14 - Glenn Barr: Underbelly. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

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GALERIA BIEGAS

Through Jan. 1 - Breaking Through: a multi-media art exhibit. 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

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Through Jan. 4 - Works by Lenore Gimpert. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Dec. 31 - new work by Krag Kallenberger. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 - Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

SUSANNE HUBBARD GALLERY

Through Jan. 5 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Jan. 31 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter. 28000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 648-0470.

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Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time given exhibition. 23782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-

7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through mid-Jan. - A group show of abstract art featuring Jasper Johns, Al Held, Richard Prince, Joan Mitchell, Stephen Ellis, Barbara Voss and William Wood. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Dec. 30 - Audrey Harkins watercolors in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Dec. 29 - Bob Roderick LGB trains in the exhibition cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 486-2490.

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Through Jan. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 9 - Collars and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Jan. 17 - Visions and Visions, an exhibit of the Milford Village Fine Arts Association. 12 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Dec. 31 - "Earthy Treasures," the annual holiday show and sale. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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Through Jan. 5 - Mona Lisa Mania. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SISSON ART GALLERY

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through Dec. 31 - "Talking Shops: Detroit's Soulful Signage," photographs by David Clements. Walter P. Reuther Library, Woodcock Gallery, Cass Ave. at Kirby, Detroit. (313) 577-2662.

WOODS GALLERY

Through Jan. 13 - The Plain Air Society Artists. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

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

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golf destination at www.selectteetimes.com, recently launched a new, free online golf reservation service. Golfers can make online reservations in less than a minute at courses in Southern California, Northern California, Phoenix, Hawaii, South Carolina, Mexico and Ireland.

The site also features a search feature with color photos and details about over 120 of the most beautiful courses in the country; tournament and lesson information; golf travel news; a free e-mail-based newsletter, and links to other golf sites on the Web. Travelers may take advantage of SelectTeeTimes course maps to explore golf courses at various destinations, and instantly view reservation availability.



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

"MANSFIELD PARK"
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.

"GALAXY QUEST"
Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver team up in this sci-fi action comedy about a popular television series. The star and co-stars are abducted by friendly aliens who, after intercepting broadcasts of the TV series, believe that they are real intergalactic fighters.

"THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY"
Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett star in this film about a charming youthful grifter who's commissioned by a wealthy industrialist to go to Italy to retrieve his errant playboy son, only to find himself rather fond of the son's lifestyle.

"NEXT FRIDAY"
Ice Cub, Tamala Jones, Justin Pierce, and John Witherspoon star in this sequel to the 1995 urban comedy "Friday" about a laid back sort of guy who enjoys sitting on the porch talking with his friends. This time out he moves into his uncle's place in the suburbs, after beating up another guy who's now after him.

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

Classes begin the week of Jan. 24. To register or for more information, call (734) 364-9825.

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

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

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

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

AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

VAAL CLASSES

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

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

artists Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN HOUSE

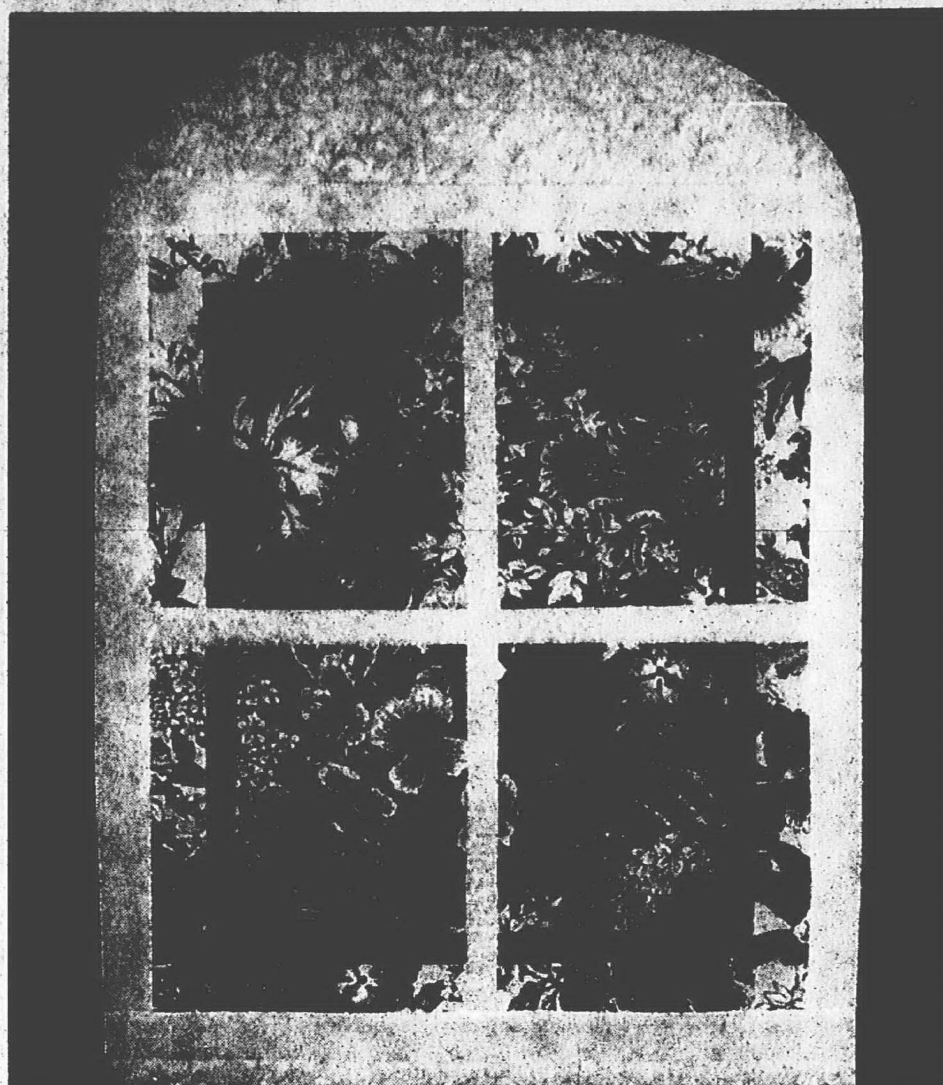
Visit a group class free during Open House Week Monday-Saturday, Jan. 17-22 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton.

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

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

CLASSES TO BEGIN

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



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

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

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

CRAFTERS WANTED

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

leather and woodcarvings.

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

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

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

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

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

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Alcoholic support

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Stop smoking

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

Tai chi

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

Vision 21 lecture

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

Eating disorder

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

Y2K walk/run

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

X-rays in motion

Technology changes standard diagnostic testing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

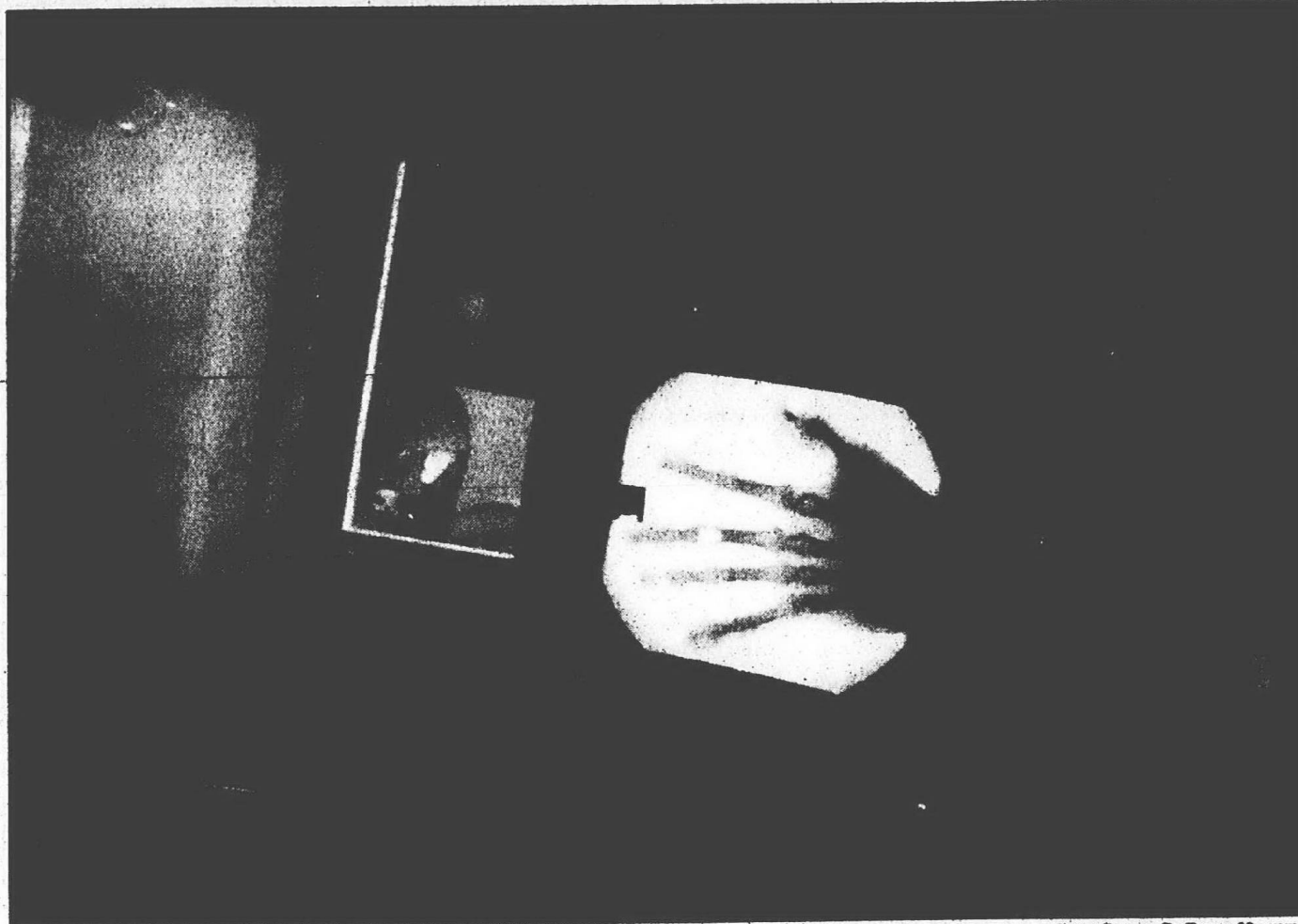
On the move

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

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

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

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



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

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

play or not," said Krieger.

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

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

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

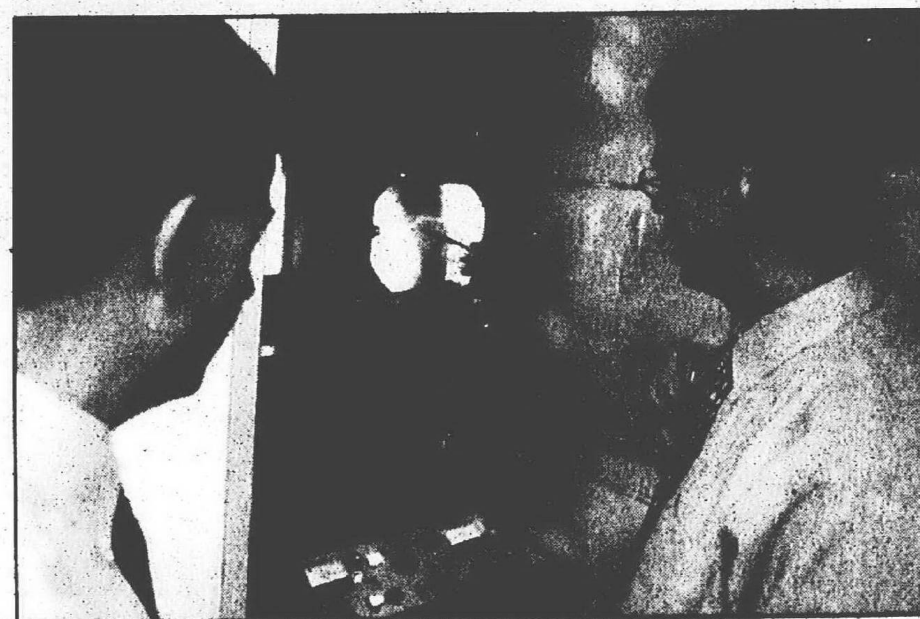
Changing technology

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

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

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

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

WED, JAN. 5

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP call (734) 458-4330.

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

MON, JAN. 10

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

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

WED, JAN. 12

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

THUR, JAN. 13

FOCUS ON LIVING
A self-help designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meet in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital. Free of charge. Call 468-3311.

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

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

TUE, JAN. 18

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

WED, JAN. 19

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

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Veteran journalist comments on Y2K coverage, crow eating



MIKE WENDLAND

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

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

"There is no such thing as a Y2K expert."

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

"Amidst an apparently unprecedented threat of terror-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department of Transportation has a Y2K Web site (www.y2ktransport.dot.gov/fly2k/) devoted to civil aviation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy New Year everyone. See you in Y2K.

I hope.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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

WED, DEC. 29

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

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CANTON BPN
The Canton Business & Professional Women meet the second

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

THUR, JAN. 13

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

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

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The group meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call 458-3381.

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

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

FUNDAMENTALS OF STEP WORKSHOP

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

TUE, JAN. 25

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

WED, JAN. 26

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

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

THUR, JAN. 27

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

SAT, JAN 29

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

Ecourager®, who will speak on the affects that humor and a positive attitude can have on your life and health. Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, information exhibits and two workshops of their choice. This is a popular program and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Call (800) 543-WELL to register.

TUE, FEB. 15

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

WED, MARCH 1

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

TUE, MARCH 14

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

APRIL 11 & 18

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

WED, APRIL 12

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

TUE, MAY 2-16

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

TUE, JUNE 13

TOUCH FOR HEALTH
Learn to use muscle testing techniques. Neurolymphatic massage, acupressure to strengthen weaknesses, relieve pain, and improve posture. Bring a "Touch for Health" book, available at book stores. Class runs Tuesday, June 13 - July 25, from 6-9 p.m. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

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

aspect of the X-ray often takes some convincing by our technologists."

Because of the portability of the device, Kenney said physicians who have patients spread out across a rural area can set up the unit at their office without having the patient travel to a larger city or any significant distance.

"Patients can be tested fully

clothed and don't require any special preparation before the exam," said Krieger. "It can significantly improve a physician's ability to more accurately diagnose injuries."

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

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ARTHRITIS AND HAZARDS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

To date you may have survived the risks of the holidays. I mean you didn't fall off a ladder putting up the decorations for the tree or the wreaths on the wall.

You may have used good sense and spared undue stress on an already strained back by getting help to lug the heavy presents and extra food into your home. You may have scheduled your shopping so you didn't spend more time in malls than your arthritic feet and ankles could bear. You may have stopped yourself before you experienced undue fatigue, thereby preventing future days of pain for your shoulders, neck and back.

You may have shown the wisdom of a veteran in balancing the needs of the holidays with the limits placed upon you by your arthritis. But you are not yet a success.

You must keep aware of the after Christmas return and sales and the New Year parties coming up. You still must face weather which will change from romantic cold and snow to bitter winds, sleeted rain and thin ice.

Thus, you must continue to use restraint in what you take on and accept that you will need to move slowly and with care. You must be willing to postpone meetings, reschedule visits, and rewrap gifts.

At this time of year, with its play and celebration, remain cautious.

IDENTISTRY
For The 21st Century
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

NEW TREATMENTS FOR GUM DISEASE

While scaling and root planing (SRP) remains the treatment of choice for treating advanced cases of gum disease (periodontitis), new topical treatments have emerged as supplemental treatments. Actisite is a dental floss-like fiber treated with the antibiotic tetracycline. After infected gums are cleaned out, the antimicrobial fiber is placed around teeth under the gums to do its work. It is removed during a second office visit. Periochip is a tiny chlorhexidine-soaked disc that is placed in gum pockets, where it dissolves after seven days. In clinical trials, it was found to improve the results of SRP by 50%. And, Atridox is a polymer gel that bastes gums with the antibiotic doxycycline. After the gel hardens, it dissolves over seven days.

This column on new treatment options for gum disease has been brought to you by LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES in the interest of better dental health. In order to avoid gum disease and possible tooth loss, we recommend proper daily brushing and periodic professional dental checkups. We believe in an informed patient approach to achieving optimum dental health. We're located at 19171 Merriman Road, where we are dedicated to saving and restoring your teeth and helping you look your best. Beautiful smiles are a team effort. Smiles are our business.

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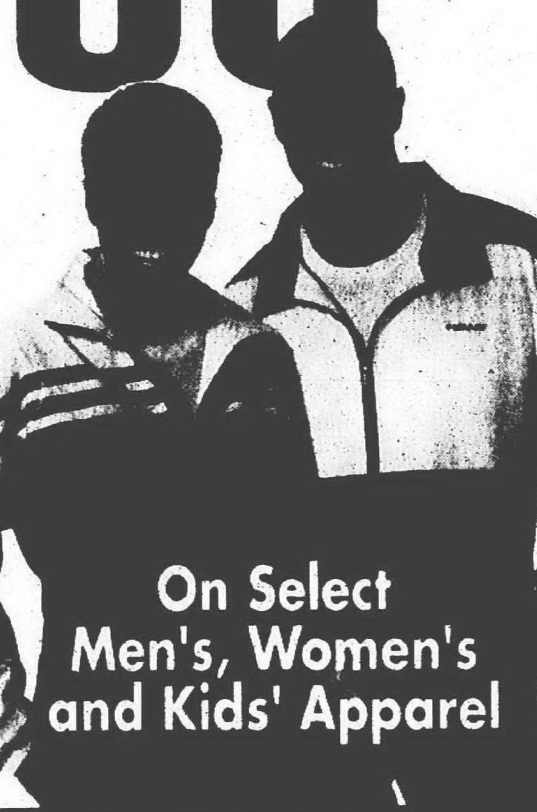


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Salem matmen 4th

Hartland emerged with the top finish at Tuesday's Plymouth Salem's 2 Wrestling Tournament, scoring 208 points to lead the 19-team field. Novi placed second with 193.5 points, followed by Adrian with 190.5 and Salem with 161.5.

Other Observerland teams included Livonia Stevenson, seventh (128); Livonia Churchill, ninth (91.5); Garden City, 12th (70.5); Westland John Glenn, 13th (64); and Plymouth Canton, 14th (62).

Two Rocks came away with titles. Mike Goethe went 3-0 at 103 pounds, pinning Novi's Craig Hearn in 2:45 in the final to place first; and Tony Kennard posted a 3-0 mark at 135 pounds, pinning Garden City's Lev Merjian in 3:55 in the final

to take top honors.

Hartland's Marc Kasabasic, wrestling at 125, was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

PCA loses opener

Big things were expected from the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team, but the start wasn't up to anticipation.

The Eagles, who returned most of their players from last season's 21-5 squad, opened their season at Hamtramck St. Florian with a 55-42 loss Dec. 14.

"We played poorly," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We played flat. I think the guys came out expecting to win."

The Eagles were within four in the final quarter, but after a

missed dunk, a three-point play for St. Florian and a PCA turnover, the game was lost.

Part of the problem: forward Derric Isensee, the Eagles' all-state player as a junior, and center Mike Huntsman were limited to eight and four points, respectively, and they combined for just 11 rebounds.

A.J. Sherrill led PCA with 14 points; Dave Carty added 12.

"It made it a long break for me and the boys," said Taylor. The Eagles play twice this week at the Lenawee Christian Classic, meeting Adrian Madison at 7 p.m. Monday and host Lenawee Christian at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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

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

In fact, the team's overall

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

It all made that 7-4 record a bit more acceptable. Briggs thought SC "should have finished no worse than 8-3. But

we'll learn from that."

It all makes SC's future look bright. Or is it?

The key figure in all of this is Briggs, but his prospects aren't so certain. He has no full-time position at SC.

With the job he's done, it won't be long before some other school finds him a full-time job, with coaching included.

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

Hammye usually studies and learns as he goes along.

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

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

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

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

"He also knew how to treat people, how to be kind and how to be tough. You have to know what the

kids are feeling, even the ones who think they should be playing more and sit the bench. You have to have compassion for those kids as well."

At Bowling Green, Hammye lettered all four years and played in 101 games, finishing 11th on the all-time BG scoring list with 1,208 points and fourth in rebounding (810).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When he asked me if I was going to be covering the game, I responded sarcastically:

"It's not going to be much of a game. That's going to be a blowout and a waste of time."

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

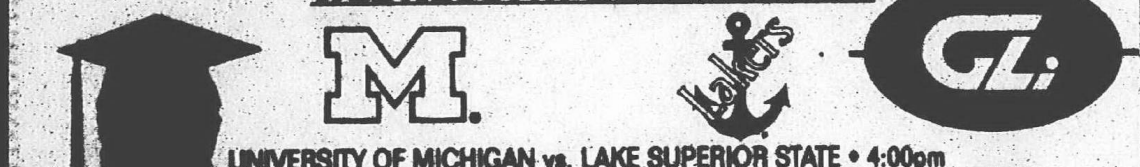
Needless to say, Schoolcraft won by a whopping 98 points, 150-58.

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

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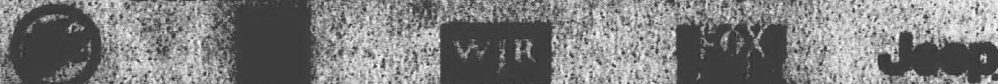
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Bowling's past makes future look bright

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

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

The state of bowling is very good.

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

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

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

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

The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held its Tenth Annual Tourna-

ment of Champions last weekend at Thunderbowl Lanes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

take away \$700 in prize money.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's about the 30th one for her — she's stopped counting.

Westland Lanes (Livonia)
Wednesday Men's Title: John Wodarski Jr., 257/762; Steve Hubble, 269/739; Dennis Seeman, 267/721; Mark Payne, 268/703; Paul Wright, 256/698.
Early Birds: Kathy Janik, 203; Marilyn Gould, 508; Pat La Morand, 200.
Pond Parties: Ron Harmon, 700; Jim Jones, 690; Dan Chevillet, 717; Minh Grougan, 257/761; Jerry Miller, 675.
Jacks & Jills: Kris Maki, 269/707; Joe C. Morge, 628; Art Maki, 270/738.
Senior House: Mickey Smith, 267/720; Mark Chrysler, 299/719; Lorne Green, 257/711; Greg Wiggard, 266/708; Dave Norwick, 256/738.
Midnighters: Frank Nickowski, 221/650; Tim Mielczarek, 242/621; Colleen Cacicado, 218; Doug Wiseman, 234/592; Paul Bruckner, 222/593; Evans Brown, 232.
Gay '90s (Seniors): Glen Snyder, 208; Howard Fetherston, 212-213/616; Chuck Simpson, 202; Stan Skabinaki, 244-203/641.
Monday Seniors: Bernie Hillbrandt, 216.
Cloverlans (Livonia)
FoldeCo Thursday: Steve Bester, 288; Bill Crabtree, 279/738; Chuck O'Rourke, 275/790; Gene Kaminaki, 277; Brian LeBlanc, 258/733.
Tuesday Seniors: Dave Gold, 227/559; Norm Kovala, 277/680; Harry Ackerman, 266/574; Ken McDaniels, 232-225-202/659; Chet Zajac, 205/561.
Junior House: George Jackson, 279/677; Vern Stachowiak, 257/723; Christopher Priebe, 277/715; Ron Blazysky, 268/658; Al Hall, 267/706.
St. Aldens Men: Keith Isaac, 226/600; Mike Kowalski, 257/692; Bob Racey, 258/666; Joe Najokas, 278/654.
Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic: Steve Engstrom, Jr., 254-256-257/769; Ryan Warner, 277-268-203/748; Jackie Haner, 235; Roy Hixon, 289; David Gray, 257; David Jacobs, 252/610.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Tamika Glenn, 290/769.
Merri Bowl (Livonia)
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Susan Tossava, 200; Betty Fortin, 219/523.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: David M. Bazner, 224-268-215/707; Larry Curtis, 258/693; Dan Bollinger, 241/667; Frank Bollinger, 237-226/664; Marv Owens, 230/643.
Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Sue Siemiesz, 279-267/741; Cheri Moscarello, 278/682; Dawn Williamson, 244/627.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Joe Buzanowski, 241/678; Stan Gagacki, 249/635; Ron Lancaster, 257/596; Bob Sherwood, 255/614; Al Harrison 246/650; Tony Wolak, 249/686.
Friday Seniors: Jim Klebs, 279/650; Bud Kraemer, 266/643; Jack Dahlstrom, 263/639; Al Thompson, 253/647; Ray Olson, 244/626.
Good Neighbors: Annette Trader, 204; Sallie Merchant, 191; Gail Galitz, 190; Yvonne McCarthy, 500.
Redford Bowl
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Men): Dick Zieman, 273/610; Bob Chuba, 233/648; Tim Magyar, 233; Tony Ballarta, 224/610; Rod Florke, 221/638.
Suburban Proprietors Travel (Ladies): Judy Washington, 199; Janice Ream, 197; Gloria Mertz, 188; Pam Jones, 186/513; Sharon Beardsley, 182.
Oak Lanes (Westland)
G&G Auto: Paulette Daniels, 237/617; Toni Strange, 235/613; Shannon Klebsch, 215; Judy Gentilia, 224; Linda Batke, 209/558.
Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)
Friday Mixed: Marc Blevins, 300.
Airlines: Jim Erwine, 237-259; Brad Fallot,

257/684; Jim Matties, 275/700.
Blossoms: Cheri Brozovsky, 222/629; Christine Lowe, 205; Kelly Rudnik, 203/546.
Wednesday Ladies Junior House: Ana Paul, 223/660; Gloria Picard, 269/621; Kathleen Blakes, 235; Marcey Reed, 234/640.
Westland Bowl
Monday Morning Men: Bob Simmons, 248/655; Fred Heeter, 226/561; Pat Stover, 224/670; Walter Machniak, 221/609; Vernon Looney, 215/600.
E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 201/576; Bill Bergevin, 186; John McIntosh, 182/521; Sally Merino, 221/570; Diane Vandermeir, 180.
Sunday Sleepers: Brian Gross, 300/777; Rich Trullard, 289/790; Don Vojtkofsky, 280/735; Bob Schepis, 279; Gary Brightwell, 279/667.
Thursday Nite Mixed: Franklin Boner, 266/655; Dan Harrison, 259/639; Daryl Lapham, 236/602; Candy Bailey, 235/588; Helen Osterander, 221/504.
Westland Champs: Sunday Gains, 256/648; Suzanne Ellis, 226/544; Charlene Keller, 226/655; Donna Middleditch, 223/591; Mary Marvao, 215/580; Yvonne Skibbe, 215/535; Angela McAllister, 212/536.
NASCAR Title: Lou Swindell, 222/576; Dan Daddie, 213/523; Mike Boucher, 211/591; Doug Elsey, 202/567; Holly Stevenson, 180.
Youth leagues (Saturday Coes Coles Majors): Tom Wiedling, 246/561; Jason McMillin, 222/566; Tim Caldwell, 214/539; Corey Robertson, 213/540; Jennifer Goins, 214/532; Crystal Tringo, 214.
Saturday Coes Coles Juniors: Darrell Olds, 222/605; Aaron Manning, 193/536; Trey Raynes, 192/535; Heather Lindon, 180; Samantha Kimber, 178.
Saturday Coes Coles Preps: Christopher Hironen, 145; Adam Whalen, 142; Mike Martin, 130; Holly Clendening, 158; Olivia LaFortune, 147.
Saturday Coes Coles Bantams: Logan Chaston, 126; Steve Murphy, 107; Jesse McSherry, 103; Donnellie Mood, 87; Kayla Fisher, 67.
Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)
Guys & Dolls: Kevin Papke, 267-280/723.
Kaglers: John Tursell, 201-265-236/702.
Pizza Men: Al Kooner, 299/742; Jeff Ellenwood, 298/730; Jim Campbell, 286/698; Brian Puckett, 268; Terry Millis, 264/696; Chris Kloc, 257/692.
Super Bowl (Canton)
GM Wednesday: Dave Jacobs, 203-300-247/750.
Friday Funsters: Joe Cabrera, 235/550; Cliff Richards, 241-239-238/718; Ben Hornik, 212/563; Sterg Chamis, 201/534; Freda Bernhardt, 180; Carl Walters, 200.
Saturday Youth (9 a.m. Majors): Ken Bazman, 209/542; Todd Schemanske, 214/616; Jon Robison, 211/578; Pat Brown, 209/588.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Preps): Danny Nadratowski, 174; Derek Schwartzberger, 185; Danielle Korstjens, 132.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Majors): Matt McCaffrey, 221/544; Ciry Caincross, 214/557; Drew Barth, 555.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Juniors): Ryan Craig 200/560; Dominic Galio, 183.
Friday Youth (Majors): Steve Reitzel, 238/629; Tim Moncreiff, 236/603; Leon Walsh, 240/603; Brian Peczynski, 212/561; Brent Moore, 202/569.
Friday Youth (Juniors): Eric Pawlus, 251/635; Justin Bonkowski, 515; Matt Lipford, 181/502; Karen Henke, 153.
Friday Youth (Preps): Ricky Huddleston, 166.
Thursday Youth (Juniors/Majors): Mandy East, 181; Brian Stack, 502; Jeff Hladis, 126.
Thursday Youth (Preps): Scott Gasorski, 155.
Thursday Youth (Bantams): Steven Albert, 141.

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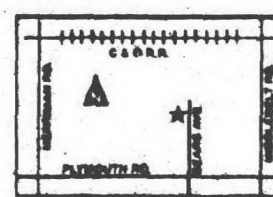
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Going, going, gone

Auto auction may be your answer to an affordable car

By KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

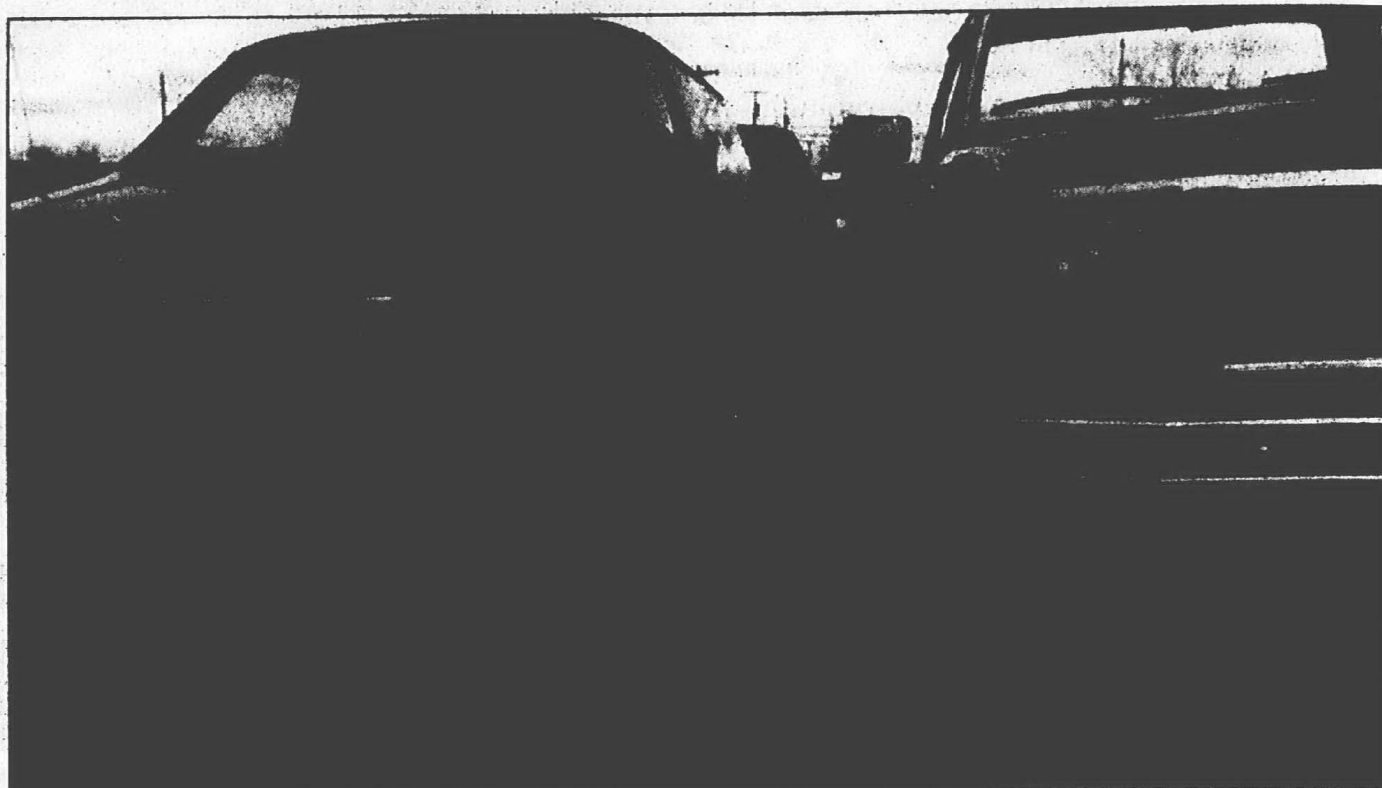
In these days of Internet bidding and electronic price wars, it might surprise some attendees that a real, live auctioneer calls out bids in a stereotypical drawl that seems more suited to the Kansas state fair.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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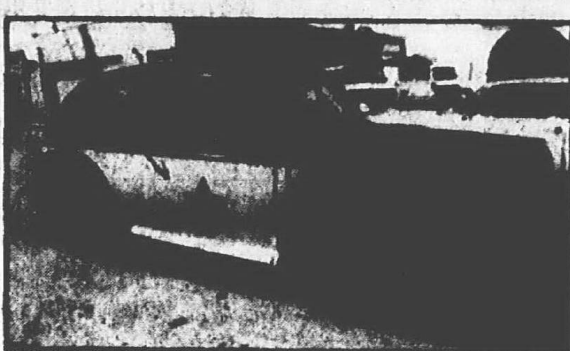
When peace finally broke out at the end of WWII it was time for the auto manufacturers to re-tool from the swords of military production to the plowshares of personal transportation. Ford, like most of the other car builders at the time, dusted off the existing 1942 tooling, went to work on simple trim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

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

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

On patrol in the 1946 Ford Squad Car

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



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

divorce, had to sell the car and called Skip.

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

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

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

The Classic Drive

Slide behind the wheel with me and we'll take this old Ford out for a ride. The car feels big, but not too big or overstuffed, and tall, with lots of headroom. All of the controls are easy to get to and the steering wheel is at a tolerable angle. The car starts smoothly and settles down to that lovely flathead burble... burble... burble.

The shifter works well as it slides into first - give it a little RPM and we're off. Smooth and powerful are the words that come to mind as we run it

through the gears. I have never driven an original steel powered post-war Ford sedan before and was really surprised at the performance for a car of that era. I'll bet that only a few luxury cars with big engines and tall gearing could run away from it. It leaves stock Chevys and Plymouths from that era in the dust!

The handling is also very good. Usually, in my experience, radial tires make older cars feel mushy and squirmy. In this application, the tires somehow canceled the straight axle Ford's tendency to follow imperfections in the road and "hunt" from side to side. This car rode smoothly and required much less correction at the helm. A run over to an industrial area allowed me to test the siren. It wound up slowly, just like in the movies, and took at least three minutes to wind down. Great stuff!

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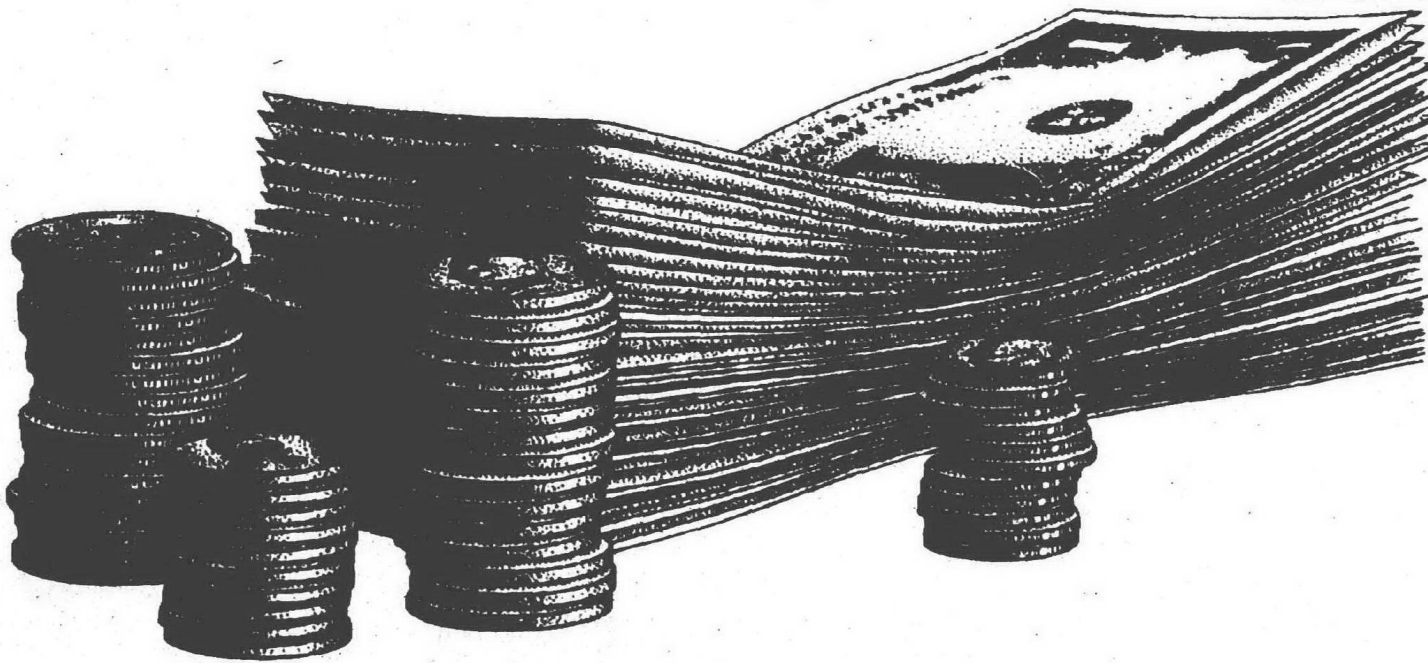
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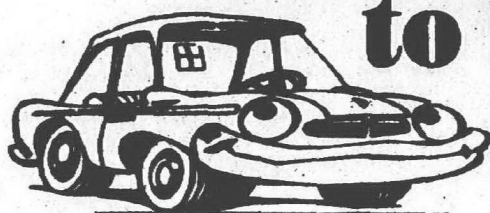
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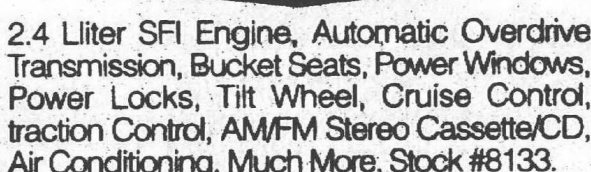
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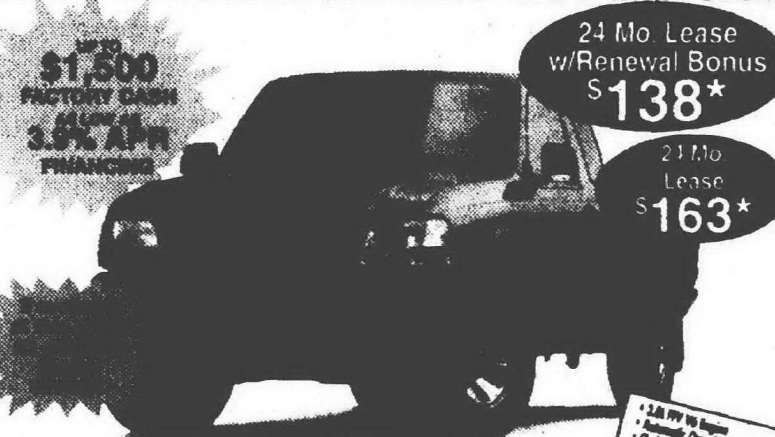
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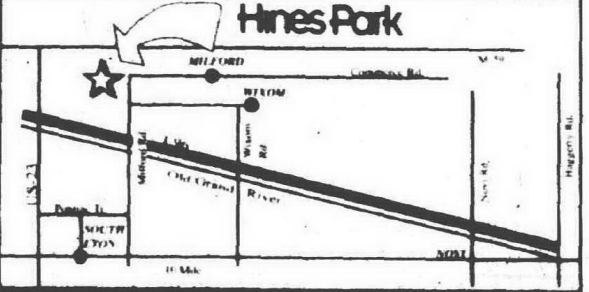
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1999.5 PATHFINDER 4x4



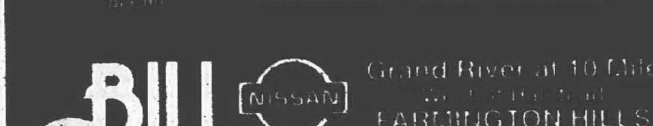
Auto, V6, AM/FM stereo with CD & more. \$299

2000 PATHFINDER SE



Auto, V6, ABS, premium sound system, CD stereo, & more. \$322

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Auto, V6, ABS, keyless entry, full power & more. \$315

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1999 F-150 XLT



4x2 STYLISH REG. CAB. Dark Tornado red, graphite, 4000 shift bench, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, 5 speed manual OD transmission, 3.55 ratio 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th gears, 5000 GVWR, pkg., air, premium elec. AM/FM cassette, sliding rear window & more.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$239.13** \$189.53**

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Deep emerald green, RV converter trim, illuminated visor mirrors, AM/FM stereo w/cassette/CD, 15" wheel covers, 4-wheel ABS, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, automatic overdrive transmission.

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1999 CONTOUR SE



Red, six way power driver's seat, power antenna, power moonroof, smoker's package, tachometer, leather wrapped steering wheel, rear spoiler, sport floor mats, fog lamps, leather shift knob, AM/FM CD, keyless entry.

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WAS \$20,130 NOW \$14,051**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$294.33** \$245.33**

2000 RANGER XLT



4x4. 2.5L V6 engine, 5-speed manual transmission, P205/60R15 BSW all season tires, rear spoiler, front floor mats, power driver's seat, speed control, rear defogger.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

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2000 FOCUS



4x4. 2.5L V6 engine, 5-speed manual transmission, P205/60R15 BSW all season tires, rear spoiler, front floor mats, power driver's seat, speed control, rear defogger.

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2000 TAURUS SE



2-V 4 DOOR SEDAN. Treadbar Red charcoal met. dark charcoal cloth bucket, 3.0L 2V 6-cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, P215/60R16 all season tires, front and rear floor mats, 6 pass. seating w/tilt-fold con. power driver seat, 60/40 splitfold rear seat.

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WAS \$27,925 NOW \$21,401**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$294.33** \$245.33**

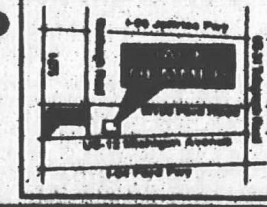
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2000 F-150 XLT SUPER CAB 4x4



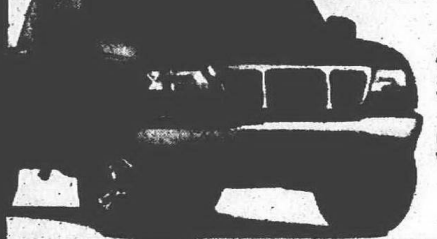
V8, Auto.
Stock
#18467.

A PLAN LEASE

\$337* + Tax
\$455 Due at Signing

24 Month Lease
Ford Employee
or Eligible Family Member

2000 RANGER SUPER CAB 4x4



Automatic, V6.
Stock #22607.

A PLAN LEASE

\$314 Due at Signing

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Eligible Family Member

\$210* + Tax

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2000 HIGHTOP CONVERSION

30
CONVERSIONS
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A PLAN LEASE

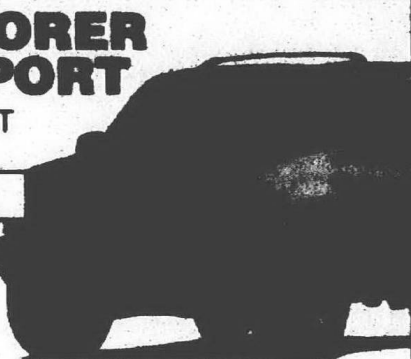
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Stock #2083T

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\$330 Due at Signing

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1999 TRUCK CLEARANCE

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V6, 5 speed manual, limited slip,
4 wheel ABS/disc. Stock #939577.
Was \$25,355

\$17,979*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V8, 5 speed manual, limited slip,
4 wheel ABS/disc. Stock #937877.
Was \$25,000

\$18,595*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V8, auto with overdrive, captains
chairs, Tonneau cover, XLT sport group, trailer
towing group. Stock #93829T. Was \$27,590

\$21,695*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V8, auto with overdrive, captains
chairs, Tonneau cover, XLT sport group, trailer
towing group. Stock #93828T. Was \$27,590

\$21,695*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V8, auto with overdrive, captains
chairs, Tonneau cover, XLT sport group, trailer
towing group. Stock #93830T. Was \$27,590

\$21,695*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

Fully loaded, V8, 4 speed auto, captains chairs,
Tonneau cover, XLT sport group, limited slip,
4 wheel drive, disc brakes with ABS.
Stock #95027T. Was \$28,310

\$22,195*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

V8, 4 speed auto, captain chairs, CD, XLT
sport group. Stock #94995T. Was \$27,440

\$21,495*

'99 F-150 Super Cab XLT

V8, 4 speed, auto, captains chairs, CD, XLT
sport group. Stock #95032T. Was \$27,440

\$21,495*

'99 F-550 Crew Cab Centurion Pickup XLT

7.3 litre, powerstroke turbo diesel, 4 speed
auto. Stock #93956T. Was \$52,164

\$41,359*

'99 F-150 Sherry Conversion

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\$24,995*

'99 F-350 Crew Cab Pickup Truck

Sherry Design, 7.3 litre, powerstroke turbo
diesel, electronic 4 speed, auto, 2 to choose
from Was \$44,896

\$37,995*

'99 Expedition XLT

with third seat, 2 to choose from.

\$29,595*

'99 Expedition XLT

Stock #93966T. Was \$34,715

\$28,995*

'99 Ranger Super Cab 4x4 XLT

Flairside, V6, auto, loaded, 2 to choose from.
Was \$23,625

\$18,995*

'99 Ranger Super Cab 4x4 XLT

Flairside, V6, auto, limited slip, off road package,
5 to choose from. Was \$24,390

\$19,795*

'99 Ranger Super Cab XLT

Auto, 4 cylinder, loaded. Stock #746027.
Was \$17,955

\$14,295*

'99 Windstar

V6, auto, enhanced seating group, cruise,
tilt, cassette. Was \$21,188

\$17,895*

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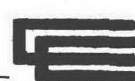
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