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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Cold as Ice: The annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular gets under way today. Look inside this issue of the Observer for a special section.

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Police take husband into custody

■ A Plymouth man is in custody and police are still trying to put together the details to see if there is a connection between the disappearance of his missing wife and human remains discovered in a dumpster.

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Plymouth police are holding a Roe Street man for questioning in the disappearance of his wife late last month.

Authorities in Plymouth, Dearborn and Allen Township, Ohio, are also attempting to determine if body parts found in Dearborn and Ohio are that of the missing woman.

Azizuli Islam is being held in the Plymouth Township lockup pending a warrant, which as of Saturday after-

noon had yet to be issued. Authorities have 72 hours from the time he was picked up on Friday to either charge Islam and arraign him, or set him free.

Plymouth police say they're continuing the investigation into the disappearance of Tracy Jane Islam, 35, who was reported missing Dec. 27. Islam, who reportedly left her husband during the summer and returned home to family in London, England, was visiting her family in Plymouth for a week before returning to Great Britain for Christmas.

Islam was scheduled to leave Dec. 23

for London; however, investigators speculate she may have been murdered a couple of days before her scheduled departure.

Michigan State Police crime lab technicians and Plymouth police spent much of Friday collecting evidence from Islam's home. Authorities are not releasing what was taken from the house, backyard shed and garage; however, one unnamed source close to the investigation said there were some items seized that appeared to have blood on them. The samples taken will have to be tested to determine if the specimen is human blood, and if it belonged to either Islam or his estranged wife.

Islam's car was also impounded and was towed to the Plymouth police garage.

Police say they conducted a volun-

■ 'Through the course of the investigation, the search of the house and the questioning of the subject, we gained enough ... to arrest the subject.'

Dick Miller
—Plymouth police chief

tary search of the home, and based on the search a court-authorized search warrant was obtained. One police source said Islam was cooperative "up to a certain point."

Authorities aren't confirming that Islam took a polygraph test and failed. However, one investigator said "he cer-

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Not-so-Lethal Weapons



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Not-so-Lethal Weapons: Plymouth Township Police Sergeant Robert Antal shows off some of the new "non-lethal force" tools and weapons recently purchased by the Township.

Non-lethal car gives township cops bigger (bean) bag of tricks

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The Special Response "S" car is now on the road.

To the public, it looks like any other Plymouth Township patrol car. But it is equipped to provide Plymouth Township police with both more protection and more options in using what they call non-lethal or less-lethal force.

According to police officials, non-lethal force is beneficial in situations where police have an "active" shooter inside the building. Police still talk about the shootings at the Ford plant on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township about five years ago when a man

went in, killed his wife and her boyfriend, and then shot himself, said Sgt. Robert Antal of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

The police would have liked the "S" car then, Antal said.

"This car will be on the road 24 hours a day," Antal said. "We have 10 officers who are trained in the use of all equipment in the car. This car will enable us to gear our people up and go right in as soon as we get there. The last thing you want to do is stand outside and wait for the SWAT team when you have somebody inside shooting. We will be able to outfit six officers very quickly."

Officers can respond to suicidal people, bank robberies, barricaded gun-

men and hostage situations, he said.

The equipment is considered a progressive, innovative addition to the police department.

"We probably already had 25 percent of the equipment," said Lt. Robert Smith. The cost to develop this car was less than \$5,000, he added.

The officers assigned to the cars are either SWAT team members, ex-SWAT team members, or firearms instructors.

"We want somebody who can use sound judgment about when to deploy the non-lethal force," Antal said.

The equipment includes bean bag rounds that are less lethal, cover a larger area and can be used against

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Lenore Goshorn

'She was tough act to follow'

Teacher loses battle with cancer

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To those who knew her, Lenore Goshorn was warm, loving, genuine and a special person they felt privileged to know.

To her elementary students, she was all of that and more in a teacher they called Mrs. G.

After a 12-year battle with cancer, the last two which forced Goshorn to stop teaching, the Allen Elementary fourth grade teacher succumbed to the disease on New Year's Eve.

A memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street.

To those who didn't personally know Goshorn, who taught in the district for 20 years, there's a good chance that they've known someone who has been touched by her. And from that relationship they've gotten to know Lenore.

"My mom knew a lot of people because she would strike up a conversation anywhere," said Sara Goshorn, 21. "She was the kind of person you liked automatically."

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Schools wrestle with outbreak of ringworm

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth Salem High School officials have closed the school's wrestling room until they get clearance from the Wayne County health department as a result of a high number of ringworm cases.

The move affects practice for the school's wrestling team and cheerleading squad, as well as fifth- and sixth-hour wrestling classes.

A Thursday home wrestling match had to be rescheduled because the room was shut down.

School officials say the fungus has spread to about 25 of the nearly 40

members of the wrestling squad, which Athletic Director Brian Wolcott called "an unusually high number of cases." Wolcott said that compares to only a couple of cases of ringworm reported by the Canton High School wrestling team.

"Because the numbers were so high in the initial screening of wrestlers, we decided to shut the room down," said Wolcott. "It's a safety issue and a health issue, and we want to become aggressive in stopping this."

Wolcott said the county health department has been called in to inspect the room and make certain it's free from infections.

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Ice show's reputation goes worldwide

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Kate Rosevear was on a cruise a few years ago through the Norwegian fjord when a fellow passenger asked her from whence she hailed.

When informed Rosevear was from Plymouth, the inquirer replied, "I've heard of that. That's where the ice show is."

Such is the influence the Plymouth Ice Spectacular has taken on in its 18 years. Its reputation has grown to the point people in many

corners of the world recognize the name of this little burg tucked among the western suburbs of Detroit.

And that's as it should be, according to folks like Rosevear, a former member of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular Board of Directors.

"It surprised me a little, but it made me feel good," said Rosevear, who also encountered Plymouth-knowledgeable travelers on a trip to

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Top cop takes command

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Plymouth's new police chief, Dick Miller, was officially sworn in by City Clerk Linda Langmesser Wednesday afternoon, Miller's first day on the job.

The hiring of Miller, a 26-year veteran of the Michigan State Police, was approved by city commissioners Dec. 6 after his appointment was put forth by City Manager Dave Rich.

Miller, who negotiated a \$67,000 annual salary, takes over from Bob Scoggins, who retired after 25 years on the force.

Miller met with his department Thursday evening for about 1 1/2 hours in a session which he described as "productive."

"My message to them is that I am now a Plymouth police officer, and I'm looking forward to working with them and the community," said Miller. "The compelling reason for a police department is to serve and protect. Everything I do as chief will be toward that goal. If not, then I'm not doing my job."

As one might expect, Miller said he was questioned about possible changes in the department.

"I had to tell them I didn't



STAFF PHOTO BY TONY BRUSCATO

Welcome aboard: Plymouth City Manager Dave Rich shakes hands with the city's new police chief, Dick Miller, after Miller was sworn in Wednesday by City Clerk Linda Langmesser.

know because it will take time to determine that," he said. "However, I told them I would work with them, and when I see an issue that I feel needs to be changed, I will want their input. I tried to stress that I want to be fair and objective."

Miller said one of the big reasons he wanted to work in Ply-

mouth is because of the small-town atmosphere and the opportunity to meet people in the community.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with the downtown business people next week," Miller said. "I plan on just walking the streets and saying 'hello.'"

Ringworm from page A1

"Ringworm can be transmitted skin-to-skin; however, it can also be transmitted from surface to skin," said Athletic Coordinator John Robinson. "Not only are the wrestlers infected, but the wrestling mats are contributing to the problem. We've purchased every chemical known to man to beat it, yet we still have a problem."

As a result of the problem, school officials have flipped the wrestling mats. They're now using a newer mat instead of the old mat which has cracks and other defects, allowing bacteria to grow despite being cleaned with bleach.

"I am concerned about mats being compromised, with breaks in the surface being a problem," added Wolcott. "We also have to be sure the mats aren't being walked on or chairs placed on the mats. If a mat has to be thrown out or refinished, we have to take care of it."

School and team officials met with nearly 30 parents and 15 wrestlers Thursday afternoon to discuss the situation. Many weren't pleased the wrestling team was singled out, with many

wrestlers being told by school nurses they couldn't attend class until they were observed by a doctor.

Sophomore Craig Blair said that while he was cleared Wednesday, he's had ringworm before. His concern is the amount of practice wrestlers have to miss if they get the skin infection, which could be up to two weeks.

"We have a senior who is undefeated right now, and if he doesn't get the practice he needs to get through the tournaments he might not finish first in the state, which he could be," said Blair, 15, of Canton.

Cheerleaders were to be screened Friday. There were no announced plans to screen students who have wrestling classes.

Wrestling parents complained to the administration there were no major problems with skin infections until the past two years when the cheerleading squad began using the wrestling mats for practice. They told administrators they've seen people in the room walking on the mat with shoes, some with heels,

and chairs on the mats, which damage the surface and invite infections.

Administrators could not answer their questions as to why the cheerleading squad has a new \$5,000 mat, but instead uses the wrestling mat for practice.

"We want our kids ringworm free, but what about the other groups that use the facility?" questioned parent Janet Early, who has a son on the wrestling squad.

"Our kids are being treated unfairly and singled out, and no one else using that room is," said Pam Sockow of Canton, who has a sophomore on the team.

Paul Moniodis of Canton, who has a freshman wrestler, was equally upset.

"We need more strenuous measures. We're in damage control and it's a bad situation," he said. "Our kids could be missing out on their athletic experiences. There needs to be an evaluation, and we need to learn from this."

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somebody who has a knife.

"We don't want to go up to somebody who has a knife and

try to grab hold of him," Antal said.

Two heavy vests equipped with a ceramic plate are part of the equipment. A 37mm gas gun and a standard 12 gauge shotgun can deploy chemical agents like tear gas and the less-lethal rounds, Antal said.

Several years ago, Plymouth Township Sgt. Dennis Wilson threw a phone at a man to try to get a knife away from him, Antal said. "With this, we could hit him with a bean bag and it would be done and over with," he said.

Larger rubber stinger balls can be used for crowd control to get people moving, Antal said.

Once the Columbine incident — where two young gunmen killed several classmates — happened last year in Colorado, Plymouth Township police put even more effort into equipping the car, which took about a year, Antal said.

But the car isn't designed just for violence. Police also have bolt

cutters. One Plymouth resident hadn't been heard from for several days recently. So, rather than kicking in the door, police used bolt cutters to cut the door chain, Antal said. That avoided a lot more damage, he added.

The Plymouth community often has a false sense of security, Antal said. "They don't want to believe there are drugs out there," he said. "If they could see our property room and some of the weapons we have taken off of people, they would be shocked."

Township police went on five drug raids in 1999, Antal said.

"The officers who were training the other night said that we are probably further along now in having different options," Antal said. "Before, we had a handgun, a baton and (pepper) spray."

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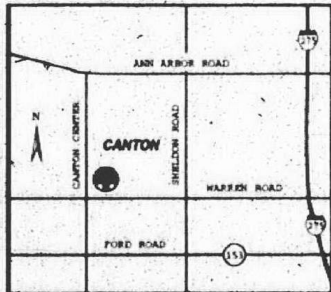
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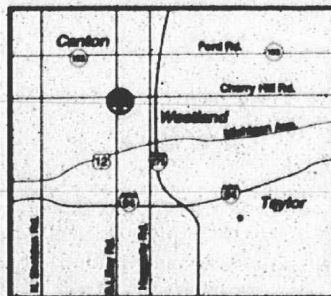
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Say it with Flowers

by Steve Mansfield



CARING FOR POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia is a favorite holiday plant, owing to its dark-green foliage and red or white bracts (colored petal-like leaves that surround the small, yellowish true flowers). During the holidays, this plant likes about six hours of bright light daily and moist (not soggy) soil. Avoid hot afternoon sun and temperatures much above 70 degrees F, as too much heat will cause the bracts to fade. To keep the plant colorful until spring, feed it with a balanced, all-purpose house plant fertilizer every two to three weeks. When the bracts begin to fade (early spring), cut back the stem(s) so the plant is eight inches tall. Repot in late spring to a slightly larger pot, and return it to a sunny window.

Many people are unaware of the fact that poinsettia plants can continue to look beautiful throughout the year. For tips on the care of all your plants and flowers, we invite you to stop by **HEIDE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS**, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth 48150. We're always happy to take the time to answer your questions. We also think you'll enjoy browsing through our terrific selection of flowers and gift items. Worldwide wire service is available. And, your satisfaction always assured.

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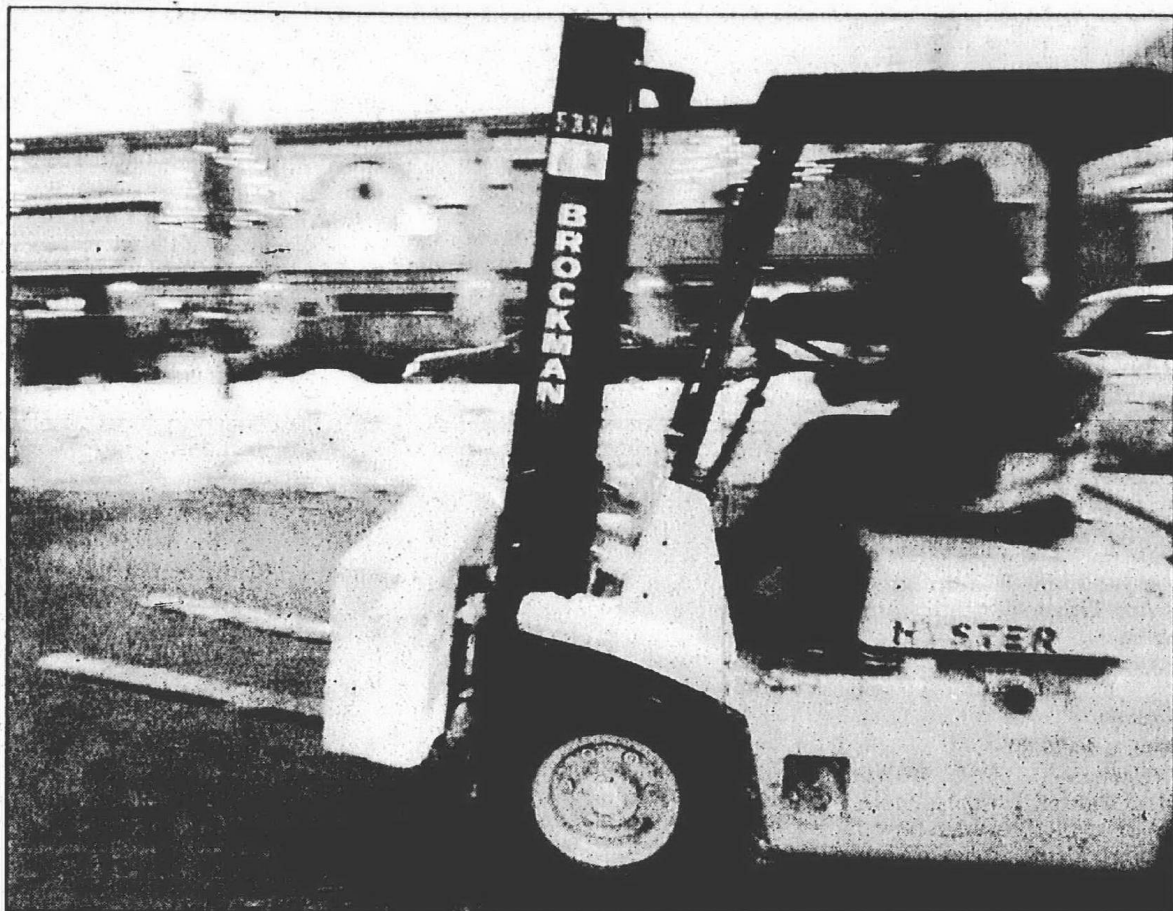

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Coming through: Ice delivery on Main Street will be a common sight this week as organizers prepare for the 18th-annual Plymouth Ice Spectacular.

Ice show from page A1

New Zealand. "It was recognition for our reputation."

The ice show, the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America, officially opens Wednesday in downtown Plymouth, although street sculptures will already be in place before then. The event annually draws carvers from the United States, Japan, Canada and other countries.

So far this year, the Japanese team has committed, and executive director Mike Watts got inquiries this year from as far away as Bulgaria.

Whether the Bulgarian carver shows up doesn't matter; his interest still points out the level of international mystique the festival is drawing. Watts said he even got a call from a South African radio station — and it's summer there.

"I think that's incredible," said Watts, in his ninth year of directing the festival. "Calls have come in literally from all over the globe. We're known all over the world."

And not just for the carving itself. For instance, a film crew will show up at some point during the festival to shoot footage for a documentary on America.

Watts has also talked to a representative from the U.S. Olympic Committee about taking a look at the festival to try and turn it into a complementary event for the Salt Lake City Olympic Games. Watts is hopeful the USOC representative will come Sunday.

"We've talked with them about a joint endeavor, about coordinating and maybe helping with the 2002 games," said Watts, who has had numerous conversations with the USOC over the last 18 months. "I think if they

What's on tap

The 18th-annual Plymouth Ice Spectacular opens Wednesday. Here's a look at each day's highlights:

Wednesday

■ Festival opens, more than 100 street sculptures downtown; Fantasyland "Jey Toyland" and the Bud Light light show begin.

■ "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main, 1-4 p.m.

Thursday

■ Celebrity Charity Carving Competition, 5:30 p.m., The Gathering.

■ "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit at the museum, 1-4 p.m.

Friday

■ Amateur individual competition, Kellogg Park, 6-9 p.m.

■ Warm Up Center, sponsored by Flagstar Bank, at the corner of Harvey Street and Ann Arbor Trail, 5-9 p.m., serving hot drinks and treats.

Saturday

■ Food/beverage demonstrations, Sideways Gifts on Forest Avenue.

■ Two-person professional team competition, Kellogg Park, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Individual college and high school competitions, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

■ "Celebrate the Centuries" in

the museum, 1-4 p.m.

■ Betsy Beckerman, singer and hammered dulcimer player, entertains at the St. Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey, 1-5 p.m.; free hot cider provided.

■ Warm Up Center, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday

■ Individual professional competition, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Two-man student team competitions, Kellogg Park, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

■ Betsy Beckerman, singer and hammered dulcimer player, entertains at the St. Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey, 1-5 p.m.; free hot cider provided.

■ "Skate with the Whalers" at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road, 5:30-7 p.m. Admission is \$5, skate rental available for \$3.

■ Warm Up Center, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday

■ Award presentation to the winners of the Plymouth Observer Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest, 4 p.m., Kellogg Park.

dios in Orlando, Fla., among other attractions.

"We try to do some things to bring people out," Watts said. "It's a promotion for Plymouth."

And if it's drawing attention in New Zealand, it must be working.

come out, they'll like what they see."

In addition to carving competitions among professionals, students and celebrities, the festival will feature chances at a Buick Century Millennium edition, a ski trip to Colorado and a couple of trips to Universal Stu-

diagonal love of children. They gravitated to her because she had the same idealism they did."

While students loved her, so did their parents, with many becoming long-time friends.

"She loved parents helping in her classroom," said Ellen Tucker of Plymouth Township, who remained "book mom" for Goshorn's class nine years after her son moved on just to keep in close contact with her. "Once you met her, you wanted to stay friends. Ours grew to a warm and loving relationship that can't be replaced."

Tucker later became one of Goshorn's "angels," those who voluntarily spent time each week helping to take care of her.

"She fought hard. She didn't want to let the cancer win," said Tucker. "I was holding her hand when she died, and I felt blessed and broken-hearted at the same time."

Allen Elementary teacher

Debra MacGregor became best friends with Goshorn during their 11 years teaching together, and, as an "angel," cared for her two days a week.

"Even in the closing days, Lenore wanted to focus on life and her friends," said MacGregor. "She was very compassionate about her students and insisted they do their best. She was always interested in you as a person and what you had to say."

Despite her condition, Goshorn insisted on making Christmas cookies this year and on having two parties to thank those who helped her.

During her final two days, dozens of friends stopped by knowing the end was near.

"She had the grace to stay long enough for us to say good-bye," said her sister, Peggy Bozyk, a Canton High School teacher. "She was great... a tough act to follow."

Oliver was captured in Colorado when he attempted to buy a gun at a Wal-Mart. Store officials ran a background check and called police when the warrant from Plymouth showed up on the report. Plymouth police say Oliver left Michigan when accusations concerning the assault surfaced.

Judge John MacDonald continued the \$500,000 cash bond, and remanded Oliver to the Wayne County jail. If convicted, Oliver could be sentenced up to 15 years in prison on each count.

Company will replace faulty gas main

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Consumers Power will replace a gas main servicing 194 homes on Arthur, Irvin and Pacific streets in Plymouth after frozen gas lines left nearly two dozen homes without heat for parts of December.

"Water gets into the system by seeping through the joints," said Bill Pike, western metro area manager for Consumers Power. "The water freezes at the meter, then thaws out."

"We'll be installing new gas main services to residents in that area," said Pike. "If we get started later this month, it should take us a couple of months to complete."

That will be good news to homeowners, including John McAllister and his wife, Delite.

"It's a good thing we had an electric blanket and

the temperature didn't get below zero," said McAllister, 81. "On Christmas Eve, family and friends brought electric heaters in case the heat stopped."

"Three different times we woke up in the middle of the night, about 3 or 4 in the morning, to find the temperature in the house at 60 degrees," said Delite, 81. "Then Consumers Power would get here in the afternoon to fix it, so it was cold for a while each time it happened."

"It cost us some extra money calling in heating companies for repairs because we didn't know what was going on at first," added Delite. "If it had been colder outside it would have been disastrous. We had to use the electric stove for heat, and wear more clothing to keep warm."

Pike said most of the calls for service came in before and during the holidays.

"We have the situation well in hand," said Pike. "Our customers are important to us."

Arrest from page A1

tainly wouldn't be in jail if he had passed it."

On the record, police aren't saying much about the case before a warrant is issued.

"Through the course of the investigation, the search of the house and the questioning of the subject we gained enough information to make an arrest," said Dick Miller, Plymouth's police chief. Miller declined further comment on the case, as did lead investigator Lt. Wayne Carroll.

The Islams' two teenage children, a boy and a girl, are reportedly staying with relatives. Authorities don't believe the children were involved or witnessed any crime.

However, the children will be instrumental in the investigation. Police aren't commenting about reports they are conducting DNA testing of the children to help identify the body parts that were found Dec. 22 in both Dearborn and Ohio.

On that day, a worker at the A&W restaurant at Fairlane Town Center discovered human

limbs of a white adult female inside a dumpster behind the restaurant. On the same day, a homeowner in Ohio discovered a bag which contained the torso of the woman.

A release by Dearborn police said preliminary results of a medical autopsy performed in Lucas County, Ohio, "indicate the limbs match the torso. However, a definite match cannot be made until DNA tests are performed."

Those tests are expected to take from 6-8 weeks before results are known.

Police in all three jurisdictions have had difficulty with identifying the body parts because the head is still missing and the finger tips were mutilated.

It is unclear when the couple, who reportedly met in England, were married. However, neighbors say Tracy Islam moved back to England during the summer.

"They were having marital problems," said one neighbor who has lived in the area for 8 years. "She left because she was

worried about the safety of the kids. She loved them so much. But, she knew they would be safe with him."

Next door neighbor Brian Slater said he was shocked to hear of the news.

"He seemed like the nicest man. You never would have expected this," said Slater. "He wanted her back. He was really sad and said he had plans to get a job in New York, where they used to live, because he wanted his wife back."

Ann Bennethum said "She served him divorce papers." However, police say the two were not legally divorced.

Both neighbors say Azizuli Islam was a chemist in the Plymouth area. They say police have had his house under surveillance since Tuesday.

One police official who wanted to remain anonymous said "I think we'll have a complete package by next week. I'm satisfied we're on the right track."

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"She was a gift," said her daughter Jen, 30. "She made you want to be a better human being. She's a daily inspiration."

Goshorn's best way of getting her message across was to her students, many of whom came back to visit long after leaving elementary school.

"She had a genuine interest in the lives of children," said former student Jenny Single, 20, of Plymouth. "She knew the fear, weaknesses and strengths of all of us. And she was just fun. She was the first teacher I had who wore blue jeans."

Goshorn was so respected by her former students that two years ago, on only eight hours notice, 40 of them, knowing she was seriously ill, came together to sing Christmas carols at her Northville home.

"Each child's life made a difference to her, and she knew education made a difference in their lives," added Bill, her husband of 33 years. "She believed in

Assault suspect waives preliminary

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A Plymouth man wanted for five years for sexually assaulting his 9-year-old step-granddaughter will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Larry Oliver, 48, who was captured in Cortez, Colo., in September and extradited to Michigan last month, waived his preliminary exam Friday, Dec. 31, in 35th District Court on two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY E. MILWEE

Services for Dorothy E. Milwee, 88, of Westland (formerly of Canton) were Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born June 11, 1911 in Royal Oak. She died Jan. 3 in Wayne. She was a registered nurse at Herman Keifer Hospital for 25 years. She came to the Westland community in 1999 from Canton, where she had lived for four years. She attended the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy E. (Wayne) Martin of Canada; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

RICHARD A. MISHLER

Services for Richard A. Mishler, 63, of Canton Township were Jan. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Badley officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Aug. 2, 1936 in Leroy, Mich. He died Jan. 1 in Canton Township. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers for 40 years. He came to the Canton Community in 1973 from Livonia. He loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed his tomato garden.

Survivors include his wife, Pat of Canton Township; six children, Michael Mishler of Canton, Richard Mishler of Canton, Susan (Brian) Smith of Westland, Andrea (Tim) Clemson of Ohio, Joanne (Chris) Dwight of Armada, Mich., Beth (Gary) Whidden of Canton; mother, Hazel Mishler of Livonia; six grandchildren; and four sisters.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

BERNICE TATE

Services for Bernice Tate, 86, of Livonia were Jan. 7 in Maryland.

She was born Feb. 6, 1913 in McDowell County, W. Va. She died Jan. 3 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Livonia Community in 1995 from Maryland. She was a member of the A.A.R.P.

Survivors include her two daughters, Bonnie (Jimmie) Goode of Maryland, Rebecca (James) Potter of Livonia; two sons, James (Nancy) Tate of North Carolina, Michael (Ethel) Tate of Maryland; two brothers, Matthew Cooper of West Virginia, Edward Cooper of Maryland; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CAROL MAE SCIBA

Services for Carol Mae Sciba, 67, of Plymouth were held at the Vermeulen-Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She died Dec. 26 in Plymouth.

Survivors include her husband, James Sciba; two sons, Darryl J. (Sharon), Dewayne J. (Bonnie); one daughter, Diane (Craig) Sciba Price; one sister, Marlene Schuelke; and five grandchildren, Joshua, Sean, Amber, Ashley and Brooke.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the American Heart Association.

AVIS M. GOODALE

Services for Avis M. Goodale, 87, of Williamsburg (formerly of Plymouth) were Jan. 2 at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas Pedersen officiating. Private committal services will be held at a later date at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 15, 1912 in Plymouth. She died Dec. 30 at Munson Medical Center. She moved to Kalkaska, Mich. from Plymouth in 1971 where she

resided until 1993 when she moved to Williamsburg (near Kalkaska). She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, and most of all spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Janis; and three brothers, Elton, Vern and Vincent. Survivors include her two sons, Robert (Pauline) Goodale of Traverse City, Ronald (Sandra) Goodale of Kalkaska; one daughter, Karen (Donald) Roman of Williamsburg; one brother, Edsel Forshee of Mesa, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Munson Home Health Care or Grand Traverse Commission on Aging.

Local arrangements were made by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

OPAL L. MUCKER

Services for Opal L. Mucker, 74, of Canton Township were Jan. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

She was born June 16, 1925 in Northville. She died Jan. 5 in Milan. During World War II Mrs. Mucker worked at Twin Tool & Die and then worked at Daisy Air Rifle. She was a lifelong resident of the local area and came to Canton Township in 1945. She was affiliated with the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton.

Her many hobbies included crocheting. Mrs. Mucker was an avid fan and enjoyed watching baseball and hockey games. She bowled with the Town & Coun-

try League, the "Striketts," and she volunteered her time serving meals for the church. She also collected money for the March of Dimes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nick Mucker; parents Rosella and Arthur Wells; one brother, Ernest Wells; and two sisters, Judy Wells and Donna Wells. Survivors include her two sons, Gary (Barbara) Mucker of Westland, Larry (June Rorabacher) Mucker of Britton, Mich.; one daughter, Cheryl (Douglas) Mayher of Milan, Mich.; four brothers, Orville Wells of Livonia, James Wells of Las Vegas, Dale Wells of Manitou Beach, Mich., Gary Wells of Livonia; one sister, Hazel Hogan of Livonia; seven grandchildren, James Mucker, Jeffery Mucker, Erica (Darin) Thompson, Brandie Mucker, Nick Mucker, Douglas Jr., Cassie Mayher; and one great-grandson, Jacob Thompson.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

FREDERICK F. HADLEY

Services for Frederick F. Hadley, 85, of Plymouth were Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins and the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 1, 1914 in Holly. He died Jan. 2 in Livonia. He worked for Ford Motor Co. from 1937 to 1956. He was manager of the Sherman-Williams Paint Store on Penniman in Plymouth for 25 years, retiring in 1981. He came to the Plymouth community in 1923 from Holly.

He was one of the original founding members of the Plymouth Goodfellows. He sold newspapers for them for 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, June E. Hadley of Plymouth; two sisters, Margery Williams of California, Jean L. Cover of California; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M.

GEORGE G. "GERRY" ROBERTS

Services for George G. "Gerry" Roberts, 69, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) were Jan. 7 at Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating.

He was born Dec. 20, 1930 in Wheeling, W. Va. He died Jan. 3 in Detroit. He was a small parts Hi-Lo driver at General Motors. He was a member of the Church of the Divine Savior.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry A. and Lucille Roberts. Survivors include his son, Mike (Lisa) Roberts of Livonia; one daughter, Becky (Lorraine) Ruthig of Westland; two brothers, David Roberts of Arlington, Wash., Arthur Roberts of Syracuse, N.Y.; two sisters, Sharon Small of Woodhaven, Jennifer Roberts of Ypsilanti; five grandchildren, Amy Ruthig, Nicole Ruthig, Shaun Ruthig, Jessica Roberts, Michelle Roberts.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR December meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Cyber Exercise Equipment**. Specifications and Bid Packets will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays. Technical questions should be directed to John Robinson, PCCS Faculty Athletic Coordinator, at (734) 416-7766. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2000. The Board of education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening: Wednesday, January 19, 2000 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Review: Tuesday, January 25, 2000

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
7:00 P.M.

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SITE PLAN APPROVAL:
ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING.
Preliminary Concept Review
701 Church St.
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

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Observer brings back
advisory committee

In an effort to keep in touch with the people we serve - namely, our readers - the Plymouth Observer staff is returning to a method we hope will help us do just that: citizen advisory panels.

The panel will consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the community. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right and what it's doing wrong.

We already have several volunteers, but are still looking for a few more. We hope to have the first meeting by the end of January. Meetings would probably be scheduled quarterly, perhaps with more frequent meetings at the beginning of the process.

Anyone interested in serving on such a panel is invited to call the Plymouth community editor, Brad Kadrich, (734) 459-2700, or e-mail him at bkadrich@ee.homecomm.net.

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'Time is right' to promote county's healthy economy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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COUNTY NEWS

In November, Wayne County officials were told the county can expect moderate job growth and continued declining unemployment through 2001.

University of Michigan economist Donald Grimes told leaders from western Wayne County communities that the nonmanufacturing sectors will pick up 8,000 jobs over the next three years.

When county officials heard that report from U of M's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, they decided the "time was right" to promote the county's economy, according to Tim Johnson, director of marketing and communications for Jobs and Economic Development.

With the county commission's blessing, Wayne County's Jobs and Economic Development Department hired Caponigro Public Relations of Southfield for \$75,000 to get the message out.

Caponigro soon will begin a national public relations campaign aimed at national publications to encourage stories about Wayne County's economic resurgence. Caponigro has already worked with David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, on ads about the airport. Katz pokes a little fun at himself with the ads, but also tried to show that airport officials are improving the facility.

The U of M report "showed things really have turned around," Johnson said.

"We've got a low unemployment rate and a lot going on in

the new development near the airport and the I-275/M-14 corridor has just exploded," Johnson said. "Downtown we've got Compuware, new casinos, stadiums and GM's now at the Renaissance Center."

Caponigro will meet with Johnson and others with the Jobs and Economic Development Department, then approach national publications like the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Business Week. "I think our strategy will be to tell those publications, 'Look, in the '70s and '80s, you wrote our obituary. How about taking a different look at us?'" Johnson said.

Economists said the new 8,000 nonmanufacturing jobs in Wayne County are expected to include 3,000 construction jobs and 3,000 jobs in air transportation. Both sectors will be fueled by the expansion expected to be completed in 2001 at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Casinos will help add another 6,000 jobs in amusement and recreation industries of the economy. The expanded airport and three Detroit casinos are expected to add another 1,000 restaurant and bar jobs and 1,000 retail jobs.

Economists expect those gains to be tempered by declines in the banking industry - 5,000 fewer jobs expected between 1998 and 2001 - and 7,000 manufacturing jobs lost.

Based on population surveys from late 1998, the study also

found:

■ Overall job growth in the private sector will grow 0.4 percent in 2000, then fall 0.6 percent. That growth translates to 3,000 additional jobs in 2000, followed by a loss of 5,000 jobs in 2001.

■ Purchases of 16.6 million auto and light trucks nationally in 1999 helped keep Michigan's automotive industry healthy.

■ Labor force trends show increases in the number of Wayne County residents who have jobs, but "private establishment" employment in Wayne County declined, which economists said indicates that many residents are commuting to jobs outside of Wayne County.

■ In 1993-98, the industries that added at least 1,000 jobs were fabricated metal products, furniture and fixtures, eating and drinking places, miscellaneous retail (drug stores, toy stores and others), wholesale trade, auto dealers and service stations.

The economists predicted that employment in the private sector would peak at 732,000 in 2000, up from 1998's 726,000, then fall to 727,000 in 2001. That overall employment was attributed to the tight labor market and increased productivity in the manufacturing sector. Unemployment rates will fall to 3.6 percent in 2000 and 3.3 percent in 2001, the economists predict.

That translates to a change from 78,000 unemployed persons in 1993 - an 8.3 percent rate - to 41,000 and 4.3 percent in 1998. That sounds like good news, but it also restricts job growth, the economists said.

Class explores spirituality of aging

Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop, "The Spirituality of Aging," for the winter term. Students may take the class 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 and 15. The course will also be offered 4-7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan.

27 through Feb. 24.

This course introduces students to the spiritual tasks of the elder years with an emphasis on integrating that understanding into their work with older adults. The noncredit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing

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Hot prosecutor's race heads up county elections for '00

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County voters will see their share of presidential politics, political advertising and campaigns before Michigan's Republican presidential primary on Feb. 22 (the Democrats hold their nominating caucus in March).

They also can expect to see some contested races on ballots in August and November for county seats.

While the office of county executive is not on the ballot this year, the prosecutor's office will be up for grabs with John

O'Hair's decision to retire.

That is expected to be the most contested race in county government, which will also include races for county sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and county commissioners. Candidates who have verbally expressed an interest in the prosecutor's office include Mike Duggan, deputy county executive; Virgil Smith, a state senator from Detroit; and George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor.

Candidates in the county races must file by May 16 for the primary election.

With all of them Democratic incumbents and Wayne County

largely Democratic, the Aug. 8 primary election winners in the races for prosecutor, sheriff, treasurer and register of deeds would be favorites in the general election on Nov. 7.

In 2000, voters also can expect the following:

■ **County commission:** In western Wayne County, that includes four commission seats on the ballot, along with the 11 others representing the rest of Wayne County.

Among those up for election are Democrats Kay Beard, whose district includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland, and

John Sullivan, who represents Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the cities of Belleville, Wayne and Romulus.

Republicans Lyn Bankes, who represents Livonia west of Middlebelt Road, and the townships and cities of Plymouth and Northville, and Kathleen Husk, who represents Livonia east of Middlebelt Road, Redford and Dearborn Heights, would also be

up for re-election.

■ **The county parks millage.** Voters approved 1 mill in 1996 to fund parks improvements, and now that millage will expire at the end of the year.

County commissioners haven't yet placed that proposal on the ballot. "The county will have some serious discussions on whether it should be on the 2000 ballot," said Hurley Coleman, parks director.

County voters also shouldn't be surprised if commissioners place one or two proposed charter amendments before them. In 1996, they added charter language strengthening the duties of the auditor general and corporation counsel. Last year voters eliminated a county tax allocation board that was found to be obsolete.

Classes focus on information technology

Information technology companies can learn about the future of government contracting in the third in a series of seminars at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Schoolcraft College.

This session in the series, "Coffee with the Colonel," is aimed at IT firms, who can meet and ask questions of Colonel Paul Dronka, commander of

defense contract management command in the Detroit region.

Dronka has 15 years experience working with small businesses, and experience with the Secretary of Army Research and Development (Procurement) at the Pentagon.

The seminar will be conducted in room 310 of the McDowell Center. Other seminars in the

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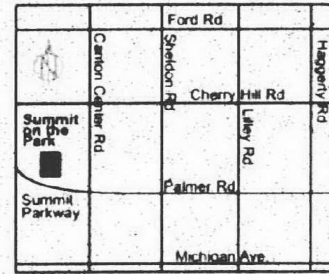
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Academic standouts

Both Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's football teams had standouts academically — enough to make both team honorable mention academic all-state football teams for 1999.

Canton and Salem were among the 15 Division I teams honored statewide.

Individually, Salem's Daniel Jones and Canton's Nick Stonerook received academic all-state special mention.

Twietmeyer steps up

Every game, Janell Twietmeyer seems to get better.

The freshman women's basketball player at Alma College, a Plymouth Canton graduate, collected a career-best 19 points on Dec. 22, but it didn't help the Scots as they lost 89-83 at the Next Level Desert Classic, played in Las Vegas.

Alma bounced back to beat St. Mary's College, 66-58 Jan. 2 in South Bend, Ind., and once again Twietmeyer did her share, scoring 16 points as the Scots improved to 6-5 overall.

For the season, Twietmeyer has improved her scoring average to 9.1 points per game (11.5 in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games); she is also pulling down 5.9 rebounds a game (7.0 in MIAA play). She is tied for second on the team in rebounding.

Sharks strike back

The Plymouth-Canton Great White Sharks avenged an earlier tie in the tournament against the Dearborn Flyers by beating the same team 4-2 in the finals in the Mite Division of the Allen Park Hockey Association Christmas Tournament.

Team members of the Sharks are Ryan Nick, Connor Dresser, Cody Adams, Westley Hill, Kyle Korte, Jairaj Arya, Jordan Smith, Brenden Dunleavy, Tyler Sultana, John Eckley, Travis Hall, Jacob Underwood, Derek Simancas and Riley Groenewoud.

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is currently taking registration for youth soccer from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at its offices, located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Cost for six-year-old, seven-year-old and eight-year-old players living in the city of Plymouth is \$45; the fee for non-residents in those age divisions is \$65. For all other age divisions, the fee for city residents is \$50 and for non-residents it's \$80.

All registrations require a birth certificate. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Hoop shoot

The Plymouth Elks Club is sponsoring its own local version of the National Elks Hoop Shoot from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallimore Elementary School gymnasium, located on Sheldon south of Joy.

The contest is open to boys and girls, eight to 13 years old. There is no cost to compete, and there are no residency requirements.

The contest is a best-of-10 free-throw shooting competition. There will be three age divisions for both male and female: 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds. Division winners will advance to the regional round of the Elks Hoop Shoot.

Those wishing to participate are asked to register with the Elks by calling them at (734) 453-1780. Again, the competition is free; also, cost for transportation for the winners to participate in further rounds is covered by the Elks.

Join Silver Sticks

A new over-50 hockey will be being formed Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

The league is open to retirees, second-shift workers or players with a flexible schedule looking for a fun and recreational hockey.

Game times are 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, starting Jan. 18. The cost is \$165 per player (includes 10-game schedule, plus playoffs, along with free donuts and coffee following games).

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

Canton repels Salem



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Good start, solid finish carry Chiefs

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A game like Friday's Plymouth Canton at Plymouth Salem encounter is a good argument for longer games.

Instead of four quarters, why not six sixths? Or even eight eighths?

Why not? A game like this was too good to end.

When the final seconds were ticking away, the overflow crowd at Salem's gym was still roaring, the 10 players on the court were still lunging for every loose ball, and the game was still tight — as it had been almost since the opening tip.

And it might have been extended into another period if Ryan Cook's final shot, a 12-foot jumper in the paint, had rolled around the rim and fallen through. Instead, the Salem guard's shot fell out, and the Rocks had fallen to Canton by a 47-45 margin.

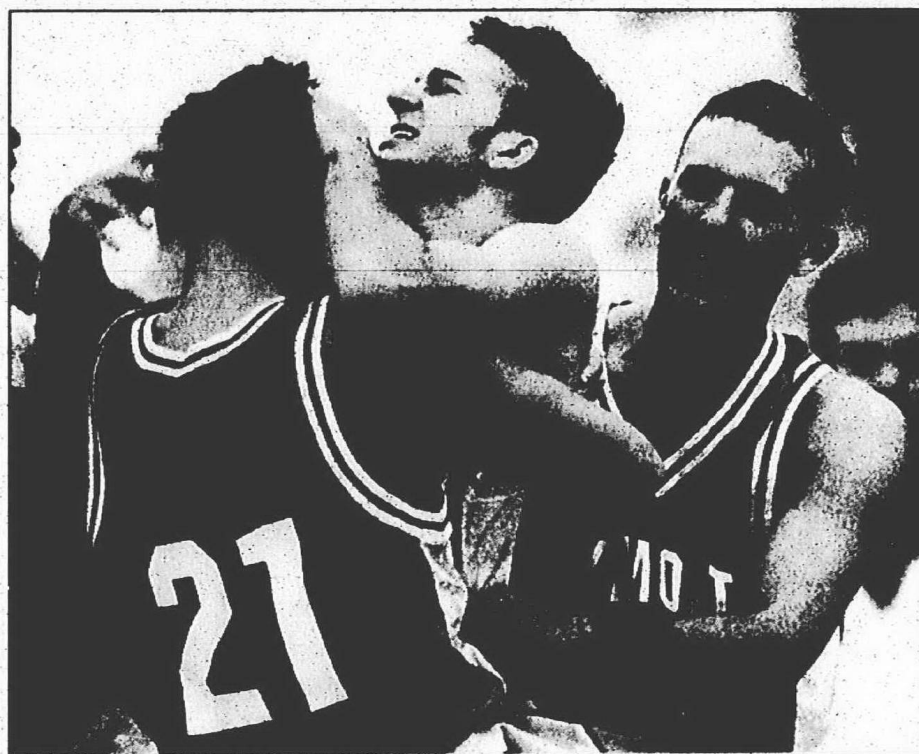
For Salem, the loss meant an 0-1 start to the Western Lakes Activities Association season; the Rocks are 2-4 overall. Canton is 1-0 in the WLAA and, for the first time, the Chiefs win one at the buzzer (after losing four like that) to improve to 2-5 overall.

What kind of game was it? Canton's Dan Young summed it up best when asked when he thought a victory was within his team's grasp: "Not until the horn sounded."

Although effort and emotion was never lacking on either side, in the final analysis it was probably merciful that no overtime was needed. Certainly Canton wouldn't have welcomed it; point guard Jimmy Reddy was barely able to walk, with cramps in both legs, and three other starters had four fouls.

"It was right down to the wire, the

Seeking a win: Canton's got out of the gate quickly Friday, thanks to Jimmy Reddy (above left, guarded by Salem's Ryan Cook). The senior guard hit four three-pointers in the game, which ended in celebration for Reddy (below center) and Nick Cabauatan (21).



last possession," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, who has witnessed numerous similar finishes in this series. "It could go either way. You can't ask for more."

(Cook) got a good look."

If the game had continued on the pace set in the opening moments by Reddy and Cook, the point totals would have reached triple figures. Reddy got the Chiefs rolling fast by hitting three straight three-pointers in the first 2:03; Cook countered for Salem with two threes and a two-pointer, making it 9-8 after just 2:23.

"I think that was big," said Young. "We've been talking about getting out to a good start, and Jimmy did it for us."

The Chiefs stayed with Dr. Jekyll for another minute, scoring seven more points (they were 6-of-8 from the floor,

including 4-of-4 threes, in the first four minutes) to open up a 16-8 lead with 4:10 left. Then they reverted back to their role as Mr. Hyde.

A bucket by Kenny Nether gave Canton its biggest lead of the game at 18-8 — but that didn't come for another three minutes, as both teams went cold. Salem didn't stay that way, however, trimming the deficit to 18-12 going into the second period.

The Chiefs couldn't find the basket for almost the entire second quarter, allowing what had been a 10-point lead to melt away. The Rocks scored what amounted to 17-straight points as Canton missed nine consecutive shots in the second quarter and committed seven turnovers.

Only a strong finish to the half saved

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WRESTLING

Meet changed, room is closed by outbreak

BY C.J. RISAK
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When is a situation out of control? When does an outbreak become an epidemic?

And when does a problem, fed by public hysteria, get out of hand?

Plymouth Salem administrators say they have tried to prevent what should be a minor problem into becoming a major catastrophe.

The Salem wrestling team had to reschedule its opening dual meet of the Western Lakes Activities Association season against Walled Lake Central from last Thursday to Feb. 4 because of an outbreak of ringworm, a highly contagious skin disease. Of the 40 students on the varsity and junior varsity team, 25 have reportedly been afflicted.

Although contagious, ringworm is not a dangerous problem. "Ringworm is right there with athlete's foot," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "It's not that hard to get rid of, once the kids get some (antiseptic) cream on it."

Still, the large number of cases reported has parents and administrators concerned (see story on A1). The Salem wrestling room has been closed as a precaution, since the outbreak at present seems difficult to control.

"I think it will be open by next week," predicted Brian Wolcott, Canton's and Salem's athletic supervisor. "We've done a lot of cleaning. That room is spotless."

Aging, cracked mats in the wrestling room, which is shared by the Salem cheerleading team, are currently under suspicion. Department of Health officials have been asked to investigate the matter.

How much this will affect Salem's season is difficult to judge. The Rocks who have been cleared by physicians and are able to workout are currently sharing Canton's wrestling room.

"They're doing everything they can," assured Krueger. "They've cleaned that room as clean as you can. We've spent over \$1,000 on disinfectants just for our shoes."

Ringworm is not uncommon among wrestlers, but Krueger, who has served as Salem's wrestling coach for more than 20 years, said he could "recall years when we didn't see any ringworm at all."

Which makes the current situation so baffling. Still, seven Salem wrestlers were cleared to compete at Saturday's Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational.

Krueger believes that while such a problem is certainly serious, if it had occurred later in the season "at district or regional time — my goodness."

"We're doing everything we can do, we just haven't pushed the right button yet."

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It's a snap: Sgroi fulfills his dream

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Joe Sgroi received a taste of what it's like to be a University of Michigan football player in the Spring Game last April.

The walk-on from Redford Catholic Central played some as a linebacker and after the game received, on a much smaller scale, the attention scholarship players get.

"The fans crowded on the field and anyone in uniform they asked for autographs," said Sgroi, a Plymouth resident who used to live in Livonia. "I thought 'Wow, this is cool.'"

Sgroi also understands, and laughs, about the fact that some autograph seekers came to him because they didn't feel like waiting in line for one from stars like quarterback Tom Brady.

Little did anyone know this long shot would become one of the Wolverines' starting long snappers.

This is Sgroi's sophomore year at U-M, his first on the football team, and he would have been happy just standing on the sidelines in a U-M uniform at home games.

Earning playing time as a linebacker is still a long-range goal but his long snapping, a skill becoming more appreciated at all levels, couldn't be overlooked.

PROFILE



Joe Sgroi
U-M's long-snapper

His chance came and he made the most of it, starting as the Wolverines' long snapper on punts for the last 10 games, including U-M's thrilling overtime win over Alabama in the Orange Bowl.

After all that, signing autographs in a hotel lobby in Miami had to feel so much more natural.

It's a snap

Jeremy Miller, a 6-foot, 234-pound junior, won the long-snapping job on punts in the preseason but was lost for the season after breaking his arm against Rice in the second game.

In stepped Sgroi, who was told at mid-week before a game at Syracuse that he would take the trip and start as the long snapper on punts.

Ironically, Sgroi said he started snapping better after finding out he would be the starter.

"It was really exciting. Everyone kept saying 'this is so huge you're going to be so nervous,'" said Sgroi, 5-11 and 210 pounds. "I was more excited than nervous. We work real hard on special teams, punting in particular. Coach (Lloyd) Carr said punting is the most important play in football."

Carr was as impressed as anyone with his debut.

"I guarantee everyone in this locker room has respect for the job Joe Sgroi did this week," Carr said after that game.

The U-M punters fielded all of Sgroi's snaps this year though not all met his approval. Still, none of the punts were blocked.

"I had a few where the punter had to move more than I'd like, or reach up, but nothing over his head," Sgroi said.

With Miller returning from injury there's no assurances Sgroi will keep the job.

"He's a real good long snapper and I'll have to work real hard to keep my spot," Sgroi said.

Rob Renes, whose weight approaches 300 pounds, handled the snapping on field goals and placekicks since Sgroi is not the desired size the coaches want for those duties.

Long snapping is nothing new to Sgroi, who han-

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Cards shock Madonna

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Taking 'em to school.

It's true that Madonna University's men's basketball team is awfully young — in Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener against Concordia College, the Crusaders started three freshmen and a sophomore — but by now they must have discovered that in every game, win or lose, there's a lesson to be learned.

Certainly the Cardinals delivered one, rather harshly, at Madonna's gym Wednesday, handing the Crusaders an 80-71 whipping.

Pre-game analysis made Madonna a heavy favorite, even though the two teams entered the game with only three wins between them. However, Concordia appeared to be at a distinct disadvantage with four players unavailable for various reasons.

That left coach Chip Wilde with seven players to call upon, the tallest of them 6-foot-5 sophomore Mike Havlik. No one else was over 6-3.

With virtually no bench to summon, Wilde had to limit his team's defense to zone. Also, of the one senior and three juniors the Cards have on their roster, the senior and one of the juniors were among the missing.

No experience. No bench. No size.

And yet, Concordia — 1-13 coming into the game — dominated the Crusaders (now 2-15). The Cards refused to give in to fatigue in the second half, taking the lead for good midway through the first half and never allowing Madonna to get closer than the final margin in the game's last 10 minutes.

"The big thing is, the guys feel they've had more than their share of adversity, and it's making them stronger," said Wilde. "We have just eight guys, and one of them (freshman forward Eric Nistad) was hurt and couldn't play tonight."

"We're just trying to stay in it, keep it close and be in a position to win it. That's the attitude this

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team has."

Not giving in to adversity — that's a lesson Madonna should master.

Even though the Crusaders had a size advantage, with four players 6-5 or taller; even though they had a bit more experience, with two seniors; even though they had nine players available (Mark Mitchell, a junior forward, was out with a rib injury), including the return of sophomore Mike Massey, the team's leading scorer last season who missed three games due to a suspension; even though they had the home-court advantage, Concordia outplayed them.

"We didn't play very well," admitted Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki. "We were flat. We didn't play with any intensity. They came in here and took it to us."

"We were not smart. I'm very disappointed. I can't fault the young kids, I've got to stick with them. They had no big guys, but our big guys were non-existent."

Indeed, Concordia outrebounded Madonna 43-36. Dave Behnke, a 6-2 junior guard, rattled the Crusaders for 28 points, but just as damaging, he slid past the Madonna defenders to grab a game-high 15 rebounds.

Madonna's rebounding leader was 6-5 senior Jason Skoczylas with seven.

The game was close until the latter stages of the opening half. A basket by Trevor Hinshaw put Madonna up 21-20 with 9:33 left in the half; it was the last time the Crusaders led.

Concordia outscored Madonna 10-2 over the next five minutes and 19-10 in the last 9:33 to carry a 39-31 lead into the intermission.

Behind Massey's offensive spurt, the Crusaders closed to within 44-40 in the first 3:17 of the second half. Massey accounted for seven of their first nine points of the half.

But they never got any closer. It was 48-44 with 14:29 to go, then the Cardinals outscored

Madonna 9-2 over the next 2 1/2 minutes to open up a 57-46 lead.

DeOndre' Head added 20 points, six rebounds and two steals to Concordia's total. Jeremy Griffin had 12 points and five assists and Havlik scored 10 points. Erik Uhlinger, a sophomore guard from Livonia Churchill, contributed three assists and three steals in 29 minutes for the Cards.

Massey led Madonna with 22 points; he also had five boards and three assists. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) collected 13 points and five rebounds, Aaron Cox had 12 points, five rebounds and three steals, and Jordan Garrison scored 10 points.

Madonna women slip

A bad start proved too difficult to overcome for Madonna's women's basketball team, which lost its WHAC opener at Concordia by a 78-64 margin Wednesday.

The loss dropped the Lady Crusaders to 6-7 overall; Concordia is 8-4 overall.

The game was close through the first 10 minutes of the opening half, with Madonna trailing 20-16. But in the final nine minutes, the Cardinals put together an 18-6 scoring run that gave them a 38-22 halftime lead. Kristy Bilbie scored six of those points and Stacey Osborne had five.

Madonna managed to trim that 16-point deficit to six in the second half, the last time with 1:09 left. But the Crusaders couldn't get any closer.

Chris Dietrich paced Madonna with 20 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 12 points and nine boards, Jennifer Jacek had nine points and five rebounds, and Melissa Poma had eight points, five rebounds and four assists.

Bilbie's 22 points topped Concordia; she also had eight boards and five blocked shots. Beth Arends added 20 points, and Osborne totaled 11 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Whalers stay red-hot



BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Zepp. Zero. Zilch.

That's how much success opponents have had the past month against Rob Zepp, the Plymouth Whalers' suddenly unbeatable goaltender.

The 18-year-old draft pick of the Atlanta Thrashers won his ninth-consecutive start Wednesday night, knocking away 28 Guelph Storm shots in the Whalers' 4-2 victory.

The win — Plymouth's 13th in its past 15 games — improved the Whalers' record to 21-14-3 heading into this weekend's two-game set against London (away) and Belleville (home).

Zepp's Hasek-like streak has ignited the Whalers, who have risen from the depths of mediocrity into the role of contender in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Entering Wednesday night's game, Plymouth trailed division front-runner Sault Ste. Marie by just six points.

"Great goal-tending," Plymouth coach Peter DeBoer answered, when asked to explain the key to his team's recent resurgence. "Rob Zepp has played outstanding the past month. He's leading the league in goals against (2.32 going into Wednesday's game) and is near the top in save percentage."

"He's definitely been one of the main reasons we've been able to turn things around."

The Whalers welcomed back defenseman Shaun Fisher Wednesday night. Fisher, who resembles Jaromir Jagr in his pre-haircut days, returned to the ice after missing a month with a broken forearm.

"Shaun is the quarterback of our power play, so it was nice to get him back," DeBoer said. "We played very sound defense tonight, and Shaun had a lot to do with that."

Guelph goalie Craig Anderson matched Zepp's flawless net work for the first 20 minutes Wednesday night, turning away all eight first-period Whaler shots as the two teams battled to a scoreless tie. Zepp had 13 saves in the opening period, three of which came in a 15-second flurry with just under five minutes to play.

Plymouth's George Nastas finally broke the scoring ice just over two minutes into the second period when he rifled in a power play goal off a feed from left wing Eric Gooldy.

The Whalers doubled their lead less than two minutes later when left wing James Ramsay out-hustled two Storm defensemen to the puck just inside the blue line, then threaded a pass to Rob McBride, who back-handed a shot past Anderson.

Guelph dented the Whalers' lead at the 7:51 mark of the second period when center Joe Gerbe — the smallest player on the ice — one-timed a

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
(Through Jan. 8)				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	28	9	1	56
Kingston Frontenacs	22	11	3	46
Belleville Bulls	21	23	1	42
Peterborough Petes	19	15	4	42
Oshawa Generals	17	15	3	36
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	20	11	5	46
Sudbury Wolves	15	18	4	35
North Bay Centennials	14	18	5	34
Toronto St. M. Majors	10	25	2	23
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	30	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
SSM Greyhounds	22	15	3	51
Windsor Spitfires	23	11	1	48
Plymouth Whalers	21	14	3	46
Sarnia Sting	17	18	6	40
London Knights	10	19	5	27
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Brampton Battalion	16	18	5	39
Erie Otters	18	18	1	38
Guelph Storm	15	18	1	32
Kitchener Rangers	12	20	4	31
Owen Sound Platers	11	24	2	28

pass from Kevin Mitchell past Zepp.

Two minutes later, the Storm's Lindsay Plunkett re-directed a Mitchell shot past Zepp's outstretched blocker to tie the game at 2-2.

But the Storm's gain in momentum was short-lived thanks to Plymouth's Justin Williams, who slid a rebound shot into the net from short range with 8:33 left in the second period, making it 3-2.

It stayed that way until Plymouth's Tomas Kurka stole a Guelph clearing pass, then deposited an empty-net goal with 1:02 remaining in the game.

Plymouth racked up 17 minutes in penalties, including Jamie LaLonde's five-minute fighting major five minutes into the game. LaLonde exchanged harmless blows with Guelph's Matt House in front of the Storm net, before the two were ushered off to the penalty box.

Guelph was whistled for just three penalties, totaling nine minutes in the box.

The hardest shot of the night came off the stick of Gooldy, whose missile 10 minutes into the third period knocked Anderson's mask to the ice.

"Hopefully, we can keep playing sound defense and stay on this roll," DeBoer said, looking ahead to a jam-packed January schedule.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 11

River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Riverview at Salem, 7 p.m.
Brighton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Birm. Groves, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.

Borgess at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zee at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 10

Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 6 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Agape at Macomb Christ., 6:30 p.m.
Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at PCA, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 12
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Allen Pk., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Mercy at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
Det. Urban at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.
Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Whitmore Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Tournament, 9 a.m.
Macomb CC Invitational, TBA

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 13

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Ply. Whalers vs. Brampton at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 10

Salem vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Ladywood vs. Kingswood at Arctic Pond Arena, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Stevenson vs. Franklin, Churchill vs. A.A. Pioneer, at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

Farm. Unified vs. Troy at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Redford Unified vs. Birm. Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Northville vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Salem vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Novi vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.

Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Redford Unified at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 3 p.m.

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Alpena at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 1 p.m.

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.



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Canton, Salem splash to wins

A new beginning. That's what Ed Weber was looking at when he took over as coach of Plymouth Canton's boys swim team, and now the Chiefs have a great foundation to build on.

Weber won his first-ever home swim meet, and it came against a quality opponent last Thursday — Ann Arbor Huron. Canton prevailed by a 102-84 margin.

It wasn't the front-line talent that won this meet for the Chiefs, although they performed admirably. It was the quality of their depth that proved to be the difference.

"That's really where we won the meet — depth," said Weber. "We're pretty excited. As my athletic director put it, we're undefeated in our home pool."

Canton collected just four first-place finishes, but gathered seven seconds (in 12 events) and 11 thirds.

Individual winners for the Chiefs were Matt Wisniewski in the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.20) and Jon Heiss in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.26).

Other firsts came from the 200 medley relay team of Brad Nilson, Ed Lindow, Aaron Reeder and Matt Schacht (1:49.68), and the 200 free relay team of Reeder, Steve Rice, Nilson and Wisniewski (1:36.69).

Nilson also finished second twice, in the 200 individual medley (2:14.22) and the 100 free (51.22). Other seconds went to Wisniewski in the 500 free (5:25.23); Reeder in the 100 but-

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terfly (1:02.68); Trey Gercak in the 100 backstroke (1:04.26); Eddie Lindow in the 100 breast (1:09.25); and the 400 free relay team of Wisniewski, Rice, Aaron Ahern and Dennis Speck (3:47.26).

One pool record was broken in the meet. Huron's Chris Carver won the 200 IM in 1:58.83, nearly five seconds faster than the state qualifying standard and 1.5 better than the previous mark of 2:00.33, set by Northville's Evan Whitbeck in 1998.

Now 1-1 in dual meets, Canton opens its Western Lakes Activities Association dual season by hosting seven-time defending champion Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Rocks win a pair

Plymouth Salem concluded its pre-WLAA dual-meet campaign by routing both Novi and Dearborn Thursday in a double-dual meet at Salem.

The Rocks defeated Novi 124-62; against Dearborn, the outcome was even more lopsided — 139-46.

"It was our first meet back after the Christmas break," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I wasn't quite sure what to expect. And this was one of the first meets for Dearborn and Novi, so I wasn't sure what to expect from them."

"We could have experimented a little more, but we did pretty well. We wanted to get 2000 rolling, you know."

The Rocks did that, all right. In the win over Novi, Eric Lynn and Ben Dzialo each won two individual events; Lynn was also on two winning relay teams, while Dzialo was on one.

Salem won 10 of 12 events.

Lynn's individual firsts came in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.51) and the 500 freestyle (5:17.96); Dzialo was a winner in the 200 free (1:54.84) and the 100 butterfly (58.79).

Lynn also combined with Aaron Shelton, Jason Rebachik and Mark Witthoff in winning the 200 medley relay (1:47.97), and with Dzialo, Dan Jones and Witthoff in capturing the 400 free relay (3:33.00).

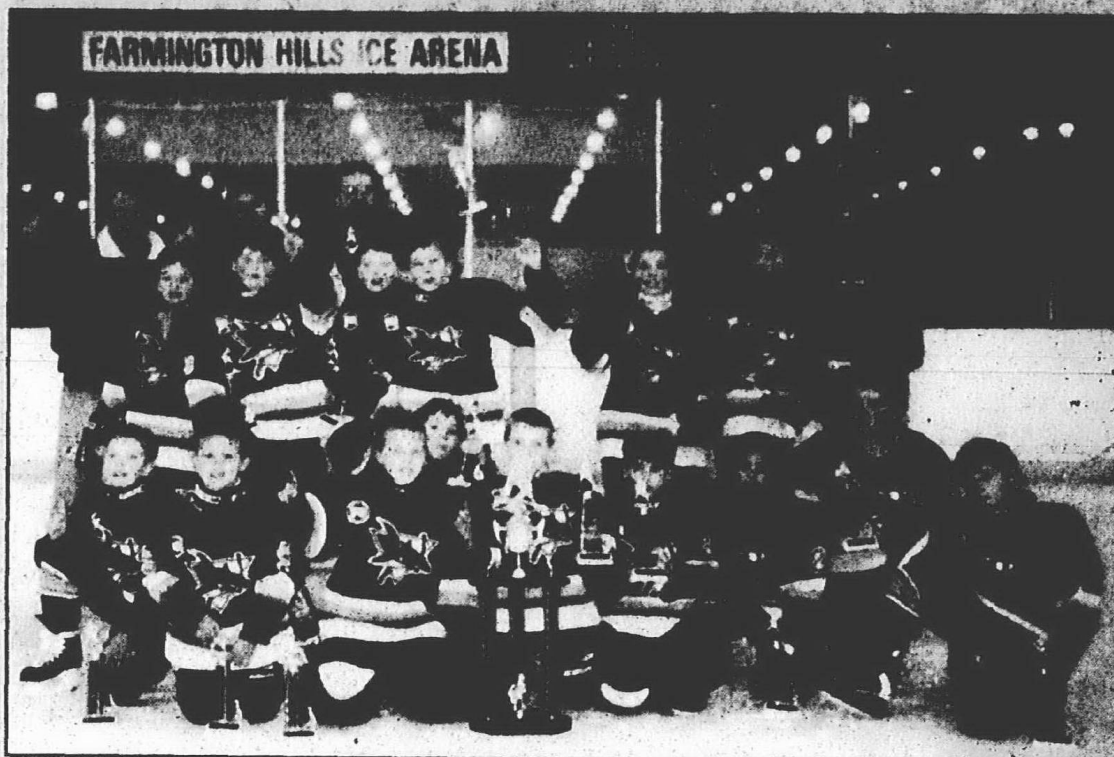
Other Salem winners against Novi were Mike Johnson in the 50 free (23.43); Jones in the 100 free (53.01); Shelton in the 100 backstroke (1:00.86); and Shelton, Rebachik, Jones and Johnson in the 200 free relay (1:34.17).

The same swims earned firsts against Dearborn. The Rocks, however, swept the Pioneers, taking top honors in all 12 events.

Greg Kubitski won the diving (170.20 points) and Rebachik finished on top in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.41).

Salem takes a 3-0 dual-meet record into its WLAA opener, 7 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Canton.

The winners!



Tournament champions: The Plymouth Canton Mite BB Hammerhead Sharks hockey team captured the championship trophy recently at the fifth annual Farmington Hills Holiday tournament in Farmington Hills Ice Arena. It is the second consecutive year the Hammerhead Sharks won the Mite BB holiday ice event. The Sharks posted a 3-0-2 tournament record, besting the Farmington Falcons 5-0 in the title game. Strong goaltending by Adams Powers and play-making by Bryan Davison earned them co-MVP honors for the tournament. Davison led the scoring effort and posted a hat trick in the championship game. Teams members pictured are (front from left) Spencer Hicks, Shawn Simancas, Scott Iannetta, Adam Powers, Andrew Doenitz, Dominic Bonnell, Nick Pizzo, Roman Kahler and Jeremy Lindlbauer. Also (standing from left) Wesley Brock, Michael Schultz, Bryan Davison, Ian Barnaby, David Swierszczyk and Sam Ott. Team member David Grassley is not pictured. Head coach is Tim Davison (right back row). Assistant coaches are (back from left) Jeff Powers, Jerry Simancas, Frank Iannetta and John Kahler. Red Lobster sponsored the Sharks in the holiday ice event.

Depp's late goal earns Chiefs a 4-4 tie

Sean Depp's power-play goal at 11:37 of the final period gave Plymouth Canton (6-4-1, 3-3-1) a 4-4 tie Wednesday with Livonia Franklin (4-2-2, 3-2-2) in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey match played at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

John Bockstanz and Eric Mayer assisted on the goal.

Franklin jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Josh Garbutt (from Gordie Statham) and Trevor Skocen (from Adamy Bierley).

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Canton got two back in the second period — Dave Comminsky (from Brad Wolfe and Nick Norviller) and Wolfe, a power-play from Jeremy Majszak.

The Chiefs took the lead early in the third period on Wolfe's second goal

from Majszak, but Franklin answered at 7:31 on Andy Garbutt's goal from Gordie Statham and Josh Garbutt, followed by Josh Garbutt's goal at 10:23 from Paul and Gordie Statham.

Chris Garbutt stopped 18 shots in the Franklin nets, while Ryan Zielinski turned away 25 in the Canton goal.

"Chris Garbutt played a great game

for us," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "But we played sloppy and very undisciplined in our systems. A few of our players played very well, but we did not have a team effort."

"Canton is a very good hockey team and Dan Abraham has them working them hard."

"They were the better team in the ice, but we got lucky with the tie."

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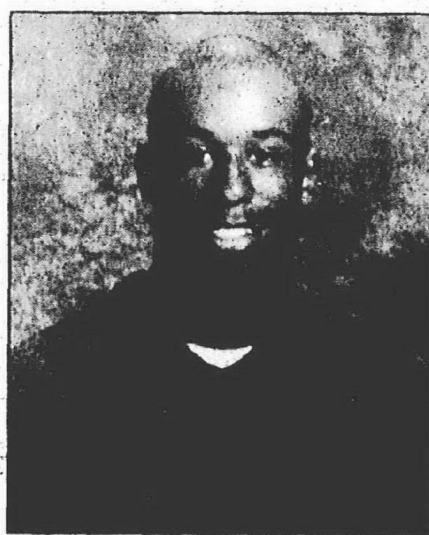
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Brighton outscores Canton

In some ways, Plymouth Canton's dual meet against Brighton Wednesday was actually a step forward. As the Chiefs gymnastics coach, John Cunningham, pointed out, "Compared to the 199 we scored against Ann Arbor Huron, our routines were probably cleaner."

Unfortunately, those routines were also full of missteps.

Which is why the Chiefs scored just 129.95 — seemingly a step backwards to some, but not to Cunningham.

An attempt to do more difficult routines worked in many instances, but also resulted in a higher number of slips.

"We fell on (uneven parallel) bars, we fell on (balance) beam, and we've been working on some big-time vault routines, but most

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were small-time," he said.

If there's any consolation, it's that Brighton — certainly one of the top contenders for the state championship — would have been tough to beat with even a great performance. The Bulldogs scored 140.85 in the meet, nearly 11 points better than Canton.

Brighton's Kim Matte posted an all-around score of 36.45, finishing first in the bars with a 9.15, the beam with a 9.45 and the floor exercise with a 9.6.

The Bulldogs' Jenn Dion added a 35.45 all-around score.

Canton's best all-around total was 33.65

by Liz Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald finished third overall in vault with an 8.75, fourth in beam with an 8.3 and fourth in floor with an 8.8.

Other top scores for the Chiefs came from Amy Driscoll, who posted a 32.95 all-around by finishing third in floor with a 9.0 and fifth in bars with an 8.3; and Kristen Schilk, whose 31.25 all-around total was forged with a 7.85 in beam and an 8.45 (sixth) in floor.

Despite the mistakes, Cunningham was "quite impressed with my kids." He figures Canton should be capable of cutting the deficit between itself and Brighton in half by season's end.

Canton is at Walled Lake Monday, then travels to the Rockford Invitational Saturday.

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the Chiefs. Nether put in a banker from underneath and was fouled; he converted the three-point play to make it 25-21 with 22.6 seconds left. The Rocks then turned it over and Canton's Jason Waidmann scored with eight seconds to go, making it 25-23 Salem at the half.

Neither team led by more than five in the second half. Finding a single factor responsible for the win is difficult, but one pivotal element favoring Canton was its long-range shooting. The Chiefs had six threes to Salem's two.

Two of Canton's triples came in the closing seconds of the third quarter, one by Nick Cabaatan with 32 seconds left and, after Gabe Coble scored on a putback for Salem, another by Reddy at the buzzer to give the Chiefs a 36-35 lead.

Jeff Haar got the opening basket of the final quarter to put the Rocks back in front by a point, but Canton took the lead — for good, as it turned out — by scoring the next five points.

Salem kept it close, however. Consecutive baskets by Matt McCaffrey in a 24-second span narrowed Canton's five-point lead to one with 25 seconds left.

But both teams missed key free throws down the stretch, with the Chiefs' Nether and Dan McLean and Salem's Andy Koccoloski each making 1-of-2 in the last 18 seconds.

"The kids played awfully hard, and they played smart," said Salem's Brodie, noting his team committed just 14 turnovers. "We had chances. Both teams had chances the whole game."

"We haven't been very good at the line all season. And when you're behind, you've got to make them."

Salem was 15-of-24 (62.5 percent) at the line; Canton converted 13-of-21 (61.9 percent).

Nether led Canton with 14 points — seven of them coming

in the fourth quarter. Reddy finished with 13 and Waidmann had eight.

Salem got 16 points and eight rebounds from McCaffrey; Cook and Haar added eight apiece.

"We've been fighting and fighting," said Young. "We've been in so many games like this. But we kept fighting and hung in there against a great team."

"The guys made the plays down the stretch. Players make plays — that's what we've been saying."

In a game like this, all it took was one player making one play more than the opposition.

PCA 65, Monroe St. Mary's CC 51: Plymouth Christian Academy arrived late for the start of the second half, and it nearly cost the Eagles.

After building a 31-16 lead over Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Friday at PCA, the Eagles frittered it away by sleepwalking through most of the third period, getting outscored 16-3 in the quarter.

"They went to a half-court press in the third quarter, and for some reason it was real effective," said PCA coach Doug Taylor.

But the Eagles awoke in time, using an electrifying dunk by Mike Huntsman midway through the last quarter to pull away from the Falcons.

PCA evened its overall record at 2-2. St. Mary's CC is 3-4.

Dave Carty led four Eagles to reach double figures in scoring, pouring in 20 points — including 10-of-13 from the free-throw line. Derric Isensee added 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals. D.J. Sherrill had 16 points, and Huntsman finished with 11 points and 12 boards.

St. Mary's CC got 14 points from Eric Lehmann and 12 from Ben Brenton.

CC outshoots Borgess; Glenn stalls

It was an NBA kind of night as Redford Catholic Central outgunned Redford Bishop Borgess, 105-85, in a Catholic League Central Division boys basketball game played Friday at Detroit Benedictine.

Junior guard Ryan Celeskey led the victorious Shamrocks (3-4, 1-1) with 31 points and eight rebounds. Senior forward Rob Sparks added 23 points, while junior guard Anthony Coratti contributed 19.

Donald Didlake paced Borgess (3-3, 1-1) with 22 points.

CC rang up 15 three-pointers and led 50-31 at intermission.

Northville 67, John Glenn 52: Aaron Redden poured in 21 points Friday as the visiting Mustangs rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to upend host Westland John Glenn (2-3) in the Western Lakes Activities Association opener for both

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teams.

Dave Gregor and Tim Ferng added 15 and 11, respectively, for Northville, which outscored Glenn 44-19 in the second half.

Yaku Moton, a 6-foot-8 senior center, led Glenn with 18 points and 15 rebounds. He scored 13 in the second half.

Brent Bogle and Michael Goree contributed 15 and 10, respectively.

W.L. Central 85, Franklin 82 (2 OT): The Patriots gave the host Vikings a battle but fell just a shot short.

Mike Copeland hit a 15-footer with one second to go in regulation to tie the score, 66-66, for Livonia Franklin (1-5) and the two teams staggered through the first overtime until time ran out

with the score still deadlocked.

"Once we fell behind," said Patriots' Coach Dan Robinson, "we never really got back on top. We had some shots and opportunities we didn't take advantage of."

Franklin held a 36-27 lead at the half but was outscored in each of the final two periods of regulation.

The Patriots got 21 points plus 10 rebounds from forward Joe Ruggiero and 19 points plus nine rebounds from center Copeland. Tim Borrie had 18 points, including four three-pointers.

Steve Horn burned Franklin for 32 points, also making four long-distance shots. He also sank all but one of his seven free throws.

Central made 26-of-45 free throws, a statistic that was padded because Franklin had to foul at the end of the game. The

Patriots made 16-of-26 free throws.

Milford 55, Franklin 32: Livonia Franklin (1-4) stayed close for three quarters Wednesday before the host Redskins (7-0) pulled away with a 19-6 run in the final quarter.

Mike Tobin, a 6-foot-8 senior, led Milford with 14 points. Mike Callahan, a 6-2 forward, added 13.

Franklin got a team-high 10 points from Mike Copeland.

The Patriots were ice cold from the field, shooting just 25.4 percent (14 of 55).

"If we had shot the ball decently, we could have made a game of it," said Franklin coach Dan Robinson, whose team trailed 22-16 at intermission. "Some of it was Milford's defense, and some of it was our inability to shoot."

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dled those duties four years at CC and since the fourth grade at St. Michael School in Livonia.

"John Dupuie (a St. Michael coach) taught me, he is real good at it," Sgroi said. "That's definitely where I learned it."

Sgroi was a two-year starter at linebacker for the Shamrocks, earning first team All-Observer honors as a senior when CC won a Class AA state championship.

When used exclusively as a long snapper, Sgroi takes a different mentality to the field.

"It's so much different going in to long snap as opposed to high school where you're playing every single play," he said. "In high school you try to get so pumped up. Now it's just the opposite and I just try to relax. You could be too excited and intense and snap the ball over the punter's head."

Academics first

Sgroi attended a U-M football camp the summer before his senior year at CC and knew his only chance to ever play there would be to walk on.

He passed up football scholarship offers to smaller schools and decided to attend U-M for academic reasons, choosing to not play as a freshman. He carries a 3.2 grade point average and hopes to be accepted into the business school.

"I talked to the (U-M) coaches and they invited me to play as a walk on but I changed my mind and thought my career was over," said Sgroi, who had a change of heart after his first semester. "I kind of missed it and after being here said 'I could hang with those guys.'"

The snap is the No. 1 priority but Sgroi managed a few tackles, including one that caused a fumble which was recovered by a teammate against Northwestern.

He also had a humbling experience against Penn State when an opponent put him on his back while chasing a Nittany Lions' punt returner.

"I was coming down the field to make the tackle and the guy was mirroring me down the field," Sgroi said. "When the returner turned down field, I opened a clear shot for (the Penn State blocker) and he flipped me around pretty good."

Sgroi hopes to someday earn a scholarship at U-M or more playing time on special teams, and even at linebacker where the depth is plenty and gets better each recruiting year.

Sgroi isn't as undersized as he is slower than the Wolverines linebackers on scholarship.

"That's what I'm working towards, being on the field as much as possible," he said.

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The Rocks are expected to compete at North Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Canton falls to Western

After such a promising start to their season, Thursday's WLAA opener against Walled Lake Western was less than hoped for.

The Chiefs let a 15-point lead escape and ended up suffering their first dual-meet loss, 39-36. They are 4-1 overall.

"It's a little disappointing," said Canton coach John Dem-sick. "We came up short. In a couple of matches, it seemed we didn't have the fire."

"I knew Western was very strong and it would be tough, but we could have won it."

When Canton's Shahein Rajae pinned Western's Ron Grabowski in 2:46 in the 171-pound match, the Chiefs had a 36-21 advantage. But the Warriors responded, getting pin wins from Pat Clark at 189, Neil Rutherford at 215 and Tony Henery at 275.

"A number of our guys did extremely well," said Dem-sick. "We're still working on the building (of the team). This does give us a wake-up call, a reminder that we have a ways to go."

Canton winners were Kyle Pitt at 103, with a pin of Dan Drenikewski in 1:06; Doy Dem-sick at 119, with a pin of Craig Bujold in :39; Greg Musser at 130, with a 4-2 decision over Adam Lessner; John Pocock at 140, with a pin of Mike Law in 1:10; Joe Faraoni at 145, with a 6-5 decision over Geoff Zilan; and Mike Bonner at 160, with a win over Josh Bagalay by disqualification.

The Chiefs host WLAA foe Livonia Churchill at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Maybe playing on kickoffs or a little bit at linebacker. Most of the linebackers here are 230 or under so size is not a big disadvantage."

His parents, Roy and Kathy, appreciate the replays of his games more than he does.

"We do nothing but watch film all week long," Joe laughs. "I get to see a lot of snaps during the week."

Roy Sgroi, a Michigan State graduate, has done the unthinkable,

changing allegiance to U-M.

Sgroi's younger brother, Mike, is a junior at CC and an outstanding placekicker. Joe's brother and parents attended the Orange Bowl.

Joe dreams of someday snapping for his brother's field goal or extra point attempts in a U-M game.

"He's never been a Michigan fan but he's starting to become one," Joe said of his brother.

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103 pounds: Matt Koziara (CC) decisioned Mike Luft, 11-2; **112:** Chris O'Hara (CC) pinned Larry Scates, :35; **119:** Tim Mulroy (CC) pinned Ethan Durer, 1:08; **126:** Josh Crawford (CC) pinned Ryan Harrell, 5:45; **130:** Justin Geraldo (LW) pinned Ben Kreucher, 2:31; **135:** Jeff Wheeler (CC) won on void; **140:** Jay Abshire (CC) won on void; **145:** Nick Van Core (LW) pinned Mike Werner, 5:45; **152:**

Sean Bell (CC) won on void; **160:** Mitch Hancock (CC) won on void; **171:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) won on void; **189:** Frank Mathias (CC) won on void; **215:** Matt Williams (CC) won on void; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (CC) won on void.

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103: Scott Cornell (GL) pinned Koziara, 4:48; **112:** Bobby Beach (GL) pinned Chris O'Hara, 1:59; **119:** Mulroy (CC) pinned Bobby Corey, 1:19; **126:** Steel Osborn (GL) pinned Josh

Crawford, 1:44; **130:** Jake Ambler (GL) pinned Kreacher, 2:51; **135:** Wheeler (CC) dec. Justin Le, 18-3; **140:** Abshire (CC) pinned Josh Upti-grove, :32; **145:** Tyler Hubert (GL) pinned Werner, 2:22; **152:** Bell pinned Brandon Smith, 1:54; **160:** Hancock (CC) pinned Jacot Thom, 1:24; **171:** Dan Paft (GL) dec. Rogowski, 11-10; **189:** Jacob Carter (GL) dec. Andy Conlin, 13-6; **215:** Brian Chayne (GL) pinned Williams, 1:13; **heavyweight:** Andy Isler (GL) dec. Parr.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Sculptor goes public about the role of art

When Sergio DeGiusti was approached by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to create a sculpture for its new building in downtown Detroit, one of the Redford artist's first considerations was giving a face to the health care company. DeGiusti believes public art should make viewers think and not just serve as decoration. He'll give a lecture on the subject, and show slides of public art, including his 9-foot bronze sculpture of mankind in different stages of life and death, Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Farmington Hills Branch Library.

DeGiusti hopes passers-by search for their own meaning in the shrouded figures emerging from "Urban Stele," installed in October in front of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield headquarters in downtown Detroit.

Concern for mankind

The word 'Stele' refers to an upright slab or pillar which is engraved with inscriptions or images, and used as a monument or commemorative mark.



Urban Stele: Sergio DeGiusti stands next to the bronze sculpture he created for the plaza in front of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield building in downtown Detroit.

er. The front of "Urban Stele" looks like an ancient frieze and incorporates the heads of people from various cultures amidst flowing drapery. The back includes an imaginary landscape that speaks to the natural forces of time on our planet. Fossils and anthropological remnants symbolize primordial life.

"I wanted to show that Blue Cross/Blue Shield stands for helping others, a concern for mankind," said DeGiusti. "I want them to feel something about our time, who we are, maybe bring their own concerns to it. Every person will see something different. You have to leave out the obvious. When you don't, there's nothing to think about."

Artists who "play it safe" is one of the concerns DeGiusti will address in the lecture hosted by the Farmington Artists Club.

"Public art is part of a history of people, a reflection of the values of a society," said DeGiusti who feels "that the public art being created today lacks insight." In the lecture, he'll discuss

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Spirit Earth: Todd Marsee exhibits his paintings in a one-man show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Todd Marsee is not averse to using any method necessary to create his paintings. A wax paper technique gives the exteriors of cathedrals a lyrical look, while the mixing of acrylic wall paint, watercolors and inks imparts the images of leaves onto newer works. Marsee began painting ginkgo leaves to experiment with a new set of watercolors.

All of these innovations can be seen in "Spirit Earth," Marsee's one-man exhibition at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The show demonstrates that there are no limits for Marsee when it comes to conveying the beauty of nature and architecture in painting. The Plymouth artist even collaborated on a watercolor of a stained glass window and gargoyle with his wife, Kara. He painted the ethereal window; she the gargoyle, a creature that seems to come to life before it.

"Part of the excitement is that I don't always know what I'm going to come up with," said Marsee.

Love of nature

A lone evergreen appears throughout many of the works and frequently is silhouetted against a purple sky. Marsee uses it to convey to viewers a love of nature. He and Kara enjoy hiking in the mountains in Colorado and on Lake Superior's shoreline.

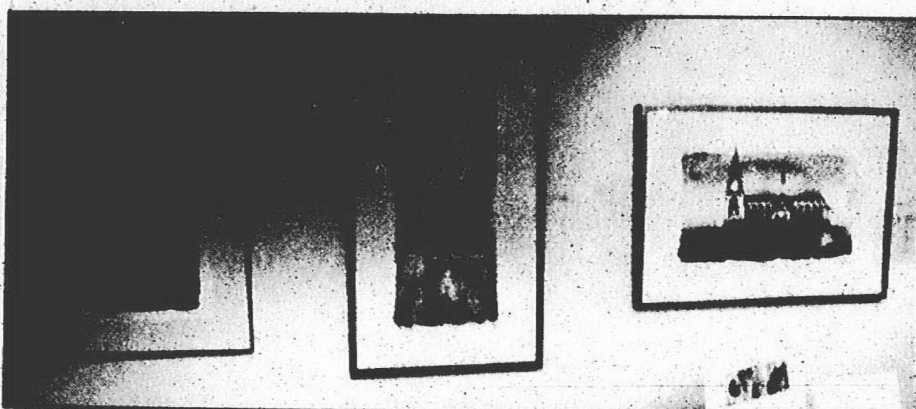
"The tree is an interpretation of a view you'd have in the Rockies," said Marsee. "Sitting on the mountains, you can look out and feel your connection to the universe. The pine tree represents the forest. The circle is spirituality and the universe. The colors I chose to be soothing. I hope people get a feeling of relaxation, that all humankind is one on this earth. I would like to stress peace with everyone."

"Spirit Earth"

What: Todd Marsee exhibits recent watercolors inspired by nature and architecture.

When: Through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Tuesday and Thursday, and until 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, weekends by appointment.

Where: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278.



Gothic architecture: A trip to Spain inspired Todd Marsee's paintings "Cathedral" (left), "Cozart Cathedral" and "Ode to Joy."

Marsee's Cherokee-and-Osage heritage inspired his Indian-theme works "Dream Spirit" and "Earth, Wind, Fire, Water." Between them they incorporate bird feathers, a wasp nest and oak leaves retrieved from vegetation and creatures living on Mother Earth.

One of the first works in which he dealt with the subject of nature, "Earth 94," was painted during his student days at Sienna Heights College in Adrian. It was while he was studying for a bachelor of fine arts degree that Marsee met Kara.

"I started that in college. Walking along on hikes, I'm always picking up leaves," said Marsee. "The ginkgo-leaf paintings were inspired by hiking. There's quite a few ginkgo trees around town. I'm trying to capture the spirit of the earth through a leaf."

Full circle

Marsee comes full circle with the show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Classes at the arts council aroused Marsee's curiosity about drawing and painting when he was young.

"I took my first classes downtown at the PCAC when I was 7 or 8, so it's an honor to have a show here. It shows how important it is to support the arts."

Arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin bought a four-panel work that incorporates many of Marsee's subjects. She's been following his painting for some time.

"I love his work because I love nature," said Tobin. "Todd has such a unique motif. I can spot his work anywhere. I first saw it at Bushel's Cafe and then at Art in the Park in Plymouth. The one I bought has a bit of all of his favorite subjects - a

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pine tree, leaves and a planet. It's earthy."

Marsee's interest in gothic architecture comes shining through in the translucent paintings of cathedrals. "Ode to Joy" was created while listening to Marsee's favorite Beethoven symphony. A trip to Spain inspired the paintings "Cathedral" and "Cozart Cathedral."

Marsee fell in love with the Gothic architecture of cathedrals while visiting Spain with his class from Plymouth Salem High School. His interpretations of the cathedrals have an ethereal feel to them, as if they were part of the earth. It's a complete departure from the designs Marsee produces for his day job as creative director at Insite Web Design in Plymouth. Clicking keys

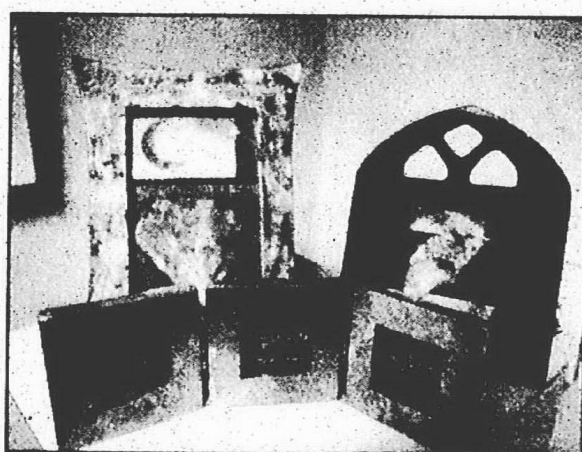
and a mouse, Marsee creates and maintains client Web sites.

The Gothic cathedrals are "a conglomeration of all the cathedrals I've seen," said Marsee. "They're amazing pieces of architecture with detail everywhere you look."

Reasonable

At a time when art prices are soaring, Marsee's works are reasonably priced. Unframed paintings sell for as little as \$15.

"I want them to hang on people's walls and not in my basement," said Marsee.



Bird's eye view: Todd Marsee's smaller works make a nice grouping for an end table, shelf or just about anywhere.

DANCE

Events provide overview of history, styles of dance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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To simply say the Stuttgart Ballet is one of the most respected and oldest ballet companies in the world - dating back to 1609 - might leave the wrong impression.

To add that the German-based company woos audiences with technical precision and beauty still wouldn't conjure up the full picture for those interested in attending their local debut this week at the Detroit Opera House.

Stuttgart's current contemporary repertoire is known for giving dance-goers astonishing beauty and amazing precision, while seducing their audiences.

"Because of the athleticism and the movement and the dealing with relationships - male and female dancing together - and the costumes, it is very seductive," said Bradley Stroud, director of dance at Michigan Opera Theatre, presenters of the concert.

"With a lot of contemporary dance, you don't know what's going on, and it's not fun to watch," said Stroud of Birmingham. "This is so beautiful, even those audience members who don't know much about contemporary dance will enjoy the performance."

Of the six sizzling pieces slated to entice Detroit



Body power: The Stuttgart Ballet's athletic ability and stamina flows in the company's performance of "Kazimir's Colours."

audiences, one, entitled "Delta Inserts," comes from choreographer Kevin O'Day, a native of Detroit.

O'Day, who has performed with several nationally recognized companies, including the American Ballet Theatre, the Joffrey Ballet and Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oak Dance Project, is known for keeping his dancers in constant, kinetic motion within the space of the stage.

Set to gritty, electronic, blues-based music by American composer John King, "Delta Inserts" explores love and war between the sexes and gender roles at the close of the 20th century. O'Day shifts between pitting his dancers against one another and unifying them in action. And, the effect is a dramatic and turbulent display of athletic prowess.

While several pieces from the company's Detroit program are set to music by classical composers (Brahms, Shostakovich, Vivaldi and Bach), and the marks of classical ballet are ample throughout the wide-ranging production, Stuttgart takes a turn towards performance art with "Dos Amores."

Taking love in all its forms, particularly the phenomenon of falling in love, as its subject, "Dos Amores" incorporates six silver pendulums and 12 dancers into the choreography. Two poems written

Perspectives on dance

■ **Stuttgart Ballet:** Sensual ballet works including "Delta Inserts," choreographed by Detroit native Kevin O'Day and three American premieres. **Detroit Opera House.** Detroit, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets \$17-62. Students from local dance studios who contact DOH receive two tickets for the price of one. Call the box office, (313) 237-7464 or TicketMaster, (248) 645-6666.

■ **Bebe Miller Company:** Challenging cultural identities through post-modern dance. **Power Center for Performing Arts.** Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Tickets \$16-32. Call (734) 764-2538.

■ **When the Spirit Moves:** Exhibit of dance as a subject of African American art and conveyor of history. **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History/Detroit Historical Museum.** Detroit. Exhibit opens Saturday, Jan. 22, and continues through Sunday, April 23. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. Call (313) 494-5800.

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cuss what is good art, and what is decoration.

DeGiusti should know. He's been creating and photographing sculpture for more than 30 years. If you missed his exhibit at the Cary Gallery in Rochester in October, plan to attend the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's showcase of DeGiusti's work in September.

Challenging people

"We want to be placing art-works for people to learn something. Public art has to challenge people's perception of a monument. The decorative is mundane with highly recognizable imagery that doesn't challenge the psyche. European sculpture has a history of not being afraid to challenge the public."

Blue Cross/Blue Shield spokesperson Kaye Moore-Doane likes DeGiusti's work because it prods viewers to contemplate its meaning. DeGiusti was just one of five artists the health care company chose to create art in this manner. A mobile by Christine Hagedorn of Troy was installed inside the new building at Lafayette and Beaubien. Detroit artist Gilda Snowden

■ 'We invite visitors and potential members to attend the lecture because Sergio DeGiusti is so well known. I want to see more of his work and hear him talk. You always learn something.'

Alice Hoch

Farmington Artists Club spokesperson

Painted a colorful abstract for the lobby. Robert Sestock, Royal Oak, and Kenneth Thompson, Blissfield, created outdoor sculptures.

The commissioning of public art is part of an ongoing commitment by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to support Michigan artists while creating a pleasant working environment for employees.

"Our art committee had a specific agenda," said Moore-Doane, who works in Southfield. "We're going into the new millennium. We wanted to stress that we help people go from sickness to wellness. And part of those who we care for are children."

In addition to content, DeGiusti had to take into account the site where the sculpture would be installed. At the lecture, DeGiusti will give a brief description of the process that

goes into creating a sculpture, right down to having Booms Stone Co. of Redford cut the granite base on which it rests. Most of DeGiusti's commissions are displayed on walls, so size was a consideration also. This relief would not grace a wall like the 20-panel frieze DeGiusti created for the State of Michigan Library and Archives in Lansing.

"We invite visitors and potential members to attend the lecture because Sergio DeGiusti is so well known," said Alice Hoch, Farmington Artists Club spokesperson. "I want to see more of his work and hear him talk. You always learn something."

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

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by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda overlay contrasting musical selections, sparse percussion and baroque by Vivaldi.

Unlike most New York City-based dance companies, which are attracted to straight, clean lines and quick movements, the Stuttgart embraces hallmarks of Western European dance, lyrical beauty and emotion.

"(Stuttgart) is a different vocabulary, a totally different movement," said Stroud. "You recognize a lot of classical ballet in this, but it's contemporary. It's a good indoctrination for anyone who has not seen a lot of contemporary dance."

Dance, like technology, boomed in the 20th century and is poised to evolve in new directions in the next millennium, particularly as dance companies and performance venues search for ways to make dance more accessible and appealing to mainstream audiences.

Dance created today engages us in dialogues about politics and culture, relays historical experience and, even, impacts other art forms.

While that might sound like a stretch, it comes together when audiences are able to consider

contrasting dance styles at once. And, metropolitan Detroit dancers and those curious about the art form have been afforded such an opportunity.

Along with Stuttgart's visit, two radically different dance events are slated for January: a visual exhibit of African American dance in art and history opens Jan. 22 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Historical Museum.

Running through April 23, the exhibit explores how African American art portrays their culture's dance, and how these dance forms represented the African American experience and generally impacted American dance.

New York's Bebe Miller Company also takes up issues of cultural identity on Jan. 15 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

A product of post-modern dance, choreographer Bebe Miller mixes performance art with contemporary dance, making political statements about race and community along the way.

In "Going to the Wall," one of two pieces the company will pre-

sent, the audience witnesses a series of stories representing community, "otherness," group rebellion and aloneness. In "Solo," Miller herself performs the music and monologues that accompany the choreography.

"With Bebe Miller it's not just what's happening on the stage with movement," said Ben Johnson, director of education and audience development for the University Musical Society, which produces the event.

"It's the overall effect of the production. She sets an introspective mood. It's a very meditative experience."

The program includes a post-performance discussion led by Miller and a pre-performance lecture to help audience members less familiar with post-modern and contemporary dance put the company's work in context.

"That's what it's all about - educating our audiences," said Johnson. "I think that there are a lot of exciting things going on in dance right now. People who are into theater and visual art would have a natural connection with dance today. These are art creators, rather than just dancers."

ART BEAT

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JAZZ MUSICIANS WANTED

The Schoolcraft College Jazz band has a few openings for the second semester. Rehearsals/auditions will be held Monday, Jan. 10 in Room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

There are possible openings for drums, piano, guitar, and other sections. For more information, call Jack Pierson at (734) 420-8984.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Schoolcraft College's music department continues its free concert series with violinist Paul Kantor, cellist Sarah Cleveland, pianist Michelle Cooker, and

soprano Glenda Kirkland noon Wednesday, Jan. 12 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Program highlights include the Trio, Opus 32 by Anton Arensky and selected songs by Sergei Rachmaninov.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet Plymouth watercolorist Toni Stevens at a reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Stevens' one-woman show, "Looking Back/Facing Forward," continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the library.

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

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22. "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening.

Tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5, \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations or more information, call (734) 397-6450.

Mother Goose will delight young children with a visit. Magician/folklorist Marc LeJarett dazzles children and adults with magic tricks woven in his tales of old. Adult workshops will stress the use of story to preserve family history and build character. The children's show takes place 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center.





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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

The Oakland University Community Chorus will hold auditions for new singers from the community 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 11 in Room 134 Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus. Following the audition, regular rehearsal will be held 7:45-10 p.m. This is the second half of the Oakland University Community Chorus' 37th Season. The Chorus will perform its spring concert on April 14 at Varner Recital Hall on the OU campus. Highlighting the program will be Arthur Honegger's oratorio, "King David." Vocal experience is required. Registration Fee is \$40. For more info, call (248) 370-2030 (department office), or (248) 370-2038 (director's office).

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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.

CANTATA ACADEMY

Auditions for new members will be held on Sundays in January. The choir has appeared with every major orchestra in the Detroit area and has made biennial tours to Europe. Experienced singers are asked to call the organization's voice mail at (248) 358-9868.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, ballroom, stretch classes for ages 3 to adult: 5951 John R. Troy, (248) 828-4080.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals begin at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in oil, watercolor, mixed media, portraits and figurative drawing at Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 455-9517.

CLASSES

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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Registration runs now through Jan. 10 for classes on abstract painting, portfolio preparation and beginning blacksmithing. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Winter 2000 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan 15. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the



Notable: William Moss painted Music Hall in Detroit when it was Michigan's only Cinerama theater. Moss will sign his prints and the "Days of Detroit" calendar, which benefits the Detroit Historical Society, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16 at Creative Framing & Gallery, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. His visit coincides with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Gallery co-owners Chris Burke and Pat Korona invite the public to "feel free to come inside and warm up with Bill and have a cup of hot chocolate." For more information, call (734) 453-2810.

Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

DRAWING & PAINTING

Classes taught by Karen Halpern - watercolor painting Wednesdays, Jan. 12-March 22; drawing, Mondays, Jan. 10-March 20; oil and acrylic, Fridays, Jan. 14-March 24. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 738-2500.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills, (248) 852-5850.

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Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, (248) 967-4030.

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

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Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly. 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland, (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

The afternoon meeting and concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 features numerous musicians with a program dedicated to the National Federation of Music Clubs. Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

BORDERS MUSIC

Michael Gould performs the Japanese bamboo flute at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14 at Borders Books & Music, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-3980.

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Piano soloist Anna Sorokhtei performs 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Kresge Court, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

CANTORIAL CONCERT

Cantor Stephen Dubov, from Temple Beth El and pianist Marty Mandelbaum will perform at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 in Jaffe Hall at the

Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-1000.

THE CASSIDYS

The Dublin group with champion dancer will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16 at Athens High School, John R at Wattles, Troy. For information call (810) 979-8406.

CHOPIN RECITAL

Piotr Folkert performs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14 - Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, Hagopian World of Rugs, downtown Birmingham, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 - "Fantasia and More" at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, featuring performances by baritone Simon Estes and several Detroit church choirs, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Call (313) 576-5111.

SPIRIT ARISING

A celebration of faith at the dawn of a new millennium takes place in downtown Birmingham, Jan. 9 featuring preacher Dr. Tony Campolo and Christian recording artist Ken Medema, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. Medema will offer a musical concert at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9. First Baptist Church, 300 Willis at Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-0550.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch for ten weeks, Mondays, beginning Jan. 24. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Animal Tracks: learn to identify bird and mammal tracks for ages 5 and up. 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 15. Pre-registration required by Jan. 9. The Sunday Brunch & Science Lecture Series presents Thirty Years of Earth Surfaces: The Earthinspired Art of Irving Zane Iwan, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Reservations required at (248) 645-3210. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, 1-800-GO-CRANBROOK.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER

Various Kindermusik classes for new born to 7 years now through April 22. Enroll anytime. Classes held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 354-9109.

KINDERMUSIK

For children 18 months through 3 years. Weekly classes of singing, dancing and playing musical instruments. Classes are Saturdays 10:30 a.m., and 11:11-45 for ages 3-1/2. The Winter term begins Saturday, Jan. 15 at Marygrove

College, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit, (313) 927-1253.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. A 10-week class on Wed. and Thurs. beginning Jan. 26 and 27. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

LECTURE

MICH ORIENTAL ART SOCIETY

A lecture by Susan Erickson, entitled "Collecting Art in China: Berthold Laufer's Expeditions," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, Troy Library, Big Beaver at I-75, Troy, (248) 398-7696.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through March 26 - Joseph Grigely. Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. Deaf since age 10, Grigely's work explores social interactions and the nuances of language. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, 1-800-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Opens Jan. 15 - Alejandro Garcia Nelo: Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican folk art through Feb. 13. Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 -



On the range: The photo, "Red Fox With Sunglasses," is among the works for sale at the Winter Indian Antique Art Show Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at the Cowboy Trader, 251 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 647-8833.

"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 Feb. 13 - The Painted Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Opens Friday, Jan. 14 - Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes through April 2. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

TROY MUSEUM

Through March 30 - "Going West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars," 60 Wattles, Troy, (248) 524-3570.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY

Through Jan. 29 - "From Papyrus to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible," 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-9377.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE

Opens Saturday, Jan. 15 - Marji Silk: The New Millennium through Feb. 5. Artist's reception 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. 2800 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills, (248) 544-1203.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Opens Friday, Jan. 14 - Diversity: Focus on India through Feb. 14. U of M Dearborn campus, Mardigan Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 593-5058.

COWBOY TRADER

Jan. 14 & 15 - Winter Indian Antique Art Show. 251 Merrill St., Upper Level, downtown Birmingham, (248) 647-8833.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Opens Tues. Jan. 11 - Bey Walker: The Light Beyond through Feb. 5. 215 East Washington Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2257.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through Jan. 28 - Exhibition 2000 BBAC Faculty, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866.

CASS CAFE

An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

The Jesters of Paul Katinich, 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak, (248) 584-2223.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 28 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit, (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Feb. 14 - Candace Compton Pappas and Stephen Coyle. Through Feb. 5 - Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

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

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

CPOP GALLERY

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

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 993-7813.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Jan. 22 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wishes, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 29 - Works by various artists. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 333-2060.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 22 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert, and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 642-8250.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Feb. 26 - Minotaur & Models: Important Intaglio Prints from Pablo Picasso's La Suite Vollard. 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Jan. 28 - Mixed media of Norma McQueen. Through Jan. 31 - Watercolor portrait of Toni Stevens. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby. Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, (734) 466-2540.

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

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Feb. 26 - "Yixing 2K," featuring more than 70 pieces of Chinese Yixing Teaware. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through Jan. 26 - "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 416-4ART.

SISSON ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 14 - Unconformity: Unexpected Layering. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-6490.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY

Through Jan. 28 - Renard Mock: Mock of the Times. University of Michigan School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0397.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 28 - Images of East. Spirituality with Southfield artist, Chantelle Jeter. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield, (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Jan. 31 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equila Slaughter. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, (248) 948-0470.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 15 - Carrie Seid. New Work. 2021 E. Third Street, Royal Oak, (248) 544-3288.

WOODS GALLERY

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

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB

Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

CRANBROOK

Docent training begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24 with a presentation about Cranbrook and its storied history. Training continues through March 27 with lectures by various Cranbrook experts. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For information about docents, call Joeliene Magoto at (248) 645-3314 or Rob Saarnio at (248) 645-3733.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-0247.

FAR CONSERVATORY

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

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Add color to winter looks with gloves and hats

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

While the outlook for spring apparel is bright and sunny — just take a glance at the glossy pages of the most recent fashion magazines — the weather forecast still calls for another few months of cold temperatures where you and I live.

Chances are you already own a scarf, hat and gloves at this point in the fashion season. But haven't you tired of throwing on that same boring trio of winter garments? Do you yearn for a punch of style and the prospect of change?

So, what does it take to put a little bit of spark into your mid-winter routine, you ask?

Introduce color and texture to your outdoor wear. You'll find bundling up gets a little more fun.

Even if you're not aching for color and variety, scarves, hats and gloves can be purchased at real-deal prices thanks to post-holiday markdowns.

Cyberspace bargains

I recommend dragging your computer mouse to the world of web shopping, especially if holiday gift shopping has left you tired and frenzied. You'll find loads of hip scarves and hats that can be easily integrated into both winter and spring wardrobes.

At Banana Republic's shopping web site, bananarepublic.com, for example, there are an abundance of markdowns on the retailer's winter cashmere collection.

Cashmere head bands in black, cobblestone, egg shell, aqua and navy are priced at \$14.99. Cashmere skull caps with ribbed trim have been reduced to \$24.99.

At bluefly.com, a general shopping web site, knit designers "525 Made In America" and Christopher Fischer propose a relaxed sophistication with chenille and cashmere pieces in a host of hot colors, including orchid, petunia, lime, turquoise and pink.

Could there be a better way to perk up your basic black coat than tossing on a few of those vibrant colors?

While visiting bluefly.com, I also recommend clicking the link to the web site of knit manufacturer Noodle. The company uses needles to create a curly knit with the look and feel of Persian lamb.

Comprised of 60 percent wool and 40 percent acrylic, the charming dense knit looks expensive but isn't. Scarves and hats run \$42.95 and come in shades of red, aqua, black and gray.

Big retailers have color and bargains, too

Colorful, luxury outer wear also is available at bargain prices at local Ann Taylor stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The retailer's cashmere-blend scarves and gloves come in hot pink, apple-green and lilac and are marked down to \$25 and \$35.

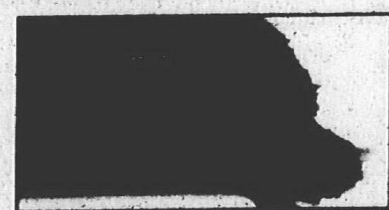
And, Hudson's has the ultimate solution for those who still need to indulge in a bit of funky fashion. The retailer's fun, floppy, fleece hats, which can be pulled over the ears, have been marked down by 50 percent.

Other large retailers, such as Kohl's, Kmart and Meijer, took part in the color outdoor accessories trend as well.

And while supplies are limited on their sale tables, a bold colored hat, scarf or pair of mittens at up to 40 percent off is certainly worth the stop.

So, whether you actually need new winter gear to keep you warm or you really don't, there's nothing holding you back from indulging in an extra set in sun-inspired colors like apple green and bright pink. No matter how gray and dark the days get in coming months, you'll feel fresh and uplifted!

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Dash of color: Retailers, like Banana Republic, have slashed prices on colorful winter accessories.

Mountain style Ski and snowboard wear makes a crossover

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Traditionally, selecting garb to wear on the slopes, has been an opportunity to indulge in one's more flamboyant sense of style.

Skiers have long donned waterproof attire in bold and bright colors. Consider neon green ski suits.

Even shocking pink has been considered a traditional color for women's ski wear.

Snowboarders, on the other hand, have opted for excessively oversized pants and jackets in counter culture earth tones. Just a few years ago, snowboarders proudly carved down the slopes in tongue-in-cheek, jester-style hats that practically skimmed the snow's surface.

But times have changed; and, technology is king. Thus, function has taken precedence over style for skiers and snowboarders.

"That's the most important thing — trying to get function and attractiveness mixed in," said Antoine Farris, co-owner of downtown Birmingham's Pogo Skateboard Shop, which sells snowboarding attire. "People are starting to crossover. Style is a big factor, definitely, but people are starting to realize that function can be style, too."

Interestingly, such an emphasis on function has led to a blending of snowboard and ski wear design and style, said Farris, a resident of Troy.

When snowboarding came into the mainstream, skiers, who, traditionally, have worn close-fitting attire, started to take a closer look at the boxy, off-beat garb as a comfortable and functional alternative.

"It's more fitted than what snowboarders originally came out in, but it's a little bit more generous of a cut," said Dave Czerwinski, owner of downtown Rochester's



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Features: Extra pockets to keep personal items dry and safe, and Lycra hand gaiters to protect against snow are a few features to look for in outer wear for both sports, clothing available at Don Thomas Sporthaus.



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Function and style: Lindley and Bob Thomas, co-owners of Don Thomas Sporthaus in Bloomfield Township, model colorful, but functional, outer wear suitable for snowboarders and skiers from their store.

The Ski Company, which caters to both skiers and snowboarders.

But snowboarders also have "matured," said Czerwinski.

"They've realized that it's really uncomfortable to be cold. They still want a little bit of the snowboard fashion statement, but they want function, too. They want to stay warm." Consequently, snowboarding customers are more concerned about technical features and have been opting to wear less oversized clothing, he said.

While many outdoor garment companies are producing crossover apparel that's suitable for both skiers and snowboarders, telling the difference between clothing specifically designed for each of the sports has become difficult.

"It's a fine line," said Lindley Thomas, co-owner of Bloomfield Township's Don Thomas Sporthaus, which carries snowboarding and skiing garments, including crossover, women's and children's lines.

Manufacturers have not only blended styles but also clothing features, she said. More and more ski wear, for example, is equipped with extra pockets for CD players, season lift passes and credits

card — a hallmark of snowboarding apparel.

"Pit zips," pockets that unzip to help the wearer cool down are another trait of snowboarding garb that ski wear manufacturers are adopting.

New apparel features to look out for include: Lycra hand gaiters that envelop the hand and keep out snow; pockets for CD players, goggles and other items; coiled elastic holders for keys and season passes; and pockets within pockets.

Generally speaking, both snowboarders and skiers are wearing lighter-weight, but highly waterproof, pants and jackets. To stay dry, they're turning to technical fabrics like Gortex in their

outer wear. And, for warmth, they're layering technical garments and wool sweaters underneath.

The emphasis on function also has more of both winter sports enthusiasts wearing helmets. Likewise, more snowboarders are starting to buy gloves, rather than oversized mittens.

On the other hand, style isn't going anywhere. Snowboarders, apparently tired of their drab, earth-toned

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Changes: Gloves are gaining popularity with snowboarders who traditionally have worn oversized mittens. Bonfire gloves, \$70 at Don Thomas Sporthaus.



ADDED ATTRACTIONS

winter clearance racks out in the mall for easy bargain-hunting and post-holiday shopping through Jan. 17. Also, spend \$25 or more at any store and redeem receipt at mall customer service for a day pass to Oakland County Parks' The Fridge toboggan run in Waterford. For more information and shopping hours, call (248) 353-4111.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a card, coin, stamp and sports collectibles show through Jan. 16 (with former Red Wing Alex Delvecchio, 1-3 p.m. on Saturday), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, throughout the mall.

PRESCRIPTIVES MAKE-UP EVENT

Prescriptive national make-up artist consults with customers at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Cos-

metics & Fragrances department, first floor. To make a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3366.

PLYMOUTH ICE SHOW

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular returns to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park with ice displays and competitions and a variety of other activities through Jan. 16. Ice exhibits are open 24 hours a day. For additional information, call the event's hotline, (734) 459-9157, or visit online.com/plymouthice.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Livonia Mall in Livonia hosts a sports card, coin and collectibles show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Former Detroit Tiger Lenny Green visits and signs autographs, noon-2 p.m.), throughout the mall. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

EARLY BRIDAL REGISTRATION

Hudson's holds a priority bridal registration event before regular stores at all store locations, 9:30 a.m. Reservations are necessary. To make an appointment, call the Hudson's store bridal department where you wish to register.

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

KNITTING SHOW

The Knitting Room, 251 Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Classic Elite Yarns featuring new garments and yarns from new patterns through Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. Call (248) 540-3623.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

GEOFFREY BEENE SPRING COLLECTION

View Geoffrey Beene's Spring 2000 special order collection for women at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

INDOOR SIDEWALK SALE

Stores at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield put their

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:

- **Correctable, black, type-writer ribbon** for an Olympia typewriter from a reader.
- **An antique cookie press** from a reader.
- **A millennium camera** made by Samsung is available at **Adray's** in Dearborn. A millennium camera also can be purchased at the **Mobil gas station** at 12 Mile and Middlebelt roads.
- **A mail box shaped like a tractor** can be purchased through **Postal Products Unlimited**, (800) 229-4500, www.mailproducts.com, and at **More Than a Mailbox**, (767) 769-5624 and **Hardware Classic Company**, 7 Mile Road in Livonia.
- **Carpet tiles** are sold at the at all **Meijer stores** (Meijer recently advertised Berber tiles, 20 per box, in blue, sand, smoke, berry and green for \$19.80). The tiles also can be bought through the **Improvements catalog**, (800) 642-2112, www.improvementscatalog.com, and at **Allira Inc.** in Oak Park, (800) 452-5298.
- **Cole slaw mix** is available at **Zendher's** in Frankenmuth and **Alban's Millhouse** in northern Michigan (the store also has a brochure of different mix spices), (800) 226-5481.
- **A reader has two sealed tubes of Coty 24-Hour "Pure Watermelon" lipstick.**
- **Knott's raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing** can be purchased at **Westborn Markets** and by calling (800) 877-6887 (ask for a catalog of Knott's Berry products).
- **A policeman's uniform for a young boy** can be purchased at: **Adventures in Toys** in Birmingham, (248) 646-5550; **Harwood Inc.** in Waterford, (248) 681-2300; and **Kmart** on Maple and Livernois in Troy.
- **We found a reader who installs fiber optic wiring.**
- **The Hummel figurine** of a

waiter holding a bottle of wine and other Hummel figurines can be purchased through **Limited of Michigan** (#154), (800) 355-6363. Also, a reader has the figurine.

- **Hostess chocolate-chip Leopard Twinkies** can be purchased at the following stores: **La Rose Market** in Keego Harbor; **Rite-Aid** on Grand River and 8 Mile roads; **Farmer Jack** at 9 Mile and Farmington roads; and the **Hostess outlet** in Livonia.

- **Ground espresso coffee** can be purchased at: **Ventimiglia's Market** in Sterling Heights, (810) 979-0828; and **Cantora Market** on Middlebelt Road between 7 and 8 Mile, (248) 478-2345.

- **Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo sauces** might be available at: **Ventimiglia's Market**; **Cantora Market**; and **Sam's Club stores**.

- **All-Clad kitchen pans** are on sale at **Kitchen Glamour** through January 16.

- **High-quality tweezers** are available at: **Brookstone**, the Somerset Collection in Troy; **Bed Bath & Beyond** ("Tweezer Man" tweezers); **Linens and Things**; **Sally's Beauty Supply stores**; and **Howard's Beauty Supply stores**.

- The following restaurant-supply stores are open to the public: **Marino's** on southwest Schoolcraft between Farmington and Stark roads; **Gold Star** on Coolidge and 9 mile roads; **Bells & Sons** on 7 Mile and Lexington; and **Gordon Food stores**.

- **A yogurt maker with cups** can be purchased at **Kitchen Glamour stores**.

- **Hobo leather wallets** are sold at **Hands on Leather** in Plymouth, (734) 459-6560.

- **Roquefort cheese** can be purchased at: **Merchant of Vino stores**; **Whole Foods stores**; and **Busch's Grocery** on Six Mile and Newburgh.

- **Buster Brown cotton anklets** are sold through or at: the **Vermont Country Store catalog**, (802) 362-8440; **Doctor Leonard's magazine**, (800) 785-0880; **Hershey's Shoes** on Ford Road in Garden City; and **Clawson Shoes** on 14 Mile in Clawson, (248) 588-1766.

- **English Gardens** sells aluminum Christmas trees and color spot lights.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- We no longer need the following: lyrics for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"; Oneida "Twin Star" silverware; a Mrs. Beasley doll; the movie "True"; Banana Wine and the

book Joshua and the Children.

- A reader suggested using a pastry tube tip (used to clean pastry tips), rather than a small round brush, for cleaning a razor. **Kitchen Glamour** carries the pastry tip brushes.

- A reader has an 8mm viewing machine from Sears to donate.

- A reader suggested dying a white pair of boxer shorts in a mixture of tea and water to make them beige.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A millennium Santa Bear.

- A video tape of the movie "Holiday Hotel."

- A store that sells Reese jalapeno mustard.

- A store that sells a plastic hour glass and other non-breakable materials.

- A store that sells an old-fashioned cup and saucer holder.

- A dated 1978 glass Christmas ornament (any kind).

- A portable phonograph that plays 78 and 33 1/3 LP records for Nina of Redford.

- A store where a Wearever Super Shooter cookie press can be bought.

- A 1962-1965 Cathedral High School yearbook.

- A store that sells Stangal Town & Country dinner ware by in honey, yellow, brown or green.

- A Norman Rockwell Christmas trees ornament (not a statue).

- A store where frozen, breaded okra is sold.

- The book "Binky the Clown," published in the 50s or 60s by the Redford Suburban League for Patricia, a Farmington Hills resident.

- A Golden Book called "Dr. Squash, the Doll Doctor" for Shirley, who lives in Southfield.

- A store that sells men's Millionaire cologne or after-shave for Rosemary.

- Refill sheets for a Keith Clark ring-binder, desk calendar (model #E45850) that rips from the top for Eileen, of Livonia.

- A calendar with mystery book covers for each month's art for Mary.

- A store that sells Hai Karate men's cologne for Jerry.

- A store that sells Counterpart petite pants for Lillian.

- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

- The book "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" for a reader named Mr. Krueger.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinema</p> <p>Showcase 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660</p> <p>Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50</p> <p>NP MAGNOLIA (R) 12:00, 4:00, 7:40</p> <p>NP SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00</p> <p>NP GALAXY QUEST (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45</p> <p>THE TALENTED MR. 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TRAVEL

'Weekend' book shows there's plenty to love in Ohio

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Mary Quinley of Livonia has turned her love of travel and a childhood-habit of keeping journals into her first published book: "52 Ohio Weekends."

"My dad love to travel," she said. "A lot of my love for the adventure of travel came from him."

The "weekends" books are part of a series of books from NTC/Contemporary Publishing in Chicago and include titles for Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, Florida, Texas and New York, among others.

"I would have liked to do Michigan, but it was taken," Quinley said.

She does recall that her dad took the family to Ohio on vacation several times. She has been to every weekend spot in the book at least once in her life, she said. She has made a special effort to visit most Ohio places during the last five years.

The Ohio weekends that are her favorites?

"One favorite is unusual. I went with my son Jonathan (then 14, now a college student, 18) to the outskirts of Chillicothe (due south of Columbus) to see the play "Tecumseh," about the Shawnee leader. He was impressed and so was I."

From her book:

"The year is 1784. The still, summer evening explodes with howling, screeching voices. A bloody skirmish near the banks of the Ohio River takes place before the hushed crowd. Frontiersmen, caught in an ambush set by the Shawnee Indians, scurry frantically out of sight. As the powerful tale unfolds, galloping horses appear from behind the trees, tomahawks zip across the stage, and a canoe skims the surface of the man-made pond in the background."

"The audience senses Tecumseh's pain and frustration. The young Shawnee leader longs for peace. He simply wants the land that was taken away returned to his people."



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Slippery slope: Ice climbing is one of the many outdoor recreational activities in the Hocking Hills area.

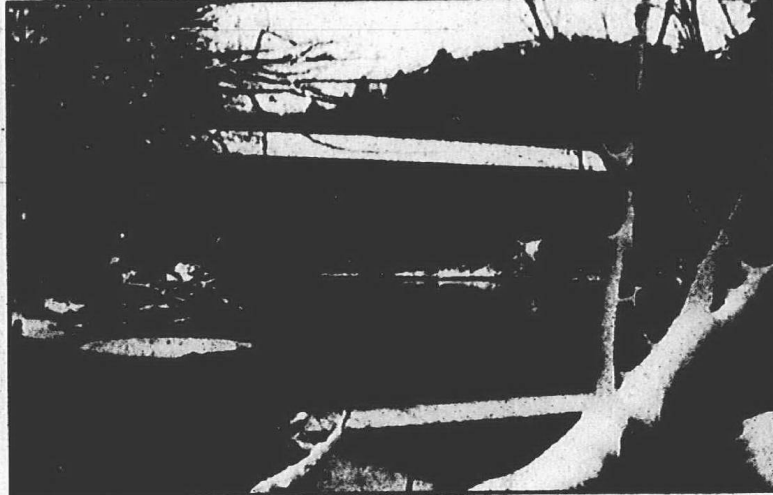
The play runs during summer months; call (740) 775-0700 for information.

Another favorite of Quinley's is The Wilds, east of Columbus not far from Interstate 77 near the small town of Cumberland. Here, there is an impressive outdoor complex for endangered species. The complex can be viewed via bus tours. Call (740) 638-5030 or check www.thewilds.org on the Web.

"I also like all the little islands along Lake Erie like Put-In-Bay and Kelleys, the Marblehead Peninsula with little shops and lighthouse."

Another favorite is Amish country. Amish country in Ohio may not be as well known as those in Pennsylvania and northern Indiana.

"We had a real Amish dinner in Mesopotamia at an Amish home. I would say that it was a



Charming: Covered bridges are part of the charm of weekends in Ohio.

very special trip. The man of the house took us for a buggy ride before dinner."

Mesopotamia is a tiny village east of Cleveland and north of Warren.

From the book:
"(Wife Sara's) food disappeared as rapidly as the natural outdoor light slipped away. As darkness surrounded our intimate dinner party, Lester (Amish husband) wandered off, found the torch, and lit the kerosene lamp - the house has no electricity."

The "slice-of-life" travel adventure is typical of the matter-of-fact way author Quinley tells us about Ohio.

You have to call a non-Amish bed and breakfast in the village if you'd like to eat at the Amish home: (440) 693-4186.

Some other Ohio travel spots to consider:

■ The whole Hocking Hills area, a highly recommended outdoor recreation area south of Columbus. "There's hiking here for all abilities, die-hards and beginner" says Quinley. Plenty of caves, rock formations and waterfalls.

■ The U. S. Air Force museum in Dayton - great for all ages.

■ Floodwall art at Portsmouth, a city down on the

Ohio River in south-central Ohio.

■ Toledo, especially the zoo and the "hippoquarium," where you can be "nose to nose with the hippos."

■ The Golden Lamb restaurant in Lebanon, Ohio, an old stagecoach stop. Literary (Charles Dickens) and political figures stayed at the inn. "Meals, served in one of several Early-American inspired dining rooms, are exceptional," Quinley writes.

■ Ohio as the state that produced the most presidents: Both William Henry Harrison and son Benjamin Harrison lived in North Bend; U.S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant; Warren Harding conducted the "front porch" campaign from his home in Marion; there is a Taft memorial in Cincinnati; the Rutherford B. Hayes center is in Fremont; William McKinley was born in Niles, Ohio, and lived in Canton, Ohio.

■ Quinley is neutral on Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She notes the museum is great for the early history and background of rock and roll. Teenagers may find it not as contemporary as they might imagine.

The book is organized by geo-

graphic regions, and the 52 chapters give you something to do for every weekend. At the end of each chapter are extensive phone numbers, addresses and Web sites, where possible, for the events and places discussed.

The book does have one small map. Anyone looking through the book for something to do will want to have a good Ohio map handy. Many weekend recommendations are a one- or two-hour drive. Those trips that go to the southern reaches of the state may take five to six hours.

From the book:

"The third Saturday in January attracts throngs of hikers to Hocking Hills State Park for the annual Winter Hike. Unpredictable January squalls oftentimes produce frigid, bone-chilling winds. The ranger-led six-mile trip weaves up, down and through a winter paradise of natural formed bedrock. Take a lunch break at Cedar Falls, the halfway marker. In extreme cold, the 90-foot waterfall at Ash Cave freezes, forming an awesome icicle mass."

A quick peek at this book will be sure to thaw some of that anti-Buckeye State feeling generated each year by Big Ten football games.

Quinley's book is available at B. Dalton in Westland Mall, Barnes and Noble stores, and Waldenbooks in Livonia. Quinley will sign copies of her book Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alfred Noble Branch of the Livonia library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia; (734) 421-6600.

The writer makes her home in Livonia with her son and her husband, Fred.

NTC/Contemporary Publishing, is at 4255 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood (Chicago), IL, 60712. The state's tourism office is very helpful: 1-800-BUCKEYE.

Doug Johnson is a retired Livonia school teacher who lives with his wife in Plymouth.

Do you have a good idea for a travel story?

We are looking for stories and pictures about people who love to travel.

Have you been to any faraway places?

Been to places a day's drive

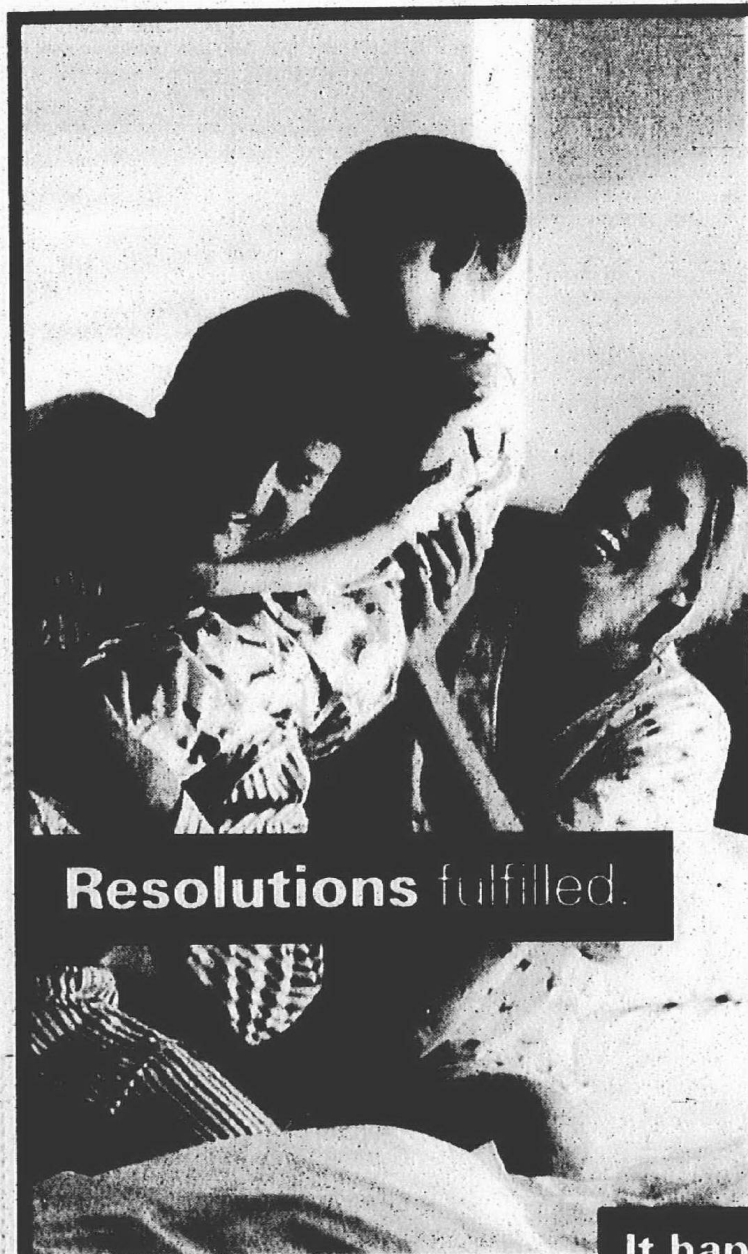
from southeastern Michigan?

Had any funny, unusual or adventurous travel experiences?

Gone on any notable cruises or group tours?

If so, tell us about it by con-

tacting assistant managing editor/ Observer features group Keely Wygonik by phone at (734) 953-2105; by fax at (734) 591-7279; by e-mail at kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net



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2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

Keep 'gene' cuisine out of your diet

Whew...We are free and clear of most of the millennium hoopla! I found it most interesting to watch and follow the news during New Year's week. Much of what I read had something to do with food - getting it, storing it and reconstituting it.

Yet it seems a bit ironic that we become cognitive of our food sources only when we are hit with potential disaster. The concept that we may have trouble finding wholesome food for our families is foreign to most of us.

The Y2K bug could be a baby bug next to the ones that genetically engineered foods could produce. Believe it or not genetically engineered foods are taking a stronghold in the American diet.

The U.S. will be entering its fifth growing season of genetically altered crops this year. There will be some estimated 50 million acres of American farmland sprouting biotech crops. Corn, soybeans, cotton and potatoes have been engineered to produce their own pesticides or withstand herbicides.

Information resources

Mothers for Natural Law — (515) 472-2040
Greenpeace — www.greenpeace.org

Over 30 farming organizations, Greenpeace, Mothers for Natural Law, Chefs Collaborative 2000 and other groups and individuals, including myself, are demanding that genetically engineered foods be labeled as such.

Genetic engineering

In a nutshell genetic engineering takes the process of nature out of the fields and into the laboratory. Scientists cut little bits of genes from one organism and splice them into another totally unrelated species. For example, they have spliced a gene from a flounder and encrypted it into a strawberry with hopes that the new berry will tolerate colder temperatures.

Corn and soy crops are being spliced with virus genes so that they will be insect and disease resistant. Even our dairy supply has been compromised with the well known Bovine Growth Hormone that has been linked to numerous kinds of cancer and been reported to build up our natural immune system against the efficiency of antibiotics used to treat numerous illnesses.

Present day concerns

By manipulating the genetic code of living organisms, genetic engineers are manipulating life processes. Once introduced into the environment, a genetically engineered organism can reproduce or interact with other species, and could cause irreversible damage to plants, animals, and affect the core of our ecosystem. This translates (in my opinion) into health and quality of life issues for present day and future inhabitants of Mother Earth.

Health is also a major concern posed by the alteration of natural foods. For example, they have spliced a gene from a Brazilian nut with a soybean to create a complete protein. But what these mega-companies have failed to do is to substantiate these alterations with adequate testing. It has been found that people with food allergies and sensitivities have experienced problems, not to mention those of us who like to abstain from certain foods for personal and or religious reasons.

Profit is never far behind most scientific endeavors and these genetically engineered crops are dominated by a few multinational corporations including Monsanto, Novartis,

Please see UNIQUE, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Feeding large families

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

His portrait is almost as familiar to Americans as George Washington's on the dollar bill. He has a wide brimmed, black hat and long magnificent gray hair. Oh yes, and he's a Quaker. The man on the cylindrical package is so familiar to us because for generations we have grown up with oatmeal in the house. Not that it was eaten every day, but it was there.

Grains

Oat is a grain. Early humans realized that rather than eating all the seeds they gathered, they could plant the seeds and ensure a steady supply of food for the band. The first seeds planted were grains. Down through the millennia, humans improved on these staples of life. The family of grains includes the well-known such as wheat, corn and rice, and the exotic such as the Incan quinoa and North African couscous.

Arguably the most humble of the grains is oat. We trace the origins of wild oats to Western Europe. From there the grain spread to other parts of the world. Apparently it was found growing as a weed with barley. Indeed, most of the oats grown today are feed for animals. Oats are hardy; they grow in the colder climates and can survive in poor soils. With sufficient moisture, oats will grow on soils that are sandy, low in fertility or highly acidic.

Quite an impression

Oats have made quite an impression in contemporary America. Once thought of as a lowly breakfast cereal, which took a while to boil and then had to be flavored with milk and brown sugar to make it palatable, oats made a startling comeback. The grain received some very good press when scientists and nutritionists discovered it could lower blood cholesterol. Even "Cocoon" alumnus and trustworthy old guy Wilfred Brimley was on TV with regularity spreading the word to anybody who hadn't been paying attention to the news.

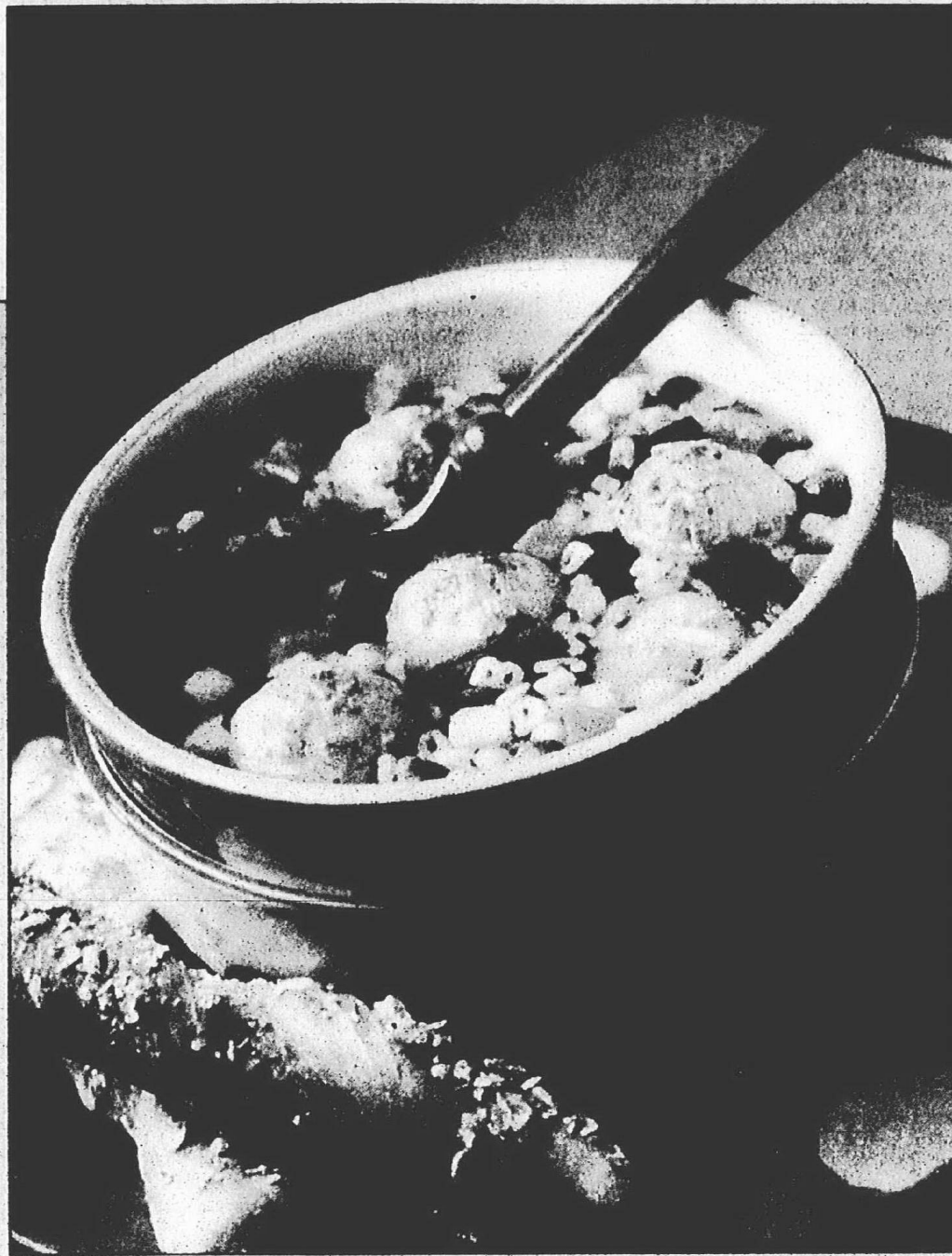
How good is oatmeal for the body? To begin, oats are the only grain that rates the Food and Drug Administration seal of approval. Oats help prevent heart disease because they're high in soluble fiber, which lowers your blood cholesterol level. Whole-grained oats are rich in vitamin E, some B vitamins, calcium, iron and protein.

The actual way that oat works its magic isn't fully understood. Soluble fiber forms a gel as it passes through the intestines. This serves as a binding agent to help slow or stop the flow of cholesterol through the digestive tract.

Side dish

The whole oat kernel (groats) takes about as long to cook as rice and can be used as a side dish for dinner. Rolled oats are groats that have been heated and flattened so they cook more quickly. "Old-fashioned" oats cook in about 20 minutes. If the groats are sliced before being flattened they become "quick-cooking." Oat bran is the outside layer of the groat and can be cooked as porridge in about 6 minutes.

Oats and other rolled grains can be purchased in thicknesses ranging from very thin (instant) through Quick, Regular and the thickest of all, Old-fashioned. If you are making a granola to appeal to young children try using a thin variety and regular for adults. The Old-fashioned is the chewiest.



QUAKER OATS

Meal in a bowl: ABC Meatball Soup is a "30-minute meal in a bowl." Quick or old-fashioned-oats add a "nutrition boost" to the meatballs. Fruit and bread sticks complete the menu.

OATMEAL

It's not just for breakfast

"healthy as a horse!" Pull that old man on the cereal box out of the cupboard and you'll see there is some truth to that.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in food service management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 230 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan.

See recipes inside.

Oatmeal is quick and easy to make. For variety use half fruit juice or milk and half water for the cooking liquid. After cooking, stir in chopped fruit, nuts, coconut, sugar or honey and spices. Adding dried fruit as it's cooking makes the cereal sweeter.

Or try these toppings:

Wheat germ, granola cereal, pecans, almonds, walnuts, macadamia nuts, banana, sunflower seeds, berries, fruit preserves, dried fruit, chopped apples, diced peaches, crushed pineapple, stewed prunes.

Shortcuts

To speed up breakfast preparation in the morning, make hot cereal the night before using the thermos method: Bring cereal to a boil and stir until it thickens; then put it into a preheated wide-mouth thermos. Put on the lid and let it stand overnight. Before serving add a little hot water or milk if it is too thick. Send your family off in the morning with a nutritious start. David Burke, Chef/proprietor of Park Avenue Cafe in New York City and Chicago

EATING HEALTHY

Bean soup's a lazy cook's 10-minute special

MAIN DISH
MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Beans. You probably don't need another reminder of what a paragon of nutritional virtue they are. You already are familiar with the bean's rich contributions of protein, B complex vitamins, minerals and fiber to our diet. Their role in helping control diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers is supported by many research studies.

Yet, most of us don't serve beans as a main dish unless they're combined with an abundance of fat and meat. Not so, my bean soup.

You'll probably agree that nothing tastes better on a cold winter's day than bean soup, especially if it's low in fat but doesn't taste like it. If you're nodding yes, but thinking, "Who's got the time to soak beans, chop ingredients and then cook the soup for at least an hour?" this recipe is for you. It's one of my lazy cook 10-minute specials.

The soup is a vegetable main course that's served with crusty French bread slices. The soup ingredients are probably already resting in your pantry. Your taste buds will welcome the flavors after holiday indulgences.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a

quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

TEN MINUTE BEAN SOUP THAT TASTES LIKE IT WAS COOKED FOR HOURS

- 2 (15 ounce cans) cannellini beans (or your favorite), rinsed and drained
- 1 (1.5 ounce package) onion soup mix
- Flour for thickening
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1 (15 1/2 ounce) can sliced carrots, drained
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can diced tomatoes with Italian style herbs
- 2 tablespoons light margarine (squeeze bottle)
- Dash of freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Prepare onion soup according to package directions.

Add oil. Using 1 tablespoon of flour per cup of soup, make paste with water and add to soup.

Cook over medium heat until slightly thickened. Add carrots, beans, margarine and tomatoes.

Reheat to serving temperature. Sprinkle with parsley and Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

Nutrition facts per serving: Calories 265, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0.2g, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 1.0-72mg

Food exchanges: 2 starches, 3 vegetables, 1/2 fat

To lower sodium, cook a chopped onion in 2 1/2 cups of reduced sodium vegetable or chicken broth to replace packaged soup.

Unique from page D1

Zeneca, Aventis and Dupont. It is shared belief in most grass roots organizations that these companies are the only beneficiaries of genetically engineered food products.

Facts and tips

These genetically engineered crops have already been approved for sale - soybeans, corn, canola, flax, papaya, certain potato breeds, sugar beets, tomatoes, yellow crook-neck squash, radicchio, cotton, dairy products from cows injected with the genetically altered hormone "recombinant bovine growth hormone."

Many prepared foods are hiding places for genetically engineered foods which often contain soy, canola or corn products of some variety. Buying organic produce, and being careful about where you shop, is the best way to ensure that you do not bring genetically altered foods to your table. Whole Foods is one of the grocery chains in our area that refuses to sell genetically engineered foods.

Concerns

In addition to the potential for environmental devastation and health concerns that genetically engineered crops impose, the government is not mandating that these food products be labeled. Companies that manufacture genetically engineered foods are infringing on our right to information about the foods we choose to nourish our families and ourselves.

I urge you to make a resolution this year to become more informed about genetically engineered foods. Make yourself heard and defend your rights as a consumer. Find out if the market you shop at carries genetically engineered foods. Don't allow gene cuisine to become an ingredient in your diet to ensure many healthy New Years to come!

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It's time to try Thai cuisine

Hot-and-spicy ethnic cooking has great appeal for Americans. This is apparent by the consistent popularity of Szechuan Chinese and Mexican food.

It's not surprising, therefore, that the flavorful cuisine of Thailand has become another favorite in recent years, especially now that many essential ingredients for preparing Thai food can be found in your local supermarket.

Thai cooking has been influenced most notably by Chinese and Indian cuisines. The Thai people originally migrated south from China in the 13th century, bringing with them a wealth of Chinese stir-fry dishes. Later, traders from India introduced curries, which were modified into distinctive Thai flavors.

Hot chili peppers, ginger root and garlic also contribute to the taste of Thai food. These ingredients are balanced by the cooling influences of coconut milk, mint and lemon grass. Galangal (like ginger but with a more acidic flavor), pungent fermented fish sauce, aromatic kaffir lime leaves and sweet-sour tamarind give

Thai dishes their hot, fragrant, pungent or

slightly sweet flavors. This balance of many complex flavors is the hallmark of Thai cooking.

Rice and fish are staples of the Thai diet. Rice is featured as the main course in Thai meals, with tidbits of spicy fish, meat and vegetable dishes as side courses. Consider a plate of steamed rice with bite-size pieces of chicken in a light curry sauce or stir-fried with chilies and basil. Try mixing rice with a bit of steamed fish and a few helpings of stir-fried vegetables, or with raw veggies dipped in a hot fish sauce. These typical

Thai dishes fit well into a healthful, lowfat eating plan, as recommended by health organizations such as the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Thai cooking is essentially fast cooking, an often essential benefit for hurried Americans. With the right ingredients at hand, it's simply a matter of putting them together. Indispensable ingredients for Thai cooking, such as fresh cilantro, chilies, limes, ginger, coconut milk and

dried rice noodles can be found in most supermarkets.

If you don't have access to an Asian grocery for other ingredients, you can come close by substituting gingerroot and lime zest for lemon grass. To control fat content, use evaporated skim milk for part of the coconut milk in Thai curries. For equipment, you'll need a blender or food processor to make the pastes and sauces, and a wok for stir-frying. Then you're ready to start.

SESAME NOODLES WITH SHRIMP

- 8 ounces rice noodles or vermicelli pasta
- 1 cup reduced fat/sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup Thai-style fish sauce (called Nam pla, it's available in the Oriental section of the supermarket)
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup bean sprouts

- 3 green onions, cut on an angle into 1-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted

Cook noodles according to package directions and drain in a colander. In a small bowl combine broth, fish sauce, vinegar and sesame oil.

Spray a large skillet or wok with vegetable spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add garlic.

Cook garlic, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Add noodles and broth mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until liquid is almost absorbed, about 5 minutes. Stir in shrimp. Cook for two minutes. Stir in bean sprouts, green onion and sesame seeds. Cook for 1 minute more. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: Each of the 4 servings contains 325 calories and 4 grams of fat per serving.

Cook's tip: Cooked chicken or assorted vegetables can be substituted for the shrimp.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Store water for up to 6 months

"In case of an emergency you can store some water ahead of time," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the MSU extension of Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

"Water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade containers. Water should not be stored in containers that have previously held toxic chemicals.

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."

If you have other questions on food safety, food and nutrition or food preservation, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (248) 858-0904.

Serve festive seafood this year

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli Lewton.

BUCKWHEAT BLINI WITH SMOKED SALMON RELISH

- Blini**
 - 2 1/2 cups milk (110°F)
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons yeast
 - 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
 - 5 egg yolks
 - 3 1/4 cups buckwheat flour
 - 5 egg whites (beaten until soft peaks form)
 - 3/4 cup heavy cream
 - 1/2 cup corn kernels, roasted in pan under broiler
- Warm milk to 110°F. Mix half of the egg yolks with milk and blend.

Add remaining egg yolks.

Mix flours together. Add flours to milk mixture.

Fold in soft peak egg whites and roasted corn. Add heavy cream. Let rise at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Refrigerate overnight. Make pancakes on griddle in desired size. Top with smoked salmon relish.

Makes 36 blini, serve as appetizer.

SMOKED SALMON RELISH

- 1/2 pound smoked salmon small diced
- 3 tablespoons small diced red onion
- 1 tablespoon capers

- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped chives
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Mix relish ingredients and seafood with salt and pepper. Place a small dollop on buckwheat blini, serve with your favorite mustard sauce or sour cream.

SEAFOOD BAKE

- 2 puff pastry sheets
- 3 pounds cooked shrimp
- 1 pound crab
- 2 pounds cooked salmon
- 2 Idaho potatoes, sliced thin
- 1 onion
- 3 cups fresh spinach
- 2 cups assorted sliced mushrooms
- 3/4 cup sherry
- 3 tablespoons chopped herbs
- 2 cups heavy cream

- 3 whole eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Pinch salt & pepper
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 pound chevre cheese
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Line 12-inch casserole style pan with puff pastry. Saute onion add spinach and wilt. Saute mushrooms until tender de-glaze with sherry and reduce. Mix cream, eggs, spices and herbs.

Layer seafood (1 layer shrimp, crab, salmon) alternating with vegetable and cheese mixture.

Pour cream mixture over entire finished layered product. Sprinkle top with Parmesan cheese. Bake 350°F for 40-45 minutes.

Serves 8 people as a main dish.

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Enjoy the nutritional benefits of oatmeal

See related story on Taste front.

ABC MEATBALL SOUP

- Meatballs**
1 pound ground turkey breast or lean ground beef
3/4 cup oats, (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/3 cup barbecue sauce or ketchup
- Soup**
1 can (49 ounces) reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
1/4 cup alphabet-shaped pasta
1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, (do not thaw)

Heat broiler. Lightly spray rack of broiler pan with no-stick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine meatball ingredients; mix lightly but thoroughly. Transfer to a sheet of foil. Pat mixture into 9 by 6-inch rectangle. Cut into 1 1/2 inch squares; roll each square into a ball. Arrange meatballs on broiler pan.

Broil meatballs 6 to 8 inches from heat about 6 minutes or until cooked through, turning once.

While meatballs cook, bring chicken broth to a boil in a 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add pasta and frozen vegetables; return to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 8 minutes or until vegetables and pasta are tender. Add meatballs and cook 1 minute. Serve immediately.

Yield 6 servings.

Nutrition information per

serving: Calories 200; calories from fat 30, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0.5g, cholesterol 35mg, sodium 720mg, total carbohydrates 19g, dietary fiber 4g protein 25g.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

This traditional Latino dish is a spicy meat relish that we have adapted to a meatless version without losing the pizzazz. It is great served with a green salad and Cuban-style black beans and rice.

OATMEAL/WALNUT PICADILLO

- 2 cups walnut pieces
1 cup rolled oats
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 cup skim milk
1/2 large onion, chopped fine
1/2 teaspoon sage
1/2 teaspoon salt
freshly ground black pepper to taste
oil for browning (about 2 tablespoons)
1/2 cup tomato paste
3 1/2 cups vegetable stock
1 bay leaf
1/2 cup cooked green chilis (or a 4-ounce can)
1/2 cup (1 small jar) stuffed green olives, cut in half
1 large, tart green apple, peeled and chopped
1/4 cup raisins

Grind walnuts in food processor and combine with oats, eggs, milk, onion, sage, salt and pepper.

Form patties and brown on both sides in a lightly oiled skillet. Break up burgers with a fork (picadillo means "bits and pieces").

Dilute tomato paste in veg-

etable stock. Add bay leaf and pour into skillet.

Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to a simmer. Cook uncovered, stirring often, for 20 minutes. Add chilis, olives, apple, and raisins, bring to a boil again, and simmer just until apples are tender. Serves six.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 480, protein 14g, fat 38g, sodium 894mg, carbohydrates 30g. Percent of calories from fat 71.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

VANISHING OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
3 cups oats (either quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup raisins

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, salt, cinnamon, and baking soda; mix well. Stir in oats and raisins; mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack.

Cool completely. Store in tightly covered container.

Yield about 4 dozen cookies

Nutrition Information: 1 cookie, calories 100, protein 2g, total fat 4g, saturated fat 1g, sodium 75mg, carbohydrates 15g. Calories from fat 40, dietary fiber 1g, sugars 8g, cholesterol 10mg, percent of calories from fat 37.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

BERRY ALMOND CRUMBLE OATMEAL

- Topping**
1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Oatmeal
3 cups fat-free milk or low-fat soy drink
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup frozen (do not thaw) or canned (drained) blueberries

For topping, combine oats and almonds in a medium skillet. Cook over medium-low heat 4 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until both are lightly browned. Cool completely. In small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Add oat mixture; mix well.

For oatmeal, bring milk, cinnamon and salt to a boil in medium



Breakfast: Berry Almond Crumble Oatmeal offers the good-for-you trio of whole grain oats, blueberries and almonds.

saucepan; stir in oats. Return to a boil, reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats, stirring occasionally. Gently stir in blueberries. Continue cooking until blueberries are heated through and most of the liquid is absorbed, about 1 minute.

Spoon oatmeal into five cereal bowls. Sprinkle topping over oatmeal.

Yield 5 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 370, calories from fat 60, total fat 7g, saturated fat 0g, cholesterol less than 5mg, sodium 90mg, total carbohydrates 68g, dietary fiber 6g, protein 13g

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

WHAT'S COOKING

ULTIMATE CHICKEN SOUP CONTEST

Temple Kol Ami will host its Second Annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest at noon Friday, Feb. 25 in the Temple social hall. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form and may include a brief explanation of the soup's origin, if possible to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. All mailed entries

must be postmarked Jan. 28. A panel of judges will select the top 10 finalists who will be notified by Friday, Feb. 11.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call the Temple (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you. The winning recipe will be served at the Capuchin

Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

First prize is a feature segment on "Keith Farnie's Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

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BOB'S PREMIUM BEEF Boneless Lean Tender SIRLOIN TIP ROAST \$2.19 lb.	BOB'S PREMIUM BEEF Lean Tender N.Y. STRIP STEAKS \$4.59 lb.	BOB'S PREMIUM PORK Boneless Lean Tender Cut PORK LOIN ROAST \$2.89 lb.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Weight issues

"Weigh Down Workshop" orientation meeting tonight, Sunday, Jan. 9. A Biblical approach to weight loss will be discussed from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center in Ann Arbor.

Call Dana or Ed Burley for more information at (734) 482-4098.

Life Line screen

The American Legion Post No. 32 will offer area residents the opportunity to have three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 9318 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

These tests include a carotid artery screening test, abdominal aortic aneurysm test and an ankle brachial index.

Tests are offered for \$35 each compared to between \$300 and \$500 for similar diagnostic tests.

Call (800) 407-4557 to schedule an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

Blood pressure

Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Association.

Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School).

Call (734) 326-6537 for more information.

Dads boot camp

"Boot Camp for New Dads." This highly successful program is a special man-to-man workshop that builds pride and confidence in caring for first babies.

Teaches useful tips on baby care, parenthood, becoming a family and more.

To be held at 9 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Health Stop in Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, Saturday, Jan. 15, and at the Canton Health Center on Saturday, Jan. 29. To register call (734) 712-5400.

Heroin/opiate talk

St. Mary Hospital is now offering a series of mental health and substance abuse classes that focus on the problems associated with mental illness and addictions and what can be done to effectively treat these disorders.

The first class in this series, "Heroin and Opiate Addiction," is 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, in the Pavilion Conference Room.

To register, call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277.

Alzheimer's support

A free support group for family members, friends and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease meets Wednesday, Jan. 12, in classroom No. 1 at Garden City Hospital.

For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Ten-hut!

Men learn their way around a baby in 'Dads Boot Camp'

Several long, brown conference tables ran along the walls of the tidy room, giving it a distinguished appearance befitting an executive board meeting. Yet, the sight and sounds of 15-month-old Andrew O'Doherty frolicking around, as well as the infantile cries of his cousin Carleigh, were proof enough that normal business dealings were not going to take place at this meeting.

No, the agenda here consisted of, among other things, feeding, burping, and changing diapers.

A bun in the oven

The recent gathering of about two dozen men and the two children in an instruction room at St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor was held for "Boot Camp for New Dads," a national program designed to help prepare men who are expecting their first children.

"What do you do if your baby starts screaming and crying when you are trying to change a diaper?" asked Michael Fuller, meeting a roomful of blank stares from the apprehensive and dumbfounded "recruits."

Fuller, the facilitator of the program and father of three, and his team of "veterans," which on this night consisted of brothers Gil and Kevin O'Doherty, doled out advice on a host of topics relevant to fatherhood.

Relating the necessary skills to cope with a crying infant was just some of the advice they provided.

"If there is one piece of advice I can give all of you — something to keep in

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Kevin O'Doherty
—veteran father

the back of your mind and remember — just be flexible. Be willing to go with the flow. Understand that there are going to be some big changes in your lives. Be prepared to accept and do whatever is necessary to deal with them," Fuller told his recruits.

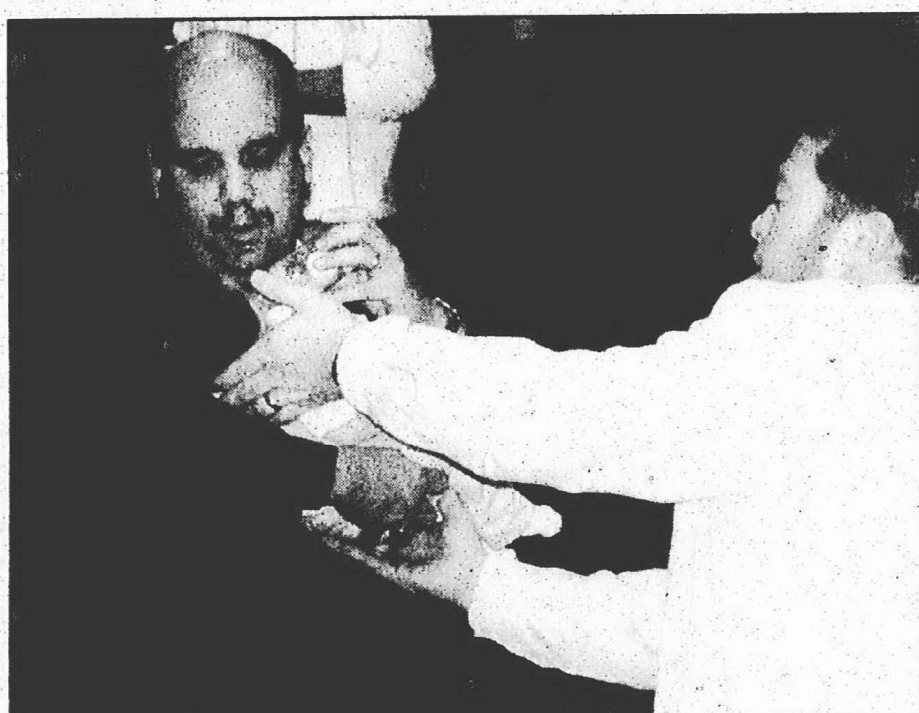
The veterans are particularly instrumental to the success of the program. Not only do they furnish valuable parenting know-how, but they also bring along their children so the recruits can get some hands-on experience of holding and caring for the youngsters.

In other words, stuff that can't be learned from reading a book. At this meeting, recruits were able to play with Kevin's son Andrew, as well as learn holding techniques with Gil's 3-month-old daughter, Carleigh. One lucky recruit even got to change her diaper, while the rest attentively watched.

How does this thing work?

"The hospital doesn't send you home with a manual," Kevin told the group. "To be a dad might be natural, but to be a good dad takes work. Learn all the information you can that will help you cope."

The one-time, three-hour course



Is it formula yet? Alan Ribant feeds 3-month-old Carleigh O'Doherty while her dad and boot camp instructor Gil O'Doherty helps him support her head.



PHOTOS BY KURT KUBAN

Be careful: Gil O'Doherty watches as a boot camp father-to-be changes Carleigh's diaper.

brings into focus that the nature of parenting has evolved over the course of the last generation. Traditionally, women who stayed home were largely responsible for raising children, while the father was off at work providing the family income. Because of this, children often had a more distant relationship with their father.

Fuller believes this structure has changed, which is why there is a need for a program like Boot Camp for New Dads, which helps men learn how to bond with their infant children.

"As times are progressing, we are finding out that dad can be just as good a parent as mom. And dads can be, and should be, just as involved with the raising of the children," Fuller said.

One of the unique aspects of the program is that it is designed to provide an environment where there can be a free flow of ideas, where the men can express their concerns and discuss their experiences without fear of retribution from spouses, partners or of being politically incorrect.

No women allowed

"The only females allowed in here are under the age of 3," Fuller joked.

At this particular meeting, the ages of the recruits varied greatly, though most were in their thirties. They also came from different walks of life, with occupations ranging from engineers and educators to construction workers and salesmen.

While some came seeking specific knowledge, such as how to calm a crying baby or change a diaper, most were there to learn anything and everything they could. The common denominator among them seemed to be

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—facilitator

inexperience and concern over being a good father.

"When I saw the ad for the class, what caught my eye was the fact that it would be first-time dads discussing the issues. I don't have that much time for reading up on these topics, so I thought to myself, 'I'm going to pick up a lot from what these guys are saying to each other.' That is why I'm here," said Alan Ribant, manager of Chelsea's Purple Rose Theater Company, who is expecting his first child on March 9.

"I have all kinds of fears. In three months, I'm going to be doing this [fatherhood]. Just sitting here listening to the other fathers, I realize I'm not alone."

By the end of the class, most of the recruits were laughing and had gained confidence just by knowing they were not alone in the forthcoming jump into fatherhood.

"By being here you have taken the first step of being the best father you can be," Fuller told them.

The Boot Camp for New Dads program is held at different hospitals throughout the nation. St. Joseph-Mercy is the local sponsor, and holds a number of meetings during the course of the year. To find out more information, contact the hospital, or look up the program's Web site at www.newdads.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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.

GERONTOLOGY COURSES

Madonna University will offer two gerontology courses — "Introduction to Case Management Practice," will be held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 and will conclude Jan. 31. This course will examine a framework of case management practices. The non-credit fee is \$100. The workshop "Developing and Monitoring Care in Case Management Practice," will be

held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Feb. 7 through Feb. 28 and again on Monday, March 13. This course will provide students with the ability to research, plan, pay for, monitor and evaluate services using a community-based care management model. The non-credit fee is \$100. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

SMOKING CESSATION

"Smoke Free Living," smoking cessation classes, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

THYROID SUPPORT

The Southeastern Michigan Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jacqui Magon, certified yoga therapist will begin speaking at 7 p.m. All meetings are at the Plymouth Library. Call Tracy Green for a reservation (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mitsg@mediaone.net

WED, JAN. 12

POSTNATAL FITNESS

Pre/postnatal fitness class, meets every Wednesday for six weeks at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Risk Factor Modification classes: Car-

diovascular information whether you have a cardiovascular condition or not. Walk-ins are welcome. "Exercising During the Cold Months," will be held from 6-7 p.m.

PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING

Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple, \$15/single. From 7-8 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia. To register call (877) 345-5500.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Diabetes support group, from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940. Linda DeVore, registered dietitian, will be speaking on "Carbohydrate Counting and Label Reading."

HANDLING HORMONES

"A Solution to PMS and Menopause," workshop will be offered from 7-8 p.m. at Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic at no charge. This gives participants not only a complete understanding of the cause of symptoms that occur during PMS and menopause but also their solutions via diet, vitamins, exercise and stress reduction. Seating is limited.

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High tech: helpful, yes, but annoying, too



MIKE WENDLAND

I spent the past week covering the latest in technology at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. And while these truly are exciting high tech times in which we live, I have to say that after wandering all over the show and looking at the new products and talking with people, there are still a lot of things that need some major

improvements.

Here are some of the things that bug me the most and, judging by my CES conversations and the e-mail I receive from consumers, also bugs the computer using public:

MULTIMEDIA MADNESS

Sure we have streaming video. But there are too many formats from too

many companies requiring too many plug-ins to Internet web browsers. Worse yet, after waiting 10 minutes to download something, we then have to squint to view in a one inch square window.

OVER-CONNECTIVITY

I admit to being a bit of a geek. I carry a pager, a digital phone, and a Palm Pilot. But at CES, we saw companies urging us to browse the web on our wireless phones, listen to our e-mail in Internet-connected cars and even have our refrigerators and microwaves at home equipped with Internet devices so we could surf while we cook. I just don't think we need to be that connected. There should be some places where we're unplugged.

CD-ROM CASES

They break too easily. And can't they figure out a way to wrap them in cellophane in such a way that you can then unwrap them without having to use a

pair of scissors?

CUMBERSOME BOOT-UPS

I timed my Dell laptop the other day. It took nearly three minutes from the second I pushed the "on" button until the computer was ready to use. Bill Gates is right when he says instant-on convenience should be a prime goal for PC makers.

SHUT-DOWN PROCEDURES

Think about it: Does it make sense that when you want to turn off your Windows computer, you have to first go to the "Start" button on the lower left bottom of the screen? We need a simple "off" switch or button that does it all for us.

PC/MAC WARS

Let's give it up already. Macs are great, so are PCs. But the fact that they are still basically incompatible is silly. On a short term basis, there needs to be better translation and emulation soft-

ware developed for PC's. Apple and some of its third party developers, are better at this than PC makers. What's really needed is an operating system that goes both ways.

DONGLES

You know what a dongle is, right? It's that little doodad that plugs into laptop PC card modem or network adapter. And they always break. Always. There are a few cards that now have connectors built right in but most still use dongles. I'm convinced the only reason they use dongles is to make more money selling us replacement dongles.

WEB SITE REGISTRATIONS

I propose that we all start boycotting Web sites that make us complete long, personal registration forms before they allow us to use their features. And if we do register and that Web site then sells our name to Internet spammers I propose that that greedy Web site then be forced to pay all of our Internet access

fees for life.

TRASH E-MAIL

Everyone at the CES show was complaining about the latest e-mail urban legend they've been receiving, the one that supposedly recounts how many members of Congress have had legal difficulties, domestic violence problems and the like. The e-mail is totally unreliable. There's no source for the statistics given and no reason to believe it is true. Yet I personally have received over 50 of these e-mails this week, blindly sent by gullible people who immediately think it is true because they got the info from the Internet. Enough already!

Mike Wendland covers computers and technology for NBC Television stations across the country. He also hosts a weekly call-in radio show called "PC Talk" on WXYT, Talkradio 1270. He can be reached through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

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ed. Dr. Robert Potter will facilitate the program. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 455-6767.

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 458-3311.

MALL WALKING

Join Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club. Enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

CPR RETRAINING

Basic Life Support (CPR Retraining), from 7-10 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

INFANT CARE

Infant care class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

SAT, JAN. 15

BOOT CAMP FOR DADS

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MON, JAN. 17

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Mental health and substance abuse class-heroin and opiate addiction, Jan. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-2944.

ANTI-AGING CLASS

This informative lecture series is presented by Pamela Smith, M.D. board certified in anti-aging medicine. To be held at Canton Summit on the Park beginning at 7 p.m. The topic for this first class is "Growth Hormone: Is it the fountain of youth?" To register call (734) 398-7522.

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.

CPR TRAINING

Basic Life Support (CPR Training), Jan. 18-19, from 7-9:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

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 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. at Garden City Hospital 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.

THUR, JAN. 20

MODERN MENOPAUSE

"Modern Approach to Menopause," Jan. 20, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100. Michael Gatt, M.D. and Timothy Johnson, M.D., will define menopause, discuss the diagnosis of menopause and explore current treatment options. There

is no charge.

PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING

Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple, \$15/single. From 7-8 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Novi. To register call (877) 345-5500.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Learn how you can designate a Patient Advocate who can act on your behalf regarding medical decisions should you become incapacitated and are unable to participate in making decisions and why this is preferred over a living will. From 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Novi.

FRI, JAN. 21

LISTENING SKILLS COURSE

Madonna University will offer the social work course, "Empathy Listening Skills." Students may choose from two different dates - Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22. The course will be repeated in Feb. on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26. The class meets on Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$1000. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

SAT, JAN. 22

AEROBIC CERTIFICATION

Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full day review, written exam, 2-year certificate and membership. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800 AERO-BIC to register. Space is limited.

WEIGHT CONTROL

Novi Park - Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River (Beck Road entrance) will host the weight control program from 1-3 p.m. To register call (877) 345-5500.

SMOKING CESSATION

A stop smoking program will be held at Providence Medical Center - Providence Park at 47601 Grand River (Beck Road entrance) from 10 a.m. to noon. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Promotion

Darren Jacobs has been promoted to the position of production coordinator at Farmington Hills-based J.R. Thompson Company. A production assistant since joining the firm in January 1999, Jacobs is responsible for coordinating production schedules and working with suppliers.

J.R. Thompson Company is a creative communications and marketing services firm for the automotive industry.

Account supervisor

Tom Nixon has joined Plymouth-based Identity Marketing & Public Relations as account supervisor. Nixon is responsible for providing marketing and public relations counsel and support to a variety of Identity clients in the technology, professional services, real estate and business-to-business industries.

New VIP

DeMattia Group, southeastern Michigan's leading design/build firm, has named Rodney C. Elgie, vice president - construction. Elgie will be responsible for management of construction and estimating services. Elgie formerly served as senior project manager. He brings a wealth of industry experience and leadership to the position. During his 19-year career, Elgie worked on commercial and institutional projects totaling over \$450 million and managed projects totaling over \$270 million.

Internal promotions

HomeTown Directories recently announced the following internal promotions: Barbara Taylor, previously district sales manager, has been appointed area sales manager and is responsible for the company's sales efforts in the state of Michigan.

Kelly Petroskey Tarr, formerly account executive, has been promoted to district sales manager and will report to Barbara Taylor.

Marie Duke, previously account executive, has been appointed national account executive and will be responsible for all national account sales in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

HomeTown Directories is a part of the HomeTown Communications Network. HCN publishes 67 newspapers in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky including the Observer/Eccentric and HomeTown Newspapers; as well as 24 neighborhood and county-wide telephone directories in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

New president

Paul W. Majka, president and Chief Operating Officer of Checker Cab CO., has been named to the board of directors of the International Taxicab and Livery Association. He is the only representative on the board from Michigan. Majka is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Checker Cab, the largest taxi company in Michigan. He previously was chief director of operations for SMART, the public transportation authority for the Detroit metro area. He will serve a three-year term on the association that represents more than 900 owners and managers of taxicab, livery, (e.g. limousines, airport shuttle, executive sedan, contracted and paratransit) fleets.

Majka resides in Garden City.

Board of directors

The Farmington Hills law firm on Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aselyne & Field, P.C. recently announced the appointment of Daniel P. Dalton to the board of directors of the firm. Dalton, a litigator with the firm, concentrates his practice on municipal defense, insurance defense, commercial litigation and estate planning.

Parks joins DMB&B/PR

James W. Parks has joined DMB&B Public Relations as an account supervisor. In his new position, Parks will develop and implement internal and external communications strategies for General Motors Fleet and Commercial Operations, including GM's Certified Used Vehicle brand and the GM Mobility Center.

He resides in Canton.

Recognition

Nancy A. Hoffman and Scott Voegel were recently recognized as 1999 Employees of the Year by Campbell-Ewald Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Anthony J. Hopp for their exemplary leadership and exceptional service throughout the year.

Hoffman currently resides in Livonia and Voegel is from Livonia but currently resides in Ferndale.

President named CEO

Mark McManus, Jr., president of Livonia-based New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan, a desktop application, technical computer and business skills training company, has been named chief executive officer of the company.

In his role, 32-year-old McManus replaces Mark McManus, Sr., who has subsequently been named chairman of New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan. As chairman, McManus, Sr. will serve in a business advisory capacity.

Production underwriter

Richard Lambert has been appointed to the position of production underwriter at the Farmington Hills office of Burns & Wilcox Ltd. In his new position, Lambert is responsible for marketing specialty insurance products and services and establishing the pricing for the firm's specialty lines of insurance. Previously, he served as marketing underwriter with Amerisure Insurance, where he handled the company's commercial multi-lines underwriting for a select group of agents.

Lambert currently resides in Westland with his daughter, Emma.

Professional accreditation

Edward McHale of Jones Lang LaSalle, Westland has earned professional accreditation as a Certified Shopping Center Manager (CSM) from the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

ICSC grants accreditation as a CSM only to those individuals with at least four years of relevant professional experience who have passed a day-long written examination administered for ICSC by The Chauncey Group International.

Promotion

Demetrius Ferguson has been promoted to general manager of the Bob Evans Restaurant in Livonia. Ferguson was formerly the assistant general manager in Sunset Hills, MO. He resides in Dearborn Heights. As GM, Ferguson will oversee a staff of approximately 60, who will serve more than 270,000 customers annually. He is responsible for food service, food quality and customer service at this location which supports the company's nearly \$900 million annual sales.

Arthritis Today

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DOES ARTHRITIS EXIST?

Only forms of arthritis exist. There is rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and more. Each type of arthritis is distinct, with characteristics of cause, diagnosis, treatment, and long term outlook, that make it different from other arthritic conditions.

Therefore, you must be alert when you hear that a vitamin, supplement, or a new drug is "good against arthritis." Such can not be the case because the diversity of arthritis makes it unlikely that one therapy would prove useful against both osteoarthritis and gout, or be valuable in both rheumatoid arthritis and lupus arthritis.

Advances in the treatment of arthritis come from careful studies of patients with a particular arthritis. Most investigations of new therapies concentrate on rheumatoid and osteoarthritis, as they are most common. If the new therapy for one type proves valuable, those persons or organization developing the drug cannot draw the conclusion that this therapy will help another arthritis. To prove that point, requires another carefully designed study. The diversity of arthritis allows no guarantee of success without evaluation.

You need to read advertisements for arthritis drugs and supplements carefully and listen attentively when a radio or TV talk show hosts someone discussing arthritis treatment. If the advertisement or the speaker is not specific in matching the form of arthritis with the treatment being praised, then you should not take your time to find the therapy, or use your money to buy it.



DENTISTRY
For The 21st Century
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.
WHITER PROSPECTS

Aside from the staining that occurs as a result of drinking coffee and smoking, there are physiological reasons why teeth become more yellow during the adult years. As we age, enamel becomes more brittle and reflects light differently. In addition, tooth decay and wear cause the tooth to produce additional dentin (the largest portion of the tooth), which is more yellow in color. With the enamel less lustrous, this secondary dentin shows through, and the teeth take on a yellowish tinge. Patients who wish to avoid the aging effect of yellowing teeth should discuss tooth whitening options with the dentist. When used in appropriate cases, tooth whitening can result in teeth that are up to four

shades lighter.

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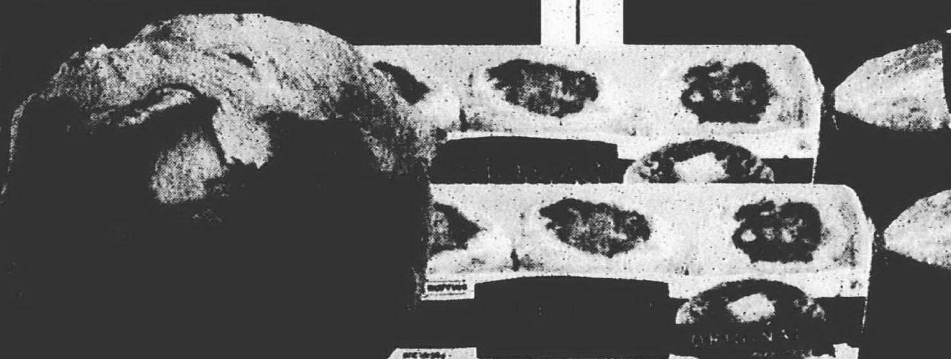
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