

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City meets: The Plymouth City Commission meets at City Hall at 7 p.m., then follows that with a special meeting to discuss the city manager situation.

TUESDAY

School days: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets in its regular session at 7 p.m. at Allen Elementary School on Haggerty.

DAILY

Trees on display: The Christmas trees decorated by local organizations are on display every day through Dec. 28.

LOOKING AHEAD

Entertainment: Bring your ice skates to the SPIRIT of Ford Automotive Adventure Center and discover some "Extreme Ice" in Thursday's Observer.

Dining: J.L. Hudson's Cafe at Westland Mall offers Maurice Salad and some new menu items that are sure to satisfy your appetite in Thursday's paper.

Hometown Life: Readers share their memories about their holiday traditions in Thursday's paper.

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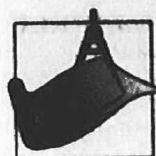
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Planners nix Wilcox proposal



■ They didn't actually vote on it, but Plymouth planning commissioners made it clear to the developers of the so-called "Wilcox property" they needed to come up with a new plan that meets city height restrictions.

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It's back to the conceptual drawing board for D&P Ventures of Detroit, which has proposed a seven-story condominium project on the 2.5 acre site known as the Wilcox property in downtown Plymouth.

Nearly 60 residents, most of them voicing opposition, showed up to express their opinions on the proposed plans at Wednesday's planning commission public hearing.

At the heart of the matter is the height of the 50 condo project, which many feel will dwarf the city's crown jewel, Kellogg Park.

"Developers are flocking to Plymouth

because it's a quaint, little town," Dan Herzhberger told planning commissioners. "The reality is these developers will change the character of this quaint, little downtown."

"I'm appalled that anybody would propose to do this in our city, and propose to leave the Wilcox house where it stands near a building three-times its height," added Richard Kirchoff. "Obviously, this is profit driven."

Planning commissioners praised the quality of the development, but all voiced opposition to the height.

"I think it's gorgeous, but it's way too big," said Commissioner Richard

Moyer.

"I'm afraid we'll change the entire character of the city, and the very quality people have moved here for will be lessened and destroyed," added Commissioner Rosita Smith.

City commissioners, at their Oct. 16 meeting, approved an ordinance that restricts new construction around Kellogg Park to a height of 50 feet. The proposed Wilcox project would be nearly 80 feet when measured to the midpoint of the peak of the roof, and more than 90 feet to the top of the elevator shaft.

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The real story?



Disbelief: Joseph Islam, right, and his sister Anna react to the guilty verdict in the trial of their father, Azizul. Azizul Islam's sister came forward with a different story to tell this week.

'Something went bad'

Islam's sister says murder was case of petty theft gone wrong

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The death of Tracy Islam of Plymouth, whose body parts were found in Michigan and Ohio, was originally meant to be a simple purse snatching.

However, what was intended to be a mindless crime got terribly out of hand, and resulted in a senseless murder.

That's the story being told by the sister of convicted killer Azizul Islam, who was found guilty by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury Oct. 3 of first-degree murder and mutilation of a dead body in the death of his estranged wife in December 1999.

Police and prosecutors believe Islam killed his wife, dismembered her body in the basement of their Roe Street home and disposed of her arms and legs in an A&W Restaurant trash receptacle while dumping the torso in northeast Ohio field. Her head, which could help determine the cause of death, has never been found.



Found guilty: Though Azizul Islam was convicted in the murder of his wife, Tracy, his sister says that was never his intent.

Islam's sister met with the Observer to tell "the real story" behind Tracy Islam's murder. She asked for anonymity, maintaining she still feared for her life and the lives of

Islam's two teenage children. Tracy Islam moved back to her native England in August 1999.

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Cops, lawyers not buying latest story

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Investigators who probed the murder of Tracy Islam don't dismiss the theory there could have been more people involved in the killing of the former Plymouth woman. However, they also believe the story

being told by Azizul Islam's sister proves that authorities were correct in prosecuting and convicting Islam for the death of his estranged wife in December 1999.

"We have the right guy," said Acting Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll, who was given a copy of the statements Islam's sister

made to the Observer. "The sister says he put this into motion, then it goes down a trail of many forks."

"I believe he had a hand in the murder of his wife, he disposed of her body, he lied about it and he covered it up," said Carroll. "Now, he admits to that through his third-party statement, to some degree."

Carroll said the story released by Islam's sister only admits to those things that investigators were able to definitely nail down. However, there are some inconsistencies that don't make sense.

"There's some innuendo, but anything we look at will have to deal with fact."

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Ice fest back with familiar feeling

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When the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular makes its return next month, there will be some changes, but most of the events that make up the annual ice-carving festival will remain comfortably familiar.

The festival's board of directors this week announced the annual spectacular returns Jan. 17-21, primarily at Kellogg Park.

There will obviously still be the familiar ice-carving competition, featuring carvers of all ages, shapes, sizes and professions. Former Jack will return with "Fantasyland," earning more than \$10,000 in prize money, scholarships and prizes will be awarded.

Among the new items connected to the ice festival is the first dinner dance. Themed "2001 an Ice Odyssey," the dance takes place Jan. 19 at the new St. John's Golf and Conference Center. Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner, refreshments and dancing to orchestral music.

One of the biggest changes comes with the cost of the street sculptures bought by local businesses to be displayed outside their stores. A year ago, the street sculptures cost \$350 apiece, and very few were purchased.

This year, through a donation made by Visteon, the street sculptures will cost just \$200.

"(Businesses) always said 'they're

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Locals react to hurried weapons legislation

Lame ducks push law, A3

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While some state legislators were hailing the passing of the concealed weapons legislation (see related story, page A3), not everyone in the local area is pleased.

The bill, House Bill 4530, restricts issuing concealed weapons to people based on criteria such as age and criminal convictions. It also, according to supporters, makes it illegal for people to carry concealed weapons into a variety of public buildings.

The law is expected to take effect by July 2001 and still needs to be signed by Gov. John Engler, who has indicated he will sign it.

Local law enforcement officials think the legislation heightens the problem of gun accessibility.

"The approach to it, there are enough guns out there now," said Acting Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "Law-abiding citizens who have a need

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Helping seniors

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging has funds available to help seniors who have financial limitations. Assistance can be provided for such things as transportation, payment of prescriptions and medical bills, food, medical insurance payments, minor home repairs (furnace or stove problems, leaks, defective door locks, etc.), home maintenance (leaf raking, snow removal, etc.) and legal consultation. In emergencies, transportation via cab to destinations within a 20-mile radius may also be covered.

Anyone with knowledge of seniors who would qualify and need the service should call the PCCA at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Tree winners

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has crowned the winners in its annual Christmas Tree decorating program in Kellogg Park.

The first place tree was decorated by children from Bentley Elementary School. The Plymouth Beautification Committee got a second-place honor, Garcia & Dulapa Families earned third place and fourth place went to LOC Performance.

Judges included Jack Armstrong of Visual Impressions, Ellen Boyd of Elegant Accents and Dan Delano of Edward Jones Investments.

"Local families, organizations and businesses had a blast creating their own Christmas tree to occupy the park," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive direc-

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tor. "What a creative community to come up with so many beautiful trees!"

The trees can be viewed 24 hours a day for no charge in Kellogg Park. The trees will be on display through Dec. 28.

Youth soccer

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will take spring youth soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All registrations require a birth certificate.

The fee for 6-under, 7-under and 8-under is \$45 for city residents, \$65 for non-residents. For 9-under and older groups, the fee is \$50 for residents, \$80 for non-residents.

For more information, call 455-6620. You can get more information and download registration forms at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Symphony subscriptions

Still looking for a Christmas present for someone? The Plymouth Symphony thinks it has the perfect thing.

The symphony is offering a mini-series subscription package to its remaining season subscription concerts, scheduled for Jan. 27, Feb. 17 and March 24. Trio packages are available for only \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors or college students. That marks a minimum 16 percent discount — individual tickets for these concerts are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors/college students.

In addition to the chance to see the concerts, subscribers are eligible for season subscriber rewards, which include, but are not limited to, discounts and priority seating for special events, priority notification for all PSO events, ticket exchange privileges and acknowledgement in PSO programs.

Tickets for Cabaret Cafe, this year's annual concert/auction, are on sale. The event takes place April 6 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$50 for adult general admission and \$25 for children.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office, (734) 451-2112, E-mail plymouthsymphony@aol.com, or visit the symphony's website at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Christmas tea

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter (Plymouth, Northville and Canton) holds its annual Christmas tea Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. at the home of Doris Richards, 8417 Ivanhoe in Plymouth.

All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For more information call (734) 453-4425.

Owner, township at odds over need for kennel license

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A dog day care was a dream-come-true for Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pets, until Plymouth Township officials ordered her to stop operating that service Dec. 7.

"They told me I was in violation of the ordinance," Bennett said. "They shut us down."

The store remains open, despite the closing of the daycare portion of the business.

A few months ago Bennett relocated her longtime pet supplies business from Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon to its new location on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, east of Sheldon and west of Elmhurst Avenue. She then started Specialty Pets Club Canine in August.

The daycare setting helped lonely pooches who dislike being home alone when their owners work long hours and helps dogs socialize with other dogs, Bennett said.

Dogs played together under the supervision of two employees. "We've videotaped them playing together," Bennett said. "They develop games: Keep Away, Hide and Seek."

Anti-social dogs were expelled, she said. "Most dogs get along well. This whole thing has been turned topsy-turvy. This is a community service."

The cost was \$15 a day pre-paid and \$20 a day for walk-ins. Bennett cared for about 10-12 dogs a day at her location, which

has a capacity for 20 dogs. She called her service a success. She refunded one customer's three-month pre-payment after the township's action.

Bennett doesn't believe her operation fits the definition of a kennel by township ordinance, stressing her daycare hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m., with no overnights.

She said she doesn't breed animals.

According to the ordinance, "No person shall own or operate any dog kennel in the township without having first secured a license therefore. For purpose of this chapter, any person who keeps more than three dogs three months old or older on any one property in the township shall be deemed to be operating a dog kennel. No such kennel shall be operated or maintained except in a district where permitted by the zoning."

The ordinance also covers dog runs and outdoor service areas within a single family area.

"The dogs are pottied on our property," she said. "We have an adequate area."

Though one neighbor has complained, Bennett blames local dogs for pooping on that property.

Issued kennel licenses are rare in Plymouth Township, according to Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "In eight years as clerk I've never had one," Massengill said. "We don't have an application form. If they are approved, we will need one."

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to carry a gun can do so with the current law. Making guns more accessible makes things even worse. Road rage could turn into death rage. Giving the finger could turn into giving lead.

"I think it was chicken of the lame duck session to pass this bill," he added. "They sneak it through during the 11th hour. It's typical."

State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, could not be reached for comment.

Carroll also thinks the law will make things more difficult for police officers trying to do their jobs.

"What makes it bad for cops...if you stop someone and you see a gun it will be harder to make a quick judgment on whether it's legal or illegal," Carroll said.

Apparently, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police agrees, issuing a public statement opposing the CCW bill.

"The bills under consideration do not provide law enforcement with the discretion we need to decide who is responsible enough and demonstrates a need to carry a concealed handgun," said Laurence VanAlstine, president of the association and chief of police in Tecumseh.

Plymouth resident Barb Case

has been vocal and active in the Million Mom March drive for safer gun legislation. She said her group is "disappointed" with the passage of the concealed weapon legislation, and is currently looking for ways to combat it.

"We're really unhappy, but we're not through with it yet," said Case, co-coordinator of the MMM's Western Metro Detroit chapter. "We've been working real hard with phone campaigns and letter-writing campaigns to get to our legislators."

The MMM is also helping form "People Who Care About Kids," a coalition being spearheaded by Wayne County Prosecutor-elect Mike Duggan. The group has had one meeting already; another is scheduled for Monday.

"We're hoping to collect enough signatures on a petition to put it on the ballot in 2002," Case said. "If that doesn't work, we may look at legal action."

Opponents had debated action such as a referendum, but the legislature tied a \$1 million appropriation to the legislation, making it immune from referendum. While the money sounds nice, according to Case, it's an empty gesture.

"It sounds good, a million dollars to give away trigger locks," she said. "It's a pretty useless gesture. My concern, beside having to worry about who's standing next to me in the mall that might have a gun in his pocket, is if you pass this kind of legislation, but nothing to make gun owners responsible, now there's going to be guns in people's pockets, backpacks and glove compartments. How many more stolen weapons are there going to be?"

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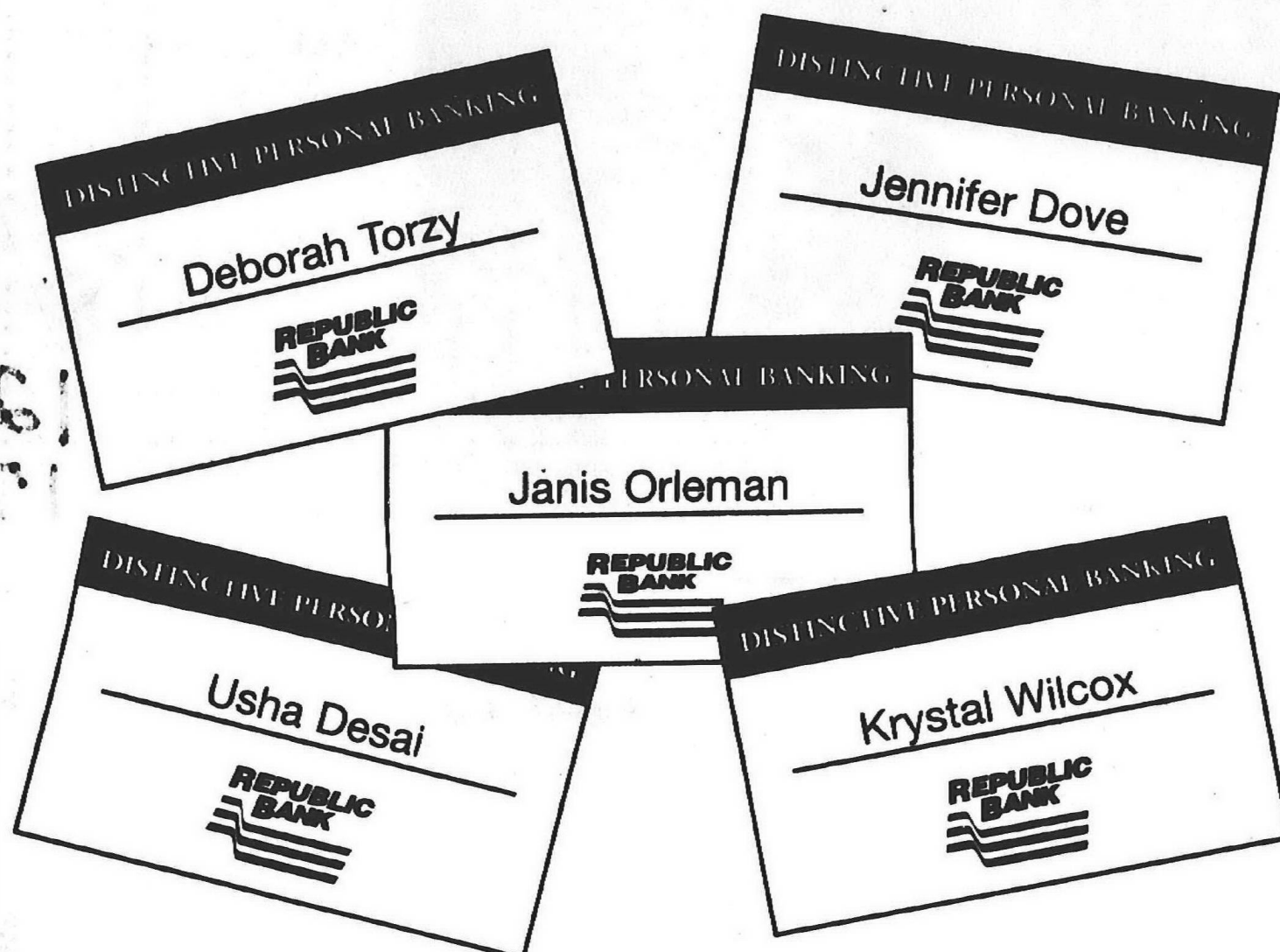
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reportedly leaving her family behind because of a dispute with her husband over credit card charges. After several attempts at getting her to come home, Azizul Islam arranged with Tracy to visit for the holidays and finalize a divorce. She arrived at Detroit Metro Airport on Dec. 16 for an eight-day visit. She never made it back to England.

Azizul Islam's plan, according to his sister, was to steal Tracy's passport to keep her from returning to England.

"His plan was to snatch the purse from the very beginning," said Islam's sister. "He said 'The only way I can get her to stay is if I get her passport.'"

"I said 'What's the big deal to steal her passport?' He told me she always has her purse with her."

Islam's sister said Azizul didn't know of anyone to hire to steal the purse, but did know a man who strong-armed rent from tenants when Azizul and she owned a rooming house in Ferndale several years ago. According to the sister, the unnamed middleman arranged for two people to steal Tracy's passport from their home while she and their two children slept. Azizul waited in his car at the Kmart parking lot at Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads.

"He said they looked like high school students," recalls the sister. "They came back and told him 'Sorry, something happened. She tried to scream, we didn't want to wake up the kids. We strangled her.'"

Islam's sister said "some hand-



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Theft gone wrong: According to his sister, Azizul Islam, above, simply wanted his wife's passport stolen, and never intended for her to be killed.

held machine that doesn't make much noise" was used to cut up the body while the children were sleeping upstairs.

"We took most of the parts. Just the torso is there. We left it in the garage. We'll come back to pick it up" is what the killers told Azizul, according to his sister. "He (Azizul) said he was almost dead in the car; he was in shock."

The alleged killers never came back to pick up the torso, and the middleman reportedly told Azizul to dump it in another state. The sister said Azizul

tried to call the middleman for help when he discovered the torso was too heavy for him to lift, but the telephone was continuously busy. That's when he solicited a neighbor to lift a garbage can into a rented white van, which was identified by witnesses during the trial.

When asked if Azizul was the man who was seen dumping something in a field near Toledo, the sister said, "It was him."

Islam's sister doesn't believe Azizul is totally innocent in the death of Tracy, but she doesn't think he deserves life in prison.

"We know he can't come out of this as innocent because he hired those people," she said. "And, if he doesn't hire those people, she would still be alive."

"Since Tracy left ... he couldn't function properly," she added. "He did so many things to try and bring her back. He loved her so much and he got convicted of murdering her."

The defense cost Azizul \$90,000, with an appeal of the verdict to increase the tab. His Plymouth home has liens from both defense attorney Michael Schwartz and his appeal attorney, David Cripps.

Islam's sister believes authorities knew there were real killers on the loose, but focused on Azizul because it made for an easy case.

"They weren't really trying to look for who did it," she said. "They were trying every single thing to convict my brother, rather than look for the real person who did it."

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added Carroll. "It seems like an attempt to throw some reasonable doubt into the wind and see what sticks. One of the biggest problems is that Dr. Islam told so many lies during the course of the investigation that it's very difficult to get to the truth."

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Lehto admitted to the story being an interesting theory.

"I think we've got the right guy," said Lehto. "Their theory doesn't change my thinking at all."

"It's possible there may be others involved," admitted Lehto. "However, if no one in the house can support the theory ... I think it's a case of his sister helping him out."

Defense attorney Michael Schwartz, when asked if he was told of the story by Islam, said he couldn't divulge what was said by his client. However, Schwartz did admit there was no way he could use the theory as part of his trial defense of Islam.

"The story by his sister implicates him and shows he took part in the killing, including the fact he dumped the body in Ohio," said Schwartz. "The story is too easy to take apart, and the prosecutor would have made mince meat out of it."

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Michael Schwartz
—Defense attorney

The jury took approximately four hours to convict Islam. Schwartz said it could have been much quicker had he used the theory of a purse snatching gone bad.

"Wouldn't he (Islam) have had a better chance of stealing the purse himself?" asked Schwartz. "If the jury would have heard the story implicating him, they probably would have come back with a guilty verdict within minutes."

When asked if he thought Islam was guilty of first degree murder, Schwartz said, "My client said he never killed her."

Islam, at one time during the investigation, alluded to police about others involved in the

Wilcox from page A1

By comparison, the new Mayflower Centre will be 58 feet when measured from the midpoint of the peak of the roof.

The developers have proposed the Wilcox design as a Planned Unit Development, which allows the planning commission to sidestep the height restriction in exchange for more control in developing the project. However, some have likened the proposed Wilcox project to putting the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road at the site.

"There's no comparison," said Joe Philips, architect of the project. "Visually this is set back on the site, it's amongst the trees and it tapers back."

"What we've tried to do is create a quality development that will show some respect for our past and confidence in the future of Plymouth," said Philips. "This will help stabilize the most recent restaurant business that we've attracted to the city. This project will provide 50 new homes downtown and support the new businesses in town."

The plans call for renovation of the nearly 100-year-old Wilcox house, as well as saving a 150-year-old Copper Beech tree.

Plymouth attorney John Thomas, who represented the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said the group recommends approval of the project.

"I don't think the height is detrimental," said Thomas. "If we have quality people who

'We believe the current plan is the best we have to offer.'

Stan Dickson
—D&P Ventures

know how to put up a quality building and it brings people to town, it's beneficial to all of us."

Attorney Ed Draugelis, representing the Wilcox Foundation, said it was a project former owner Jack Wilcox endorsed before his death.

"We endorse this program, we're delighted with it, and we think it's the best of all possible answers for a very difficult site," he said.

While the planning commission didn't vote on the issue, the eight members present indicated to developers the height would have to be changed in order for them to approve the project.

"We've spent a lot of time trying to redesign the project, but believe the current plan is the best we have to offer," said developer Stan Dickson of D&P Ventures. "But, we're going back to the drawing board. I truly believe the diversity of height within the City of Plymouth will be a positive and not a negative."

"Of course we're disappointed, but we'll have to sit down and see what our future is and see just what options are available to us," added partner Tom Pomeroli.

A SISTER SPEAKS OUT

BY TONY HURCHMAN
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The sister of Azizul Islam claims her brother is not guilty of first-degree murder in the death of his estranged wife, Tracy.

Tracy's body, minus her head, was found in 10 pieces throughout Michigan and Ohio last December. Police believe Azizul Islam killed his wife and then dismembered her body while his two teenage children slept in an upstairs bedroom of their Ros Street home.

Islam's sister spoke with the Observer on the condition of anonymity, saying she still fears the real killers.

Here is a portion of that conversation.

Islam's sister: His (Azizul's) plan was to snatch the purse from the very beginning when she (Tracy) came into the airport on Dec. 16. He said the only way I can get her to stay is if I get her passport. I said what's the big deal to steal her passport and he said she always has her purse with her. He said the kids told him at the airport to let her go, she's not going to stay. But, my brother didn't want to give up hope.

Observer: He didn't want to take the passport himself?

Islam's sister: He couldn't. She was strong and big. She wouldn't let him touch the passport. He couldn't.

He doesn't know the real people who killed her. He knows somebody, the middleman, and asked 'Do you know anybody who can snatch a passport?'

Observer: So, two people go to the house? Do you know what happened?

Islam's sister: He was sitting at Kmart, the one at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road. The people cannot come and snatch the purse while he is sitting at home. He left the house and left the back door open and waited in front of Kmart. He said to himself after waiting a while 'How long does it take to snatch a purse?' So he goes around and sees the car still parked in front of the house. He goes back and waits in front of the Kmart. He's thinking 'Maybe Tracy didn't come down for tea, or maybe the kids woke up and everybody is tied down.' Murder was not his slightest idea, it didn't even come to his mind. It took nearly two hours. So, he comes back and checks again. Sometimes he thinks they took off and didn't do anything.

Finally one of the people came in front of Kmart and told him. Something didn't look right on his face. They looked like high school kids, not like criminals. They came back and told him 'Sorry, something happened. She tried to scream, we didn't want the kids to wake up. We strangled her.'

He said after that he was almost dead in the car. He said 'I couldn't believe it. I was in shock.' But, they told him they'd be back to take the torso. 'We took most of the parts. Just the torso is there. We left it in the garage. We'll come back to pick it up.'

The guys didn't show up (to pick up the torso),

so he went to call this guy (the middleman) again. But, he didn't use his own phone, he used the public phone. That's why they didn't see any phone bills on his phone. He called the middleman's number, he said 'Wait they will come back.' But they didn't come back. He went back again the next day to tell the people and at that time the middleman told him 'I don't know if they'll show up. I can't locate them. Get a van and get it in two states. If it happens in two states they cannot catch you.'

Observer: So, it was him that was sent to Toledo?

Islam's sister: Yes, it was him that was sent to Toledo. That is the whole story.

Observer: Why didn't he tell the name of the middleman at the...

Islam's sister: He did tell (defense attorney) Mr. (Michael) Schwartz. I don't want to get killed by these people either.

Observer: Are you fearful of even talking about this?

Islam's sister: I'm fearful that these people, if they know that I know, they might get to me or something. I'm scared.

Observer: In (Plymouth police) Commander (Wayne) Carroll's testimony he did say Azizul said, 'I hired somebody.'

Islam's sister: Officer Carroll, he is a nice man. I said 'He didn't do it.' Officer Carroll said 'He didn't do it, but I know he has a big part to do with it.' He talked to my brother several times. He knows somebody else is involved.

Observer: Do the kids know this story?

Islam's sister: Everything. Everything 100 percent. They love their father. They don't blame him for anything he did. They are now devastated he was when she left. If the brother had told him the truth ... 'that I have a boyfriend and I'm not coming' ... it would have solved all the problems.

Observer: They must be devastated.

Islam's sister: All of us are devastated. But, what can you do? But now we are hoping for an appeal and the new lawyer is going to tell the truth now. I want to tell the truth. Even after the verdict, Mr. Schwartz came out ... I told him we go the truth now. Mr. Schwartz said, 'We cannot go that route. We have to do the same thing. I said 'What is the guarantee then?' He said 'There is no guarantee.' I said then 'Let's forget it. I want to tell the truth.'

Observer: Do you think your brother should have been convicted of something?

Islam's sister: Yes. We know he cannot come out as innocent because he hired those people and if he doesn't hire those people, she would still be alive. So, he's in a way ... responsible for hiring those people. But, since Tracy left to the day she was murdered all he talked about, his plan, was to bring Tracy back. Since Tracy left, he lost so much weight, he couldn't function properly. He did so many things to bring her back. He couldn't think Tracy could have a boyfriend. He loved her so much, and he got convicted of murdering her.

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Members of United Assembly of God in Plymouth Township are committed to helping low-income families and those down on their luck in the Westland-Wayne area. To help some more, they will host a Christmas Eve bike and present giveaway at the Roma Banquet Hall in Garden City.

"We like to help low-income families," said the Rev. Bob Illes. "Plymouth doesn't have a lot of that."

Church members will give away 200 new bicycles and hundreds of wrapped Christmas presents.

'It's one thing to say, 'I love you,' and 'Have a Good Day,' It's another to show people the love of Jesus.'

Rev. Bob Illes
—United Assembly of God

The gathering begins at 10 a.m., and 1,000 people are expected.

"More than likely, there will be over 400 guests and first-time visitors present," organizers said.

Transportation will be provided for families in need by United

Assembly of God's bus ministry. About 30 children ages 5-11 will receive a new bicycle appropriate for their age. Children not receiving bikes will receive an age-appropriate wrapped Christmas present worth at least \$20.

The money for the bikes and presents comes solely from congregation contributions. The congregation numbers 625.

Roma Hall provided its facility at a nominal cost. The Super Kmart in Canton offered the bikes at a discount.

"It's an awesome way to give back," Illes said. "It's one thing to say, 'I love you,' and 'Have a Good Day.' It's another to show people the love of Jesus."

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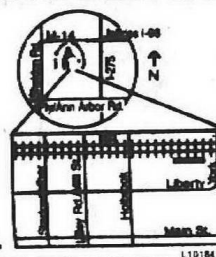


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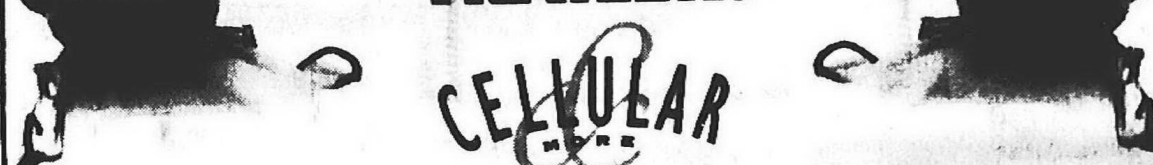
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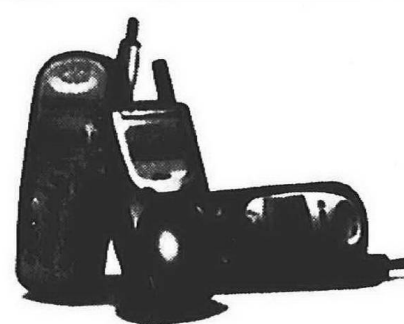
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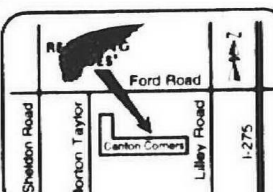
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County gets boost for Pinnacle Aeropark

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County announced Thursday that Romulus and Huron Township are joining its effort to get a state SmartZone designation for its planned high-tech Pinnacle Aeropark.

The SmartZone concept, first introduced in 1999, is part of an overall strategic plan aimed at accelerating the growth of tech-

nology-based jobs in Michigan.

A key element is to change Michigan's image from that of traditional manufacturing to a location of choice for high technology companies.

Wayne County's proposal is one of 16 statewide competing for 10 SmartZone designations and County Executive Edward H. McNamara said the Romulus-Huron support "is very critical" to the park's success.

The 1,800-acre site for mixed-use business development is just south of Detroit Metropolitan Airport, in both Romulus and Huron.

SmartZone designations permit the use of tax increment financing to get the projects going and both communities passed resolutions supporting the effort.

Up to six of the 10 available designations are to be awarded

by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in either late January or early February.

"We believe we have one of the stronger applications in the state," said McNamara, citing The Pinnacle's proximity to Metro and the county's partnership with area universities and engineering organizations.

Romulus Mayor Bill Oakley said that "For the first time, I'm

excited about seeing" such a county project because his city finally will be able to enjoy "the benefits of expansion."

"We have experienced the negatives associated with being the host community for the airport," he said. "Now The Pinnacle can help us enjoy more of the economic benefits the airport will produce."

Newly elected Huron Township Supervisor John Mitchell

said partnering with Romulus and the county on the project will help the township better manage the development coming its way.

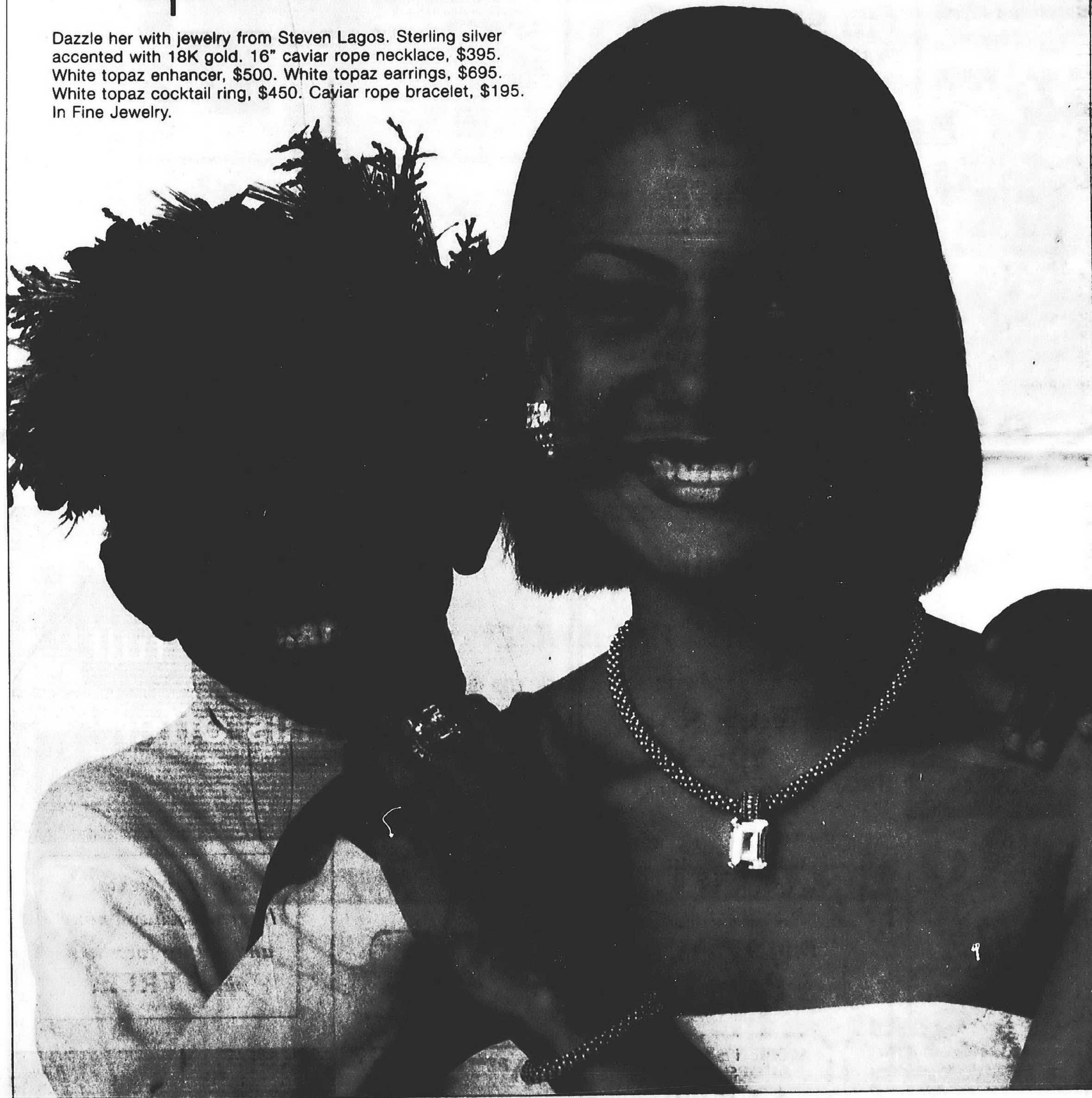
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Land records now accessible by Web site

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The Wayne County register of deeds office has established a new Internet service that lets computer-users to search land records from their homes or offices.

The Web site, accessible through two Wayne County Internet portals, is for "unofficial searches only," according to the title page. Images or copies of actual recorded documents aren't available on the site, but can be obtained at the deeds office, 400 Monroe in Detroit.

"I have promised easier access to the customers and citizens of Wayne County for years," said retiring Register of Deeds Forest E. Youngblood, and thanks to the support and assistance of County Executive Edward H. McNamara, "we have made our promise a reality."

Youngblood will be succeeded in January by a cousin, Bernard Youngblood, who was elected in November.

The free Internet access to the office's land records index began late last month and already has logged over 6,000 visitors.

It allows the public to search

The Web site can be accessed via www.waynecounty.com and clicking on 'Departments', then 'Register of Deeds', or by going directly to www.waynecountylandrecords.com

and identify a recorded real estate transaction or document through various search criteria, including name, legal description, tax identification number, condominium plan or street address.

Information available includes mortgages, various types of liens and financing.

Deputy Register of Deeds Patricia Cwiek said reaction to the new site so far has been "very positive" because it saves them the trip downtown to check records.

People can check to see who has an interest in a piece of property in the form of a lien, or the type of ownership. Legal

descriptions also are available, she said.

The register of deeds office is "the official keeper of legal descriptions," she said.

But contrarily, she noted, there will be those who "will be surprised" that much of the information recorded there is public.

"Sometimes people call up and complain that the price of their house or their mortgage was just published in the newspapers," Cwiek said. "We have to remind them that ... when you record down here, it's public."

But if people don't record their transactions, she warned, "they won't be protected" from possible fraudulent activities or other situations, such as who has first rights to a property.

The index provides the public with access to information typically accessible only to title insurance companies, banks or real estate firms.

However, although the information on the Web site is public according to Michigan law, the deeds office is not disclosing addresses or social security numbers on the Web site, in order to protect the privacy of individuals in the index, Cwiek said.

She said this was done in part to protect people from stalkers and added Michigan law prohibits disclosing the addresses of law enforcement and other officials.

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The index to date only includes those documents recorded after

August 1986, when the office began compiling its electronic index.

Information indexed from documents recorded prior to that date is maintained in paper tract-index books and on name-card files.

The deeds office has begun scanning the paper files to provide electronic access as far back as the 1700s, but the project will take several more months to complete, according to a spokesperson.

Cwiek said the office also is scanning the actual documents themselves and that those images will be available later.

A western Wayne County Realtor, Joan Dawkins of Plymouth, said while the Web site does provide a lot of information and will save people trips downtown and parking fees, it's not "user-enough friendly" for her.

She said she and other real estate agents have other software that makes available more of the information they need in researching properties for clients.

Cwiek said Realtors "don't necessarily look up ownership."

"Real estate agents don't use our records as much as they use the assessor's records," she said.

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Lawmakers try to make CCW bill 'ballot proof' I

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The state lawmakers who this week altered Michigan's rules for obtaining a permit to carry a concealed weapon also attempted to make their changes "ballot proof" as well as bullet proof.

To keep the law from being subjected to a referendum, legislators tacked on a \$1 million appropriation in lame duck ses-

sion Wednesday, Dec. 13. According to the state Constitution, spending bills are protected from challenges at the ballot box.

Opponents, who say the law could put 200,000 or more new guns on the street, have promised to take the bill to a public vote. A coalition of law enforcement officers headed up by Wayne County Prosecutor-elect Mike Duggan and state Attorney General Jennifer

Granholm say they intend to launch a signature petition drive for a referendum on the bill anyway.

State Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, admitted Thursday that blocking a referendum was indeed the reason for the million dollar add-on.

"It's true," he said, but he stopped short of saying he wanted to avoid an election on the bill. "What I want is for voters to

read the law. If they read the law, they'll be in favor of it," he said.

Hoffman believes it will actually be more difficult to get a CCW permit under the new law, that it is more stringent than the current law, and that the requirements are restrictive.

He's not alone in that assessment. Sponsor of the bill, Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, contends "there are people who have

CCW permits presently that won't be able to get them under the new bill."

Rep. Larry DeVuyst, R-Alma, who was on the conference committee that crafted the final version along with Green, Hoffman and Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, contended that were it not for the two words "shall issue," he would have viewed it as an anti-gun bill and voted against it.

Those two words lie at the heart of the debate. Current law leaves issuance of CCW permits to the discretion of local gun boards, county-level panels comprised of the local prosecutor, sheriff and a representative of the State Police. Because it is discretionary "may issue" rather than "shall issue" gun rights advocates say the process is arbitrary.

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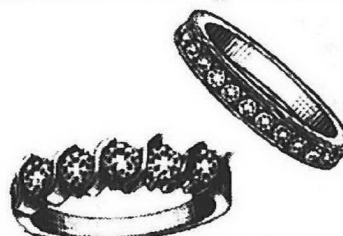
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rary and inconsistent.

Some county gun boards give them out readily. Macomb County, for instance, has issued 42 percent of all CCW permits granted in the state. In other counties, applicants can't get a permit unless they can show a need for a concealed weapon. And, according to Sen. David Jays, R-Washington Township, in yet other counties only cops, lawmakers and large political contributors have a reasonable chance of getting a gun permit.

House Bill 4690 states that the gun board "shall issue" the permit as long as the applicant meets the requirements. And a number of requirements have been added since the House of Representatives first approved the bill back in the May of 1999.

Applicants are required:

- To be at least 21 years of age. The current age limit is 18.
- To complete a gun safety training program.
- To be free of felony convictions or mental illness. Conviction of high misdemeanors, as listed in the bill, will disqualify an applicant for eight years. Other misdemeanors disqualify the applicant for three years.

The bill allows victims of domestic violence to get temporary licenses to carry, while an full CCW permits are being processed. The bill also creates "CCW free zones" around schools, day cares, arenas, bars, hospitals, casinos, churches and

college classrooms and dormitories.

The \$1 million appropriation will pay for distribution of trigger locks to the public as well as for the administration of new application process. But there is one more "catch-all" provision in the bill that allows gun boards to deny permits to applicants if they can show "clear and convincing evidence" that the applicant would be dangerous.

That evidence, Bullard explained, could be as little as a single police report or testimony from a police chief that the applicant would present a danger. That evidence would also have to stand up on appeal to the circuit court, if the applicant chose to make such an appeal.

That provision, dubbed "the village idiot clause" by Sen. Jays, a gun rights advocate, was enough to cause him to withhold his support. With it, he argued, the bill would not truly be a "shall issue" law.

Green said the final version was far from what he intended when he first sponsored the bill, which had been to make it easier to obtain a permit. Of the 30 or more states that have "shall issue" CCW laws, Michigan's will be the strictest, he said.

Others inside and outside the legislature disagree.

"What it will do is give more people access to more guns," Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, said. She believes a

"sense of outrage" is growing in reaction to the vote, and particularly the effort to protect the bill from referendum, and expects that interest groups will come forward to challenge the bills with a petition drive.

Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, predicted that the number of CCW holders in the state would grow from 25,000 at present to 200,000 or more. Bullard doubts there would be that many permits, or that the number necessarily will grow at all. He said it is impossible to know how many new permits will be issued under the new law. The only way to tell will be to enact the bill and see how it works.

Bullard said he expects that the debate, one way or another, will appear on the election ballot in 2002. If a referendum is not possible, opponents of the bill will put forward a constitutional amendment, he predicted. Bullard sees the issue as political, saying he believed it would appear in the next election because it would give a boost to a Democratic contender for the governor's office to have the question appear on the ballot at the same time.

Duggan said a petition drive will be launched immediately. He argued the appropriation "is meaningless. You can't call it an appropriations bill by sticking an appropriation on the end of a non-appropriations bill ... This has happened before and the

courts have said that you cannot use an appropriation to avoid a referendum. It's been done before; it's been decided before."

The petition drive will be sponsored by the People Who Care About Kids Committee, Duggan said, and it will have 90 days to gather the signatures needed to put it on the ballot and 150,000 signatures are necessary, the goal will be 250,000, he said.

The committee can be reached at (313) 224-KIDS.

House Bill 4690 was approved 62-39 in the House of Representatives and 23-13 in the Senate.

In the House of Representatives:

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; and Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, voted yes. Reps. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, voted no. Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, did not vote.

In the Senate:

Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Bill Bullard, R-Highland; John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio; Mat Dunaskis, R-Lake Orion; Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voted yes. Sens. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn; Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak; and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, voted no.

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Inmates shovel snow for seniors

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Some snowed-in seniors living alone in Westland, Garden City and Redford Township and eight other Wayne County communities got shoveled out by an unusual group this past week: Four dozen county jail inmates.

The inmates - all of whom are completing sentences for non-violent, misdemeanor crimes - answered Sheriff Robert A. Ficano's call for volunteers to assist with emergency snow removal in the wake of the week's heavy snowfalls.

The 46 prisoners - divided into four crews of 12 each, with each crew supervised by at least two deputy sheriffs - cleared 90 driveways, Ficano said.

The service was made available to any county resident over age 65 living alone that had become stranded by the snow. Top priority was given to the ill and shut-in seniors needing to get to a doctor's appointment or to the pharmacy to pick up medication.

The aim, said the sheriff, was

"to provide a lifeline to those individuals who have done so much for our society (and) who are now in need of assistance."

His office received more than 200 calls for assistance, he said.

Inmates were selected from the low-risk, minimum-security

population. While volunteering had no effect on their sentences, getting out to shovel snow was preferable to remaining in their cells, the sheriff said.

It was at least the second time Ficano has formed and deployed inmate work crews. The first

was in the aftermath of the January 1999 blizzard.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

New Canton coach seeks resurgence



BY C.J. RISAK
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There are six players with experience returning this season for Plymouth Canton's volleyball team. But that's just part of the good news.

The rest is that Steve Anderson, who

Plymouth Canton's volleyball program has floundered the past few years, but hopes are running high with the return of coach Steve Anderson, who led Canton to a 58-23 record in his two previous seasons at the helm.

coached the Chiefs for two successful years (1996-97) before being forced to leave due to additional duties in his job with the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

In those two years, Canton became something more than a doormat in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs finished fifth in the WLAA

in Anderson's first year, then climbed to a third in his second, winning their only Western Division title in volleyball. They were a combined 58-23 in those two seasons.

Anderson wasn't completely out of the game. He continued to serve as an assistant at Henry Ford CC, where he coached for seven seasons.

Now he'll try once again to rebuild a program that, under Cynthia Montgomery the last three seasons, struggled to reach respectability.

"We're like a first-year program," said Anderson. "I hate to use the term

rebuilding because that makes it sound like we're tearing it down from top to bottom, and we're not.

"I believe it's a matter of developing what we have here. We have great athletes, it's just getting them adjusted."

By that, Anderson means teaching them his system and how to play the game mentally.

One thing in his favor: He's got some bright girls on the squad. In fact, the team's combine grade-point average is 3.6.

"They're all so smart, I cover a topic

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Top prospects

The North American Hockey League's Top Prospects team was named NAHL team of the week after winning the 2000 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament Dec. 4-6 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Among those who sparked for the NAHL Top Prospects squad were defenseman Andy Greene, who had two goals and an assist in three games, and Dan Knapp, who finished with a team-best five points (one goal, four assists). Both play for the Compuware Ambassadors.

Compuware gets a win

Four different players scored goals for the Compuware Ambassadors as they prevailed 4-1 over the visiting USA NAHL team Sunday at Compuware.

David Booth, Chris Sad, Marc Norrington and Steve Burgess each scored goals for the Ambassadors, who solidified their position in second place in the NAHL's East Division. Compuware was 15-10-1 through last Sunday (31 points); Soo Kewadin Casino Indians are first at 23-5-1 (47 points).

Baseball camp

The Wayne State Baseball Camp, administered by the WSU baseball staff, will be from 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 27-30. Skill in all aspects of the game will be taught.

Cost is \$40 for a single session or \$150 for all four sessions. For more information, call Jay Alexander, WSU assistant baseball coach, at (810) 560-7301.

The Wayne State Baseball Winter 2001 Development Hitting Camp and Development Pitching Camp, under the direction of the WSU baseball coaching staff, are scheduled for five consecutive Saturdays: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3. The hitting camp will be from 8-10 a.m.; the pitching, from 10 a.m.-noon.

The camps are open to all players, grades 7-12, who reside within 100 miles of WSU. Each hitter will be provided with a computer analysis of his hitting style, as well as individual instruction in all phases of hitting.

Each pitcher will receive a video tape analysis of his pitching style and a copy of the WSU Pitching Manual, as well as instruction on all phases of pitching, from throwing split-finger fastballs to picking off baserunners.

Cost for each one-day session is \$125 per person. Campers should wear sweat suits and gym shoes and bring their own gloves. The camp will be conducted by Rod George, WSU's head coach.

Each session is limited to 20 campers (first come, first serve), with a \$20 reservation fee sent to: Wayne State University Baseball Camp, 101 Matthaei Building, Detroit, MI, 48202-3489. For more information, call (810) 560-7301.

Wildcat tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will have tryouts in February and March in Plymouth.

For 14- and 15-year-olds (born in 1986 and 1985), tryouts will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

A second tryout for 14- and 15-year-olds (born in 1986 and 1985) will be 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

For 16- and 17-year-olds (born 1984 and 1983), tryouts will be 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

For 13-year-olds (born in 1987), tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

A second tryout for 13-year-olds (born in 1987) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

For 11-year-olds (born in 1989), tryouts will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

For 12-year-olds (born in 1988), tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Any player unable to attend, but would still like to tryout, please call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or (734) 414-8156.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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Out-powered

Pats' power play goals pivotal in stopping Salem

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For Livonia Franklin, it was just a matter of holding on: through a listless first period and, in the final minute, to a one-goal lead while facing a Plymouth Salem power play.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, the power play was once again the difference.

Franklin, which had converted a respectable 25 percent of its chances with the man advantage coming into the game, connected on 50 percent this time in subduing Salem 5-4 Friday in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Patriots improved to 2-0-3. Salem fell to 2-3-1.

"They outplayed us in the first period," admitted Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt. "We had some breakdowns. When Jason (Robinson) went down, we started to play much better. It got their blood up — it rallied the team."

"We played better in the third period, but we still need a lot of work."

Robinson, a junior defenseman who has been playing excellently well, went down with what was believed to be a concussion in the second period and was taken to the hospital for observation.

The game seemed to turn late in all three periods. After dominating the action in the first period, Salem finally put one in the net with 1:45 left, Chad



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL THOMPSON

Airborne: Salem's Dave Bida gets tripped up by Franklin's Josh Garbutt while chasing the puck in the second period. The Rocks dominated the play in the opening period, but the Patriots took command after defenseman Jason Robinson was knocked out of action in the second period.

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Huron's quick start dooms Salem

There's one game left to salvage a merry Christmas for Plymouth Salem's basketball team.

On Friday, the Rocks fell to 0-3 after getting leveled by Ann Arbor Huron's 28-point first quarter, eventually losing 71-53 at Salem.

The win pushed Huron's record to 3-0 and left Salem coach Bob Brodie with more frustration.

"They just blitzed us," he said of that opening quarter that saw the River Rats open up a 29-12 lead. "And they hadn't practiced or played since last Saturday."

It didn't show. Or, as Brodie suggested, maybe it did. Huron certainly was rested and ready to get into action.

Darryl Binson, who led the Rats with 21 points,

BASKETBALL

scored 10 of them in the first period. Joey Sims, who finished with 15, had eight in that opening quarter.

Salem never did recover. It was 41-30 at the half, the Rocks managed to narrow the gap to single digits (eight points) in the third quarter, but as Brodie put it, "It was short-lived. They exploded again and went up by 13 or 14."

Mistakes continue to plague the Rocks. Once again, they committed 28 turnovers (which is what they're averaging per game) to 11 for Huron. They

were also outrebounded on the offensive boards, 11-11.

David Hoskins paced Salem with 14 points. Nick Tuchman added nine. Joining Sims and Sims in double figures for the River Rats was Stefan Puel with 16.

"We just can't make mistakes against good teams," said Brodie. "And we're making a lot of them."

Salem's 72, Salem 66. What bothered Salem in its season opener against Monroe continued at Ballville Wednesday in a game postponed the previous week.

Please see BASKETBALL, B2

Madonna's upset bid falls short; SC catches Lansing

The Madonna University men's basketball team nearly pulled off the upset of the night.

Center Rick Fox, who had 30 points and 13 rebounds, made a pair of free throws with 1:24 left to give Wayne State (4-5) a 70-69 win over the host Fighting Crusaders (3-9).

John Bennett's (from Livonia Churchill) only two points of the night with 1:08 left pulled Madonna to within one, but the Crusaders couldn't tally the equalizer or go-ahead basket.

Justin Gorman added 18 points for the Warriors, while Mike Brown chipped in with 12. Former Schoolcraft College player Reggie Kirkland grabbed 11 rebounds for WSU, which trailed 37-33 at halftime.

Madonna, which has suffered greatly in the mistake department, committed just five turnovers on the night. But the Warriors outrebounded the Crusaders, 45-22.

Four Crusaders scored in double figures led by Mike Massey's 17 points. Aaron Cox added 13, while Joe Greene and Narvia Russaw contributed 13 and 10, respectively.

Russaw had a team-high eight rebounds, while Green had a team-high five assists.

SCHOOLCRAFT 69, LANSING CC 67: Guard Derrick Bird, a transfer from Central Michigan University, racked up a game-high 33 points Wednesday, leading the host Ocelots to a come-from-behind victory over Lansing CC.

SC improved to 6-1 with the victory. Lansing fell to 3-6.

Bird, an Ypsilanti native, nailed four 3-pointers. He helped spark a 57-43 second-half scoring spurt. Point-guard Dave McGlovin chipped in with 17 points, while 6-foot-6 center Sam Hoskins (from Redford Bishop Burgess) added 16.

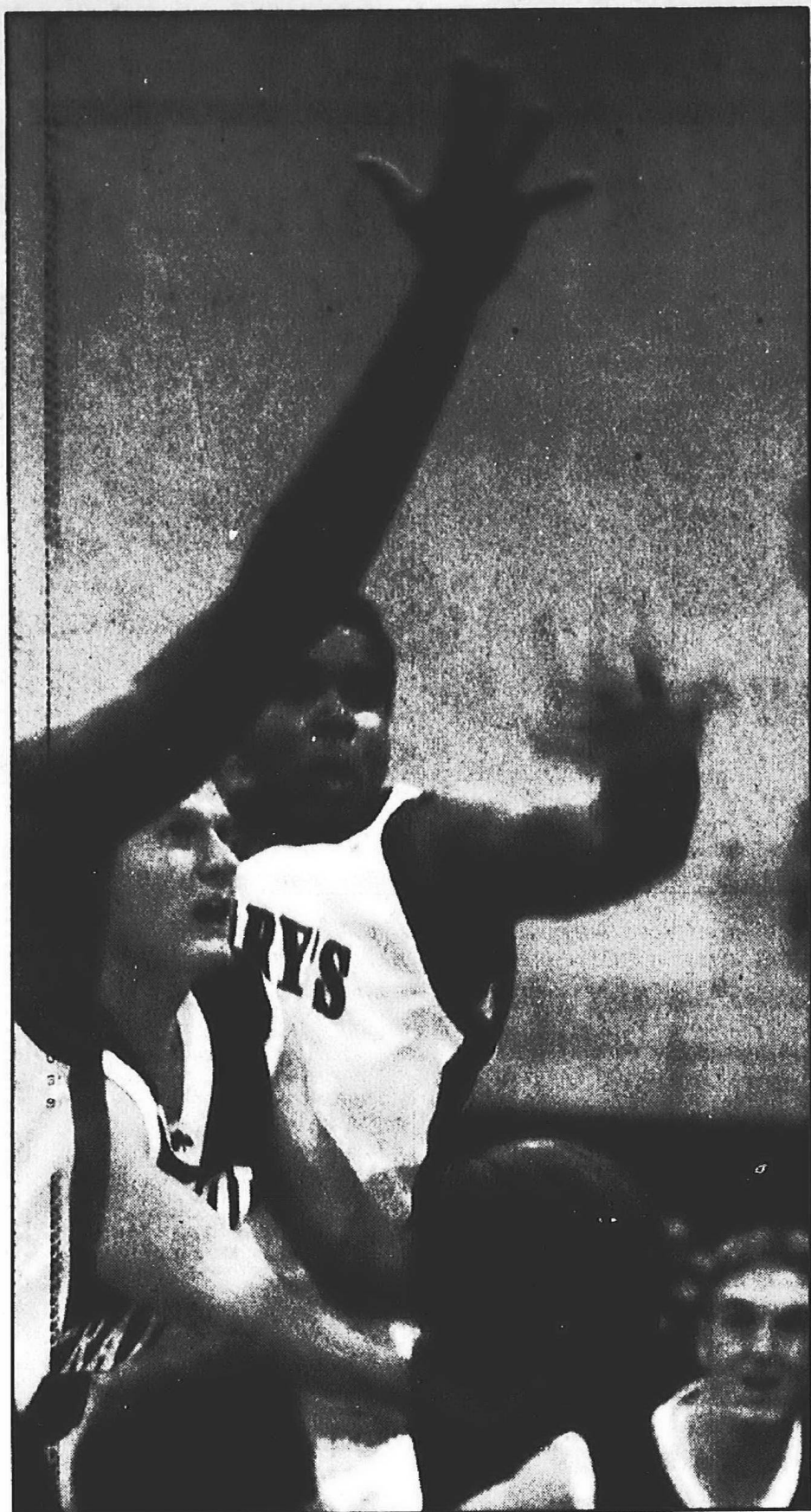
Schoolcraft made 26 of 36 free throws (64.4 percent), while Lansing was only four of nine.

Travis Meister led Lansing with 24 points. Davalle Hoskins added 23, including seven triples. The Ocelots trailed by five (44-39) at halftime.

Note: The Schoolcraft College women's basketball game, scheduled for last Wednesday at Lansing CC, was cancelled due to poor weather.



Flying high SC's Derrick Bird scored a game-high 33 points in leading the Ocelots past Lansing. Bird nailed four three-pointers.



Just no room: CC's Anthony Coratti slices to the basket between a pair of St. Mary's defenders. The Shamrocks had better fortune with the Eaglets this season after losing twice to them last season.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Celeskey sparks CC win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

No one would have blamed Redford Catholic Central's Ryan Celeskey if he would have stopped shooting Friday night.

After all, Celeskey hit nothing but iron on six of his first seven shots against Catholic League rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which brought a 28-game winning streak into the Shamrocks' gym.

Unfortunately for the Eaglets, he kept firing.

Celeskey rebounded from a shaky start to pour in 35 points and lead Catholic Central (2-0) to a 60-54 victory over the defending Class B state champions.

After a rough first quarter (3 points), the senior guard played like Clark Kent after a trip to the telephone booth as he dazzled St. Mary's with a stunning blend of pull-up three-pointers and baseline drives.

And it's not as if the Eaglets (0-1) weren't playing tenacious defense.

"We had a hand in his face on a lot of those shots and he still made them," sighed St. Mary's coach George Porritt. "He hurt us from outside and when he drove to the basket. That was an awesome shooting performance."

The Shamrocks' statement-making win must have tasted extra sweet to Catholic Central coach Rick Coratti, who watched his team get thumped two times by the Eaglets last season.

"It's a big win for us, especially after they got us pretty good twice last year," Coratti said. "I liked the way we kept battling back. We got off to a slow start because I think the kids may have been trying a little too hard at the beginning

of the game. But we kept coming at them until we finally tied the game at halftime."

During the game's opening minutes, St. Mary's didn't resemble a team that was playing its first game of the season with three new starters. The Eaglets raced to a 19-6 lead behind the inside play of 6-6, 265-pound senior center Charles Davis, who is heading to Purdue next fall. Davis, who finished with 18 points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots, was unstoppable underneath in the first quarter, scoring on strong post moves, offensive rebounds and a fastbreak.

Just when it looked like they were on the brink of their third straight blowout loss to the Eaglets, the Shamrocks shifted into a higher gear and reeled off 12 straight points during a five-minute stretch late in the first quarter and early in the second, cutting their deficit to 19-18. Celeskey fueled the comeback with a three-pointer and a pair of free throws.

St. Mary's took control again and led 27-20 before Celeskey scored the Shamrocks' final eight points of the half to knot the score at 28-28 at the intermission.

A long three by Celeskey to open the third quarter gave the Shamrocks their first lead of the contest, 31-28, at the 7:20 mark. The hosts' biggest lead of the night came three minutes later when Steve Larkin's layup made it 41-32.

The Eaglets mounted a serious charge two minutes into the final quarter when consecutive baskets by John Andrews, Ryan Hobbs and Davis cut the Sham-

rocks' lead to 48-46.

With 1:20 left in the game and Catholic Central up 64-63, Shamrock guard Mark Willoughby clapped the ball away from Andrews and fed Celeskey for a fastbreak layup to make it 56-62.

Catholic Central junior forward Tom Jakacki made two huge defensive plays in the final minute to help preserve the win. The first defensive gem came with 38 seconds left when he blocked a short jumper by Davis and then grabbed the rebound.

Then with 17 seconds left and the Shamrocks securing a slim 57-54 lead, Jakacki denied Davis again. Willoughby snared the rebound, was fouled and made two free throws to sew up the victory.

"Tom is a leaper and he's very capable of making big plays like that," Coratti said.

Jakacki and Willoughby complemented Celeskey's effort with 8 points each. Jakacki and Larkin led the winners with nine rebounds apiece.

Andrews netted 14 points and hauled down six rebounds for the Eaglets, who also received 10 points from Ryan Hobbs.

Grant Mason yanked down 11 rebounds for St. Mary's, but was held to just 7 points on 3-of-11 shooting.

Catholic Central made 21 of 55 field goals and 13 of 20 from the stripe. St. Mary's connected on 24 of 64 shots from the field and 5 of 11 free throws.

St. Mary's outrebounded Catholic Central, 38-29, but committed more turnovers (15-12).

"I thought we played as hard as we can play," Porritt said. "Our outside shooting is still a little shaky and their zone defense hurt us tonight."

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vious night due to inclement weather.

The Tigers were expected to be a challenge for Salem, but as Rocks' coach Bob Brodie said: "They're a good team, but they're not 24 points better than us."

Certainly in the first half they weren't. Salem's lead was near double-figures until Belleville got it going just before halftime, narrowing the Rock lead to 31-30.

"They're explosive," said Brodie, describing the Tigers. "Quick, fast

it was nothing special, just straight up man-to-man defense."

It worked, to be sure. The difference was statistically evident: Salem committed 23 turnovers to Belleville's seven, and was offensively outrebounded by the Tigers 24-11. In the first half, Belleville had just one offensive board.

Which explains how it outscored the Rocks 42-17 in the second half. The Tigers also took 83 shots to Salem's 50.

"We fell into that rut," said Brodie of

the fast pace of the game in the second half. "We were getting one shot, they were getting three or four. Their desire and intensity was better than ours in the second half. Our decisions were poor."

Salem was led by David Hoskins with 12 points. Nick Tochman added 11, with Jeff Haar scoring nine and Ryan Haydon eight.

Belleville (2-1) was led by Kris Miller with 16 points. Jason Szmanysky had 14 and James Holmes netted 10.

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Schlamb getting the goal on an assist from Brian Young just after a Patriot penalty expired.

But the lead didn't last. Fifty seconds later, Franklin knotted it on a goal by Gordie Statham, with Anders Wendel assisting.

Twice the Rocks took one-goal leads in the second period, but they couldn't sustain them. Dave Gill put Salem up 2-1, assisted by John Schultz, just 26 seconds into the period. Franklin knotted it when Statham scored his second of the game less than four minutes later (assists by Josh Garbutt and John Nichol).

Salem again took the lead on a goal by Young (assisted by Schlamb) with 3:23 remaining in the period.

But the Patriots took command in those final minutes of the period, scoring twice on the power play to take a lead they would not relinquish. Garbutt got the first with 2:41 left (assisted by Wendel and Statham); the second was netted by Paul Statham (assists to Sam Dismuke and Adam Bierley) with just 7.4 seconds to go.

"Our biggest thing right now is taking too many penalties," said Salem coach Fred Feiler, repeating a problem first voiced in the pre-season. "It was a well-played game for the most part, but when they score three power-play goals..."

The third Franklin power-play score came just as the Salem penalty was expiring with 4:50 left in the game. At the time, Ross Robert's goal (assisted by Corey Clearman and Matt Wisel) seemed to be an insurance marker, increasing the Patriots' lead to 5-3.

It turned out to be the game-winner.

That's because the Rocks' John Schultz slid the puck past Franklin goalie Chris Garbutt after a penalty had been called on the Patriots' Paul Stratham with 3:36 left, narrowing the deficit to one. Then with 1:06 to play, Paul Stratham was sent to the box again when he was forced to hook a Salem forward to prevent a breakaway.

The Rocks pulled goalie James Dogonski to give them a two-

man advantage, but they never had a good scoring opportunity in that final minute.

"We only had one shot (in the final minute) and that was stopped in front," said Feiler. "And we took a penalty late in the game that cost us."

Subtract the goals Franklin scored in the last minute of each period and Salem would have won. But in the final analysis, the Patriots just finished better.

Farmington 1, Canton 0: Matt Lee scored the only goal of the hockey game Friday, but it was enough to give Farmington the victory over host Plymouth Canton.

It was the third consecutive win for the Flyers, who defeated the Chiefs for a second time in a week. Farmington won the first meeting, 3-2.

"We're on a roll right now," Flyers coach Mike Harris said. "The kids are showing confidence and coming to the rink wanting to win. They're enjoying themselves and believing in themselves."

The Flyers were able to make Lee's goal, which occurred at 4:30 in the first period with an assist from Devin Baker, stand for the win thanks to the goaltending of Greg Diven.

Diven stopped 27 shots and "was absolutely sensational in net," according to Harris.

Even though the team hadn't had a complete practice all week due to the weather, Harris said Diven deserved the start in goal, because he had beaten Canton the previous week.

"He was extremely focused; he was in a zone, and he gave us the game we needed," Harris said.

Harris also spoke highly of the play of Canton goalie Brad Arsenov, who stopped 19 of 20 shots.

"Both goalies were sensational," he said. Farmington is 2-1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-2-2 overall. Canton is 2-3-1 and 4-3-1, respectively.

Redford CC 4, New Trier (Ill.) 3: A sharp challenge seems to bring out the best in Detroit Catholic

Central's top-ranked hockey team.

Catholic Central went up against Illinois power New Trier on Friday night and went into overtime to net its fifth victory of the season, 4-3.

The teams played a rematch Saturday that finished after the Observer went to press.

Mike Ratigan scored his second goal of the game 55 seconds into the overtime to give Catholic Central (5-0-1) the win.

Defenseman Andrew Eggert fed John Perkovich, who hit Ratigan near the post and he ended the game at Redford Ice Arena.

"That's a really good team," Coach Gordie St. John said. "But we're good, too."

"We know we're going to get everybody's 'A' game. But we're going to work as hard as we can to stay good."

"Whoever comes to play better be ready to play. We know we're a target for people. That's fine with us. It just makes us better."

The Shamrocks very nearly didn't make it to overtime.

They were just 61 seconds away from suffering their first loss of the season when freshman Derek Genrich pinched in and ripped home a shot from the top of the circle to tie the score at 3-3. Jared Ross and Jim Spiewak assisted.

Catholic Central was short-handed at the time but had pulled its goalie to create a 5-on-5 when Genrich scored.

A pair of early third-period goals by New Trier had given the Illinois team a 3-2 lead.

Mark Giangreco scored on a power play at 2:42 of the third period and Steve Lake gave New Trier its second lead of the game at 4:25.

The Illinois power got a goal



Breaking free: Catholic Central's Jared Ross (left) pulls away from New Trier's Mark Giangreco in Friday's OT thriller. Ross assisted on two goals in the Shamrock victory.

by Nicolas Samuelson just 1:34 into the game but Catholic Central squared matters at 9:32.

Brandon Naurato scored, assisted by Brett John and Ross. The Shamrocks took a 2-1 lead

with 5:34 left in the second period on Ratigan's first goal of the game, which came from Ryan Lasecki and Perkovich.

There was one other prep hockey game scheduled, but it

was postponed Thursday due to the weather.

Redford Unified was due to play St. John's of Ohio. It was not known whether the game would be made up.

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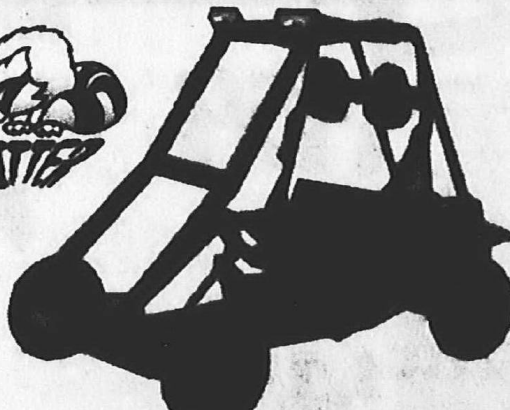
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Canton 4th at Novi Invite

If Plymouth Canton's wrestling team was riding an optimistic wave after its win over rival Plymouth Salem and its victory at the Falcon Invitational Dec. 2, it suffered a trip back to realism at last Saturday's (Dec. 9) Novi Dual Meet Invitational.

The Chiefs finished fourth out of six teams, winning two of five dual meets. The victories came against Flat Rock, 42-30, and Lake Orion, 44-30.

"The Novi duals are a tough place to wrestle," said Canton coach John Demick. "With Williamston, Novi, Oxford, Lake Orion, Flat Rock and Canton, there is not a weak team

among them.

"We were pleased with the action we saw and we did some good things. Still, we wrestled flat at times and would have liked to have done better."

"We know we can do better."

One result in particular that Demick felt was a win that got away came against Novi. The Wildcats prevailed, 35-27.

"With our full lineup we could have beaten

Novi, but could've, would've don't really count in wrestling," Demick said. "This was a wake-up call that we still have a long way to go. Hopefully, this will make our guys hungry to work harder."

Doy Demick, wrestling at 125 pounds, posted the best record of the day for the Chiefs, going 5-0. Four others were 4-1: Kyle Pitt (119), Joe Faraoni (152), Scott McKee (171) and Phil Rothwell (189).

The Plymouth Salem 'B' Tournament is at 9 a.m. Saturday. After that, the Chiefs are idle until Jan. 4, when they wrestle at Farmington Harrison (8:30 p.m.).

Canton volleyball from page B1

once and they pick it right up," he said.

There is something rather obvious that Canton lacks: size. There are no 6-footers on the team, and only three that are 5-10 or bigger.

"No, we don't (have much size)," agreed Anderson. "But I stress with the players that you don't have to be big as long as you understand the game. If you know your opponent's strengths and weaknesses, you can beat a team that's physically more dominating."

Example: Strong serving can offset a bigger team because it won't be able to set up its big players consistently. "If you serve well, you can take a big team right out of the game," Anderson noted.

Make no mistake: It won't be an easy season for the Chiefs. Already illness has cut into the team's depth. Jennifer Wagner, a 5-10 senior middle hitter, has

contracted mononucleosis and is expected to be sidelined for another month.

"Our sophomore class is really strong," said Anderson. They'll need to be productive as well.

Other experienced returnees are primary setter Mary Kryska, a 5-8 senior and team co-captain; outside hitter Ashley Williams, a 5-8 senior and the other team co-captain; outside hitter Meghan Meier, a 5-8 senior; outside hitter Christina Keissel, a 5-7 senior; and defensive specialist Mary Keissel, a 5-6 senior.

Courtney Jarman, a 5-10 junior, was out of the country with her family for 10 days, which could delay her progress.

At present, Anderson figures a pair of sophomores will be in the starting lineup: 5-9 middle/outside hitter Cindy Rotramel and 5-8 setter/defensive specialist Colleen O'Brien. Kristen Lake, a 5-11 sophomore, will also see a considerable amount of playing

time at middle/outside hitter.

In fact, Anderson figures to use just about everybody on the team, at least in situational roles. Stephanie Johnson, a junior, is a 5-5 defensive specialist who, like Keissel, has developed a good hook serve. Keissel has also become a pinpoint server.

Michelle Ly, a 5-3 junior, will see action as a defensive specialist, and Kristen Lillie, a 5-6 freshman, will spend time at setter.

Anderson is counting heavily on the leadership of seniors Kryska, Williams, Meier and Wagner.

"We're farther ahead than I thought we would be," said Anderson. "We are a first-year team, you can't expect us to come out and blow out the top teams in the area."

"But they have to watch out for us, too." Walled Lake Central, which

defeated Livonia Franklin in the WLAA Tournament final last season, figures to be tough again. The Patriots, on the other hand, have lost a lot and will have to rebuild.

Anderson figured Livonia Churchill to be the team to beat in the WLAA's Western Division. Plymouth Salem, which reached the state quarterfinals last year, must replace departed star Amanda Suder (now playing at Madonna University) before contesting Central in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

"We're not looking to challenge the Walled Lake Central's of the league," said Anderson. "If our serving is there and we play the mental game, we exploit their weaknesses with our strengths, we'll do all right."

Sounds like a good place to start in building a program.

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The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustment to the FY 2000-2001 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certifying a \$1,092,000 increase in revenue; the CEO advises that the proposed amendment results from Information Technology services performed on behalf of the Register of Deeds, which will entail the conversion of the Register of Deeds panel system, operations services and support, and disaster recovery.
2. Certifying a \$1,172,416 increase in revenue; the CEO advises that the proposed amendment results from the use of Child Care funds for juveniles in Youth Assistance Programs.

all in accordance with budget adjustment Nos. 01-35-005 & 01-35-026.

The hearing will be held:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
 Wayne County Building
 600 Randolph, Commission Chamber
 Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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This 'bird feeder' has wings

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Backyard bird feeding is an activity enjoyed by over 54 million people in the United States, according to the 1996 results of the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation. People spend over \$2 billion each year to keep their feathered friends fed.

That doesn't include the feeders, heaters and other products provided for birds.

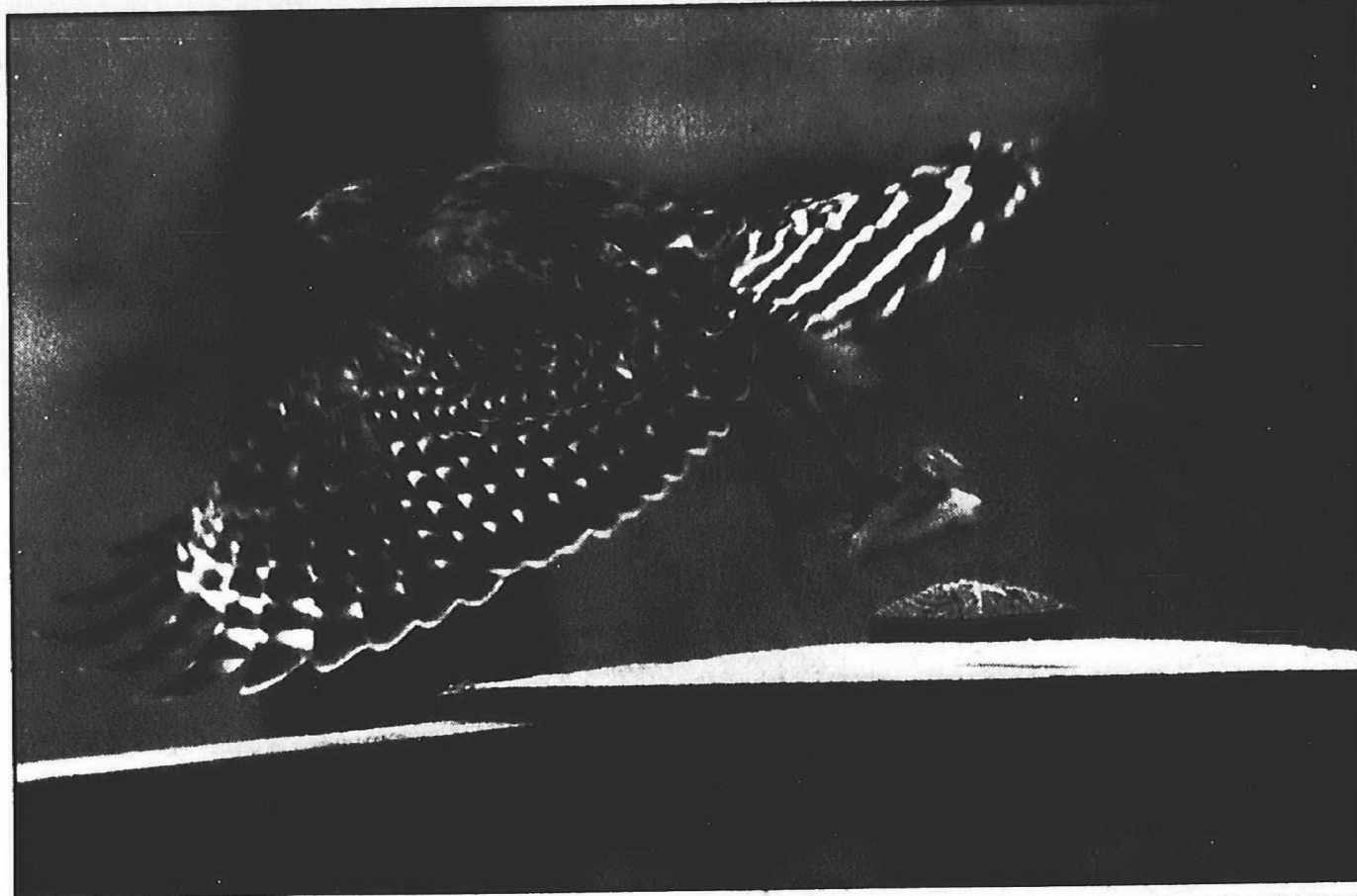
Most of the foods provided at bird feeders are sunflower seeds, thistle, millet and suet. These basic foods attract most of the desirable birds people enjoy seeing in their yard. Add water, both in summer and winter, and birds will spend more time in your yard than in the neighbors'. Calcium in the form of egg shells, or mixed in with food, and hair for nest building in summer are two other items avid watchers provide for their birds.

Species of birds like black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatch, tufted titmouse and cardinal all eat black-oiler sunflower seeds. Woodpeckers like downy, red-bellied and hairy prefer to eat suet, but some downies are also eating sunflower seeds. Mourning doves and dark-eyed juncos like to eat millet in mixed seed, while goldfinch and siskins prefer thistle seed.

These are the typical kinds of foods and birds seen at feeding stations in southeastern Michigan. But in recent years, there has been an increase in bird feeders at bird feeders. Sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, accipiter hawks designed to catch birds as their prey, have been seen at feeding stations more frequently.

According to surveys of feeder watchers throughout the United States, 19.5 percent of watchers saw sharp-shinned hawks at their feeders in 1993, and 10.7 percent saw Cooper's hawks at their feeders the same year. These percentages are in comparison with 1988 data that reflects a 15 and 7.5 percent occurrence for sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks respectively. In our area, the Cooper's hawk is the most common.

Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks are members of the accipiter group. The only other accipiter hawk in Michigan is the goshawk. Goshawks are the largest of the accipiters and live in woodland settings. Accipiters have shorter, more rounded wings than soaring hawks like the red-tailed hawk, which are often seen along the side of our expressways. Shorter wings, combined with a long tail allow accipiter hawks to move quickly around trees



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Talon-tickin' good: Gary the Cooper's hawk has been returning to the Canton home of Tony and Peggy Farrell every winter since 1995. The Farrell's put chicken parts out on the deck for Gary at 8:30 a.m. every day.

as they pursue their feathered fare.

Both Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks nest in Michigan, but most migrate to southern states or Mexico in winter.

However, it is theorized that more Cooper's and sharpies are staying in Michigan during winter because of the number of feeding stations available. Feeding stations are basically little buffets for these bird feeders.

Some people feel that a hawk at their feeders is terrible and hope it never returns. Others, like Peggy and Tony Farrell of Canton look forward to the return of Gary. "Gary, named after Gary Cooper," says Peggy Farrell, "has been returning to our back yard for five years." When Gary the Cooper's hawk arrived five years ago it was a juvenile with dark brown streaks running up and down its breast. Juveniles have a brownish coloration with yellow eyes. Today, Gary has red eyes, a gray-blue back and fine red barring on his breast.

"Gary first appeared when I put out some chicken parts in the yard to feed the crows," Peggy said. "He got them before the crows. Even though he left for three weeks, he returned and has been taking chicken parts ever since." Gary disappears in March, probably to nest north, then returns in November.

Each morning Peggy puts out chicken wings, necks and liver for Gary who "comes at 8:30 a.m. nine out of 10 mornings." Most mornings the bird is perched nearby, but out of sight, until Peggy turns her back from the chicken parts she just placed on the feeder. Then Gary swoops only a few feet from her.

I have a friend in Plymouth Township that has a Cooper's hawk return to his yard frequently to take some bird parts he puts out for it, but this bird is not as conditioned as Peggy's Gary. A friend of mine told me about a Livonia teacher who conditioned a screech owl to come to mice he put out. These bird feeding enthusiasts realize that birds at feeders soon learn to become more wary when a hawk is around, and thus their population is not significantly reduced by bird feeding hawks. In fact, most observers enjoy the opportunity to watch these magnificent birds do their job.

If a bird feeder comes to your feeding station, you may want to consider putting out some chicken parts for it, but if you don't want to do that, at least enjoy the presence of these elegant looking birds.

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.

Pins take a beating, return for more

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

They look the same but last much longer, react more consistently and will never deteriorate. That is basically what the new "Twister" bowling pins are all about, according to Jason Shondrick, the national product manager and Michigan representative for Done-Rite Bowling services, a supplier to the bowling industry.

How much do any of us ever think about the key ingredient in this entire game, the bowling pin itself? Here is something to consider. During the latter part of the past century most pins were made of wood with a plastic coating. The pins were not very durable, and most houses replaced them regularly.

The Twister pins are made in one piece of synthetic polymers. They react much the same as the traditional wooden pins, but are far more durable.

They are also ABC/WIBC approved and will be the official pins in next years American Bowling Congress Tournament in Reno.

At first we have seen a transition from real wood lanes to synthetic. Now there are these new pins which will result in the same kind of savings to the local bowling centers in much the same way, far less maintenance and replacement.

The Twister pins carry a three-year warranty, and tests have shown the ability of these pins to withstand over a million ball hits compared to 15,000 for pins made of maple.

"Many of the bowlers who are now

throwing at the new pins do not even realize that they are different," Shondrick said. "They sound the same as wood and they react pretty much the same way when hit. This does not mean that it will be any easier to carry the corner 10 or 7 pins when you hit the pocket. Only the skill and luck of the bowler can control that."

Besides lasting longer, there is no possibility of internal cracking or deterioration from effects of temperature and humidity. They will be more consistent through their lifespan, at least three times longer than wood.

Do you remember bowling at wooden pins that were badly worn and had very little bounce left in them? The Twister pin took 30 years to develop by Arnold Jaeger of Artemis Rubber Technology in Hanover, Germany.

Locally, they are in use at Mayflower Lanes, Drakeshire Lanes, Novi Bowl, Hartfield Lanes, Luxury Lanes and Sylvan Lanes.

You can identify them by the trim color at the neck, two rings and the logo in grey.

A new manufacturing facility will be ready next summer in Colorado to better serve the U.S. market, Shondrick said.

For more information on Twister pins, call Shondrick at (734) 604-1603.

Perfect score

Jack Kassabian, 70, of Northville, rolled a 300 game in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford last week. This was his third career perfect game, however his first official sanctioned award score.

He had previously bowled a pair of 300s in non-sanctioned leagues and many years ago shot a 300 to go along

with an 800 series, only to find that his captain in the Champion of Champions Tournament had a bowler in the lineup who did not have the required number of games, and therefore the whole team was disqualified.

Don't worry, Jack, you will get your ring this time, you really earned it. Even teammate "Big Bill" agrees with that.

Taylor Lanes on Eureka Road has been a longtime favorite house for many of this area's bowlers, with the PBA Tour, many fine tournaments and plenty of competitive leagues.

Sadly, one of the co-owners, William DiBiasi, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer.

DiBiasi was an influential attorney in several Downriver communities and a director in the Bowling Proprietors of Michigan Limited Liability Pool.

DiBiasi, along with his wife Adeline and son Alan, helped make Taylor Lanes one of the most successful

centers in this area. He was active in several other venues including local government, professional and civic organizations, the scuba diving business, AAA pet services and DiBiasi and Associates. Memorials can be made to Karmanos Hospice.

The Thursday Nite Traveling All-Stars will come to Livonia 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Wonderland Lanes on Plymouth Road. This league consists of most of the finest bowlers in this area. They will have an instructional session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring a guest appearance by Chris Barnes of the Pro Bowlers Tour and the Brunswick Touring Staff.

This is a great chance to see some bowling at its best and perhaps pick up a few tips from the pros. For more details, call Ken and Sue Bashara at (734) 427-1060.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

Honor scores

CLOVERLANES (LIVONIA)

Saturday Night Special: Randy Desjardin, 813.
Sunday Nite Mixed: Malone Follie, 300/743.

Saturday Goodtimers: Larry Stier, 300/743.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Karen Martin, 300.

TOWN & COUNTRY LANES (WESTLAND)
Thursday Morning Men: Steve Bates, 300;
Saturday Go-Getters: T.C. Wilmot, 300.
Saturday Mixed: Ron Brusseau, 300.
Junior Classic: Dave Fryer, 300.

WESTLAND BOWL
Sunday Sleepers: Ian Sosa, 300.

Thursday Men's 950: Ted Kross, Sr. 300.

MERRI BOWL (LIVONIA)

St. Mary's: Donald Henry, 300.
Senior House: Eric Gambrell, 801.
Golden Eagles: George Freeman, 300;
Dale Holod, 300.

Sundowners: Denise Stancato, 289.

COUNTRY LANES (FARMINGTON)
St. Paul's Men: Jim Koepke, 300.
Monday Nite men, Paul Koenig, 300.

MAYFLOWER LANES (REDFORD)
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Jack Kassabian, 300.
Thursday Night Classic: Jamie Jones, 300; Brian Ziemba, 300.

RECREATION

HOOPS, VOLLEYBALL

The Livonia Community Center hosts the following open gym activities through Dec. 22 at the former Bentley High School. Residents pay \$4 for adults, \$3 for children; non-residents pay \$7 for adults, \$6 for children.

■ Basketball on Mondays-Thursdays, with open hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; youth/adult 4-8 p.m.; adults 8-10 p.m.; Saturdays, adult 9-11 a.m.; youth 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and adult/family 1-3 p.m.; and Sundays, youth 1-3 p.m. and adult/family 3-5 p.m.
■ Volleyball on Fridays only, from 4-10 p.m.

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club lets members can work out 1-5 p.m. Sundays Jan. 7 through April 1. Membership fees are \$34 for individuals and \$72 for families. Members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racquetball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and other aerobic equipment in the fitness room; the swimming pool with 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards; and saunas in the locker rooms. Members must furnish their locks and towels. Members up to age 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Call (734) 462-4413.

ACTIVITIES

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparota at (248) 476-5027.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658.

CLASSES/CLINICS

YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN

Henry Ford Community College offers a class in Soo Kung Fu 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Jan. 13 through April 7. Class meets at the Dearborn Heights Center on Ann Arbor between Warren and Outer. The cost is \$89. Call (313) 317-1500.

PARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WAYNE COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.

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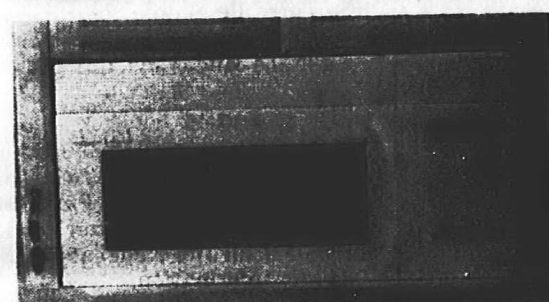
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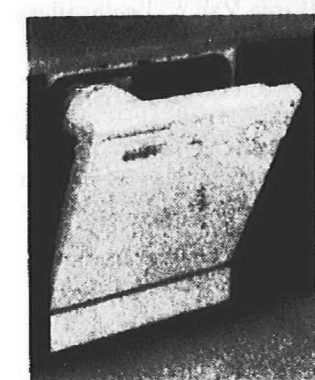
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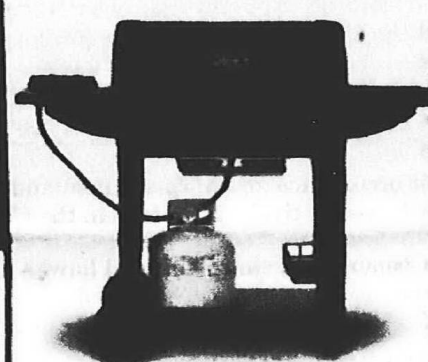
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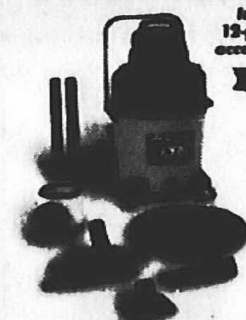

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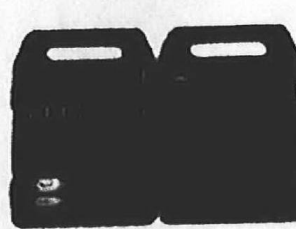
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Registration is underway for the 12th Day of Christmas '12 Drummers Running' races Jan. 6 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

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BY DAN O'MEARA
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In another five months, John Herrington will be able to walk to the stage at Cobo Hall to receive his award without experiencing any pain doing so.

It was a big week for Herrington, who had surgery Tuesday to have both knees replaced and learned Thursday he had been voted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

"That's quite an honor," said Herrington, who has a 285-54-1 record in 31 seasons as head coach of the Farmington Harrison football program. "I'm real excited about that; it'll be a lot of fun."

Herrington, who is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the National Football Coaches Association halls of fame, said he never dreamed of being in the MSHF.

"That's mostly professional athletes," he said. "I think Jack Castiglione (Trenton) and Al Fracassa (Birmingham Brother Rice) are the only (high school) football coaches in there now."

Herrington is part of a distinguished class that will be enshrined Thursday, May 24, at the Cobo Conference Center in Detroit.

The other inductees are Dan Dierdorf, University of Michigan and St. Louis Cardinals offensive tackle and TV sports broadcaster; George Gervin, Eastern Michigan University basketball player and NBA great; the late J.P. McCarthy, a legend in Detroit radio who regularly interviewed local professional and college coaches; Jack Morris,

Detroit Tigers pitcher; Wayne Walker, Detroit Lions linebacker and kicker; and George Yardley, Fort Wayne Zollner and later Detroit Pistons star.

"Those are great athletes, and I think it's just great they also recognize high school coaches as part of this organization," Herrington said. "It means a lot when you figure you're in the same group as Ty Cobb and everyone else."

Herrington, who was at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, said he was feeling better Friday, but the first two days after the surgery were difficult.

"I was struggling pretty bad the last couple days, but it's starting to get better," he said. "I think the pain will start dropping off the next couple days."

Herrington, who expects to go home later this week, had plenty of company Friday afternoon.

In addition to his wife, Fran, he was visited by former Farm-

ington Public Schools Athletic Director and North Farmington coach Ron Holland and Walled Lake Central coach Chuck Apap, as well as their spouses.

"We're having a coaching convention here," Herrington said. "It's like a little clinic. We're going to start drawing on the walls pretty soon."

Herrington has coached Harrison to a record 11 state championships, 14 state-final games and 19 playoff appearances. The Hawks also have won six Western Six Conference and 14 Western Lakes Activities Association titles.

Herrington and the newly-elected members join 213 others who have been inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame since 1954.

Tickets to the May 24 dinner are priced at \$150 or \$1,250 for a table of 10. Tickets can be obtained by calling MSHF President Bill McLaughlin at (248) 374-8455.



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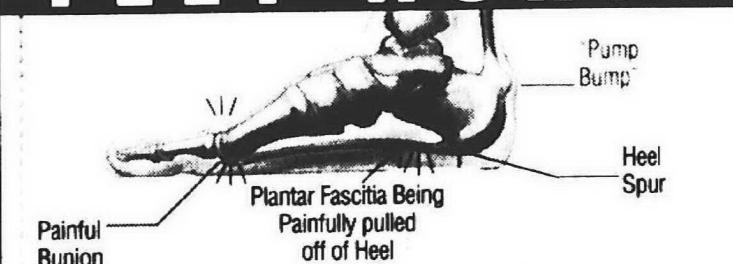
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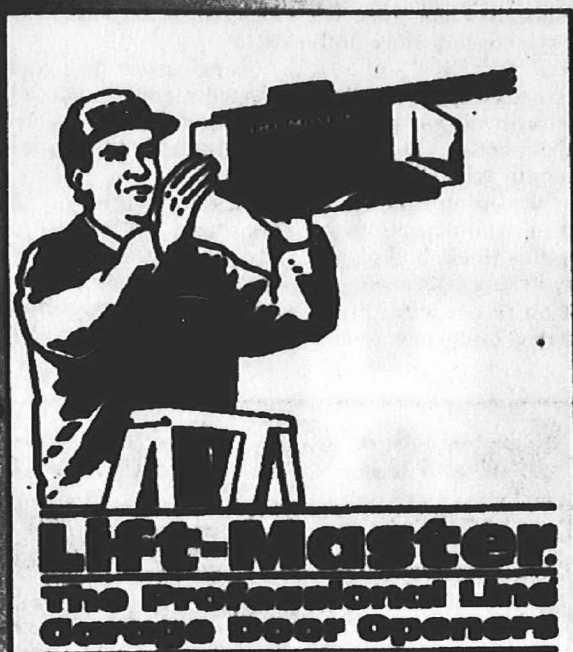
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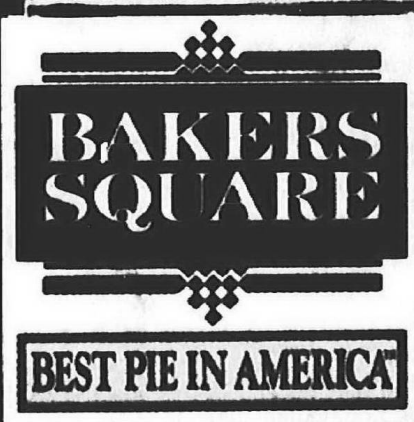
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Musician lends a hand to those less fortunate

Peter Feters is usually a one-man band, but now he's asking music lovers to lend him a hand. Feters, who's known around town for his acoustic guitar renditions of jazz and blue standards, will perform at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth Monday Dec. 18 - for a price. Admission is two canned food items, which will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission to feed hungry and homeless people in our area.

If you love songs like Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful Life* or Duke Ellington's *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, this is an evening you won't want to miss.

"I'd contributed monetarily to the Detroit Rescue Mission for some time, but I wanted to do something more personal," said Feters, who began playing professionally after teaching himself the guitar 20 years ago. "This is the music my parents would play while I was growing up. I thought it was easy to learn because it was so familiar. My father, now in his 70s, is a singer who still enjoys rehearsing and performing with a choral group in South Carolina."

Footsteps

Following in his father's footsteps, Feters joined his first choir at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak when he was in fifth grade.

"I had listened to the choir and wanted to be part of it," said Feters. "I had a soprano voice. I could hit notes none of the girls could reach."

Of course, he was teased about his talent, but the music kept drawing him closer and closer.

Magical

"There was something almost magical about the music."



Old favorites: Peter Feters new CD, *"Bye Bye Blackbird,"* will be available during a benefit at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth on Monday evening.

I was around 12 or 13 when I started to listen. Some of the songs moved me to a point of having a physical reaction like a smile or a tear. It was an incredibly powerful thing."

So powerful in fact that Feters decided to pitch his degrees in elementary education and sports psychology for the wandering life of a troubadour. Feters, after moving to Nashville in the 1980s, found he "could work anywhere playing country music" but soon tired of it. Over the years, he's played a variety of music. Feters started out singing the blues then switched to country, back to blues and finally jazz.

Eventually he moved back to Michigan, which held a special place in his heart. During his early years, Feters had lived all over the country because of his father Richard's career. Richard Feters was the head swimming coach at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, among other places, before returning to Michigan where he was head swim coach at Michigan State University for the next 26 years.

Feters would give music one more try and it would be in Michigan. Since then he's played with bands and as a duo but now is having the time of his

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Expressing Emotion

Artist turns to stone for inspiration



Metamorphosis: Dennis Jones transforms stone into mystical, magical sculpture with a personality all its own. He followed the grain of the stone to create the tortured figure at left.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dennis Jones stuns up a piece of stone with an architect's eye before beginning to chisel away. As he works, a face emerges from the form.

Like the dual personalities sometimes found in his sculpture, Jones switches back and forth between his roles as artist and architect, staking up space and form to squeeze emotion from stone. Both play a role in the work from his *Capitus* series now on exhibit at the Plymouth Community

ing room in his Plymouth home. Jones talked about the projects he designed over the last several years including new homes in Commerce and Highland Township, and condominiums in Jackson. He also created new interior and exterior looks for existing homes in Farmington, Plymouth, Bloomfield Village and Beverly Hills.

One of the biggest challenges was the space where he now sat. When Jones moved in five years ago, he couldn't wait to tear out the old wood cupboards. Yellow walls, accented with a purple cornice-like ornamentation, now serve as a backdrop for the white contemporary furniture.

A decade of hard work has transformed the space from behind the home to reveal a wooded ravine. It was the ravine that inspired Jones to create the *Capitus* series.

Monroe and Jones worked on the series with inspiration from the ravine's stone walls. It was a case of coming full circle for Jones who took a stone sculpture class with Jay Colleen at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center more than 10 years ago. At the time, Jones found working with a chisel and hammer too labor intensive. One look into the backyard with its towering trees changed all that.

Natural forces

"I was trying to bring interest into the yard,"



Stone shows: Dennis Jones gives life to the heads he carves from pumice, lava and sandstone.

said Jones. "I've traveled to the Southwest and lived in the Grand Canyon and National Parks. I've seen some of the most beautiful and most dramatic landscapes in the world."

"I like the fact that the pumice, lava and sandstone I use are natural materials that come from the earth and have been shaped by natural forces."

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The work is especially meaningful to Jones who now has a family of his own. His 10-year-old daughter, Kaitlin, is the center of his world, and one reason he's painting behind at least for now. The 200 degree turn around from abstract painting to sculpture is Jones in a major career change for Jones who earned a master's degree in painting from Wayne State University in 1980.

"Paint fumes can be nasty," Jones said. "Working in stone allows me to work in the garage or outdoors during summer."

Eventually, Jones would like to take the work to greater heights. He recently went on-line to contact stone carvers in search of materials to use and talk to The Center (Latin for head) stone houses on life-size versions of faces lost in emotion and thought. Next, Jones would like to create public commissions for cities such as Plymouth.

Home and family have definitely made an impact on Jones, and subsequently, the work. His art has become more emotional and more human. Viewers can only hope Jones will keep moving in this direction.

Dennis Jones' new sculpture series, *Capitus*, is on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Center, 174 North Main Street, Plymouth, Mich. (734) 452-2778.

BOOKS

Tree tale is perfect for last minute gift giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Illustrating his latest children's book was a labor of love for Michael Glenn Monroe. *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* brought together all of his favorite things - winter, wildlife and the magical holiday season. Best of all, Monroe was able to collaborate on the book with his wife Colleen, who spent her early years growing up in Westland. Colleen wrote the text about a tree who longed to leave the farm to celebrate Christmas with a family.

Many readers will remember Monroe for the acrylic wolf paintings he exhibited at Art in the Park in Plymouth for many years. Monroe is a nationally known wildlife artist who showed his first prints at Wild Wings Gallery in Plymouth.

"I think Colleen wrote the book for me," said Monroe. "She knows that I love winter and Christmas trees and wildlife. I originally asked her to try writing the story about a year ago after Heather Hughes, an editor at Sleeping Bear Press, said she was looking for a

good Christmas book. I told Colleen about it and that I think she could do this."

Monroe, who illustrated *M is for Mitten: A Michigan Alphabet* and *Buzzy the Bumblebee* for the Chelsea book publisher in 1999, was confident Colleen had the credentials for the job. Before the birth of their twins, Colleen had worked at an advertising agency for seven years. It wasn't until having the twins four years ago that she became a stay-at-home mom. The experience of raising two children turned into a gold mine of ideas.

According to Sleeping Bear Press, associate editor Denise Alkire, the



book's heartwarming storyline is becoming a gold mine for book stores as well. Nationwide, *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* is the Borders book club's number one seller for holiday titles.

"I know I wanted it to be a rhyming book," said Colleen. "Our four-year-old twins enjoy rhyming books because it sticks in their

heads." The images on more than one of the pages hold special meaning for the Monroes. The tree farm is similar to one both visited with their families every holiday season. But the Monroes find that having a tree in their yard is

one featuring Monroe, the twins Matthew and Natalie, and Shelby, their dog. That image became bittersweet for the Monroes when the 11-year-old Black Lab/Collie mix died of an aneurysm just after the book came out on Labor Day weekend. Since then, Monroe went to the Michigan Humane Society looking for a dog just like Shelby. He brought home Buddy, now 12 weeks old, but no one could ever replace Shelby. Buddy is trying to win Monroe's heart though. Everyday, he lays in the studio as Monroe works on his next two books, *A is for Alaska* and *Noah's Ark ABC Book*.

A Wish to be a Christmas Tree will always be one of Monroe's favorites because of the big black dog. Sleeping Bear Press likes it too. In fact, *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* was one of four books featured on Sleeping Bear Theatre on WDIV-Channel 4 on Nov. 22.

"I loved having the production and that it still looked like a book and that they didn't use too much animation," said Monroe. "It showed the importance of books."

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Monroe puts his heart and soul into every book he illustrates. Once Colleen had written the text for *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree*, Monroe sketched a few ideas for the illustrations then sent them to Sleeping Bear Press. Upon receiving approval, he began the six-month process of painting the more than one-dozen acrylic scenes featuring squirrels, deer, birds and the sad tree. Monroe barely had time to set down his brush before leaving on a week-long trip to Kansas to capture coyotes, bobcats, owls and hawks through the lens of his camera. On his return the images would be used as reference for more paintings. Monroe never seems to slow down. This year alone he painted 50 wildlife works and illustrated three books.

"Not everyone sees the weeping face in the tree on the cover of *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree*," said Monroe, who is Michigan Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year. An award winning painter, Monroe took first place in the Michigan Duck Stamp competition in 1997. "It's strange. Some people see it and then others don't."

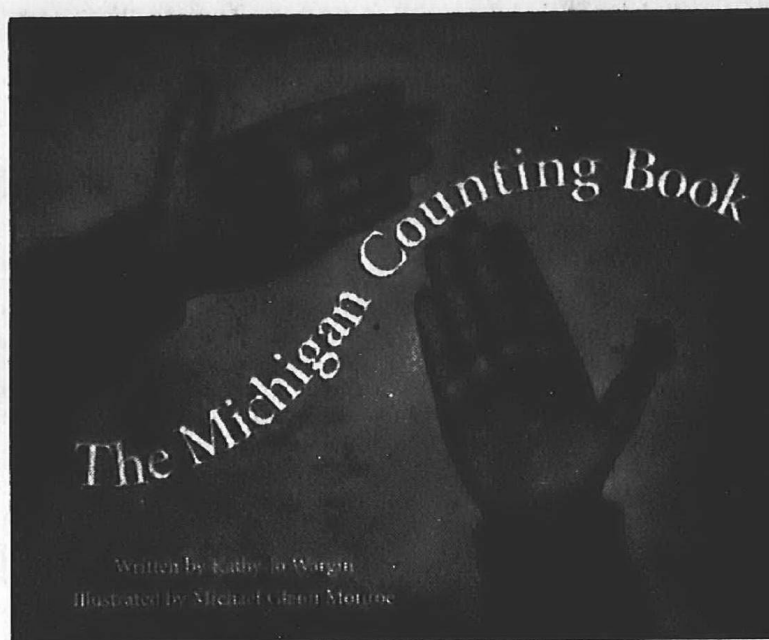
The weeping tree is one of the reasons Mary Millington is so fond of the Monroes' book.

Millington has been selling books in the state of Michigan since 1978 and knew the minute she read the story that it was a winner.

"What I thought was neat is sometimes we don't know our value," said Millington, a salesperson at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. The shop hosted a book signing with the Monroes on Saturday Nov. 25. "The book reminds me of the movie *It's a Wonderful Life* in that Jimmy Stewart doesn't realize who's life he touched" until after a visit from the angel Clarence. "In *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree*, it took all of the animals he'd sheltered and protected over the years to make him realize his importance. I'm a softy for that. The book has a strong spirit to it of self worth."

In addition to signing copies of *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* at the shop, Monroe personalized his latest illustration project, *The Michigan Counting Book* written by Kathy Jo Wargin and published by Sleeping Bear Press. Many readers will recognize Wargin's name. She authored *The Legend of Sleeping Bear* a few years back.

"*The Michigan Counting Book* hits such a range of ages," said Monroe. "If they're older and can



Michigan facts: Children can learn about Michigan in *Sleeping Bear Press*' recently released *The Michigan Counting Book*.

already count and do multiples, then they can read about the Soo Locks or the Gray Wolves, an endangered species in the state of Michigan. There's a ton of information on all of the history and animals that make Michigan great."

A Wish to be a Christmas Tree and *The Michigan Counting Book* are available at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth, all Borders outlets and many other book stores.

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his life as a solo artist. Dick O'Dowd's in Birmingham and the Music Menu Cafe in Grosse Pointe are among the places he plays, along with the retirement centers where residents sing and hum to the music they remember growing up. A steady gig every Wednesday finds Fetter at the Motor City Grill in the Fisher Building downtown. On New Year's Eve he'll be at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant.

New CD

On all those occasions, he will be performing music from his new CD *Bye Bye Blackbird*. Fetter recorded the CD of jazz standards from the '20s and '30s in record time (about 2-1/2 hours) at Tempermill Studio in Ferndale. The cover features a painting his mother, Dorothy, did of him when he was 13. Dorothy Fetter, now in her late 70s, is still painting and exhibiting her art in South Carolina.

"It's the melodies that make these songs," said Fetter. "Lyrically a lot of them are very simple but beautiful like *Dream a Little Dream of Me* and Louie Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World*."

Fetter has a history of using his recordings to help organizations that help others. A gospel

cassette, *Listen to Your Heart*, was a fund-raising project for Angela Hospice in Livonia a few years ago. The new CD, *Bye Bye Blackbird*, is being used as a fundraiser to get people to come to the Monday-night benefit. Those attending will receive a raffle ticket at the door. Later in the evening several copies of the recording will be raffled off.

Fetter believes the nonprofit organization can use all the help they can get. Founded in 1909, the Detroit Rescue Mission serves 365,000 emergency shelter clients every year in addition to providing clothing, employment training and educational programs.

"We're hoping to fill the nearly 500 seats," said Fetter. "If we could fill it up, it would be great."

John Mazzei, co-owner of the Penn Theatre, agrees. The theater donated the space for the event.

"This is a wonderful cause, and for us at the Penn, it's part of giving something back to the community."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.hometeam.net

St. Regis holiday concert promises passion, beauty

By LANA MINI
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A range of emotions, intensity and pure beauty is what conductor Thomas Sheets expects out of the UMS Chamber Chorale's Christmas concert tonight, 7 p.m., at the Sanctuary of St. Regis Catholic Church in Bloom-

field Hills. The concert, *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*, will include Bach's *Magnificat* during the first half, and unusual Christmas selections in the second half, with 40 singers from the chorale.

Typical Christmas music will not be heard at this concert.

Thomas Sheets, conductor of the University Musical Society Choral Union, said the program was created for the informed listener. He wanted something that was far-reaching to give those listeners a show with varied intensity.

"From Bach to the eight pieces of the other composers, there are different emotions and imagery of the advent season. It is a highly artistic show and we are not

lowering the bar a bit for the holiday season.

"I suspect it to be extraordinary."

However, that's not to say the untrained classical music ear won't appreciate the concert. As Sheets explains, music is for those interesting exploring.

"Anyone who has a curiosity about beautiful things should come to the program. It is uplifting for the season, regardless of

personal beliefs."

The concert is part of a continuing series that Sheets said promises to impact cultural life in Oakland County.

Back to the show

The show begins with the intensity of the Virgin Mary's great joy when she initially discovers she is pregnant with the son of God. It continues with her happiness through the sublime humility she felt to be chosen.

And that's just the first movement, Sheets explained.

From there the audience will hear the UMS chorale take advantage of St. Regis Church's interesting architecture — with one chorus in front and the other in back.

Some of the soloists for this show, taken from the 125-member chorale, include soprano Valerie Yova, bass-baritone Matthew Carroll, mezzo-soprano Freda Herseth and tenor Brian Pfaltzgraff. It will also feature

What: The St. Regis holiday concert
My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord with Bach's *Magnificat* performed by the UMS Chamber Chorale
When: Tonight at 7 p.m.
Where: St. Regis Catholic Church
3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills
Information: (248) 646-2686

acclaimed organist Janice Beck. Yova is a national winner of the prestigious Metropolitan Opera Auditions and finalist of the Loren Zachary Society Auditions and the Friedrich Schorr Competition. She has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre and the UMS Chorale. Herseth studied at the Eastman School of Music with Jan DeGaetani. She has sung leading operatic roles and received critical acclaim in *Cenerentola*.

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Howmet Playhouse, a summer stock theater in western Michigan, is recruiting actors, teachers, directors and technical personnel for its 2001 season. Interested individuals should send a resume to: Kevin Wurz, Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp, 3000 East Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457. The camp also has openings for counselors who live in cabins with students. For information, call (800) 221-3796 or write the Personnel Office, Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp, 300 East Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Exhibit dates for the *Journey into Jazz* show are Feb. 16-March 31. Deadline for submission is Jan. 11. Call the CAC at (248) 333-7849.

EWE REVIEW

Chicago had cows, Cincinnati had pigs, and in 2001, Rochester will have sheep. The Downtown Rochester Development Authority is currently seeking sponsors and artists for decorating life-size fiberglass sheep. To request a sponsorship package or artist's application, contact the Rochester DDA or request online at www.theweareewe.com. For information, call (248) 656-0060.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Accepting proposals for exhibitions in 2001. Mail proposals, slides, resumes to Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, 48232. Call Kris at (248) 360-2381 or the Gallery at (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 2000-2001 season are being held. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's competition will be judged by Detroit artist Brenda Goodman. Artists are invited to submit their fine art for the competition by Jan. 2, 2001. The exhibition date is March 9-31. For information call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866.

QUILT PROJECT

The Manisacco Gallery calls for contributions to raise money for Karmaros Cancer Institute by contributing a square or sponsoring one. Quilt squares due by Dec. 20. For information, call Amanda Poland at (313) 886-2993.

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE

Auditions for the a cappella vocal group that performs at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and fundraisers are now taking place. For details, contact Cindy Keleman, business manager, at (313) 299-0451 or (734) 941-5955.

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Classes by Lin Baum are available at 29948 Ford, Garden City. (734) 261-0379.

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CONCERTS

CANTATE

Christmas songs presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Orchard Lake. (248) 553-8418.

CENTURY CLUB

Features live music, dancing and a late-night menu on Friday and Saturday evenings. A rotating roster of musicians, including vocalists Misty Love, Jennifer George-Consiglio and Johnnie Bassett. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

CHRIST CHURCH GROSSE POINTE

Recital before Midnight Mass featuring Bach's Christmas Oratorio is at 10:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 24. 61 Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 885-4841.

DETROIT CHAMBER

WINDS AND STRINGS

Classical Bells, Michigan's handbell ensemble, will be featured on a concert at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 559-2095.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Yuletide Celebration is through Dec. 19. The Canadian Brass will appear on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. Colors of Christmas featuring Roberta Flack, Peabo Bryson, Marilyn McCoo and Bill Medley is at 8 p.m. Dec. 22-23 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 676-5111.

KLEZMER CONCERT

The JCC will hold a Hanukkah klezmer concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Presents *Snowin' Blown' and Mistletoe 'n'* at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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Sounds of the Season with special guest artist the Brazel Darned Chorus at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 788-6616.

DANCE

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

The *Autocraher* is through Dec. 17 featuring the Ballet International. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-7464.

ROCKHAWK DANCE ENSEMBLE

Revenge of the Snowflakes is Dec. 17 at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day High School, Grosse Pointe. (248) 669-2666.

FOR KIDS

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Registration for summer classes in watercolor (ages 5-12), pottery (ages 8-12), and glass (ages 7-14) at 1000 N. Main, 7470 N. Main, Canton. (734) 455-9517.

ROCKHAWK DANCE

A holiday concert with the Detroit

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Through Jan. 31 — Dale Chihuly. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

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SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

The gallery has relocated to a temporary storage and office space. Hours by appointment only until the new gallery space is ready. Our new phone number is (248) 541-4700.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through Jan. 19 — Toshio Shibata. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813. Wayne State University, 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Jan. 20 — Fritz Mayhew: *New Paintings*. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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(248) 683-8779.

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Through Jan. 6 — Ron Nagle: *Recent Works*. Also through Jan. 6 is *One Paper Ill*. Heather McGill, Scott Richter and Amy Vogel. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

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SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 3 — An exhibition of Haitian art by Emily C. Hall. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SWORDS INTO FLOWERSHARES

Through Jan. 6 — *Postcards from Home*, photographs from Joe Crachiola and George Waldman. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

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Through Jan. 27 — *Classic Ensemble*: an exhibition of

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A Hanukkah Family Workshop is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. (313) 833-9720.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 11 — *Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries*. Through Dec. 31 — *Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry*. Through March 4 — *A Decade of Acquisitions 1900-2000: Photographs*. Through Jan. 7 — *Bill Viola/Video Collaboration*. Through Dec. 31 — *Pop Art: Prints and Multiples from the DIA Collection*. Through Dec. 30 — *Small Wonder: Worlds in a Box*. Through Dec. 31 — *The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

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Through Jan. 21 — *For Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953*. Through March 30 — *Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney*. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Stuff: An installation by Iain

Dreamy surroundings



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CPOP GALLERY

Through Jan. 3 — Angie Bean, Glenn Barr and David Sandlin. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 433-9901.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through Jan. 26 — Graduate works in progress. 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through Dec. 22 — *Bounded Intervals*. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through Dec. 23 — *Urban Out: A multi-media exhibit*. 5141 Rosa Parks, Detroit. (313) 698-4ART.

JANICE CHABACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

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Through Dec. 30 — Stephen Hansen. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-9267.

GALLERY 232

Through Dec. 27 — Chris Mera: *Fairy Tales*. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-6224.

Clay 2000. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

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Through Jan. 18 — *The Waterford Friends of the Arts*. Oakland County Executive Building, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec. 21 — A solo exhibit by Stanley Rosenthal. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Dec. 31 — *Earthly Treasures* annual holiday show. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

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Through Dec. 31 — Mary Kethan: *Michigan Heritage Bams*. 217 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 646-6950.

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antique musical instruments. 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-8261.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through Dec. 23 — *Tectonics* by James Viste. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

WOODS GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 — *Re-collect: Cranbrook Academy of Art*. An exhibit highlighting the talents of three Cranbrook students. Perri Lynch, Emily Kennark and Deborah Fisher. Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

WOODWARD GALLERY

Through Jan. 12 — Mark Yamin Art Exhibit. 1357 Davis, Birmingham. (248) 642-1357.

LECTURES

BROWN BAG LECTURES

Detroit area musician Brandon Cressmon will present a program entitled *Made in America: Forms of American Music* at noon Thursday, Dec. 21. Held in the Information Technology Auditorium, County Campus, Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

MUSEUMS

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Through Feb. 4 — *Double Flame: New Work by Steve Murakishi*. Through Jan. 7 — *The Portrait in Contemporary Photography*. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-60-CRANBROOK.

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Through April 29 — *Electric Space: Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun*. 39221 Woodward,

Baxter and Very Similar a series of nudes by Frank Horvath

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Jan. 28 — *Casting Shadows: Photographs by Edward West*. Through Jan. 7 — *William Kentridge: Weighing...and Wanting*. Through Jan. 21 — *Plant Life: Works from the Permanent Collection*. Through Feb. 25 — *Mark Rothko and the Lure of the Figure: Paintings 1933-1946*.

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TODAY

Join the staff of the Plymouth Historical Museum for a special Family Christmas Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Dr. Frank Marvin will narrate Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at 7 p.m. and there will be caroling, opportunities for shopping, and tasty treats such as Figgy Pudding.

Free with museum admission of \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$7 families. Many gifts will be available for under \$5. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

CONCERT TODAY

St. Peter's Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas Candlelight Concert featuring the music of J.S. Bach, Dale Warland, and Egil Hovland 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the church, 1343 Penniman in Plymouth.

The Senior Choir, under the direction of Kurt Heyer, will be joined by a brass quartet for Giovanni Gabrielle's *Lift Up Your Heads*. A special arrangement of *Tomorrow will be My Dancing Day* by John Gardner will highlight the evening. A children's handbell choir, adult handbell choir, the Junior Choir, Christian Contemporary Choir, and various instrumentalists will join the Senior Choir for the program. For information, call (734) 453-3393.

FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising funds by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more.

The cost is \$40. Call Stan Kovachoff at (734) 459-6829.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

D & M Studios is holding holiday workshops for ages 3 through teens until Saturday, Dec. 23 at 8891 North Lilley at Joy Road, Canton.

To register or for information, call the studio at (734) 453-3710.

Watercolor, plastercraft, felt and wood will be used to create fine art gifts. The cost for ages 3-6 is \$13, \$18 students/teens. All day paint workshops for ages 6 and up cost \$24.

GIFT IDEA

The Detroit Historical Museum is celebrating the 300th birthday of Detroit with its 2001 calendar featuring photography by the late Tony Spina. Chief photographer for the Detroit Free Press from 1952 until he retired in 1989, Spina captured the spirit of the city.

He donated his collection of work, more than 23,000 images, to the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. The photographs for the calendar were chosen from the collection. Each day features a date as it relates to the history of the city.

The cost for the calendar is \$11.95. It is available at book-sellers, including Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth, Creative Framing and Gallery in Plymouth, the Henry

Ford Museum shop, and the Detroit Historical Museum Shop. For more information or to order with a credit card, call (313) 833-7937.

HOLIDAY SALE

Farmington Hills artist Deb Eliassen is one of the exhibitors at the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop's Holiday Sale 2000 concluding with a blow-out sale noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 at 1604 Clay Avenue, second floor, Detroit.

Open daily from noon to 6 p.m., the workshop features everything imaginable in glass.

For more information, call (313) 871-1798.

NOONTIME CONCERT

The Doree String Quartet will perform popular and light classical selections 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Admission is free. Tea and coffee will be provided. Brown-bag lunches welcome. For more information, call (734) 466-2197.

NEW YEAR JUBILEE

Ypsilanti will host its ninth annual New Year Jubilee 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

The drug- and alcohol-free family event will be held in a dozen different venues throughout historic Ypsilanti. Entertainers will perform blues, jazz, big band, country, calypso, reggae, folk, comedy, and storytelling. There will also be clowns and dancing. Food and beverages will be available at many of the sites.

Performers include O.J. Anderson, comedy; jazz artists



Gift Idea: The 2001 Detroit Historical Museum calendar features this photograph taken by Tony Spina on the Windsor side of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel in 1948. Opened in 1930, the tunnel was the first one constructed between two countries.

Mr. B and Sheila Landis; children's music by Gemini and Julie Austin, storytelling by Barbara Shutz-Gruber, and the comedic a cappella quartet Three Men and a Tenor.

Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 after Dec. 25, \$5 for children ages 6-12, children under five free. For tickets, call (734) 483-4444 or (734) 995-7281. For information on the program visit the Web site at www.ypsilanti.org.

SUPPORT THE SYMPHONY

The Plymouth Symphony League, the fund-raising arm of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, is offering their fifth annual limited-edition pewter Christmas ornament for \$8 at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 18 Forest Place.

The ornament is replica of the old Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School. A limited number of ornaments from past years including the Penniman

Street Post Office are also available.

The ornaments are part of the fund-raising efforts of the Plymouth Symphony League which is also selling Luminaria kits in collaboration with the Trailwood Garden Club. The kits are \$4 per set of 10 candles. Additionally, the League is selling the 2000 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book for \$40. The books are a terrific gift for friends, family and neighbors.

The Plymouth Symphony depends on the support of the community. So stop by the office and pick up some last minute gifts. For more information, call (734) 451-2112.

CANADIAN BRASS

With a blend of virtuosity, spontaneity and humor, the Canadian Brass quintet will live up Orchestra Hall, joining the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in an appearance at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21. The Gram-

my-winning group will perform a variety of holiday works. Tickets range in price from \$19 to \$49 (a limited number of box seats are available for \$75). Tickets can be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office or by calling the DSO at (313) 576-5111 or on-line at www.detroitssymphony.com.

CLASSICAL BELLS

Seasonal favorites such as Carol of the Bells, Sleigh Ride, White Christmas and Joy to the World will be performed by the Classical Bells handbell ensemble at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham. The performance is a presentation of the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings' Nightnotes series. Tickets are \$18 and can be obtained by calling the DCWS office at (248) 559-2095. A pre-concert reception begins at 8 p.m. Hagopian's is located at 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

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Cherubino, Dorabella, Octavian and Rosina. She has also sung with many of the major oratorio works in Europe and Israel.

Carroll is in the last semester of study for the Specialist in Voice degree from U of M's School of Music. He has been a featured soloist with the DSO, the Toledo Symphony, the Bach and Handel Society of Cleveland, and was a semi-finalist for Chicago Lyric Opera's Center for Young Professionals competition and runner-up in the New York Oratorio Society's annual competition. (Hint: he may soon be joining a major opera company.)

Finally Pfaltzgraff, a lecturer in voice at Ohio Northern University in Ada is finishing the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts

Founded by Thomas Sheets in 1996, the UMS Chamber Chorale has performed with the Gabrieli Consort and Players. The chorale is comprised of acclaimed singers from Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

in Vocal Performance at U of M. Recent roles include Don Jose in the Comic Opera Guild of Ann Arbor's production of *Carmen*, Ferrando in *Madama Butterfly* with the Des Moines Metro Opera and Alfredo in *La Traviata* with U of M. He is a recipient of the James Paul Kennedy Music Alumni Award from Bowling Green and received the Ara Berberian and Frances Greer fel-

lowships in voice.

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The chorale performed Beethoven's *Ninth* last week on public television with the DSO.

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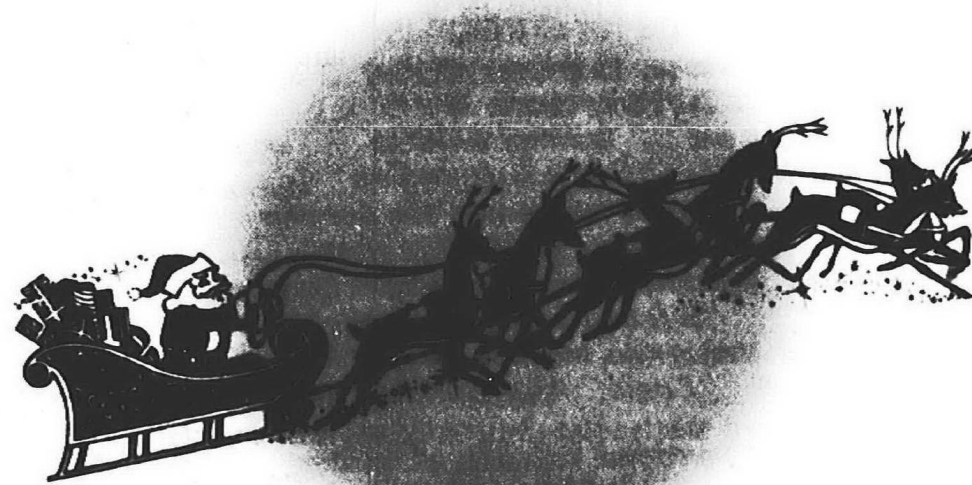
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He's Heading Ho-Ho-Home.



Join Us For
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Sunday, December 24, 2:00 p.m.
Somerset North Grand Court

Somerset Collection is planing a very exciting farewell to Jolly St. Nick. So join the Royal Family and their Royal Court for Santa's Super Send-Off. And to show his appreciation, Santa is giving a package of treats to all children attending.

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 Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

Friday • January 5 • Theophany Eve
 Vespers & Reading of Prophecies • 6:30 pm
 Divine Liturgy • 7:30 pm

Sunday • January 7
 Epiphany & The Great
 Blessing of Waters
 Matins-Gloria In Excelsis • 9:00 am
 Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters
 9:45 am

Saturday • January 6 • Theophany Day
 Divine Liturgy • 10:00 am
 Family Christmas Luncheon & program 12:30 pm

Sunday • January 14
 Jubilee of the 1700th Anniversary
 of Christianity in Armenia
 Matins • 9:00 am • Divine Liturgy • 9:45 am
 Requiem • 11:45 am
 Candle Lighting of the 1700th Jubilee • Noon

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December 24

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- 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

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 8 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
 Music, Carols, and a Children's Play
 8 pm Christmas Eve Service:
 A quiet contemplation of the holiday
 Sunday December 24th 10 am only: "Midwinter"

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

 Children's Christmas Program
 Sun., Dec. 17th 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Service
 Sun., Dec. 24th 11:00 a.m.
 Family Candlelight Service
 Sun., Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m.

 Covenant Alliance Church
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 (248) 644-9009

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 7:00 pm Candlelight & Carols
 Child care & coffee hour
 11:00 pm Communion Service

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Morning Service

10:45 a.m. Worship

Evening Service

 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE *Nursery Provided

4:30 pm Candles & Carols for Families

"The Best Gift of All" message by Rev. Large

9:30 pm Carillon Choir plays carols

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The Rev. Aaron B. Zull, Interim Rector • The Rev. Alan W. Brandemuhl, Jr. Deacon

Christmas Worship Services
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

10 am Sunday School Pageant

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

7:15 pm Carols • 7:30 pm Family Eucharist

(babysitting provided)

10:45 pm Carols • 11:00 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY DEC. 25

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

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Christmas Sunday - Dec. 24 at 10 am

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New Year's Eve Sunday Dec. 31 at 10 am

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December 17 6:00 pm

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Directed by Mr. Brian Marr & Mrs. Kathy Gardinali

Festive Holiday Reception will follow the performance

December 24 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Celebrate with us this Christmas
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 Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24th) Worship Schedule:

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Christmas Eve Family Service - 5:00 p.m. Child Care provided

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.

First United Methodist
Church of Plymouth

Welcomes you and your Family

Home for Christmas

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve
9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday Worship

"God's Gift to You"

4:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

"Come to the Manger"

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

"Come...And Behold Him"

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth

45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)

(734) 453-5280

First United Methodist Church

1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200

Christmas Eve Services

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship

Rev. Lisa McIlvanna preaching

4:00 p.m. for Families

with Young Children

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00

Nursery Care at 7:00

Dr. William A. Ritter preaching

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Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve

10 am Worship Service

5 pm Lessons & Carols for all

8 pm Candlelight & Communion Service

10:30 pm Christmas Music

11:00 pm Candlelight Service with Lessons & Carols

United Methodist
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30450 Farmington Rd.

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Farmington Hills

Church Parking Lot

ORCHARD

Sunday Morning December 24

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship

10:00 am Family Activity

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES

December 24

5:00 pm Family Services

9:00 pm Worship Service of Lessons & Carols

11:00 pm Worship Service of Lessons, Carols

& Holy Communion

5:00 & 9:00 pm Nursery for crib through 3 years

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***10:00 A.M.**

Traditional Worship Service

with special music by the Sunday School Children

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A Birthday Party for Jesus will follow the service.

For more info call:

313-937-3170

***6:00 P.M.**

Family Choir presentation of

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Candle lighting with individual candles will close the service.

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***9:30 P.M.**

Adult Choirs & Hand Bell Choir

Communion & Candle Lighting

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE

8 and 11 p.m.

Traditional Christmas
Eve Services

Musical preludes with

carillon, the Christ Church

Choir, harp, flute, and

organ begin at 7:30 &

10:30 p.m. Nursery care

provided.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

10 a.m.

We have seen His Star in the Heavens and

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334 • (248) 653-3380

Christmas Eve

Family Worship (with signing for the hearing impaired) 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Vesper Service 7:30 p.m.

Please join us to celebrate God's gift to us - Jesus!

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**
11 p.m.

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Antioch Christmas Worship Schedule

Lutheran Church
-Christmas Eve-
4:00... Children's Christmas • 8:00... Family Worship
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion
-Christmas Day-
10:00... Lessons and Carols
-December 31-
10:00... Christmas I Lessons and Carols
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2000
10:30 AM
6:00 PM & 9:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2000
10:30 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2000
10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

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Candlelight &
Communion Service

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10:30 pm Carol Sing
11 pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist
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5:00 Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist
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10:00 pm Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day • December 25
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Sunday After Christmas • December 31

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CONTEMPORARY: 11:30 AM
Candlelight Services: 4:00, 5:30 and 11:30 PM
NEW YEARS EVE SERVICES: 8:30, 10:00 11:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY: 8:45 AM
Candlelight Communion Service: 11:15 PM
Regular Sunday Worship Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30
CONTEMPORARY: 8:45 AM EVENING 6:00 PM

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Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
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11:00 pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
Family Worship at 6:00 PM
Communion Service at 10:30 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY!
Communion Service at 10:00 AM



First Presbyterian Church - Plymouth
Church and Main Street
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Christmas Services
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship, Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
Candlelight Services
December 31 - one service only - 9:30 a.m.

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Christmas Eve 7 pm THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS
Christmas Eve Candlelight 11 pm A LIGHT IN THE SHINING DARKNESS
Christmas Day 10 am IF YOU READ THE NEWS... YOU'LL KNOW
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FAMILY SERVICES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
8:30 & 11:00 am
**CAROLS, COMMUNION
& CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**
8:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Risen Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship" 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30pm
"Christmas Day Worship" 10:00 am
"New Year's Eve Worship" 1:00 pm
"EVERYONE
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Livonia 734-261-1360

Special Christmas Worship at St. Paul's

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Advent Worship
Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship
Monday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor James Hoff Pastor Eric Steinbrenner



University Presbyterian Church
1385 S. Adams Road
Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400

Christmas Eve Services
10am Morning Service
7pm Family Service
10 pm Candlelight Service

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Ministries
5885 Venoy Rd. • Westland, MI 48185
734-425-0260

Christmas Eve Services - December 24, 2000
8 am-Communion
11 am-Family Service
10:30 pm-Candlelight Service
Christmas Day Service - December 25, 2000
10:00 am-Communion
New Year's Eve Service - December 31, 2000
7:00 pm-Communion

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE
8:15 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Traditional Service
11:00 a.m. Praise Service
4:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight, Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m. Festival
JANUARY 6th 5:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:00 P.M. Family Service
8:00 P.M. Holy Communion Service
11:00 P.M. Traditional Service

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All Are Invited to Share The Joy
644-2040

Come, marvel with us
at the great sign of
God's love for the world:
The Birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord!

Christmas Eve Family Service
of
Carols and Candlelight
Sunday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Midnight Christ-Mass
Sunday, December 24th, 11:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 24, Two Liturgical Days
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The Eve of Christmas
The Eve is as the Day
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We invite you to join at our
Christmas services.

Communal Penance service:
Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 P.M.
Mass Schedule:
Saturday, December 23, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 24, 9:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Masses:
Vigil Mass, Sunday, December 24, 5:00 P.M.
Evening Mass, Sunday, December 24, 10:00 P.M.
(music will begin at 9:15 P.M.)
Christmas Day Masses:
Monday, December 25, 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
New Year's Eve:
Prayer service welcoming the new year,
Sunday, December 31, 6:00 P.M.
New Year's Day Mass:
Monday, January 1, 9:00 A.M.



St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PHILIP
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5 Blocks East of Telegraph
Priest's Phone (810) 784-9511

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Christmas Morning Mass
Confessions 10:45 - 11:45PM 8:30AM
Carols begin at 11:00PM Confessions 7:30 - 8:15AM

North Congregational Church

36520 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
(between Drake and Halsted Roads)
(248) 848-1750

Gathered 1866, for the Worship of God and Service to Humanity

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
Message: "Gift of the Lord"

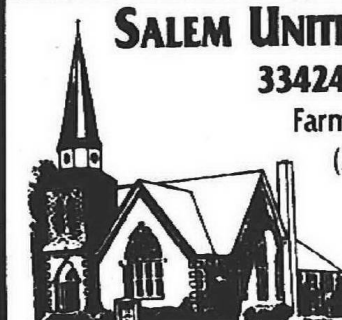
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.
Message: "Who Would Think?"



Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen
Senior Minister
Rev. Mary E. Biedron
Associate Minister
Steven Kosinski
Director of Music

The Church of St. Alan, Troy,
Wishes the community
a very
Merry Christmas and a
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MASS SCHEDULE:
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12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
December 25th
10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
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Sunday, December 24th 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. (Children's Celebration)
6:30 p.m.,
11:00 p.m., Midnight Music Prelude
Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th
10:00 and 12:00 noon
Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 30th 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31st
7:00 a.m. (Chapel)
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon
Solemnity, Mary Mother of God
Sunday, December 31st 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1st 10:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 2nd
3:30 p.m.
Individual Confession
Saturday, December 9th
Individual Confession
Saturday, December 16th
11:00 a.m. Communal
Reconciliation with
Individual Confession
Monday, December 18th
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Individual Confession
7:00 p.m. Communal
Reconciliation with
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Tuesday, December 19th
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday, December 19, 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Saturday, December 23, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

IV Sunday of Advent
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 23
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 24
No 12:00 noon Mass

CHRISTMAS
5:00 p.m. Children's Mass, Christmas Eve
12:00 Midnight Mass
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon Christmas Day

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 30
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon Sunday, December 31

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10:00 a.m. Monday, January 1



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Communal Reconciliation
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

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Liturgy of Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25 at 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.



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Thursday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 24, 9:30 a.m. (only)

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25
9:30 a.m., 11:00, 12:30 p.m.



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We Have Seen His Star in the East

New Detroit Science Center exterior nears completion

BY ALICE REHN
STAFF WRITER
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With less than a week of holiday shopping left, are you still looking for the perfect "money-no-option" gift for that person who has everything?

How about buying something that can spin, swing, vibrate, undulate, reverberate, motivate and capture a child's imagination like nothing else?

The New Detroit Science Center, scheduled to reopen this summer after an extensive expansion and renovation, is looking for a few good corporate and individual sponsors.

Perhaps you'd like to name a star on the "Stairway of the Stars," or name a seat in the new 160-seat Science Stage Theater. Or maybe there's interest in sponsoring one of the five exhibit areas that focus on the science of motion, life, matter and energy, waves and a special preschool children's laboratory. Even the IMAX Dome Theatre and the new Digital Dome Theater and Planetarium are still awaiting sponsorship.

Sure, these aren't gifts that come cheap — we're talking thousands to millions of dollars here — but then, what a lasting legacy it will provide for the children of Southeastern Michigan. Of course, a family membership makes a wonderful gift, too, and the \$25 to \$150 membership fee won't pinch the wallet too hard.

Shaping up

With the final steel beam placed last month, the roof scheduled for completion this week, and concrete exterior walls going up by the end of January, the New Detroit Science Center is shaping up quite nicely outside.

But few will dispute that it's really what's inside that counts.

Mel Drumm, president of the Detroit Science Center, said when the plans were being drawn for the \$30 million, 65,000 square-foot expansion project, the first initiative was to keep the cost on the content.

"The idea was to respect the original architecture, which is the silver box and the red brick IMAX, because it is an icon in Detroit, and then add a new building to surround it," said

At a glance

The New Detroit Science Center total renovation and expansion includes the following:

- A ten-fold expansion of exhibit space
- More than double the size of the existing structure
- New hands-on permanent exhibit laboratories
- Aligns with the major themes developed by the Michigan Curriculum Framework for science education
- Expanded school partnerships in the city, metropolitan region and statewide
- Internet linkages and web-casting capabilities to reach students in their classrooms and at home
- Creation of a new traveling exhibit space
- Addition of a Digital Dome Theater for multimedia programs, including astronomy and space exploration programs

To discuss a gift towards the Detroit Science Center's building expansion campaign, call the Development Office at (313) 577-8400, ext. 432 or write: Detroit Science Center Attn: Capital Campaign 5020 John R Street Detroit, MI 48202 campaign@sciencedetroit.org

renovate, enhance and expand what had become an ailing building on the corner of Warren and John R.

"When Mel and I met in May or June of 1998, he took me on a tour of this building that was in poor shape, it was too small, and it was literally raining inside," said Castaing. "Still the school buses were lined up outside and the children were inside getting involved. That's why I got involved."

The Detroit Science Center has actually seen darker days than that. In 1991-92, the center was forced to close for 10 months due to a sudden and unexpected loss of state funding.

But under Drumm's leadership, which began in 1995, the Center nearly doubled its annual attendance to nearly 200,000 visitors.

Still, the exhibit space was limited to one floor and often, displays were in disrepair. Many families abandoned the Detroit institution in favor of Toledo's COSI.

"They won't have to go that far anymore," said Lisa Schallich, director of marketing and communications. "This is a museum for children with educational components, a teacher's resource room and hands-on interactive displays."

Schallich, a Birmingham resident engaged to Detroit Symphony Orchestra President Emil Kang, moved from Seattle, where she was the director of marketing for the Seattle Symphony. Now she, Drumm and Castaing spend much of their days in a wood-paneled yellow trailer that's never quite warm enough despite a near-constant clanking of the radiator. It also lacks the basic luxury of a sink, but they improvise with a water cooler for the essential pot of coffee.

If it bothers them, the trio certainly don't let it show. Instead, they prefer to don the hard hats and show visitors what will be.

On the horizon

What is currently on the drawing board is scheduled to become reality this summer when the New Detroit Science Center will open for visitors. It will feature five exhibit areas highlighting and linking to the state-wide sci-

ence education curriculum.

The Science of Motion Lab will feature hands-on and large-scale interactive exhibits. In a two-story windowed area, the Life Lab will feature an exploration of DNA, highlight life in a rain forest and explore the microscopic world.

The Sparks Theatre will be the focal point of the Matter and Energy Lab, and will demonstrate the interaction between electricity and magnetism.

The Waves Lab will relate specifically to light, sound and the transfer of energy through wave motion. And finally, a Children's Lab will allow pre-school through second-grade visitors to explore science with pint-size experiments.

In addition, the existing IMAX Theatre and a new Digital Dome Theater and Planetarium will give spectators plenty to view. The addition of the Ford Learning Resource Center will allow for class field trips, summer programs and camp-ins. And the creation of a traveling exhibit space will ensure an ongoing schedule of new attractions. When the facility opens, *Beakman's World*, based upon the children's television program, will be the first special exhibit featured.

"Too few young people are locked out of careers in engineering or research because they don't understand science," said Castaing. "One avenue that is recognized as efficient and effective at getting young people to realize the science is of great interest is science centers."

Castaing said that with \$17.1 million raised so far, the Center still has a ways to go before it reaches its goal of \$30 million. But he has no doubts that he'll continue to play an active role in the Center long after the ribbon-cutting ceremony is over.

"I may not be down here every day, but I will recruit more trustees and work to ensure the stability of the Center," he said. "Once we were the crumbling building on the corner, and now we can stand up with Orchestra Hall and the Detroit Institute of Arts. I guess you can say we've grown up now."

Surround sound: The original red brick IMAX Theatre is barely visible through the skeleton structure of the New Detroit Science Center renovation.

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MARY ANNE
TOCCALINO

While researching cosmetics and beauty trends, I came across not only some remarkable products, but also some remarkable people.

And, one particular woman, Joanna Baratta, particularly won my heart.

Joanna is one of the creators of one of the most nour-

ishing skin care lines in our industry, Giovanna, Italy.

The skin care line was a "labor of love" and dedicated to her Baratta's sister, Nina Crocenzki, who is a survivor of Multiple Sclerosis.

Nina's skin was damaged by both the medication she was taking and the disease she had. It caused her skin to become patchy and dry.

Watching her sister struggle with the illness and her condition, Joanna tapped into her 20 years of experience in the cosmetic industry and created a skin care line to address such special needs.

Today, the line is being used to help individuals with all skin types and a variety of conditions.

Giovanna products aid in repairing brown spots, uneven skin tone, lack of luster - the anti-age serum especially corrects this problem - patches and dryness associated with trauma and medications used to cure life-threatening illnesses.

The Giovanna skin care line also prevents premature aging and has been shown effective in reducing the effects of stress and weather.

To formulate her skin care line, Joanna traveled to Italy and worked with renowned chemists in Florence.

The power behind this remarkable product set is the secret combination of ingredients, which include freshly pressed, extra-virgin olive oil, mint, aloe, star anise, thyme, licorice, ginseng, and many other indigenous components. All of these ingredients are Mediterranean, cold-processed, and promptly packaged to insure they are fresh.

The combined elements have a regenerative, restructuring effect and seem to enable the skin to recover from damage at the same pace it did when it was young.

"The end result is a skin that is renewed, moistened, and soothed," Joanna says.

Once more, each ingredient in the skin care line has been proven effective in studies conducted over a period of years.

The combination of ingredients creates something called an EU complex, a synergistic combination of vitamins, nutrients, and alpha-hydroxy acids that work to exfoliate dead skin cells, smooth fine lines, and hydrate the skin.

Best of all, the skin care products also contain a special Sun Protection Factor (SPF) formula for preventing premature aging. The formula also contains free radical protection and restores skin elasticity.

Still, the most exceptional thing about this skin care line is that a large percentage of its profits are donated to the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for rehabilitation and research, which sponsors an annual fund-raiser and luncheons to assist the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In other words, Joanna has an ongoing commitment to the organization.

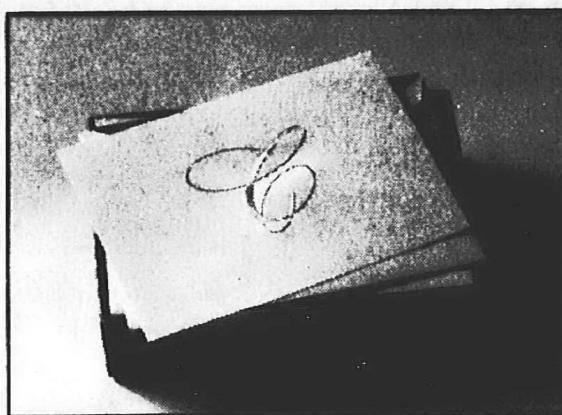
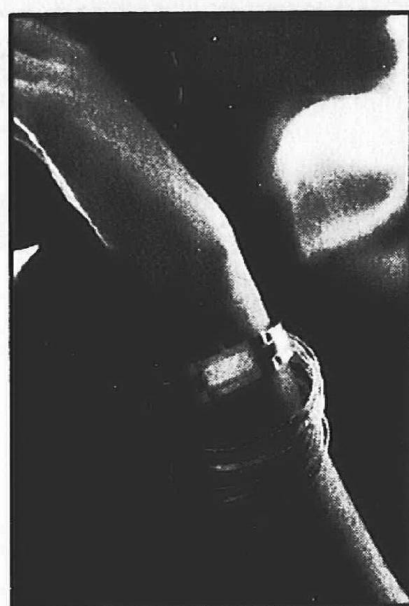
Phyllis Lloyd, development director for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan, says Joanna and Nina bring such passion to their mission.

And, right now, when we're being inundated with advertisements and products, it is refreshing to know you can make a purchase and help other people.

Giovanna skin care products are sold as Jacobson's in Birmingham and at exclusive salons.

If you have a question for Mary Anne, send a note to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 Old North Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477. Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant operating at RED the Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she has studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where she training included work in special effects and makeup for film and print.

Still shopping? Opt for a tried and true holiday gift



Gilded age: Not only is gold the metal of the moment but it makes for a classic gift, even if without the karat weight. Crane & Co. has a set of gold personal initial notes (above) for every person on your holiday shopping list, \$15 for a box of 20 notes and envelopes, Crane & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy. A gold tone accessory is another inexpensive option for small gifts and stocking stuffers. DKNY (above left) pairs large gold tone hoop earrings, \$20, with a set of 20 gold tone bangle bracelets, \$25, and a gold tone bracelet watch, \$115, at Hudson's.



In tow and under wraps: Travel ware and cozy sweaters are always welcome gifts. Hobo International's contemporary Italian totes, duffel bags and organizers (above) run \$58-107 at Jacobson's. Field Gear men's cashmere sweaters (right) are available in polo and V-neck styles in colors like chocolate, derby green, charcoal heather, claret, lichen and night shadow, \$69.99 at Hudson's.



Stars and child's eyes: If there's one place every kid likes to be it's on paper with paint or crayons. Alex Fanline's easel (above) has a hardwood frame, scrolling paper bar, chalkboard and plastic tray, \$88 at Jacobson's. For bigger kids with stars in their eyes, consider Tiffany & Co.'s crystal star ornament (right), \$50, Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you abreast of special shopping programs, services and events occurring during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send listings to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Malls & Mainstreets, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax to: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by Monday for publication the following Sunday.

GENTLEMEN'S EVENING

Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, gift wrapping and one-stop shopping at Sandra Collins and Gallery Nikko, 470 North Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, 5-8 p.m. Dec. 20. For more information, call (248) 647-0680.

OFFERINGS AT SUMMIT

Summit Place Mall, 315 North Telegraph in Waterford, has several holiday offerings, including a cup of coffee, 7 a.m.-noon at the Coffee Beanery, collector's edition Grinch bags to shoppers who make a purchase with a VISA card and picture frames for shoppers who purchase \$300 or more at the mall. Also, there are two drawing being held at the mall, one for a \$500 shopping spree, the other for plane tickets to New York City and the opportunity to see a live taping of the Rosie O'Donnell Show. For more information, call (248) 682-0123.

FREE LUNCH AT WONDERLAND

Wonderland Mall in Livonia gives shoppers who spend \$150 (in two of their stores during one visit) a gift certificate worth \$10 and a lunch voucher worth \$4 at the center's food court. The offer is available through Dec. 24. Bring receipts to the mall's customer service center. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

LITTLE DOOR STORE

Hudson's Little Door Store, a pint-sized shop where children can look for and purchase holiday gifts, is open for business. A miniature castle made of children's building blocks and located in the retailer's Somerset Kids' Department in Troy, the Little Door Store has more than 30 wrapped gifts that children

can purchase for between \$5 and \$15. Call (248) 816-4000.

HOLIDAYS IN BIRMINGHAM

Downtown Birmingham's Santa House in Shain Park is open through Dec. 23. Photos of Santa with children will be available from the Birmingham Lions Club to benefit the Leader Dog for the Blind program. For a Santa House schedule and other information, call (248) 433-3550.

GIVING TREE

In the spirit of the holiday season, Nordstrom, at the Somerset Collection in Troy, has a Giving Tree for customers who wish to help needy children. The Giving Tree is decorated with cards detailing a needy child's holiday gift wish. Customers may select a card and bring a wrapped gift back to the store for donation to The Salvation Army. The benefit runs through Dec. 21. For additional information about the program, call (248) 816-5100.

HOLIDAY SOUNDS & SANTA'S SHOP

Holiday music fills the streets of downtown Plymouth on Friday Dec. 22, 7-9 p.m. Look for the Troubadours and other groups on downtown street corners. Santa is also in town and available for photos in Kellogg Park. Santa's shop will be open 5-8 p.m. on Fridays and noon-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23. Call (734) 455-1453 for more information.

GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's Holiday Shop, Small Works Sale and Fiber Art Sale, 1516 South Cranbrook near 14 Mile Road in Birmingham, is open through Dec. 30. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.

WEEKEND SHOPPING GETAWAY

The Hotel Baronette in Novi, located just across the street from Twelve Oaks mall, again offers its Holiday Shopping Package featuring special prices for guests doing their holiday shopping who wish to stay the weekend. The package, which is available through Dec. 24, includes a free, power shopper's breakfast buffet, VIP shopping discount cards good at various Twelve Oaks stores and complimentary gift wrapping. The hotel is located at 27790 Novi Road off I-96 at exit 162. The package is priced at \$111 a night for up to four people. Reservations are required. Call (248) 349-7800.

SHOP AND RELAX

Twelve Oaks mall in Novi and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn have opened their Relaxation Rooms. Back by popular demand, the room features couches, holiday movies for all ages and books and activities for children. Twelve Oaks' Relaxation Room

will offer complimentary gift wrapping and coffee and operate noon-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 24. For details, call (248) 348-9400. Fairlane's Relaxation Room will offer samples from the mall's specialty food shops and open one hour after the center does and close one hour before the mall does through Dec. 24. For Fairlane mall hours, call (313) 593-1370.

PICK A GIFT IN PLYMOUTH

Let your loved one pick their own gift from a variety of Plymouth stores and restaurants with a gift certificate from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Plymouth gift certificates work just like those sold at department stores. The certificates are available in any denomination and can be purchased at the chamber office, 386 South Main, or by phone at (734) 453-1540. Visit www.plymouthchamber.org for a list of stores and restaurants where certificates can be redeemed.

TEL-TWELVE HOLIDAY

Holiday traditions around the world is the theme of the animated holiday display in Center Court at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The exhibit runs through Jan. 3. Children can also visit with Santa and sit for photographs in Grand Center Court on the weekend through Dec. 24. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. For details, call (248) 353-4111.

HOLIDAY DRAWING

Win \$1,000 worth of merchandise at Livonia Mall 29514 7 Mile Road. Pick up a savings book and fill out the Wish List inside. Then drop the list in the giant Christmas package in Center Court. The winner will be drawn on Dec. 23. While you're there, enjoy some holiday entertainment. Livonia Mall is hosting a variety of community arts groups during the holiday season. Events are held in Sears Court. For a complete list of scheduled events, call (248) 478-1160.

SHOP THEN SLEEP

Many hotels in Troy are offering special holiday shopping packages. The Troy Chamber of Commerce's web site at www.troychamber.com has a list of hotels convenient to Oakland Mall, the Somerset Collection and other popular retail destinations. Call (248) 641-6151.

GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift? Give the gift of art. The Holiday Shop, Small Works Sale and Fiber Art Sale at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 South Cranbrook near 14 Mile Road in Birmingham, is open through Dec. 30. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.

Gotten fill of Turkey? Not 'til you see Istanbul

BY SANDIE PARROTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Colorful spices with fragrant aromas, Sultan's palaces and beautiful domed mosques are some of the treasures of Istanbul, Turkey. Nothing can prepare you for a visit to this lovely city. Whatever you have thought or heard about Turkey, it is different and more magnificent than you can imagine.

There are 3,000 mosques in Istanbul. If you can see only one, the Blue Mosque is it. Built from 1609 to 1616 by some of the same stone masons that later built the Taj Mahal, the mosque takes its name from the mainly cobalt blue Iznik tiles that decorate the interior.

Visitors are welcome, but must respect prayer times and certain rules. Everyone must remove their shoes and bags are provided for carrying them. Men and women must cover their shoulders and knees. Men must remove their hats and women should cover their hair. You are also not allowed to eat or use flash pictures. The mosque is still used by the faithful and their prayer must not be interrupted.

The Grand Bazaar

It doesn't matter whether you like to shop or not you have to take in this bit of local culture. The bazaar began in 1453 under Mehmet II. It now houses around 4,000 shops all under exquisitely painted domed roofs.

In it you will see massive displays of gold and amber jewelry, carpets, chess sets, copper and brass items, leather clothing, pottery and perfume bottles, rugs, textiles, spices and teas, candy and, of course, souvenirs.

You will get lost, and that is part of the fun. Don't worry. Just try to remember the gate you came in and don't be afraid to ask directions.

There are even several quaint cafes scattered throughout the bazaar and the Turkish equivalent of pizza (lahmacun) runs about \$5 for two people.

Whirling Dervishes

Until recently women were not allowed to view this ceremony. Women are still not allowed to be a participant in the actual ritual dance (sema).

There are several sects of Sufis, the most famous being the Mevlevi, better known as the Whirling Dervishes because of their ritual spinning dance.

The performances are still somewhat rare. Some groups are reluctant to perform for an audience of tourists. If there is a performance scheduled, make sure to sign up quickly. You don't want to miss the droning incantations, the flowing musical instruments and the hypnotic trance-like twirling of the dancers.

Topkapi Palace

Istanbul would not be complete without a visit to a Sultan's palace. For 400 years the Ottoman sultans ruled their empire from this beautiful and vast palace.

The Harem is the most famous area of the palace. Guidebooks will say that it is open to tours, but it is extremely difficult to get inside.

Areas not to miss are the treasury, throne room, imperial costumes, arms and armor, miniatures and manuscripts and the restaurant.

The Treasury houses such famous items as the 86-carat Spoonmaker's Diamond.

This diamond was supposedly found in a trash pile in Istanbul in the 17th century and traded to a spoonmaker for three spoons.

Finally, if you are hungry or thirsty, stop by the cafe on the terrace at the Konyali Restau-

rant. It is cafeteria-style serving wonderful sandwiches of chicken or beef contained in a large flaky pastry (pogaca). Grab a nice patio table and sit under the umbrella gazing out at the glittering Sea of Marmara.

Ferry on the Bosphorus

Pick a sunny day and the Bosphorus will glitter and glow like colorful diamonds. A guided tour is recommended so you know what you are seeing along the 20-mile route and because the tours usually add other significant stops.

The Bosphorus divides the Asian and European sides of Istanbul.

Along the way you will pass the opulent Dolmabahce Palace, built in the 19th century. The palace has a series of gates along the waterfront that allowed the Sultan to enter the Palace from his imperial barge.

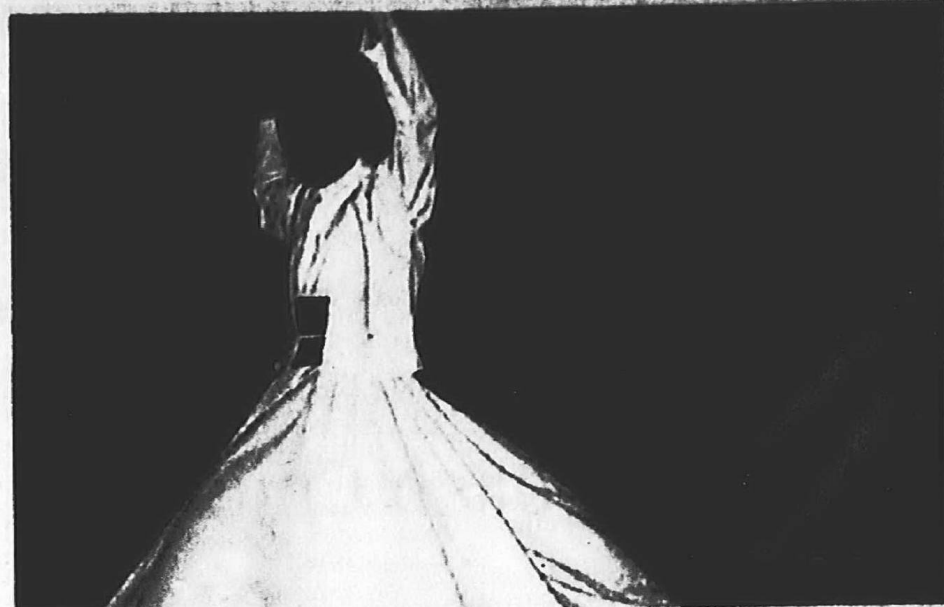
You will pass several beautiful yalis or wood villas. Most of these were built at the end of the 17th century by pashas, grand viziers and other wealthy citizens as summerhouses. Traditionally they were painted a deep reddish color known as Ottoman red.

Along with the tour, you can stop at the Sadberk Hanım Museum, which is housed in two traditional yalis. It was the first private Museum to open (in 1981) in Turkey.

One of the sections to see is the wonderful display of Roman gold jewelry and coins. In the other yali, the exhibits to see are the circumcision bed and the display of a typical women's dowry.

The pink blooms on the Judas trees all over the hillsides made the trip that much more spectacular and seemed to actually tint the water a dark pink color.

The trip to Istanbul is best enjoyed in the spring or early summer when the weather is pleasant.



Traditional dance: A Whirling Dervish performs in the ritual trance-like spinning dance.

If you're going...

It is best to take a tour year-round. Istanbul is a city that is always open.

Currency
The currency of Turkey is the Lira. The current exchange rate is about 100,000 Lira to one U.S. dollar. The Lira is not a very strong currency. Exchange only when you need it. If you have a credit card, you may have difficulty getting it. It is best to take cash.

Shopping
Turkey has a variety of shops. The Grand Bazaar is the largest. It is a maze of narrow streets and alleys. The shops are mostly small and family-owned. The Grand Bazaar is a great place to shop. It is a maze of narrow streets and alleys. The shops are mostly small and family-owned. The Grand Bazaar is a great place to shop.

Transportation
There are many ways to get around Istanbul. The most common is by taxi. Taxis are cheap and easy to find. There are also buses and ferries. The Bosphorus Ferry is a great way to see the city.

Accommodation
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Weather
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Nothing says holidays like champagne

Millennium celebrations last year created a lot of enthusiasm for champagne," said Mireille Guiliano, President and CEO of Clicquot, Inc., the U.S. arm of the French champagne house Veuve Clicquot.

"While there were shortages and many national markets ran out of Clicquot last year, this year is more normal."

Normal?

An interesting word to associate with Clicquot — a brand that in 1984, when Guiliano took the company reins, had one percent of the U.S. market share. Today, it's more than 15 percent and number two in sales.

"Clicquot is now the best selling champagne in top restaurants," Guiliano said. "Clicquot Brut (Yellow Label) \$47 and 1995 La Grande Dame \$130 are fuller bodied and made to complement food. Clicquot champagnes have popular sales throughout the year, but it does increase for the holidays."

Champagne picks

In addition to champagnes spotlighted in the column, the following scored at the top of our recent champagne taste-off. *Blumen Cordon Rouge* \$30 *Deutz Brut Classic* \$39 *Light Roadster Brut Premier* \$42 *1995 Piper-Heidsieck Brut Vintage* \$50 *1995 Deutz Champagne Brut* \$52 *Cecot Grande Reserve* \$52 *1995 Piper-Heidsieck Rare* \$70 *Cecot Grande Rose* \$70 - best pink champagne *1995 Penet-Jouet Fleur de Champagne* \$120

So, now you want to know who's number one. At 30 percent of the market, that's Moët et Chandon. Our favorites from the 'champagne big house' are 1995 Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial \$53 and 1995 Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial Rose \$53.

Get to know a little house

Prior to the holidays for the last several years, we've featured a different, small, limited production, artisan champagne house. Champagne Philipponnat gets the 2000 spotlight because not only is the bubbly great, but by Champagne region standards, Philipponnat is a small house, producing only a half million bottles for the whole world. Yet, it is found in restaurants and the homes of avid consumers in major world capitals.

Located in the heart of the Champagne region, not far from Epernay, the classical facade, grand courtyard, and monumental portal bearing the Philipponnat coat of arms offers clues that there's something special here.

In the 18th century cellars where Philipponnat champagnes age slowly in a calming silence, we found early clues fulfilled under the management of family member Charles Philipponnat.

Philipponnat is one of the most prestigious owners of top-rated vineyards covering 43 acres, of which the famous Clos des Goisses is the jewel. This exceptional vineyard is entirely made up of south-facing sites, unparalleled in the Champagne region. The vineyard is worked completely by hand. Workers use small footladders to reach the various walled-in plots, and due to the splendid exposure, bathed in sunshine for long hours each day.

Standing atop Clos des Goisses vineyard, we viewed the entire wine-producing region of the Champagne district — a breathtaking vista with the Clos des Goisses vineyard reflected in the Marne River. Philipponnat Le Reflet du Millénaire \$52 is christened both for this and a celebration of the new millennium. Pinot noir in the blend comes principally from Clos des Goisses with a percentage of chardonnay from the renowned Cote des Blancs area.

Except for the Grand Blanc which is

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Chocolate
- Zero-Proof Mix-Off

PIEROGI

Dumplings star in traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Parboiled pierogi Jennie Kochan (left) carefully places pierogi in pots of boiling water to cook them. Vita Jenrzejewski (right photo) carries a tray of pierogi filled with cheese, while Shirley Lenart rolls the dough.



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Every Christmas Eve Theresa's Remski's mother, Jennie Kochan, would make dinner.

Wigilia, the traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner, is a meatless meal, and Remski remembers the pierogi her mother always served.

Today, that Christmas Eve dinner custom has translated for Remski and her sister, Mary

Sokol, into a pierogi shop that was named after Mom — Jennie's Pierogi on Middlebelt Road in Garden City.

"Traditionally, it is what we'd always have on Christmas Eve, when I was growing up, and pierogi was the main dish," Remski said.

Solemn occasion

Wigilia is a solemnly celebrated occasion that arouses deep feelings of kinship among family members. Poles prepare traditional foods for days in advance of the dinner.

"It's the way we celebrate Bethlehem in the home," said the Rev. Czeslaw Krysa, a priest at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Catholic Church. Bethlehem translates to "house of bread," Krysa said.

Oplatek, a thin unleavened wafer similar to the host distributed in Holy Communion to Catholics, is an important part of the feast. Everyone present breaks off a piece of the oplatek and exchanges good wishes for health, wealth and happiness in the New Year.

"The first star is then sighted by the youngest child, then the head of the family shares his wishes with the rest of the family," Krysa said.

Everyone waits until the first star, known as the Gwiazdka, appears in the Eastern sky, to begin dinner. This special feast commemorates the birth of the Christ child.

Wigilia is the result of the one-time church mandate that a strict fast and abstinence be observed on the day before Christmas. Although church laws have been revised and permit meat to be eaten on this day, the traditional Polish meal remains meatless. The meal is a preparation of celebrating Christmas at midnight Mass and throughout Christmas Day, Krysa said. The Wigilia concludes with Christmas

carols sung around a lighted tree.

Much of the table preparation symbolizes Christ's birth.

"The white tablecloth is symbolic of Mary's veil," Krysa said. "Under the tablecloth is hay, to remind us of the manger."

The menu often includes mushroom or beet soup, fish (usually herring), pierogi and sauerkraut (grosz i kapusta), a dried fruit compote, babka (sweet bread), assorted pastries, nuts and candies. Each is served as a single course. Foods such as honey, poppy seed and wheat bread are served as the basic foods, Krysa said.

Preparation

Pierogi resemble a filled dumpling. For the most part, they are fried in butter with onions until golden brown then served with sour cream.

Making pierogi is labor-intensive. Some people prepare them for the holidays, but you can also buy pierogi at Jennie's, Polish markets in Hamtramck, and grocery stores.

"That is the main thing in creating a good pierogi — having a thin dough," Remski said. "Our dough isn't very thick and we do give a good amount of filling."

Remski doesn't look at pierogi as simply a Polish Christmas tradition. "At Christmas and Easter they are very popular, but a lot of people (who buy them) also are steering away from meat. Somebody will always tell me I'm a vegetarian."

And the most popular of the 16 varieties of pierogi Jennie's makes — cheese, potato and sauerkraut — are meatless. They also make potato and onion, potato cheese and bacon, potato and garlic and potato and jalapeno. Fruit fillings include prune, plum and cherry.

The sisters decided to open up a shop in the Warrendale section of Detroit, which also has a large Polish population, then moved to Garden City about six or seven years ago. They opened a store in Warren about four years ago, and another in Allen Park.

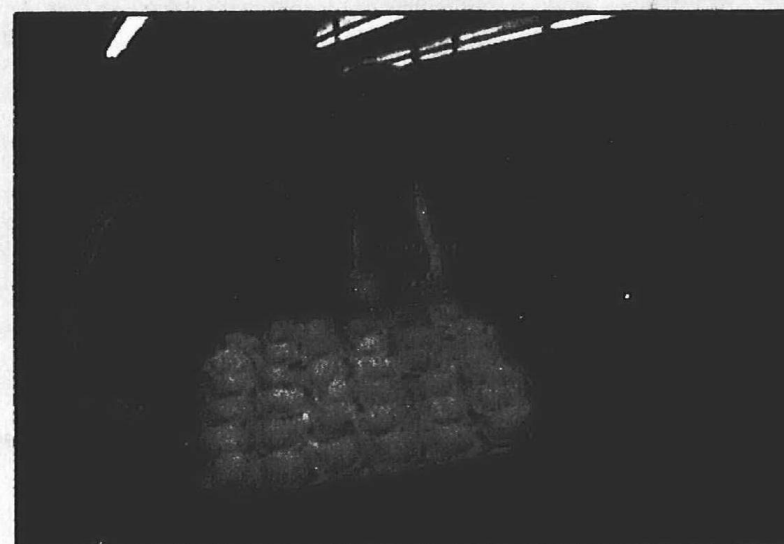
The pierogi are made in Garden City with a staff of about 13 people.

Today, Jennie Kochan, now 70, still hosts the family Christmas Eve dinner. The menu includes mushroom soup, fish, calceolus and, of course, pierogi.

How does Remski like her pierogi? Pan-fried with sliced onions.



Holiday cooking: Theresa Remski prepares the dough for forming pierogi. Below, sisters Mary Sokol (left) and Remski, owners of Jennie's Pierogi, hold a tray of the



Hanukkah food traditions bring families together

CULINARY ADVENTURES



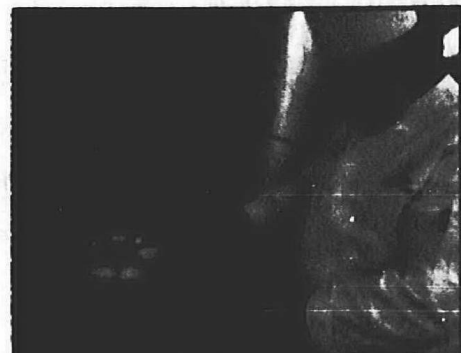
BRUCE KONOWALOW

The holiday season brings with it the joys of family reunions and wonderful meals featuring traditional treats, ethnic specialties and those special dishes served only at this time of the year.

Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah and Ramadan all bring with them the memorable recipes that are passed down from generation to generation.

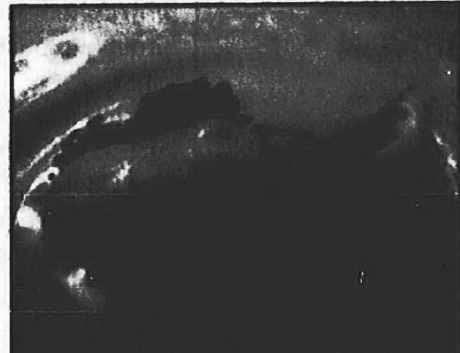
My family arrived to the United States from Russia and Poland, escaping the religious persecution of regimes that weren't fond of Jewish people. With them they brought their eastern European traditions and recipes.

For Jewish people around the world, the celebration of Hanukkah represents the cultural roots of Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and



Delicious latkes: Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, prepares latkes, a traditional Hanukkah dish by blending the old with new, using Yukon gold potatoes and blending a bit of green apple in for flavor.

North America. Hanukkah is more of a historical holiday rather than a religious holiday. In fact, until recent history it has always been considered a minor holiday.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

The story of Maccabees

The first Hanukkah is believed to have started in the 2nd century B.C. by a man named Judas Maccabeus,

his family and followers.

As the story is retold today to the children on each Hanukkah, the Syrian King Antiochus IV decreed that all of his subjects must adapt the ways of the Greek culture or face the penalty of death. He threw the Jews out of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and paganized it with statues of Greek deities.

After years of desperation, Maccabees (the name translates to mean hammer) rallied an army that, after many battles, defeated the Syrians. The first order of business was to restore the defiled Holy Temple in Jerusalem. On the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, they rededicated it. (The literal meaning of Hanukkah is "dedication.")

During the years that the temple lay in ruins, the ritual eternal light had been extinguished. The seven-stemmed torch (called a menorah) needed to be

Family adds to 'pierogi saga' during the holidays

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The sweet smell of onions fried in butter has taken over Sandra Biagini's kitchen.

Sure to trigger hunger pains in anyone who enters the Independence Township home, the aroma tells Biagini her work is at last done, and a family tradition — serving grandma's homemade pierogi on Christmas Eve

— will continue another year.

Close calls are no rarity for Biagini and family. You might even say they have a pierogi saga.

"We've got lots of pierogi stories," says Biagini, who has resumed cutting circles of dough for another batch of the dumplings, which are one of 12 courses served at a traditional Wigilia Christmas Eve dinner, a Polish feast used to break the holiday fast.

There's the airplane incident when Biagini's suitcase of frozen pierogi, prepared for a family Christmas in Washington state, didn't show up at luggage claim.

Fortunately, the airline found and delivered the suitcase by midnight and the family was able to squeeze in their Wigilia feast.

Then there's the year of the gigantic pierogi in Ohio.

Biagini's daughter was hosting the family for Christmas, so

Biagini, mailed a holiday's supply of the dumplings to her in advance. "She'll probably kill me but," Biagini recalls the story. "Well, she defrosted them instead of cooking them, so we had one big pierogi. So we, you know, always remember the giant pierogi."

Rebellious deviations from grandma's technique and spirited family discussions about the do's and don'ts of making pierogi characterize other episodes in the saga.

Indeed, just learning to make the dumplings, which are traditionally filled with sauerkraut, was an odyssey.

Biagini's first time on the job, she made filling and her mother, Stele Kuzma, who learned from her own mother, prepared the dough. "I told my mother I was going to freeze it. And she said, 'you can't do that.' And I said, 'well mother, that's the way I'm going to do it.' And it worked just fine," she recalls.

The following year, Biagini and her mother, each made half the holiday supply for a total of 100 pierogi. The summer before, Biagini did a trial run. "That's when I called her to say 'I just wanted you to know I made some pierogi, and I'm too tired to eat them.'"

Starting with a homemade sour cream dough and stuffed one by one, pierogi are time and labor intensive. "It's not that hard. It's just that there are so many steps. ... I have only been making them for the last 10 years. It was when my mother said 'I've had it. I'm not doing it anymore.' You don't realize until you do it, how much work it real-



Stock and stir: Sandra Biagini of Independence Township cooks homemade pierogi in chicken stock.

ly is."

Though the ingredients are true to the recipe created by Biagini's grandmother, technique has evolved through the years.

Biagini chops the filling's cabbage and sauerkraut in a food processor, a modern convention not available to grandma. Kuzma, for example, decided to boil the pierogi in chicken broth, rather than salted water like her mother did. Eventually, Kuzma even came to accept the notion of freezing and re-heating pierogi. "At first, we did everything on Christmas Eve, but eventually Mom started to freeze them, too"

"Everybody has their own way to make it go quickly," says Biagini. Her mother rolls out a large piece of dough and does many at once. "Since I'm lazy I make enough dough for about 20 and do more later."

This year, Biagini has completed 40 and has about 60 to make.

But some things, like snacking on pierogi before it's time, don't change. "I'll be in the freezer getting them before the holiday," says Biagini. "Actually, I had two of each yesterday. And Mom's coming over Wednesday ... so we'll eat pierogi for lunch."

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1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons soft butter
2 eggs
4 tablespoons sour cream

Mix together flour, salt, butter as with pie dough. Mix slightly beaten eggs and sour cream. Add to flour mix. Roll out small pieces of dough. Cut out circles of dough.

Place sauerkraut mixture on each dough circle and close up securely, folding over and sealing edges. Lay on floured wax paper. Poke three holes on top of each pierogi with a toothpick.

Boil large pan of water and drop in pierogi one by one. When pierogi float to top, boil a few more minutes. Drain carefully into a colander.

Brown some butter and chopped onions in frying pan. Add pierogi, browning them slightly on both sides.

Freeze in one layer on cookie sheets. When frozen, remove from cookie sheet and store in plastic bags and return to freezer. Can be heated in oven or microwave. Dough makes about 20 pierogi.

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SAUERKRAUT PIEROGI FILLING

1 large can sauerkraut, rinsed
1/2 head cabbage, chopped (use small food processor)
1/4 to 1/2 cup salt pork (chopped very small)
3 chopped onions

Cover cabbage and sauerkraut with water and boil until cabbage is tender, about 45 minutes.

Cook salt pork in pan until very brown, then add onions and cook until soft.

Drain cabbage and sauerkraut and cool.

Squeeze water out of cabbage and sauerkraut with hands then chop in small food processor. Add this to the salt pork and onion, then salt and pepper to taste and brown. Cool mixture before filling. Makes filling for about 60 pierogi.

Family recipes courtesy of Sandra Biagini of Independence Township.

Wine from page D1

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Schoolcraft director shares favorite Hanukkah recipes

Recipes courtesy of Bruce Konowalow. See related story on Taste front.

POTATO AND APPLE LATKES

- 2 pounds Yukon gold or russet potatoes, peeled and hand-grated, using the big holes on grater
- 1/2 pound grated onion (same as potatoes)
- 1/2 pound grated, peeled Granny Smith apples
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1/4 cup of matzo meal (or flour)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 1 cup vegetable oil for frying pancakes

Mix grated onions and potatoes and squeeze out excess water by pressing the mixture in a colander over a bowl. Retain the liquid until the potato starch settles. Carefully drain off water. Remove the potato starch from the bottom of the bowl and add to the mixture.

Place the mixture in a bowl and add all remaining ingredients, except the oil. Mix well. Place back in colander over a bowl and squeeze out any remaining moisture.

Heat the oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan over medium heat. Shape 3-inch rounds of the potato mixture and drop into hot oil and flatten to 1/2-inch thickness. Cook until golden brown on each side. Drain on paper towels and serve with fresh applesauce and sour cream.

CHOPPED CHICKEN LIVERS

- 1 cup onions, cut in a 1/2-inch dice
- 1/2 cup of thinly sliced carrot rounds
- 1/4 cup chicken fat (Sold in some grocery stores in dairy section, also called schmaltz) or vegetable oil
- 1 pound fresh chicken livers, cleaned
- 3 large hard-boiled eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

Brown onions and carrots in chicken fat until a rich caramel color is achieved. (This is best done with a heavy sauté pan over moderate heat.) Remove the vegetables and cook the chicken livers until cooked through.

Either with a food processor or a meat grinder,

puree the livers and vegetables and add any residual cooking oil that may be left in the pan. Add the hard-boiled eggs and then season with salt and pepper. Puree to your desired texture.

Chill the liver mixture for at least 4 hours before serving. Serve with crackers, toast points, or Jewish rye bread. (Konowalow adds: "If your arteries can hold out, serve with some chicken fat on the side, which is spread on the toast before adding the chopped liver. It adds a little extra zip.")

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- The Dough**
- 2 cup pastry flour
- 8 ounces softened sweet butter (one stick)
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Cream the butter, cream cheese, and sugar with a mixing machine or with the plastic blade in a food processor. Add the flour and incorporate until soft dough has been formed. Divide the dough into 3 equal pieces. Shape into a ball and flatten the ball to about a 1-inch thickness. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

The Filling

- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup golden raisins, lightly chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup of shredded sweetened coconut
- 2/3 to 1 cup of seedless raspberry jam (for spreading on the dough)

In a bowl mix all ingredients, except the raspberry jam.

The Glaze

- 1 large egg beaten
- 1 egg yolk beaten
- 1 tsp. heavy cream

Mix the egg, the yolk and the cream together. Reserve for later use: 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon, mixed together to make cinnamon sugar

On a floured board, take one of the dough rounds and roll the dough into a circle to about a 1/8-inch

thickness. Spread a thin layer of raspberry jam on the dough, leaving a 1/2-inch border that is free of jam.

Sprinkle an even layer of the nut mixture on top of the jam. Lightly press it into the surface. With a sharp knife or pastry wheel, divide the dough first in half, then in quarters and then eighths. From the fat end of each wedge of dough, roll the dough up toward the point. Place the pastries on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.

Brush each pastry with the egg glaze and sprinkle with a little cinnamon sugar. Bake in a pre-heated 350° F oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until the bottom of the pastries have turned a golden brown. Let them cool on the sheet pan. (These can be made ahead of time and frozen for future use.)

SOFGANIYOT

- 1/2 ounce active dry yeast (2 pkgs.)
- 1 cup warm water (to activate yeast)
- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, plus 1 yolk, beaten together
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground mace
- 7 cups sifted flour
- 2 cups strawberry jam (for filling the doughnuts)
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar (for coating after cooking)
- 3 cups vegetable shortening (like Crisco) for frying the doughnuts
- 1 egg and 3 tablespoons milk or cream, beaten together (use as egg wash to seal doughnuts)

In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water and let it stand for 5 minutes. Add the sugar, salt and butter and let the mixture sit for another 5 minutes.

Add the milk and beat in the eggs. Gradually add four cups of flour and mix until it becomes too stiff to stir. Continue to knead the balance of the flour in by hand.

Knead the dough until it forms a smooth textured ball. Place the dough in a well-buttered bowl, cover with a damp towel and let it rise in a warm place until it doubles in volume. This usually takes about an hour or more.

After the dough has risen, punch it down and divide it in half. On a lightly floured board, roll the first half out to a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut out 3-inch circles with a glass or cookie cutter. Lightly brush the outer 1/2-inch of each circle with a little egg wash. Place about 2/3 of a tablespoon of jam in the center of each circle. Place the finished dough circles in the refrigerator.

Roll out the second piece of dough and again cut out 3-inch circles. Remove the circles with the jam from the refrigerator. Place a second dough circle on top of each and carefully press down the edges all the way around. (The dough scraps can be re-rolled and cut into 1-inch strips and twisted into cruller shapes.)

Cover the jelly doughnuts with a clean cloth and let them rise for about 30 minutes. Heat the oil in a deep pot until it reaches 365° F. Fry each side for about 2 minutes until nicely browned. Drain on paper towels and let them cool for 5 minutes and then sprinkle liberally with confectioner's sugar. They're good to go. Makes 2 dozen.

Hanukkah from page D1

filled with ritually pure oil. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet the torch miraculously burned for eight days. Thus, Hanukkah became the "festival of the lights."

Oil is important symbol

Oil became an important symbol of the holiday and foods cooked in oil are traditional holiday fare. Fried potato pancakes called "latkes" are standard, particularly among the descendants of the Eastern European Jews. Moroccan Jews prepare a sweetened Cous Cous that often includes nuts and dried fruits. Israeli Jews prepare their own version of a yeast raised fried jelly doughnut called "Sofganiyot." The culture dictates the cuisine.

In the United States we have adapted many of these traditions and include them in our own family celebrations.

Whatever your religious or cultural heritage is, you are sure to enjoy the flavors, textures, and fantastic aromas that represent the traditions of Hanukkah.

Here are some of my family recipes that I have updated and refined. The rugelach is a delicious pastry that can be filled with a variety of fillings. My recipe is a variation of both my mother's and grandmother's.

The recipe for "latkes" blends the old with new, using Yukon gold potatoes and blending a bit of green apple in for flavor along with the traditional grated onion and minimal seasonings.

Recipes for Jewish style chopped chicken livers are simple yet produce complex flavors. The secret to great chopped liver is the deeply caramelized onions that are blended into the mix. I add caramelized carrots to add another sweet note to balance out the mild bitterness of the livers.

And, for the adventurous, I have included a recipe for the Israeli jelly doughnuts called "Sofganiyot." Happy holidays and happy cooking.

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WESTBORN MARKET

Yam it up with these whipped sweet potatoes

By DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Whipped sweet potatoes and candied yams are an indispensable part of the holiday table. These dishes also perpetuate a confusion that has been going on for centuries.

Supermarket bins are heaped with chubby and bulging or tapering and corkscrew-shaped tubers, in colors ranging from rose and copper to purple. They are labeled "yams," but they are all sweet potatoes. Americans have confused the two for several hundred years.

Jessica Harris, author of *The African Table*, explains that the mix-up began when African slaves in the Caribbean took to

calling the local tubers nyami, the Senegalese word for "to eat." In botanical terms, they were sweet potatoes, members of the morning glory family, not yams, which belong to a different genus altogether.

Supermarkets feature sweet potato varieties like Jewel, Beauregard and Garnet, which are inaccurately called "yams." These corkscrew-type shaped tubers have bronze and copper skins and bright orange flesh. What are sold as "sweet potatoes" are more regularly-shaped. They have whitish-to-bright yellow flesh that is dry and dense when cooked. The bright orange meat inside so-called yams is moist, especially when baked or

boiled and, when puréed, is light, creamy and sugar-sweet.

Most holiday recipes using yams call for adding generous amounts of butter and sugar, plus a topping of even sweeter marshmallows, reflecting America's famous sweet tooth. I'd like to suggest a pre-holiday test to show that those sweet potatoes posing as yams do not need the extra sugar and fat. They are fine left almost natural. Prove this for yourself by trying these whipped sweets topped with sliced apples.

Baking them concentrates their considerable sweetness. A bit of maple syrup added as you purée them enhances this further. Most people find this color-

ful and more healthful casserole as good or better than what they have served for years. If your family insists on marshmallows, you can indulge them by sprinkling a cup of the miniature kind over the apples.

WHIPPED SWEET POTATOES WITH APPLES

- 3 1/2 pounds Garnet or Jewel yams, about 6 medium
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 tsp. unsalted butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons dark maple syrup
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 Golden Delicious apple

Preheat oven to 400° F. Spray an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and set aside. Melt 2 teaspoons butter in a cup in the microwave.

Bake yams until soft, 40 to 60 minutes, depending on size. Peel yams as soon as they are cool enough to handle. Place flesh in a food processor or large bowl.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter and maple syrup to hot yams. Process to purée, or mash with a fork, until yams are smooth.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread yams into prepared baking dish, making an even layer.

Peel, halve and core apple. Place each half cut-side down on a cutting board and cut it crosswise into thin slices. Arrange slices in overlapping rows to cover yams. Brush apples lightly with the melted butter.

Bake uncovered until yams are heated through and apples have softened, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutritional information per serving: Makes 8 servings, each containing 267 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Dana Jacobi writes for the *American Institute for Cancer Research* and is author of *"The Joy of Soy."*

WHAT'S COOKING

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Dinners are scheduled as follows: regional American, Jan. 11; Mediterranean, Jan. 18; authentic Mexican, Jan. 25; Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American,

Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5, regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

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The dinner, to raise funds for a culinary student resource center, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the newly renovated American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus.

Individual tickets to this gourmet feast are \$225, with approximately half of that sum tax deductible. The chefs are donating their

time to prepare the dinner. They are: Certified Master Chef Leopold Schaefer, chef instructor alumnus at Schoolcraft; Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski; Schoolcraft instructor and International Culinary Olympics gold medal winner; Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Schoolcraft instructor and owner of The Farm restaurant in Port Austin; Certified Master Chef Daniel Hugelier, Schoolcraft instructor, coach of the U.S. International Culinary Olympics 2000 team and member of three U.S. International Culinary Olympic teams; Certified Master Chef Joseph Decker, Schoolcraft instructor, one of three Certified Master Pastry Chefs in the U.S. and a member of World Cup Pastry teams. Also, Brian Polcyn, Schoolcraft instructor, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines; Certified Master Pastry Chef Chris Northmore, executive pastry chef at the Cherokee

Country Club in Atlanta; and Certified Master Chef Edward Janos, owner of Cook's Fresh Market in Denver.

Madeline Trifon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation, will serve as the evening's sommelier, and Eoen Connors, maitre d'hotel at The Lark restaurant, will fill that role for the dinner.

The menu will include hot and cold appetizers, soup, fish, sorbet, a roast or braise dish, a light salad with cheese, dessert and sweets, petit fours and chocolates.

The \$225-price includes tax and gratuities. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by credit card, are nonrefundable, and will be available from the Culinary Arts Department. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275. Call (734) 462-4423.

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House CALLS

Holidays create alcohol problems

It is the season to be festive and joyful, a time to usher in a mood of celebration with special meals and a social drink. But some people find the holidays difficult.



Dr. O'Dwyer

Those with a tendency toward depression often experience sadness; those troubled by eating disorders find the focus on food a challenge; and those with alcohol problems experience situations that threaten their sobriety.

The philosophers of old advised that all things should be done in moderation, and no time of year seems more in need of that wisdom than the holiday season.

Alcohol seems to be the most pervasive offender of the moderation principle. Our culture has come to believe that liberal consumption of alcohol is an essential feature of "having a good time." Some people are especially vulnerable to that thinking. Those who are considered alcohol-dependent or are problem-drinkers should avoid all alcohol consumption. Social situations, the obligatory business parties and festive events all pose a significant difficulty. Clearly, exposure to alcohol and drinking situations needs careful management.

Minimizing risks

Several strategies can be utilized to minimize risk. Many take Antabuse as a helpful medication that eliminates impulsive drinking. Its interaction with alcohol renders the drinker very ill within a short time. Many problem drinkers routinely take Antabuse daily throughout the high-risk period. In this way, drinking ceases to be an option.

Another strategy is to attend self-help meetings, like Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in order to re-affirm the commitment to abstinence and experience the support of others who are in a similar situation.

Being exposed to drinking situations always increases the risk. Therefore, careful evaluation of the motive for attending specific social events would be wise. When attendance is essential, the problem-drinker should arrive early - before others have imbibed too much - and leave early. It is wise to socialize while holding a full glass of a non-alcoholic beverage. This will help avoid being asked repeatedly to have a drink.

Hosts of holiday parties should remember that many people elect not to consume alcohol; therefore, an adequate supply of both non-alcoholic and low-calorie drinks should be available. For those who wish to make exotic type drinks, there are wonderful recipes for what are called "mocktails." These drinks look and taste festive, yet contain no alcohol. Finally, hosts should ensure that some food is also served.

Those who have no history of alcohol problems should consider the other risks of excessive consumption of alcohol. Family conflict and domestic violence are often associated with alcohol abuse. Safety on the roads require that those who drive should not drink. Having a happy holiday season for many families may depend upon avoiding too much alcohol.

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WARNING

Snow shoveling may be fatal

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Snow shovels should come with a warning: Do not use if you're over 60, have high blood pressure, a history of heart disease, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, excess body fat, or a smoking habit.

Unfortunately, every winter, scores of at-risk, out-of-shape snow-shovelers end up in emergency rooms with either angina or a full-blown heart attack. It's almost become a tradition at area hospitals.

"I just had a gentleman (who had a heart attack) shoveling snow," said Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan, a cardiologist who practices at both St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"Absolutely there's an increase in heart attacks and cases of angina," said Jennifer Dykstra, manager of Oakwood Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation in Dearborn.

Not only are people with known heart disease at risk, but also those who are asymptomatic but just don't know it," Dykstra added. These people may experience tightness or heaviness in the chest; discomfort in the left arm, neck, jaw or between the shoulder blades; or a feeling that they just can't quite breathe. They may ignore or deny the symptoms or fail to recognize them. They may also attribute them to the cold weather, the wind, or muscle symptoms.

"Often they don't listen to the clues their own body is giving," said Vaishampayan. "They might be having a heart attack."

Body stress

Shoveling snow increases blood pressure and heart rate, which increases the heart's need for oxygen.

A Beaumont Hospital-based study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showed that just two minutes of shoveling heavy, wet snow can raise heart rate and blood pressure levels equal or exceeding a maximum aerobic workout and may lead to heart attack and sudden cardiac death in inactive people at risk for heart disease.

Researchers monitored heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen consumption during snow removal in 10 apparently healthy, sedentary men whose average age was 32. Each participant cleared two 4-inch tracts of heavy, wet snow, first using a shovel, then an electric snow thrower. The results were compared with the same measurements taken during

maximal fitness testing using a treadmill and arm-ergometer device.

Researchers found that peak heart rates during shoveling and fitness testing were comparable, measuring rates over 170 beats-per-minute. After just two minutes of shoveling, heart rates exceeded the upper limit commonly prescribed for aerobic exercise training. The least physically fit participants had the highest heart rates.

In a nutshell, the energy experience is the same as playing singles tennis," said the study's lead researcher Barry Franklin, director of Beaumont's Department of Cardiac Rehabilitation.

The researchers suggest five factors may contribute to the excessive demands of manual snow shoveling on the heart:

- upper body exercise
- upright posture
- isometric exertion
- breath-holding
- inhaling cold air

Inhaling

cold air may

constrict or

briefly narrow the

heart's blood vessels. In a per-

son with hidden or known heart disease, this

could produce ischemia - a temporary constriction

of the blood vessels that can lead to heart palpitations

or arrhythmia - and the dislodgment of cholesterol

and other material inside the vessels, which

could result in a stroke.

"You're asking the heart to work harder with

decreasing blood flow and oxygen," said Franklin.

Risk factors

In addition to heart disease, diabetes, excess body weight, high cholesterol, and smoking, the most indicting risk factor may be a sedentary lifestyle.

"It really appears that people with a history of physical inactivity who engage in sporadic high-intensity exercise are most at risk," said Franklin.

Compounding the risk factors is the fact that many people have the mentality of finishing the job at one long stretch, rather than in increments, said Vaishampayan.

Diabetics are at higher risk for a heart attack while shoveling snow - especially if they have dealt with the disease for five to 10 years - because of neuropathy, the deadening of the nerves. Diabetics may experience a more subtle presentation of a heart attack.

"Most people think heart attacks are this horrible crushing pain on the left side of the chest. Not all heart attacks present like that," said Vaishampayan. "It is common for people with diabetes to have silent heart attacks or silent angina. They may experience a little burning, indigestion or feeling like they pulled a muscle."

And don't think you're exempt from risks because you're a woman, said Vaishampayan. If you're post-menopausal, you're at risk. Also, women may exhibit more subtle signs with a heart attack, or they may ignore symptoms longer than a man.

If you have any of the risk factors for heart attack, talk to your doctor before attempting to shovel snow. Better yet, say the medical experts, hire someone to do the shoveling. And remember, even using a snowblower poses risks since it often requires lifting to do steps.

Heart attack deaths are frequently reported in the press in the wake of heavy snowstorms. Following the big Jan. 22 snowstorm, at least 22 people in the

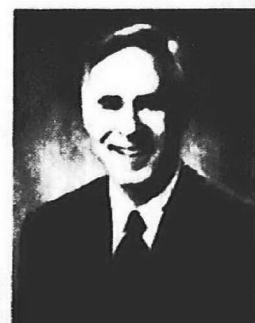
Detroit area suffered heart attacks while shoveling snow. If you experience any of these symptoms, immediately call 9-1-1:

■ Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing pain in the center of your chest lasting for more than a few minutes.

■ Pain spreading to shoulders, arms or neck.

■ Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

This snow season is just beginning. Don't become a statistic. "We believe snow shoveling is an extremely dangerous activity for those at risk," said Franklin.



Dr. Barry Franklin

That's a lot of snow!

Curious about just how much snow you've shoveled this past week?

According to researchers at Beaumont Hospital, the average weight of a shovel of heavy, wet snow (including the shovel) is 15-16 pounds. The average man shovels 12 scoops of snow in one minute. That's approximately 180 to 200 pounds a minute. Whoa!

If you shovel for 10 minutes, you've moved a ton a snow - about the weight of a mid-size car, says Barry A. Franklin, director of the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories.

"What 70- or 80-year-old man can spend 10 minutes moving a mid-size car," he asks.

Will aspirin help?

According to Barry Franklin, director of the Department of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, some recent medical studies suggest that taking aspirin at the time of a heart attack may reduce effects in some people.

But should you have an aspirin in your pocket while shoveling snow?

"If you get into trouble, it's fine to take an aspirin," said Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan, a cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "However, if you have to take an aspirin before you shovel snow, maybe you should be shoveling now."

Here are some basic tips to make shoveling easier and less stressful

1. Do not shovel all the snow.
2. Shovel the snow to the edge of the driveway.
3. Use a shovel that is the right size for you.
4. Use a shovel that is the right size for you.

5. If you become short of breath while shoveling, stop and rest. If you feel pain or tightness in your chest, stop immediately.
6. Have a partner monitor your progress and share the workload. If a heart attack happens, they can call for help or, if trained,

7. Put your nose and mouth so the air is warm.
8. Shovel in 10-second increments.
9. That way, you can monitor your physical stress level.

10. If you become short of breath while shoveling, stop and rest. If you feel pain or tightness in your chest, stop immediately.
11. Have a partner monitor your progress and share the workload. If a heart attack happens, they can call for help or, if trained,

- perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation until help arrives.
12. Assess your heart-attack risk with your doctor before the snow season arrives.

Source: Jennifer Dykstra, manager of Oakwood Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation in Dearborn; Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan, a cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor; Ohio Department of Health.

Smoking linked to increased cancer risk

NEW RESEARCH

Cigarette smoking, already linked to lung cancer and several other cancer types, also may be responsible for a significant percentage of colorectal cancers, according to new evidence uncovered by American Cancer Society (ACS) research scientists and published in the Dec. 6 issue of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

The researchers found colorectal cancer death rates were lowest among people who had never smoked, intermediate among ex-smokers and highest among current smokers. In one year, 1997, smoking may have been responsible for about 12 percent of deaths from colorectal cancer, accounting for more than 6,800 deaths from the disease that year, according to the researchers.

The ACS scientists studied data on 312,332 men and 469,019 women collected as part of the Society's Cancer Prevention Study II. They examined smoking patterns reported by participants when they entered the study in 1982, including if they smoked and for how long. The scientists then looked at the causes of death among study participants who died between 1982 and 1997. Along with the smoking risk factor, they also took into account any increases in

colorectal cancer risk caused by other factors, such as eating a high-fat diet, with too few fruits and vegetables, getting too little exercise and being overweight.

Increased risk

The researchers found risk of dying from colorectal cancer increased as the number of cigarettes smoked daily and the number of years of smoking went up and as the age at which people began smoking went down. The good news is that colorectal cancer risk decreased with each year after quitting smoking. "This shows another reason it's best not to start smoking at all," says Ann Chao, PhD, a research epidemiologist with the ACS and lead author of the study. "However, quitting early lowers the colorectal cancer death rate."

Another finding was that women who smoked were more than 40 percent more likely to die from colorectal cancer than women who never had smoked. Male smokers had more than a 30 percent increase in risk of dying from the disease compared to men who never had smoked.

"The smoking epidemic in women began years later than in men, and this may explain in part why colorectal cancer death rates were higher in men than in women during the 50s, 60s and 70s," says Michael Thun, MD, vice president of epidemiology and surveillance research for the ACS. "As the smoking rates increased for women,

The good news is that colorectal cancer risk decreased with each year after quitting smoking.

the colorectal cancer death rates became similar."

Cigarette smoking has previously been shown to cause cancer of the lung, mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, kidney and bladder. Cancer-causing chemicals present in cigarette smoke come in contact with tissues in the body either directly, when inhaled smoke touches them, or later, when the bloodstream carries the chemicals to tissues.

In addition to providing another reason not to smoke, the researchers say this link between smoking and colorectal cancer means that getting early detection tests is especially important for current and former smokers. And Chao says the large numbers of people studied makes scientists more certain now of what had earlier been suspected: that smoking may cause a very significant portion of colorectal cancers.

"Findings from the American Cancer Society study and other large studies suggest that colorectal cancer should be reconsidered for classification as a smoking-related cancer," she says.

Don't let holiday stress rule your life



Kelly J. Rhoades, chairwoman of the Hospice Education Department of Madonna University, shares the following advice on coping with grief and stress during the holidays:

The holiday season is in full swing. Everywhere there are reminders of that "most wonderful time of the year."

However, if you've lost a loved one, the feelings of peace, reflection, celebration, and happiness are often gone. Instead, the holidays may bring sadness, depression, loneliness, emptiness, and isolation.

Friends and family members may urge you to accept invitations to parties, head for the malls, or decorate your home as you have always done. "Just forget about it; don't dwell on it; join in the festivities to get your mind off of it," they may insist.

Although well-intentioned, they may not understand why you are not back to normal and why the holiday season may bring more tears than laughter, more loneliness than celebration.

The sensory reminders of everything you once enjoyed during the holidays — tree lots circled with lights, Christmas carolers, beeswax candles trimmed in red paper, beautifully

wrapped gifts — may now be painful reminders of what you have lost, what was taken from you, what you feel you will never have or experience again.

The death of a loved one is always difficult, but facing the first few holidays without someone who was an important part of your life may seem impossible. There are ways, however, to help yourself survive this difficult season.

Permission to remember

Grant yourself permission to remember that person, rather than trying to forget. Think about the ways in which you celebrated the holidays with the person you have lost. Many people remember spending time with family and friends, attending religious services, helping those less fortunate, or taking time to reflect and renew. In essence, much of the holiday season is spent remembering who we are because of those who have gone before us and how those traditions continue to live in us.

The fact that you do remember is much more important than the manner in which you remember. Whether you light a candle by their photograph, leave a chair empty at the dinner table, make a donation to a charity in his or her name, share favorite holiday memories with others, or plant a tree in a local park, remembering is critical to getting through the first few holidays without a loved one.

Through the work that I've done in hospice, I am continually

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

LIVONIA MALL WALKERS
Come do your walking in a climate controlled mall. Livonia Mall, located on Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt, is open to walkers 7 a.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Blood pressure check offered by Botsford Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001 by the garden area by Sears.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital

(north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362; Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE
The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

CAREGIVERS
The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE
The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month, Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-1288. They also meet 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

ADULT ADD
The Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at First United Methodist Church,

777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft), Northville. Call (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

ANXIETY DISORDER
Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

THRU DEC. 19

DIABETES CLASSES
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes," a series of classes on self-care and management of diabetes 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Series cost is \$100, or \$90 for people 55 and over. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

MON, DEC. 18

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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Chief nursing officer

Beverly Jones of Plymouth has been named vice president of patient care services at Henry Ford Hospital and chief nursing officer for the Henry Ford Health System. She formerly was with the University of Michigan Health System.

Jones has an MBA from Bowling Green State University in Ohio; a post-master's degree in nursing administration from Wayne State University; a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan; a bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna College and a Regina School of Nursing diploma.

She was named Woman of the Year in 1995 by the University of Michigan's Women of Color Task Force.

Laser vision specialist

Dr. Jeffrey E. Rautio of Livonia has joined the Beitman Laser Eye Institute in West Bloomfield as a laser vision specialist. He previously was director of optometry for Oculus Laser Vision Correction and Advanced Vision Centers of Derma Vogue in Farmington Hills.

Prior experience includes serving as the team optometrist for the Detroit Lions from 1991 to 1999 and as a senior staff optometrist for Henry Ford Hospital from 1987 to 1999.

He is the author of numerous articles on sports-related eye injuries, macular degeneration, and contact lens wear.

Botsford Hospital

The board of director of Botsford General Hospital has named Dr. David P. Walters as the new medical director for the Department of Emergency Medicine. He replaces Dr. Ronald Lagerfeld, who recently retired.

Dr. Walters has been on staff at Botsford since 1991 as an

attending emergency physician. He is a graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University.

Oakwood director

Dr. Omar M. Salazar has been appointed director of the Oakwood Healthcare System Cancer Center.

He joined Oakwood in March, 1999 as chief of radiation oncology. He is past president and chairman of the board of the American College of Radiation Oncology and is president-elect of the Latin American Association of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Salazar is a fellow of the American College of Radiology and the American College of Radiation Oncology. He has been an expert consultant to the International Atomic Energy Agency since 1995.

Botsford podiatrist

Dr. Jeffrey Y. Yung, a podiatrist and podiatric surgeon, has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital. He specializes in reconstructive surgery of the foot and ankle and pediatric congenital deformities and neuromuscular disorders.

He is a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine and completed his primary podiatric medical residency at Mercy Hospital in Detroit and his podiatric surgical residency at the Surgery Center of South Bay/Harbor-UCLA. He is a member of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association and the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Dr. Yung is fluent in Chinese and Cantonese. He sees patients at the Great Lakes Foot & Ankle Center, 31596 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. He can be reached at (734) 261-4540.



Salazar

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ENBREL AND REMICADE

In the last year, two new medicines arrived to add to our treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. One of these medications is enbrel, given two times a week by injection in a manner similar to the way a diabetic injects insulin. The second is remicade, given by IV infusion, initially at week 0, then 2 weeks later, then 6 weeks later and then every 8 weeks thereafter.

Both medicines work by combining with a chemical called TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor) that the body makes large amounts of in rheumatoid arthritis. Researchers have identified that these large amounts of TNF are responsible in part for the inflammation that causes the pain and joint destruction seen in rheumatoid arthritis.

Neutralizing TNF with enbrel or remicade is a logical way to treat rheumatoid arthritis. Recent studies verify that expectation, and show that in certain instances, these new drugs do a better job than the ones now used. The drawbacks to enbrel and remicade are that the drugs are new and effects on pregnancy are unknown, as are the danger of these drugs to cause cancer at some future date. Enbrel rarely causes shut down of the body's ability to make red and white blood cells, and even more rarely is associated with a neurologic condition similar to multiple sclerosis. Patients taking remicade may develop antibodies similar to those seen in patients with the autoimmune disease Lupus.

However, the overall safety of enbrel and remicade are high, and in certain individuals, the results of therapy are excellent.

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City living risky for some men

Living in a city is risky, especially for men, according to a University of Michigan study of 3,617 adults published in the December issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

During the seven-and-a-half-year period of the study, men who lived in urban areas were 62 percent more likely to die than men who lived in suburbs, small towns or rural areas, the researchers found. They controlled for age, health, income, education, and many other potential predictors of mortality.

Rival figures

"The excess mortality risk among men residing in cities rivals that of cigarette smoking, social isolation, low income and other major psychosocial risk factors for mortality," says sociologist James S. House, first author of the study. House is director of the Survey Research Center at the U-M Institute for Social Research, the world's largest academic survey and research organization.

For the study, the first to estimate the prospective impact of urban residence on mortality in a fully representative national sample and to control for a wide range of confounding factors, the researchers first interviewed 3,617 adults over the age of 25 in 1986. Overall, 24 percent of the sample lived in cities, 47 percent lived in suburbs, and 29 percent lived in small towns or rural areas.

They collected information about age, sex, race, marital and socioeconomic status and multiple self-reported measures of health and health behaviors including smoking, drinking, and physical exercise.

Over the next seven and a half years, the researchers followed the sample through follow-up surveys. By 1994, 542 had died. They obtained death certificates for verification, and to determine the cause of death. Then, after controlling for confounding variables such as health at the time the study started, they calculated how place of residence was linked with mortality, and with death from specific causes, for men, women, Blacks, non-Blacks and those over and under the age of 65.

Living in a city, they found, carried an excess hazard of mortality only for men under the age of 65, and for white men in particular. For Black men, they found, living in a suburb was linked with a risk of death as great as or greater than living in a city.

"Recent research indicates that the majority of Blacks live in suburbs that are no better (or even worse) socioeconomically than the nearby central cities," notes House. "Even among Blacks living in more affluent or racially integrated suburbs, stress linked to race and racism may add to or compound other ambient stresses of life in urban areas."

Other factors

The risk of city residence was not linked to specific urban areas or types of cities, the researchers found. It extended across most types of death, but was most significant for infectious and tumors. "Elevated levels of tumor deaths suggest the influence of physical, chemical, and biological exposures in urban areas, perhaps mediated by immunosuppressive effects of the ambient psychosocial stresses of urban life," the researchers note.

"Living in cities also involves potentially stressful levels of noise, sensory stimulation and overload, interpersonal relations and conflict, and vigilance against hazards ranging from crime to accidents," they add. In addition, city residents may also have fewer adaptive resources for dealing with such stresses, particularly social relations and supports.

As to why cities are particularly toxic to men, the researchers

Alcoholism, families and the holidays can lead to issues

(NUE) - Holidays can bring out the best and the worst in people. The holiday season means family gatherings, special dinners, gifts and lots of celebrating. But along with the fun and festivities, many family members and friends of alcoholics also experience drunken scenes, unhappy memories, hopelessness, despair and loneliness.

When we arrive at our first Al-Anon meeting, the words of the Al-Anon Suggested Welcome tell us that we are not alone: "We who live, or have lived, with the problem of alcoholism understand as perhaps few others can. We, too, were

lonely and frustrated ..."

Perfect world

In a perfect world, holidays are idyllic, full of love, family and friends gathering together. In a perfect world, we celebrate, laugh and share with each other, worship together, and have no worries. Anyone out there ever have a "perfect" holiday?

In the real world, few holidays are perfect. In an alcoholic family, most likely none are. Often there will be too much celebrating, including drinking. There may be fights and drunken scenes. There can be unhappy memories.

I remember a holiday dinner

followed by a game of charades, highlighted by my drunken mother staggering through her turn to play and everyone pretending that this was normal. Shame, embarrassment, futility and powerlessness were familiar feelings.

Those of us who have found the Al-Anon program have learned a different way to live. Our problems will not disappear, but we are provided with a wealth of tools to help us cope.

As one member told me, "Thankfully someone directed me to Al-Anon. I've had a whole new set of holiday experiences since the program came into my life. The disease of alcoholism is

still around me, but I am getting better. Troubles continue, but I am learning to meet them one at a time ... Things are not perfect today, but there is a sense of perspective and serenity."

Support system

Al-Anon gives the family members and friends of alcoholics the gift of hope. There are Al-Anon and Alateen meetings in our communities with wonderful members there to reach out to those suffering during these holiday times.

"I know if the bad times come again, I have the tools and support to survive," says another Al-Anon member. "It is amazing

how life can change because of meetings, books, slogans, sponsors and friends who share their experience, strength and hope with me. They put the joy back into my holidays."

In 2001, Al-Anon celebrates 50 years of helping families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Similarly, Alateen is the recovery program for young people affected by an alcoholic.

To find a meeting in your area, simply visit www.al-anon.alateen.org or call (888) 4AL-ANON.

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ASTHMA & ALLERGIES
Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Canton will conduct a workshop on "asthma and allergies" 7-8 p.m. This is a complimentary workshop and seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. The clinic is located at 7276 N. Sheldon Road. Call (734) 416-2442.

TUES, DEC. 19

HEALTH, MODERN AND HUMOR
For persons interested in health, hobbies and humor come join the

Anchors Holiday Networking meeting 7 p.m. at the Embassy Suite Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway (at I-275, between 7 and 8 Mile roads), Livonia. Sponsored by Anchors Health Network, Inc. In a nonmember, send a \$ refundable fee to AHN, PO Box 1560, Dearborn, MI 48121 by Dec. 14. Call (313) 438-3337.

FRI, DEC. 29

BLOOD DRIVE
The American Red Cross will

hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. at the Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, south of 8 Mile Road in Livonia. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Ray Sanders at (248) 476-8222.

WED, JAN 17

DYSLEXIA AND MATH
Dr. W. H. (Dutch) Weidlich, director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute's Flint Rotary Center, will explain how to identify

clues that indicate which operations of arithmetic should be used to solve story problems. Parents, professionals, students, and adults with dyslexia are invited. Discussion takes place 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road-Suite #130, Farming Hills. Call (248) 737-0044.

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FIBROMYALGIA

A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14), Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromyalgia and discuss self-management techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registration required. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

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amazed at how creative people can be when they choose to remember. Some examples include:

- Decorating a holiday wreath with photos and items that were loved by the person who died.
- Lighting a candle at meal-time.
- Assembling a photo album with pictures of the deceased to share with friends and family.
- Making a donation in his or her name to a charity or cause that person supported.
- Sharing a loved one's favorite holiday food and mentioning their name in the blessing.
- Sharing favorite stories of your loved one from past holidays and putting the memories together in a holiday memory book.

Taking time

Regardless of the manner in

which you choose to remember, the important thing is taking time to remember and talking together as a family about how you want to do it. Communication among family members and friends and planning ahead are two ways to ensure this holiday season does not sneak up unexpected, causing unnecessary pain, sadness, and anxiety.

Also, accept the fact that your grief work is the most important work you have to do right now. Lower the expectations you have for yourself and other family members during the holidays. Be willing to make changes this year by trimming down to essentials and by asking for and accepting help. Remain flexible, and give yourself permission to be on an emotional roller coaster, understanding that it is normal to experience such intense feelings during the holiday season and on other anniversary

dates.

I encourage grieving persons to plan the holidays in writing. What will you do? Where will you go? How will you remember your loved one? I suggest also that people find at least two different ways to commemorate their loved one: a personal reminder to do alone and group commemoration with family and friends. For many bereaved individuals, developing a personal plan for the holidays lessens the pain and anxiety.

For my father, who died in 1986, I will take a quiet moment alone on Christmas Eve. I'll light a candle and say a prayer. On Christmas Day I will initiate with my siblings a time of sharing of our favorite holiday memories about our father.

We remember. We celebrate. We continue to heal. We have a continuing bond.

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only guess. "Men could have some greater exposure to whatever is hazardous in the urban environment," he speculates. "Men may spend more time outside of the house, and may spend that time in work or other environments that are risky to their health. Or, it could be that women might have some social, psychological, or biological resources that buffer or protect them from the hazard of city life."

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Visit the ISR Web site at www.isr.umich.edu for more information.

Warning: Sitting can be a health hazard

PRNewswire —

"Nobody is too old or too out of shape to start an exercise program," states Dr. Chris Jensen, Vice President of Scientific Affairs for health and wellness

company Shaklee Corporation. Physical activity is also the secret to the toughest problem of all — keeping the weight off. People who plunge immediately from the couch into a bout of vig-

orous activity are likely to move back to the couch just as quickly. Set moderate goals for yourself. Hydrate, Refuel, Repair. Proper hydration is the secret of both stamina and recovery.

Donate your unwanted car during holidays

More than 3,000 Michigan residents are giving thanks. They are thankful because they received a life-saving kidney transplant. But there are still over 1,700 people in Michigan waiting for a kidney transplant. This number could be greatly reduced if there were more donors.

Car donors, however, can help in a different way. They can donate a car, truck, motorcycle or boat through the Kidney Cars Program and join in the fight

against kidney disease.

Donating a used car is an environmentally friendly way to get rid of an unwanted vehicle. The removal of used cars and trucks prevents hazardous fluids from entering ground water and improves the appearance of local neighborhoods. A majority of the proceeds from the donation help fund programs and services for kidney patients in local communities.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan benefits from

the donation of each vehicle. In Michigan alone, there are more than 8,700 patients on dialysis and more than 1,700 waiting life-saving kidney transplants. Through programs in research, patient services, organ donation, professional education and public information, the Foundation brings help and hope to thousands of Michigan residents.

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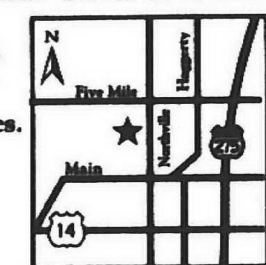
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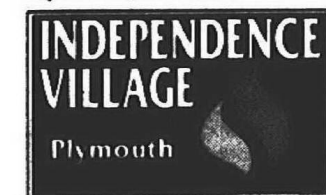
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Late nights, long drives can make holiday driving deadly

With people on the roads more during the holiday season, the University of Michigan Health System is joining the National Sleep Foundation and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety to remind sleepy drivers that their drowsiness can turn a joyous time into tragedy in just a few seconds.

College students driving home for the holidays may face a particular risk, especially if they've been sacrificing sleep for studying, the organizations say.

"Holidays are a dangerous time for sleep-related accidents because, No. 1, people are not getting a lot of sleep," says Ronald D. Chervin, M.D., assistant professor of neurology and director of U-M's Michael S. Aldrich Sleep Disorders Laboratory. "They stretch the time at which they usually go to bed and don't always compensate in the morning. No. 2, even if they do devote enough hours to sleep, they may alter the times at which they sleep in a way that can contribute to sleepiness. The

last factor, of course, is alcohol."

Even travelers who fly or take other forms of transportation can find themselves in trouble if they drive the last leg of their trip. "If people don't get a good night's sleep before they travel and they don't nap during the first part of their journey, they'll arrive tired, get into a car, and be driving drowsy to their destination. That can be dangerous," says Richard L. Gelula, executive director of the National Sleep Foundation.

Drivers who stay up late to party, have a few drinks, and then set out on the road put themselves at a greatly increased risk, warns David Willis, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Alcohol increases the risk of falling asleep behind the wheel," he says. "When you're really tired, one drink feels like four or five. Driving home from a party can pose extra danger because you combine alcohol with fatigue."

Even when alcohol is not in

the picture, the risks associated with drinking and driving can be present in sleepy drivers. "Recent research has indicated that driving sleepy puts the driver at similar risk to driving drunk," Chervin says.

Causes

Sleepiness has a variety of causes, "the most common of which is not getting enough sleep," Chervin says. At the U-M's Sleep Lab, physicians not only work with patients to find the causes of sleep problems like excessive sleepiness or insomnia, but also conduct research in areas such as the behavioral effects of sleep disorders in children, and how sleep can affect epilepsy.

They also diagnose and research sleep apnea, a common problem in which the throat closes for a short time during sleep and, to open it, a person must wake up briefly. "Although you may not remember, sleep apnea can cause you to wake hundreds of times during the night," he

says.

The amount of sleep needed varies by individual but is a deceptively simple formula, Chervin says. "You need enough to feel alert each day," he explains.

Generally, an adult needs an average of eight to nine hours of sleep. Yet according to a recent NSF survey, most Americans get less than seven hours. The survey also found that more than half of adult drivers admitted to driving while drowsy. Younger drivers ages 18-29 were even more likely to drive when drowsy than those in other age groups. Additionally, the survey results showed that younger drivers were more likely to drive faster when they felt drowsy, creating additional danger on the road.

Tips for staying awake

To encourage a safe holiday season, NSF urges colleges and universities as well as parents of college students to join its "Drive Alert...Arrive Alive" campaign

and help spread the word about the dangers of drowsy driving. "Parents should get an idea of the schedules their college student has been keeping, and try to ensure their child gets a good night's sleep and is well rested before driving...even if it means delaying the trip for a day," says Gelula.

The three organizations offer the following tips for holiday driving:

■ Get a good night's sleep before your trip - at least eight hours for adults and 8.5-9.25 hours for teens.

■ Drive long trips with a passenger who stays awake to talk to the driver.

■ Schedule regular stops, every 100 miles or two hours.

■ Avoid alcohol and medications that may impair performance.

When driving, recognize signs of fatigue that include not remembering the last few miles driven; drifting from lane to lane or hitting rumble strips; repeated yawning, difficulty focusing,

keeping your eyes open, or your head up; tailgating; or missing traffic signs.

"Rolling down the windows and turning on the radio may not keep you awake," Chervin says. "Those may not be bad things to do, but don't count on them to work."

Taking a power nap can help restore alertness. If you are feeling drowsy:

■ Pull off into a safe area and take a brief nap (15-45 minutes).

■ Drink a caffeinated beverage to promote short-term alertness (it takes about 30 minutes for caffeine to enter the bloodstream).

■ Walk around or do a few exercises to get rid of grogginess. Visit the U-M Web site at www.med.umich.edu/

For more information about the "Drive Alert...Arrive Alive" campaign, drowsy driving and how to prevent it, visit www.sleepfoundation.org.

To take a sleep quiz visit www.aaafoundation.org

Preparation for winter activities prevents injury

PRNewswire — When snow, ice and frigid weather blast into town, watch out, says the American Chiropractic Association. Winter recreational activities and chores can pose problems for the outdoor enthusiast whose body is not in condition. Winter sports like skating, skiing, and sledding can cause painful muscle spasms, strains or tears if you're not in shape. Even shoveling snow the wrong way, clambering awkwardly over snow

banks, slipping on sidewalks and wearing the wrong kinds of clothing can all pose the potential for spasms, strains and sprains.

■ **Skating** — do several lunges. Take a moderately advanced step with one foot. Let your back knee come down to the floor while keeping your shoulders in position over your hips.

■ **Sledding/tobogganing** — do knee-to-chest stretches to fight compression injuries

caused by repetitive bouncing over the snow. The ACA suggests the following tips for exercise of the snow shoveling variety.

■ If you must shovel snow, be careful. Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work.

■ Layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.

■ When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it.

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Whether you choose to remodel or move up, comparison shop to find the best possible financial arrangements. Lending institutions now offer a wide variety of flexible plans to meet the needs of specific borrowers.

So why should there be any question about remodeling instead of moving up?

Often, the emotional investment you've placed into your home is just as extensive as the money needed for physical improvements. For a growing family, an added bedroom, bathroom or addition may be all it takes.

Other reasons to consider remodeling: The prices of new construction is rising at 10 percent annually; The current seller's market means fewer good deals. With mortgage lenders providing flexible programs from which to select, remodeling may offer the best option.

Either choice is a big step, so move cautiously, but confidently.

For more information on home improvement refinancing, visit the Mortgage Lenders Association of Michigan Web site at www.mbam.org

Bruce J. Carr is president of the Mortgage Lenders Association of Michigan and vice president of Southfield-based Homestead USA.

Price is focus of homes in new sub

Three builders constructing common plans on an alternating basis at the Commons in Romulus say they're selling quality construction at a good price.

"What's nice about this community is it's affordable and very accessible to the expressway," said Frank Myers of Pinchlow. "Proximity to everything is great."

"It's a turnkey operation," said Jerry Roux of Roux Homes. "They can get the key and they're ready to move in with their bags. What they see in the models is what they get."

"It's a quality product that's affordable," said Kim Biscotti, sales consultant.

"Everyone says it's the most home they've seen for the money," said Duane Geiss, sales consultant.

The Commons, a planned community of 87 lots, is off Hannan Road about a half mile south of Ecorse Road.

Five floor plans are available ranging in price from \$147,900 for a ranch of 1,174 square feet with three bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths to \$177,900 for a colonial of 1,747 square feet with three beds and 2-1/2 baths.

"You're in the middle of Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo and Farmington Hills," Roux said. "You can be anywhere within a 20-minute drive."

"When people come to the sub, it has a country setting surrounded by trees on the outer rim," said Steve Cooper of Northville Home Builders. "It's on a two-lane road less than a mile from I-275."

Romulus is starting to make a comeback, much of it triggered by expansion at the airport, the builders maintain.

"The value of land has increased; commercial development is on the increase," Cooper said. "The school system has improved. They've put a lot of money in the school system."

"City government is very pro-growth," Roux said. "They want to see families in the area."

The three happened to get together because Myers once did framing work for Roux's dad and Cooper and Roux collaborated on another project in Northville.

Homes at the Commons are panel construction, a hybrid between factory-built manufactured homes and on-site stick construction. Walls are built in factories, then assembled at the subdivision.

Standard features in all plans at the Commons include two-car garage, basement, ceramic or hardwood foyer, ceramic baths, carpeting throughout,



Washington Plan: This raised ranch is one of several models available for buyers at the Commons.

range and dishwasher in the kitchen and ceiling lights in bedrooms.

Fireplace with marble surround (\$3,000) and air conditioning (\$2,900) are upgrades.

Vinyl and brick are primary exterior materials.

Three models have been constructed.

The Roosevelt, a colonial of 1,713 square feet, features a family room, den, kitchen/ nook and half-bath on the first floor.

Three bedrooms, including the master with walk-in closet and combination tub/shower, and a second full bath, are upstairs.

The laundry is in the basement. Base price with a standard elevation is \$170,900.

The Washington, a raised ranch, gives buyers a couple of options.

The standard plan includes a family room, dining room, kitchen/ nook, master suite with walk-in closet, two secondary bedrooms and a second full bath on the step-up level.

The mechanical room/ laundry is on the step-down level. The step-down level can be finished to include another family room, a fourth bedroom and full bath for an additional \$13,500.

Base price of the unfinished plan is \$163,900.

The finished Washington is 2,024

square feet, unfinished 1,468.

The Madison, a colonial of 1,747 square feet, includes a living room, dining room, kitchen/ nook with island, first-floor laundry and half bath on the main living floor.

Three bedrooms, including the master with compartmentalized commode and walk-in closet, two secondary bedrooms and a second full bath, are upstairs.

Base price is \$177,900. A family room of 275 feet can be added for \$14,900.

Separate showers and tubs can be built into master suites for a premium of \$1,500.

The Commons is served by city water, sewers and sidewalks.

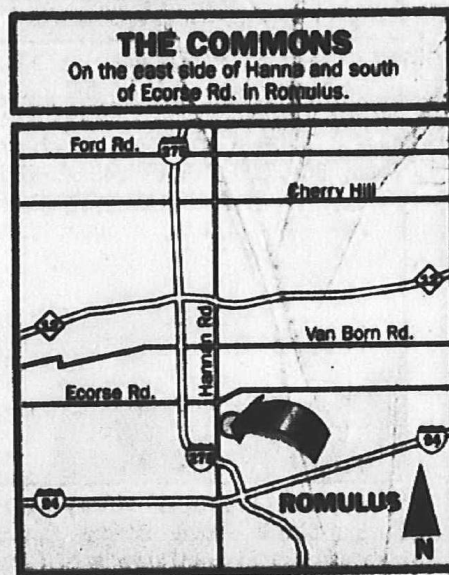
The property tax rate is \$50.90 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$164,000 house there would pay about \$4,300 the first year.

Most lots carry a premium ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,500.

The annual assessment for a landscaped and maintain common areas is \$108.

Allen Wilson bought a raised ranch at the Commons.

"The price and convenience of location caught my eye," he said. "I have



beautiful scenery in the back yard ... close proximity to the freeway.

"One of the main features of the home is a walk-out downstairs. The builders are very attentive. So far, it's been a very good experience."

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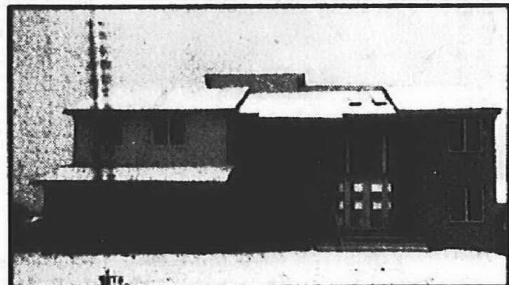
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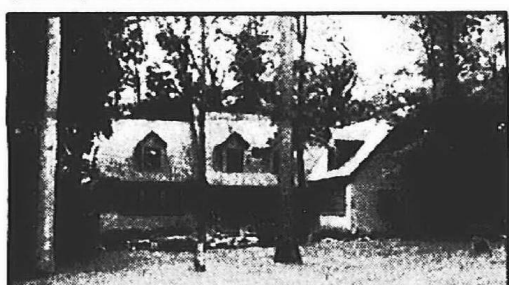
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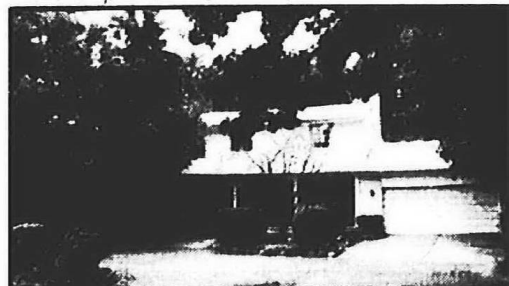
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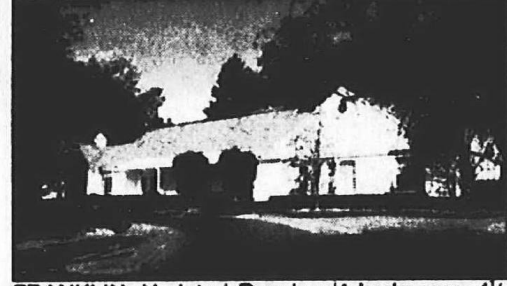
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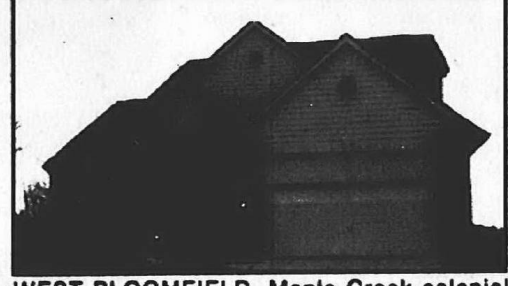
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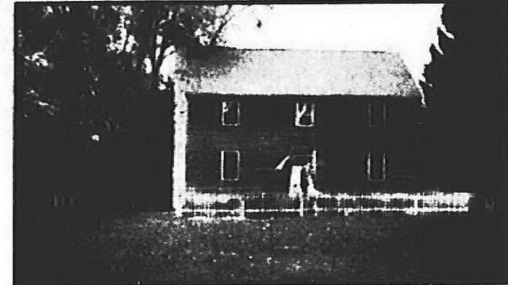
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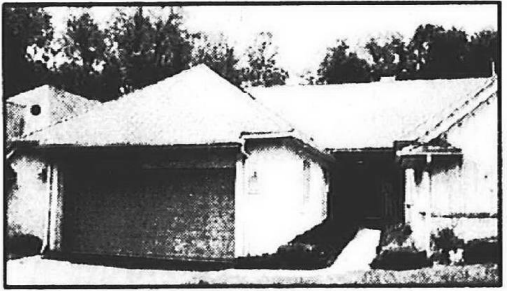


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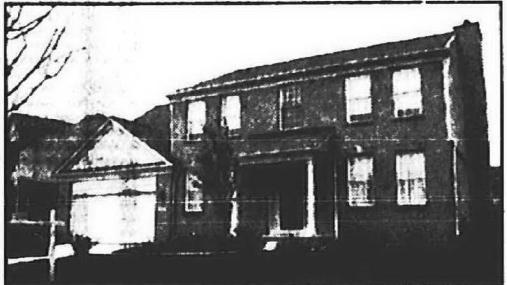
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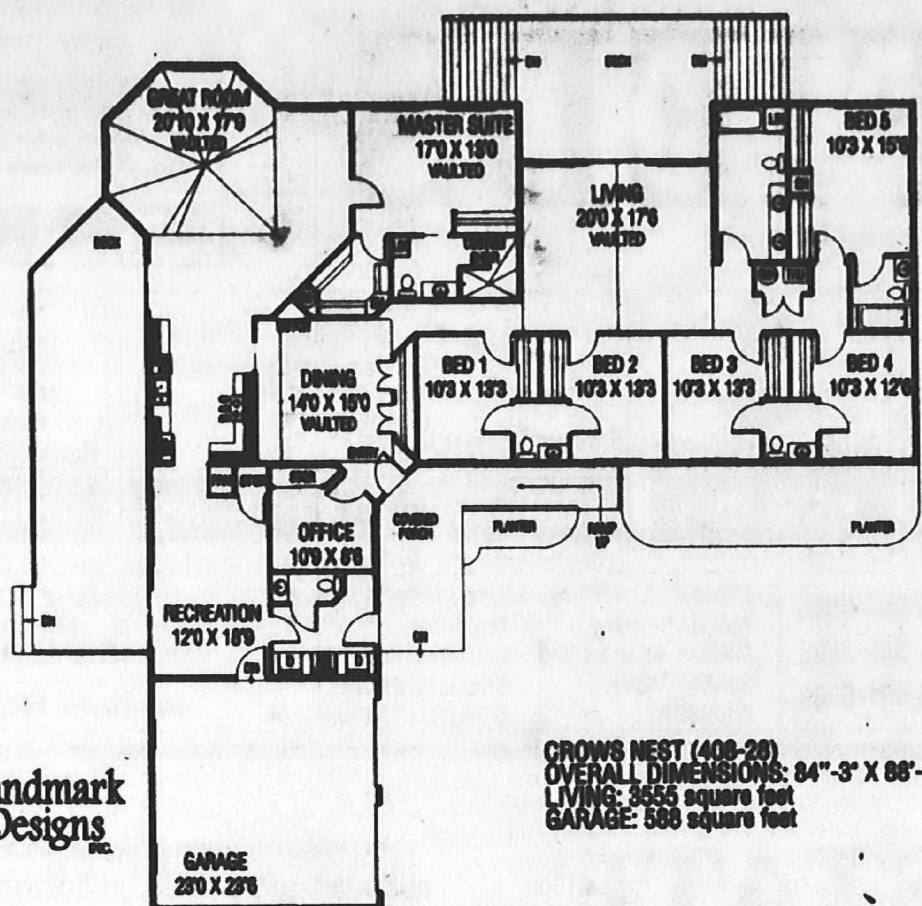
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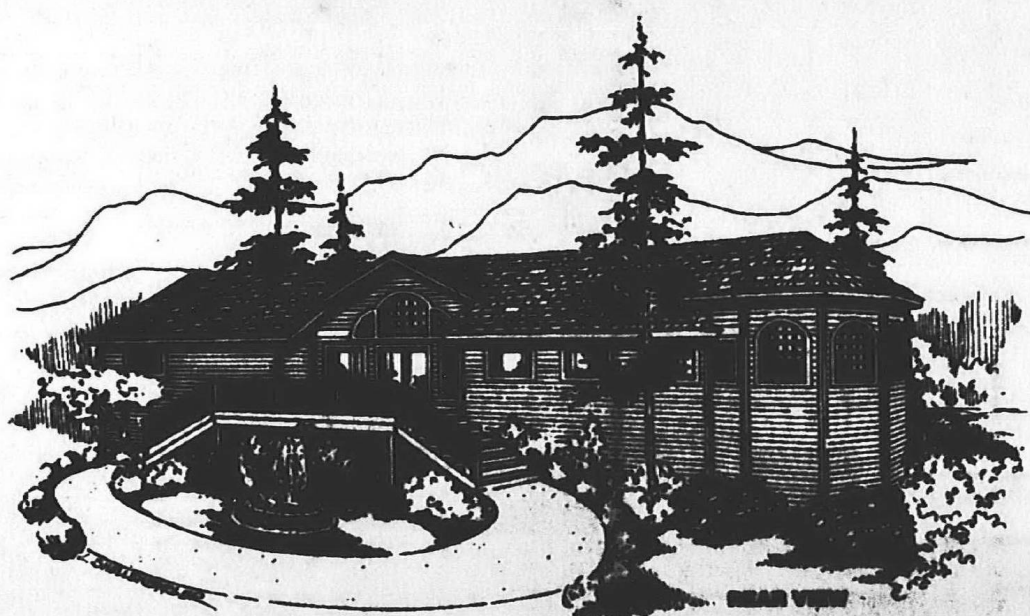
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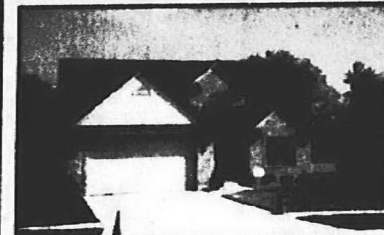
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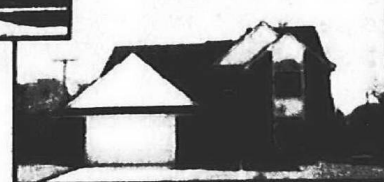
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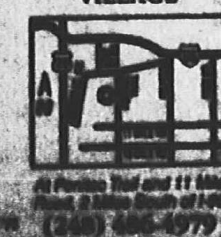


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BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

As 2001 fast approaches, the job market continues to be plump especially in the fields of health care and computer technology. This year, the hot jobs were computer programming and engineering. This trend will continue in 2001, however, with the development of many medical centers and various health care programs, the need for registered nurses and physical therapists is increasing.

"There is now and will be in 2001 a tremendous need for registered nurses and physical therapists," said Richard

Lightbody, director of Career Planning & Placement for Wayne County Community College (WCCC). "Students entering these fields will have no problem finding a job when they complete their education."

WCCC offers more than 60 degrees and certificates. Lightbody said other areas that are witnessing an increased attendance of students include pharmacy technician programs and surgical technicians.

"We also have many students taking courses in information technology which would be word processing and other aspects of computer programming," said Lightbody. "The trend for

the job market involving computer technology will still continue to be very strong for many years as long as the demand continues for enhanced technology."

Other areas of computer technology that will be hot for the 2001 job market include: systems analysts and electronic technicians (individuals who repair computers).

The process for obtaining a job from five years ago has changed quite a bit for a student, according to Lightbody. It's still important to obtain a college degree or certificate in the field you desire, however, placement of a stu-

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Winners try harder, keep trying

Q. I'm not exactly setting the world on fire, but I'd like to do better in the new year. In your opinion, why do some people go so far, so fast?

JOB SEARCH



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dent in a particular job is no longer direct. WCCC is working with employers to find out what their particular needs are for the business, and then developing programs for students who are interested in obtaining these specific jobs.

"We're trying to get a feel for what skills are really needed by the employer," Lightbody said. "With the establishment of WorkKey centers around the state and country, many colleges and universities are now able to offer job profiling which allows us to analyze a job to find out the key skills that will be needed and then develop programs for these skills for the students."

WorkKey is a national system for teaching and assessing workplace skills that connects "knowing with doing and learning with earning." It enables education and business to work together to strengthen the achievement of workplace skills.

"The goal for the State of Michigan is to have WorkKey centers at all 28 community colleges in Michigan," Lightbody said. "By January 2001 we'll have ours ready to go."

Mike Schaffer, director of ITT Technical Institute, 1522 E. Big Beaver Road in Troy, agrees with Lightbody that employment opportunities in computer technology will only expand in the

next decade. Approximately 600 students at ITT are hoping to achieve the necessary skills to obtain jobs in this hot high tech market.

"At ITT our student can obtain an associate degree in two years, and we also provide job placement," Schaffer said. "Technology was the wave of the 1990s and is the wave of this new millennium. You will only see more emphasis on computer technology in the business world in 2001."

ITT offers computer-aided drafting and technology programs, computer-aided drafting and design, computer network systems technology and electronics engineering technology.

"Because of the demand for more computer technology programs, we have added more computers and upgraded several programs to meet the demands," Schaffer said. "Most of our students are in their 20s, and we have several students returning back to school to increase their knowledge."

Once an ITT student completes the required demands for an associate degree, then the ITT staff members assist with job placement.

Employers needing the particular skills of ITT students include Ameritech for electronic engineering and casinos for electronic technicians.

David Story, president and CEO of Story Technologies in Wayne, 35122 W. Michigan Ave., serves the computer network needs of businesses throughout the state. He launched his business a year ago. He believes the need for computer technicians and computer programmers will only increase in 2001.

"Everything is going to depend on computers in this new millennium," Story said. "You will see much more business being done on the internet, and the need for service and repair of computers will continue to be a priority for businesses big and small."

Story now works with technicians, project managers, account executives and computer programmers. He said these hot jobs of 2000 will continue to be the hot jobs of 2001.

"Men and women are getting into these fields of all ages," Story said. "Businesses will continue to look for network support as long as there are computers."

If you're looking for great web sites for hot jobs for 2001, check out these: www.hotjobs.com, www.internationaljobs.org/ita/hotjobs.html; www.storytech.com; and Advanced Computer Resources Inc at ac.resources.com/job_openings.htm.

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inconvenient. They define the word "necessary" very broadly.

See opportunities and jump on them. Area companies are ready to hire entry-level workers, skilled workers, managers and administrative help. In fact, successful people have difficulty deciding which opportunities to go after. They beat back inertia again and again.

Have a larger purpose. I haven't met too many people who are willing to work hard, take risks, invest in themselves and do more than expected simply to get money. It seems like real winners are always driven by some sort of vision, but it varies with the person.

Have dignity. Now, there's an out-of-fashion word. But the people moving forward in a meaningful way hold themselves to high standards and will not compromise their basic values. They just can't cut corners, go with what's "cool," blame others for their situation, act irresponsibly or rationalize failure. It just isn't in 'em. Expediency won't work. Excellence counts.

Answers to the "Jackson" contest: Faulkner (wrote about Mississippi - capital is Jackson), Jesse Jackson, Jermaine Jackson, Jackson Pollack, Jackson Browne, Stonewall Jackson, Jack's son, \$18.14 (took a little trip, along with Colwell Jackson ...), Hinds County (Jackson, Miss.), hotter than a pepper sprout (1967 Nancy Sinatra song "Jackson"), \$20 bill (Andrew Jackson portrait), Charleston Heaton (played A. Jackson in two movies), Thriller (Michael Jackson song/album).



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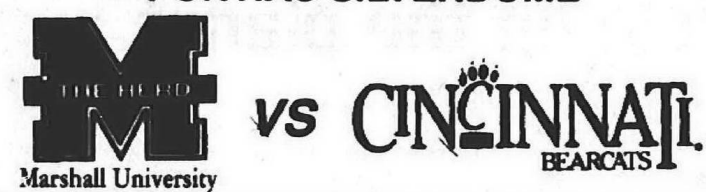
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Possibly the most versatile vehicle on the planet

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Quite possibly the most versatile vehicle on the planet. That's Pontiac's slogan for its new Aztek — a cross between a sport utility vehicle, a minivan and a small RV. But my friend Mike Lewis said from the outset that the Aztek could not be considered a truly versatile vehicle unless it has an all-

wheel drive system. Well, either Pontiac heard Lewis or my friend has an inside track in the automotive industry.

Initially, traction control was available, but Pontiac now offers an all-wheel drive system on both trim levels — the base Aztek and the upscale GT. So, along with everything else the Aztek offers — outdoor amenities, a powerful engine and uncommon looks — this new vehicle also offers an all-wheel drive system that

can help on slick roadways and minor off-road conditions.

The most common comment I heard immediately after I picked up the 2001 Aztek tester was: "If you can get past the looks, it's pretty cool." But my wife Paula actually liked the exterior styling, saying it was unique. That's an understatement. The front end is really different. But the rear end leaves you with an

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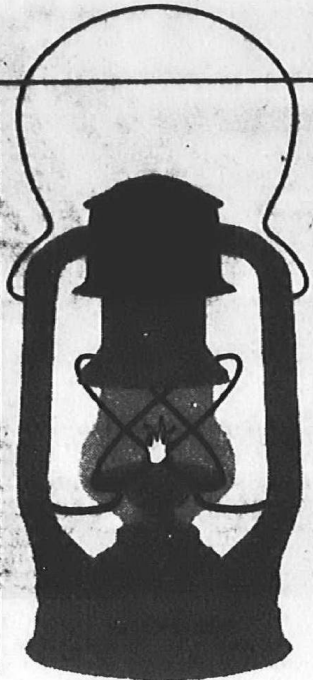
other love-it-or-hate-it feeling.

It reminded me of a very big hatchback on a small coupe. The Aztek is basically a converted minivan, based on the Pontiac Montana's chassis — although the Aztek is several inches shorter. But the Aztek still is bigger than your typical mini SUV like the Toyota RAV4 and the Honda CR-V. The Aztek is even longer and more spacious than my favorite sport-ute — the Nissan Xterra. And the Aztek has more headroom and rear seat legroom than the Xterra.

The Aztek also outpaces these competitors in the engine performance department with its General Motors 3400 V6 that puts out 185 horsepower and 210 pounds of torque. In a 0-60 mph race, the Aztek can outgun the Mitsubishi Montero Sport and Jeep Cherokee Sport.

But the truly amazing thing about the Aztek is its interior. The dashboard layout is really neat with oversized buttons and knobs for easier access. Everything either has a rubberized or hard plastic feel to it that provides a real outdoor persona to the Aztek.

My test Aztek did not come with the optional pop-out tent, air mattress and integrated air pump, though. Nor did it have the sliding rear cargo tray. And I wasn't even fortunate enough to get an Aztek with the built-in insulated cooler that doubles as a CD holder between the bucket seats up front.



The GT even has portable utility packs that stow in the front doors until you're ready to pull them out, fill them with stuff and head off into the woods or down to the beach.

The hiking package includes backpacks that attach to the backs of the front seats when not in use, heavy-duty rubber floor mats and water-resistant seat covers. Another package includes a rooftop or interior bike rack that holds two cycles. These are all options available on the GT Aztek.

But what is available on all Azteks are cool things like lantern hooks on the liftgate, cargo area stereo controls and four 12-volt power outlets. The rear tailgate has cupholders and is molded to form two seating areas. In other words, the Aztek's tailgate is made for tailgate parties, especially with easy access to the stereo controls.

Instead of the removable cargo tray the base Aztek features a cargo net system that can be configured 28 different ways.

This is great for groceries, sporting equipment or anything else you don't want rolling around in the back. Remove the rear seats and you're left with more than 95 cubic feet of cargo space. That's more than the maximum rear cargo space in a Dodge Durango, Jeep Grand Cherokee and almost as much as the Mitsubishi Montero.

There's no questioning the Aztek's abundance of Swiss Army Knife-type features. But despite my wife's endorsement of its looks, the jury is still out on the exterior. I have to admit that even though the Aztek has more space, cool stuff and power, my heart still lies with the more conventional looking SUVs. But if you want to stand out in the crowd, the best way to go is to buy an Aztek.



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5'8", 140 lb, long brown hair, red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shopping, pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who is romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down River Area. BOX 35514

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, thin, optimistic, blue eyes, blonde hair, divorced, 48, 5'6", affectionate, really possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, healthy, 40 to 50, who enjoys travel, golf, romantics times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

LET'S TALK

Divorced, white female, 45, 40 yr, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good book. I'm interested please respond. BOX 35532

CUTE AS A BUTTON

Single white female, 62, 5'3", medium build, enjoys eating, dancing, the dining in or out, visiting, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking a white gentleman, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yr old, physically fit, 5'8", 155 lb, employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker, mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13632

IT'S TIME

Not perfect, single white mom, 45, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 60, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendship and love. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 35523

READY FOR ROMANCE

Attractive, single black female, 48 plus, light and slender social drinker. Seeking a white male, 40 to 50, who is fun, loving, and has a good sense of humor. Looking for a committed relationship. BOX 10824

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 48, blonde hair, blue eyes, good build, who has traveled, traveled, traveled, long miles and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 60, friendly and emotionally secure, with similar interest. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 35527

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

With a friend, 50 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lb, who has traveled, traveled, traveled, long miles and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 60, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 35528

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Living, loving, compassionate, positive, attractive lady, 50, 5'7", non-smoker, enjoys travel, movies, and much more. Seeking a single gentleman who is fun, loving, and has a good sense of humor. BOX 35529

NEVER TOO LATE

Paula here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 50, 5'7", 140 lb, non-smoker, enjoys travel, movies, and much more. Seeking a single gentleman who is fun, loving, and has a good sense of humor. BOX 35530

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'9", 125 lb, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and class. Seeking divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6'0", stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

PETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curly, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-55, to be my soul mate. Please write back, mail to your day, answer my ad today. BOX 35532

JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

Single black female, 5'10", 136 lb, professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and romance. BOX 25999

BEHOLD A PARTNER

Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady. 35 to 52. BOX 25073

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 50s, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

WIFE GONE

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, lanky bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship and possible relationship. BOX 25080

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced black female, 5'9", 160 lbs, coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25081

MRS. HENRY

Single white female, 28, medium to full figure. Lives locally, lives right, at home and away. In search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily good conversation, movies, sports, and is an open mind. Looking for a professional divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker. South Oakland county area. BOX 35088

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 38, 5'3", brown hair, medium build, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well-mannered, 50 to 60, BOX 26076

GIVE ME A CALL

Divorced white Christian woman, 5'9", 130 lb, 48, with one child. Seeking a Christian man, who's 35 to 44, professional, financially secure, motivated, self confident, must like children, church, and laughter and affection. BOX 10895

SPRINT OF ADVENTURE

Single female, 48, 5'7", 135 lb, attractive, educated, well groomed, fun loving, feminine, out going, and a good listener. Enjoys travel, reading, new adventures, people, outdoors, and learning. Seeking non-smoker gentleman, with a spirit of adventure. BOX 35373

CHERISH ME

How nice of you to drop in and check out my profile. I'm a bright single white female, 48, 5'7", 135 lb, college educated graphic designer. Enjoys travel, concerts, nature and dining. Seeking single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible future relationship. BOX 25014

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

European born, refined, beautiful, blonde female, 5'7", height weight proportionate with many interests. Interested in meeting white gentleman, 50 to 74, tall, good looking, financially stable, and a good listener. Seeking a relationship, for friendship and possible future relationship. BOX 25099

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Active, fun loving, gentle, non-smoking, single white female, 45, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lb, with children. Likes boating, movies, sports, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 50 to 60, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 25046

YOU SHOULD CALL

Single white female, 48, 5'7", 135 lb, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lb, with children. Likes boating, movies, sports, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 50 to 60, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 25046

ONE OF A KIND

Very young, young looking, 30, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lb, with children. Likes boating, movies, sports, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 50 to 60, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 25046

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DREAMS

50 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 40 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

INVITATION TO MEET

Single white female, 38, 5'7", 135 lb, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lb, with children. Likes boating, movies, sports, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 50 to 60, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 25046

WANTED: NICE GUY

33 yr old, petite Asian female who enjoys reading, fishing, swimming and traveling looking for financially secure, loving, kind male, 31 to 50, who has a great sense of humor, for a long term monogamous relationship. BOX 25358

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NICE GIRL WANTED

Single male, 42, looking for a nice single white female, 25 to 45 who enjoys dining out, holiday games, and sports. Hoping for a long term relationship that would be warm and wonderful for both of us. BOX 10492

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size, seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 35586

I'M BAME

28 yr old, single white female, 5'8", 125 lb, loves horror films and cooking. Seeking mature, successful white male, 35 to 50, who is fun and strong. BOX 35485

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lb, upper 60's, seeking good counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35088

OLD FASHIONED

5'10", white full figured gal, 48, looking for mature, successful, single male, 40 to 55, with similar qualities, that would lead to marriage. Non-smoker, no drugs, light drinker, college educated, employed, easy going with a variety of interests, including walking, swimming, playing cards, science fiction, bowling, etc. BOX 25354

GOLDEN YEARS ARE U

Single white female, 68, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit, mature, 50 to 60, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 35582

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19 yr old white male, 5'9", reddish blonde hair, hazel eyes, medium build, blue eyes, go out with friends and quiet times. Looking for a white female, to spend the holidays with, leading to a relationship. BOX 12785

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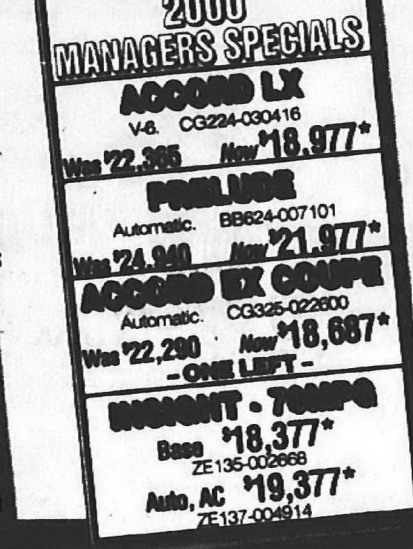
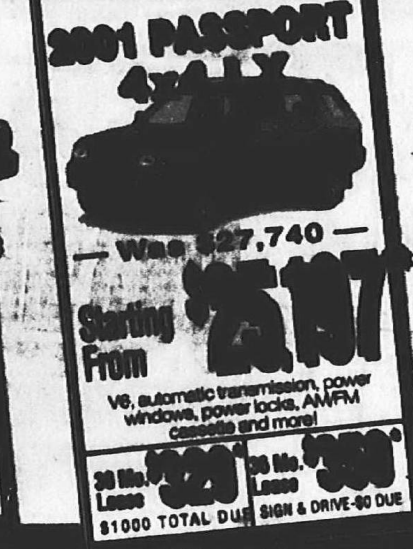
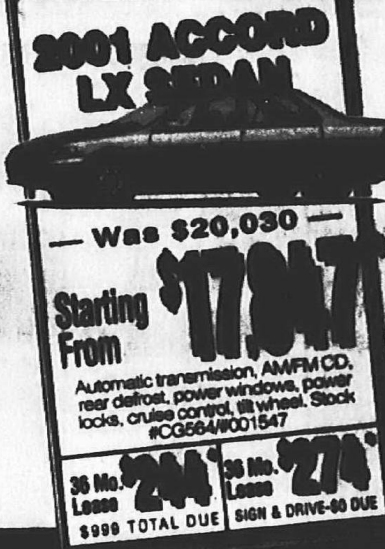
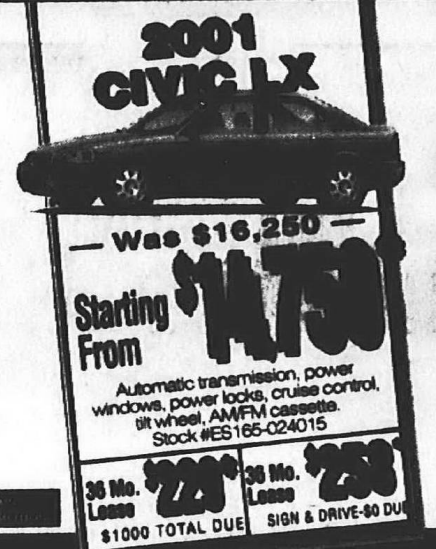
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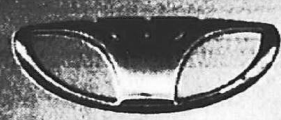
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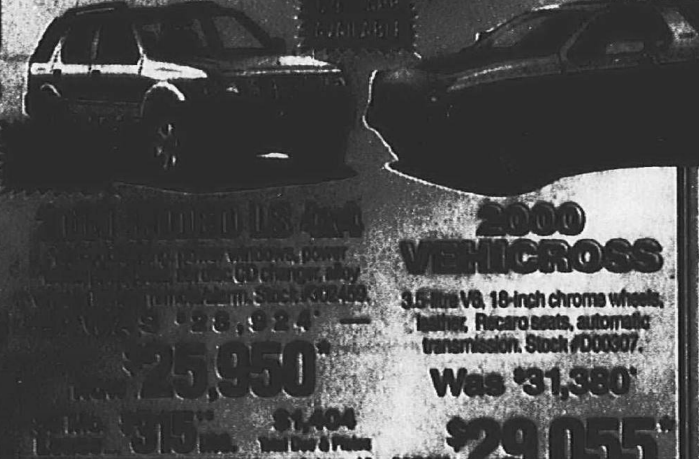


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