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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Rumor discounted

Plymouth police Chief Robert Scoggins is not leaving his job, despite a published report to the contrary.

City Manager Steve Walters said Wednesday he has no wish to remove Scoggins from the job, nor has the chief told the city administration he wants to leave.

"I have no intention of leaving," Scoggins said Thursday.

"I'm very satisfied with what I'm doing here, the department's moving forward," he said. Scoggins added that both Walters and city commissioners "are happy with me."

Meeting dates

The Plymouth Township board of trustees has set meeting dates for 1997.

They are Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. on these Tuesdays in the meeting room in the east wing of Plymouth Township Hall. It is at the northeast corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. The public is welcome to attend and raise concerns about township matters.

Computer purchase

The Plymouth Township board of trustees on Tuesday approved spending \$11,000 to buy three personal computers, software and a printer for the township treasurer's office.

The personal computers will replace outdated mainframe-connected terminals. Connecting to the network will allow staff to send and receive electronic mail and to use functions including spreadsheets and word processing.

Federal grant

City officials say they expect to get about \$75,000 next year in their annual allotment of Community Development Block Grant funds from the federal government. A hearing on how that money will be spent is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6 at City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

In a report to the city commission, City Manager Steve Walters said projects proposed to be funded are the senior citizens service program, modifications to public buildings to make them more handicapped accessible, and Old Village improvements. "These proposed projects do not limit the city commission's decision after the public hearing," Walters said.

Special section

The Plymouth Observer will be producing a special Ice Sculpture Spectacular section to help celebrate the annual event's 15th anniversary. The section will be published on Monday, Jan. 13. To be part of the advertising portion of that section, call Dick Rzepecki at 953-2168 for retail advertising or Donna Orozco at 953-2156 for classified advertising.

Lower speed limits sought

Subdivision residents on Powell and Ridge roads are pressing Plymouth Township to lower speed limits. They say speeding traffic constitutes a danger.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

There's a controversy over the speed limit along the recently paved portions of Powell and Ridge roads.

Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry said some who live along Powell and Ridge are complaining

that the longtime unposted 55 miles per hour speed limit should continue on those roads.

Some residents of newer subdivisions want the speed limit reduced to boost safety, and so do township police.

One neighbor, Diane Zmikly,

director of the Little Tots of Plymouth day nursery on Ridge, said 55 "would be awful. I think it should be maybe 25 or 30."

But Wayne County officials who study traffic say speed limits should not be set artificially low.

"We have done an initial traffic study that shows that folks are still driving pretty much those old speeds, on Powell around 45 and Ridge around 55," said John Roach, Wayne County Department of Public Services spokesman.

The roads in question are Powell from Ridge to Beck and Ridge from Powell to North Territorial.

Roach said township police are continuing to do traffic studies. "We're trying to collect some data to tell us what the speed limit should be," he said.

But Berry isn't waiting for results to dictate the speed limit there. He's trying to do some things to influence the outcome of the traffic study, to get the speed limit much lower than

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Oooh, sparkles!



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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

Let there be light. And with the holiday season in full swing, festive light displays continue throughout western Wayne County and the metropolitan region.

Attendance at holiday light displays this year numbers roughly the same as in 1995, according to organizations offering the showings. Light show spokespersons say attendance depends on good weather.

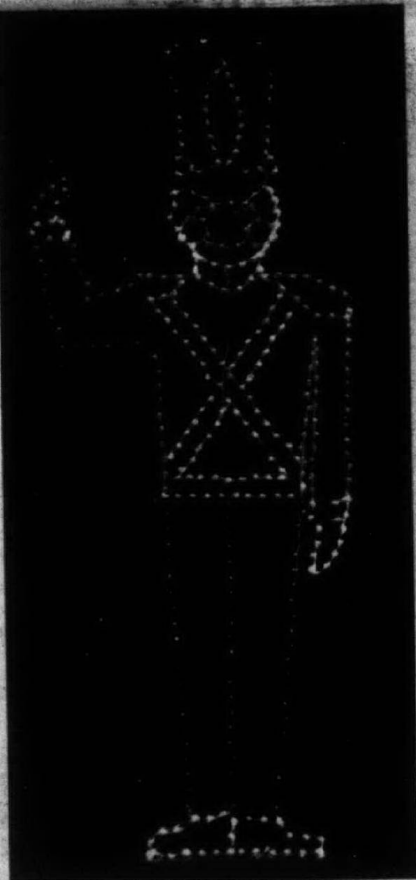
Wayne County Parks and Recreation has created a 4.5-mile display along Hines Drive from Merriman to Warren roads, said Lisa Jones, a parks and recreation official. About 70,000 cars have gone past the display, which totals about the same as last year, Jones said.

Special visit: Amber Bake, 6, and her brother Tyler, 4, tell Santa Claus what they would like to see under the Christmas tree this year. The youngsters are Westland residents and were visiting the light show last Tuesday.

Featuring nearly 500,000 lights, Wayne County LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, Jones said. LightFest visitors will see 35 holiday displays, including a Santa Claus, a menorah, Christmas trees and a Kwanzaa lamp.

Bob Thomas, part of WOMC-FM's promotions team, works at the LightFest to publicize the event. He said he enjoys working at the festival even though it's part of his job.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Aglow: Light shows throughout the metro area illuminate holiday nights. A lighted archway (top) greets motorists as they enter Domino's Farms. A toy soldier welcomes motorists at the light-fest along Hines Drive.

Observer special project, staffers win national award



"Changing Currents," a special section published last May by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers outlining area efforts to clean up the Rouge River, has won first place for environmental coverage in the Suburban Newspapers of America 1996 editorial contest.

"SNA is a prestigious contest for suburban journalists and we're pleased that the Rouge special section has received national attention," said Susan Roseik, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. "The efforts to clean up the Rouge River will have an impact on generations to come throughout the metro area. The Observer is pleased to help educate the reading public to action."

The award was among 10 the Observer News-

papers won in the nationwide contest for community journalism.

The reporting and photographic team that worked on the award-winning section included Tim Richard, Hugh Gallagher, Casey Hans, Beth Sundria Jachman, Margaret O'Brien, Bill Coutant, Joe Bauman, Jim Jagdfeld, Stephen Cantrell and Craig Breil. The project was led by former staffer Bob Needham and designed by Tammie Graves, graphic artist.

Observer staffer Sundria Jachman also won third place in the same category for a series of news stories on the Rouge River. She also received a third place for best local election coverage for a series of stories on the Wayne County Commission.

Others winners in the SNA competition included Entertainment/Taste Editor Keely Wygonik and graphic artist Tammie Graves, first place for

best entertainment/lifestyle section.

Graves also took first place for best graphic art work in two different circulation categories - Class A, Canton Observer, and Class D, the Taste section, which appears in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Brad Emons, sports editor in Livonia and Westland, took first place in Class C for sports writing. Emons also took first place for best breaking news story for "Sheila's Gold," a story about Livonia resident Sheila Taormina winning a gold medal in the summer Olympic games in Atlanta.

Photographer Tom Hawley received an honorable mention in the best new photo category. Reporter Doug Funke received honorable mention in the best feature category for a humorous story on real estate sales.

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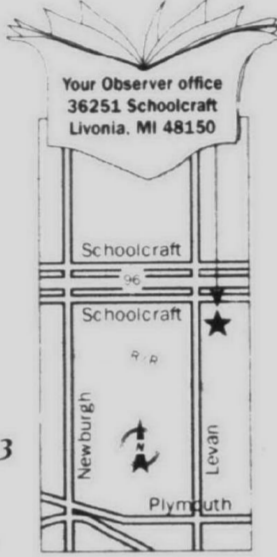
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NEWSPAPERS



1995 General Excellence Award



Juvenile offenders to stay close to home

BY VALERIE OLANDER
 STAFF WRITER

Juvenile law breakers in Canton, Plymouth and Northville won't have to travel as far to hear the sound of a judge's gavel.

In the past, youth offenders and their parents trekked to the 13th floor of the City County Building in downtown Detroit to have a Wayne County Probate Court Judge decide their case whether it was a smoking violation or drunken driving incident.

A pilot program initiated by Probate Court Chief Judge Freddie G. Burton shifted the caseload to 35th District Court as of Dec. 1. Burton's idea was supported by Chief Judge John MacDonald of the 35th District Court.

The program is the first of its kind in the state.

"We can better control rehabilitation programs and be involved in the outcome," MacDonald said.

He expects to expand the use of social service agencies, such as Growth Works and Northville Youth Assistance when sentencing youths.

ing youths.

MacDonald said the pilot program will increase the workload for the court's three judges, magistrate and probation department. An additional staff person may be needed in the probation department to handle the increase in work detail. An estimated 1,000 cases will be transferred from the Probate Court to the 35th District Court.

Juvenile law breakers can expect to pay more in fines and costs to offset the court's administration costs, MacDonald said. Juveniles' fines will be upgraded to the same fee as adult fines.

Despite the added workload, MacDonald said, having tighter reins on juvenile crimes at home will reduce the number of repeat offenses by youth in the community.

Asked if some youth offenders get lost in the county court system, MacDonald said he did not want to criticize the Wayne County Probate Court, but acknowledged the court's great volume of cases.

As the District Court gets acclimated with

the juvenile caseload, the court and police will be working more closely with the school district for stricter enforcement of ordinances. Currently, police are called by school officials to ticket students for smoking after they've already been given three warnings. MacDonald requested schools to give students only one warning.

The pilot program is not related to the controversial court reform legislation that was sponsored by state Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. The legislation split Detroit Recorder's Court and the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Whyman said she supports the pilot program at the 35th District Court because it will reinforce Canton's community standards that were not being carried out in the busy Probate Court system. Many times smoking violation cases would be dismissed due to heavy caseloads, she said.

Probate Judge Burton was unavailable for comment.

City workers recognized for training

Two city of Plymouth workers have been certified as state Department of Public Health Water Works System operators.

Mark Hammar and Scott Baker have been certified as water system specialists in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act. The pair work for the city's Department of Municipal Services.

Both are involved in the supervision of the city's water system.

"The city is very proud of our employees who have taken their own time to attend classes, study and pass these comprehensive written exams," said Sincock.

Hammar has been employed by the city of Plymouth since 1979 and has served as assistant director of Municipal Services since 1985. Baker has been employed by the city since 1986 and serves as the foreman.

Car disappears from parking lot

POLICE NEWS

A 49-year-old South Lyon woman got a scare when the car she drove to work disappeared the afternoon of Dec. 14 in downtown Plymouth.

The complainant told police she parked the 1987 red Subaru, which belongs to her boyfriend, in the parking lot at Danny's supermarket, 240 N. Main, before going into Bode's restaurant on her break.

The Danny's employee had the ignition key, but left the car unlocked.

She said that upon returning, she noticed the car was gone. When she went into Danny's to report what had happened, she encountered a shopper who said he noticed something suspicious as he entered the store.

The 46-year-old Livonia man said he saw a male, aged 25-27, about 5-feet-11 and 175 lbs., near the Subaru. He said he saw the man, who was wearing a dark-colored ball cap; black-and-green checked pea coat; dark pants; and sneakers, walking away from the car, but staring at it.

He said that the man followed him and appeared to be watching him. However, the man disappeared soon thereafter.

The complainant said she'd borrowed her boyfriend's car to get to work.

Police theorized that the culprit was one of nearby Adistra's temporary workers who may have taken a car to get home. But officers checked and learned no temporary employees worked that day.

The following day, officers were contacted by the woman, who said her boyfriend, a 34-year-old Westland resident, had taken the vehicle to run a few errands.

He said he knew she was working, and took

the car without informing her.

CAR HIT: A second incident at Danny's was reported to police Dec. 14 concerning an auto. A 78-year-old Plymouth woman said that while her car was parked at the grocery store, someone struck it, causing minor damage.

The culprit left no note, and the woman could give police no idea who might be responsible.

AUTO LARCENY: A 23-year-old Plymouth woman told police that sometime after she parked her 1993 Ford Ranger pickup truck at 1 a.m. Dec. 14 at 220 E. Ann Arbor Trail, someone smashed out a window.

She said she observed the damage to the driver's side window at 9:33 a.m. the following day. There are no known suspects.

VANDALISM: Police are investigating a vandalism incident that happened late Dec. 13 or early Dec. 14, as 10 car windows were shot out by someone with a pellet gun.

The vandalism happened in the Haggerty-Ann Arbor Road area, police said. The damaged cars were parked on the street.

No witnesses of the incident have come forward, police said. "We are following up on one lead," said Sgt. Steve Rapson. Anyone with information can call him at 453-3869.

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"It's good to get in the holiday spirit and promote the festival," he said.

Thomas said the best time to go is just before 7 p.m.

John and Rita Smith of Canton Township brought their children, 3-year-old Ian and 10-month-old Emily, to the LightFest.

They said they attend the event every year.

"This is the first year Ian's been old enough to enjoy it," John said.

"It's nice to see our money going to something nice."

The LightFest entrance is off of Merriman Road, just north of Warren Road in Westland. Donation is \$5 per car.

At the end of the display, customers can have their picture taken with Santa Claus and use a concession stand.

The Detroit Zoo is presenting a 300,000-light display through Dec. 30. The show features 50 animal sculptures and is open every day except Dec. 24 and 25 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Attendance at the zoo's light display was "phenomenal" during the weekend of Dec. 14-15, said Anna Rzepka, special events assistant. She said more than 7,000 people attended the zoo's display.

The zoo offers different features each day, such as high school choirs on Mondays and ice carving on Wednesdays.

A choir from The Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills recently sang at the zoo, said Janice Haines, the school's vocal music teacher.

"It's a fun thing to do," she said. "It's a chance for the kids to perform in a non-pressure setting."

The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12 and free for kids under 2.

The "Festival of Lights" display in Ypsilanti is available to holiday light-seekers free of charge at Riverside Park, said Virginia Kingsley, city Visitors and Convention Bureau executive director. The show runs nightly from 6-10 p.m. until Dec. 31.

"The setting makes it unique," Kingsley said. "It's along the river and it's Victorian-style."

Ypsilanti also offers free horse-drawn wagon rides on Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor invites visitors

to come drive through the complex and see "the true story of Christmas," told in 900,000 lights, said Scott Lorenz, a Plymouth resident and director of Christmas Celebration Inc., which organizes the light display.

The display is considered the largest religious light display in North America, Lorenz said.

Lorenz said light-seekers who want to avoid large crowds should visit the display after 9 p.m.

The complex, on Earhart Road off Plymouth Road, about one-half mile east of U.S. 23, is open from 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Admission is \$5 on those days and \$7 Friday through Sunday. The fee is charged per vehicle.

The creche exhibit, which features nativity scenes from around the world, will be more accessible and easier for weekend visitors to enjoy this year, Lorenz said.

The special exhibit, which belongs to Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monaghan, is open for public viewing every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 31 in Lobby B of Domino Farms. It's free to all visitors of the Christmas Light Display.

"The manger scenes Mr. Monaghan has on display are really quite nice," he said.

Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main at Church, offers Santa Claus figures, angels and nutcrackers through Jan. 26 with its "Visions of Christmas" exhibit, said Beth Stewart, museum director. The display features more than 250 Santa Claus figures.

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Stewart said. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17 and there is a \$5 family rate.

For those in the mood for a drive, downtown Battle Creek is also featuring a light display through Dec. 30 in the 17th Annual International Festival of Lights. The city is lit with 1 million lights, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Nearby, the Binder Park Zoo has its own light festival, where 170,000 illuminated bulbs will greet visitors. Binder's show runs from 5-9 p.m. and tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for kids.



Taking shape:
(Far right) Angel and Mary light display at Domino's Farms. (Top and right photos) Little town of lights and choo-choo train at Hines Park.

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Silent night: A miniature Christmas village in front of Domino's Farms.

Report shows record balance, but raps county's spending

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners received a report Thursday on county finances for the 1995 fiscal year from the county's auditor general Ramona Henderson Pearson.

Commissioners received the report as an informational item, but took several other actions on other related agenda items. (See related story.) The report was released by Pearson to the county commission's Committee on Audit on Dec. 10.

Pearson reported that the county now has a general fund balance of \$17 million, the largest since its inception of the county charter in 1983.

But she also reported the county spent \$69.9 million more than the commission allocated, and transferred more than \$14 million in excess of appropriations. That violated the state Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, Pearson said.

County: 'Best' financial condition

Overall, the county's financial report indicated the county "is in the best financial condition in recent history."

"The report discloses that the county had the largest unreserved general fund balance since the

inception of the charter," Pearson wrote in the review. "The unreserved general fund balance of \$17.8 million appears appropriate and is profoundly better than 1994's balance of \$9.4 million."

The county also improved in reporting workers compensation claims as Internal Service funds. "As a result, the county is setting aside resources to pay future claims and is no longer funding claims out of current operations," Pearson said.

A special revenue fund was established for youth services programs funded by a one-tenth mill levy for public safety. That resulted in the general fund's fund balance no longer being overstated by the unspent portion of the one-tenth mill, the report stated.

The report commends the county executive and county commission for the record general fund balance. The \$17.8 million "appears appropriate" when meeting a standard of maintaining a 5 percent level of annual operating expenditures.

Tom Naughton, chief financial officer with Wayne County, said the fund balance was created through county restructuring and methods of cost savings.

"We've had nine consecutive years of consecutive

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Actions tighten financial reporting

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission acknowledged a report of 1995 county finances from Wayne County auditor general Ramona Henderson Pearson on Thursday.

Commissioners also reacted with several other actions:

- Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution directing the fiscal advisor's office to inform the commission about budget overages or shortfalls in any department.

- Unanimously approved an ordinance requiring the county executive to establish a five-year capital improvement plan to identify debt obligations, construction of new buildings and road improvement projects.

- Rejected, 15-1, a request from McNamara's office to lease a copier for \$15,603 over three years with a \$1 buyout.

- Narrowly approved, 8-6, a budget amendment for \$746,155 from the collection of reimbursements from the state of Michigan for the housing of prisoners who are charged as habitual offenders, and a transfer of \$343,845 of general fund appropriations.

These appropriations were to be used to cover budget areas that were underfunded in the adopted budget, according to a letter from County Executive Edward McNamara.

Budget amendment opponents were: Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township; Michelle Plawewski, D-Redford Township; Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe; Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Backing the amendment were Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, and seven Detroit commissioners.

Commissioners expected to discuss how to tighten up reporting of budget amendments after the holidays. The auditor general's report concluded: "The Department of Management and Budget and the Wayne County Commission need to revise their current processes of monitoring appropriated expenditures."

Patterson had mixed feelings about the auditor general's report.

"On one hand, I'm delighted with the idea that we're making some progress," Patterson said.

Patterson said he pushed in 1995-96 for a higher fund balance reserve. Later that year McNamara earmarked \$10 million for that purpose.

But Patterson is concerned with the continued process of how the county certifies revenue.

The past three years show the county's actual revenue has exceeded budget revenue. In 1995 revenue exceeded the budget by nearly \$14.4 million. In 1994 that figure was \$8.8 million and in 1993, it was \$6.1 million.

Plawewski had not read the report yet. She expected to discuss the issue with George Cushingberry, chairman of the commission's Ways and Means Committee.

"Obviously, they shouldn't be spending money without our approval," Plawewski said.

McCotter believed the legislative branch of county government has been ignored.

"It's a violation of the legislative process," McCotter said. "It's wrong."

"The problem we have down here is the commission has let its powers of overseeing the administration be eroded on a piecemeal basis over the years."



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"We are going to treat it as a residential neighborhood; 55 is way too fast, we've got to get the speeds down before we do any kind of study," Berry said.

Typically, the state police who set speed limits follow an 85th percentile method. A roadway is studied for the speeds traveled by drivers, then set at the speed used by 85 percent of drivers.

"If you set a speed limit much below what people drive naturally it becomes a very serious enforcement issue," Roach said. "If there's not a cop there, people are going to drive at what they are comfortable driving. We try our best to make a decision everyone is happy with."

But the Plymouth Township chief said only 25 miles per hour or a speed limit close to it will do. He's trying to get the message out to drivers now to lower speeds on these recently paved portions of Powell and Ridge, so studied speeds will be low and so will resulting speed limits that are set.

"We are asking for everyone's support and assistance out there to diminish hazards to pedestrians," he said.

One way to get drivers used to lower speeds is having patrol cars in the area. Drivers who go over 25 miles per hour will be issued warnings, Berry said, or possibly ticketed if going too fast for road conditions.

A decision on the speed limit won't come for "several weeks," Roach said.

To help encourage drivers to slow down, police plan to post electronic radar signs along the roads, to show drivers how fast they're going.

Berry said he plans to meet with homeowners groups in the area, to help encourage the effort to slow speeds on Powell and Ridge.

"I'm encouraging people to give me a call, so we can put things into perspective out there," Berry said.

Lower speed limits: Residents in Plymouth Township subdivisions near Powell and Ridge road are seeking to lower the speed limits which are now 55 miles an hour.

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 Admin. Services Dir.

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Whalers get called for high-sticking visitors

It wasn't exactly the Christmas gift that Gallimore Elementary students were expecting. But Detroit Whalers officials said they plan to make amends.

What started out as a gift-giving from one of the Detroit Whaler's hockey players turned ugly last week, when an employee of the new Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township reportedly took the gifts back, said Canton parent Jim Sams.

According to Sams, one of the players had given three Gallimore Elementary School students — including his son Jeremy — souvenir hockey sticks while they were visiting on a school field trip. But an employee took the sticks back, saying that if all the students couldn't have one that no one could.

Whalers officials said they are usually careful not to give something to one child and let another go away empty-handed, and said there was obviously a misunderstanding here.

"I'm not happy about the situation," said Sams. "The way I see it — she stole property off the kids."

"My kids play street hockey out here, and this (gift) was pretty precious to him. It's sort of rotten. They look up to the athletes."

Sams said he tried to file a police report, but was told that the matter was a civil one.

A contrite Kerry Kerch, assistant general manager and director of marketing for the Whalers organization, said word of the incident had not yet reached him, and that he would contact the family and make amends.

"I think it was just a misunderstanding," he said.

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Schools anxious as Engler plans to alter board role

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The public school lobby is nervously awaiting Gov. John Engler's threatened executive order "to clarify the role" of the State Board of Education.

They fear Engler will try to weaken public education by mauling the elected State Board. Engler has given them reasons to be nervous.

First, Engler enjoys carrying out the mandate of the 1963 Michigan Constitution which says, "The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution." The governor already has made a host of enemies by reducing the roles of citizen commissions in the Department of Natural Resources.

"Some governors have let their authority lie fallow," Engler said.

Second, Engler visited the Dec. 12 meeting of the State Board of Education to say he would discuss his changes with the board before they are implemented, but not before he issues it. No advance consultation for him.

Third, Engler's timing raised suspicion - a month after the election in which two Republican State Board incumbents were defeated. For the past two years, the GOP had a 6-2 majority.

"The governor was perfectly happy with the State Board until this November's election produced a 4-4 split between Democrats and Republicans," said state Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former school superintendent and once a finalist to become superintendent of public instruction. "The voters of Michigan sent a clear message that they wanted the board to move toward the center, and away from far right conservatism."

On paper, there will be a 4-4 party split in 1997-8. In actuality, the split is five friends of public schools and three friends of private and charter schools. Republican Dorothy Beardmore, with experience on Rochester and Oakland school boards, wasn't afraid to cross swords with board President Clark Durant, a

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private school operator.

There are limits

What can a governor actually change? He can't change the Michigan Constitution (Art. VIII sec. 3), which gives the State Board:

■ "Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions," but not higher education.

■ "General planning and coordinating" power for all public education, including higher education.

■ A duty to "advise the legislature as to the financial requirements."

■ Power to "appoint a superintendent of public instruction" and set his term of office.

The constitution says the superintendent "shall be the principal executive officer of a state department of education" charged with carrying out State Board policies. The superintendent also chairs the board, but without a vote.

Since 1965, the State Board has operated under an executive order issued by Republican moderate William G. Milliken, lieutenant and acting governor when George Romney was out of the state. At that time, the constitution abolished the superintendent of public instruction as an elective office.

Milliken's order created the Department of Education, set up the State Board as head of the department, made the superintendent the "principal executive order" and made paper transfers of power. That was all.

Possibilities

What could Engler change . . . 31 years later, through a new executive order?

"I respect the constitutional role of the board on which I serve," said Engler, the first governor to actually visit a State Board meeting in many years, even though the governor is an

ex officio member. "I respect the constitutional role of the governor."

"I want to delineate the role of the board and the department. . . ."

"I want to get managers managing and decision makers deciding," he said.

In fact, the State Board does have lengthy agendas - usually four, single-spaced pages. Its meetings run all day. Often its meetings have started one evening and run through the entire next day.

Half of the agenda material is acceptance and awarding of federal grant money and routine reports. The board deals with these without discussion - called the "consent agenda" - and approves them in a single motion.

Engler could hand the consent agenda items over to the superintendent.

The board also rules on requests from rural homeowners to transfer their property from one school district to another. A Department of Education hearing officer acts as a judge, listens to the families and school officials, and writes a report with a recommendation to the State Board.

Nine times out of 10 or more, the board rubber-stamps the recommendation. Engler could hand this function to the superintendent.

State Board member Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, talked of seeking an attorney general's ruling or a court ruling if Engler's order goes too far.

But who knows what Engler actually intends to do?

He talked of making Michigan schools "best in the world" but plans to send the triplets to parochial schools. He never mentioned general assistance welfare in his 1990 campaign, but abolished it once in office. He never mentioned reorganizing the DNR, but did it. He campaigned against "picking winners and losers" in the tax code, then set up MEGA, a growth authority that gives tax breaks to certain businesses.

Meanwhile, the public school lobby waits nervously.

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No single day matches the massive crowds the airport handled on the Wednesday before, or the Sunday after Thanksgiving. However, passenger loads are being projected for well above average on Thursday, Dec. 26; Monday, Dec. 30; and on some airlines, Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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Motorists can tune to the airport's travel information radio station, 920 AM within two or three miles of the airport to learn which airlines fly out of which terminals.

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balanced budgets," Naughton said. "The growing fund balance is a combination of good budgeting, putting in systems to monitor controls and looking for opportunities for cost savings."

Concerns

Pearson later reported "great concern" with the nearly \$70 million spent in excess of appropriated funds. The county needs "better control" over appropriated expenditures and transfers, Pearson said.

The state's Uniform Budget and Accounting Act states: "When necessary, the budget must be amended. The amendment must be approved by the legislative body prior to the expenditure being made. This is not only a requirement of Public Act 621, but also a requirement of solid budgeting theory.

"The purpose of a budget is not only to approve expenditures but also to control expenditures." That budget discrepancy also

was noted in a letter written in September from Peat Marwick, the county's accounting consultant, to Wayne County. Peat Marwick noted that commission approval should be obtained on transfers and amendments above appropriations.

The audit classified the excess \$69.9 million into four major areas, including solid waste management (\$49.9 million), other special revenue funds (\$6.4 million), corporation counsel-litigation settlements (\$7.2 million), and miscellaneous general fund activities (\$6.4 million).

Naughton believed the reported \$49.9 million should be put "into perspective," considering the county has a \$1 billion budget. "Without it, we're 99.9 percent in compliance," he said.

Naughton said the commissioners approved a grant application, but never amended the budget for that money.

"It's incumbent on the commis-

sion to amend the budget and make those changes," Naughton said. All litigation settlements go before the commission as well, Naughton said.

Naughton expected to draft a letter to respond to the review.

Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, who chairs the commission's committee on audit, expects commission discussion will continue after Jan. 1.

He believed the audit should be prepared for the March following the fiscal year as is required in the charter, he said.

"We really should be discussing this in April, not in December," O'Neil said.

O'Neil expects to make a recommendation to the commission chairman, and hopes tighter reporting requirements can be outlined in January.

Naughton said the commission already receives quarterly reports.

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Fish kill will wait until spring

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A fish kill originally scheduled to take place this month in Newburgh Lake has been postponed.

An environmental consulting firm working with Wayne County Department of Environment suggested the kill be conducted when the lake's water temperature warms up to at least 40 degrees in the spring.

Environmental Consulting and Technology recommended the delay to Wayne County because the chemical rotenone — responsible for killing the fish — acts slower in cold water. The county notified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality of the change.

ECT also recommended the schedule change because a chemical used to break down the rotenone (potassium permanganate) also works slower in cold water, and more would have to be used to "detoxicate" the rotenone, which could threaten the survival of other fish populations downstream, officials said.

That would "very rapidly approach a concentration where the potassium permanganate is toxic to fish," according to a letter from Ellen Lindquist, chief deputy director of Wayne County Department of Environment, to James Grant, chief of the surface water quality division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"We did not want to do anything to jeopardize other fish populations," Lindquist said.



Diving right in: A diver prepares to enter Newburgh Lake to check for debris near a sluice gate and dam near Newburgh Road. A planned fish kill on the lake originally scheduled for this month was postponed until spring. The work is part of the lake's \$10 million restoration project to excavate PCB sediments and eradicate fish that may contain those PCBs.

ECT acted after speaking with an official with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources who suggested the chemical

responsible for killing the fish would break down easier in warm weather.

Rotenone will be used to kill the fish in the lake because many species are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from sediment at the bottom of the lake. Native fish will be restocked in the lake once the kill is completed.

The fish kill is part of the \$10 million project to restore New-

burgh Lake and a part of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Excavators also will remove PCB sediments from the lake's bottom. Currently, contractors are working on rebuilding a dam there.

Lindquist outlined the reasons why ECT recommended the delay in a letter to the DEQ:

■ Rotenone and potassium permanganate detoxification tests in cold water conducted by Aquatic Control indicate that at temperatures near or below 40 degrees, rotenone acts slow and, more importantly, detoxification with potassium permanganate is "less effective and less predictable." Results on those tests were received on Dec. 3.

■ Two "experts" in rotenone treatments in Michigan and Florida never had conducted or were aware of anyone conducting a rotenone treatment in an open, cold water system in those states.

■ Don Archer of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conducted cold water rotenone treatments in open systems, but he does not recommend attempting this in waters less than 40 degrees.

"His recommendation was that we not rush it," Lindquist said.

Archer also indicated that chemical applicants could increase the concentration of potassium permanganate to speed up the reaction to rotenone, but that "you very rapidly approach a concentration where the potassium permanganate is toxic to fish."

■ The cofferdam for Newburgh Lake will not be completed and operational for the fish eradication target date in December.

That means the lake level will not be lowered, which would reduce the surface area of water to be treated and concentrate the fish in that area. The dam will control the river's flow.

■ Because of this month's cofferdam construction, there will be ongoing activities that would have conflicted with the fish kill, if it were conducted this month.

Divtec Corp., the dam rehabilitation contractor, still has boat ferrying equipment and supplies in the eastern end of the lake, a

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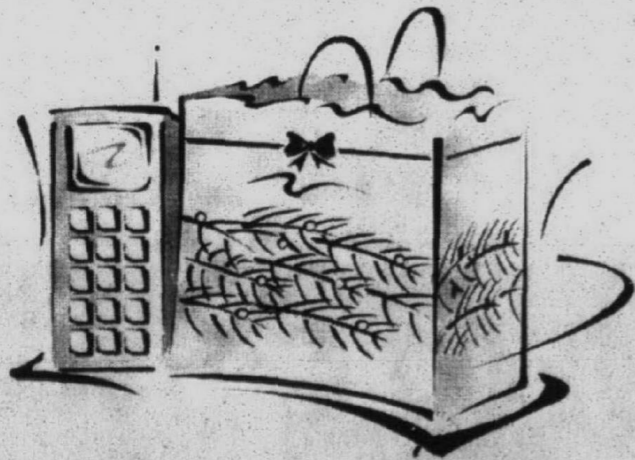
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Eye-to-eye: Rebekah Malover, 4, tells Santa her Christmas wishes at Twelve Mall, Southfield.

Santa never forgets a face... or a wish

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

When my editor asked me to "find out what kids are really asking for this Christmas," I decided to go right to the source. I began searching for Santa Claus, aware he'd be making his rounds at all of the malls around town.

It had been years since we talked. As I entered the Livonia Mall, I worried. What if Santa had forgotten who I was?

"Forget you Lin?" he looked disappointed. "I've known you since you were two."

He gave me permission to stand out-of-sight, listening to the little boys and girls about to visit. I promised to be as quiet as a mouse.

Most of the requests were for Buzz Lightyear, Doodle Bear, and Barbie.

"If I get asked for a puppy, I simply say I'm afraid an animal might jump out of my sleigh," said the sly old gent with a wink.

I breathed a sigh of relief. I was sure glad that new policy wasn't in effect last Christmas when he'd slid down the chimney with my Irish Wolfhound puppy.

As we continued talking, I was taken with the new workshop for his elves. Having written about art for many years, it was right up my alley. Two giant plush reindeer, designed by Studio Artefact in Quebec, pulled a giant sleigh while an elf painted a deer portrait and another carved away at an ice sculpture.

Cody Owens of Garden City was impressed with the workshop, too. After first telling Santa he wanted Buzz Lightyear and Slinky the Dog, the 2½-year-old pointed to one animated creature balancing a stack of presents and asked, "What's that?"

Santa roared with laughter. "One of my elves!" "Last year he would have nothing to do with Santa," confided mom Paula. "This year, we've already seen him three or four times. He keeps asking for trucks and trains and Hot Wheels."

Brian Young, 6, also wanted Buzz Lightyear in addition to Nintendo 64.

Katie Young, 2, longed for Winnie-the-Pooh slippers. Mother Cindy and grandmother Rhea Young brought the children all the way from Salem Township for the fun.

Ashley Kuhn, 7, of Livonia read off a carefully written list which included a 20-inch bike, Barbie Ice Skates, and Doodle Bear.

Later that afternoon, I followed Santa to Westland Shopping Center where the children were asking Santa for a lot of dalmations and Barbies. As an orchestra of giant polar bears played all around his chair, Gail Bird of Westland coaxed her 2½ year old granddaughter Jasmine Marks into telling the big guy she wanted a refrigerator to make Kool-Aid.

"This is the first year she really understands. So seeing Santa is really exciting," Bird said.

At the Somerset Collection in Troy, Katie Adams, 3, and Erik Adams, 15-months, were anxiously waiting for Santa's arrival. "I want a castle and a grocery cart, and Erik would like a train and a riding toy," big sis Katie told Santa.

"She's an old pro at this," said mother Nancy of Birmingham. "She was three-months old, her first time on Santa's knee."

Back at the Livonia Mall, Santa was wiring his sleigh for the big trip. Years ago, his memory was sharp as a tack. Now, a computer keeps track of the millions of Christmas Eve deliveries.

"I'm more than 100 years old now. Mrs. Claus prints out my list before I leave the North Pole," said the jolly old guy who was nothing more than a big elf himself.

I was heading for the door, exhausted from my day when he shouted, "you forgot to tell me what you wanted for Christmas."

I told Santa that puppy had been a bundle of trouble this past year but I forgave him because Shamrock and I had become the best of friends. I wanted nothing for myself. My only wish for boys and girls everywhere, was for all to have enough to eat, and a warm, secure place to sleep.

"And my only wish," Santa Claus whispered to me, "is for peace around the world."



Linda Ann Chomin

Toys that endure must entertain



If you're stumped for last-minute gift ideas for the kids on your list, think "interactive, creative and challenging" say the experts. Here are some suggestions for toys that will please.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

With just two days until Christmas, don't despair if you haven't got a Tickle Me Elmo under your tree - there are still plenty of wonderful toy options available in the marketplace.

Susan Apel, spokeswoman for The Learning Tree Stores (Summit Crossing in Waterford, Schoenherr & M59 in Sterling Heights, and West Oaks in Novi) suggests two winners - an easel that comes with a large roll of paper for \$63, or the I-Spy Memory Game, \$16.99.

"One side of the easel is a wipe-off board, the other a chalk board," she explained. "Our merchandise is of institutional quality so these gifts will be around for many years to come."

Kathy Kalmar, education coordinator for U of M-Dearborn's Child Development Center said the best children's gifts can be described as: "interactive, open-ended, challenging, creative and keyed to nature."

Kalmar said a good rule of thumb is "never buy anything battery-operated."

"Gifts that perform or entertain don't expect anything from a child and won't have much play value."

Ava Demonia, marketing director at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn used Kalmar's advice to come up with these gifts suggestions from mall stores:

Little House on the Prairie gift box sets from Waldenbooks, priced from \$22.50; Tasco's Big Screen Microscope from Natural Wonders, \$60 (comes with an instruction kit and experiment book); The Adventures of Pinocchio or Muppet Treasure Island video games from \$29.99 at Babbages offering discovery activities that require user output; downhill skis from Dunham's \$199-\$300, cross country sets start at \$100; Art Workshop kits from KayBee Toys, prices vary.

At FAO Schwarz in the Somerset Collection, Troy, shoppers will find

collectible toys for children to begin years of adding specially-designed playthings to a set. Perennial favorites include Madame Alexander dolls, Barbies, GI Joes, and Star Wars licensed products.

"We have reissues of toys from old FAO Schwarz catalogs going back over 70 years," said chairman John Eyler in a news release. "And as much as grown-ups enjoy collecting for themselves, there is a joy in getting children started on their own collections for the first time."

His picks: Antique Rose Barbie Doll, \$250; Statue of Liberty Barbie Doll, \$75; FAO Barbie, \$24.99; GI Joe Astronaut with book, \$100; Star Wars Figures, \$29 each; Johnny Lightening Wacky Winners "die-cast metal replicas of wild creations," \$79; Matchbox Collectibles, sets for \$25; FAO's Barrel of Beads, \$59, Famous city editions of Monopoly, \$28.

Target's Top 10 Toys:

- Wonder World, aquarium activity set
- Baby Go Bye, Bye from Kenner includes baby doll and carrier that converts to a bed, backpack and feeding seat
- Pet Doctor, Barbie: decked in white labcoat comes with stethoscope, medical kit, cat and dog patients
- Penguin Shuffle Game: Let them waddle and walk down a slide to land on a merry-go-round.
- Hot Wheels Five-Pack
- Star Wars Action Figures
- Amav Sport Tables: converts for ping pong, billiards, foosball and basketball
- Disney Touch and Crawl Babies
- Talk Boy Recorder: Record and distort voices.
- Tickle Me, Elmo



PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Scene stealer: Cinderella's Enchanted Castle, available at The Disney Stores and Toys 'R Us, is a popular holiday choice this year. The floor spins for dancing, doors open and close, and the stairway moves to reveal the missing glass slipper.



Holiday happiness: These treasures can be found at the stores of Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.



Nostalgic fun: "Vanessa," a 15-inch Carolle Doll, \$115, from the Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley, is poseable and dressed for play. The store is famous for its collection of "old-fashioned" playthings and toys for the outdoors. Among its best-selling items is the Muffy Vander-Bear line of costumed cuddlies.

Where can I find?

Thanks to the readers who have phoned in locations for hard to find items!

- Judy Urledge informs that she saw the gag gift featuring cans and straws built into a cap, at Gags 'N Gifts in Farmington and Livonia. "Sue" said she always sees the item in the Harriet Carter catalogs at her father's house.
- Karen Edwards reports a great source for typewriter or printer ribbons is the Quill Corporation in Lincolnshire, Ill., 1-800-789-8965.

We're still looking for:

- A dry bar, 3-feet wide by 15-inches deep with a cover that lifts up to replace one that is 20 years old. The caller said furniture stores only seem to carry wet bars.
- A grocery store that sells Magic Baking Powder made by Nabisco of Toronto. The caller doesn't want to travel to Canada to buy it.
- A store that sells Math To Go, Math Tutor by Texas Instruments.
- Almay hypo-allergenic all-over body splash.
- Someone who will alter old draperies to fit new windows.
- King-size flat sheets from Martex in the Trade Blanket pattern.
- Laundry bags that hang from the ceiling over the chute with zippers on the bottom to let out the dirty clothes.
- A Strollachair highchair tray; Inkor stainless steel cookware.
- An April 1945 edition of Ford Times magazine.
- Glass covers for Guardianware pots and pans.

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, please let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Call (810) 901-2567.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

Santa Photos

Last days for photos and visits with Santa Claus at area malls. Don't miss some of the more spectacular decor presentations at Twelve Oaks, Somerset Collection North, Livonia Mall, Lakeside, Fairlane, Northland Center and Oakland Mall. At Summit Place in Waterford, tour the 20-minute walk-through exhibit "Wind in the Willows" brought to you by Dayton Hudson Co. Free admission, through Dec. 31.

Benefit Promotion

Ongoing Share The Wealth program to benefit Salvation Army - with each sum of \$150 in receipts a blanket will be donated in the shopper's name. See Customer Service Desk. Westland Center. Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

Holiday happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive through Jan. 4 at the mall. Spend \$100 in any business and receive a

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

free cookbook through Dec. 24. Drop off non-perishable food items, clothing and toys for local YMCA at Information Booth through Dec. 24. Wonderland, Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia (313) 522-4100.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

Limited Hours
Malls and Main Street shops open until 5 p.m. today for last-minute shoppers.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25,

Merry Christmas!
Retail centers closed for the holiday.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Sales & Clearances

The rush is on for half-off mark downs on holiday and other seasonal merchandise at all department stores and shopping centers.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

Blues concert

Robert Jones plays blues guitar 8-10 p.m. in Borders Cafe. Complimentary. 14 Mile/Orchard Lake. Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

Kwanzaa Celebration

This is the third day of the African holiday. This day celebrates the principles of "Ujima," collective work and responsibility. Borders hosts a Kwanzaa program with storyteller Elaine Jordan at 3 p.m. From 4:30-6 p.m. Ya Tafari Makonnen performs music with Caribbean, Afro-Latin and Latin Jazz beats. 13 Mile/Southfield Beverly Hills. (810) 644-1515.

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Hill thrill: The Extreme Sled from Mad River Rock-et, brings the snowboard ski experience to the neighborhood hill. It's available at Toys R Us and other specialty shops. Suggested retail price: \$49.95.

'Circus' gifts available

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey are offering free stocking stuffers for children. The 3 Ring Gazette is a full-color quarterly newsletter packed with games, puzzles, jokes, feature stories on performers and interactive fun. A new brochure "How to Make a Clown Face" explains the basics of creating a professional-looking clown face from start to finish. Both are available by sending the child's name, age and mailing address to: Ringling Bros. Stocking Stuffers, P.O. Box 21309, Chattanooga, TN, 37424-0309. The holidays may also be a perfect time to take advantage of the circus' free ticket for new-

borns. Producer Kenneth Feld launched a program in 1994 to offer every baby born in the U.S. its first ticket to The Greatest Show on Earth absolutely free. To order the baby's free gift, simply send the child's name and date of birth along with the name and address of the parent of guardian to: Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey, Dept. RBBBST, P.O. Box 39845, Edina, MN 55439-9458. A frameable certificate will be sent to the child with a detachable portion which can be redeemed for one free admission to The Greatest Show on Earth at any time in any city.

January expo showcases bridal fashion

Bridal fashion takes center aisle as designers contend for honors in the 2nd annual Bridal Fashion Design Competition. The event, sponsored by Brjde &

Groom Publications, takes place Jan. 10-12 at the Novi Expo Center. All entrants will have runway time to show their gowns, veils and flower girl

resses. A black tie event to benefit First Step is 7-10 p.m. on Jan. 10. It includes dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling

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The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 1997.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first-place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings bond and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings bond.

Posters must be 15-inches by 20-inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization.

The artist's name, age, grade, home address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone

number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be attached to the back of the poster on a 3-by-5 index card.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 1. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386.

For further information, contact Gary Campbell at the National Weather Service at (810) 625-3309, ext. 726, or Lori White at the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies at (517) 482-1643.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and winter safety. The Committee includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Association of Insurance Companies, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, American Red Cross, Michigan Association of Broadcasters and WDIV-TV in Detroit.

Prof named to fine arts post

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Donald Morelock, director of the piano department and the applied music program at Schoolcraft College, has been appointed director of piano studies in North America and Europe by the International Fine Arts Institute. Under the sponsorship of the Russian Minister of Culture, Morelock represented the Institute during three recent trips to Russia.

Part of the visits involved intensive study programs at the Moscow Conservatory of Music or the St. Petersburg Conservatory for 20 of his piano students.

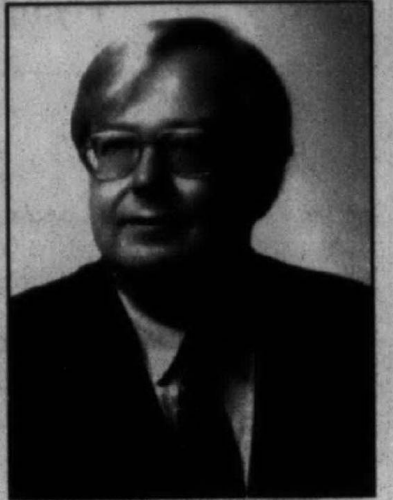
The International Fine Arts Institute specializes in arranging study and performance opportunities throughout the world, and has taken more American soloists and performance groups into Russia than any other organization.

In his new capacity, Morelock will plan and implement international study programs for students and teachers from around North America. In the summer

of 1997, Morelock will direct the piano study program at the St. Petersburg Conservatory for the second consecutive year.

Morelock directs the Ann Arbor Bach Association and has received three national awards for teaching excellence. Each year, several of his students are accepted at leading music school programs around the country.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.



Donald Morelock

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crane working over the spillway of the dam, and divers working in the water.

ECT recommended the delay after the cofferdam is completed, which is expected by Jan. 25.

Jim Ridgway, project manager of the Newburgh Lake restoration and vice president of Environmental Consulting & Technology, called the spring application a "conservative approach." The dam's construction and completion for operation will make the rotenone application easier, Ridgway said.

"If you can drain it down in depth, you use a lot less chemical," Ridgway said.

Wayne County asked the state to adjust the certificate to change the time frame of rotenone treatment between March 1997 and June 15 and delay the follow up report until September 1997.

The permit only allows the

chemical to be used 1,000 feet downstream from its application point. Ridgway expect the fish kill to occur in April or May, but Wayne County will need a second approval in the spring for the chemical application.

State officials could not be reached for comment.

The rotenone will be applied, which clogs the fish's gills, and in essence suffocates them.

Rotenone, a restricted use pesticide, is fatal to fish. It is not considered fatal to humans, but it can cause injury if inhaled or swallowed in substantial doses.

Direct contact can cause substantial but temporary eye injury and skin irritation. Acute exposure by inhalation may cause numbness, nausea and tremors.

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HOME SENSE



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Microwave not just for reheating food

At the end of a long, hard day, you come home tired and hungry and the last thing you want to do is spend time cooking over a hot stove. You want a hot, satisfying meal ... fast! What do you do? Microwave. The microwave is an asset to people with a hurried lifestyle, as it is convenient and time efficient.

Some microwaves are more powerful than others. The same brand of microwave popcorn may take three minutes in one microwave and four-and-one-half minutes in others. Check the recommended cooking times in your owner's manual, on the food packages and in microwave cookbooks to avoid overcooking, and always start with the shortest suggested time. You will become familiar with your microwave's power level the more you cook with it. Microwave cooking times vary because of the power, the amount of food, starting temperature of food, shape of the food and composition of the food.

Unlike conventional ovens, as you add food items to your microwave, you must increase cooking time. For example, a baked potato takes about seven minutes in a microwave and 60 minutes in a conventional oven.

If you are cooking 10 potatoes in a conventional oven, it will still take 60 minutes. If you cook 10 potatoes in a microwave, cooking may take up to 70 minutes.

The doughnut shape wins the award for the best shape for microwaves, no corners and no center. For one item, place in middle; two items, side by side with an inch between, three items, in a triangle; four items, in a square or always in a circle with nothing in the middle.

Take extra care when using microwave packages that heat and crisp foods such as pizza. These packages contain heat sensors that become very hot during the cooking time.

The microwave oven may cook foods unevenly, which can result in hot or cold spots. Some foods, such as sugar-filled pastries and meat pocket sandwiches, can be scalding hot on the inside and cold on the outside. Be sure to carefully break open these foods before biting into them. To prevent uneven cooking, stop the microwave and turn and/or stir the food halfway through the process.

Microwave advantages

- Most foods can be cooked in less than 50 to 75 percent of the time it would take to cook the same foods in a conventional oven.
- Foods cooked in a microwave retain more color, flavor and nutritional value than conventionally cooked foods because they are cooked with little or no water to leech out vitamins, and are cooked quickly.
- Microwave cooking may be more healthful because often it is not necessary to add fat and butter when sauteing meats or vegetables or scrambling eggs.
- Microwave ovens allow you to quickly reheat and defrost foods.
- Microwave cooking helps shorten clean-up time because food usually doesn't stick to the dishes.
- Using the microwave doesn't add heat to your house. Unlike the conventional oven, you can open the microwave to check progress without letting hot air escape into the house.

Microwave cautions

- No metal, no foil, no twist ties.
- Use only microwave-safe dishes, avoid using margarine tubs, whipped topping bowls and cottage cheese containers. High heat could cause chemicals to transfer into the food.
- Watch out for steam when removing a cover.
- Use potholders as a precaution, dishes and food are extremely hot.
- Stir foods and beverages after heating to avoid scalding, cold or hot spots can occur.
- Do not reuse trays or containers provided with microwave convenience products, they have been designed for one time use with that specific food only.
- Always allow resting or standing time after the cooking is completed.
- Never partially cook a food ahead of time to make microwaving faster later. Bacteria can grow in partially cooked foods.
- Do not use brown grocery bags, they contain recycled materials and metals and could start a fire.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food and nutrition questions, call (810) 858-0904.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- This year, Sandra Dalka-Pryby does not have to make a resolution to get fit and trim. Since 1994 she's lost 140 pounds.



AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

Holiday fare: Dress up a fully smoked ham with winter fruit chutney for a fuss-free, yet festive holiday meal.

HOLIDAY HAM

READY IN NO TIME AT ALL

More time — is the one size fits all gift that most of us would like to receive this holiday season. When family and friends gather, give yourself the gift of time by preparing a festive meal that's easy and quick to prepare. Holiday Baked Ham with Winter Fruit Chutney, a recipe prepared by Beatrice Ojakangas, master baker and author of "Beatrice Ojakangas' Great Holiday Baking Book," is sure to please. The flavorful chutney, which can be made ahead of time, accompanies fully cooked smoked ham glazed with a mixture of apricot preserves, butter and Dijon mustard.

"The holidays are for spending time with family and friends," Ojakangas says. "So eliminate last minute worries by doing whatever you can in

advance and utilize short-cuts and time-saving techniques. That's how the professional chefs do it.

And there are plenty of ways to save time on holiday meal preparation, according to the United Dairy Industry's Real Butter Team. Try to plan your menu so that most of the dishes can be partially prepared before your holiday extravaganza begins. Ann Cooper, executive chef at the Putney Inn in Vermont, suggests measuring, slicing and chopping ingredients at least a day before you settle in to do the serious cooking.

"The French have a phrase that describes this preparatory process," said Cooper. "They call it *mise en place*." In English this translates into "getting your ducks in a row."

For instance, check out Cooper's strategy for making Winter Fruit Chutney. On the day before the meal she measures all the ingredients, does

all of the chopping and places everything in plastic containers or recloseable plastic food bags. The apples and pears are the only ingredients that Cooper waits to slice to avoid browning.

"It's always a treat to cook when everything is already measured, sliced and at your fingertips," Cooper says.

"Spare time during the holidays is something to be treasured," said Don Atkinson, senior vice president at Franklin Quest, a company that specializes in counseling busy executives on the finer points of advance planning. "Using time-saving techniques, short-cuts and good planning are the most effective ways to free yourself from the suffocating constraints of time. A little planning goes a long way in being able to relax and enjoy the holidays."

According to the National Pork Producers Council, most hams today are labeled "fully

cooked" and are ready to eat. Ham can be served cold or heated to an internal temperature of 140° F. for serving hot. Follow the directions on the label, and heat in a moderate (325° F. to 350° F.) oven.

If you purchase a ham labeled "cook before eating," it should be roasted to an internal temperature of 160° F. — use a meat thermometer to judge doneness and plan on cooking an uncooked ham for 30 minutes per pound.

Your holiday ham should be refrigerated within two hours of serving. Tightly wrap and refrigerate leftovers, and enjoy for up to seven days. Ham does not retain its high quality for long in the freezer because changes in flavor and texture occur. If you must freeze leftover ham, wrap it tightly in plastic and foil and freeze for no longer than two months.

See recipes inside.

Make Santa's snack extra-special

In many families, after the stockings have been hung, it's time to fix Santa a snack. Cookies top the jolly man's list of favorite treats, so why not really wow him this Christmas Eve with an extra-special cookie that's been baked just for him?

Although we don't know exactly when the custom of leaving cookies for Santa began, we do know that similar customs have European origins. In fact, Dutch boys and girls still fill their wooden shoes with hay for St. Nicholas' horse, and Scandinavian children leave porridge for the Yule men, the Scandinavian equivalent of Santa's elves.

While giving Santa cookies and milk is uniquely American, it most likely evolved from these and other European traditions, perhaps as a gentle reminder about giving to others.

Kids love to bake, and creating a really special cookie to give to Santa can provide hours of family fun as well as a holiday

memory that can be passed on from one generation to the next. This year, the elves in the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens have come up with two oatmeal cookies your kids, or grandkids, will love to bake and nibble.

Standing a full ten inches high and chock-full of wholesome whole grain oats, a "Snowman Oatmeal Cookie" will keep Santa energized for the long night ahead. The classic oatmeal cookie dough is quick and easy to mix, and little hands can easily pat the dough into snowman shapes right on the cookie sheet. After cooling, the real fun begins as the kids use icing and candy to give the snowman a smile and then dress him warmly with a hat, scarf and mittens. There's even room to write Santa's name.

"Santa Sandwich Cookies" stacked on a plate and accompanied by nutmeg-sprinkled eggnog will please Santa, too. In between two buttery, tender-

crisp oatmeal cookies is a layer of creamy frosting. The dough uses on-hand ingredients and, since the quick and old-fashioned oats are interchangeable in baking, you can use whichever happens to be on the shelf. Save time on baking day by making the dough a day or two ahead and refrigerate it tightly wrapped. The filling is ready-to-spread vanilla frosting available in the baking aisle of the supermarket. Kids of all ages will have a great time rolling the edges of the frosting-filled cookies in colorful candy sprinkles.

The extra sandwich cookies and snowmen make delicious gifts for teachers, friends and grandparents. Wrap the snowmen in clear plastic wrap, tie with a red ribbon and attach a gift tag. The sandwich cookies pack easily in small cellophane gift bags available at party, stationery and discount stores.

See recipes inside.



THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY

Santa's snack: Surprise Santa with Snowman Oatmeal Cookies and Santa Sandwich Cookies.

Beef roast makes entertaining easy

It's the time of year when telephones ringing and doorbells chiming mean invitations and at-home entertaining. But with today's busy schedules leaving little time for elaborate preparations, we want our special dinners with family or friends to be 1-2-3 easy.

A beef ribeye roast is the perfect solution. Three easy steps make it simple to prepare:

■ Heat the oven to the proper temperature.

■ Place the roast in the oven, uncovered, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. No basting or cooking liquid is necessary — the natural juices of the roast will keep the beef moist and delicious.

■ Roast for the time specified to reach desired doneness. Let the roast stand on a carving board, loosely covered with aluminum foil, for 15 minutes. You're ready to carve and serve.

Roasted Ribeye and Root Vegetables can make entertaining just this easy. Season the roast and vegetables with a flavorful mixture of garlic, dried thyme and black pepper; cook the vegetables right along with the

roast during the last hour. A purchased gravy enhanced with fresh herbs makes a savory and simple sauce for the beef and vegetables.

Knowing when the beef roast is done doesn't take guesswork — just a thermometer. Determine the doneness you prefer and remove the roast from the oven when the thermometer registers 10 degrees F below the desired doneness.

For medium rare, the recommended endpoint temperature is 145 degrees F, so remove it from the oven when the thermometer registers 135 degrees F.

Remember to let the roast stand. During standing time, the temperature will rise to the desired doneness and meat juices will redistribute throughout the roast, making it easier to carve.

While the roast cooks, there'll be plenty of time to prepare the rest of the meal — perhaps an earthy mushroom soup with bread purchased from the bakery to start, a decadent chocolate cake to finish.

ROASTED RIBEYE & ROOT VEGETABLES

- 4 to 6-pound well-trimmed beef ribeye roast, small end
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds small new potatoes, halved
- 1 package (16 ounces) baby carrots
- 2 medium onions, cut into 1-inch thick wedges
- Seasoning:
- 4 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine seasoning ingredients; press half the mixture evenly into surface of beef roast. Add oil and salt to remaining mixture; reserve.

Place roast, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part, not resting in fat. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 350 degree F. oven

approximately 1 3/4 to 2 hours for medium rare; 2 to 2 1/2 hours for medium doneness.

Meanwhile in large bowl, combine potatoes, carrots, onions and reserved seasoning mixture; toss to coat. Arrange vegetables on a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan. During last 60 minutes of roasting beef, put vegetables in oven.

Remove roast to carving board when meat thermometer registers 135 degrees F. for medium rare, 150 degrees F. for medium.

Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees F. continue roasting vegetables 15 minutes or until tender and lightly browned, stirring once. While vegetables cook, temperature of roast will continue to rise 10 degrees to desired doneness. Carve roast into slices; serve with vegetables. Yield 6 to 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: (6.5 ounces cooked, trimmed beef and 1/6 of vegetables): 623 calories; 56g protein, 38g carbohydrate; 26g fat, 7.5mg iron, 556mg sodium, 147mg cholesterol.

Recipe and information from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

Simply delicious: At-home entertaining is easy on the host when the main course is Roasted Ribeye & Root Vegetables — three simple steps is all it takes for a perfect beef roast.

Surprise Santa Christmas Eve with extra-special snacks

See related story on Taste front.

SNOWMAN OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 1/2 cups oatmeal (quick or

old-fashioned, uncooked) icing in tubes
Candy sprinkles and small candies

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease two cookie sheets. Beat butter and sugars until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. In separate bowl, combine flour and baking soda; mix well. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Stir in oats; mix well.

Divide dough into 4 equal portions.

Using hands, pat each portion of dough into a 1/4-inch thick snowman on cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets; carefully remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Decorate as desired. Store tightly covered. Yield: 4 jumbo cookies

SANTA SANDWICH COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- One 16-ounce container ready-to-spread vanilla-flavored frosting
- Green or red food coloring (optional)
- Colored sugars and holiday sprinkles

Beat butter, sugar and vanilla until creamy. In separate bowl, combine flour, oats and salt; mix well. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a 2-inch diameter roll (approximately 5 inches long.) Wrap in plastic wrap; chill 3 hours or longer.

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Unwrap one roll of dough and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place slices about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining roll. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or

until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Tint frosting with food coloring, if desired. Spread frosting on bottom of one cooled cookie; top with second cookie. Roll edge of frosting in decorations. Repeat with remaining cookies. Store tightly covered. Yield: About 2 dozen cookies.

Recipes, and information for article, from The Quaker Oats Company test kitchens.

Last-minute suggestions for a very Merry Christmas

AP — Looking for last-minute inspiration for the holidays? Consult the list below.

■ **Christmas Candy Quesadillas:** For a delicious alternative to traditional holiday pie, place eight medium flour tortillas on a rack in a preheated 400-degree F oven (do not stack or overlap).

Bake each side for 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp. Remove from oven and cool. In a microwave oven on a microwave-safe plate, cook 16 ounces of mascarpone cheese on 100 percent power (high) for 15 seconds to 30 seconds or until soft. Gently fold in 1 1/2 cups chopped brownies. To assemble, spread cheese mixture evenly over flour tortillas; top with remaining tortillas. Brush top of quesadillas with creme de menthe. Sprinkle chopped peppermint candy evenly on top. Top with whipped topping; serve immediately.

■ **Food Presentations:** For a dessert tray that can double as a centerpiece, trim baskets with ribbon, ornaments, sleigh bells, cord or garland. Line with plastic wrap and netting. Fill with cookies, candy or another holiday treat. No time to cook? Deli salads in their containers can be slipped inside reproduction vintage tins and served.

■ **Christmas Creme Toddies:** Combine the following in a blender and blend until smooth: 1 cup cran-raspberry fruit juice; 10 ounces frozen raspberries in sugar syrup, thawed; 1 tablespoon lemon juice; 1 tablespoon hot-fudge topping; and 1 ounce brandy (optional). Strain mixture into a microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high (100 percent power) for 4 to 5 minutes or until very hot. Spoon vanilla ice cream into the bottom of two glasses. Pour hot raspberry mixture over ice cream. Top each glass with a twist of whipped topping, sprinkle with green decorating sugar and serve immediately.

■ **Table Linens:** Plain tablecloths, place mats, table runners and napkins can be easily decorated with holiday designs. Stitch fabric trims, appliques and tassels onto linens. Trace designs from stencils, adapt artwork from greeting cards or create original designs and then paint. Secure decorative jewels and nail heads to linens with fabric glue.

■ **Napkin Rings:** Create your own style of napkin rings by bending spiral or beaded wire, or even knotted rope. Or, try curving old silverware into a ring around a dowel or pipe by tapping it with a wooden hammer. Slide napkins through alu-

minum cookie cutters topped off with colorful ribbon or bend artificial berry clusters with flexible wire stems into arches that clasp onto napkins.

■ **Decorative Candles:** Embellish candles with decorative nail heads or spruce branches tied with ribbon. Accent small floating candles with gold glitter. Place them in a shallow bowl with glass stones. Spray latex fruit with metallic paint to

enhance your table, or use glass chimneys or terra cotta pots as candleholders.

■ **Bottles:** Embellish your holiday wine, champagne or even soda bottles with ribbons, dried naturals or decorative bottle stoppers. Present wine in a sleigh-shaped basket with garland and festive ribbon. Or decorate large wineglasses with ribbon and tissue paper and place a small bottle of wine in each

glass.

- **Unique Wrapping Papers:** Almost anything made of paper can be used to wrap gifts. Look for vintage magazines, foreign newspapers, posters, calendar pages, photocopied menus or personal photographs, poems or sheet music, empty paper flour bags, aluminum foil or advertisements from magazines.
- **Bows:** Make big, beautiful bows with craft paper, satin or

gold wire ribbon.

- **Edible Gift Tags:** Substitute the outer wrap from a flat candy bar with your own wrap and a personal message. Create cookies and shapes cut from chocolate, or sandwich frosted gingerbread cookies together, decorate and personalize.
- **Unique Containers:** Terra cotta and plastic pots and saucers can be uniquely decorated as gift containers. The con-

tainer becomes an additional gift.

- **Gift Bags:** Gift bags are a great alternative to wrapping paper. Add finishing touches to paper gift bags by attaching ornaments or small toys or cards to the handles of bags with curling ribbon, raffia or cording.

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Nuts add wonderful flavor

Nuts are a nutritional mixed bag. While they're a great source of protein and other essential nutrients, they are also a significant source of fat. Fortunately for nut-lovers who are also concerned about their fat intake, there are sensible ways to enjoy nuts without going overboard.

Nuts contain lots of vitamin E and fiber, as well as calcium, zinc, magnesium, potassium, iron and B vitamins. Yet, a handful of roasted peanuts also contains as many calories and fat as a piece of cake. Despite their name, roasted nuts are actually fried, sometimes using a highly saturated coconut oil. Although not cooked in oil, dry-roasted nuts are so high in fat to begin with, that they do not provide a significantly lower fat alternative to regular roasted nuts.

The trick to enjoying nuts' wonderful flavor and their health benefits is to eat them as part of a meal, instead of by themselves. A few chopped nuts make a tasty addition to fruit

salads, yogurt, pancakes, casseroles or pasta dishes. They're also a great substitute for croutons in a green salad or sprinkled lightly over rice pilaf for a smoky flavor and a satisfying crunch. Add a few toasted nuts, raisins and chopped apple to chicken or tuna salad for added texture and fresh flavor.

When used with restraint, nuts can even be a part of a delicious low-fat dessert. Try stuffing whole nuts into whole pitted dried apricots and roll in powdered sugar. Include a few chopped nuts in the batters of low-fat quick breads, fruit-based muffins and cakes. Chestnuts are the least costly nut in terms of fat and calories, and when flavored with vanilla, they make a rich-tasting, satisfying dessert.

If you can't resist snacking on nuts, try mixing them with dried fruits to dilute the fat and gain the nutritional benefits of fruit.

EASY DATE AND WALNUT SQUARES

1 egg

- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons melted soft margarine
- 1 1/4 cups finely chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Using an electric mixer, beat egg, egg whites and sugar in a bowl for about 5 minutes, or until the batter is a light, even color. Beat in margarine, dates and walnuts. Stir in the flour and baking powder and mix well.

Pour the batter into a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish and bake in a 350 degree F. oven for 35 minutes, or until it is set. Let the pan cool completely before cutting into squares.

Each of the 16 squares provides 134 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Nutty squares: Easy Date and Walnut Squares is a dessert or snack that uses moist, rich-tasting dates to give all the flavor of nuts without excess fat.

Festive holiday ham dinner made with little fuss

See related story on Taste front.

HOLIDAY BAKED HAM WITH WINTER FRUIT CHUTNEY

- 1 fully cooked smoked ham, half, about 6 to 7 pounds
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- 1/4 cup apricot preserves
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Heat oven to 325 degrees F. Remove skin from ham. Place ham, fat side up, in shallow roasting pan. Score fat in diamond pattern and stud with cloves. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Then, in small saucepan, combine apricot preserves, butter and mustard; heat until hot. Spoon glaze onto top of ham. Bake 30 minutes longer or until meat thermometer registers 140 degrees F. Slice ham to serve. Serve with Winter Fruit Chutney. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

WINTER FRUIT CHUTNEY

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped red onion

- 2 large Golden Delicious or Jonathan apples, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 large Bartlett pears, peeled, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 6 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 medium oranges, peeled, sectioned

In large saucepan, cook onion in butter over medium heat until tender, about 2 minutes. Add apples and pears. Cook, stirring constantly to slightly soften fruit, about 2 to 3 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients except oranges. Add to saucepan and stir. Cook over medium high heat until fruit is tender and mixture has thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add oranges and serve warm. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Note: Winter Fruit Chutney can be prepared 3 to 4 hours in advance, however, do not add oranges until just before serving. Reheat before serving. Yield: about 4 cups of chutney.

LEMON GINGER BUTTER GLAZED CARROTS AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1 pound carrots, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 12 ounces fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed, halved

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger or 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced parsley, if desired
- Salt and pepper to taste

In large saucepan of boiling, salted water, cook carrots and Brussels sprouts until tender 8 to 10 minutes. Drain well.

In same saucepan, melt butter. Add ginger and cook 2 minutes. Add lemon juice, rind, sugar and cooked vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with parsley. Makes 8 servings.

ORANGE GLAZED SWEET POTATOES WITH CRUNCHY NUT TOPPING

- 4 medium sweet potatoes (about 2 to 2 1/4 pounds), peeled, cut into 1/4-inch thick slices
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup or honey
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Crunchy Nut Topping

- 1/3 cup uncooked rolled oats
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cold, unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add sweet potatoes; return water to a boil. Cook until potatoes are almost tender but still keep their shape, about 5 minutes. Drain well. Arrange potatoes in overlapping pattern in but-

tered shallow 2-quart baking dish. In medium saucepan, combine butter, orange juice, brown sugar, maple syrup, grated orange and spices. Heat to boil, stirring until smooth. Reduce heat and cook over medium heat until slightly thickened, 5 minutes. Drizzle sauce over sweet potatoes.

For topping, combine all ingredients in small bowl. Work butter into mixture until crumbly. Sprinkle over top of potatoes. Bake uncovered until potatoes are tender and topping is crispy, about 30

minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Note: Orange Glazed Sweet Potatoes can be partially assembled 4 to 6 hours in advance. Cover and refrigerate potatoes and topping separately. Sprinkle on potatoes just before placing in oven. Allow 5-10 minutes longer for baking time.

Recipes from Beatrice Ojakangas, Master Baker/Cookbook Author, and the American Dairy Association.

Creamy potatoes 'No Gratin'

NO-FAT

AP — Potatoes No Gratin are as rich and creamy as the fat-loaded kind. The potatoes are made with fat-free Parmesan cheese, fat-free American cheese and skim milk. Each serving has 74 calories and no fat.

The recipe is from "The Gorgeless Gourmet's Cookbook: Practically fat-free recipes for super-busy people" by Ferris Robinson (Peach Publishing, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.). Robinson is editor of "The Gorgeless Gourmet" culinary newsletter.

POTATOES NO GRATIN

- 2 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 3 slices fat-free American cheese
- 2 tablespoons fat-free butter
- 1/4 cup fat-free Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup skim milk

In a 2-quart casserole, layer one-half of the potatoes, one-half of the onion and all of the American cheese.

Repeat layers, ending with onion. Sprinkle with butter, Parmesan cheese and seasonings. Pour milk over top, then cover tightly with lid or foil. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour or until done. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 74 cal., 285 mg sodium, 10 g carbs., 8 g pro., 0 g fat.

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'Preacher's Wife' full of holiday cheer

BY CHRIS GRYGIEL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The feel-good Christmas movie is a holiday staple, like egg nog and mistletoe. This year, Penny Marshall chimes in with 'The Preacher's Wife,' a familiar story about an angel sent to help a troubled family.

The film — a remake of the 1947 movie 'The Bishop's Wife,' starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven — is enjoyable enough as a holiday diversion, but won't resonate past the New Year.

As the film opens, preacher Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance) has a major case of the December blues. He feels he's stretched too thin trying to serve his congregation of mostly poor folks facing the urban ills of crime and dislocated families.

Help arrives in a more material way than Henry imagined. Dudley the angel (Denzel Washington) appears, and tells a disbelieving Henry that he is the answer to his prayers.

Dudley slowly works his way into the Biggs' life. He befriends their young son, upset because his best friend has left to be with a foster family in another town, helps Henry with his duties and counsels the preacher's beautiful wife.

Along the way, the Biggs rediscover the happiness they never really lost. Henry regains his passion for work and Julia falls in love all over again with her preacher husband (after a few innocent flirtatious moments with Dudley).

'The Preacher's Wife' isn't at all bad. It's just not very good. This remake of a nice, but uninspired film fails to transcend the original.

The story is timeworn (angel saves family during Christmas), the plot twists predictable. There's even the greedy businessman — amusingly played by Gregory Hines — who is overcome



Heartwarming: Whitney Houston (left) stars as the wife of Rev. Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance, center) and daughter of Marguerite Coleman (Jennifer Lewis, right). Justin Pierre Edmund (front, left) stars as Biggs' son Jeremiah, and Darvel Davis Jr. (right) is his best friend Hakim in 'The Preacher's Wife.'

with the Christmas spirit at the last moment and agrees not to demolish the preacher's church to make way for tennis courts. And the performances are credible, but not noteworthy.

Washington is amusing but slightly miscast as a sweet, bumbling angel. The actor who so forcefully dominates the screen in compelling dramas such as 'Glory' and 'Courage Under Fire' seems out of place in this light-hearted film.

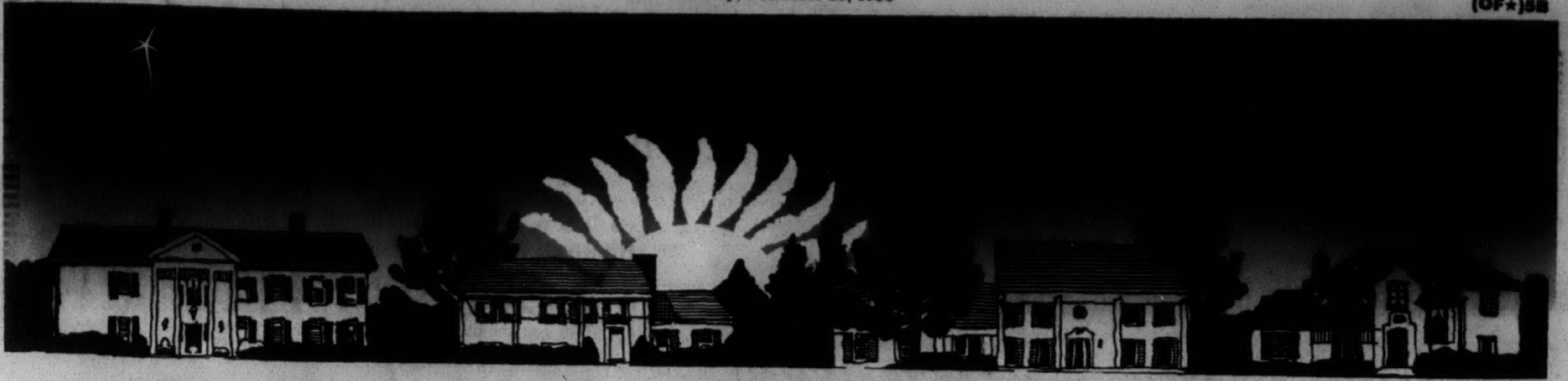
Houston was cast for her incredible voice. There's nothing wrong with that, but her character seems to be perpetually in a situation where she'll have the

opportunity to break (impressively) into song. She leads the church choir, joins a bar band for an impromptu love ballad and fills in as Mary during the Christmas pageant.

Vance, recently seen in 'Dangerous Minds,' turns in a nice performance as the troubled preacher. Marshall does a workman-like job directing the competent cast, but 'The Preacher's Wife' lacks the spark that separated such earlier hits as 'Big' and 'A League of Their Own' from more standard fare.

The screenplay by Nat Mauldin and Allan Scott has some funny moments.

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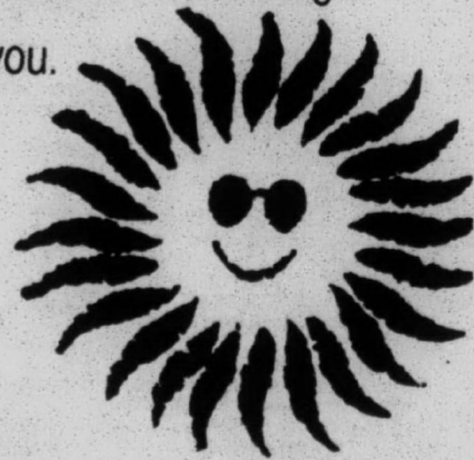
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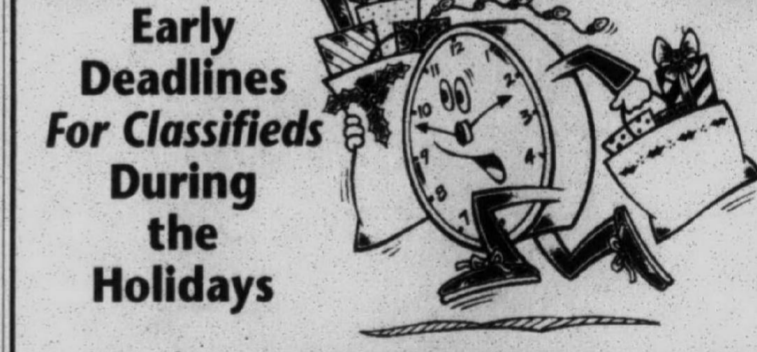
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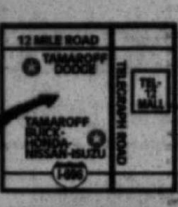


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Varsity members of the Plymouth Salem Girls Tennis Team have earned an All-Academic Team Tennis Award from the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

To receive such an award, students on the team must maintain an overall team average of 3.5.

Team members receiving the award were: Vicki Anderson, Kathy Clawson, Janel Davis, Kelly Kubeck, Yuka Kurisu, Sarah Mateer, Amanda Miller, Sonal Shah, Suzanne Theodore and Danielle Winkler.

Cross country added

The decision has been made. Starting next fall, Madonna University will field both men's and women's intercollegiate cross country teams.

The addition is part of an agreement Madonna reached with current members of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, of which Madonna will become a member next fall. The Fighting Crusaders needed to offer two more sports in the league; cross country were the teams chosen.

Coaches for the teams are now being interviewed. Anyone interested should call Madonna at (313) 432-5608.

College superlatives

•Jeff Clark continues to excel athletically as a member of the Southern Illinois University men's swim team.

A junior at SIU and a Plymouth Canton graduate, Clark won two individual events with conference-record performances at the Missouri Valley Conference Swim Championships Dec. 6-8 in Carbondale, Ill.

Clark was first in both the 50-yard freestyle in 20.23 and the 100-yard free in 44.89. Each were conference records and personal bests.

Clark also swam on the Salukis' winning 200 free, 200 medley, 400 medley and 400 free relays. His six firsts earned him all-MVC honors, as his SIU team won the championship for the third-straight year.

Last summer, Clark trained with the Fort Lauderdale Swim Team.

•Ryan Burt, a senior at the University of Michigan from Plymouth (Dearborn Divine Child HS), was named to the academic all-Big Ten team for his performance both athletically and academically.

Burt, who runs cross country for U-M, carries better than a 3.0 grade-point average. His major is resource ecology and management.

To qualify for academic all-Big Ten honors, a student-athlete must be a letterwinner, must be in his/her second academic year of school, and must carry an overall grade point of 3.0 or better.

Vardar III selected

The Vardar III '80 soccer team was one of the elite few to compete in the Lanzera College Coaches Competition Elite U-17 Tournament, which coincided with the NCAA Division I soccer championships Dec. 13-15 in Richmond, Va.

Only 20 teams were chosen nationwide to compete in the prestigious tournament.

Coached by Matt Paukovits, Vardar III includes Casey Cook, from Plymouth, and Steve Roy, from Livonia and Livonia Stevenson, the Class A state champion.

Sunday Health Club

Schoolcraft College will host its Sunday Health Club beginning Jan. 5, for 13 weeks through April 6. The Club is unstructured and open to families; members may use two gymnasiums, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The Club is open from 1-5 p.m. every Sunday (except March 30) between Jan. 5 and April 6.

Cost is \$4 per person, per visit. Memberships are \$28 per person or \$65 for a family pass.

For further information, call (313) 462-4413. Schoolcraft is located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile.

Parks and Rec offerings

•The Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with Skatin' Station II in Canton, is sponsoring a series of roller skating programs for all ages.

Classes for beginner adults and children will be offered. There will also be a class in inline/rollerblade skating, and a hockey league for ages 7-and-under, 8-10 and 11-14.

Cost is \$40 for the classes, which includes skate rentals, and \$95 for hockey, which will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays from Jan. 12 to March 23.

There are no residency requirements. For further information, call (313) 397-5110.

•Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering a men's winter racquetball league for 15 weeks starting Jan. 8, at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes all league court time, awards and a T-shirt. Court times will be 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Play will be divided into divisions based on ability.

There are no residency requirements. For further information, call (313) 397-5110.

Canton wins Relays again

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

A repeat, eh?

Certainly there was a time during Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays meet, hosted by Plymouth Salem, that matching what happened last season was most distasteful for the Rocks.

Of course it wasn't for Plymouth Canton. The Chiefs once again took full advantage of a Salem mistake to collect their second-straight WLAA Relays championship.

Canton finished with 237 points, well ahead of Salem's second-place total of 219. North Farmington was third (197), followed by Northville (178), Farmington (172), Westland John Glenn (139), Livonia Stevenson (127), Farmington Harrison (120), Livonia Churchill (100), Livonia Franklin (88) and Walled Lake (81).

The Rocks, winners of the last three WLAA League Championships, figured to be the favorite to win the Relays title. As Salem coach Chuck Olson pointed out, the Relays winner often ends the season with another title — as champion at the league finals.

But just like last year, the Rocks made a mistake. They were disqualified for a bad finish in the 200-yard backstroke relay; Canton's Justin Allen, Dan LeClair, Mike Rourke and Aaron Reeder won the event in 1:52.90.

It was the same event the Rocks were disqualified in last year, when the Chiefs surprised the field in winning the Relays title.

"We'll take it," said Canton coach Kyle Lott of the repeat. "I know we're a lot better team than we were last year. There's no comparison."

Canton had one other first-place finish: in the 200 breaststroke relay, with Alex Rottgers, Ryan Dahlman, Matt Heiss and Scott Mincher (2:02.98).

Salem did win three events. The Rocks' Kyle Petroskey, Nick Corden, Brent Mellis and Mark Dettling were first in the 400 freestyle



Win some, lose some: Canton's Alex Rottgers (left) keyed Canton's win in the breaststroke relay, and Tim Buchanan (below) was on two winning relays for Salem. But the Rocks still finished second to the Chiefs — for the second-straight year.

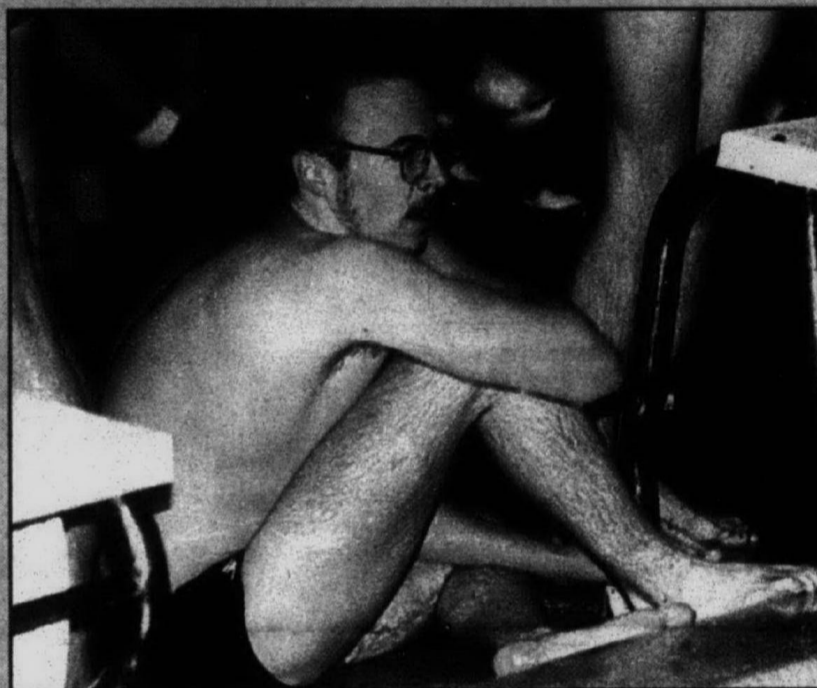
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relay (3:24.65); Dettling, Petroskey, Corden and Tim Buchanan won the 200 butterfly relay, setting a new meet record of 1:42.24 (old record: 1:44.25 by Northville in '92); and Dan Kelly, Dan Jones, Buchanan and Mellis were best in the 500 free crescendo relay (4:35.84).

John Glenn also had two winners, and it was the same foursome in both. Bill Cummings, James McPartlin, Ryan Zoumbasis and Paul Merandi teamed for firsts in the 400 individual medley relay (4:00.99) and the 200 free relay (1:34.05).

Other event victories went to Stevenson's Mark Sgriccia, Mike Malik, Steve Domin and Keith Falk in the 400 medley relay (3:57.33); to Farmington's Jeff Thomas and John Lowrey in the one-meter diving relay (401.45 combined-point total); and to Harrison's Josh Duffy, Rob Trombley,

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Braves ambush Canton; Salem steams

Ypsilanti laid a nice trap and Plymouth Canton fell neatly into it.

Canton's boys basketball team went on the road Thursday night and got tripped up by Ypsilanti, 66-52, in a non-conference game.

"We weren't ready to play," Chiefs' coach Dan Young said. "That's about as good as I can say it."

"We weren't ready mentally. We didn't play hard. On the other hand, they were ready to play. They out-rebounded us 26-16. They got every loose ball."

Could have been a case of Canton reading or hearing about Plymouth Salem's victory over Ypsilanti a couple of days earlier.

But the Chiefs don't have a patent on that kind of thinking. It percolates all the way up to the pros, even businesses.

On the other hand, Ypsilanti has a new coach. And something to prove, especially after getting done in by Salem.

"They were good, they were quick," Young said. "Give them credit. We turned the ball over way too much."

"And yet we were still in the game. We were down six in the fourth quarter."

"But we tried to shoot quicker, then we fouled. And they were 18-of-24 from the free throw line."

"They were ready. They wanted us. Give them all the credit. They were the better team."

Ypsilanti ran out to a 16-9 lead by the time the first quarter was finished.

BASKETBALL

"We threw the ball right to the other team. We were not even into it," Young said.

The Braves expanded their margin to 36-23 at the half and then had to guard against complacency themselves.

The Chiefs came out in the second half and put a 13-7 period up with some tighter defense and more attention to detail offensively.

"We were better defensively, we got back in the game," Young said. "Then they got out on us. They got a couple of back-door, alley-oop dunks and that got their crowd back into it."

"We tried to play catchup, and we're not that style."

A 23-16 final quarter put the game away for Ypsilanti, now 2-1 while Canton dropped to 2-2.

Andre Brooks paced Ypsilanti with 16 points and Terence Maxey contributed 12. Canton got 12 apiece from Matt Ammons and Rob Johnson.

"We have to be ready to go to beat people," Young said. "We have to regroup now, see if we can get better over Christmas break."

The Chiefs will work out 3-4 days a week during the two-week break while getting ready for their Jan. 3 Western Lakes Activities Association opener against Farmington.



Three is enough: Nikki Johnson had three successful seasons at SC, one of them ending with an NJCAA trip.

SC loses women's soccer coach

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

There is one thing that must be understood about Nikki Johnson, the Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach for the past three seasons.

She'd rather play than say.

In other words, Johnson — a standout as a player at Livonia Churchill, Schoolcraft and Siena Heights — liked coaching. But in trying to compare it to playing . . .

"No, not at all," was her answer.

"I coached for three years, and I enjoyed it," she said. "But it's time to move on. I'll still play the game, but I probably won't coach anymore."

There was never any doubting Johnson's ability as a player, at any level, and she exhibited the same potential as a coach. Going up against the best teams in the

NJCAA, she compiled a three-year record of 27-23-4, including a trip to the NJCAA Tournament in 1995.

Which is what Johnson, who made consecutive trips to the NJCAA Tournament as a player with SC, calls her coaching highlight.

"Just making it to nationals last year, then losing to Monroe after being ahead of them by a goal with two minutes left," she said, recalling both the good and the bad in her three-year tenure.

Johnson was Nick O'Shea's assistant, but when O'Shea took the women's coaching position at Oakland University, Johnson stepped in for him at SC.

Her SC team was 11-7-2 her first season, then went 10-8 last year before recording a 6-8-2 mark this past season.

She sees no relief in regards to SC's troubles. "It's really, really

tough to recruit girls to Schoolcraft," she said. "It's really frustrating."

"And now, with Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, University of Michigan, Michigan State, Toledo, Oakland and University of Detroit, all having teams, it's just going to get that much tougher."

"If someone could solve that problem — recruiting — it would be great."

Johnson won't be the one to attempt it, however. "There's something I've got to do," she explained. "I like pursue a full-time career in another field."

"(Coaching) is just not what I want to do for the rest of my life."

According to SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, the coaching position has not yet been officially posted. However, several people have expressed an interest in the job.

Experience tackles energy of youth in charity tourney

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

It will be known as the "Match of the Ages." The second annual Senior/Youth challenge is slated to take place Feb. 1 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Last year, everybody who became involved thought it would be a good idea to see how well the youth leagues would perform against the "gray hairs" of the Wednesday Senior Classic. This tournament ran March 9, and it was a total success.

It was also a vehicle to raise funds for local charities. This year's event is planned to be bigger and better than before. The reason? It's a pioneering effort which will be used as a template to guide others in different locales who would like to do the same in their area.

The kids seem to think they can repeat last year's win over the "Grumpy Old Men" from the senior league. It could be a contest between raw energy and many years of experience.

Nevertheless, it should be a lot of fun, and the donations will go to the Evergreen Children's Services, an agency dedicated to helping abused children.

For more details, call Mayflower Lanes at (313) 937-8420.

Strange things can happen in bowling, and for Wil Suokas, it was just another typical day last Wednesday in the Senior Classic League at Mayflower.

Just when you think you are rolling pretty good, up pops a 7-10 split. For Wil, it was just a simple matter of taking out the

10 pin, he hit it squarely and somehow it came bouncing out of the pit and took out the 7 pin.

Wil has the pro shop at Drakehire Lanes in Farmington Hills, so if you want to hear it first hand, stop in and pay him a visit. Wil also instructs, so if you want to know how to make this shot, he is surely the one to see.

What are you doing New Year's Eve? How about some good clean fun and games?

Check with your local bowling center, since most of them are running New Years Eve Bowling parties, complete with all the trimmings and some "no-tap" bowling competition.

There are usually some nice cash prizes to be won and always a great chance to celebrate the New Year with good friends and good cheer. Do not wait until the last minute — the lanes usually fill up and they have to turn away the late entrants.

Bowlers in our area were saddened to learn of the sudden death of our local Association President, Donald LaMothe. He died of injuries from a car accident.

In addition to his tenure as president of the G.D.B.A. Don also served as Vice President on the Old Timers Tournament Committee. A resident of Warren, Don had served the association since 1983 and had been active on several committees over the years.

Services will be at the St. Martin DePorres Church Monday at 10:30 a.m. Visitation was at the Peters Funeral Home Saturday and Sunday from 1-9 p.m. LaMothe had served the bowling community well. He will be missed by his family, friends and fellow bowlers.

CC shuts out Cranbrook

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team is having a sensational start this winter. In fact, through its first six games, the Shamrocks are perfect. CC passed a solid test to maintain that perfection last week at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's Wallace Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks, expected to be a Class A state title contender, dominated the host Cranes, a perennial Class B power, in every phase of the game en route to a 6-0 victory. CC utilized its size, speed, strength and toughness against a team not used to being controlled in such an easy manner.

CC showed the most consistency in skating to its second shutout of the season. The Shamrocks consistently maintained puck control and were on the offensive most of the game. They scored three goals against each of the two Cranbrook

goalies used.

The two first-period goals were registered by defenseman Scott Curtin, one of CC's top scorers so far this young season, and forward Ian Devlin on a power play. The only second-period goal was registered by forward Jason Tardif.

CC iced the game with three third-period goals, including two by senior forward Eric Bratcher and one by Curtin. Junior forward Brad Karabelski added a pair of assists.

Cranbrook Kingswood didn't have many great scoring chances. However, one tremendous opportunity came late in the first period when CC's Mike Davis was assessed a match penalty, giving the Cranes a five-minute power play. Junior forward Del de Windt had the best shot on that power play, but CC goalie Rick Marnon made a huge stop from point-blank range.

Bowling Honor Roll

Country Lanes (Farmington): Country Janes — Katie Szonye, 232/580; Terri Letwinski, 222/552; Kelly Gariepy, 211; Lis Hansen, 205; Terry Layman, 204.

Country Keglers — Joe Mainardi, 278/793; Ron Krahn, 268/686; Walt Ulrich, 268/746; Ken Richardson, 259/749; Dennis Harris, 257/658.

Western Women — Nancy Lis, 191-176-171/538.

Sunday Goodtimers — Mike Kalt, 220-204/616; Dan Topper, 216; Mike Lanning, 215; Tony Akuto, 209; Sy Rabotnick, 208.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington): Nardin Park Seniors — Hub Brent, 258/663; Ralph Totton, 225/519.

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington): Our Lady of Sorrows — Bill Skibinski, 253; Larry LaFond, 246/625; John Hodgacker, 233; Tom Jones, 225; Dan Gutowski, 226; Jeff Sandler, 222.

Michigan Bell Men's — Dan Winkel/687; Bob Worges, 241-219/670; Jeff Funk, 244-210/645; Steve Eirschele, 237/621; J. Trubak, 235; Gary Abeska, 224.

Salad Bowlers — Betty Koehler, 213; Vicki Deyo, 209.

Novi Bowl (Novi): Westside Lutheran — Lynn Lewis, 257/726.

Senior House — Matt Radecke, 265/744; Rick Spencer, 267/688; Bill Mueller, 256/729; Joe Staknis III, 258/693; Roy Biggs, 248/711; Brent Kennedy, 246/679.

Junior House — Ken Ezra, 248/698; Gery Gross, 246/709; Brent Kennedy, 277/732.

Men's Lutheran — Kevin Feeley, 259/691; Terry Yaramak, 244/677.

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield): Lathrup Ladies — Mary Mulhern, 222.

St. Michaels Ladies — Madeline Blair, 213/539.

Nite Train Express Mixed — Steve Williams, 300/689.

Plum Hollow Youth (Majors) — Sheree Hill, 233/549; Conway Givens, 257/627; Andre Lillard, 244/556; Larry Mathies, 234/608; Kendra Hopson, 204.

Wayne Bowl (Wayne): Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic — Jason Thomas (age 16), 300/710; C.J. Blevins, 193-266-248/707; Steve Bates, 237-235-248/697; John Paronish, 234-194-233/661; Mike Pasieczny, 234-194-233/661; Jim Wilson, 203-233-225/660.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford): Wednesday Senior Men's Classic — Mel Albitre, 259/663; Walt Schlicker, 222-244/651; Mike Adorjan, 222-258/671; Dick Thompson, 213-232-211/656; Art Kuznier, 231/653; Paul Temple, 242/632; Hank Haberek, 244/614; Ron Lancaster, 231/644.

Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Linus Classic — Ron Latimer, 237-257-238/732; Frank Chranowski, 215-246-245/706; Ron Machnick, 233-225-244/702; Mike Bazner, 279-217/675; Dave Clark, 211-214-244/669; Marv Gadda, 226-202-234/662.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Ladies Nite Out — Gayle Strange, 257/637.

Bators — Bob Loucks, 246/685; Doug O'Connor, 245/672; Phil Anderlie, 681; Dan Deputla, 259/665.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Wonderland Classic — Ed Malinowski, 278-278/784; Mitch Jabczynski, 279/773; Pat Agius, 279/771; Jerry Heilstedt, 300; Chris Klaczinski, 300; Ken Elenich, 300.

Nite Owls — Ron Wilde, 266/704; Greg Ciponear, 243/696; Dan Lamontagne, 651; Mike Reed, 232/649; Ray Card, 223/633.

Aldersgate Mixed — Dave Oberstaedt, 279/743 (highest series in league since 1958).

Westside Senior Men's — Bob Pershing, 279/700; Garry Cole, 256/696; Bob Gervasi, 257/696; Milt Schroeder, 265/685; Art Bell, 679.

Storm All-Star Classic — Russ Shaffer, 300; Mitch Jabczynski, 289/813.

Merri Bowl Lanes (Livonia): Delphi Tuesday Men's — Steve Kucka, 247-269-201/717; Joe Biedron, 235-219/647; Tom Davis, 233-247/664.

Senior House — Rich Iannetta, 300-203-191/694; Greg Nagle, 218-299-216/733.

Last Weekenders — Ryan Wilson, 259-290-267/816; Brian O'Rourke, 801.

Cloverlans (Livonia): St. Aidan's Men's — Bob Racey, 204-214-226/644; Tony Kaluzny, 206-210/609; Vince Bastine, 217-214/601; Ernie Wagner, 215; Conrad Sobania, 210; Pete Cassani, 207.

All-Star Bowlerettes — Kathy Siemiesz, 237-202-244/683; Joanne Pencola, 232-277/680; Zoe Anne Maisano, 259-232/672; JoAnn Carter, 232-225/668; Deb Genord, 258-235/664; Anne-Marie Kubasiak, 256/664; Diane St. Louis, 252/662; Peggy Smitley, 264/662.

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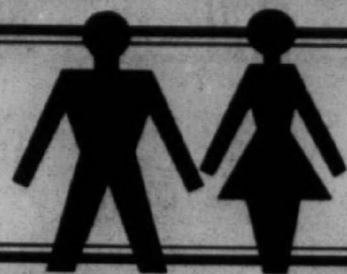
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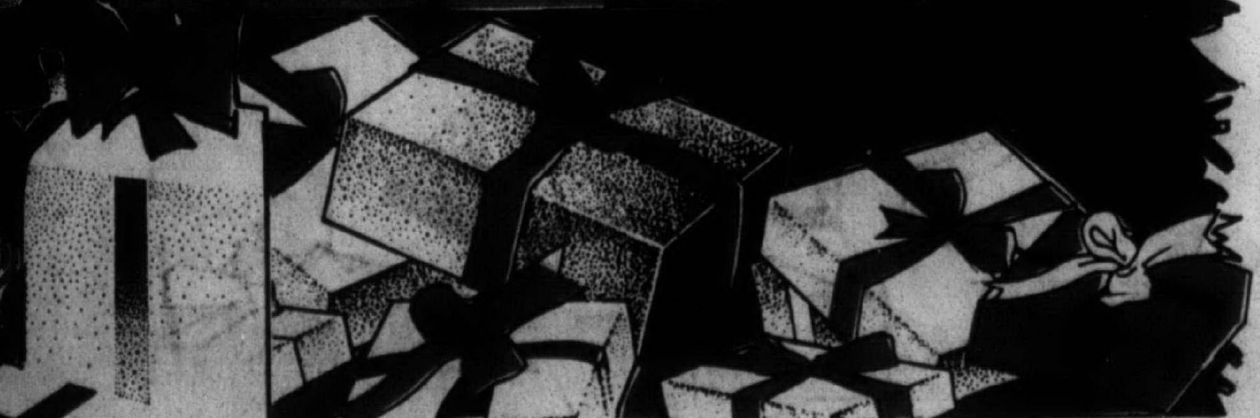
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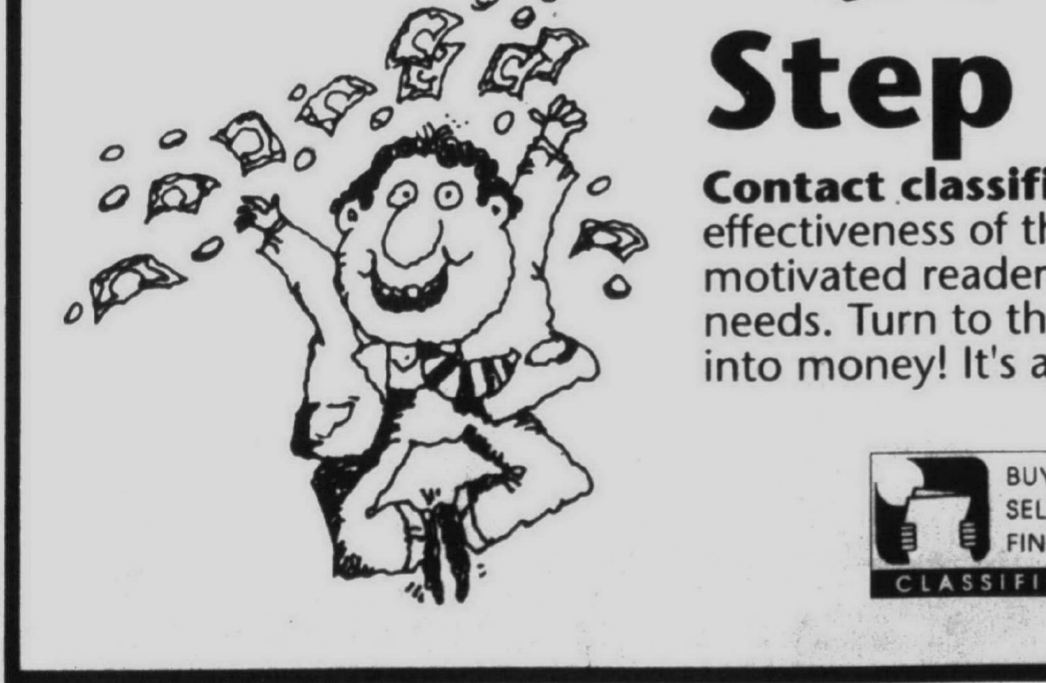
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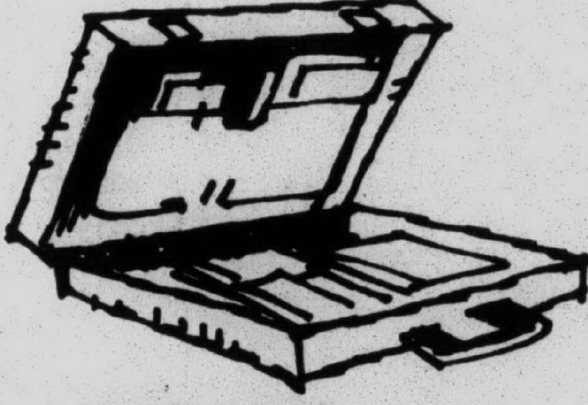
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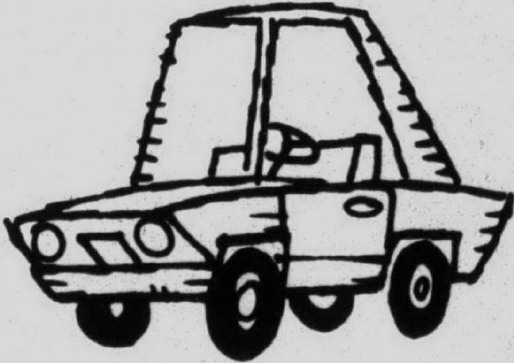
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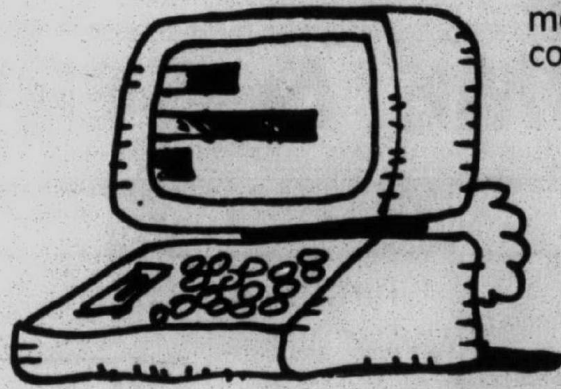
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Tahoe changes for the better

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It looks best in black. It's most comfortable in leather seating.

Best of all, it's big. And if you think the 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe hasn't changed since last year's model, you're dead wrong.

For example, the 11-blade engine cooling fan now is made of composite, rather than steel. Little thing, but it reduces noise.

There's also a refined 4-speed automatic transmission that gives you smoother shifts and is more efficient. And a revised clutch plate design reduces slippage and is more efficient. Even the power steering system has been improved to reduce driver effort.

It still looks great on the outside as well. Two new paint colors have been added (a metallic blue and metallic beige). Styling is rugged and tough-looking all around. Don't be surprised if you see your local trooper driving one this summer — the Tahoe will soon be available in a police package.

Actually, it's a perfect vehicle for that application. It's high,



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it's fast, it's big, it's capable of off-road action and it's easy to maneuver. And for a vehicle of this size, you really wouldn't expect that to be true.

There are even some changes on the inside. There's now a standard outboard front-passenger air bag, the center console has a pivoting writing surface on top. And there's cassette storage, a removable coin holder and two cupholders for rear-seat passengers, and a cargo-area power door lock/unlock

switch right on the instrument panel.

Sure, the Tahoe is big. And it's hard to get into without running boards. But it has a surprisingly tight turning ratio. On a normal subdivision street you can nearly turn around curb to curb. I only used about a foot into the neighbor's driveway when I tried it. I know some large sedans that can't do that.

The Tahoe is available in a number of configurations, which means you can buy high- and low-priced model. Tested was the 4-door 4-wheel-drive leather-seated lots-of-options model. That's why it cost so much (more than \$34,000).

If you like choices, this wonderful truck is for you. You can choose from 2-door, 4-door, 2-wheel-drive or 4x4 models.

The standard engine is a Vortec 5700 SFI V8 engine that provides 255 horsepower mated to a 4-speed automatic trans-

mission. More than adequate for a truck — excuse me, sport ute — of this size. Optional is a 180-horse 6.5-liter turbo diesel V8 engine.

The 2-door Tahoe is available in standard, LS and LT models, while the 4-door Tahoe comes in LS and LT models. The 4-door 4x4 LT, of course, costs the most.

The standard equipment list is longer than Santa Claus' shopping list: Illuminated entry, rear heat ducts, two 12-volt outlets (for the car phone and radar detector or laptop or whatever), dual air bags, dual cupholders up front, map pockets, rear 60/40 split-folding seats, intermittent variable wipers, dual mirrors and AM/FM stereo with seek-scan and digital clock.

Instrumentation is cool, easy to use and has backlight switches. All the information you'll ever need is there: coolant temperature, oil pressure, fuel gauge,

voltmeter, speedometer, trip odometer, odometer and tachometer.

The Tahoe 4x4 LT I drove has more stuff on it, but it's well worth it. Like leather seating, leather-wrapped steering wheel, high back bucket seats, power door locks and windows, keyless entry, power driver's seat, AM/FM cassette/CD stereo, tow hooks, air conditioning, rear window defogger, rear window wiper/washer and car mats.

Safety is no stranger, either. Count on anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, side impact beams and daytime running lamps to keep you safe and cozy. And you can tow between 5,000 and 7,000 lbs., depending on the model you choose.

I loved the ride, the comfort, the ease of handling, and how safe I felt in the Tahoe. I didn't like the mileage — 14 mpg in the city, 17 on the highway.

My neighbor, Joe (a General Motors employee), just ordered his Tahoe and expects delivery in February. He trotted over to take another look and drive it a bit. I asked him what he liked about the Tahoe.

"When you hold the steering wheel, you feel like there's something substantial there. I'm really impressed with the new steering system," Joe said. "The comfort and room up front was great and I think the high-back bucket seats are wonderful. I don't like the mileage, though. But it's just great."

You know what? Joe's right. The Tahoe's just great.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. This is the last week to cast your online vote for car and truck of

the year and to identify your favorite car in our reader poll. Make your voice heard by writing AVANTI1054@aol.com.

1997 Chevrolet Tahoe
Vehicle class: Full-size sport utility.
Engine: Vortec 5700 SFI V8.
Mileage: 14 city / 17 highway.
Where built: Janesville, Wisc.
Price as tested: \$34,495.

Clarification
Last week's review of the 1997 Suzuki Sidekick Sport should have said Geo offers the Tracker sport utility vehicle as a four-door hard-top. The Tracker is the sister vehicle to the Sidekick.

(Naps) — Your new car or truck may soon be sporting a new exotic metal alloy called ACuZinc.

The new patented, high-strength, recyclable material is finding its way into a number of popular (GM) cars.

This aluminum-copper-zinc alloy can be used on gears, levers, steering column parts and door hardware, according to its developers, M. David Hanna and M.S. Rashid, metallurgists at General Motors Corp's NAO Research and Development Center in Warren, Michigan.

The material offers a number of advantages including recyclability, quicker production times and manufacturability, which result in a lower production cost. Up to 40 net-shape parts a minute can be created by taking advantage of the material's relatively low melting temperature and fluidity, according to its inventors. Its melting temperature is 800 degrees F, compared to aluminum which melts at about 1,250°. The material also requires less energy to produce, is stronger, and has better wear resistance than existing zinc alloys.

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