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Love & Marriage

The Observer would like to feature you in the Feb. 14 special wedding and anniversary section.

We're planning to run testimonials on happy marriages from couples that have been married 25 years or more. Submissions, including a wedding photo and a recent photo, must be mailed by Wednesday, Jan. 20, to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photographs.

We're also planning a story on bridesmaids and groomsmen and would like to hear from people who have been one or the other at least five times.

Please contact Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtenaw by Friday, Jan. 22. Call him at (734) 953-2054, or send e-mail to rechtenaw@oe.homecomm.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Performers wanted: Auditions are being held for ages 5 and up 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, in the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, for the spring musical of the Whistle Stop Players' "The Fabulous Fable Factory." For more information, contact Jennifer Tobin at (734) 416-4278.

TUESDAY

Township meeting: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the administrative offices at 32450 Ann Arbor Road, just east of Lilley.

School meeting: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center.

WEDNESDAY

City planning: The city of Plymouth Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. at city hall, 201 S. Main.

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Expect water rate hikes in city

City residents can expect an increase in their water and sewer rates due to a \$900,000 deficit. The city can no longer absorb costs from Detroit, according to officials. Rates have been the same for the past 10 years.

By TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth's water and sewer fund is \$900,000 in the hole, and it appears water and sewer rate increases are in store for city residents.

"It's at a critical point," said Mark Christiansen, city finance director, "I

recognized in 1996 the need for water and sewer rate increases and discussed it with my boss (City Manager Steve Walters), but there were delays in getting the rate study completed and presented to the city commission."

While costs to the city for water and sewer have gone up, rates charged by the city to its residents have virtually

remained unchanged during the past 10 years.

Another significant factor in the huge shortfall in the fund are major sewer reconstruction projects which have cost the city \$3.5 million from the budget. The Garling Park subdivision water main replacements cost the bulk of nearly \$1.5 million in capital expenses in 1996. And, in 1998, the Ann Arbor Road and Main Street sewer projects cost the city another \$1.5 million.

"I have no idea why the sewer costs weren't funded at the same time the

Water rates expected to go up in Plymouth

- Average 3-person household uses 27,000 gallons of water.
- Current rate \$3.71 per 1,000 gallons the yearly cost is \$412
- Proposed \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons the yearly cost would be \$712
- Proposed \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons the yearly cost would be \$928

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Chiseling away: J.R. Lorentz works on the head dress of "Chief White Cloud" in preparation of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which kicks off Wednesday. Professional and amateur team competitions will be held throughout the weekend in The Gathering and Kellogg Park. Winners will be announced Sunday and Monday.

Snow is 'icing on the cake' for event

By TONY BRUSCATO
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"This is just the kind of weather we were hoping for. We got lucky, and now all we have to do is take advantage of it."

Mike Watts, organizer of the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular, couldn't be more pleased with the snow that's blanketed southeast Michigan.

SPECTACULAR

"It always helps to have cold weather, and to have the snow with it is icing on the cake," he said.

Some of the 400,000 pounds of ice have already been delivered from Ohio for carving, with the real action at Kellogg Park to be visible beginning Monday.

"This is an all-new show because we don't have any of the same carvings as previous years," said Watts. "This is one of the largest winter family events in North America. Sometimes the people of Plymouth don't realize how big this event really is."

Ice Spectacular board member Kate Rosevear can attest to the event's popularity.

"I was on a cruise ship in Norway and talking with other passengers, telling them I was from Plymouth," said Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel. "And several of them said 'Oh, yes, that's where the ice festival is.' I've had that same type of experience in this country

Please see ICE, A4

Employees lash out at city leaders

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A meeting which was scheduled to give Plymouth city employees a chance to tell commissioners what they would like to see in a new city manager quickly turned into employees airing grievances in the way the city is being run.

Approximately 15 employees met with Commissioners Stella Greene, Colleen Pobur and Joe Koch Wednesday afternoon.

"We told them the commissioners better get their house in order because the place is falling apart," said one person who attended the meeting, who didn't want to be identified. "Employees are being pitted against each other. The rumors are flying. It got ugly."

"Commissioners have access to employees and are giving them direction, instead of going through the administration," said another city employee. "The commissioners are supposed to set policy and let the administration implement it."

Several people named Commissioner Dave McDonald as one who consistently "micro-manages" at City Hall.

"Nobody wants to talk to him," an employee told the Observer.

McDonald said he goes to City Hall

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Fire manpower is burning issue

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Plymouth Township is currently considering the hiring of three new full-time firefighters to bolster its staff.

According to fire Chief Larry Groth, the department is in dire need of the additional manpower, currently running at or just above the minimum required to cover both Plymouth communities.

"I have been reviewing the records of our department over the past year and find it is clearly apparent that additional personnel must be hired to effectively operate at all levels," he stated in a Dec. 27 report presented to Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The township is currently working with the city of Plymouth on details of who will pay what in splitting up the cost of the three new positions. A list of possible candidates is also being developed.

"That's just an eligibility list," said McCarthy. "We have approved three positions in our budget and we are talking with the city about whether or not they see the need for it as we do. But we're not anywhere near the hiring stage yet."

There has also been talk of the fire department upgrading its EMT service to Advanced Life Support, but both McCarthy and Groth emphasized that the plans for additional manpower has nothing to do with moving in that direction.

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Salaries top the township's agenda

Proposed 1999 pay raises for township officials*

Elected:	Current salary:	Proposed salary:	Percent change:
Supervisor (Kathleen Keen McCarthy)	\$69,000	\$74,520	8%
Clerk (Marilyn Massingill)	\$53,200	\$57,456	8%
Treasurer (Ron Edwards)	\$53,200	\$57,456	8%
Trustees (Ron Griffith, Bruce Culmi, R.C. Mueller, Kay Arnold)	\$5,200	\$5,616	8%
*Last pay increase for elected officials was in 1997.			
Department heads:	Current salary:	Proposed salary:	Percent change:
Building Officials (Charles McElhargy)	\$56,330	\$61,963	10%
DPS director (Jim Anulowicz)	\$68,571	\$72,000	5%
Finance Director (Rosemary Harvey)	\$65,487	\$68,761	5%
Fire Chief (Larry Groth)	\$70,117	\$73,623	5%
Police Chief (Lawrence Carey)	\$66,000	\$69,300	5%

*All other non-union township employees will receive a 5 percent pay increase under this proposed plan. It is scheduled to be voted on at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

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The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees discussed pay raises for itself and non-union township employees at Tuesday's study session. The board plans to vote on the issue at this week's board meeting.

At the study session, trustees were leaning toward giving all non-union employees of the township a 5-percent raise. That breaks down to a 1.7-percent consumer price index adjustment to all job pay ranges and a 2.3-percent raise.

The seven board members each would receive an 8-percent pay increase under the proposal. They were the only township employees not to receive any kind of raise or bonus last year and have voted themselves a pay raise just once (in 1997) since 1993.

Please see SALARIES, A2

Bus routes were in bad shape

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Mother Nature played havoc with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this past week.

Winter break was extended a couple of days, as classes were canceled Monday and Tuesday because roads were impassable for both motorists and buses throughout the district.

Wednesday morning, when classes finally resumed, buses were more than a half-hour late getting to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to drop off students at the two high schools.

"There was a tremendous increase in traffic around the high schools, plus the roads weren't plowed completely," said LuAnn Grech, director of transportation. "The delays getting to the high schools caused us to be late for the middle school and elementary school routes."

Several bus drivers faced the same problems as motorists,

including getting stuck in the snow.

"Some drivers were able to work the buses free, but for some we had to send maintenance people out to get them going again," added Grech. "Fortunately we didn't have any accidents and no one was injured."

Because of the icy condition of the roads and the threat of more snow Wednesday, classes at the high school were cut by an hour to allow drivers to get to the middle schools and elementary buildings somewhat on time.

Grech said mechanics were called in last Sunday, a day after the blizzard struck, to get

a jump on the week as winter break came to an end.

"We did everything we could in advance, knowing classes were scheduled to start the next day," she said. "The mechanics started all the buses to make sure they would be ready, and we plowed the bus lot to make sure the buses could get out."

However, after surveying various areas in a four-wheel drive vehicle, Superintendent Chuck Little canceled classes Monday and Tuesday.

"I was in a four-wheel drive vehicle and it was difficult," said Little. "Our buses might be able to make it, but we have a lot of people who drive to

school and it would be dangerous."

Grech says some travel problems existed Thursday and Friday, however not as many as the previous day.

District Director of Community Relations Judy Evola reminds parents they can find out if classes have been canceled by calling any school and following directions on the automated attendant.

"We usually make the decision to cancel classes by 5 a.m.," said Evola. "My first call is made to the automated system so that parents can call any school and get the latest information."

Evola said with the two days off because of the winter storm, the district has one snow day left before it has to add days at the end of the school year to make up for lost time. She adds, the state can authorize additional snow days if the weather is particularly bad throughout the winter.

Soccer registration begins

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The recreation department is in the Plymouth Cultural Cen-

ter, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for children, ages 6-8, is \$40 for city residents and \$60 for non-residents. For children 9 and older, the fee is \$45 for city residents and \$75 for non-residents. For more information, call 455-6620.

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Department heads did not receive any pay increase last year but were given a 2.3-percent lump-sum payment at year's end.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy did not recommend a pay increase for elected officials.

"The first four years we were here, we didn't take a pay increase, and we all agreed to that," said Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "In '97, we got a raise, and we didn't take one last year."

The board is also planning for a 10-percent raise for the township's chief building official, Charlie McElhargey, because he is the only department head whose salary lags behind that of most comparable communities with similar positions.

"I would have gone for a little more for Charlie, but the board wanted to go with 10," said Mas-

sengill. "Overall, though, I think the amount we're going with is fair."

The township used a split list of cities (Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Novi, Roseville, and Madison Heights) and townships (Ypsilanti, Redford, Canton, and Waterford) as comparable communities to compute salary ranges.

"We compare ourselves to other communities, but no two communities are exactly alike," added Massengill. "It's hard to say what jobs are comparable and how."

Trustee Kay Arnold agreed, stating in the study session, "you never know if you're comparing apples with apples."

"What makes a city a city and a township a township?" asked trustee Ron Griffith at the session. "What are the differences between the communities?"

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

TAU BETA PI
Ryan Schrieber, son of Tom and Karen Schrieber of Plymouth, has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi. Tau Beta Pi is a national engi-

neering honor society representing the highest honor an engineering student can achieve. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character. Schrieber has also been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. He is a second-year student at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, majoring in mechanical engineering, and a 1997 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

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Commission designs conduct code to stop political infighting

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS

- Not to belittle fellow commissioners in public
- Not to use the newspapers as weapons
- Make decisions that are good for the city, not political gain
- Disagree, but don't be personal
- Work with other governmental entities
- Listen and respect other viewpoints
- Set policy and let the administration carry out with oversight
- Devote time and energy necessary to be prepared and do a thorough job
- Be responsive to needs of the city and be responsive
- Stop infighting
- Treat others as you expect to be treated
- Don't plot against each other
- Vote your conscience and constituency
- Be one-seventh of the team
- Be innovative and open to solutions to commission problems
- Give a little
- Leave your vote at the podium
- Communicate with each other and citizens
- Set a good example with the whole community
- Think Plymouth when doing Plymouth business

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE MAYOR

- Set personal goals for the term, communicate the goals and follow-up
- Be the communicator between the administration and the commission
- Positive relationships with all commissioners
- Develop and review common goals of the commission and work towards those priorities
- Lead by example
- Follow the Code of Conduct for commission
- Represent the city at community functions
- Communicate with all commissioners, don't operate on an "I've got four votes" platform
- Have a fuller understanding of the issues
- Make decisions
- Be an ambassador between the commissioners and city employees
- Inform all commission members on city issues

The Plymouth City Commission, while meeting with a conflict resolution expert, has come up with a Code of Conduct to help members stop the infighting that has plagued them since September.

Commissioners met with Mary Ann Hastings, a consultant, in a Jan. 2 session to air differences and come up with a plan to move forward with city business without some of the biting comments against each other.

The open session was held after commissioners decided not to hold a secluded session because it would have violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Before the meeting began, Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury gave Acting City Manager Paul Sincock a check for \$200, which he said "is what I think is my share for the session. I would ask the rest of you to do the same because it's my opinion this isn't public business."

At a previous meeting, all commissioners except Mayor Don Dismuke and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch said they would reimburse the city for expenses. Hastings did not have an exact cost figure for her time, which included two public sessions and telephone interviews with each commissioner.

The commissioners also came up with expectations for the mayor.

At the end, all agreed it was a good session and the Rules of Conduct gave them something to strive for in commission relations.

"We share in the destiny of the city, and I've gotten a new appreciation for my colleagues," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur.

"We've gotten so far off in personalities," said Commissioner Stella Greene. "To take a look at our commonalities instead of our differences has been refreshing."

"I'm glad we were able to discuss this in public, and has given us ways to behave without slashing throats," added Shrewsbury.

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only to check his mail, and has only done so a couple of times in the past month.

"I have never, while an elected official, directed an employee to do anything," said McDonald.

"There's a feeling people are out to get other people," said another employee, who wanted to be unidentified. "No one is pointing fingers, but everyone knows who they're talking about. Some are worried if they'll still be around."

"Change is a big uncertainty, but it can be good," said Koch. "A fear of the unknown is what scares them."

"I think the commissioners will take a more hands-on

approach because of the lack of a city manager," added Koch. "We're looking at what's best for the city, and that includes its employees."

"The employees were surprisingly open to expressing their concerns," said Greene. "We're at a real crossroads right now."

Pobur said, "There were a lot of good comments and ideas concerning the search for a new city manager. That was the most productive part of the meeting."

Another meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday.

"If it ends up like this one, most will probably walk out," said an employee who attended the last session.

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GAITS
Your gait is the manner in which you walk. When you have arthritis or weakness of your hip, knee, ankle or foot, your gait changes. Because your gait is so informative, your doctor will almost always want to watch you walk when you see him initially for leg pain that could come from arthritis.

An antalgic gait is characteristic of arthritis. In this way of walking, you take the shortest possible time on the leg with the most painful knee, ankle or foot. A rotated gait, in which you keep the involved leg extended and foot to the outside, is the feature of hip disease. Walking not heel to toe, but on the side of your foot reflects ankle pain.

You may have pain in your legs due to other conditions. Sciatic nerve damage or stroke can cause a foot drop which shows as a dragging gait. If you have Parkinson's disease, you may walk with both small shuffling steps and loss of normal arm and body movements. If you have a neurologic problem involving decreased feeling in your feet, you will walk with short, slow steps, reflecting that your body makes each movement with a sense of uncertainty. If you suffered a stroke, you may walk in a circumduction manner in which you swing your leg out and around. This gait is the result of an imbalance from weakness between extensor and flexor muscles.

The point is, that at times, watching a gait is as useful to a physician as an x-ray or a laboratory test.

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First year on job was smooth run for top cop

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For Plymouth Township police Chief Larry Carey, the past year has been both trying and rewarding.

On Jan. 5, Carey celebrated the completion of his first year on the job after leaving his post as police chief for the city of Troy.

"It's been a very happy experience and everyone has made me feel at home," he said of making the move.

Yet, as in any job change, Carey needed some time to get used to his new surroundings.

"After the first week or so, I felt more comfortable," he said. "The first week, I didn't know where the paper and pencils were and it was difficult to find my way around the department."

"After that, the employees here and the township board (of trustees) and the citizens have been really good as far as supporting the department and some of the things we've been trying to accomplish."

He had to get used to more than just where to find the pencils, though, and recalled the first ticket he wrote in Plymouth.

"It was for driving around a railroad crossing," he said, laughing. "It was the first one I ever wrote. They didn't have any railroad crossings where I came from. I thought 'How do you write one of these?'"

"I saw them do it and I knew it was wrong but I needed to know what the citation was. There's all those little breaking the ice type of things."

On the upswing

Carey feels that things have improved over the last year and has seen the successful implementation of several programs.

"The department is running really well and the officers are very highly trained and performing well," he said. "Some of the procedures, although in place, have not been formalized. We've been updating the orders and operating procedures. That's been one of the main thrusts along with the reorganization of the department."

Rather than trying to perform a complete overhaul of the current system, Carey has attempted to do more with the staff he inherited at the beginning of last year.

"Some of the things we want to accomplish and we can't do

■ The new Selective Enforcement Problem Solving Project (aimed at high accident locations in the community) was implemented and resulted in a 15 percent decrease in crashes and a 120 percent increase in citations.

because of staffing, we've done two things," he said. "First, we went after more federal grants and state grants to get more manpower and second, by trying to do more with what we have by reorganizing (the current staff)."

In the last year, Plymouth Township has started several new programs and made alterations to others.

A new Neighborhood Watch program that allows police officers and citizens to work more closely was developed in recent months and officers were divided into four teams that are responsible for separate regions of the community.

Even a new "Community Service Philosophy General Order" was written that emphasizes police working more closely with the people of Plymouth Township.

The new Selective Enforcement Problem Solving Project

(aimed at high accident locations in the community) was implemented and resulted in a 15 percent decrease in crashes and a 120 percent increase in citations.

The department also won the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan's "1998 Special Project in the Field of Crime Prevention Award."

"I think it's important to recognize the department when they do something positive," said Carey. "And to let the community know about it well so you have that relationship."

Veteran policeman

Carey, who grew up in Highland Park and went to Wayne State University, spent 28 years with the Troy Police Department before making the switch to Plymouth Township last year. He spent the final 14 years of that stint as the department's chief.

"I don't want anybody to think that I took this job to retire to a

place in Plymouth," he said. "At the time I left there (Troy), the department was pretty much running on its own. I didn't have to do anything ... I had it made."

He recently relayed a story that exhibits his new department's efficiency.

A friend spoke with him recently and commended him on doing a nice job setting up the Project Blue Light ceremony on Dec. 14.

"Actually, I didn't have anything to do with that," he said. "That was all done by the guys."

Then his friend commented on how nicely he helped set up the funeral ceremony for fallen Detroit police Officer Shawn Bandy on Dec. 12.

"Again ... the guys," he said.

The friend commented for a third time on how nice it is to have a police Honor Guard in the township and asked if that was his idea.

"Nope. That was put together by the officers, too," he said.

Finally the friend asked Carey, "So, just exactly, what is it you do over there?"

"I just let the guys do their job" was his response.



Chief Lawrence Carey

Walters is a top candidate for city of Howell position

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Former Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters is one of five top candidates to be interviewed for the same position in Howell.

Walters was one of approximately 40 people who submitted applications for the job. The field was narrowed to five by the Howell city council last Monday.

Walters was scheduled to have an hourlong interview Saturday, as were the other

four candidates. The council also scheduled a study session to try to select a candidate immediately following the interviews.

Walters, whose final salary was \$75,924, is currently being paid through the end of this month by Plymouth, as part of a negotiated settlement approved by a 4-3 vote of commissioners. He'll receive a lump sum settlement of \$54,000 on Feb. 5.

If Walters gets the Howell post, he'll replace Michael Herman, who also lost his job on a

4-3 vote Oct. 5. Herman left his position, which was paying \$67,689, the first week of November.

Oddly enough, Herman is a top candidate for the Plymouth city manager's position. He'll be interviewed, along with seven other candidates, on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Howell city manager's position is currently being held on an interim basis by D. Wayne O'Neal, who will also be interviewed by Plymouth commissioners next week.

Schools honor Nikolits, Vogt

Angie Nikolits and Lisa Vogt, volunteers from Bird Elementary School, received the Volunteer in Public Schools Extra Miler Award at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting, Dec. 15.

Nikolits and Vogt were commended for the many hours of service they have given to the students at Bird.

They were cited for consistently giving of themselves and time to the students, staff and programs. Both Nikolits and Vogt have been room mothers, room

helpers and have also chaired the very successful Market Day Fund-raiser Program at Bird Elementary.

Through their leadership at Bird Elementary, Nikolits and Vogt have helped to raise over \$15,000 in three years for the school's computer lab.

Staff members at Bird boast that their faces are as familiar to the Bird school community as any staff member's because of their hours of dedication. They are exceptionally deserving and definitely qualified for their award, staff said.

Martha Koehler, a fourth-grade teacher at Bird, states, "Not only are Angie and Lisa involved totally in Bird activities, but they also work for the district in many areas. They are 100 percent dedicated to the Plymouth-Canton Community School District."

Nikolits and Vogt received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by Board Member Judy Mardigian.

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has some concerns one way or the other.

"It's not a dead issue and I think that it is something that we're interested in investigating but, just because everyone else is doing it, doesn't mean it's a good idea for our community."

Canton is currently training its firefighters for ALS. As paramedics, firefighters would be able to administer drugs and offer other life savings techniques that EMTs are not licensed to do.

McCarthy added that there is plenty of discussion left to take place in regards to going to ALS but that hiring additional firefighters is more of a priority in the near future.

"I am cautious about saying that we should or we shouldn't (go to ALS)," she said. "I don't have enough information to make that determination. To me, the most critical issue is coverage of the community at all

times.

"There are significant, upfront training costs (with ALS). There are ongoing training costs. There are personnel issues. But in addition, the question is: If you have two or three runs at the same time and you have all of your rescues driving to the hospital doing transport, who's covering your community? You have to keep coverage in the community while you're gone doing transport."

Currently, the township contracts with Huron Valley Ambulance to provide ALS service, which includes hospital transport.

According to Groth's report, the contract between the city and the township stipulates that a minimum of six combined firefighters must be on duty at all times between the three fire stations.

"Our fire stations are currently staffed with (two) personnel each

at station No. 2 and No. 3, and on a full-shift day there are (3) personnel at station No. 1," the report said. "This staffing level practically guarantees the need for a two-station response to any structural fire."

According to the Groth, the department's current staff of 21 firefighters works in shifts of seven, one above the six-man minimum stipulated in the agreement.

"When a sick day or vacation day is taken, we are automatically down to the minimum requirement of six per day," continues the report. "This is a frequent occurrence because our staffing level is low."

Anytime the number of on-duty firefighters drops below six, another firefighter is called in with overtime pay.

Groth's report also points out that the department had more than 200 days last year with the minimum six firefighters on duty

as the township doled out \$133,439 in overtime pay in 1998, not counting the month of December.

There were 189 days in 1997 and 170 days in 1996 when the department was staffed with the minimum six firefighters.

The total number of inspections performed by the department has also increased from 1,780 in 1995 to 3,338 in 1998 (not counting December's figures).

Groth said he plans to hire a total of six full-time firefighters, including the three this year, within the next couple of years.

The issue was discussed at a joint-session meeting between the city and township on Jan. 6 and will be discussed by city officials at an upcoming commission meeting.

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street projects were," added Christiansen.

The city has been funding the shortages through other parts of the budget. City commissioners were made aware of the problem at Monday's meeting during a presentation by Christiansen and auditors Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple of Port Huron.

Additional projects

Christiansen said any type of water and sewer rate increases to residents will need to address an annual shortfall of approximately \$300,000 in collections to cover the city's costs, plus another \$700,000 for the next several years to fund additional sewer projects.

"Operating costs are about \$2 million a year, and our revenue is close to \$1.7 million," said Christiansen.

In a memo to commissioners, Christiansen notes that from 1989 through 1993, annual water charges from the City of Detroit increased only 4.5 percent, and sewer charges from Wayne County increased 2.6 percent.

However, in the next five years, 1994-98, water charges have increased 17.4 percent and sewer charges were up 78.1 percent.

During the last five years, while costs were at their greatest increases, the rates charged to Plymouth consumers remained steady.

Christiansen also warns commissioners that in six years the city will begin the third phase of its street improvement project, which will also have to include sewer repairs and replacements.

"We need to have money in the bank so we don't have the same problem," he said.

Bond considered

Commissioners have asked Acting City Manager Paul Sincock and Christiansen to

come up with a recommendation on how much to raise rates. At Monday's meeting, they nixed the idea of using a bond to pay for the shortfall. Instead, they directed the city administration to look at short-term increases that would bring the fund back into balance in a year or two, and to determine what the rate should be to keep the fund solvent in the future.

According to figures by Christiansen, a household of three, according to industry standards, uses 27,000 gallons of water. The annual bill for city residents at current rates of \$3.71 per thousand gallons would total \$412. Increasing the rate to \$6.50 per thousand gallons would result in a yearly bill of \$712. And, an increase to \$8.50 per thousand gallons would result in a yearly bill of \$928.

Many of the commissioners were baffled as to why the issue hadn't been brought before them earlier.

"I don't like the idea of going with a bond issue," said Commissioner Joe Koch. "I like the idea of pay as you go. Let the rates be what they will be."

"We have to put in a reactive rate increase," added Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "This is a big deal and threatening to get bigger."

While the commissioners don't like floating bonds to pay the deficit, Christiansen says there may be short-term bonds available that will solve the problem without costing the city. Then the increases to resident wouldn't be as extreme.

"I have a concern about enacting a big rate increase to solve the problem," he added.

Commissioners are expected to get a recommendation from the administration at the Jan. 19 city commission meeting.

Ice from page A1

and abroad several times. The Ice Spectacular has certainly put us on the map."

Come one, come all

This is the 17th year of the event, and Watts is hoping for a crowd similar to last year's reported number of 750,000 people. And if the weather holds up, crowds are expected to be good during the Jan. 13-18 event.

"We can't control the temperature," said Watts. "Even if it's cold but sunny, that can hurt us. The sunlight beats on the air bubbles in the ice, the air expands and fractures the ice. Cloudy and 40 degrees is better than 32 and sunny."

Of course, when the temperatures get warm and the ice sculptures start melting, that too, can mean big publicity for Plymouth. "Sometimes we get more publicity when the ice melts than when it doesn't, because people make fun of us," added Watts. "And that's what many people remember."

Watts calls the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular "a

giant publicity stunt," with the main purpose to bring business into downtown Plymouth during a normally slow season.

"Plymouth doesn't have a major thoroughfare, so we have to make it a destination," said Watts. "Once people come here, they love the shops and the restaurants, and it becomes a destination."

Watts said the last five years have been the most successful in the history of the event, and he credits the community, board of directors and the city's Municipal Services Department.

"Part of our experience in planning for the large crowd comes from watching other major events, namely Michigan football on a Saturday afternoon," revealed Paul Sincock, acting city manager. "We take bits and pieces from what we see in their plan, and combine it with what we've learned over the years. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to be able to view the event."

Sincock said the event will cost

more than \$20,000 in city services. The city commission has authorized the administration to donate \$16,400 of the cost, with the rest to be paid by the festival.

Look at that

As always, there will be the museum-like display of carvings in The Gathering, with additional displays in Kellogg Park and in front of many businesses throughout the downtown area.

"When people come downtown, they will see ice carving going on from 9 a.m. to midnight, whether it be the professionals, students, or those just doing it for the fun of it," said Watts. "Some of the major carvers will be using over a hundred blocks of ice (which weigh 325 pounds each), working two or three days, and sometimes from sun-up to sundown."

Some of the street sculptures, many which have already been made and put in cold storage, will be put in front of businesses beginning Wednesday.

Watts said he would also like to get Plymouth involved with

ice carving events at the Olympics, which are being held in Salt Lake City in the year 2002.

"We think we're the granddaddy of ice carving events in North America, and feel we should have representation there," said Watts.

The past two Olympics have seen ice carving as an exhibition sport. And, with years of experience in Plymouth, the city has a lot to offer.

"It would make sense to make Plymouth a training ground for the upcoming Olympics," said Watts. "We could have competitions, which would prepare the carvers for the Olympics."

Watts said nothing has been decided, that his group has just made a proposal. He's hoping an official from the International Olympic Committee will visit Plymouth next weekend.

Watts noted other cities in Michigan and the country have ice festivals, but they just don't hold a straw to Plymouth.

"Other people have tried to copy the Ice Spectacular, but none ... in any way, shape or form ... compares to Plymouth."

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

JOHN M. CHASE, JR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELVIS SMITH ALFORD, a/k/a E. S. ALFORD and ELVIS S. ALFORD, Deceased Plaintiff.

File No. 98-819-751-8E

vs. EVA ROUSE, CLARK KENT PIKE, JEAN PIKE, JAMES LEE PIKE, DAVID PIKE, JONELL PIKE, JANE PIKE, ORVILLE LEROY WINKFIELD, INA ALMEDA DORSE-ELDRIDGE and ROBERT L. ELDRIDGE, JR., Defendants.

ORDER TO ANSWER
On this date an Amended Complaint was filed by John M. Chase, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elvis Smith Alford, a/k/a E. S. Alford and Elvis S. Alford, Deceased, Plaintiff, against Eva Rouse, Clark Kent Pike, Jean Pike, James Lee Pike, Jonell Pike, Jane Pike, Orville Leroy Winkfield, Ina Almeda Dorse-Eldridge and Robert L. Eldridge, Jr., Defendants, in this Court to Quiet Title to Real Property located in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Petition of Plaintiff for Authority to Publish Notice to Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Eldridge and Robert Louis Eldridge, Jr., Pursuant to MCR 2.106, attesting to the fact that whereabouts of the above-named Defendants are unknown, as well as there being potential Defendants whose identity is not known and being potential unknown claimants, unknown owners, or unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees of a named Defendant, that there exists service upon Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Eldridge and Robert Louis Eldridge, Jr., whose identity and whereabouts is unknown of the Summons a copy of the Amended Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the potential Defendants whose identity is unknown, being unknown claimants, unknown owners, or unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees of named Defendant and whereabouts is unknown can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Eldridge and Robert Louis Eldridge, Jr., as well as any other Defendants whose identity is unknown, shall serve their answer on John M. Chase, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Elvis Smith Alford, at the address above, on or before the 10th day of February, 1999. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against these Defendants and any other potential Defendants whose identity is unknown for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks (or for such further time as the Court may require) in The News Leader, located in Springfield, Missouri, and the Canton Observer, located in Livonia, Michigan.

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Commissioners to examine county tax cut

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Wayne County commissioners will look at giving county residents a property tax cut.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, released a trial balloon in his remarks to open a new two-year term Tuesday during the commission's organizational meeting at which the county commissioners were sworn into office.

County commissioners chose Solomon to chair the commission for the next two years. Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, who began her 11th term, was selected as vice chair. Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, was chosen to be the commission's vice chair pro tem.

Solomon suggested that commissioners "seriously visit the possibility of reducing our coun-

ty's property tax burden," Solomon said.

"We know that our tax rate is almost twice that of Oakland and Macomb counties, 7.9 mills compared to 4.2. While Wayne County has many compelling needs and our neighbors do not, the good economic times we are enjoying permit us the opportunity of determining if a tax cut is feasible."

Solomon's proposal isn't new, as western Wayne County Republican commissioners have pushed for tax reductions during previous budget sessions. But Solomon's remarks indicated a willingness that the Democratic majority will examine the issue.

County Executive Edward McNamara said that proposal "wasn't inconsistent" with his administration's goals and it wasn't ruled out by McNamara, but he added that he didn't know

if a tax cut was possible. The proposal may be "nothing more than political rhetoric," McNamara said.

'Economic swings'

A tax cut would require a reduction in the county's rainy-day fund - its fund balance - which "doesn't make a lot of sense," McNamara said.

"Wayne County is subject to economic swings. Welfare and indigent health care needs are great."

Wayne County would like to maintain a strong fund balance, which helps with the county's bond rating and gives it a favorable interest rate to bond for construction projects.

"If it's possible, we'd support it, if it fits in our plans with economic development," McNamara said. "A lot of things are happening in Wayne County."

Solomon expected commissioners will send a proposal to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means. Solomon wouldn't elaborate on how much of a cut would be proposed or when the study would be completed.

"We will review it seriously. Obviously, we haven't come to the point yet to turn it into an ordinance."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she thought Solomon's suggestion was "wonderful."

Her predecessor, Thaddeus McCotter, and former Commissioner Bruce Patterson were strong proponents of a tax cut.

Bankes has examined the budget and believes the county surplus enables commissioners to consider a tax cut. Bankes discussed the proposal with Solomon and county administra-

tors. One official expressed concerns about the county maintaining a strong credit rating due in part to the budget surplus.

"I reminded him that Gov. (John) Engler cut taxes while he had a surplus," Bankes said. "Maintaining a strong credit rating is just as important as a tax cut."

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, likes the suggestion as well.

"I think it will be exciting for us for the next year," Husk said. Bankes and Husk are the only two Republican commissioners.

Commissioners sworn in

The 15 county commissioners were administered oaths of office at Tuesday's meeting.

Bankes, a former state representative, will represent the cities and townships of Plymouth

and Northville and a portion of Livonia west of Middlebelt (10th District). Bankes, a Livonia resident, won election in November to a two-year term.

Bankes also served as a legislative aide to Wayne County Commissioner Mary Dumas in 1983-84, and treasurer of the Wayne County Charter Commission in 1981-82.

"I felt it was a full circle, and I look forward to participating in the new millennium," Bankes said.

Beard, of Westland, began her 11th term, which gives her the most years on the commission. Her 12th District includes the cities of Garden City, Inkster and Westland.

Beard said she was delighted to see four new commissioners, three of them former state legislators, on the commission. Beard

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Communities face clean water deadlines

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As communities in western Wayne County enter the new year, communities with new retention basins are entering a crucial phase in the Rouge River project.

They are testing water samples flowing out of the basins to see how clean the water flowing into the Rouge is after it is treated with chlorine.

While consultants monitor the water, a federal district judge is listening to communities and county officials discuss why a deadline to meet clean water and public health standards should be extended beyond 2005.

They also have talked with Department of Environmental Quality officials responsible for overseeing discharge permits about the costs to construct more basins to control combined sewer overflows, which are sanitary and storm sewers that combine and flow into the Rouge after heavy rainstorms.

Jim Murray, director of Wayne County Department of Environment, has lobbied for the extension because Redford, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and Inkster need more time to evaluate data from existing basins before committing the millions in bonds to build more basins - costs which will be passed onto residents.

For Redford to meet public health standards, it would need to construct two more retention basins over the next eight years, which could cost the township anywhere from \$40 to \$60 million.

It's a Catch-22 issue, but DEQ officials expect to continue discussions with the communities, said Bill McCracken, permits chief of the surface water quality division for the Department of Environmental Quality.

The 2005 date was established years ago in the original remedial action plan.

"We don't know if it will be extended," McCracken said. "It will be an issue on whether or not to extend it."

"If we extend it, there will be members of the public who have expected those standards to have been met by 2005. The deadline has been there for a long time. On the other hand, if we don't extend it, there will be a concerns about the costs involved."

"Regardless of what happens with the evaluations, there will need to be public involvement."

McCracken told officials on the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council on Dec. 16 that the DEQ wants input from that council on any deadline extension. The council advises the DEQ and the Envi-

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But experts will tell you there's no such thing. Permanently changing your body for the better requires a healthy lifestyle including sensible eating habits and regular physical activity.

That's the premise at the heart of **Inches-A-Weigh**, a national weight loss and fitness center for women, recently opened locally in Livonia.

"Our program is centered on the idea that permanent weight loss requires 'real' food choices; grocery store foods prepared the way our clients like to eat", says Barbara Horowitz, owner of the bustling new business. "Coupled with our behavior modification program for sensible menu planning and dietary supplements, this becomes the foundation for a healthy lifestyle that our clients can enjoy indefinitely."

Dietary supplements at Inches-A-Weigh include satisfying snack bars, puddings, flavored drinks, and multi-vitamins. They ensure that all clients enjoy a balanced diet on the program, while providing nutritious between-meal snacks that calm the urge for 'junk' food.

Of course, good health requires more than good eating habits. Inches-A-Weigh completes the cycle of good health by adding regular exercise to a foundation of sound nutrition. "Every one of our clients gets cardiovascular and very low-impact isometric exercise 3 days a week", says Julie Roach, the Exercise Counselor at Inches-A-Weigh. "We monitor our ladies closely to ensure that proper levels of exertion are maintained in each hour-long session." She adds, "The thing that sets us apart is the combination of personal support, nutritional guidance and the wonderful figure shaping equipment."

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Skate, ski in county parks

People might gripe about the cold and snowy weather throughout Wayne County, but winter sports enthusiasts can enjoy recreation in Hines Park.

Cross country skiing on groomed trails is available from dawn until dusk at Hines Park-Nankin Mills area, located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, and on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275, at Newburgh Lake, which borders Livonia and Plymouth.

For information on ski conditions, call (734) 261-1990.

This year, Wayne County parks also has created several ice rinks. Rinks are open in designated areas at Newburgh Pointe, located on Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads in Livonia, Wilcox Lake on Hines between Wilcox and Northville roads in Plymouth and Nankin Mills in Westland.

All rinks will be open during the day, weather permitting. In addition, the rink at Nankin Mills are lighted and will be open for night skating until 9 p.m. For information regarding skating conditions, call (734)

261-1990.

Sledders can experience optimum conditions this season at Hines Park-Cass Benton area. As a result of the parks millage, Wayne County parks officials have installed two ramps at this site with handrails. The Cass Benton sledding hill is located off of Hines Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Northville.

For information including directions to sites, contact Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1990.

Protect your pets in frigid weather

Michigan Humane Society investigators have encountered eight dogs literally frozen to death this season.

Although MHS has been warning pet owners about the dangers of severely cold weather for weeks now, some people still aren't getting the message, according to the organization's community relations director, Michele Mitchell.

"Many people, in cities and rural areas alike, still believe a dog can survive outdoors simply because he has a fur

coat. But when wind chills dip below zero, no animals should be left outside for long periods of time," Mitchell said.

"If your dog must be outside for any length of time, he has to have solid, dry shelter and a constant supply of unfrozen drinking water. Even with shelter, dogs left out can suffer from frostbite, hypothermia or worse."

Besides the eight deaths, countless other dogs suffered injuries due to exposure to the cold.

Under state law, any owner

who fails to provide adequate shelter for a pet can be charged with animal cruelty.

The MHS asks anyone who suspects a stray dog or cat is at risk to call or bring the animal to your local shelter or the MHS.

If you suspect that an owned animal is being left outside without proper care, call your local animal control agency or contact the Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigation hotline at (313) 872-3401.

McNamara inaugural set Jan. 15

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara will mark the beginning of his fourth term on Friday by returning to an educational institution that help mold him to become one of the state most powerful Democrats.

McNamara will be administered an oath of office during ceremonies that begin 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, by U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm at Redford High School in Detroit, where McNamara graduated in 1944. McNamara founded the Redford High School Alumni Association and served as its president.

"For him to go back there for his inauguration for his fourth term, it will be very special," said June West, McNamara's press secretary.

Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg will oversee the program, and Charles Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, will offer the invocation. Cass Tech High School's Band and Detroit's Renaissance High School choir will provide musical interludes.

A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the swearing-in at noon.

Members of the public are invited to attend the inauguration, but seating is limited so people who wish to attend are asked to call (313) 961-8989 to reserve a seat by Wednesday. Admission is free. Redford High School is located at 21431 Grand River, just south of Six Mile, in Detroit.

An "Inaugural Gala" is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. that evening at Burton Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased by calling (313) 961-8989.

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is the only commissioner who served when the county charter was approved by voters and enacted in the early 1980s with the first county executive, Bill Lucas.

Husk, of Redford, began her first full two-year term as commissioner for the 9th District. Husk was on the ballot four times last year - in a primary and general election last winter to fill the unfinished term through the remainder of the year, and again in the August primary and November general election ballots.

Her district is comprised of Livonia east of Middlebelt, Redford and Dearborn Heights.

John Sullivan, D-Wayne, also was sworn in to represent the 11th District, which includes the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, and the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne.

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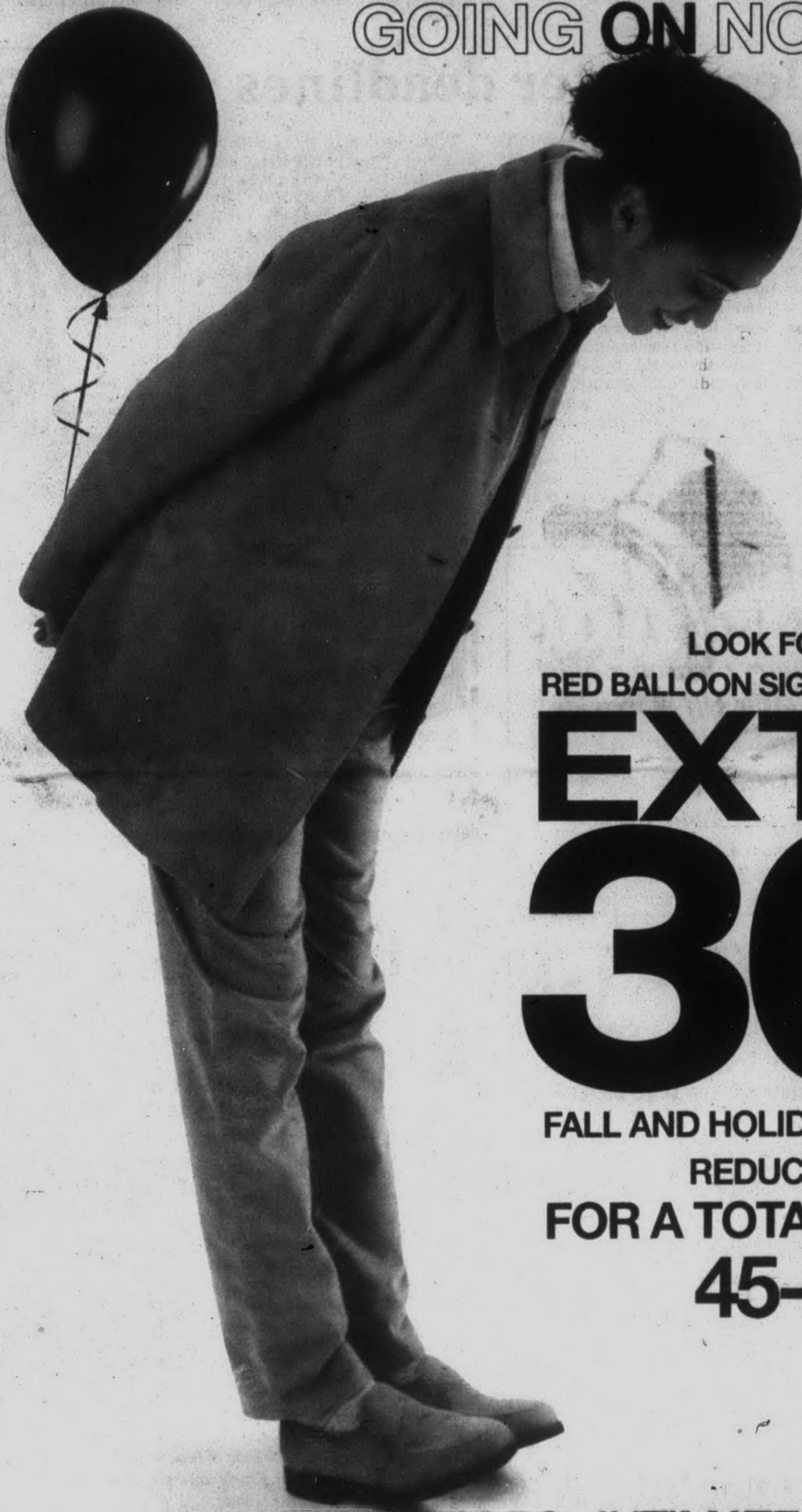
ronmental Protection Agency about the Rouge River. The group serves as a public forum on Rouge River restoration and preservation issues.

"We are talking evaluations that are going to mean hundreds of millions of dollars in the talks about retention basins," McCracken said. "We're talking about big bucks."

"We want public input on that."

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Since the start of my culinary training, great importance has been placed on bread. The first "food impression" typically interpreted by restaurant clients is the bread basket. Bread has separated its role as a tool to soak up leftover juices or a filler to become a celebrated main feature at most meals.

Commercialization

As we started the 19th century and the Industrial Revolution, Americans took the bakery concept one commercial step further by mass producing bread for national distribution. This mass produced bread was feathery light, generally flavorless and less nutritious than home or bakery style bread. With mass production and women joining the work place, "gummy white" was what most of us grew up on. With all the changes that started in the 1970s "grass roots" movement, one of the leaders in the pack of change was grains. People were hungry for breads that fortified them with whole grains. They wanted breads with interesting shapes, colors, textures and ingredients.

When the third edition of U.S. dietary guidelines was released in 1990 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans were advised to eat 6-11 daily servings of bread and grains. The guidelines were modified in response to the increasing evidence that complex carbohydrates, such as those found in bread, may reduce the risk of certain cancers, heart disease and obesity. These carbs are generally low in fat and a good source of nutrients. The United States Commerce Department estimates that annual per capita bread consumption will be 60 pounds by the millennium.

History

Bread enjoys one of the longest, most interesting histories of any food. The history of bread is older than recorded history of mankind and parallels the development of human history. Archeologists trace the origin of bread to a primitive, gluey dough of water and wild cereal grains that was beaten between rocks to crack their husks, then shaped into flat cakes and cooked by wandering hunters on stones heated in open flames. In time, the nomadic peoples of the Middle East learned to cultivate local grains. Many of the unleavened breads of the past live in a similar form today in most Middle Eastern countries.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 B.C., Egyptians were credited with the first leavened bread. Hieroglyphics in the pyramids show the importance of harvesting grain and bread making. These pictorial histories also show that grain and bread were considered sacred gifts from the gods and used as ceremonial offerings. Bread is mentioned in numerous biblical quotes.

Egyptians are also the inventors of the first bread oven which resembled two bee hive cones with two levels inside. Bread was so significant, that their administrative systems were based on it. Wealth was measured by numbers of bread and wages were paid in part with bread (perhaps this was the start of our slang term "dough" meaning money).

The Greeks took the process a step further using millstones for grinding as well as bread ovens that technically resemble what we use today. The Romans later refined technology for

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Satisfying stews

Perfect cold weather food chases away winter chills

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Winter in Michigan is a true wonderland - pine trees blanketed in snow, frozen lakes for skating, and hills and meadows perfect for cross-country skiing.

There's something special about spending a day outside in the snow, whether it's skiing, tobogganing or skating - and then coming in for a hearty meal.

Soups, stews and meatloaf with mashed potatoes, just seem to satisfy appetites when it's cold outside. However, I may be an exception to the norm when it comes to cold weather comfort food. I just returned from a business trip to Marquette, where winter is certainly more severe than it is here. Returning to my hotel room after working all day, I craved a crunchy, crispy salad. My point is that we crave the foods we enjoy and I believe we should eat what we like.

For many, our New Year's resolution is to improve our diet and lose weight. Cold weather can make this more challenging because hearty foods, and heavy foods

that tend to be comforting, may also be higher in calories. As with other times of the year, eating wells means eating wisely.

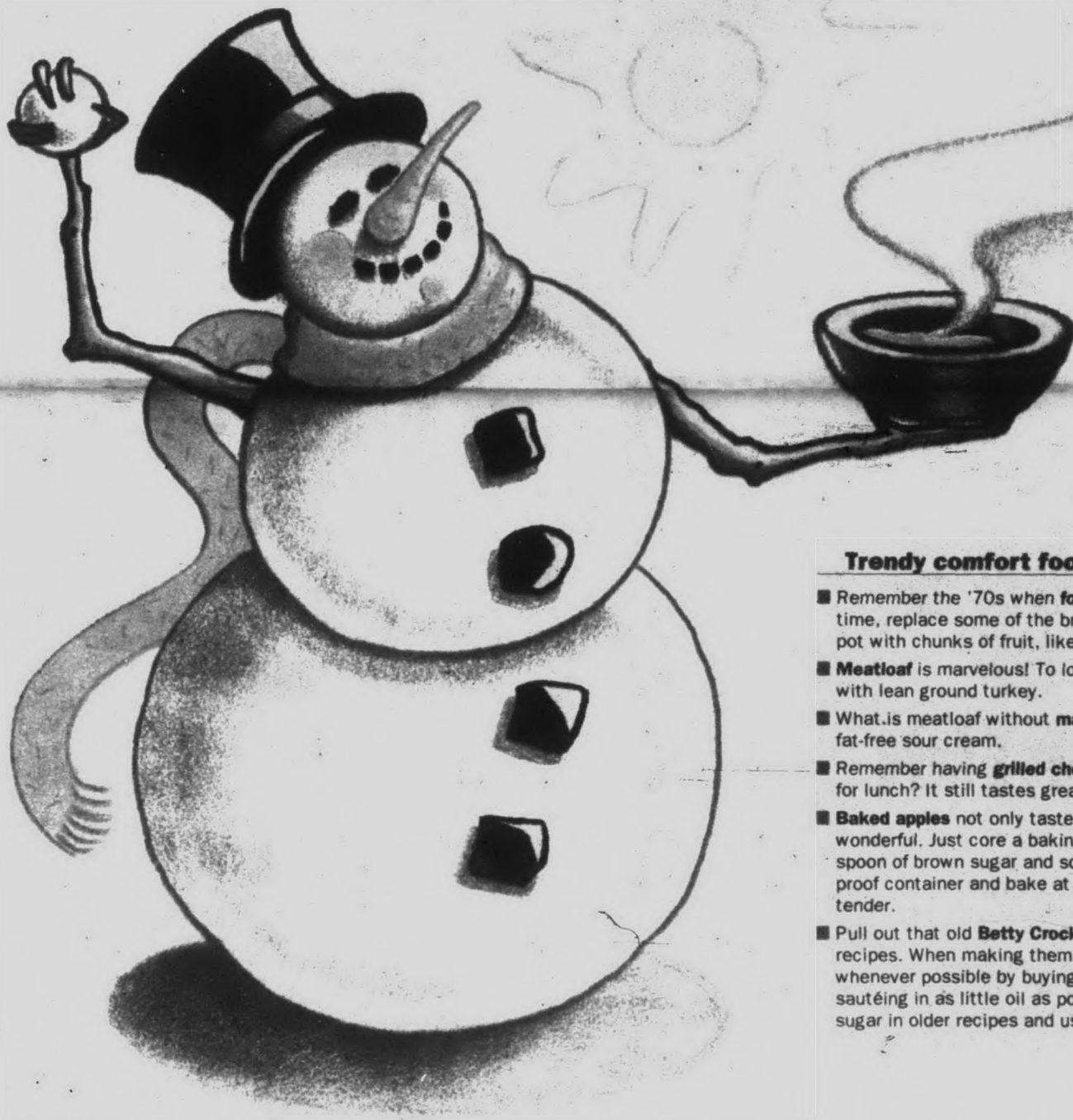
The truth is that no foods are "good" or "bad" for you; it's your total diet that counts. Healthy eating does not mean you have to "give up" your favorite foods. It is about balance, variety and moderation.

Just like good eating habits, adding some regular physical activity can add immeasurable quality to your life. Exercise for the health of it and not just to lose weight. Get some fresh air and sunlight. It will not only help you physically, but improve your frame of mind as well. Choose relaxing, fun, activities and be consistent. Exercise regularly. Remember

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Dietary guidelines

- Eat a variety of foods.
 - Maintain a healthy weight.
 - Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol.
 - Choose a diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits and grain products.
 - Use sugars only in moderation.
 - Use salt and sodium only in moderation.
 - If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.
- Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services



Trendy comfort food with roots in the '70s

- Remember the '70s when fondue was hot? Well, it is again. This time, replace some of the bread that you dip in the warm cheese pot with chunks of fruit, like apples and pears.
- Meatloaf is marvelous! To lower the fat use ground sirloin mixed with lean ground turkey.
- What is meatloaf without mashed potatoes? Make yours with fat-free sour cream.
- Remember having grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup for lunch? It still tastes great!
- Baked apples not only taste good, they make your kitchen smell wonderful. Just core a baking apple, sprinkle it with a tablespoon of brown sugar and some cinnamon, place in an oven-proof container and bake at 350°F. for about 15 minutes, or until tender.
- Pull out that old Betty Crocker cookbook or your old favorite recipes. When making them today, just try to reduce the fat whenever possible by buying lean meat, trimming fat and sautéing in as little oil as possible. Try reducing the salt and sugar in older recipes and use low fat or non-fat dairy products.

SUPER BOWL CHILI

- 1/2 pound top round of beef, trimmed and ground once
- 1/2 pound ground turkey breast
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- One (16-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 3/4 cup mild salsa
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup Healthy Choice shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced (optional)

Mix beef, turkey and chili powder. Brown mixture over medium heat in a non-stick skillet, stirring to separate. Cook meat mixture until well done. Pour off any fat (there should be little or none).

Add beans, tomatoes, salsa and olives. Heat to serving temperature.

Place in individual bowls or one large serving dish. Garnish with cheese and avocado. Serve with fat-free tortilla chips or warmed flour tortillas.

Nutrition facts per serving: 211 calories, 2.8 grams fat, 0.7 grams saturated fat, 45 milligrams cholesterol, 563 milligrams sodium.
Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 starches

Score a touchdown with Super Bowl Chili

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

What's a better winter warmer-upper than a bowl of chili, especially when it takes 15 minutes or less to prepare?

This chili has a dual personality. It can also be served as a dip with store-bought baked low-fat corn chips or flour tortilla triangles that you bake yourself - that makes it perfect for Super Bowl entertaining or a family TV night supper. Get out of the kitchen early by spooning the chili into a Crock-Pot or casserole dish that you can keep warm.

Even though this chili is reduced in fat and saturated fat, no one will guess, trust me. The seasonings will take care of that. You can even turn up the heat a notch by choosing a hotter salsa.

I've reduced the fat and saturated fat by mixing the beef with turkey - ground turkey breast of course. Usually I'm not into reducing fat in a recipe by substituting ground turkey breast for meat. My meat-loving taste buds

tell me it's not the same. But this recipe has enough seasonings to carry the flavor. Be sure to get ground turkey that is a high-fat item because it's made from light and dark meat and skin.

The ground top round of beef in my recipe is the lowest in fat of all the ready ground meats. It's even lower in fat than the ground meat labeled "extra lean." Using this cut of beef and the turkey also makes it possible to keep the saturated fat low even though I've used a cheese with a slightly higher fat content for its better melting qualities.

Yes, the diced avocado and ripe olives that garnish my chili are high in fat, but it's the friendly sort - monounsaturated rather than saturated fat. Even so, the portions need to be small to control the calories.

I like the Hass avocado, which is purplish black with a rough skin. Ripe avocados are hard to find. Pick an avocado that is heavy for its size with no soft spots. It should give slightly when gently pressed. It will take about 2 to 3 days to ripen in a closed paper bag.

After it's peeled, you may want to sprinkle the avocado with a little lemon juice to prevent darkening.

When I eat chili I love corn muffins. As you know, I'm a lazy cook so I converted a corn muffin mix into an Eating Younger special. Gold Medal Corn Muffin Mix has one gram of fat per muffin in the unprepared mix. By substituting evaporated skim milk, egg whites and Fleischman's 5-calorie Fat Free Spread for the suggested whole milk, margarine and egg, I kept the fat down to the level listed for the unprepared mix. I add 3/4 cup of drained, whole kernel corn for the crunchiness and moistness. Follow the package instructions for baking but be sure not to over-bake.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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ber the advice your mother gave you; "go outside and play."

John Adamski is well accustomed to serving up hearty winter fare. He is the executive chef at St. John's Banquet and Conference Center in Southfield and an avid ice carver as well. He is competing in the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular January 13-18. After spending a day in the cold with a block of ice, Chef John appreciates a warm, hearty dish like the Roast Pork Loin with Herb Crust (see recipe inside). He says it's easy to make, and is impressive enough to serve your guests. Since it requires little attention while it is roasting, it is a great dish for dinner parties.

Another new cold weather comfort dish comes from, of all places, Southern California. A colleague of mine recently vacationed there and came back with a recipe for a wonderful mush-

room pasta with chevre (goat) cheese that's perfect for a cold winter evening.

Chef Steve Pickell of Thornton Winery in Temecula, Calif., is the creator of this dish. Again, HDS Services tweaked it a bit to make it a little easier to make at home and to reduce the fat, but not the taste.

After a meal, just before bedtime, or any time you want a warm beverage, tea can be wonderful. Whether you prefer orange pekoe, green tea or some other herbed variety, it is a satisfying soother. For me though, the cold weather beverage of choice is hot chocolate. After lunch, when I want something sweet, a small cup cocoa complements the cold weather and satisfies my sweet tooth.

Hot cocoa is best made with real cocoa, a little sugar and fresh milk. Just spoon two teaspoons of unsweetened cocoa into

a cup of non-fat milk and add a teaspoon of sugar. Microwave until heated through, about 1-1/2 minutes. Then stir and enjoy. I confess that I often use the pre-packaged hot chocolate when I'm at work, but making it with milk and cocoa tastes better and provides more calcium.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington-Hills based-food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in foodservice management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 200 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan. Look for Peggy's story on the second Sunday of the month in Taste.

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grinding and baking. They also created finely textured breads with elaborate ingredients, established a guild and started fashioning breads in different shapes and sizes often for ceremonial purposes.

Bakeries were common place throughout Europe by the 15th and 16th centuries. Bread also played a role in the class systems of Europe - the darker one's bread was, the lower one's class. White bread was more expensive to produce and cost more.

The word "loaf" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "hlaford" meaning Loafward or the provider of bread, likewise a lady from "hlaefdige" or "loafmaker." Leavened white bread has historically been a symbol of wealth and refinement.

Wheat came across the ocean with the original settlers. It took some time for the wheat crops to become successful. Farmers developed a taste for corn which saved them from famine. Hence the long history of corn recipes in our American heritage especially

■ With tons of flavors, hundreds of books and the advent of the bread machine perhaps this new year, you'll find yourself breaking bread from the oven in your house.

in the South.

It would seem bread has come full circle. The common breads of the sixteenth century are the sought after rustic varieties of the '90s. Micro-style, independent bakeries are fast becoming a mandatory stop on peoples shopping lists.

Full circle

Geoff Hochman (owner of Breadsmith in Bloomfield Hills) says his customers are shopping for good, wholesome, nutritious food for their families, as well as fun varieties for their weekend work retreats and entertaining. Geoff reports the public has grown tired of the commercial breads that were laced with ingredients that no one can pronounce. The main ingredients in the breads that are produced at

Breadsmith's consist of flour, salt, yeast and water. Those four ingredients are basically inherent of how the first loaves of bread were produced. "It is a craft as well as a labor of love and one of those affordable luxuries in life. More is better."

With tons of flavors, hundreds of books and the advent of the bread machine perhaps this new year, you'll find yourself breaking bread from the oven in your house.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

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The key is to make individual aluminum foil packets to pop into the oven. These packets, assembled ahead, could be pulled from the fridge and baked by a teen who is ravenous after school. Or they could be late-night fare after a movie or basketball game. And with a salad and fruit, they contribute to a quick, nutritious dinner.

Begin with potatoes, scrubbed and diced or sliced; add meat, veggie, sauce, herbs and spices. Wrap and bake. If you don't have leftovers, use lean ground beef, turkey or ham; strips or cubes of precooked ham or chicken or turkey breast, or sliced smoked sausage.

Experiment with fresh, frozen and canned vegetables, thinly sliced or diced. For moisture and added flavor, cover with prepared gravy or sauce. Or use canned broth and flavor it with mustard, ketchup, hot sauce or lemon juice and herbs to taste.

BARBECUE BEEF POUCH

- POTATOES**
- 4 sheets heavy-duty aluminum foil, each 12 inches square
 - 4 medium potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 - 1 pound lean ground beef
 - 7-ounce can vacuum-packed whole-kernel corn
 - 1 packet (1 1/4 ounces) taco seasoning
 - 4 ounces shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
 - 1/2 cup prepared salsa

Heat oven to 450° F. In a bowl, mix potatoes, ground beef, corn and taco seasoning. Place equal portions, about 1 1/2 cups each, on the right-hand sides of the foil squares. To seal each pouch, fold left side of foil over mixture. Make 1/2-inch folds along open edges; fold again to seal, leaving room for heat to circulate within. Place on a baking sheet in the center of the oven. Bake for 35 minutes. To open pouches with scissors, cut a cross in the top of each, then pull back points, being careful as steam is released. Top contents of each pouch with 1/4-cup of the cheese and 2 tablespoons of salsa.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 633 cal, 24 g fat, 85 mg chol, 1,484 mg sodium, 70 g carbo, 6 g dietary fiber, 37 g protein.

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Discover the joy of making your own bread

See related Kelli Lewton column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

CHEESE BREAD

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 1/2 cups white unbleached flour
- 2 (1/4 oz.) packages of Active Dry Yeast
- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup melted butter (reserve 1 tablespoon)
- 2 tablespoons minced sauteed garlic
- 1/2 cup diced minced onion

- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup Mozzarella cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons chopped basil
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, set aside

Scald milk, add sugar, salt. Melt butter (reserve 1 tablespoon) lightly saute onions and garlic. Cool until tepid.

Put water in mixing bowl, add yeast and let stand for 5 minutes. Add scalded mixture and butter mixture and flake. Beat with mixture for 2 minutes then stir with a wooden spoon for 300 strokes.

Allow dough to rise covered for 45-60 minutes. Stir dough down

and beat for 1/2 minute. Divide dough into 2 greased 8 1/2 by 4 1/2-inch loaf pans. Cover and let rise again for approximately 60 minutes.

Baked in pre-heated 350°F oven for 30-40 minutes until golden. Top with remaining butter and sprinkle remaining Parmesan Cheese on top and return to oven for an additional 3-5 minutes.

APRICOT CHERRY BREAD

- 1 cup sifted white flour
- 1 cup sifted wheat flour
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup dried apricots (quar-

- tered)
- 1 cup dried cherries
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter softened
- 1 egg
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon salt

Soak apricots and cherries in orange juice for 30 minutes. Drain well. Reserve orange juice.

Cream sugar and butter, add egg, water and reserved orange juice to creamed mixture. Sift dry ingredients together and stir into creamed mixture. Stir in apricots and cherries

Pour batter into greased loaf pan 8 1/2 by 4 1/2-inches. Bake at 350°F for 60-70 minutes until baked (use wooden skewer to check doneness).

JALAPENO CORN SPOON BREAD

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups corn meal
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted melted butter (cooled)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 eggs (separated)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup corn
- 2 Jalapeno chilies (steamed,

seeded)

2 tablespoons cilantro (minced)

3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 375 °F. In a large bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients.

In a separate bowl, stir together the butter, milk, honey, yolks, jalapenos, cilantro and corn.

In a third bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then add sugar and continue beating until mixed.

Gently fold bowl 1 into bowl 2 then fold in egg whites.

Put mix into 9-inch cake pans or in muffin tins. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

Comfort food has an upscale kick

See related Peggy Everts-Martinielli story on Taste front.

FETTUCINI WITH WILD MUSHROOMS AND GOAT CHEESE

Serves 6

- 1 pound fettucini or similar pasta
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound fresh mixed mushrooms (shittake, oyster, portobello, button), sliced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup sliced leeks
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- 2/3 cup chevre (goat cheese), crumbled
- 1/4 cup non-vintage Champagne

Fresh ground pepper to taste

Cook fettucini in boiling, salted water until al dente.

In a large saute pan, heat the olive oil. Add the mushrooms, garlic and leeks. Cook about five minutes until mushrooms are soft.

Add the chicken stock, basil and Italian parsley. Simmer another five minutes. Season to taste with pepper. Add the Champagne and heat through.

Serve over the cooked fettucini pasta. Top with the crumbled chevre.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 452, Protein (g): 17.5, Fat (g): 11.5, Sodium (mg): 220, Carbohydrates (g): 67, percent of calories from fat: 23.

A recipe of Chef Steve Pickell, Thornton Winery adapted by HDS Services

ROAST PORK LOIN WITH HERB CRUST

Serves 12

- 1/2 boneless pork loin, 3 to 4

pounds, fat removed

Salt and pepper to taste

- 1 cup Dijon mustard
- herb crust (see recipe)
- 8 ounces concentrated pork or beef stock
- 1 cup sherry wine
- 2 cup shittake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- For herb crust
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped sage
- 1 tablespoon chopped thyme

Place a heavy gauge pan on top of stove and heat on high. Season pork loin with salt and pepper, place into hot pan and sear on all sides. Remove from stove and coat loin with Dijon mustard. Mix all herb crust ingredients together well.

Pack herb crust mixture onto loin, carefully place loin into a roasting pan and roast in 350°F oven until temperature reaches 145°F. (about 15 minutes per pound).

Remove loin from roasting pan and allow it to rest. Deglaze roasting pan on heated stove top by adding stock to the pan drippings and stirring, loosening browned bits of food on the bottom.

Add sherry and shittakes and cook until mushrooms are tender, 2 or 3 minutes. Whip in soft butter. Adjust seasonings. Spoon sauce onto plates. Carve loin and garnish with fresh herbs.

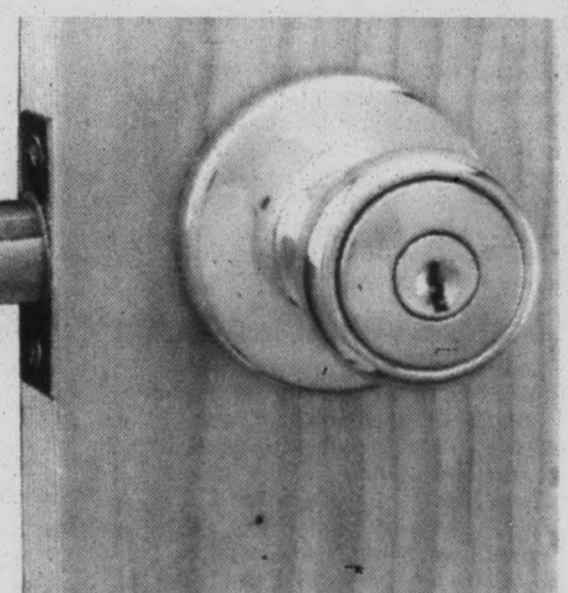
Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 329, Protein (g): 36 Fat (g): 14.5, Sodium (mg): 330, Carbohydrates (g): 4.5. Percent of calories from fat: 40.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Good eating habits

Parents, meet the challenge of developing good eating habits in your young children.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring "NutriTots," a three-week program for children ages 2-4 years and their parents at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The program runs 6:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 26. Children will learn through the use of puppets, videos and other activities about good eating habits.

The charge for this series is \$20, which includes a grocery store tour, a recipe packet and food tasting. The grocery store tour will take place the second week of the program without the children. Siblings ages 5-12 may attend the children's activity room the first and third week.

For more information or to register, call the Saint Joseph Mercy Health-Line at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Prevent wintertime falls

While toddlers can fall down and bounce back up, older adults require more care since their bones are more fragile. Besides snow and ice, the risks for seniors falling include weakened sight and orthostatic hypotension, "which is caused by a sudden drop in blood pressure when an individual rises quickly from a sitting or laying position," said Tom Hicks, director of the Botsford General Hospital Dementia Programs.

- To prevent falls, Hicks suggests:
- Placing non-skid backing on rugs
 - Placing non-slip mats or a bench in the bathtub
 - Placing handrails next to the toilet and bathtub
 - Providing adequate lighting
 - Removing clutter
 - Reducing the amount of furniture in rooms
 - Limiting drinking before bedtime to reduce frequency of nighttime urination
 - Wearing low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes
 - Making sure driveways and sidewalks are shoveled and salted.

"If you are with someone who falls, ask the person to try to move their extremities and to state their name, where they are and the year. Also, check for excessive bleeding," said Hicks. "If there is any pain when moving, dizziness or disorientation, call 911."

Botsford volunteers

Aside from making new friends and helping others, serving as a Botsford Health Care Continuum volunteer gets you a complimentary meal on the day you work and a 15 percent discount at the hospital's gift shop. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have excellent "people skills" and be able to give a minimum of four hours per week, or 16 hours per month.

Current volunteer openings at Botsford General Hospital include general patient services (visitor reception or meal tray delivery) and non-typing clerical assistance. Call Botsford's Volunteer Office at (248) 471-8082 for information.

Volunteers who enjoy sharing their time and talents with older adults are needed at the Botsford Continuing Health Center and the Botsford Assisted Living Facility. Volunteers can also perform light clerical and receptionist tasks. Call Mary Parmentier at (248) 426-6944 for information.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Dietitian finds RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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The American Dietetic Association recently presented its highest award to Deborah Silverman, a Plymouth resident and assistant professor of dietetics at Eastern Michigan University.

Silverman moved into the national spotlight in October when she was nominated and awarded the American Dietetic Association Foundation Award for Excellence in Dietetic Education. Over the last two decades, she has brought about much change in the educational programming at EMU as well as instituting progressive initiatives corresponding with the ever-changing field of health care.

"To be recognized by my peers in this manner has to be the most rewarding acknowledgment I have ever received," said Silverman, who received a dual nomination by the Dietitians in Nutrition Support and Consultant Dietitians in Health Care Facilities dietetic practice groups, representing more than 10,000 dietetic practitioners.

A noted national lecturer, Silverman says dietitians' roles have evolved from the "traditional" hospital setting into alternative academic and health care positions that she could have only dreamed about for her students 20 years ago.

Changing gears

"There's no longer a traditional learner," said Silverman. "The opportunities available for a certified dietitian are numerous and a benefit to both the public and the professional alike."

Dietitians, different from nutritionists, are nationally certified to educate, evaluate and implement their knowledge of the basic diet in an effort to help people maintain optimal health.

"Dietitians are the true experts



Deborah Silverman

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of food nutrition. Nationally credentialed, I've seen my students apply their skills and knowledge of dietetics into positions at long-term care facilities, wellness programs, the traditional hospital setting, fitness facilities, food service companies and in private practice," said Silverman.

"There is a push more and more by businesses, companies and the health care industry toward getting back to the basics of food and in teaching the public they need to incorporate nutrition into their lifestyle rather

than as a treatment to an already diagnosed illness."

One of Silverman's former students, Jennifer Thornton, has applied her degree in dietetics to the position of nutritionist for the YMCA of Livonia. Thornton, 27, was hired on a regular basis as of 1996 to provide preventative medicine and wellness programming for members.

Thornton said she proposed the idea to the current YMCA supervisor, who was interested in enhancing already established wellness offerings. Taking on the title of nutritionist as a certified dietitian was twofold.

She said people generally have a better understanding of what a nutritionist does and often times the reaction from persons who visit dietitians is, "Are you going to put me on a diet?" said Thornton. "A diet is the last thing I want people to go on."

In the last two years, Thornton has provided personal counseling for members as well as publicly addressing service groups and organizations on the basics of nutrition. One-on-one services include nutritional reviews that enable her to discuss the foods that fall into the pyramid of nutrition and ways they can make improvements.

Second, persons can opt for a complete work-up that requires them to complete a three-day food diary and extensive lifestyle questionnaire. From the results, Thornton says she is able to illustrate what the responses say about their current nutritional status, where their weakness are and how specific improvements can be made.

"Jennifer has used her knowledge and experience to create a position in a non-traditional setting not unlike many of the graduates we see come out of the dietetics program at EMU," said Silverman.

"I credit the university with allowing me to be flexible with my own time so that I may bring

back real-life experiences into the classroom for the benefit of my students.

"My ability to accomplish this in my students is demonstrated by their professional achievements throughout the curriculum and later in their professional careers."

A primary example of Silverman's ability to marry her out-of-classroom expertise with her academic endeavors came to fruition in 1996 when she proposed and served as primary faculty to establish EMU Nutrition Services, a fee-for-service ambulatory care service operated by senior students in the Coordinated Program in Dietetics.

The center provides an on-campus interdisciplinary lifelong learning, research and information center for the promotion of optimal health through nutrition.

Other endeavors Silverman is currently involved with include adjunct assistant professor at Madonna University (Department of Family/Consumer Resources Dietetic program); resource pool clinical dietitian, University of Michigan Department of Food/Nutrition Services; dietitians and membership committee, The American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition; and the career enhancement task force, The American Dietetic Association.

Planning for the future

As the dietetic profession expands within the health care system, Silverman is continually looking for ways students can make themselves more marketable in their field of study.

"It's not enough these days just to be a dietitian. They have to be able to wear many hats and find areas to specialize in," said Silverman. "I look forward to the challenge that presents to me as an educator, mentor and colleague."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

HOSPICE CARE COURSE

Madonna University in Livonia will offer "Spiritual and Ethical Considerations in Hospice Care from 1-4 p.m. on Mondays beginning Jan. 11 and from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 13. The non-credit fee is \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

TUE, JAN. 12

IMPOTENCY HELP

HIM (Help for Impotent Men) will discuss "Impotence: Man's Greatest Fear." Free of charge. 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 29050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

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WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep it off. Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D. C.D.E., LifeSteps is a safe and effective weight

loss program that individualizes your new eating and activity pattern so that you lose weight permanently. A complimentary LifeSteps orientation class will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7-8 p.m. The class will meet in the Pavilion Conference Room B. The management class is a 12-week program meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 20 through April 7. Pre-registration is required, call (734) 655-8940.

THROUGH JAN. 19

STOP SMOKING CLINIC

The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Remaining dates include: Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 for information.

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This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

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Learn about risk factors, signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members from 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Call (734) 543-WELL.

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Web sites drop the ball in storm coverage



PC TALK

MIKE WENDLAND

Last weekend's massive snowstorm showed just how badly the area needs reliable and relevant Internet Web sites.

At a time when hundreds of metro area meetings, church services, sporting events and schools were forced to shut down because of the weather, most of the high-profile local sites had old news or generic weather stories.

If there ever was a time when the Net was needed to communicate the cancellations and current conditions caused by the snow emergency, it was last weekend.

Perhaps the most glaring example involved WDIV Online, the normally

excellent Channel 4 Web site that has a pretty sophisticated school closing list and a real time Doppler radar view that allows storms to be tracked on your PC screen. It was, however, inexplicably offline for most of the weekend.

Didn't any of the supervisors who supposedly manage the Web site know it was down? If not, the site needs new managers.

If they did notice and didn't call anyone in to fix it, well, that shows what kind of priority the Internet has with WDIV management.

For the record, the station says it was an unusually high number of hits that took the site down: Hogwash. Their site crashed in November when they tried to put up the very dramatic video of the Hudson's implosion, too. Why didn't they bother to beef up the server if it couldn't handle a lot of

hits?

But even if it did crash, restarting it is simple.

It wasn't until late Sunday night after I repeatedly noted their online absence on my PC Talk radio program on WXYT that the WDIV site struggled back into service.

But WDIV wasn't alone. It was a miserable showing for all of the local Web sites. WWJ radio had wire story copy on the big snow. WXYT Radio still had a Christmas poem on its home page. And the Observer & Eccentric, Detroit Free Press and Detroit News sites were also mostly recirculating old news.

The lack of really usable storm information underscores one of my pet peeves about online news sites. Because most are run by outfits that publish hard copy newspapers, or broadcast by traditional radio or tele-

vision, they are invariably given the short end of the stick when it comes to staffing, money and content.

That's because the "old media" bosses who control these "new media" sites are afraid of their Internet offspring. They view the Net as a competitor, a rival for the eyes and ears of those who they'd much rather have reading the paper or watching and viewing a broadcast.

How else can last weekend's failure to communicate be explained?

Next time you hear one of those slick promos advertising an "old media" Web site, remember how out of touch those sites were last weekend.

So, what's needed? For starters, I suggest a new mindset for those who currently run news and information sites.

People read newspapers. They

watch television. They click through Web sites. User studies show that people come to a Web site to get specific information, not to leisurely peruse the news. Web sites are not read. They are scrolled.

A news and information Web site that is run by people who understand the Net will be a site that offers both immediacy and relevancy. That means the site will have round-the-clock staffing, 7-24 connection monitoring and lots of interactive lists and data bases that give people the information they need - such as church and school closings, neighborhood and subdivision news, school lunch menus, high school sports scores and lots of ways to search for very localized information.

The Internet is not a competitor for

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Shareholder plan

Agree Realty Corp. of Farmington Hills announced that its board of directors has adopted a Shareholder Rights Plan designed to assure that all stockholders receive fair treatment in the event of any takeover. The key provision of the shareholder rights plan is a mechanism that will distribute for each outstanding share of the company's common stock one Right that becomes exercisable upon certain triggering events.

Tops again

Valassis Communications Inc. of Livonia announced it has earned a spot on Fortune Magazine's annual list of "100 Best Companies to Work For," climbing 30 positions to number 37, from last year's ranking of 67. The study was conducted by best-selling authors and concept creators Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz. Valassis has been named to this prestigious list three consecutive times. "Being named to this list again is exhilarating news for us," said Alan F. Schultz, chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "Valassis is producing very positive results in terms of our business and our shareholder value."

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New merger

CRIS Information Services Inc., a Livonia-based information and investigative services company, acquired and merged with Ghent Security Services of Ann Arbor on Jan. 11. The company's services include: automated credit reporting, background and pre-employment investigations, due diligence business investigations, compliance reporting, asset searches, political investigations, worker's compensation investigations, industrial security, fraud detection, loss prevention and comprehensive licensed polygraph examinations.

"This exciting combination greatly strengthens our company. I know of no other company in this region that has the talent and experience and can provide such a broad spectrum of investigative services," said Jeffrey Vigue, CRIS president.

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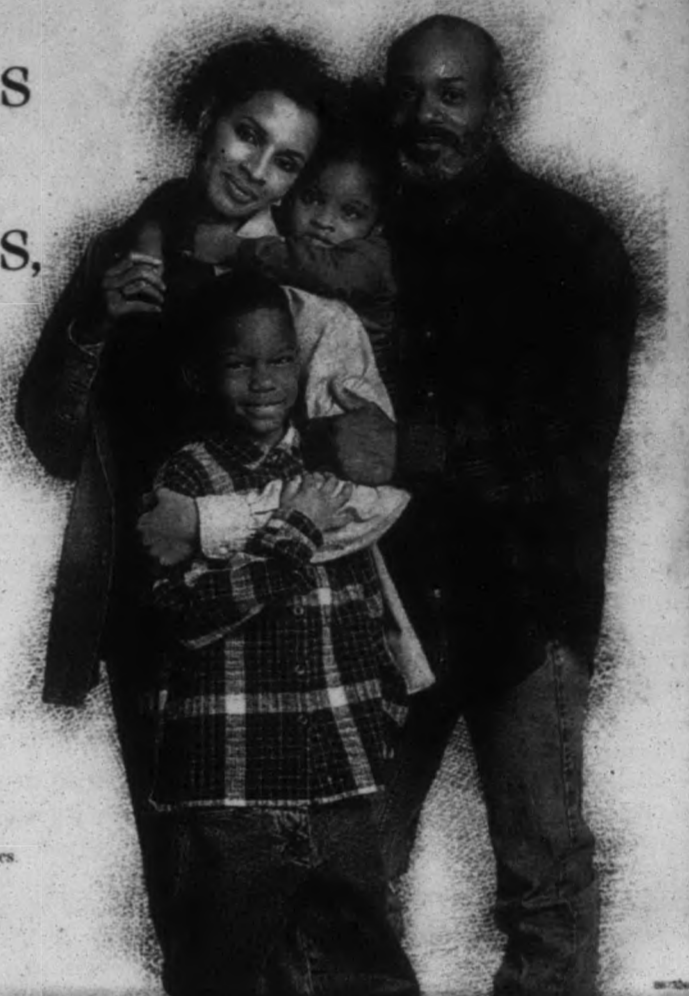
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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Kristyn Sobler

Account executive
Kristyn Sobler of Livonia was hired as assistant account executive with Shandwick. Sobler is a former Shandwick intern, where she provided support to existing accounts.

Financial consultant
Ralph H. Shufeldt Jr. of Canton joined

First of Michigan's Dearborn office as a financial consultant. Shufeldt serves as chairman of the board of Canton's Downtown Development Authority and as an adviser on the Canton Transportation Committee.



Brian Henriksen

ASC officers
ASC Inc., a Southgate-headquartered global specialty vehicle and products manufacturer with a plant in Livonia, has appointed John Nechiporchik chief operating officer and Brian Henriksen vice president of engineering and quality. Nechiporchik most recently was president of Automobile Special-



John Nechiporchik

Hearing Society Manager

The Livonia-based International Hearing Society appointed Cindy J. Helms manager of communications. She will act as editor and director of advertising for *Audicibel* magazine, the society's official journal. She previously has served as director of educational services and executive director of Leadership Michigan for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and as director of academic services for the educational institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association.

Food service management director

HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management company, hired Bruce Kane as a regional director of operations for the company's business, industry and school accounts in the Midwest. Kane, previously with Swanson Corp. of Omaha, Neb., will live in Canton.



Bruce Kane

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Insurance agent for Lutherans

James Ellis of Livonia joined the Park Jerritt III Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans in Livonia. Ellis will service families in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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JAN. 11-25

LECTURE SERIES

The University of Michigan presents four free lectures on sustainable development, community and business in Hale Auditorium at the corner of Hill and Tappan in Ann Arbor. Will McDonough speaks on sustainable design 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. Herman Daly speaks on sustainable economics 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Michael Hough speaks on sustainable cities 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. And Betsy Taylor speaks on sustainable consumption 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

FRI, JAN. 15

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The Livonia chapter of Business Network International meets 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on the corner of Plymouth Road and Stark in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 397-9939.

MON, JAN. 25

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Allan Rae, executive manger, manufacturing quality assurance system for DaimlerChrysler, is the keynote speaker for Madonna University's Angleri Quality Institute, "Supplier 2000: The Time is Now." Designed for automotive suppliers and purchasing managers, the Institute occurs 8-4:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall at Madonna in Livonia. The cost is \$175 and includes breakfast and lunch. To register, call (734) 432-5354.

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"old media." It offers customization features they can't even begin to touch. But, I'm afraid, as long as old media types control the purse strings on the news and information sites, all we'll get are sites that tease rather than please.

I also have to be honest about my own site, too. Indeed, as fate would have it, on the very day I started writing this column, my pcmike.com site crashed. My site is hosted on the servers located at BigNet, probably the largest Internet service provider in the area. But when it went down Monday night, no one was on duty at BigNet to take my call. So my site stayed down until officials got my frustrated e-mails the next morning.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Passionate director has faith in play

Theater has been in Michael Gravame's blood since second grade when he gathered classmates to put on a play just so he could direct it.

The Actors' Company's latest production, "Agnes of God," continuing Fridays and Saturdays through Saturday, Jan. 23, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, is proof of his passion.

Gravame founded the acting troupe in 1985 to direct such intense dramas as "Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's play about a young nun indicted for murder. Gravame warns that the production, which has an adult theme with some four-letter words, is not suitable for all audiences.

Gripping drama

"It's a gripping adult drama about a nun who had a baby that's discovered dead in a wastepaper basket," said Gravame. "She's examined by a court-appointed psychiatrist who's an atheist. It's a good time to do this show because with news reports about icons shedding tears, we're questioning can miracles exist today. We're examining the meaning of love and exploring issues of faith and hope."

Rae S. McIntosh portrays the inquiring Dr. Martha Livingstone. A Beverly Hills resident, McIntosh serves on the board of Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. Gravame was a member of Stagecrafters for many years.

"Agnes of God"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16 and Jan. 22-23.

WHERE: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Road, Livonia.

TICKETS: \$14, \$12 groups of 10 or more, (248) 988-7032.

"For most roles for me the challenge is to make it as real as I can," said McIntosh. "She's harder, more businesslike than I am. I don't allow her to become soft."

McIntosh first met Gravame while acting with Stagecrafters. She auditioned for the role of Dr. Livingstone even though she performed the role before. McIntosh said she "wanted to give it another try because it's a meaty

part. The characters are complicated and go through a lot of different emotional levels."

"For my roles I like to get a feeling from the director, what he envisions, what the character looks like," she said. "I wanted to see what I might do differently and I wanted to work with Michael. He has a very fresh eye as a director."

McIntosh favorite parts of the play are the climactic scene and the last monologue. She's looked forward to rehearsing both since The Actors' Company began rehearsals in late November at First United Methodist Church

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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Art of the jewel: Toros Chopjian works on ring he designed for a customer at his family's jewelry store in Livonia.

Brothers keep jewelry all in the family

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sitting in the back room of his family's jewelry store in Livonia, Toros Chopjian chuckles as he recalls when he and his brothers manufactured jewelry and set stones for major retailers in the basement of their Oak Park home in the early 1980s.

Eighteen years later, all of their hard work and financial struggles have paid off. Toros, Onnig, Matthew and Jack Chopjian now own jewelry manufacturing, wholesale and retail businesses in Livonia, Southfield and Chicago. Their success is due mainly to their custom-design rings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets and earrings.

"Each of us were working for jewelers and came home at night to work on our own pieces," said Chopjian, a longtime Livonia resident who now lives in Farmington Hills. "We would criticize each other's work, ask why did you do it that way. That's how we learned. We did no custom work. We had no money to buy gold."

Of Armenian heritage, the Chopjian brothers left Lebanon two years after Israel invaded the country in 1978. War was becoming a way of life in Lebanon. The country had suffered through a Muslim rebellion in the late 1950s and a 1975 civil war between Muslims

and Christians. Toros, the eldest of the brothers, was the first to leave and lived for a while in Paris with an uncle. By age 16, he was sweeping up jewelers' dust afternoons after school. Gradually he learned to do repairs and eventually silver- and goldsmithing.

"We learned the old-fashioned way by hand, without using wax to cast and polished by hand with files," said Chopjian. "When we came here we had the new technology and didn't know how to work in wax. Now, we're combining wax and old techniques with new."

Onnig Chopjian, who immigrated directly to the U.S. with Matthew and Jack in 1980, believes that critiquing each others work is necessary to perfecting a jeweler's skills. The 37-year old Novi resident entered the business to please his grandmother who was disappointed because her son had chosen to go into shoemaking instead. Chopjian's great grandfather had been a jeweler in Turkey.

"You should always be criticizing your work," said Onnig. "Then you have to challenge yourself to do better. We're always bouncing ideas left and right. When there's no competition then you don't have to think about doing things better."

Onnig, an impressionistic painter, begins his designs with a sketch. Because he believes jewelry making is an art much like three-



Out of sight: This friendship ring is comprised of three separate rings which open to reveal a heart.

dimensional sculpture, Onnig has visited dozens of museums all over the world and the Louvre in Paris three times.

"Drawing is the foundation of any work," said Onnig. "When you see shadow in painting, it gives you depth. In jewelry, it's the same."

All in the family

Working together, the four Chopjian brothers opened Flash Jewelers in Southfield in 1982. Flash continues as a manufactur-

ing operation to this day. Personal Touch is their wholesale business and J.T. Diamond Design is their retail outlet in Southfield. Nearly three years ago, they opened Motif Diamond Designs in the Livonia Mall. A third retail location opened in Chicago in October.

Developing their jewelry business has been a family affair from the beginning with Toros and Onnig designing and fabricating jewelry, Matthew doing the casting, Jack setting stones, their mother Myda stringing pearls, and sister Tammi selling jewelry.

"When we first opened Flash, there were 35 jewelers in the building and we were in a price war," said Toros Chopjian. "We started building up a reputation with customers who care about designing and quality. When we make a ring we throw it against the wall to see if the stones comes out."

Joanie Schott found out first hand that custom design is the brothers' strong point. The Livonia resident has commissioned Toros to create several charms, pendants and a bracelet using her grandmother's jewelry. A diamond watch is now three pendants one of which Schott proudly wears. The other two now belong to her sisters.

"Toros is very, very creative," said Schott. "He's reasonable and works with me to come up with the design."

OPERA

Rising opera soprano shines in Ann Arbor concert

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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There was a feeling that Renée Fleming "was on the edge of breaking out" when she made her first appearance at a University Musical Society Concert, said Sara Billman, director of marketing at UMS.

In the six years since she last performed in Ann Arbor, Fleming has gone from the edge of fame to being strapped to a rocket headed for opera world stars.

This Thursday she'll perform an emotionally and musically diverse program of works by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Debussy, and Barber.

Fleming's UMS concert wasn't simply a case of checking this year's day planner to find an open date. According to Billman, it took several years before a date was available on Fleming's jam-packed schedule.

Billman said ticket sales were brisk for the concert at 4,000-seat Hill Auditorium. She compares ticket-buyer interest to the response to opera super-

star Cecilia Bartoli's sold-out September 1997 performance.

Since she last performed a program of Berg's compositions at Hill Auditorium, Fleming has had the type of hectic, yet impressive, schedule of performances that rival any of opera's top-level stars.

Last September, at the San Francisco Opera, she performed as Blanche Dubois in the world premiere of Tennessee Williams' classic "A Streetcar Named Desire," adapted as an opera by Andre Previn. Then, in October, Fleming traveled to the New York Metropolitan Opera where she starred in the new acclaimed production of "The Marriage of Figaro," alongside a stellar cast, that included Bartoli and Byrn Terfel.

After her appearance in Ann Arbor, Fleming will perform recitals at Carnegie Hall and Chicago's Orchestra Hall. And for those who can't hear and see Fleming for themselves, there's a new recording, "Star Crossed Lovers,"



Rising star: Soprano Renée Fleming will perform recitals at Carnegie Hall and Chicago's Orchestra Hall after her Ann Arbor appearance on Jan. 14.

WHAT: Soprano Renée Fleming: In Recital

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14

WHERE: Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor

PROGRAM: Musical works by Schubert, Glinka, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Wolf, Debussy, Barber and R. Strauss.

TICKETS: \$14-\$40, call (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229, or <http://www.ums.org>

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Questioning beliefs: (left) Dr. Martha Livingstone (Rae S. McIntosh), a court-appointed psychiatrist, examines Agnes (Tania Velinsky) in "Agnes of God."



Sisters: Audrey Morgan (left) and Sylvia Carter perform as the Delany sisters in "Having Our Say."

'Having Our Say' is heartwarming drama

"Having Our Say" by Emily Mann continues through Sunday, Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Performances Tuesday-Sunday, call for times. This week's show times, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10; 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 12-16; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 16. Special performances ASL-Interpreted, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Audio Described, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20. Tickets \$24 to \$35, available at Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-6666, or call the theater (248) 377-3300.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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If you live to be more than 100, you'll probably have a thing or two to say about your life, and chances are pretty good people will want to listen.

That's what happened to Sadie and Bessie Delany, two sisters whose life story, "Having Our Say," was the subject of a 1993 best-selling novel written with Amy Hill Hearth and adapted for stage by Emily Mann.

Now playing at Meadow Brook Theatre, "Having Our Say," is "a slice of history, an African American story," said Audrey Morgan who portrays Bessie. Sylvia Carter is Sadie. In the play, Sadie is 103, and Bessie is 101. Bessie died in 1995, Sadie is still alive.

The sisters welcome a visitor, as they prepare dinner to honor their father's memory. While working in the kitchen, and visiting in the living room, the sisters share their lives with the audience.

Back then you could choose to get married or have a career.

'I love the women, they're so interesting, they complement each other so well. It's a story worth telling. It's important that people hear it, especially young African Americans.'

Sylvia Carter
Sadie in 'Having Our Say'

Both sisters choose careers. Sadie received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University, and became the first black woman to teach domestic science in the New York City school system. Bessie, also graduated from Columbia, and became the second African American dentist licensed to practice in New York.

"I like doing the play," said Morgan. "We speak directly to the audience. The sisters are constantly doing something, it's two hours of non-stop talking."

As sisters tell their story they take the audience back in time explaining what it was like to experience prejudice and segregation. Their father was a slave; Bessie and Sadie talk about the injustice of Jim Crow, living in Harlem in the 1920s, the Great Depression, and the civil rights movement. There are also heartwarming stories about their close family, and the values they learned from their parents - work hard, save your money, praise God, get an education, help and forgive others.

"It's something that every race should experience," said Morgan. "Every one is a part of Sadie's and Bessie's history. This is an opportunity to heal."

The Delanys were highly educated and very respected in the community. It's a piece of African American family history that many people aren't familiar with. After meeting the Delany

sisters Morgan said she hopes people will begin to care about the family, and take a different look at how they view African Americans. "Racism still exists, it's the core of this country," she said.

Bessie is outspoken, Sadie, her older sister, is quiet, and plays dumb to get what she wants.

"I love the story so," said Carter. "I love the women, they're so interesting, they complement each other so well. It's a story worth telling. It's important that people hear it, especially young African Americans. They get all caught up in believing I can't do this because I'm black, instead of realizing yes, this is an issue, but there's a way to rise about the situation you're in. Whatever it takes, keep your goal in mind, and try."

Many people don't realize that Jim Crow wasn't that long ago. There were still Jim Crow laws in Virginia as late as 1967.

"This was our life, and this is what we did," is how Carter describes "Having Our Say."

"It's not meant to offend anyone," she said. "This is American history told by two women who lived it."

"Having Our Say" is being presented as part of Oakland University's African American Celebration Month. Meadow Brook's associate artistic director Debra L. Wicks is directing the production.

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LSO CONCERT

An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music at

2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. LSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations before the concert then conductor Volodymyr Schesniuk tells about his experiences in Ukraine following the program.

Admission is free for Friends of the Library members, all others by purchasing a \$5 membership.

Also of note: The LSO presents "Deja Vu and Something New," a concert featuring internationally

acclaimed cellist Vagram Saradjian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under. For more information, call the LSO hotline (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

MEMBERS WANTED

Artists interested in joining an art group are invited to the 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 meeting of the Palette and Brush Club at the Southfield Cultural Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Pat Gloria will demonstrate Polaroid transfers. For more information, call (248) 683-5461.

LET THE MUSIC BEGIN

Village Music begins classes is Kindermusic, voice and beginning piano Monday, Jan. 25 in its studio at 130 East Liberty Street in Plymouth's Old Village

Norma Atwood, formerly with the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, is now giving music classes at the studio she recently opened in Plymouth. To register or for more information, call Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

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in Royal Oak. "Agnes is being hypnotized and remembers," said McIntosh. "You see the doctor having made peace with herself."

Continuing story


"Agnes of God" is one of the last plays that Gravame will produce for a while in the area. He's frustrated that after 13 years,

he's still trying to get The Actors' Company "off the ground." He thinks he'll have more success in New York and will move there this fall.

Gravame's resume will show he has plenty of experience. Over the years the 33-year-old artistic director has produced "Godspell," "Wizard of Oz," "Jesus Christ

Superstar," and children's theater in such locations as the Cheboygan Opera House, Huntington Woods Library, nursing homes and a child abuse center.

"The Actors' Company doesn't have much money to pay people," said Amy Schell, producer. "We're trying to do a lot with very little, and I think we're doing that very well."



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an upcoming CD of duets and arias with Placido Domingo.

"Renée is quickly approaching the upper echelon of sopranos," said Billman. "She has an amazingly sweet, but a big voice."

With uncanny interpretative ability that allows her to shape the musical text, critics claim Fleming can wring subtle emotion or reach the highest aural level of emotional impact.

Song recitals

Until the mid 1990s, UMS typically only had one song recital during its season. But recently, local audiences have responded to UMS' presentation of up-and-coming and established singers in diverse musical programs.

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AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried "Art & Apples Festival," to be held Sept. 11-12, 1999 in Rochester Municipal Park. Slides must be received by March 1, 1999. Entry fee: \$25. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-7418 or (248) 651-4110.

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP
Auditions for ballet students for summer fine arts camp. Auditions include a masterclass taught by Jefferson Baum, Blue Lake's director of dance. Noon Saturday, Jan. 16, 3226 Old Main, Wayne State University, Detroit; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, School of Dance, 220 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. For details, call (800) 221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Holding auditions for its spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center on 11 Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Chorus members come from all over metro-Detroit. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement for membership. Chorus is open to people age 18 and older, musical experience is not necessary, but is helpful, all music and a practice tape is provided. Call Kathy Hall, (248) 471-4516.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Independent youth orchestra for students ages 10-18 holding auditions by appointment Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341. Rehearsals 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Adult sing the group should attend rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 134 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; (248) 370-2030.

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

ZAMIR CHORALE
Open rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Auditions for all voice parts for 1999 spring season. Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield; (248) 851-8560.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops, late January through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia explo-



Domestic bliss: The paintings of Doris Lee (from the 1940s and '50s) are on exhibit through Jan. 30 at the David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. Sheila Landis hosts free songwriting workshop 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20; fiction writer Kathe Kojas hosts free writer's workshop 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

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

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

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

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

SWANN GALLERY
Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, Feb. 6-May 15.

Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Set Building Workshop," presented by Larry Kaushansky of Wayne State's design program. Classes: Jan. 14 & 21, Feb. 16, 21 & 25.

CONCERTS

B'HAM MUSICALE
Celebration of National Federation of Music Clubs Day, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, featuring pianist Marian Siatczynski, and soprano Kaye Rittinger. The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham.

CONCERT FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN
"Ginka Ortega and Friends," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, featuring flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega, Spanish guitarist Bishr Hijazi, classical guitarist Helene Rottenberg, organist Charles Kennedy, mezzo soprano Irena de Tervo and the Sur Peruvian ensemble. St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward at Fisher Freeway, across from the Fox Theatre, Detroit; (313) 962-7358.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Jan. 14 & 15, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, a program of Dvorak, Ellington, Copland and a Gospel medley, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. "Pops Series: Big Band Salute," 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday; Jan. 22-23, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Tickets: \$13-\$63; (313) 376-5111. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Ensemble of seven members of the full orchestra in a performance of chamber, jazz and pop music, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Livonia Civic Center Library, Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads; (734) 464-2741.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
"Classics on the Lake," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, featuring tenor David Troiano and soprano Valerie Yova in operatic arias and Broadway duets. Tickets: \$15 & \$25. Shrine Chapel, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0521.

UNIV. MUSICAL SOCIETY
Soprano Renee Fleming 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Hill Auditorium, N. University at Thayer Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 763-3100. "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Tribute," Rackham Auditorium, 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18; (734) 764-0586.

LECTURES

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC
U of M Professor of Ethnomusicology Judith Becker

presents, "Volcanoes, Blacksmiths and the Power of the Gamelan Ensemble," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Britton Recital Hall, E.V. Moore Bldg., U of M campus, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0594.

BBAC
Jan. 15 - "Narrative Now," featuring four emerging painters, curated by Dennis Nawrocki. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Robinson Gallery, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

MUSEUMS

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

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through March 14 - "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions," 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

C.R.A.I.G. GALLERY
Jan. 11 - "Effects of Light and Colour," new paintings by Neily, Sobran, Compton-Pappas, through Feb. 21. N. Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE
Jan. 11 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists, through Feb. 5. Reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-6487.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL
Jan. 12 - "Japan Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb. 10. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Jan. 14 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists, through Feb. 25. Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

WYLAND WILDLIFE GALLERY
Jan. 15 - Reception 6 p.m. for artist Morris Lee Sullivan. 280 Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Kozlow, selected interviews from the university's "Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories," an archival collection assembled by UM-D Professor of History Dr. Sidney Bolkosky. Through Feb. 14. 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

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FOCUS: HOPE
Jan. 16 - Over 100 photographs taken by students grades 9-12 who participated in "Focus on the Mission," through Jan. 31. 1355 Oakman Blvd., Detroit; (313) 494-5500.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

CENTER GALLERIES
Through Jan. 15 - "eat right and think clean," a performance/installation by Eugene Clark, through Feb. 27. 201 Kerby, Detroit; (313) 664-7806.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Jan. 30 - "Spirit of Memory," paintings and prints by Sawzan Elgamal. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - Paintings by Frank Bowling. 1616 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

KLEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - Doris Lee's oils and gouaches from the 1930s and 1940s. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

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

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

CARY GALLERY
Through Feb. 6 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Feb. 6 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography show. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

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

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Feb. 13 - Paintings by Barbara Costello. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 961-4336.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Feb. 21 - "Picturing Paris: 1850 to the Present," photographs from the Detroit Institute of Arts. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

PRESTON BURKE GALLERY
Through March 7 - "Historic Photos of Detroit," a look at downtown Detroit, 1888-1920. 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak; (248) 549-5171.

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



To the point: Eastern Michigan University's Ford Gallery exhibits the ceramic sculptures of Dennis Tobin through Feb. 5. The gallery is in Ford Hall on the EMU campus; (734) 487-1268.

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Best friends: Diamonds and rubies from Cartier in the Somerset Collection in Troy sparkle with a characteristic brilliance.

The Jewelry Lady dishes on diamonds and disappointments

Is the bauble you received in your stocking not quite what you expected? How do you return holiday gift jewelry without offending your loved one? That's a question for the Jewelry Lady, the area's expert on all aspects of fine jewels.

The Jewelry Lady keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what's happening in the world, gem-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

My husband bought me a pair of earrings for Christmas and I can't stand them. They look like something my mother would wear. How can I return them without hurting his feelings?

-Feeling Bad in Bingham Farms

Dear Feeling,

Ah, the irony of life. The Jewelry Lady recalls in great detail how customers in her family's jewelry store were often mismatched. Husbands who liked to buy jewelry often were paired with wives who found it frivolous, and vice versa. And then there was the matter of taste. It's a miracle that jewelry stores can stay in business when you consider all the possibilities.

The Jewelry Lady suggests that if your husband bought earrings that make you want to gag, you should return to the store, with both husband and earrings in hand, and choose another pair that you both like.

Returning such a personal gift for cash or a credit on your charge will only make your husband - and your jeweler - unhappy.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

A friend of mine bought a three-carat diamond. It's gorgeous. I would like to trade in my one-carat stone and add \$3,000 cash to buy a diamond like my friend's. Is this possible?

-Shopping for Trinkets in Troy

Dear Trinkets,

It's not likely. That's the first part of the Jewelry Lady's answer. The second part is: it depends.

Large diamonds are extremely expensive per carat. And you're not likely to find a diamond of that size at a cost anywhere near \$3,000, unless you're looking for a piece of charcoal with a touch of glitter. The other unknown is the value of your one-carat diamond.

At risk of sounding like a broken record, the Jewelry Lady would like to ask if you know a trusted jeweler. Your job is to get at least one honest appraisal of the value of your existing ring - its trade-in value, not its replacement value. Add this value to your \$3,000 cash and you have your total budget. Your trusted jeweler will then be able to show you which diamonds are in your price range. They're not likely to be in the three-carat range, but chances are they will be noticeably larger than the diamond you wear now. And isn't that what you really want?

So do your homework, ask around for a good jeweler (and trust the Jewelry Lady, there are many, many honest jewelers in this area), and get ready to shine!

The Jewelry Lady welcomes your questions. Call her with your Valentine's Day queries, such as "Do I have to buy heart-shaped jewelry for my girlfriend?" Please contact her at (248) 542-4012, send a fax to (248) 582-9223 or e-mail her at: roddgers@mich.com.

Fash smash

Feline fatale: Dana Buchman's and Karen Harman's tiger-striped exterior oozes style. The snappy Pontiac Grand Am includes luggage that matches the interior.



5th Avenue combines with Woodward as New York designs ignite Auto Show event

Dapper dudes and divine divas:

Joseph Abboud's back to nature look (right) features earth tones and linen fabrics. Dana Buchman and Karen Harman (far right top) showed fluid, feminine fabrics. Supermodel Nadja Auermann (far right) turned heads at the Opera Theater, wearing a Buchman and Harman hand-embroidered silk evening ensemble.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY



BY REBECCA W. KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

The Old-World interior of the Detroit Metropolitan Opera House pulsated with out-of-this-world fashions, music, and cars Monday night at the second annual Concept:Cure Fashion Jam.

The event was co-sponsored by General Motors Corp. and Hudson's and benefited the new Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The benefit kicked off the 1999 Concept:Cure sweepstakes, which consumers can enter to win original designer vehicles and pledge money for breast cancer research and awareness. The unveiling also helped kick off a series of events connected with the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center Jan. 9-18.

Despite dicey weather conditions, internationally-acclaimed designers Joseph Abboud, Dana Buchman and Karen Harman, Nicholas Graham representing Joe Boxer, Vivienne Tam and Max Azria convened on Woodward Avenue downtown to unveil their customized vehicles and spring designs before hundreds of fashion-hungry locals.

A videotaped Rosie O'Donnell opened the show with a lively original song, encouraging women attendees to "be

good doobies and check your boobies."

As the lights dimmed, multi-ethnic models sashayed down the runway past the designer vehicles, details of which were magnified on videoscreens above.

First up was Nicholas Graham for Joe Boxer, whose taxicab inspired Chevy Venture Minivan looked like it came straight off the streets of New York City. As The House Jacks rapped

catchy street music, models poured out of the yellow and black checked minivan draped in typical Joe Boxer style: comfy plaid drawstring pants, shorts, and weathered T-shirts. Graham's fashions were reminiscent of the disco era with a '90s twist.

Shiny, colorful fabrics hung on buff bodies. Extremely large hair topped off minimalist makeup.

The minivan's interior is a taxi driver's dream come true: black, white, and yellow checkered seats, a working fare meter, two video screens, a television, and the classic Joe Boxer smiley



Runway taxi: Designing for Joe Boxer, Nicholas Graham created this eye-popping interior for GM's Chevy Venture minivan.

face splashed on the headrests and instrument panel.

Should the Joe Boxer cab ever be visible in your rear-view mirror, you'll be able to read its sassy greeting on the hood: "Have a nice day, get out of my way."

Divine fashion divas Dana Buchman and Karen Harman sent their models out on the runway to the snappy phrase, "I am a very stylish girl."

Intoned repeatedly to a funky beat, the audience was treated to very stylish girls indeed. Buchman's and Harman's fashions, hot off the spring New York runways, showed buttery yellows, soft whites, wonderful moss greens, and opaque blacks.

Buchman and Harman remained true to their classic lines, showing suits, belted, unstructured jackets and skirt lengths all over the leg. Show-stopper supermodel Nadja Auermann came out for the finale in a curve-conscious black dress.

"We have a very good business in the metro Detroit area because of the savvy, sophisticated women here," said Harman. "When we design our clothes we think of a woman, 30-90 years old, who's involved in her community as a professional or a volunteer, and whose time is at a premium."

Buchman's and Harman's Pontiac Grand Am Coupe reflected their vision of a stylish, busy girl. The deep gray zebra striped exterior opens up to a plush black leather interior accented with shiny chrome on the dash. Red carpeting and seat piping add flash.

"There is a wonderful symmetry between autos and fashion," said Harman. "It was really natural for us to do the car."



BCBG's Max Azria sent his models out to the music of bluesy soprano Juliee Cruise as his Chevy Cavalier convertible floated overhead. His clothing reflected the general soft color trend, showing grays, creams and lilacs. Muted long skirts, hip skimming jackets and dusters were peppered with hot details, such as a flash of shocking pink under a quiet gray jacket.

Acclaimed men's clothing designer Joseph Abboud had fun with his spring men's line.

"I decided to show urban sandals and monochromatic ties with this collection because, really, what can you do with men's clothes? At least in women's designs there are lots of options!" said Abboud.

Abboud's colors reflected those found in the desert: sands, clays, and muted whites.

"I wanted this collection to feature natural fabrics and colors because as technology and the millennium speed ahead, I think people are attracted to more organic things," he remarked.

Abboud's GMC Sierra pickup repeated his nature-inspired collection. The truck sported an olive-khaki exterior with luxurious textured leather seats and shearing headrests. A map of the Old World gave the headliner an antique feel.

Vivienne Tam is recognized in the fashion industry for dovetailing her distinctive far-eastern style with a far-out modern edge. Energizing reds, pinks, and blues reigned supreme and were featured alone or in funky prints. Tam didn't limit the flash to just color - sequins and floral prints added spark to her long skirts and fitted suits.

Could metropolitan Detroit become a hot fashion spot? If this year's marriage of fashion and automotive design is any indication, the future is looking bright for "flyover" country.

For more information about the North American International Auto Show, call (313) 393-4100. Ticket prices are: \$9 adults; \$4 seniors (65 and older); children 12 and under free when accompanied by a parent.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

BEANIE BONANZA

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. The show features new, current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories. Door prizes awarded every hour. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$5. \$2 ages 4-12. Call (734) 455-2110.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

SPRING FROCKS

Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Badgley Mischka

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Spring 1999 special order collection, 12-6 p.m. in the Designer Salon, second floor. Continues tomorrow (1/12), 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

STORIES FOR THE AGES

Carol Carpenter reads and signs from the book *Generation to Generation*, of which she is a contributing author. The book is a collection of stories and poetry about the special relationships between people of different generations. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, Southfield Road at 13 Mile, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

FROZEN FUN

The 17th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular opens with displays of over 100 street sculptures throughout downtown Plymouth. The Farmer Jack "Fantasyland" and the Bud Light light show begin.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

MONEY MATTERS

Authors Ron Yolles, president of Yolles Investment Management Inc. in Southfield, and Murray Yolles present and sign their book *You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement*. Proceeds from sales go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble; 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we will publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank you.

What We Found:

Salada tea bags in a small box can be found at Farmer Jack. You can write to the address on the box and the company will send you forms to order the tea.

A No More Lumps Sifter can be found through Tupperware. Call 1-800-858-7221 for a Tupperware distributor near you.

Counterpart Slacks can be found at Kohl's in Waterford.

For discontinued china/dishware patterns try Replacements, LTD, call 1-800-737-5223.

Almay translucent luxury finish loose powder can be found at Sav-More Drugs in the Bloomfield Plaza on Orchard Lake Road and Maple.

Sherry called with a tip for people wanting old books. Call the Eureka Book Co. catalog, 1-800-563-1222.

For **Stu an AM/FM shower radio** with a TV band can be found in the Sharper Image catalog. Call 1-800-344-4444.

The **nine-inch zippered pouch with jumper cables** can be found at Rite Aid at Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The video **"Year Without Santa"** can be found at Noodle Doodle on Orchard Lake and fourteen Mile roads.

Another reader called to say try a boat store, shoemaker, or luggage store to get a stroller snap repaired.

Found for Bonnie: 3/8 inch Christmas tree lights.

For Anna, the Otis Williams **Temptations** book.

You might try Kohl's or Mervyn's for women's "Days of the Week" underwear.

We're Still Looking For:

Pearl wants a 1944 Central High yearbook (called "Central Light").

Mitchell wants to find a collector to purchase old Super 8mm sound and silent movies of the Little Rascals, Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin.

Gerri is looking for Johnson's Purpose Shampoo.

Anne wants Evening is Paris cologne.

Looking for the Izzy Olympic mascot from the Atlanta games; any souvenirs, toys, watches or stuffed animals.

Betty from Canton is looking for Jill Sander men's cologne "Feeling."

Tim wants Caswell Massey fragrance Chokey, or Chokey.

Madge is looking for the game Haunted Mansion from the '70s.

Pat of Troy wants someone to restring old sailboat models.

Carol is looking for the furniture Accolade II: bookshelves, end tables, etc.

Mary Ann is looking for the 3.5 ounce Dial (bar) soap.

Robin wants PMS mood nail polish.

Rita wants Pfeifer's salad dressing. Farmer Jack used to carry it.

Mary Jane wants a Fisher Price blanket bunny.

Larry is looking for a metal lid for his fountain straw holder.

Sharon is looking for M.J. Carroll hosiery from Winkelman's and Chic black wash-

able leather tennis shoes from Kmart.

Vivian wants a pattern for a full-size canopy bed.

Sue is looking for a 1984 Wilton sports car cake pan, a 1982 and 1984 Wilton cake decorating pattern book.

John wants small model race cars with gasoline motors from the '40s-'50s.

Delores wants Revlon Moon Drops lipstick in million dollar red (it came in a green tube).

Deb is looking for the Luster Rose china pattern by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).

Sonya is looking for a 100 percent men's wool Shaker sweater.

Dawn is looking for Almay hypo-allergenic water cold cream, and a lilac/lavender toilet seat.

Mary wants a Rubix Cube (with four square across the top), and a game from Avalon Hills about commercial airlines.

Michele wants a child's toy from six years ago called Picture Peg by Discovery Toys, produced by Ravensburger.

Jan is looking for a children's book, "Fairy Doll," by Rumer Godden.

Eileen is looking for a doll by Ideal from the '60s, "Kissey."

Carol wants the card game O'No 99 by Uno, and Santa Bears.

Margaret is looking for Hydro One eye cream and gel by Simplicity from Hudson's.

Kim is looking for the card game "Charge It," new or used.

Angie wants the Mr. Peanut ornament from Planters Peanuts.

Dottie is looking for Jeri Redding non-aerosol Flash Freeze hair spray.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

of block ice into dazzling works of art.

The competitions for the 1999 festival will be sanctioned by the prestigious American Culinary Federation. Over \$10,000 in prize money and scholarships will be awarded.

Other activities of special interest include the Farmer Jack Fantasyland presented in conjunction with First of America Bank and Media One. This year's theme is "Insects Inside," and will feature displays of wild and crazy bugs.

Also, see the Bud Light 24 Light Show, the Ford Ice Carving Competitions and the Community Federal Credit Union Student Carving Competitions.

The event is open 24 hours a day, and the sculptures are lit at night. Event hotline number is (734) 459-9157.

IN AND OUT

Jacobson's announces its take on coming trends for 1999. Store your real and faux fur, embellish with brocade, lace and embroidery. Gray no longer matters; lighten up in white, aquamarine and turquoise.

Trade in your vitamin creams for anti-aging products. No need to indulge in at-home spa retreats; a little at-home aromatherapy should do the trick. Boleros are in; halter tops are out. Microfibers give way to iridescent cottons.

Get back to nature with leaf motifs, butterflies and dragonflies. Stilettos may have been sexy, but flats are cool and comfy. Capri pants and long skirts return to the streets this summer. Peasant blouses debut; no more sweater sets.

YOUNG AND VIBRANT

Estee Lauder introduces new products and collections for Spring '99. Resilience LIFT, for women in their 40s, 50s and beyond, was created to counteract skin conditions that result from hormonal aging, such as dryness, dullness and discoloration. It helps skin cells produce

more collagen, immediately brightening skin upon application.

Go Tropical is Estee Lauder's color collection for spring. Tropical inspired, the collection combines an island color palette of pink, purple and fuchsia with bright bursts of turquoise, yellow and lilac, as seen on the runways.



Declaration's unique blend of Italian, Russian and African essences makes it an irresistibly exotic fragrance.

I DECLARE

Cartier's new fragrance, Declaration, is both exotic and complex, capturing the essence of Cartier and evoking shades of vast, dark forests, sun-soaked orchards and patiently-tilled gardens.

Declaration is composed of Russian birchwood, Italian bergamot, bitter oranges from the Ivory Coast and highlighted with wormwood, cardamom, cedarwood, vetiver and oak-moss. The result is a declaration of love that might be shared this Valentine's Day.

Cartier, Somerset Collection, Troy.



The Louis Cartier Platinum Overlay Composite is available at Cartier at the Somerset Collection.

DULY NOTED

Cartier's newest writing instrument, the Louis Cartier Platinum Overlay Composite Pen, offers simplicity and elegance in a lightweight luxury accessory.

Platinum enhances the timelessness of this unique and modern pen which is forged from a special alloy and is punctuated by the signature Cartier "C." The 18K solid gold nib is available in five different widths.

Choose fountain, rollerball, ballpoint or propelling pencil.

Cartier, Somerset Collection, Troy.

WAY COOL

The Board of Directors of the 17th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Inc. proudly announces the 1999 event dates: Wednesday, Jan. 13 through Monday, Jan. 18.

The Plymouth festival is the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America. Each year, more than 500,000 visitors travel to this quaint town to see hundreds of professional, amateur, college and high school students transform 400,000 pounds

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinema</p> <p>Showcase Ann Arbor 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily. All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP A CIVIL ACTION (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55</p> <p>DOWN IN THE DELTA (PG13) 12:30, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10</p> <p>THE FACILITY (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40</p> <p>NIGHTY JOE YOUNG (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30</p> <p>PATCH ADAMS (PG13) 1:10, 1:50, 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20</p> <p>STEPHOM (PG13) 12:45, 3:40, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10</p> <p>YOU'RE GOT MAIL (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:25</p> <p>NP THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG) 12:20, 12:50, 2:30, 3:00, 5:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30</p> <p>STAR TREK: INSURRECTION (PG) 4:30, 7:30, 9:30</p> <p>JACK FROST (PG) 12:30, 2:30</p> <p>BUG'S LIFE (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:40, 6:40, 8:50</p> <p>ENEMY OF THE STATE (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55</p> <p>BUGRATS (G) 1:50, 3:10, 5:20</p> <p>Showcase Dearborn 1-1 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449 Bargain Matinees Daily. All Shows until 6 pm. Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. 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One blk. S. of Warren Rd. 313-729-1060 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP A CIVIL ACTION (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50</p> <p>NP SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45</p> <p>NP THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG) 1:30, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25</p> <p>PATCH ADAMS (PG13) 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00</p> <p>STEPHOM (PG13) 1:00, 1:20, 3:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40</p> <p>YOU'RE GOT MAIL (PG) 1:10, 4:05, 5:30, 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 9:55</p> <p>Star Theatres The World's Best Theatres Bargain Matinees Daily 9:00 AM All Shows Starting before 6:00 pm Now accepting Visa & MasterCard *NP Denotes No Pass Engagement</p> <p>Star John-R at 14 Mile 32289 John R. 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TRAVEL

Northern capitals offer contrasting city styles

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Visiting three Baltic capitals - Copenhagen, Oslo and Helsinki - last summer made for some interesting contrasts and comparisons of these cosmopolitan cities on the Baltic Sea.

Copenhagen is like a fairy tale written by one of its famous sons, with its whimsical Tivoli Gardens, its cityscape punctuated by towering spires and its statues of Hans Christian Anderson and The Little Mermaid.

Oslo is its serious counterpart, with its compelling museum tracking Norway's resistance to the Nazis, its collection of the works of one of its famous sons, the painter Edward Munch, and its reputation for promoting worldwide peace and human rights.

Helsinki is probably the most cultural of the three cities, with its spectacular Art Nouveau architecture by world-renowned Finnish architects Alvar Aalto and Eliel Saarinen, its monument to and concert halls named in honor of composer Jean Sibelius and its recently opened Kiasma Museum of Modern Art.

We spent the most time in Copenhagen, where our high-rise accommodations in a hotel exuding Danish Modern design overlooked Tivoli. This came in particularly handy for watching the twice-weekly fireworks display, as well as the special red and white (Denmark's national colors) spectacular which followed the Danes' close match with Brazil in the quarter finals of the World Cup.

We found it a young, open city which includes an alternative lifestyle neighborhood known as Christiania, claimed by modern day hippies. Occupants don't play taxes and do openly buy, sell and use marijuana and hashish, but we also saw signs warning against hard drugs.

Our only criticism of Copenhagen was of the food, which is expensive and not very good. The exception was the ice cream

cones, served along the Stroget, the milelong, pedestrian-only shopping street, where soft ice cream dipped in a cocoa-like powder might have been the best I've tasted.

We learned the most about Copenhagen on a walking tour led by an American musicologist who has lived there for a dozen years, studying ancient Danish music. Each day he takes English-speaking tourists to various parts of the city.

Copenhagen, much more than Oslo or Helsinki, is a city of bicycles. Danes pay, our American guide told us, the highest percentage of their income for social services of any Scandinavian country. Since it's hard to accumulate money for a car, much less a house, most of Copenhagen appears to ride bikes and live in rental units.

However, cars and private homes abound in both Oslo and Helsinki. It was in Oslo that we visited metro-Detroiter David Hermelin, now the U.S. Ambassador to Norway. After a tour of the American Embassy, which sits conveniently across from the palace and gardens of Norway's king, we drove to the Ambassador's Residence, where the house and grounds take up a full city block.

It was Hermelin who told us how wealthy Norway has become, thanks to its oil deposits, but that they have not let their wealth alter their culture or the seriousness of their vision. Part of that vision includes reaching out to other nations and promoting dialogue. It's no fluke, Hermelin says, that meetings for the Oslo Peace Accord and Ottawa Treaty on Land Mines were held in Oslo.

It was his wife, Doreen, who told us that the Norwegians, who endure some long, cold and dreary winters, have a philosophy that there is no bad weather, just bad dressing for that weather. She says mothers with weather-proofed carriages and strollers are outside in all temperatures and climates. And that

manufacturers of children's outerwear tag them with the temperature range they protect against.

Hermelin said we should not miss the Norwegian Resistance Museum, and he was right. Photographs, newspaper clippings, films and objects detail the continuing acts of defiance against the five-year Nazi occupation. Teachers refused to allow their students to be militarized; the clergy repeatedly raged against the Nazi edicts; and Munch, who died at 81 during the occupation, refused to join an "Honorary Art Council" being formed by the Quisling government.

The Munch Museum, housing many works by the expressionist Norwegian artist, gave us a new understanding of this man probably best known for his paintings "The Scream." As my husband wrote in the journal he kept of the trip: "Probably the most emotional art exhibit anywhere - but what terrible emotions. Nearly every subject, especially all the females, are in anguish. Easy to see the influence of other artists - Cezanne, Renoir, Gauguin, Monet all echoed. Quite an experience."

Visitors, we are told, are more impressed with Vigeland Sculpture Park than Oslo's residents. But it's hard not to be captivated by the 192 full-size sculptures of men, women and children, modeled in the nude by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland without assistance of students or other artists. He also designed the architectural setting and the layout of the 80-acre grounds which are part of Frogner Park.

Well-traveled friends, Sandy and Larry Altman of West Bloomfield, told us: "If you see nothing else in Oslo, you must see this." As you walk among the sculptures, you are confronted with the full range of human relationships from birth to death.

Helsinki, also, has more than its share of public art, including the wonderful statues of Finland's Olympic gold medalist



Finnish style: Judith Doner Berne visits a sculpture of Finland's great composer Jean Sibelius in Helsinki.

Paavo Nurmi, "the Flying Finn" in front of the Olympic Stadium, and the Jean Sibelius Memorial in Sibelius Park.

This city is a visual delight, its spacious streets interspersed with many gardens and parks. Both the design of the city and its architecture show the influence of its previous conquerors, Sweden and especially Russia.

But modern day architects have their day as well. The railroad station, designed in 1918 by Saarinen, is a notable example of modern architecture, as is the newly opened Kiasma, the museum of contemporary art, designed by American architect Steven Holl.

We stayed in Copenhagen for three days before boarding a cruise ship where Oslo and Helsinki were two of seven ports of call. Our shorter experiences there point up the problems of cruising to as opposed to actually staying in any major city.

We certainly got much more of a feel for Copenhagen. If we are lucky enough to ever revisit Oslo and Helsinki, I would not do it from a cruise ship.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rescheduled

The rescheduled games were rescheduled.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball openers for Madonna University, against Aquinas College, were originally slated for last Wednesday (men at Aquinas, women at Madonna). Both were cancelled and rescheduled for last Thursday.

The reason — no surprise here — was the weather. Aquinas' teams were returning home from a tournament in California; because of airport delays their flight was delayed until Wednesday, forcing the initial cancellation from Wednesday to Thursday (a power outage Wednesday made that seem like a fortuitous choice).

But because the Saints did not arrive until early Thursday morning, athletic department officials from both schools decided to cancel the games again.

The games will not serve as WHAC openers for either school now. The two games will be played Monday, the women at 7 p.m. at Madonna and the men at 7:30 p.m. at Aquinas.

All, of course, weather permitting.

Players wanted

The 1999 Stingers, a fast-pitch women's softball organization, has openings for motivated players on its 18-and-under travel team. Last year's squad was ranked 13th in the world by the National Softball Association.

The team will compete in a weekly travel league and weekly tournaments June through July, and will again compete in the NSA World Series in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Stingers are a self-funded, independent team with no residency rules. Those interested in joining the team should call team manager Bob Smith at (734) 427-2548.

Floor hockey

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of youth floor hockey skills clinics and games for boys and girls in grades 1-5, beginning the week of Jan. 25 at the Summit on the Park Community Center. There are no residency requirements; cost is \$40 per child, with registration ending Jan. 21 or when program is filled.

Clinics are 4-4:50 p.m. and 5-5:50 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 27. Games will be played Saturday. Emphasis is on fun and participation.

Canton residents may register from 6-8 p.m. today, with open registration beginning Monday during regular business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). All registrations must be in person at the Canton Parks and Rec office, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Call (734) 397-5110 for further information.

CCJBSA registration

There will be two ways to register for the 1999 Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association season — by mail and in person.

Mail-in forms compiled by Registrar Bob Bilkie will be sent to past participants in what was previously known as the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League.

The mail-in registration forms will also be available soon at the Plymouth and Canton Township offices plus Plymouth city offices.

In-person registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Canton High School Cafeteria.

Birth certificates will be required of all first-time league participants.

CCJBSA meeting

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Plymouth District Library.

Persons interested in helping set up and run the coming season in any on- or off-field capacity are invited to attend.

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

Canton falls at North Farmington



Canton knew its trip to North Farmington Friday would be a hazardous one — and it was, but not just due to the weather, which delayed the start of the game. The Raiders improved to 5-1 with their 20-point victory.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

If people aren't taking North Farmington's basketball team seriously in the Western Lakes Activities Association, they'd better start.

The Raiders displayed a lot of the trademarks of a very good, well-coached team Friday night when they dispatched tough Plymouth Canton,

62-42, in the WLAA opener for both schools.

Canton was about an hour late arriving for the start of the junior varsity game, due to the weather of course. It didn't leave it's game behind, but it didn't arrive with a full tank, either.

"It was like we ran out of gas," said Canton coach Dan Young, whose team scored nearly as many points in the second quarter (20) as it did in the

other three combined.

The Raiders improved to 5-1 while the Chiefs are now 2-4.

"We told our kids at halftime that Dan Young was a good coach and that his kids play hard," North Farmington coach Tom Negoshian said.

"They made a great run. But we hit some shots early in the second half, got up a little bit and that seemed to help.

"To their credit, it was still a game with about 3 1/2 minutes to play."

The Raiders limited the Chiefs to just three points in the final period, however, while scoring 16 themselves. They held a 17-13 margin in the third quarter.

'It was like we ran out of gas.'

Dan Young
Canton coach

North Farmington had a lot of success early and late with lob passes over the defense to the inside. Junior center Emir Medujanin and junior guard Phil Watha had 16 points apiece for the Raiders.

Junior forward Adrian Bridges

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Salem opens New Year with win

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Any Plymouth Salem basketball fan who, after a brief examination of the Rocks' early-season schedule, pencilled in "breather" next to last Friday's home game against Livonia Churchill knows now that was a mistake.

Sure, Salem managed to make it through the 1998 portion of its schedule unbeaten, and against an impressive array of foes, beating Monroe, Belleville and Detroit Northern. With another difficult non-league game lying directly ahead (the Rocks travel to unbeaten Riverview Tuesday), Friday's game at home against Churchill may have had the appearance of a nice warm-up opportunity.

Wrong. Salem did lead, from start to finish. But the Rocks (now 5-0) could never pull away from the die-hard Chargers (3-3), who trailed by 14 after a minute of the second quarter but were still within 12 with four minutes left.

The final — a hard-fought 67-52 Salem triumph — lived up to Rocks' coach Bob Brodie's expectations for the upcoming WLAA campaign. "(Churchill) wasn't going to die," he said. "I give them credit for hanging in there. But as I said from the start, this league's going to be tough."

Had the Chargers taken advantage of some early opportunities, they could have made it even tougher on the Rocks. Salem hit just one of its first eight shots; unfortunately for Churchill, those eight tries came in the Rocks' first two possessions.

"That's been our problem all year," said Charger coach Rick Austin of his team's lack of rebounding. "We work on blocking out every day in practice. It's an attitude."

"But we stayed in the game. Our kids started stepping up and playing more aggressively in the second half. I think we were intimidated by their size in the first half."

Despite its poor shooting, Salem led 7-0 with the mid-point of the opening quarter approaching. Churchill did close to within 10-8 with 1:15 left in the period on a three-pointer by John Bennett and a basket by Brad Bescoe. But two hoops by Topy Jancevski and another by Mike Korduba allowed the Rocks to take a 16-8 lead into the second period.

It never got closer for Churchill. Three turnovers in the first minute of the second quarter enabled Salem to score six-straight points. It was 26-10 with 4:05 left in the half; the Chargers didn't roll over, however, narrowing the gap to 28-17 at the intermission.

"At halftime, we made some adjustments on how we were going to attack their zone," Brodie said. "Offensively, we wanted to be more patient; defensively, we tried to speed them up. We put on just enough (pressure) to disrupt them."

Seven points by Aaron Rypkowski and five apiece from Adam Wilson and Jancevski sparked a 22-9 Salem run in the first 6:12 of the second half. The Rocks' 50-26 advantage with 1:48 left in the third seemed insurmountable — except to the Chargers.

Their 22-10 scoring run over the next six minutes (eight by Bennett) made Salem's life a bit uncomfortable, but didn't change the outcome.

"We looked awfully bad out there at times, but at other times we looked like our old selves," said Brodie, adding that because of the vacation and poor weather his team went seven days without practicing, a stretch that ended last Wednesday (Churchill played on Tuesday). "We were a little



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

No escape: Churchill's Justin Jakes (middle) tries to maneuver around Salem's Adam Wilson (10) and Ryan Cook, but for most of Friday's game such effort was futile. Churchill had 16 turnovers in the contest.

rusty, and it showed."

Jancevski finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead Salem. Wilson added 13 points and five assists, Rypkowski had 10 points and eight boards, and Jake Gray contributed five assists and three steals.

Bennett's 19 points paced Churchill. Randall Boboige chipped in with 11.

PCA 72, Toledo Emmanuel 56: Plymouth Christian Academy followed a slow start with a high-speed breakaway in knocking off visiting Toledo Emmanuel Thursday in a non-conference game. Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the contest was rescheduled to Thursday after the snowstorm forced its cancellation.

Please see SALEM, D2

Rocks, Chiefs enjoy success on mats

It was a happy start to the new year for Plymouth Salem's wrestling team.

The Rocks won five matches on pins in dominating Western Lakes Activities Association rival North Farmington 54-24 Thursday at Salem. The dual-meet win pushed Salem's record to 5-0.

Ron Thompson at 112 pounds, John Mervyn at 119, Rob Ash at 125, Greg Smith at 145 and Mike Popeney at 189 were all winners by pin for the Rocks. Steve Dendrinis (130) and Josh Henderson (135) earned decisions, and Jason Badoun (160), Pat O'Connor (171) and Charlie Hamblin (275) were winners on voids.

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Two of the Raiders' four match wins came on Salem voids.

The Rocks travel to Farmington Thursday for a WLAA dual meet, then compete in the Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational Saturday.

Canton reigns

A fast start enabled Plymouth Canton to build a lead too big for Livonia Churchill to overcome Thursday at Churchill.

The Chiefs' 31-27 triumph gave them one more dual-meet win than they had

all of last season; they are now 2-3.

Canton won six of the first six matches, four of them on decisions. Kyle Pitt (103), Doy Demisick (112), Steve Bernacki (119) and John Pocock (130) were decision winners; Jim Shelton (140) pinned his opponent and D.J. Hylko (135) won on a void.

However, the Chiefs could manage just one other match win the rest of the way, as the Chargers fought back but fell short. Rob Demisick's major decision 160 gave Canton the points it needed to win.

"Last year, we walked away from the Churchill meet feeling like we should have won," said Canton coach John

Demisick. "This year, we took care of business. To be sure, 2-3 is not a great dual-meet record, but it is one more win than Canton had all of last season."

"I'm very pleased with the team. Most of our losses were close, and we tended to gain points on them in the last period of the matches. Steve Bernacki's come-from-behind win, Doy Demisick's tech fall and Jim Shelton's fall in 56 seconds were among the highlights that led to our victory. We still have lots to learn from our wins and our losses."

Canton hosts WLAA rival Northville Thursday (6:30 p.m.), then travels to the Romulus Invitational Saturday.

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scored nine points, as did senior guard Albert Deljosevic.

Watha and Deljosevic have good size, which also gives Negoshian the option of letting them shoot over smaller defenders outside or take them down low for a little game of muscle.

North Farmington showed versatility by scoring inside and out. Watha hit four triples, three in the first half as the Raiders fashioned a 12-6 first quarter and then held on for a 29-26 halftime lead.

Their pressure defense, full court and half, prompted a ton of Canton turnovers (six in the third quarter, four coming on bad passes) and helped limit the Chiefs to just one bucket in the final period.

"Tom does a great job spreading the floor," Young said. "We made a great run in the second quarter; then hung in there a while in the third. But we couldn't stop them. They were

stronger than we were."

"Watha shot when he was open," Negoshian said. "He played hard and he played smart."

Junior Jason Waidmann scored 14 points for Canton, with sophomore Nick Cabauaton hitting three triples, two coming at the end of the second quarter to help slice an 11-point deficit down to three in the final 2:24.

His three-pointer early in the third period cut the margin to 34-32, but the Raiders went on a 7-2 spurt to get safely out in front again.

The Chiefs played three guards most of the time and substituted freely, as usual, but may have been affected by being unable to practice early in the week due to school being closed.

North Farmington, which didn't have a full week of practice either, was not out-quickened against the three-guard offense.

The Raiders showed they'll be factor in the WLAA race. Snow or no snow.

Salem from page D1

The Eagles, who improved to 6-1 overall, led 9-5 after one quarter; that advantage jumped to 31-19 at the half with a 22-14 second-quarter surge.

Derric Isensee's 15 points and 15 rebounds paced the PCA effort. Dave Carty added 15 points and eight boards, Jordan Roose had 14 points and Michael Huntsman scored 13.

Emmanuel (3-4 overall) got 23 points apiece from Dan Nietz and Marcus Kynard.

West Side Christian 60, Agape 52: A strong second half enabled visiting Detroit West Side Christian to pull away from Canton Agape Christian Friday.

The Wolverines' two-pronged attack was spearheaded by

Steve Mecklenburg, with 18 points, and Julian Wettlin, with 12. Jeremy Austin had 17 rebounds and six points, and Dave Herczeg scored eight.

West Side got 21 points from Curtis James, 12 from Leon Johnson and 10 from Herb Johnson.

The Metro Christian Conference contest was tied at 30-all at halftime, but West Side out-pointed Agape 30-22 the rest of the way. The Wolverines fell to 2-3 overall, 1-1 in the MCC; West Side is 3-2 overall, 1-1 in the MCC.

Redford CC 78, U-D Jesuit 66: Redford Catholic Central dealt host University of Detroit Jesuit its first loss Friday behind a 22-point effort from senior

guard Nick Moore.

The Shamrocks, 5-3 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League Central Division, had four players in double figures.

Senior guard Dan Jess scored 18 points, junior guard Rob Sparks 12 and senior forward Dave Lusky 11. Junior forward Matt Loidas added nine points.

Moore, who made three three-point field goals, also had 11 assists. Loidas led the rebounding effort with 12 and Lusky had 10. Jess sank four triples.

Seniors Mike Jones and Vince Alexander scored 26 and 20 points, respectively, to lead Detroit Jesuit, 6-1 overall and 0-1 in the division.

"The key was we played real hard and with intensity for four

quarters," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "We talked about playing hard and with a little passion and the kids did that."

"It's a big win, especially in our league, when you win on the road, because most teams are pretty good home teams."

The score was tied, 13-13, after one quarter, but the Shamrocks moved in front at halftime, 34-29.

CC maintained a lead through three periods, 50-44, and outscored U-D in the fourth quarter, 28-22.

The Shamrocks sank 20-of-26 free throws; the Cubs made 13-of-16 chances.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Milford at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Groves at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Willow Run at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Salem at Riverview, 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarendonville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14
Harper Wds. at Clarendonville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15
Comerstone at Agape, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Inkster, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Notre Dame at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Liggett at Luth, Westland, 3:45 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 11
Madonna at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 13
Cranbrook at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Tri-State at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 11
Oakland CC at Wayne Co., 5:30 p.m.
Aquinas at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Jan. 10
Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14
Whalers vs. Brampton at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Whalers vs. Guelph at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17
Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 13
Red. Unified at Northville, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Churchill vs. Birmingham at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14
Farm. Unified vs. Lahser at Detroit Skating Club, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15
Franklin vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 16
Churchill vs. W.L. Western

at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Stevenson at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 11
Aquinas at St. Agatha, 6:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Franklin Road at Agape, 5 p.m.
Ladywood at Maria, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Regina, 6:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarendonville, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at A.P. Inter-City, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
Harrison at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14
Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Bishop Foley at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Borgess, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarendonville, 6:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15
Comerstone at Agape, 5 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Country Day, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Comstock Invitational, 8:30 p.m.
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Fraser Invitational, TBA.
Whitmore Lake Tourney, TBA.
Macomb Tournament, TBA.
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103 pounds: Kyle Pitt (PC) def. Steve Lenhardt, 10-5; **112:** Doy Demisick (PC) def. Kyle Maylo, 18-3; **119:** Steve Bernacki (PC) def. Adam Goff, 8-6; **125:** Steve Vasiloff (LC) def. Greg Musser, 13-7; **130:** John Pocock (PC) def. Scott Elstone, 14-5; **135:** D.J. Hyiko (PC) won by void; **140:** Jim Shelton (PC) def. Brian Jones, 5-6; **145:** Steve Abar (LC) def. Scott McKee, 8-2; **152:** Brandon LaPointe (LC) def. Kevin Stone, 5-4; **160:** Rob Demisick (PC) def. Steve Brown, 9-1; **171:** John Allied (LC) def. Jeff Bellaire, 10-5; **189:** Jeff Sinning (LC) def. Phil Rothwell, 4-3; **215:** Tom Varf dehnassche (LC) pinned Derek Miller, 2:07; **275:** Mike Gaffney (LC) pinned Matt Niemac, 2:8. **Canton's dual-meet record:** 2-3.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SKATING LESSONS

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is hosting skating classes for all types of skaters Jan. 14 and 16 at Compuware Sports Arena (located at 14900 Beck in Plymouth). No experience is necessary; the lessons are open to those 4-years-old through adults, for figure skaters and hockey players.

For more information, call club director Carrie Brown at (734) 459-6686, ext. 1.

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

A men's racquetball league is now forming, with play to be at Body Rocks-Racquettime in Livonia. Sponsored by Canton's Parks and Recreation Services, play will be at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 13. The league will last 13 weeks.

Cost is \$100, which includes all league court time and awards. There are no residency requirements. Players will be divided into divisions, depending upon ability level.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

NEW SOCCER REFS

Training sessions for new soccer referees are scheduled for four consecutive Saturdays in January and February at the Westland Bailey Center, located on Ford between Newburgh and Westland.

Each class will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; referees must attend all four classes. A certification

test will be given at the final session.

Classes are Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, and are open to those 12 and older.

Cost is \$43. Call (734) 459-4875 to register.

SOCCER SIGN-UP
The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is taking registrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center).

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents; for 9 year-olds and above, the cost is \$45 for

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Call (734) 455-6620.

FAMILY SKATE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Ponds, located behind the Canton Administration Building. The ponds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there is no residency requirements and there is no charge.

Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

Rocks win 2nd straight

SWIMMING

Paul Perez and Andrew Locke each collected a pair of individual victories in helping Plymouth Salem's boys swim team win its second-straight dual meet, 100-85 Thursday at Novi.

Perez finished first in both the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.86) and the 100 butterfly (59.82). Locke was a winner in the 50 (22.86) and 100 (51.41) freestyle.

Other first-place finishers for the Rocks were Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:07.00), Matt Casillas in the 100 backstroke (1:00.57) and

the team of Jason Rebarchik, Dan Jones, Mark Witthoff and Locke in the 200 free relay (1:37.05).

"We had a lot of fun," said Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. "We moved some people around. It was OK, considering we've been out of the water a lot lately what with the snow and vacation."

The Rocks, now 2-0, host Plymouth Canton in their annual adrenalin-pumping dual meet at 7 p.m. Thursday.

SNOW SKIING

Shamrocks, Marlins head for ski slopes

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Unlike most metro Detroiters, Tom Gable was happy to see all the snow that fell over the first weekend of the New Year.

To Gable, the coach of the Farmington Hills Mercy and Detroit Catholic Central ski teams, it meant the official start of the season.

About time, he thought. With the late arrival of winter, Gable couldn't hold team tryouts at Mount Brighton until Dec. 12, about two weeks after the usual start.

After making final cuts, the teams had a pair of informal workouts between Christmas and New Year's Day. The first scheduled official practice on Monday was postponed, ironically, due to too much snow.

"I went to the hill, maybe half the girls and half the boys showed up," Gable said.

The teams opened their sea-

sons last Tuesday with a giant slalom race in the Mount Brighton Division of the Southeastern Michigan Ski League.

Mercy, the two-time defending division champion, took second place with 37 points. The Shamrocks, third in last year's regular-season boys division standings, came in third with 69 points.

Following is a look at the prospects for both teams:

Detroit Catholic Central

CC sophomore Matt Gable is carrying extra weight on his 5-foot-9 frame, and it's not just because he's stockier than last winter when he made all-division, all-league and all-region.

Attribute it also to the cast he wears over an arm he broke while playing defensive end on the CC JV football team.

He's had the cast on about three weeks and it could be on another five weeks, which makes up most of the season.

Gable is the team's leading returnee and Tom Gable's son. Graduation hit

the Shamrocks hard as all-division choices Mat Kessler, Jason Anderson and J.D. Robison and starter Brian Goebel have moved on.

CC finished third in the Mount Brighton Division regular season standings, fifth in the division championships and seventh at the regional last year.

Matt Gable apparently has a high tolerance for pain. He needed two surgeries to repair an eye socket that was injured while falling last spring in the Junior Olympics in Colorado where he was fourth in his age group.

He's fully recovered from the eye injury, but the broken arm is further aggravation.

"I think he's self-motivated," coach Gable said. "He's got a lot of strength. The doctor said if he experiences any type of discomfort he should just stop doing it. He's not real happy about it. The cast goes quite high to the elbow."

Gable was the top skier in Tuesday's giant slalom at Mount Brighton. His time was 29.25 seconds but an expected battle for first place from last year's top racer on the circuit, Birmingham Seaholm's Asa Sherwood, never materialized.

Sherwood wasn't with his team, which finished in fourth place with 78 points.

"I'm surprised the 'Gun' (Sherwood) didn't show up," coach Gable said. "Last year he and Matt were neck and neck most of the time. There were races where they were hundreds of a second apart."

The only other returning starter for the Shamrocks is senior Brad Turowski. He was disqualified in the season opener.

"He's very fast but inconsistent," Gable said. "We're going to work on using a lot of mental vision type training. The DQs will kill you."

The Shamrocks were in first place after the first run Tuesday.

Senior Miguel Martinez was the fastest CC finisher after Gable, taking 10th place (32.45). Another senior Geo Madias took 12th (32.73).

Junior Scot Zaleski, another promising skier, fell in one of his runs and finished 46th (43.10).

Martinez and Madias have top 10 potential in division meets, according to coach Gable.

"Martinez is a very disciplined athlete from being a football player; his goals are very high and he's very coachable," Gable said. "Madias is a very talented athlete, and I expect a lot out of him."

Sophomore Eric Sullivan, who was disqualified Tuesday, also will contribute to the team, according to Gable.

Farmington Hills Mercy

The Marlins lost four key members to graduation, including third-team, all-state choice Denise Hartsock and regional selection Cristy Dabringhaus.

They were part of a team that made two straight Class A state meet appearances, finishing sixth in 1997 and seventh last year. The Marlins were regional champions in '97 and runners-up last year.

Kristen Smith and Jamie Borowiec also graduated after figuring in Mercy's outstanding teams the last two years.

"I'll miss them dearly, but I have two seniors (Krysten Salla and Renee Burek) moving right there into the leadership role," Gable said.

"Both will be very accomplished senior racers. They could and most likely will lead the team into a competitive regional position, and I expect the team to make the states."

Salla and Burek each made all-division and Burek was an all-region choice.

Joining them for her senior year is Maggie Jallo, who had a couple varsity starts a year ago.

"She should be an extremely consistent racer this year," Gable said. The Marlins also have an "up-and-coming sophomore," according to Gable, in Nicole Anderson.

Salla was fourth in 34.66 seconds in the season opener. Burek took sixth (35.01) and Anderson seventh (35.09).

Junior Amy McDuffee, the best JV racer a year ago, has earned a spot in the lineup. Sophomores Laura Burek and Marcy Godlew, also off the JV, will earn varsity starts as well.

"Some of them are just real strong, basic skiers," Gable said. "My job is to teach them to race. With the experience I have coming back, we should be OK."

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COLLEGES/BASKETBALL

Ocelots drill Macomb, enjoy record start

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team received a belated holiday gift — the best start in the school's history. The Ocelots won their 11th straight game from the start of the season Wednesday night, drilling Macomb Community College, 112-71.

The previous best start for Schoolcraft's men's hoopsters was a 10-0 beginning to the 1982-83 season.

"The first half we were kind of sluggish after the long break,"

Coach Carlos Briggs said. "We didn't get after it defensively. Offensively, we were okay."

The Ocelots are 11-0 following their first MCCA Eastern Conference game of the season. Host Macomb is now 2-10 overall, 0-2 in the league.

Briggs saw seven of his players score in double figures, paced by DaShawn Williams (Detroit City high school) who had 18.

Lamar Bigby (Detroit North-ern) scored 17, and Mike Murray (Detroit Rogers) and Derek McK-

elvey (Adrian) each had 11. At 10 apiece were Chris Colley (Hazel Park), Dwayne Holmes (Taylor Truman) and Corey Bates (Detroit Murray-Wright).

It was 58-43 at the half but Schoolcraft got it into gear in the second. The Ocelots made 18-of-27 free throws to 12-for-17 shooting from the line for their opposition.

"We traded baskets with them," Briggs said, "then we held them to 14 points in the last 16 minutes of the second

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half. We got better play from our (center) position."

SC 73, Macomb 44 (women): The return home wasn't so bad. Schoolcraft College's first-year women's coach, Karen Lafata, returned to the school she coached into the NJCAA Tournament last spring when the Lady Ocelots visited Macomb CC

Wednesday. The results were much the same as those she enjoyed as Monarchs' coach — a blowout victory.

"Yeah, it was nice," said Lafata. "We were ahead the whole game. We're going to be good."

They already are. SC led 40-24 at the half en route to posting its fifth-straight win (9-3 overall) in its Eastern Conference opener. Stacy Cavin led the attack with 21 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Jackie Kocis totaled 18 points and 16 boards, with

Samantha Theisen netting 17 points. Jamie Lewandowski added five steals and six assists, Belinda Reid had four steals and four assists, and Antone Watson made five steals.

Macomb (1-8 overall, 0-2 in the conference) got 14 points from Breann England, 11 from Caroline Wyckoff and 10 from Jessica Davis.

"SC's men's and women's games against Mott CC, originally scheduled for Jan. 2, have been reset for Feb. 1 at SC.

HOCKEY

Stevenson beats Redford Unified in key SHSHL game

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Its initials are the same but the Redford Unified hockey team is a real contrast to the first two that played since the program started in 1996.

For that reason alone, Livonia Stevenson coach Mike Harris knew a win over upstart RU wasn't a sure thing Thursday night at Redford Arena.

Add to it the Spartans were without three injured players, including leading scorer John May (ribs), and all Harris hoped for was a tie.

So when the Spartans skated off with a 5-2 victory to remain all alone in first place in the Suburban High School Hockey League standings, the Stevenson coach was feeling downright giddy.

RU, with a quarter of its roster from Redford Thurston after using Redford Union players exclusively its first two seasons, had just cracked the top 10 rankings in Class A and was riding a seven-game winning streak into

the biggest game in program history.

Ironically, Stevenson was the last, and only other team to beat RU this year. The Spartans won the first meeting, 7-2, at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

The win leaves Stevenson at 7-1-1 overall, 7-0 in the SHSHL. RU fell to 10-2 overall and is in second place in the league at 6-2.

Joining May on the sidelines were forward Dan Wilson, who has a broken jaw, and defenseman Jon Katulski, a broken wrist.

"I wanted to get out with a point — a tie is all I wanted," Harris said. "Coming in, we knew RU was waiting for us. RU is the most improved team in the league by far and Pete Mazzoni is one of the most impressive, up-and-coming coaches in the state."

The win came 24 hours after the Spartans blew a 4-1 lead and settled for a 5-5 tie against Birmingham Unified, which Harris called a "good wake-up call."

Each team had 11 minor

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penalties. The Spartans scored once with a one-man advantage and once with a two-man advantage. The Panthers had one power play goal.

"We did a tremendous job killing penalties," Harris said. "Eleven is way too many for this kind of game."

Dan Cieslak led the Spartans with two goals and an assist. The line of Mike Zientarski, Mark Nebus and Tim Allen accounted for three goals.

Nebus had a goal and two assists and Zientarski and Ryan Sinks contributed one goal and one assist each. Chris Williams also had an assist.

"We played as a team and were confident and focused," said Zientarski, whose perfect drop pass on a 2-on-zero rush led to Nebus' goal and a 3-0 lead with 1:30 left in the second period.

RU's roster had improved since the last meeting with Stevenson with the addition of sophomore forward Jason Maul,



Kick save: Livonia Stevenson goaltender Kevin Marlowe stopped all but two shots in the Spartans' 5-2 victory Thursday over Redford Unified at Redford Arena.

who left his Triple A midget team before the holidays.

"I heard he had good wheels — and he does," Harris said.

The Panthers trailed 3-0 through two periods before RU senior forward Joel Halliday scored on the power play, assisted by senior defenseman Dave Sellin at 3:09 in the third period.

Following two unanswered goals by Cieslak, RU senior J.J. Price scored, assisted by Maul and junior forward Andy Dornfried with less than three minutes left.

Eric Pagel played in the RU nets and made a nice kick save early on a shot from point-blank range by Jason Gildersleeve.

Pagel's counterpart, Kevin Marlowe, also made key saves.

"We felt good in the first period but lost our composure at the end of the second and spent too much time in the box," Mazzoni said. "Stevenson's a solid team, the best in the league. We had to play our best game and we didn't."

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BOWLING & RECREATION

Time right for ice fishing, light tackle key to success

Winter's icy grip has certainly taken hold of southeastern Michigan.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

While many area residents are grumbling to themselves about overdue vacations to Florida and the exorbitant price of a good snow blower, anglers are licking their chops in anticipation of the long-awaited ice fishing season.

Most local lakes offer a solid layer of ice and the early reports filtering in indicate that so far the fishing has been great.

Many area lakes have already produced skilllets full of tasty bluegill filets.

Lake Orion native Dale Cadick reported a good bite of bluegills just after Christmas on Long Lake, including one whopper gill that measured 10 inches in length.

Livonia's Dave Hartlock fished Kent Lake last weekend and returned home "with a bucket full of fish."

To date, the fish in inland lakes seem to still be holding in the shallow water weeds and along the edge of drops. They haven't yet moved into their deep, mid-winter holds.

Light tackle — the lighter the better — is the key to successful pan fish angling in the winter months.

Two- to four-pound-test monofilament spooled on an ultra-light spin casting reel and mounted on a short ice fishing pole is all that's needed.

A spring bobber, which mounts to the end of your ice fishing pole and is available at any bait and tackle shop, is a huge asset in detecting a subtle bite from down below the ice.

Tiny jig heads and tear drops in a variety of colors are favored bluegill baits when tipped with a spike, wax worm or wiggler.

Don't be afraid to change colors if you're not catching fish. Many times, simply switching from white to red, or from chartreuse to green, etc. . . will trigger a bite.

Begin your presentation right at the bottom of the lake and vary your depth by 10- to 12-inch increments over the course of time until you locate the depth at which fish are holding.

Pay close attention to the depth when you get a bite so you can get right back into the fish after you reel one in.

A hand or power auger or a sharp ice spud is paramount to success.

A good approach is to drill a half dozen or more holes in the area you plan to fish as soon as you get to your spot. This way you can move around from spot to spot to find the fish without spooking them by having to make a new hole every half hour or so.

The fish are biting normally when the warm weather hits, so get out and enjoy the opportunity while it exists.

Don't wait until tomorrow or next week . . . remember the bumper of a season we had last year?

Osprey logo contest

Young artists between the ages of 12 and 18 are encouraged

to submit entries to the osprey logo design contest.

In a joint effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the Detroit Zoo, four osprey chicks were released in Kensington Metropark last summer.

The hope is that these raptors will return to the area to nest and raise their young in a couple years when they reach maturity at the age of three.

More chicks will be brought into Kensington over the next two summers in an attempt to re-establish wild nesting populations in the park.

Young artists are asked to assist in the project by creating a logo that symbolizes the effort to re-introduce osprey to the area.

The winning design will be used in a variety of ways including use on printed material as well as t-shirts.

Designs should be done on an 8 1/2- by 11-inch unlined piece of paper. A clever title, such as "Osprey Return," can be included with the logo.

Entries must be received by February 1. Send entries to Osprey Contest, DNR Natural Heritage Program, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7994. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Miss America at bowling show

Are you planning to go to the Bowling Show next weekend at the Novi Expo Center?

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Just in case you are still undecided, please note that Nicole Johnson will be there in person. She happens to be Miss America 1999 and will be making her appearance on Sunday, Jan. 17.

She will be there on behalf of the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show that is the co-host along with the bowling show.

Ms. Johnson is a national spokesperson and advocate for diabetic issues and will address the audience on the early detection, prevention and cure of diabetes as a national priority.

As pretty as she is, and not to be too chauvinistic in the eyes of the female readers, it is worth mentioning that Bob Greene will also be present on Friday and Saturday Jan. 15-16.

Best known as Oprah Winfrey's personal trainer, Greene will headline the show.

I wonder if either Greene or Johnson are bowlers?

If they are not, how about someone to volunteer to instruct them in the finer points of this game?

As a matter of fact, the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show is an like an extra attraction itself for bowlers, for after you have taken in the bowling show and perhaps come away with some good bargains in equipment or whatever it would be wise to take in the rest of the show.

Health and fitness is essential to any kind of athletic performance, and if we come away from this show with anything at all that will help keep us in better shape it will be of value now and in years ahead.

Greater Detroit Bowling Association members can clip the coupon in the January newsletter for \$1 off for admission to the show. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

A word of caution on this extremely cold weather.

Be very careful when trying to remove the snow. Even persons in good health can get into harms way from too much shoveling. Bring the equipment in from the car at night, these sub freezing temperatures can cause damage to any bowling ball.

Leave plenty of extra time to get to the lanes, there are the usual delays from gridlock, bad drivers and stalled cars or accidents.

If you are driving to the Michigan State Tournament this weekend at Bay City, be extra careful with the weather and road conditions.

When you arrive at the bowling centers, please be careful to kick off the snow from your

shoes and boots as you enter.

Watch where you walk with your bowling shoes on, there are always those who will track up the place with wet shoes and you can have big trouble on the approach with water on your shoes.

Members of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association have by now received the January Newsletter.

The G.D.B.A. Semi-Annual Meeting will be 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 at Sunnybrook Lanes, 7191 17 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

All sanctioned leagues should be represented at this meeting.

Jack Mordini, Assistant Executive Director of the American Bowling Congress will be the guest speaker and will address the new tiered membership program.

The program was adopted in nine different locales around the country this year on a test basis.

To be a delegate from a league, a current member of the league's board of directors may represent the GDBA.

Nominations will be taken for president and four directors. They will review 1997-98 expenditures. (Refreshments will be served.)

If your league does not have a delegate, they should appoint someone to attend and represent the league.

The GDBA, with nearly 70,000 members is the largest local association in the nation.

Crows proved to be intelligent city slickers around humans

During the last 20 years the crow population has increased more than 200 percent according to Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Count data.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Their opportunistic ways have undoubtedly contributed to this success, as well as their intelligence.

Crows are smart compared with other species of birds.

For instance, if a photographer and a friend go into a photographic blind and only one leaves, most birds feel danger has gone and will return to the nest. This technique has been used by photographers for years.

However, this technique does not work for crows.

If I recall correctly from an article I read years ago, crows can count to 11. They would know that a photographer was

still in the blind if only one of the two exited. Just watching crows gives me the feeling that they are aware of several things going on around them.

An increase in crows may be due to their ability to adapt to developed areas like cities and suburbs.

They know where dumpsters are for picking discarded French fries, and they constantly patrol the highways for roadkill.

Through the years they have discovered that living near humans is as safe as any other kind of habitat.

Crows, to my recollection, were not always as tolerant of humans as they are today.

If a car or person got anywhere near a crow they would fly away, especially cars. That is not the case today. I have seen many crows stand their ground at a roadkill while cars zoomed past.

But I had never seen one intentionally wait for traffic to stop like I saw the other day. As I slowed down for a red light, I watched a crow in the

right lane looking intently at something in the lane to my left.

It stood in the right lane only a few feet from my car and waited until I had stopped. While the car behind me slowed to a stop, the crow waited anxiously, slowly inching its way toward the gap between our cars.

The crow seemed to know we were going to stop, which would not endanger it at all. After we stopped, it moved between our cars and waited for the cars in the left lane to stop. Then, before the light turned green the crow reached its destination and pecked at something invisible to me.

I can't recall watching a crow behave so boldly around moving cars before. This individual has learned that stationary cars are not threatening.

Crows have also learned that dark, plastic trash bags often have edible food inside, even though they cannot see or smell the food.

They have made many associations which prove helpful in their success here in the city.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

MERRI BOWL LANES (Livonia)

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Sunday Parent/Child: Sean Klisz, 209; Ali Cichon, 223/608.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Roy McMahan, 226-210/604; Harry Oumedian, 216/551; Joe Kubinec, 232/541; John Spritzer, 234/556; Betty Moore, 513.

K of C: Frank Hoffman: 237-237-237 (ABC Triplicate Award); Chris Tubaros, 280/721; Randy Presnell, 721/Jim Montroy 686; John Stevens, 729 (4th 700 in December).

Youth Leagues: (Gutter Dusters) Matt Majewski, 135; Danielle Fetter, 87-85; Kristi Singleton, 120; Danielle Maples, 120.

Strikes & Sparer: Stevelyn Norman, 160; Cassie Renard, 172; Mark Musleh, 148.

Papel Pros: Eugene Doss, 290-289/803; Brian Adams, 240-269/708; Dustin Willim, 225-233/658; Barb Baumeister, 153.

Pin Busters: Chaz Watkins, 120; Michelle Turnbull, 180; Jennifer Kiel, 137.

Pin Heads: Ken Coles, 172; Joe Rizzo, 197; Terri Hicks, 168.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Wonderland Classic: Ron Eisenbeis, 286/794; Don Parks, 279/766; Larry Franz, 267/734; Bryan Macek, 266-266/731; Brian Serda, 716.

Nite Owls: Alan Biasutto, 279/761 (170 pins over average); Kirk Herman, 697 (157 pins o/a); Darrin Liptow, 268/656; Shane Wyatt, 255/647; Kenny Mynatt, 248/648.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Mixed: John Hoard, 265/703; Mike Mackie, 258/691.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Lyndon Meadows: Kathy Daniels, 201-202/539; Lyn Blaharski, 218.

Ford Parts: Brad Strange, 663; John Sikora, 668; Shane Wyatt, 659; Bob Thomas, 680; Brent Pond, 264/696.

Jacks & Jills: Joe C. Monge, 602; David Weeg, 656.

Men's Trio: John Wodarski Sr, 672; Day Grabos, 707; Butch Cook, 276/714; Dave Myers, 276/696; Mike Schneider, 289/710.

Starlights: Tina Murray, 535; Linda Gossett, 218/616.

Morning Glories: Verna Reichert, .207.

Swinging Seniors: Fred Swan, 203-201; Fernando Melonio, 207; Teresa Melonio, 200.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Joe

Pawlowski, 243; Bud Kraemer, 257-222-247/726; Bob Sherwood, 229-257/653; Dale Hayes, 223-213-222/658; Lou Kratky, 233-222/644; Bill Deloach, 245/599; Wil Soukas, 215-247-217/679.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Suburban Proprietors Travel (men): Robert Custard, 257/679; Tim Magyar, 257/730; Norm Leppala, 255; Bob Chuba, 246/679; Billy Gerace, 239/661.

Suburban Proprietors Travel (ladies): Kathy Butler, 250/591; Margy Brothers, 213/543; Patty Jaroch, 206/548; Joann Wodogaza, 201/548; Viv Waldrep, 195.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 247/707; Ross Hauk, 279; Jerry Dasher, 254; Dave Bazner, 256/752; Chris Schemanske, 268/716; Ray Haan, 300/710; Keith Sockow, 268; Jim P. Sockow, 245-244-226/715; Jim C. Sockow, 258/736; Bill Clements, 248-256-233/739; Bill Toth, 279.

Boroughs Men: Bryan Schwartz, 248/699.

Powertrains Men: Pat Caram, 279; Dale Ling, 257/709.

St. Colette's Men: Bob Nunn, 248-300-214/762; Mick Madsen, 247/707; Frank Pencola, 249/719; Eddie Nolf: 267; Jerry Sadler, 268; Chaz Perry, 268.

Plaza Men: Bob Smith, 259; Mike Buzzell, 269-290-266/825; Art Scharr, 264; John Greco, 289/739; John Paz, 257/701; Sam Fullerton, 257/692; Walt Zawacki, 215.

Sheldon Road Men: Dave Bogedain, 278/696; John Cochenour, 277.

Keglers: Jeff Cameron, 257.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

St. Aidan's Men: Tony Kaluzny, 235-212-225/672; John Golen, 213; Conrad Sobania, 211; Cliff Merritt, 202; Vince Bastine, 203.

WESTLAND BOWL

Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Kevin Moreno, 298/745; Hector Ortega, 278/748; Jason Johnson, 279/782; Troy Lindon, 266/710; Vernon Peterson, 269/749; Shawn Arbogast, 257/715; Rick Trulladd, 257/712.

Monday 6:30 Men: Gregory Tachoir, 259/715; David Pydyn, 249/648; Hal Winters, 225/596; Jim Graves, 238/685; Lawrence Pydyn, 237/593.

Monday Morning Men: Bob Baker, 268/676; Dave Loos, 259/716; Dick Bond, 256/693; Rick Farr, 686; Lance Howey, 676; Randy Kline, 678.

Monday 6:30 Men's: Ron Lundie, 265/654; Jim Graves, 258/665; David Adams, 247/643; Mike Johnson, 225/643; Bill Schaeffer, 234/658.

Tuesday Invitational: Dustin Vivier, 279-

181-279/739; Rod Bramble, 267; Jeff Stankoff, 267; Ward Wilcox, 258; David Mackham, 257.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Country Keglers: Dean Johnson, 258; Dan Napier, 255/646; Marty Ellis, 244/641; Ed Dudek, 236; Mike Stark, 233/642.

Monday Midnight Men: Mike Alkasmikha, 278; Mike Kassa, 274; Sam Yono Jr, 268; Steve Hayoo, 714; Bassam Jabro, 697.

Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingertot, 290/759; David Green, 279/683.

Loon Lake: Scott Tutas, 254/715; Bill Mason, 248.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Sandy Regan, 222; Anita Calchary, 218/562; Sue Kin, 222/583.

Sports Club: Kevin Kirma, 224/603; Ryan Shunia, 223; Mark Salmo, 581; Rita Dawood, 189/505.

Monday Nite Men's: Art Remer, 279/771; John Baughman, 277/748.

B'Nai Brith Brotherthod-Eddie Jacobson: Howard Waxer, 226-220/645; Barry Fishman, 221-211-211/643; Larry Slutsky, 245-221/641; Mike Klingner, 256/623; Marc Weberman, 220-205/627.

Ever-7: Tony Elias, 278/711; Rob Holton, 268/716; Dave Spitz, 267/684; Ron Mathison, 258/647; Mike Ksiazek, 255/659.

Strikers: Linda Alkamak, 222/560; Sue Yalzo, 207; Edie John, 512.

Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakula, 257/660; Gifford Nutter, 245/610.

All Over Mixed: Robert Wojcik, 257/598; Jim Seftak Jr, 244/608; Maggie Olschanski, 216/543; Kathy Sestak, 195/523.

Country Keglers: Walt Ullrich, 258/625; Dave Kaliszewski, 258/665; Greg Bricker, 245; Patrick McComb, 244; Matt Masters, 244.

Country High School: Shawn Meyers, 290/703; Jordan Unrovitz, 220; Melissa Miller, 209/567; Jenny Long, 183/533.

Country Juniors: Howard Hardy, 221/507; Kelly Buxton, 138; Brandi Paris, 137.

Country Pros: Jordan Gorosh, 161; Ryan Meyers, 160; Kerri Ann Sidor, 167; Christina Mouawad, 143.

DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zelger-Gross: Sandy Freeman, 216/605; Ross Benchik, 200-230; Mike Aaron, 213-210; Mike Rosenfeld, 224; Hal Lempert, 212.

See bowling column above.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SHOWS

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

DEER AND TURKEY

The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be March 5-8 at the palace of Auburn Hills.

SEASON/DATES

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season through

Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

TURKEY

Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring wild turkey hunting permit.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club

is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS