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MONDAY

**Your cup of tea:** *The Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will have a Christmas tea at 1 p.m. at 8848 Quail Circle, Plymouth. Latricia Dickerson will present the program "Highlights of Our Ancestors." The tea is open to DAR current and prospective members. For more information, call (734) 455-5525.*

**Meeting:** *The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The commission is expected to discuss a possible review of the city charter regarding selection of the mayor.*

### COMING UP

**Chance to give:** *The American Red Cross sponsors a blood drive Wednesday, Dec. 29, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ of Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon Road. To make an appointment call (734) 453-7630.*

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## School officials coming, going

### Trustee Thomas surprises board with resignation

BY TONY BEUSCATO  
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Saying only that the reason is "very personal," Plymouth-Canton school board member Roland Thomas Friday morning resigned from his position on the Board of Education.

Moments after voting in favor of hiring Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher as the district's next superintendent in a special meeting, Thomas handed fellow trustees a one-sentence letter announcing his resignation.

"Effective January 1, 2000, I am resigning my position as trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education," the letter said.



Roland Thomas

After giving out the announcement, Thomas walked out of the meeting as other board members continued executive session.

In effect, it was the last meeting for Thomas. The school board doesn't meet again until Jan. 11.

"There will be an appropriate time to discuss why, but not now," said Thomas. "It's too emotional to talk about it."

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### Smooth site visit prompts contract offer to Booher

BY TONY BEUSCATO  
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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Friday afternoon offered a contract to Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher, 50, to become the district's next CEO.

And, if all goes well, the i's could be dotted and the t's could be crossed as early as next week.

"We sat down and compared notes," said Booher. "We'll probably get together next week. The track for closure is very soon."

School board President Sue Davis and Trustee Mark Slavens met with Booher Friday afternoon in Berkley, offering her a contract. Davis is hoping to have negotiations wrapped up by the end of the year.

No one is officially saying how much

Booher is being offered; however, sources indicate the contract is worth \$125,000 a year. Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said it's "safe to assume the offer is more than the \$120,000 former superintendent Chuck Little made" before he left last July.

If a contract is extended and finalized soon, Booher said she would be able to start her new position some time in February.

In a 7 a.m. board meeting Friday, trustees voted 7-0 to offer Booher a pact. The vote came one day after teams of school board members and community leaders visited Berkley schools in an all-day site visit to find out more about Booher before officially offering the contract.

Please see CONTRACT, A3

## Pulling strings

BY TONY BEUSCATO  
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After only two months of practice, violin players at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth gave their first concert.

"They're doing very well for only two months," said teacher Erin Zurbuchen before Wednesday's concert for parents. "They sound wonderful."

The students are part of a Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Education elementary strings program started this year at Smith and Miller elementary schools in Canton.

It's an effort to build the upper-grade orchestras from the bottom up.

"We now have about 45 high school orchestra students and 70 middle school orchestra members," said Zurbuchen. "Now we have the elementary program to help increase the numbers, so that by the time these kids get to high school we'll have an incredible orchestra."

Please see VIOLINS, A8



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**First-timers:** Katie Childs, 10 (above), concentrates while performing in the first recital at Smith Elementary School Wednesday for the new violin class in the district. Left, the class laughs following a song. From left: Joe Scanlon, 10; Nathan Larimore, 10; Miyuki Kubokawa, 11; Allison McCoin, 9½; Mei Kubokawa, 9; Alice Chae, 8; Maggie DePentu, 8½; and Childs.

## Community makes Cheer Club a charitable success

The Observer office in Plymouth no longer looks like the toddler aisle at Toys 'R Us or the canned goods section at your favorite supermarket.

That's because another Cheer Club campaign has wrapped up. And thanks to generous readers of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, disadvantaged area families will have a merry Christmas.

The Salvation Army van pulled up to the Observer office Thursday to collect dozens of packages donated by readers since the Cheer Club campaign started Nov. 22. There were toys, games, dolls, hand-knitted scarves, gloves and blankets, as well as store-bought winter clothes and enough packaged food to last well into the next millennium.

The donations will be distributed to families in Plymouth, Canton and Northville throughout the holiday season.

The Observer wishes to thank all who donated to this year's campaign and became "members" of our Cheer Club. Contributions in the last week

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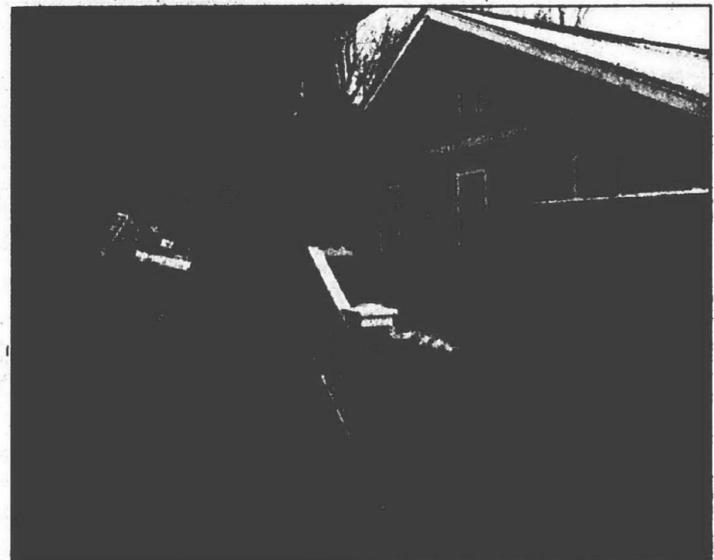
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Ed McDiarmid of Southgate; Susan Haar's first grade class at Tonda Elementary School; Daisy Troop No. 235 in Canton; and several anonymous donors.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the staff of the Plymouth and Canton Observers!



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN  
**Delivering the goods:** Salvation Army Lt. Jim Spencer (foreground) and Observer reporter Scott Daniel haul donated items from the Observer office on Main Street in Plymouth into the Salvation Army van Thursday.

# 'Tis the giving season

## City workers decide it's better to give than receive

BY TONY BRUCATO  
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It's better to give than receive, and that's the motto Plymouth city employees have practiced for the past five years.

Instead of giving gifts to each other during the holiday season, they've been collecting money, food and gifts for needy families in a program sponsored by the Salvation Army.

"One of the employees suggested that we do this instead of give gifts to each other," remembers Carol Stone, the city's administrative services director. "Besides, how many coffee cups or boxes of candy do we really need? Why not put that money towards something in the community?"

Stone said it's never been difficult getting city employees to contribute.

"We seem to collect more and

more each year," she said. "It feels good helping someone less fortunate."

The Salvation Army program calls for at least one gift for each member of the family and enough food for one meal. However, Plymouth city employees have done much more.

This year employees donated \$400 in cash, which Stone and some of her fellow employees used to buy clothes for a 23-year-old mother and her three children, ages 12, 2 and newborn.

"We were able to get a bike and a car seat," she said. "We'll buy them some clothes, and the Cultural Center employees collected food."

"We never get to meet the family, but sometimes we get thank-you letters and once we get a picture of the family," added Stone.

Employees say it's a holiday tradition they look forward to participating in each winter.

"It's nice to be able to give



Gifts passed on: City employees Linda Langmesser (from left) Maureen Brodie, Emily Peters and Carol Stone pose in front of the Christmas tree in the lobby of City Hall Friday with some of the gifts that were donated by city employees for the Salvation Army.

something during the holidays to those less fortunate than we are," said Maureen Brodie, secretary to City Manager David Rich.

"This is what Christmas is really about," added Teresa Cischke, city treasurer. "It's something you want to do, not something you have to."

## Police staffers take 'First Step' in giving

BY SUE BUCK  
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Five office staff members of the Plymouth Township Police Department this week donated 50 personal hygiene packets to victims of domestic violence assisted by First Step.

The kits contain soap, hand towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, a shaver and a comb. The items were collected over several months.

"At any given time, we can have as many as 40 women and children in the shelter," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "The holidays are a difficult time to be in a shelter. If we have 40 people in the shelter, the majority are children under

five. This is a good example of how people can show support. We are very grateful."

The mission of First Step, which has a Plymouth office at 44567 Pinetree, is to reduce domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to people affected by these crimes. This is done through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention.

The police department office staff has been collecting items since May, said Cheri Gordon, office manager/administrative assistant.

Ann DeGhetto, the records supervisor, came up with the idea of the hygiene packets, Gordon said. The other contributors are administrative assistant Nichole Hunt, records assistant

Donna Pawlowski and secretary Julie Snitzer.

"We are aware that around the holidays, incidents of domestic violence increase which in turn may limit the amount of personal hygiene products you have available for women to use," Gordon said.

Besides hygiene kits, First Step always needs clean pajamas and night clothes. They especially recommend donations of sweatshirts in all sizes.

"Many times when the women come to the hospital, their clothing is confiscated for evidence," Ellis said. Sometimes women are sent home clad only in paper gowns, she said.

First Step also needs diapers with elasticized leg bands for the children, sheets, towels and pillowcases. It also accepts auto donations as well as art supplies

for the children.

Community-based services provided by First Step include community education and outreach, legal clinics, in-court victim services, 24-hour, on-call teams trained to meet with survivors of domestic and sexual violence, coalition building and community organizing.

The group provides court advocacy, individual and children counseling, safety planning, support groups, educational seminars, parent education, critical incident debriefing, and a violence intervention program for those who batter.

First Step's 24-hour help line can be reached at (734) 459-5900 or (toll free) 1-888-453-5900. TDD is available. To learn about volunteer opportunities, call (734) 416-1111.

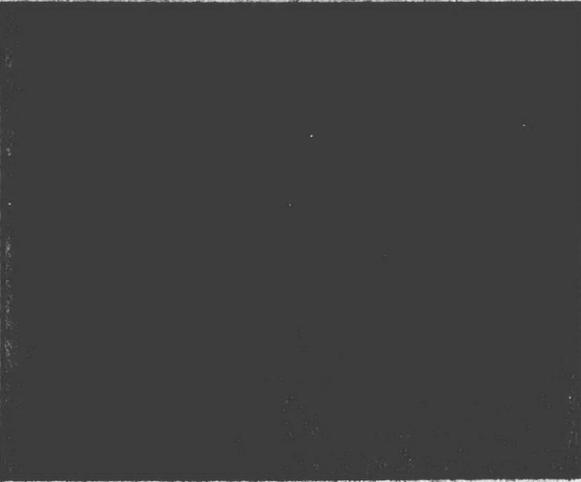
## Sculpture order deadline moved

Mike Watts of Watts-Up Inc. has extended the deadline to order ice sculptures to be placed in front of businesses during the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular in January.

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"I met with board members, various staff, assistant superintendents, business leaders ... and everyone was extremely positive about her," said Slavens. "They talked about her leadership qualities, her vision. She's also very good at involving the schools with the business community and local government." "We tried and tried and tried to find negatives about her, but we couldn't," said trustee Liz Givens. "I don't think we learned anything new, but we reaffirmed

that she's an excellent leader, she knows how to deal with people, gets things done efficiently and people enjoy working with her."

Davis said many in Berkley noted Booher's high standards.

"She has high expectations and everyone is expected to work to the level she expects," said Davis. "She's visible in the community and the parents love her. And I heard over and over about her great communication skills."

Pioneer Middle School Principal Tom Owens was one of those who participated in the site visit, and told board members he's excited at the possibility of working with Booher.

"We heard that she's an independent thinker, does things logically and is a technology leader," said Owens. "One of the comments we heard is that she lets teachers color outside the lines."

Booher said if she signs the contract, she'll move into the district with her husband, Steven Bassett.

"I think it's important to be in the community where the school district is," said Booher. "I'll be relocating."

## Court announces chief appellate, trial judges

On Dec. 7 the Michigan Supreme Court announced the appointments of Chief Judges for the Court of Appeals and trial courts across the state.

Judge John E. MacDonald was re-appointed Chief Judge of the 35th District Court, which has jurisdiction in the communities of Canton Township, the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of Northville and Northville Township.

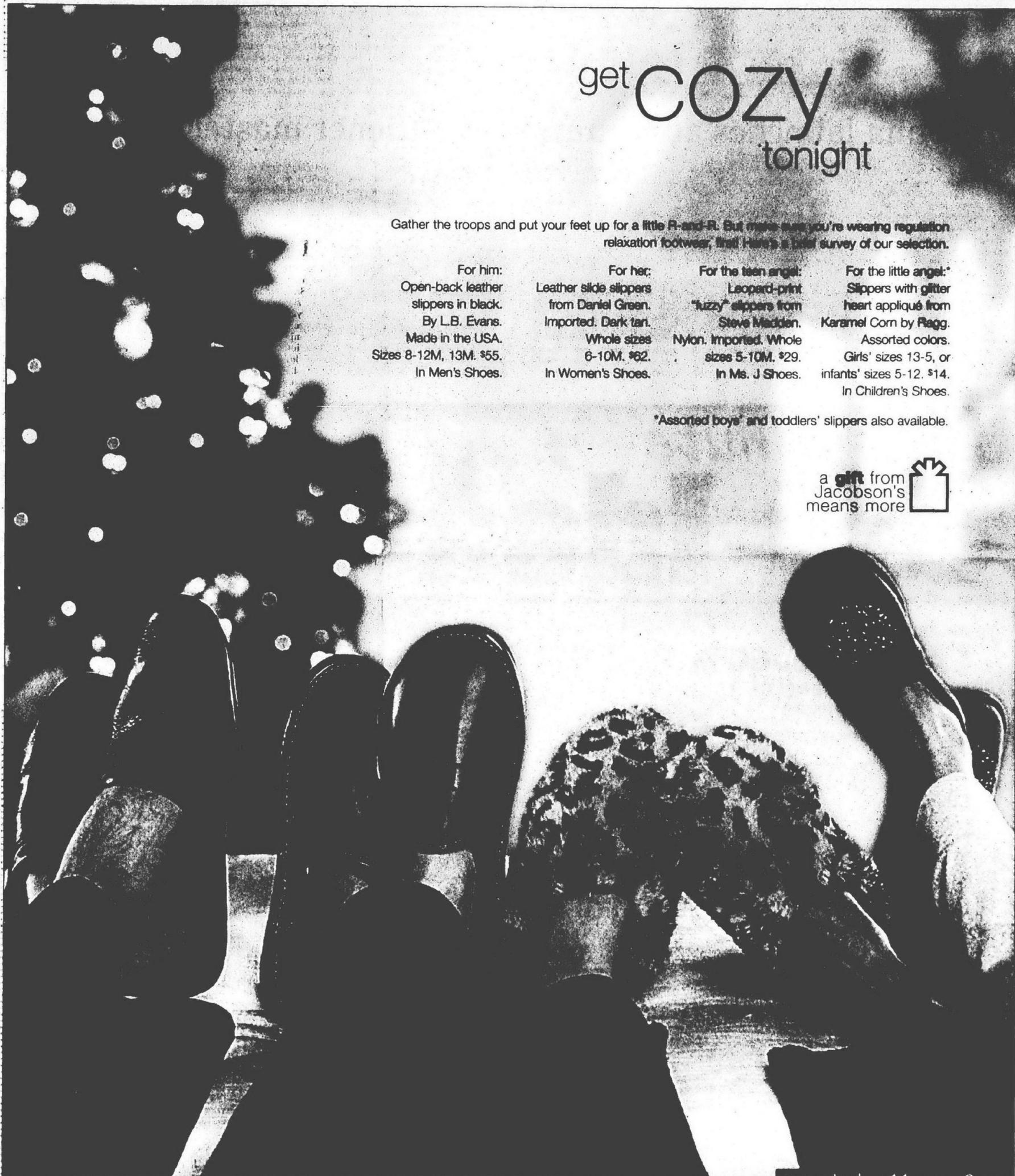
The appointment is a two-year term beginning Jan. 1.

Chief Judges are the chief executive officers of their courts.

They are responsible for financial and personal management, coordinating workload and managing relations with the funding units, other justice agencies and the public. They are also responsible for ensuring that the Supreme Court's administrative policies

are carried out within their jurisdictions.

MacDonald was elected in 1984 and took the bench in January 1985. Since a fire in July 1997, which destroyed the 35th District Courthouse, MacDonald and Judge Ronald Lowe have worked closely with the communities to design and build the new 35th District Court building, which is scheduled to open in May.



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# Amber Alert links police, media on kidnappings

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A planned link between law enforcement and the electronic media is designed to foil child kidnappings in Michigan in their early stages.

Amber Alert, through which a police agency can, with a single fax, inform all radio and television stations in its area of a child abduction, has proven successful in Texas and California, its proponents said Thursday.

The systems can make the public, including motorists who are listening to their vehicle radios, the eyes and ears of the police shortly after a kidnapping is confirmed.

"We think this is a really terrific program," said U.S. Sen.

Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) on Thursday. "It'll give us one more tool to be as effective as we can."

"It should be effectively implemented in every corner of this country," said Mark Klaas, the father of a 12-year-old, Polly Klaas, who was abducted in California in 1993 and later murdered.

Abraham, Klaas, Michigan State Police Sgt. Greg Jones and others joined Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Police Chief Pete Kunst at Livonia Police Department headquarters Thursday to announce the program. Amber Alert of Michigan president Robin Trumbull said the system should be up and running by March.

With Amber Alert, named after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas, who

was kidnapped and killed in 1996, police fax descriptions of the child, his or her abductor and any vehicle involved to Michigan State Police, along with other relevant information, once they confirm an abduction has taken place and the child is in danger.

State police then notify the media in that area. Radio stations are to interrupt programming to broadcast the information, while television stations can display it in a "crawl" across the bottom of viewers' screens.

"By activating Amber Alert, we create a net," Jones said.

The system has been successful in two cases, Trumbull said. In one, a motorist spotted an abductor's pickup truck minutes after a broadcast and called police. In another, an abductor

who heard his own description on the radio got scared and returned the child.

"It's much more effective when you've got 10,000 people looking for a perpetrator" as opposed to a dozen or so law enforcement officials, Trumbull said.

Kunst said the system would save critical time in the case of child abductions. Right now, he said, a detective would have to be pulled off the case to notify all broadcast outlets individually and explain the details.

"In a critical incident, such as an abduction, time is of the essence," Kunst said.

In order to prevent abuses, a standard set of criteria would have to be met before a case could be broadcast on Amber Alert, Jones said. The exact criteria have not been finalized, he

said. Klaas said that when his daughter was kidnapped, it was decided the information should not be for the media. Therefore, it was not broadcast to police in the field because it was feared the media would be monitoring the police radio frequency.

Two sheriff's deputies unwittingly helped the abductor 20 minutes after the kidnapping, Klaas said.

"They helped him pull his car out of a ditch and sent him on his way. Unbelievable," he said.

Trumbull said Amber Alert of Michigan has applied for non-profit status and is accepting donations. Trumbull, of Battle Creek, can be contacted at (616) 964-7100 or (616) 789-1302, or via e-mail at amberalertofmi@



U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham

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Klaas said his organization, the Klaas Kids Foundation, will match, up to \$3,000, donations to Amber Alert of Michigan.

# Madonna launches adult nurse practitioner master's program

Anticipating the future career needs of nurses, Madonna University in Livonia will offer a new master's degree and certificate program with an adult nurse practitioner specialty. The program, which begins in January 2000, prepares nurses to diagnose and manage primary health needs of adults.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, future career opportunities will be best for nurses with advanced education and training, such as nurse practitioners. Overall, the Bureau predicts that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average, or

21 to 35 percent, for all occupations through the year 2006.

"The adult nurse practitioner specialty provides the advanced practice nurse with the knowledge to make sophisticated health management decisions," said Dr. Mary Wawrzynski, dean of the College of Nursing and Health. "The training is vital, since an increasing number of complex procedures, which once were performed only in hospitals, are being carried out in physician's offices and clinics."

The adult practitioner specialization will be offered as a master of science in nursing degree, as well as a post-master's certifi-

cate for nurses who already possess a master of nursing degree.

Upon completion of either the master's degree or the certificate, students will have the educational theory and clinical practice necessary to take the National Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification exam through the American Nurse Credentialing Center and become licensed as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Michigan.

Students enrolled in the program will benefit from the expertise of faculty members who are active nurse practitioners.

"The nursing faculty are pleased and excited to now offer the adult nurse practitioner specialty and post master's certificate. The nurse practitioner specialty will allow our graduates to work in multiple practice settings, offering comprehensive primary health care in collaboration with other health providers," said Betty Dornbrook, assistant professor and a nurse practitioner.

Dornbrook will coordinate the program with Deborah Dunn, also an assistant professor and nurse practitioner. Assistant professors Gail Lis and Therese

Jamison, nurse practitioner, will teach in the program along with Dunn and Dornbrook.

For convenience of students, classes will be scheduled in the evenings and other suitable times.

"We recognize that students who enroll in the program will most likely be working adults, so we have designed the program so it can be completed on a part-time basis," said Dr. Edith Raleigh, dean of graduate studies.

The Madonna University nursing program was established in 1962 and is one of the largest

four-year nursing programs in Michigan. At the graduate level, the College of Nursing and Health also offers a master of science in nursing with specialties in nursing administration, adult health: chronic health conditions, as well as a dual degree in nursing administration and business. The adult practitioner post-graduate certificate joins two existing certificates for the nurse educator and nurse entrepreneur.

For more information, call Madonna University's graduate studies office at (734)432-5667 or e-mail muinfo@amtp.munet.edu

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# Business panel gives upbeat forecast for metro economy

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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After nine years of economic expansion, one of the longest periods of growth in U.S. history, a slowdown could actually provide some welcome relief.

"There is going to be a mild pullback, there is no question," Larry Yost, chairman and CEO of Meritor Automotive, told members of the Detroit Economic Club Monday, Dec. 13, during its annual Economic Outlook Luncheon. "For those of us that are in the (auto) industry, it is expected. Not only expected, it is welcomed ... We look it as an opportunity to get some breathing space ... It is time for us to get back to basics. There are a lot of things we need to work on, time to market, time to customer. And given all the overtime that we have all been putting in, it is really important that we get back into balance our work and families, because people have been spending too much time at work."

Still, that "pull back" won't necessarily be recessionary. Yost explained that while initial projections for the year 2000 had been that the economy would see at least one quarter of "negative numbers," the belief now is that overall the economy will grow 3 percent for the year. He said he could only describe that as "robust."

That was the consensus of the remainder of the panel, selected

by the Economic Club to give a look ahead at business, jobs and spending for the coming year ... at least one more year of growth before any slow down is anticipated.

In fact, Eugene Miller, chairman and CEO of Comerica Bank, said the biggest danger to the U.S. economic outlook is that "federal spending is accelerating in anticipation of the election next year. The markets no longer 'look kindly at election year.'"

Tim O'Brien, of O'Brien Waterford Construction in Pontiac, told the Economic Club he foresees a 7 percent growth in the construction industry in the Detroit area, surpassing the national expectations for the building industry. In the Detroit area, construction will continue to be dominated by "mega-projects," like casinos and sports stadiums in Detroit, he said. "Housing starts will likely decline by about 7.5 percent. Despite that drop, the decline in units represents a number similar to what was the entire market only a few short years ago."

The biggest obstacle to construction is a shortage of labor, O'Brien said.

Floyd Hall, chairman, president and CEO of the Troy-based Kmart Corp., said that even if there is a slow down in the economy generally, an "anticipated increase in the population in the Detroit metropolitan region" will bring retailers here more cus-

tomers.

The real challenge to retailers, he said, will be the growth of e-commerce, purchases made over the Internet. It won't be additional spending, he concluded.

The money spent on purchases made over the World Wide Web will be money transferred from more traditional "bricks and mortar" retailers. But, he predicted, as more traditional retailers enter the e-commerce arena, there will likely be a shakeout of companies doing business on the Web. Kmart, for instance, plans to jump into sales over the Web in the coming year, he said.

Miller said he believes the current booming economy can be sustained into the next century, as long as business and political leaders remember what brought us to this point.

Miller said the Federal Reserve's "focused resolve" at keeping fluctuations in interest rates down has had much to do with that growth.

Additionally, four factors have contributed to the length and strength of the current economic boom - declining inflation and a strong dollar; streamlining of businesses, both through mergers and internal cost cutting; waves of new technology; and increased globalization of trade.

If businesses and political leaders remain focused on those areas, Miller said, it should be "more of the same" for the economy in the future.

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The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance.

For more information, call (734) 416-4901.

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# Y2 OK: Local governments plan to have staff on hand to handle any glitches

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While most of us will be ringing in the New Year with friends and relatives, some Plymouth Township officials and City of Plymouth personnel will be celebrating at the office to make sure the Y2K bug doesn't bite.

However, if it does, they want to be ready for any type of emergency.

"We'll be opening our emergency operation center from 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 to 3 a.m. on New Year's Day," said Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor. "We're hoping that nothing Y2K-related occurs and we can go home earlier."

McCarthy said township board members, all department heads and the Department of Public Works will be on hand to handle any emergency that might arise come midnight Jan. 1.

"We have emergency plans that we practice every year, so we'll be prepared," said McCarthy. "We just want to make sure we have sufficient

**'We understand that people will be concerned about 911 working properly, but an abundance of calls could overload the computer system.'**

*Kathleen Keen McCarthy*  
—Township supervisor

staff on hand in case something happens."

McCarthy said her staff will man a bank of phones to handle calls by township residents who may have questions. However, her biggest fear is a glut of 911 calls by residents who want to test the system to make sure it's working.

"We understand that people will be concerned about 911 working properly, but an abundance of calls could overload the computer system," she said. "We've set up the phone bank so residents can call and reassure

themselves that 911, or anything else, is working properly."

Except for emergencies, McCarthy is urging residents to avoid calling 911. The phone bank number for all other questions is (734) 453-3869.

About a mile or so down the road, Plymouth city officials will be spending the Jan. 1 midnight hour at city hall. Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok will be among several people on stand-by.

"It's preventative," said Sincok. "We're having a few extra people on board that night to assist with any issues that may crop up."

However, information systems manager Tom Alexandris feels confident if any Y2K problems occur, it won't be because of the city, which he said spent approximately \$50,000 on equipment and upgrades to become Y2K compliant.

"We really feel this will be a nonevent," said Alexandris, who will be spending his New Year's Eve at City Hall. "We have assurances from various public

utilities - Detroit Water, Ameritech, Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison - that they'll be prepared for that night.

"Once the new year rolls over, we'll do some visual inspections on our internal systems to be on the safe side," said Alexandris. "Then we'll take a physical inspection of street and traffic lights to make sure things are working well."

While Plymouth-Canton school district personnel will be home at the stroke of midnight, they'll be in early New Year's Day to make certain there are no building or equipment problems.

"It won't be as critical for us because most people will be gone for the holiday, but we'll be in New Year's Day to check the system," said Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology systems for the district. "We've been Y2K compliant since the beginning of the school year, so we're not expecting anything more than a possible glitch."

Casteel said the district spent nearly \$200,000 to meet Y2K standards, with \$168,000 of that

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## Thomas from page A1

"I thought about this for about a week," he said. "It has nothing to do with my colleagues, the new high school or the hiring of Kathleen Booher, whom I fully support."

Thomas would only say it was a "situation that drove me to the decision."

"I made a commitment to myself and the community that when I couldn't be objective as a board member on certain issues I would step down," he added. "I'm very principled."

Thomas has spent two stints totaling 15 1/2 years on the board. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in July 1982. In June 1983, he was re-elected and served three consecutive four-year terms. After taking a cou-

ple of years off, Thomas ran again and was elected in June 1997 to a four-year seat.

"I'm just shocked," was Trustee Judy Mardigian's reaction. "Roland brings a lot of experience to the board."

"None of us had any previous knowledge," added Trustee Liz Givens. "He'll be sorely missed."

A couple of board members expressed hope Thomas would reconsider.

"He's a seasoned member of the board. I hope he reconsiders, but I'll respect his decision either way," said board member Darwin Watts.

"He gives us a history of what has happened in the district, which is especially helpful to new board members and the new

**'I made a commitment to myself and the community that when I couldn't be objective as a board member on certain issues I would step down.'**

*Roland Thomas*  
—School board member

superintendent," said Trustee Steve Guile. "I hope he reconsiders."

Thomas will be leaving with approximately 1 1/2 years left on his term. The Board of Education will appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the June 2000

school board election. The remaining year will be filled by voters.

Interested individuals who seek the appointment are being asked by the district to submit a letter of intent to Mardigian, the school board secretary, by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7. Under state statute, the district must make the appointment within 20 days of the resignation date.

Anyone interested in being appointed to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education seat being vacated by Roland Thomas can send a letter to Judy Mardigian, Board Secretary, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or call the community relations office at (734) 416-2757.

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# 1.6 million to travel over the Christmas holidays

An estimated 1.6 million Michiganians - 17 percent of state residents - have travel plans for the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey. The number represents an increase over last year, when 1.4 million state residents made holiday travel plans.

Although 71 percent of travelers surveyed plan on visiting relatives, only 37 percent of those traveling will remain in Michigan. Popular destinations outside Michigan include Florida (18 percent), California (13 percent) and Indiana (13 percent).

Six percent of respondents indicated they have special travel plans related to the celebration of the Year 2000.

"We anticipate busy travel volumes - on land, sea and air," said AAA Michigan Director of Vendor Relations and Travel Support Larry Dickens. "We're booking cruises and land packages this season. As usual, we urge travelers to plan ahead and remain calm when things get crowded."

Other survey findings:  
 ■ The average trip will include three travelers and last eight days - three days longer than the

average Thanksgiving weekend trip - and the average amount spent will be nearly \$880.

■ Eighty-four percent of the trips planned will be inside the United States, with 87 percent of those trips exceeding 100 miles.

■ Most of the Michigan destinations will be in the Lower Peninsula (93 percent), and these are most likely to be in the northwest (23 percent), southwest (10 percent) and central (19 percent) regions.

■ Seventy-two percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van. Thirty-two percent will travel by air, an increase of six percentage

points over last year.

## TOP 10 DESTINATIONS

Based on requests for AAA TourBook (guides and TripTik) routings, this winter's top 10 destinations (including Christmas/New Year holiday period) are:

By air: 1) Orlando, 2) Las Vegas, 3) Tampa, 4) Phoenix, 5) Caribbean.

By land: 1) Florida (Orlando, Daytona, Gulf Coast), 2) South Carolina (Myrtle Beach), 3) New York (NYC and ski resorts), 4) Ontario (Niagara Falls, Toronto), 5) Illinois (Chicago).

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 39 cents more for a gallon of gas this year.

Nationwide, a near-record 44.6 million Americans are expected to travel during the Christmas/New Year holiday - the second-highest number for any holiday period. Growth in travel for this period has increased 63 percent since the beginning of the decade. Approximately 35 million people plan to travel by auto this holiday period, while 9.6 million will go by plane, train or bus.

The official 78-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23, and runs to midnight Sunday, Dec. 26. The 1999-2000 New Year holiday period (also 78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, eight persons died in Michigan in eight fatal traffic crashes. None of the crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by two of the victims who had belts available.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes statewide. At least two of last

year's crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by four of the victims who had belts available.

AAA Michigan reminds motorists that, as of Oct. 1, 1999, they will face tough new drunk driving laws. Drivers convicted of drunk driving now face severe consequences, including loss of vehicle.

AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of non-alcoholic drink recipes, visit News & Info at [www.aaamich.com](http://www.aaamich.com)).

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# Presidential primary doesn't seem to be drawing much interest

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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A scant turnout is expected in Canton and Plymouth for the Feb. 23 presidential primary.

Just 10 to 15 percent of registered voters are likely to cast ballots, according to local officials. Voters must register by Jan. 24 to be eligible for the primary.

"It's usually a very low turnout," Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said. "I guess people don't have an interest in it, generally."

Anyone may vote for candidates from any party.

While the ballot will not become official until Dec. 21, a number of Republican, Democrat and Reform party candidates are already certified. According to the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections, they include:

- Republicans Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch, Alan Keyes and John McCain.

- Democrat Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

- Reform candidate Donald J. Trump.

Voters will also be able to cast an uncommitted ballot in each

party if none of the candidates capture their fancy.

In the city of Plymouth, 6,900 residents are registered. Clerk Linda Langmesser thinks the primary's timing will have a lot to do with the number of votes cast.

"A lot of people go south for the winter," she said. "It's usually a pretty low turnout."

The city had a 13-percent turnout in the 1996 primary.

"I think it will be in that range again," Langmesser said. "I wouldn't expect anything more than that."

Plymouth has shrunk from five to four voting precincts. Central Middle School will host precinct No. 3, while the rest will be at Plymouth's Cultural Center.

Plymouth Township, meanwhile, will have one new precinct and a total of 17 in February.

The new precinct will be at Temple Baptist Church. The precinct is bounded by Beck and Napier roads running east and west, Ann Arbor Trail and North Territorial running north and south.

The township has 20,000 registered voters. Deputy Clerk Sandy Growth declined to predict what the primary turnout

will be but said, "we expect it to be low."

In Canton, 12 percent of registered voters participated in 1996.

Bennett expects similar numbers this time. More than half likely will come from absentee voters.

"We have a pretty strong and active senior population," Bennett said, noting that senior citizens comprise the bulk of such voters. "We've made out 9,000 (absentee) applications for people over 60."

Turnout will likely be hurt by families on spring-break vacations, she added.

"That's our experience," Bennett said. "People tend to clear out during spring vacation."

Canton has four new precincts. Bennett said it's likely two more will be added after the 2000 elections.

More than 140 elections workers will operate the township's 30 precincts. Bennett said she has enough people for February's election but still needs help for August and November.

Each precinct typically has three workers: a chairman, vice chairman and inspector. Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 for the day.

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Zurbuchen, who is mainly a bass player, said the elementary program will concentrate on the violin.

"There's the coordination of the fingers and the bow, and getting them to work together," she said. "There are a lot of opposing motions, and it's hard to get the coordination. To get good sound takes years of practice."

Community Education coordinator Barbara Young said she hopes to expand the pilot program in the future.

"Studies have shown that kids need to be introduced to music early on in order to succeed easier," she said. "And, music skills have been proven to enhance academic studies."

The program costs \$350 per student, and includes 25 weeks of lessons, which include one-hour sessions twice a week.

"I think this program has been very beneficial, and it's impressive what she's gotten out of the

kids," said Pat Scanlon, whose son Joe, 9, is in the class. "Joe was an Irish step dancer and he enjoyed the fiddle players. He wanted to learn the fiddle, and the violin is the beginning of it."

"Right now I play the violin, but I want to play the cello," said Allison McCorn, 9, of Plymouth.

"I want to someday play in the high school orchestra."

## OBITUARIES

### RUTH D. MUNSNAW

Services for Ruth D. Munschaw, 88, of Chelsea, were Dec. 18 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born June 22, 1911, in Amble, Mich. She died Dec. 13 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker. She attended business school at Davenport College in Grand Rapids. She was an executive secretary for the vice president of the A&P grocery Co. She was a secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include her son, Randy F. Munschaw of Wayne; one daughter, Cara (Cal) M. Frappier of Lansing; one brother, Max Switzer of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Phyllis Larsen of Big Rapids, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Arielle Frappier.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or to Chelsea Retirement Community Alzheimer's Unit, 801 W. Mission St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

### DOROTHY FAY CLARK

Services for Dorothy Fay Clark, 75, of Plymouth were Dec. 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with David Thomas officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Sept. 5, 1924, in Detroit. She died Dec. 11 in Plymouth Township. She was a homemaker and enjoyed being a part-time guide at Greenfield Village for many years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Livonia. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Plymouth. She loved to watch sports on TV and was an avid reader.

Survivors include her husband, Robert of Plymouth; one daughter, Cynthia A. (Dennis) Saulsberry of Plymouth; one son, Robert D. (Brenda) Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Daniel L. Sparks of Lansing; two grandchildren, Clark D. Saulsberry of Plymouth, Rachel N. Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; and one great-granddaughter, Kristina A. Saulsberry.

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Services for Helen Cecelia Hastings, 83, of Plymouth were Dec. 17 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence A. Pettke officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born May 4, 1916, in Detroit. She died Dec. 13 in Plymouth. She participated in numerous community organizations as well as activities at her church. She was an active leader in Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts when her children were young. In later years, she served as a sponsor to church converts, sang in the church choir, served on the local Council on Aging and was active on a bowling team, the O.L.G.C. "Fifty-Plus" Club, the Plymouth Creditors, and the Plymouth Township Seniors Group at Friendship Station. Her hobbies included playing cards, bird watching and craft projects.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George L. in 1983. Survivors include her two sons, George Hastings Jr. (Gail Brod-fuehrer) of Virginia, Thomas H. Hastings (Allen McCue) of California; one daughter, Mary M. (George) Abick of Plymouth; three sisters; and three grandchildren, William, Helen, and Emma.

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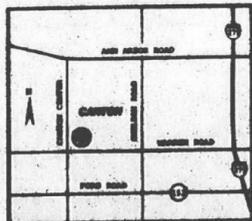
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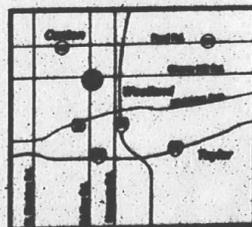
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A monthly bill will always include charges for basic local exchange service. Other charges may include:

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It is a good idea to review your bill monthly to ensure that charges appear only for the services you ordered. If a charge does not appear to be correct, call your local telephone company and request an explanation. Upon request, the company must provide a complimentary copy of the rate schedule applicable to your usage. Note, however, that the MPSC does not regulate the rates and charges for optional services, and the charges may change without notice.

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For questions regarding the above charges, call your local or long-distance telephone company.

Some actions you can take to protect yourself:

- Always review the summary of long-distance calls and verify that you or someone in your household is responsible for those listed on the bill.
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particular call. Because of the changing nature of the telecommunications industry, there may be charges for other telephone services on your bill that are not addressed in this alert (e.g., returned check charge, minimum long-distance calls charge, etc.). If you have questions about other service charges appearing on your bill, contact the telephone company. Always follow up with a letter and keep

a copy for your records. Remember basic local service cannot be terminated for non-payment of non-regulated service.

For more information related to your monthly telephone bill, call the MPSC at (800) 292-6655, write to the MPSC Communications Division, Service Quality Section, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909, contact the commission at <http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc>, or fax the agency at (517) 241-6217.

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Col. Paul Dronka, commander of defense contract management command - Detroit.

Dronka has 15 years experience working with small businesses, and experience with the Secretary of Army Research and Development (Procurement) at the Pentagon. He will guide the seminar, answer questions and explain how government contracting changes impact individual businesses. The government is this country's single largest buyer of goods and services.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m., in room 310 of the McDowell Center. Other seminars in the series are aimed at disadvantaged 8(a) companies, women-owned firms and any companies unable to attend earlier seminars. The fee for each seminar is \$10. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438.

## Seminar offered on contracting

If your company is considering competing for government contracts, attend How to Become A Government Contractor at Schoolcraft College Thursday, Jan. 13.

Learn how technological advances have streamlined the dynamics of doing business with the government. Topics include: government registrations; regulations; electronic commerce; electronic funds transfer; available markets and resources; and the services and training programs available at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center.

The seminar will be presented from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for a \$25 per person fee. To register, call the Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438.

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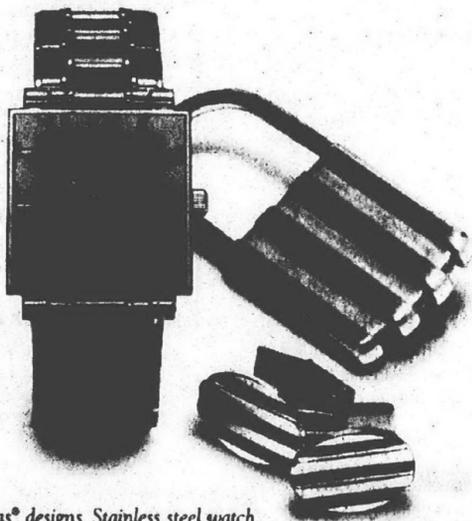


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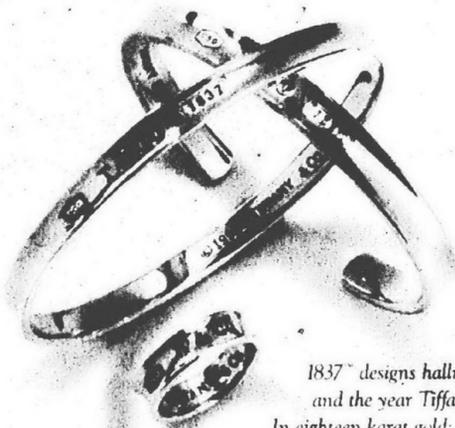
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## Chiefettes place 3rd

The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes finished third in the varsity High-Kick Division II competition at the Mid-American High School and Collegiate Dance Team Championship held Nov. 14 at Saginaw Valley State.

High-Kick state champs the past two years, the Chiefettes were the grand champions at the Mid-American Pom-Pom Summer Camp last July at Grand Valley State in Allendale. The squad also received honors such as most congenial, senior kick line-second place, and peppy pom squad.

Anyone interested in seeing the award-winning routines should plan on attending the Chiefettes Variety Show Saturday, Jan. 15 in the Salem HS auditorium.

Team members are Kelli Andersen, Liz Bahrou, Becky Baloga, Michelle Bernard, Genevieve Blazer, Justine Blazer, Melissa Bohanon, Janelle Broadway, Katie Chamulak, Jackie Custer, Katie Dysarczyk, Lauren French, Melissa French, Katie Gazsi, Amy Herberholz, Nikki LaVallee, Jeana Little, Brandy McGrew, Mollie Megasko, Taryn Natola, Aimee Ostach, Sarah Palmer, Lauren Richter, Brittany Rivers, Allison Snell, Tracy Timmerman, Lindsay Tomlinson, Lindsay Ursitti, Liz Wisniewski and Cara Woodbury. The team is coached by Kristen Manore and Danielle Voyles.

## Bray is all-tournament

Mark Bray, a senior guard at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, was named to the all-tournament team last weekend as the Dutchmen finished third in their own Hope College Tournament.

Bray scored 20 points in a 96-87 loss to St. Xavier (Ill.) last Friday in the opening round, then added 16 points in an 82-72 victory over Trinity Christian (Ill.) in the consolation final.

For the season, Bray is second on Hope in scoring, averaging 11.1 points a game, and he leads the team in floor shooting (56.8 percent) and three-point shooting (46.2 percent). Bray is second in assists (2.6 per game).

Hope is 4-4 entering the Christmas break.

## Correction

A photo that appeared in last Thursday's Observer identified a swimmer as Salem's Brian Mertens.

The photo was actually a Canton swimmer, Brad Nilson.

## Omission

Erin Rogala, who qualified for the state finals in the 100-yard breaststroke, was inadvertently left off the honorable mention list for the all-Observer swim team.

Rogala was clocked at 1:11.64 at the state finals.

## Madonna camps

•Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger will conduct a Winter Hitting Camp for baseball at Madonna Sunday, Dec. 19 and Monday, Dec. 20.

Class times are 1-4 p.m. for 13-18 year-olds and 5-8 p.m. for 8-13 year-olds. Cost to register at the gate is \$100 per person.

For further information, call Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

•A four-session camp for softball fundamentals — bunting, fielding, throwing, sliding and defense, plus hitting off live pitching and a pitching machine — will be conducted in January at Madonna University.

Saturday sessions run from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and from 3:30-6 p.m. Jan. 15. Sunday sessions run from 2-4:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Cost is \$90 for all four sessions. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University softball. Class size is limited.

For more information, call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Rissak, 36251 Brownwood, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 581-1279.

# Canton can't stop defending champs



BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

One thing a team doesn't want to do is go into the lair of the defending state champion and lay an egg — which is what Plymouth Canton did last Thursday when it visited Ann Arbor Pioneer. At least in the first half.

Half-time of Thursday night's Plymouth Canton-Ann Arbor Pioneer basketball game served a dual purpose.

The 10-minute intermission gave players on both teams a chance to catch their breath after 16 minutes of up-tempo action. More importantly, it allowed time for the rim on the Pioneers' end of the court to stop rattling following a series of gym-rocking, alley-oop dunks by senior swingman James Bridgewater.

Led by Bridgewater's above-the-rim heroics, the defending Class A state champions ran away from Canton, 72-56, to improve their record to 3-1. The 6-4, 180-pound leaper emphatically jammed home three perfect feeds from backcourt running mate Garrett Quinn

in the first half on his way to an 18-point night.

"No, it's not a set play," a grinning Pioneer coach Brian Townsend said, referring to the pass-catch-slam sequence his team pulled off four times against Canton (Ryan Sidney also had a dunk).

"But we teach the kids to run through the lane without the ball, and if it's there, the guards know to make the (alley-oop) pass. Tonight, it was there — at least in the first half.

"Canton turned up its defensive intensity in the second half and didn't allow us to do much."

The difference between the first half

and second half was like night and day for the young Chiefs, who fell to 1-2 with the setback. After looking tight and mistake-prone early — they committed 13 turnovers and trailed 40-19 at the half — the Chiefs regained their poise and confidence, and outscored the Pioneers 37-32 in the second half.

"We came out in the second half and decided to play like we're capable of playing," said Canton coach Dan Young, referring to his inexperienced, yet potential-packed, team. "I liked the way we competed in the second half. We didn't back down."

If he'd had his preference, Young

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# Promising start Canton, Salem both looking good

BY C.J. RISSAK  
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Expectations were modest, but results certainly weren't at the season-opener in gymnastics for both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

Those two hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron Thursday at Canton's Phase III gym. Going into the quad meet, Canton coach John Cunningham had hoped his team would start this season scoring in the 130 range and end it in the 140s.

Salem coach Melissa Hopson, trying to cope with the loss of one of her top scorers in Melissa Drake (foot ligament injury), didn't have numbers in mind. She just wanted to use the meet as a barometer, to see what needed to be fixed.

Both coaches got what they wanted, and a bit more. "I felt really good about it," said Cunningham after his Chiefs finished first in the quad, scoring 133.1 points — equal to their best score of last season. "I was remembering where we left off last year and where we were beginning this year.

"We're definitely several marks up from where we finished last year."

For Salem, the start wasn't quite as impressive on the scoreboard, but the Rocks did pretty well just the same, placing second with 128.85 points in what proved to be a down-to-the-wire finish. They were just ahead of both Pioneer (128.65) and Huron (128.6).

"I was pleased with the way things went," said Hopson. "There are a few things that need to be worked out, and will be with some more practices.

"I can't expect anything more for a first meet."

There was additional bad news for the depth-plagued Rocks. Emily Nicolau, a sophomore who was expected to help fill the gap created by Drake's injury, suffered a hyper-extended knee and is expected to miss about three weeks.

"She's one of our hard workers," said Hopson of Nicolau. "It seems we have that luck this year."

Still, there was plenty for both coaches to be pleased with. April Aquino, a junior at Salem, posted the best all-around score of 35.1, and Amy Driscoll, a junior at Canton, was next best with a 34.75.

Third on the all-around list was Canton senior Liz Fitzgerald at 34.35, followed by Salem freshman Bethany Bartlett at 34.15.

Aquino was first in the balance beam with an 8.8; she tied for second in the vault with an 8.5, and took second in the floor exercise with a 9.3. Aquino was fourth in the uneven parallel bars with an 8.6.

Driscoll, who has been plagued by injuries for the past two seasons, turned in a solid performance for the Chiefs. She won the floor exercise with a 9.3, took second in the bars with an 8.55, and was fourth in both the vault (8.4) and beam (8.1).

Fitzgerald, who is a member of Canton's marching band



A solid mark: Canton's Liz Fitzgerald turned in a sound performance in the balance beam, finishing second with an 8.55.

and so got off to a late start in the preseason, seemed in good shape. She was second in the beam (8.55), tied for second in the vault (8.5), fifth in the floor exercise (8.95) and sixth in the bars (8.35).

Bartlett, in her first varsity performance, had both ups and downs. The Salem freshman won the vault (8.85), was third in bars (8.75), fourth in beam (8.1) and ninth in floor exercise (8.55).

"She's very hard on herself as a competitor," said Hopson of Bartlett.

The difference in the meet wasn't so much each team's top scorers, but rather "the depth factor," according to Cunningham, noting that five of his six competitors in the floor exercise scored 8.0 or better (Kristen Schilk, sixth with an 8.6; Lauren Christiansen, 8.35; Jill Rakovitis, 8.15).

"The kids were pretty consistent," he noted. "But we're still not where we want to be."

Noting Salem's losses to injury, Cunningham added, "I think they would have been right with us, duking it out."

"We had a nice meet, but by no means was it our best. We've got lots of room to improve."

Hopson got more than what she was looking for in the meet. First, what she was looking for: "The beam is still a key for us," she said. "Once we keep our feet on the beam instead of on the ground, we'll be better."

"The bars were a pretty good event for us, considering it was our first meet."

Then there was what she wasn't looking for, but got anyway — a second-place finish: "That was exciting to see, what we placed second. I didn't really set anything as a team goal."

Cunningham is confident his Chiefs will reach the goal he set for them by season's end and be scoring consistent-

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# Rocks romp past Huron; Chiefs stall

There were no double-winners in individual events for Plymouth Salem's boys swim team in its season-opening dual meet at Ann Arbor Huron Thursday.

Guess that's the bad news. Not that it really is bad. Because the only reason the Rocks had no double-winners was that they didn't any. They dominated their non-league foe in posting a 111-75 victory.

"Not a bad opener," admitted Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We moved some people around from our blue-and-white meet, and we got to swim everybody."

"Huron's a good team, so I was very pleased we were able to win so handily. We were getting ready for the Western Lakes Relays on Saturday, and we wanted to see as many different guys as possible.

"It worked out well for us."

Salem had individual winners in four events. Mike Johnson won the 50-yard freestyle (24.00). Ben Czialo was first in the 100 butterfly (58.15). Brian Mertens claimed top honors in the 500 free (5:00.86) and Jason Rebarchik was best in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.24).

In the 200 medley relay, Eric Lynn, Rebarchik, Czialo and Aaron Shelton were winners (1:46.70), and in the 200 free relay Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Ryan Kappler and Dan Jones captured first (1:35.10).

The Rocks took a 1-0 dual-meet record into yesterday's conference relays meet, which Salem hosted. Their next dual meet is Jan. 6 against Novi at Salem.

## Canton crushed

It was an inauspicious start to Ed Weber's career as Plymouth Canton's swim coach.

The Chiefs managed just one win in losing their first dual meet of the season, 137-49 at Dexter Thursday.

"We got shellacked," was Weber's

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## WRESTLING

# Canton gains 2 more dual meet victories

The surprise is over. But the shock waves continue to rumble.

Plymouth Canton's wrestlers jolted everyone when they beat Plymouth Salem in their opening dual meet. But that was two weeks ago.

On Thursday, the Chiefs once again proved this was no flash-on-the-mat deal by traveling to Lansing to do battle against East Lansing and Lansing Everett. The result: A pair of victories, 63-23 over Everett and 54-27 over East Lansing.

The two dual-meet wins boosted Canton's record to 4-0.

John Pocock, wrestling at 145, both pounds, and Joe Faraoni, at 145, both collected a pair of wins via pins. Pocock defeated Everett's Amir Davis in 1:32 and East Lansing's Robert Politowski in :44. Faraoni was a winner over Everett's James Calinas in 1:03 and East Lansing's Cameron Patterson in 1:50.

Other double-winners for the Chiefs were Kyle Pitt at 103, Doy Demisick at

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# Ocelots romp past Sinclair; Madonna falls

**Nice warm-up.**  
Which is all Wednesday's home game against Sinclair (Ohio) Community College was, in truth — preparation for a much tougher test, which came yesterday at Owens CC (Toledo), ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA Division II.

Sinclair was no test at all for Schoolcraft College's men's team, which raced to a 50-21 lead by halftime, then coasted to a 102-51 triumph.

The win improved SC's record to 6-3. "I thought that was one of our better efforts of the year defensively," said Ocelot coach Carlos Briggs. "We're starting to play better as a team. We're starting to share the ball more, rotate the ball better."

"And we're cutting down on our turnovers, which has been an Achilles heel for us."  
Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Lamar Bigby with 22 points. Robert Brown added 17 points and 14 rebounds, Quentin Mitchell had 12 points, and Chris Colléy and Dwight Windham netted 10 points apiece.

**Madonna wins, but loses**

It has been one dark December for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

First the Lady Crusaders lost leading scorer Kathy Pangnis. Then last Saturday, back-up center Stephanie Uballe — an all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball player — suffered a severe knee injury and is lost for the season.

That was followed by more trouble. In Thursday's non-league game against visiting Wayne State, starting center Lori Enfield suffered a severe finger injury that could keep her sidelined for a considerable length of time.

With the bench shrinking each game, it seems amazing that the Crusaders can put up much of a fight. But they not only put up a fight against WSU, they got a victory — 74-61.

The win boosted Madonna's record to 6-4. The Lady Warriors are 4-6.

The Crusaders, who lost Enfield after just five minutes, still built a 10-point lead by halftime (37-27), thanks to 14

first-half points from Chris Dietrich. Dietrich finished with 17 points, making all three of her three-point attempts.

Jen Amy's basket and free throw brought the Warriors to within four (47-43) with 12:46 left in the second half, but they could get no closer. A basket by Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) and a triple by Jackie Kocis pushed Madonna's lead back to nine (52-43) with 11:53 remaining.

Joining Dietrich in double-figures in scoring were Kocis with 12 and Carissa Gizicki with 10. Fiorenzi finished with nine.

Gizicki also totaled seven rebounds, five assists and three steals.

WSU got 14 points from Amy and 11 from Liz Beach.

Madonna outshot the Warriors, converting 22-of-48 from the floor (45.8 percent) compared to 25-of-79 for WSU (31.6 percent).

The Crusaders also hit 7-of-11 three-pointers (63.6 percent) compared to 4-of-28 for WSU (14.3 percent), and were 23-of-27 at the line (85.2 percent); the Warriors were 7-of-11 at the stripe (63.6

percent).

## WSU men rout Madonna

The question is, why play this game? Madonna University's men's basketball team had virtually no chance when it took on Wayne State Wednesday in Detroit. And it showed from the start: the Crusaders fell behind by 20 at the half and ended up absorbing a 103-49 shelling.

The loss left Madonna at 2-12 for the season.

Not much went right for the Crusaders. They converted just 20-of-57 floor shots (35.1 percent) and were just 3-of-15 from three-point range (20 percent); at the free-throw line, Madonna made 6-of-9 (66.7 percent) compared to WSU's 20-of-23 (87 percent).

The Crusaders were outrebounded 48-38 and committed a whopping 33 turnovers compared to 11 for the Warriors.

Jason Skocrylas led Madonna with 17 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 11 points. No one else scored more than six.

WSU got 14 points apiece from Adam Jones and Alan Ward. Brent Wall and Charles Leasure added 12 each. Ben Bakken scored 11 and A.W. Canada had 10. Jones also had a team-high 11 rebounds and eight steals, and Andy Deld collected eight assists and five steals.

Madonna played without sophomore Mike Masey, the team's top scorer who sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

## SC women fall

An 11-point advantage evaporated down the stretch for Schoolcraft College's women's team, which lost at Lansing CC 55-51 Wednesday.

The defeat let the Lady Ocelots carry a 1-6 record into the millennium break. They don't play again until Jan. 3 (at Macomb CC).

With 11:30 left in the game, SC had an 11-point lead, but squandered it. Janelle Olson and Antone Watson topped the Ocelot scorers with 13 points apiece; Angelica Blakely added eight points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots.

# Ambassador is player of month

Michael Smith of the Compuware Ambassadors has been on a tear, no doubt about it. And on Friday, he was recognized for it.

Smith was named the North American Hockey League's player of the month for November.

A rookie in the NAHL, the Hamilton, Ont., native had 13 goals and three assists in nine games in November, with four multiple-goal games, three

power-play markers and three short-handed goals.

For the season, Smith has 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points, placing him seventh in the league in scoring and second in goals; his four short-handed goals is tied for first in the NAHL.

Smith, a 5-foot-10, 184-pounder, has led Compuware in scoring for most of the season. He has committed to Niagara University for next fall.

## U-M bound

Mike Roemensky, one of Compuware's top defensemen, has verbally committed to the University of Michigan. He will leave the Ambassadors at the Christmas break for U-M.

Roemensky is the second key loss for the Ambassadors. Earlier this month, forward Steve Jackson announced he will leave at the break to enroll at Michigan State.

"Mike will be missed, but this just shows the caliber of players, and the level of competition,

throughout the NAHL that has prepared him for this opportunity," said Compuware GM/coach Mike Vellucci, who following last season sent 10 players to the NCAA Division I ranks.

"Michigan is one of the premier programs in the country, and the Wolverines coaching staff has full confidence in Mike's ability to step in and contribute right away."

"The same can be said for forward Steve Jackson, who is joining another premier program, Michigan State, after the holidays."

A 5-11, 175-pounder, Roemensky is in his third season with the Ambassadors. He played in 50 regular-season games for the league and national championship team in 1998-99; thus far this season, Roemensky has collected two goals and five assists in 18 games.

## Kowalski commits

Craig Kowalski, the all-star goalie for the Ambassadors, has made his choice: He'll attend Northern Michigan University next fall.

The 5-9, 190-pounder backstopped the Ambassadors to 34 wins, the Robertson and Gold Cup titles last season. This year, he's 13-8-1 with a 2.76 goals-

against average and a .911 save percentage. He led the NAHL to a third-straight Top Prospects tournament title.

"The bigger the game, the better Craig plays," said his coach, Mike Vellucci.

## Stars selected

USA Hockey has announced the 20-player roster for the junior select team that will compete in the Viking Cup later this month at Augustana College in Camrose, Alberta.

Three members of the Compuware Ambassadors were among those chosen: defensemen Mike Roemensky and Andy Burnes, and goalie Craig Kowalski.

The USA junior selects will go against national under-18 select teams from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden, all-star teams from the Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan junior hockey leagues; and the host Augustana College Vikings.

The tournament format features preliminary round-robin games, followed by play-downs for the eight teams that survive the round-robin portion of the tournament. It all culminating in the Cup championship game Jan. 5.

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**Jan. 3:** 11-and-under ('88), 6-7:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 12-and-under ('87), 7:30-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 13-and-under ('86), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

**Jan. 4:** 14-and-under ('85) and 15-and-under ('86), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82) and 18-and-under ('81), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

**Jan. 5:** 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under ('87), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

**Jan. 7:** 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82), 18-and-under ('81), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School;

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### Hockey leagues

A new over-50 hockey league, to be called "The Silver Sticks Hockey League," is now forming. Games will be played Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

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Cost is \$165 per player. To register, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

### Camps/lessons

**Softball holiday camp:** This camp, hosted by the Sports Academy in Novi, will be a specialized elite camp covering hitting, pitching, fielding and more. Professional instructors and All-American players will serve as instructors. Live infield and batting practices will be given, and players' skills will be evaluated, with individual drills available.

Increasing arm strength and bat speed, plus other conditioning drills, will be included. Registration cost is \$75; the camp will run from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 28-30.

Register by phone by calling (248) 380-0800, ext. 112, or send a check to the Sports Academy, 22515 Hespil, Novi, 48375.

**Baseball holiday camp:** A specialized, elite camp featuring hitting, pitching, fielding and more is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 28-30 at the Sports Academy in Novi. Registration cost is \$85. Professional

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member of Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, remains among the top five in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Brown is third in scoring, averaging 17.0 points per game, and is fifth in rebounding, averaging 8.6 per game. He is also second in field goal shooting (61.1 percent).

SC's Chris Colley leads the conference in free-throw shooting percentage (81.4 percent).

The Ocelots were 5-3 through last weekend.

As far as the SC women's team is concerned, well — balance is the key word. The Lady Ocelots have three of the conference's top four scorers in Carla Sexton and Janelle Olson (14.0 points per game each) and Angelica Blakely (13.8 points per game).

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Monday, Dec. 20  
Harrison at Seehorn, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
Ypsil Lincoln at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Riv. Richard at Harrison, 7 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
Ladywood vs. Regina  
at Ply. Arctic Pond Arena, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Churchill vs. Brother Rice  
at Livonia's Edger Arena, 6 p.m.  
Salem vs. W.L. Western  
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 7:20 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified  
at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Red. Unified vs. A.P. Cabrini  
at Allen Park Arena, 8 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
St. Clair (Ont.) at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

## Wrestling

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119, Greg Musser at 130, Kevin Rodriguez at 125, Mike Siegrist at 135 and Mike Bonner at 160.

"Our boys are really sticking behind one another as a team," said Canton coach John Dem-

sick. "Though we had a strong performance from our guys in Lansing, wrestling East Lansing and Lansing Everett, we still have a long way to go.

"We can do more to finesse our

moves. We are a pinning team and that says a lot."

Canton is now idle until Jan. 6, when it hosts Western Lakes Activities Association power Walled Lake Western.

### OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

**TEAM:** 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Garden City.

### INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

**103 pounds:** 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 3. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 4. Scott Massey (GC); 5. Chad Bennett (Livonia Franklin).

**112:** 1. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 3. Brian Clement (Churchill); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. Carlos Gammons (Redford Union).

**119:** 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jesse Purdon (John Glenn); 4. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 5. David Teets (John Glenn).

**128:** 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 5. Zack Yaffai

(Stevenson).  
**130:** 1. Greg Musser (Canton); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (Garden City).

**135:** 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Jon Pocock (Canton); 3. Brandon Templeton (GC); 4. Allen Waddell (John Glenn); 5. Jamie Bair (RU).

**140:** 1. Josh Fee (Garden City); 2. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Steve Dendrinis (Salem); 4. Ernie Guerra (John Glenn); 5. Tom Mahon (Farmington).

**145:** 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 3. Steve Abar (Churchill); 4. Matt Radley (Stevenson); 5. Matt Barker (John Glenn).

**152:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 5. Sean Bell (Redford CC).

**160:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Eric Kelley

(Franklin); 5. Mike Murland (Farmington).

**171:** 1. Craig Medos (GC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Jason Hilliker (Redford CC); 4. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland); 5. Matt Vesanto (Wayne).

**189:** 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 3. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 4. Matt Conlan (Redford CC); 5. Tim McCarthy (Stevenson).

**215:** 1. Nick Smith (Wayne); 2. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 3. Tom Vandebosche (Churchill); 4. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 5. Leo Alvarez (GC).

**Heavyweight:** 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 3. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland); 4. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 5. Brad Tinney (GC).

**Note:** The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by a panel of four coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (RU) and Dave Chioia (GC).

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 691-0843 for information.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the

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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.

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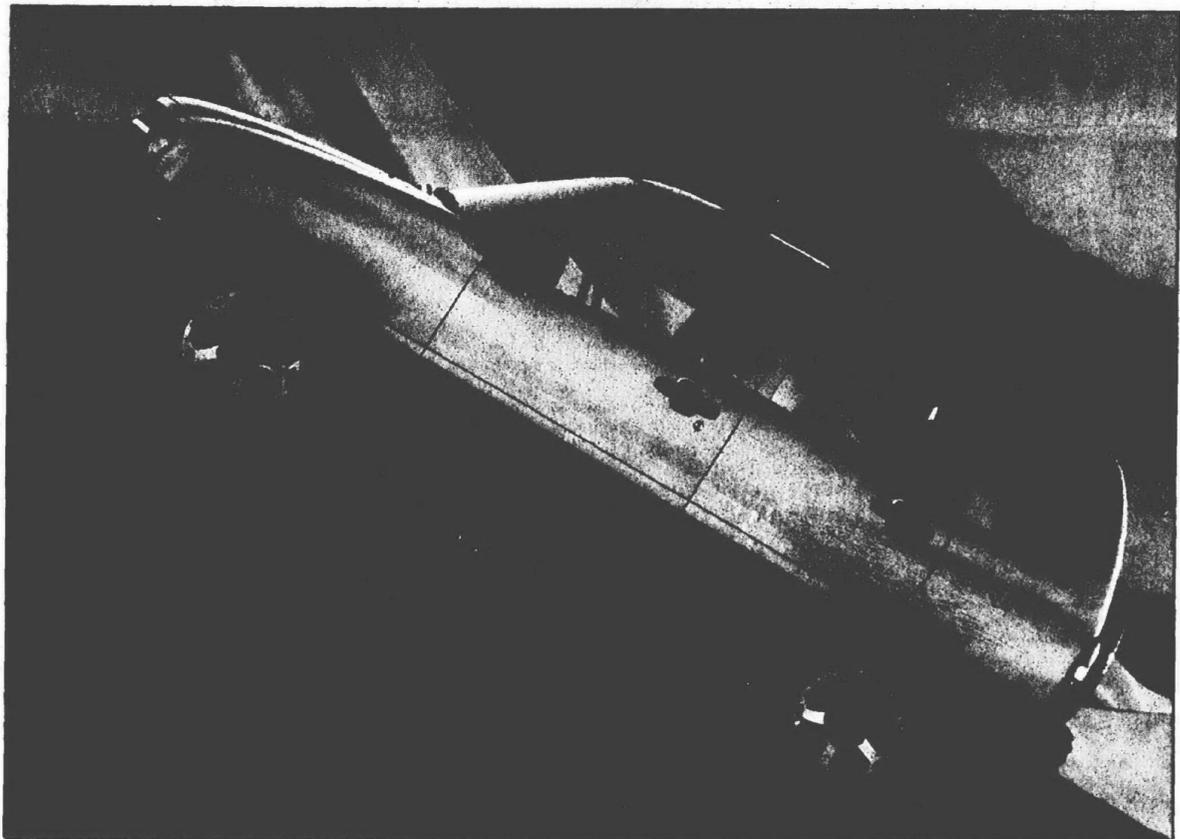
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# Bearly possible: Bear range stretching south



BILL PARKER

A surprise encounter with a Michigan black bear has landed a Thumb-area bow hunter in a world of trouble. While hunting deer from a tree stand in Tuscola County on the afternoon of Oct. 7, the hunter allegedly shot a black bear because "she was fearful and did not know what the bear would do," according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Jason Haines. Bear encounters are extremely rare in southern Michigan so it's not inconceivable to think the hunter was quite surprised by the appearance of the bear. However, since there is no bear hunting season in the Thumb, or anywhere in southern Michigan, shooting one is a game law violation. A Tuscola County property owner notified the DNR that a black bear had been killed on his property by an archery deer hunter. The hunter allegedly shot the bear at approximately 6 p.m.

that day. The bear was found dead the following morning. "Basically the hunter claimed she was fearful and did not know what the bear would do," explained Haines. "The animal didn't make any attempt to climb the tree and was on the ground on all four feet when she shot it."

"I couldn't determine any good, valid reason for the bear to be killed so I turned the case over to the prosecutor's office and charges were filed."

### A costly mistake

The illegal killing of a bear in Michigan is a misdemeanor and carries a sentence of a mandatory five days and up to 90 days in jail, revocation of hunting privileges for the remainder of this year and the next three years, \$1,500 in restitution along with additional fines and court costs.

The Upper Peninsula and the extreme northern haunts of the Lower are traditionally thought of as Michigan's black bear range, but sightings and bear encounters in the southern Lower Peninsula are occurring with more frequency as the bear population grows and its range expands.

The DNR estimates that Michigan's bear population is growing at an annual rate of approximately six-percent in the Lower Peninsula and five-percent in the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to the Sept. 10-Oct. 26 bear hunting season, there was an estimated population of 14,000 bears across northern Michigan.

"Their range is expanding, too," said DNR bear biologist Tim Reis. "Based on the number of observations we have received there are more and more instances when bear show up in the southern Lower Peninsula, particularly on the west side of the state."

"We've had several reports of bear sightings just north of Grand Rapids and one of a sow with cubs."

### Summer residents

Reis feels the young, 160-pound bear shot in Tuscola County may have been establishing a home range in the area and could have been there since early last summer.

"It's uncommon for a bear to make long movements like that at this time of year," Reis said. "Cubs will stay with a sow for two winters. Then,

when she's ready to reproduce again in the spring, she'll get real aggressive with her cubs, especially the young males who will leave the area and venture out on their own."

"As they try to establish their own home range they'll undoubtedly encounter other bears and they'll get run off until they find a suitable area. But that usually occurs in the spring and early summer, not in the fall. There's a pretty good chance this bear had established a home range and maybe even started denning in the area."

Two summers ago a young male bear was spotted several times near Clarkston and Grand Blanc. That bear showed up in early summer and eventually made a 100 mile-plus trek to Port Austin before being captured and relocated back into northern Michigan.

(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 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

# Gift-giving is no problem for those who love nature



TIM NOWICKI

People who enjoy the natural world and the outdoors are not hard to buy for during this gift-giving season. If you do not have a gift for someone who enjoys nature, here are a few suggestions.

### Being outside

is the most-important place for people who enjoy nature, so why not give them places to go? Fortunately in the Detroit area there are several places that fit

the bill. The Huron-Clinton Metro Park Authority has a ring of parks that surround the city of Detroit and its suburbs. There are many places in them to hike, bike, fish and swim.

A season car pass would enable an outdoor lover to explore the forests, fields and wetlands all year long.

This same idea holds true for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation system, along with the state parks and recreation areas. While vacationing or traveling away from the Detroit area the pass holder can enjoy natural beauty as far north as Fort Wilkins State Park in the

### Keweenaw Peninsula.

Outdoor enthusiasts also need to be comfortable. I think a lot of people don't enjoy the natural world because they are not prepared for it.

Hiking trails for a couple hours, or snowshoeing in winter off the beaten track is not like hopping from one store to another, or getting out of the car and into a warm house.

Proper footwear, comfortable clothing and a janny pack with a water bottle are just a few examples of essentials for a modest hike.

Those hikers who plan to be outdoors longer need even more

equipment like raincoats, compass, whistle and waterproof matches.

Consider a gift from one of the outfitter stores like REI, Gander Mountain, The Benchmark, or Dicks, all of whom sell clothing designed for extended outdoor adventures.

A gift certificate for a good pair of hiking boots will allow the recipient to get a comfortable make they will appreciate every time they take to the field.

These stores and others also have books and gadgets that make an outdoor experience more enjoyable. Binoculars, sunglasses, warm gloves, practical hats and lots of other ideas that

may fit the person you're buying for.

Many organizations are instrumental in preserving land, buying land, protecting land, or educating people about the natural world.

Most of these organizations publish attractive and informative magazines about the natural world.

Subscription money is used to establish new preserves, maintain existing land and to alert the public of land that is valuable.

Michigan has a chapter of the Nature Conservancy, whose pri-

mary goal is to buy and protect prime natural areas.

The Detroit Audubon Society is affiliated with the National Audubon Society, which is an active environmental organization.

The National Wildlife Federation is active in the state through its affiliate, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

A membership to these, or other groups of your choice, would give the nature lover information and a place to visit.

Our local libraries have addresses for these groups.

Enjoy the natural world and have a Merry Christmas.

# All types of balls available for the 'different' bowler



AL HARRISON

They have developed a Fun Ball series that has already brought forth the brightly colored Zebra and Tai Chi balls in polyester.

The Skull ball was introduced in prototype for the movie 'Mystery Men' starring Jeanine Garafolo, not exactly a box office hit, but coming to home video in January.

In the movie, this ball supposedly contained the skull of Garafolo's father, Carmine the Bowler, who was slain by the mob. The ball then became a

weapon for her to avenge his death.

Even though the motion picture won't win any Oscars, the ball caught the attention of many fans and Ebonite began production in November, announcing that 8,000 of these would be available that month.

"The supply was sold out before they even hit the shelves," said Bill Scheid, Ebonite president. "In a category that was virtually non-existent, the Fun Balls were quickly sold out and had created a lot of hype and Beanie Baby mystique."

Beyond being eye-catching, the new Skull ball is a technological wonder.

Utilizing Everclear, an exclusive polyester to create a completely clear veneer, Ebonite engineers were able to create the first actual see-through bowling balls.

Other see-through balls were cloudy, at best. This type of ball will have a very low hook coefficient, therefore it will perform best as a spare ball, or for use on very dry lanes.

"The bowling industry has been introspective for a very long time," says Bob

Reid, vice-president of marketing for Ebonite, "Not only have we been too caught up in a technology to improve scores of a small percentage, the real serious bowlers, the industry simply overlooked the millions of recreational bowlers."

"More importantly, the industry forgot what made bowling a wonderful sport from the beginning — fun. Millions of dollars have been spent to find the right core shape, weight and veneer for different types of bowlers and conditions."

The highly aggressive balls that many bowlers are using help produce a more powerful shot, but they make spare shooting more difficult.

With the Fun Balls, spares shooting is just a step back to straight basics. If you can throw it, you should make most of the spares.

As for the Skull ball, the production run will be limited, so if you want to own one of the freakiest balls ever, see your pro shop guy right away.

"In the Bacardi/Blue Ribbon group scratch tournament last week at West-

land Bowl, Chris Mowinski emerged victorious after a final match dogfight with Bill Zacheranik.

It was Zacheranik, however, who stole the show, by being high qualifier with a 300 and 278 among his three game total of 805.

Bill also breezed by his match play opponents only to lose his carry in the final match, enabling Mowinski, who was a steady performer all day to take home the \$1,500 first prize.

In the second match-play round, Mowinski defeated Gary Duarard 219-170; Bill Zacheranik downed Jim Graves, 249-223 and Mike Gehrke bested last month's winner, Don Parks, 211-193.

Zacheranik got a bye, then Mowinski bested Gehrke 279-184 to move into the final match. The next event is slated for 11 a.m., Jan. 15, 2000, at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Congratulations to Jeff Nieman for his victory over Jeff Potts of Redford in the Midstates Masters 198 division bowled at Super Bowl in Canton last Sunday.

Nieman qualified 23rd and Potts made match play by one pin in the 52nd spot.

Other qualifiers from O&E Cities: Chuck Saperstein, Birmingham (2nd); Mike Wiatr (4th), Scott Allen (9th), Al Anderson (12th), of Westland; Bob Worley (11th) of Livonia; Glenn Swiney (17th) and Tom Brisbey (38th) of Redford; Allyn Madden (26th) of Southfield; Bob Maki (29th) of Canton and Earl Pugh III (50th) of Garden City.

Jason Nieman earned a trophy and \$2,300 for first and runner up Potts pocketed \$1,150 for second place.

Jarvis Woehlke rolled a perfect game Tuesday morning in the Senior Men's Invitational League at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

There have been a lot of other 300 games around town, but Jarv is only 86 years young and underwent knee replacement surgery a few years ago.

He is nicknamed "The Mechanic", descriptive of his precision style. It was the second 300 for Woehlke, in his long bowling career.

Table listing bowling events, dates, times, and participants across various leagues and locations.

# Early power-play goals carry Chargers

By Brad Emons  
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Every hockey team now has a line in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Livonia Stevenson was the last to fall from the ranks of the association Wednesday as Livonia Churchill eked past the Spartans at Edgar Arena, 3-1.

The outcome left both teams at 4-1 in the WLA.

The Chargers jumped on top of Stevenson 2-0 after one period on a pair of power-play goals.

After Stevenson was whistled for a delay of game, Churchill's Aaron Jakubowski knocked in a rebound from Sean Smith and Sean Sestak at 2:45.

The Chargers then took advantage of a two-man advantage later in the period when Adam Krug scored from Smith with 5:53 left in the period.

There was no scoring in the second period, but it was not uneventful as Stevenson coach Mike Harris, who had com-

plained loudly to the officials about excessive noise from Churchill's sound system, tipped over a mounted speaker just behind the scoring table. (See related story.)

Churchill was able to fight off a two-man disadvantage at the end of the period, but Stevenson scored 1:47 into the final period

on a goal by Mark Blasok from Mark Nebus and goaltender Kevin Marlowe.

But the Spartans could not get the equalizer past Churchill junior netminder Matt Williams and Jason Turri followed with a short-handed goal from Nathan Jakubowski with 6:35 left to seal the victory.

"We had been in the holiday spirit too long," said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, whose team was coming off a 4-2 upset loss

to city rival Franklin. "We did not want to give Stevenson odd man chances and get caught pinching in."

"Our power-play and penalty-killing came through for us. The kids exuded poise and confidence when the pressure was on and when Stevenson carried the play."

Williams, who has started all seven Churchill games in place of All-Stater Ryan McBroom (groin injury), was sharp all

night, stopping 18 shots.

"Matt has done a nice job for us," Hatley said. "He takes it one game at a time. Jim McBroom, our goalie coach, works with him every day and you can see Matt get a little better each time out."

"You can't ask for anything more."

Stevenson's inability to work its power-play was a key factor in the defeat.

"We dug a hole with two

power-play goals and that put us on our heels," Harris said. "Our power-play struggled and that short-handed goal (by Turri) killed us. Special teams killed us."

The Chargers went with an aggressive special teams strategy.

"We wanted it, but the whole Churchill team played well," Harris said. "We just couldn't execute. Our power-play cost us, but we'll regroup. Two have good character."

## A speaker casualty: Too loud

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Was it live or was it Memorex? Livonia Stevenson hockey coach Mike Harris stopped the blaring music Wednesday night at Edgar Arena, but may have run afoul of his administration.

Harris, who complained to Ron Namura's officiating crew during the second period about a noisy Livonia Churchill sound system coming from the scorers box, took matters into his own hands when he hopped through the Spartans' penalty box and tipped over a mounted tripod speaker in Stevenson's 3-1 loss.

Officials then stopped play and made Churchill administrators pick up the equipment. A Churchill student, who operates the system, plays a variety of tapes during interludes of action during the Chargers' home games.

"It was very distracting and I asked the refs to turn it down because I couldn't communicate with my players out there on the ice," Harris said afterwards. "It's sad to say we had to take action, but this is a hockey game, not a rock concert. We're here to play hockey."

Neither Churchill principal Rod Hosman or his counterpart at Stevenson, Dr. Dale Collier, were in attendance at the game. But the two conferred about the matter Thursday morning.

Churchill administrators did not comment on the incident, but Collier said, "I'm investigating and handling the matter."

"The newspaper is not the place to air it out because I may leave myself vulnerable," Collier said. "But I've taken care of the situation and I'm waiting and watching for the cards to play out."

"There's nothing I could say new that is appropriate other than what happened was inappropriate and it doesn't meet the standards of high school athletics or the school's standards."

"I apologized to Mr. Hosman."

Harris, who accompanied his team to a two-day tourney Friday and Saturday in Marquette, admitted "my action was not acceptable, but when you can't think, we need to do something."

On Thursday, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage did not know if the speaker had been damaged.

Ironically, Western Lakes Activities Association hockey coaches did not recommend playing music during league games at a preseason meeting, but were later overruled by their athletic directors.



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## HOCKEY NOTES

### Roemensky to U-M

Mike Roemensky, one of Compuware's top defensemen, has verbally committed to the University of Michigan. He will leave the Ambassadors at the Christmas break for U-M.

Roemensky is the second key loss for the Ambassadors. Earlier this month, forward Steve Jackson announced he will leave at the break to enroll at Michigan State.

"Mike will be missed, but this just shows the caliber of players, and the level of competition, throughout the NAHL that has prepared him for this opportunity," said Compuware GM/coach Mike Vellucci, who following last season sent 10 players to the NCAA Division I ranks.

"Michigan is one of the premier programs in the country, and the Wolverines coaching staff has full confidence in Mike's ability to step in and contribute right away."

"The same can be said for forward Steve Jackson, who is joining another premier program, Michigan State, after the holidays."

A 5-11, 175-pounder, Roemensky is in his third season with the Ambassadors. He played in 50 regular-season games for the league and national championship team in 1998-99; thus far this season, Roemensky has collected two goals and five assists in 18 games.

### Junior stars selected

USA Hockey has announced the 20-player roster for the junior select team that will compete in the Viking Cup later this month at Augustana College in Camrose, Alberta.

Three members of the Compuware Ambassadors were among those chosen: defenseman Mike Roemensky and Andy Burnes, and goalie Craig Kowalski.

The USA junior selects will go against national under-18 select teams from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden; all-star teams from the Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan junior hockey leagues; and the host Augustana College Vikings.

The tournament format features preliminary round-robin games, followed by play-downs for the eight teams that survive the round-robin portion of the tournament. It all culminating in the Cup championship game Jan. 6.

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ARTS EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## 1999 — a fruitful year for the arts

The end of the year is typically a time to assess our growth and set goals for the next 12 months. Several arts organizations and individuals deserve a pat on the back for introducing and encouraging the arts in our communities in 1999.

These supporters deserve praise for their commitment and working together:

- The Michigan Jazz Festival Committee for producing its annual festival — which featured nearly 200 musicians at Schoolcraft College — and for hosting a series of concerts spotlighting the music of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman and Count Basie at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

- The committee also held a workshop at Clarenceville High School to nurture jazz skills in student musicians. They've already started planning their sixth annual jazz festival, which is scheduled Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College.

- Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra president Don Soenen, the Canton Community Foundation, and Partnership for the Arts for their efforts to build a performing arts center in Canton.

- Canton Project Arts for showcasing photography from a Focus: HOPE



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**United in song:** Members of the St. Edith Church Choir joined together with singers from 10 local Catholic churches for a Thanksgiving Festival concert.

program that transcends barriers between Detroit area students. The workshops brought students together and promoted harmony by exposing them to people of diverse racial, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds.

- The Livonia Arts Commission and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) for awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to promising fine arts students. The students may or may not pursue a career in music, dance or painting, but they'll have formed an appreciation for the arts and, it is hoped, support arts in the future.

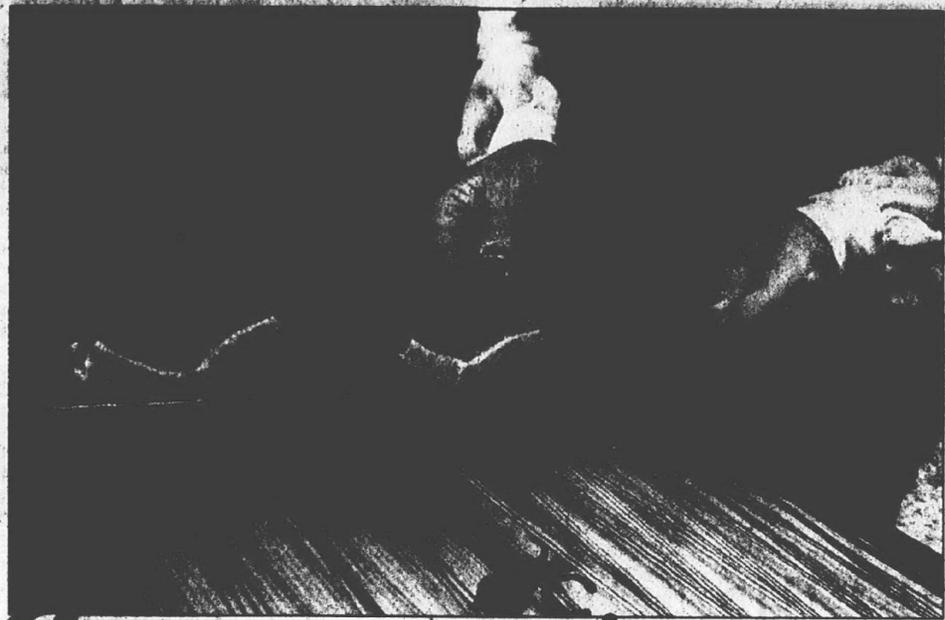
- Jack Pierson, a former Livonia resident, and Matt Michaels, a Southfield pianist whose jazz trio plays at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City, for giving their time and expertise to high school and college students at the 20th annual Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. The students took part in the educational programming led by Pierson and Michaels, a professor

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**Moving exhibit:** The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City displayed portraits from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series.



## Sweet Music

### Musician cultivates ethereal sounds of dulcimer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Charlene Berry taps out melodies on her hammer dulcimer as easily as if she were speaking. After playing the multi-stringed instrument for nearly 15 years, she's comfortable creating ethereal melodies.

Berry doesn't really need to practice her instrument to play a variety of music ranging from folk renaissance to modern. After all, she's performing at venues ranging from the Plymouth Historical Museum to art fairs every week. And come January she'll be passing on her knowledge by teaching dulcimer at Village Music in Plymouth.

"There's a nationwide revival of hammer dulcimer," said Berry, who originally played pipe organ.

"The sound of the instrument is so unique and pretty and not locked into any one style. People are more conscious of their history. They're looking back. That's why Victorian festivals and Civil War reenactments are so popular."

An advocate for the revival of this ancient instrument, Berry believes the soothing sounds of the dulcimer can bring peace and healing as well as set the tone for meditation. She frequently touts its benefits on her radio program, "Dulcimer World," heard 7-8 p.m. Fridays on WPON AM 1460.

A librarian at Madonna University in Livonia, Berry has intensely researched the dulcimer, a popular instrument during the lumberjack era in Michigan.

"The history dates back to biblical times when it was known as the psaltery, the gut-stringed instrument mentioned in the Bible," said Berry. "It was plucked in ancient times. During medieval times, they started using wire string. Stravinsky used large European type dulcimers. The dulcimer can play loud or soft. A harpsichord couldn't. The dulcimer lost popularity when the piano was introduced."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Soothing sounds:** Charlene Berry taps out ethereal melodies on a dulcimer.

#### New Year Jubilee

On Dec. 31, Berry along with more than 50 musicians and performers will celebrate the New Year during a celebration in downtown Ypsilanti. The hard driving blues of Madcat & Kane, children's songs by Gemini, steel drum music by Nite Flight, LaRon Williams' African American folk tales, the Paul Vornhagen Jazz Ensemble, Mr. B's boogie woogie piano, and the comedy and magic of Boyer & Fitzsimmons will assist revelers in ringing in 2000 at the event, which is open to the public.

Berry's two CD's "Hymns of Prayer & Praise" and "Dulcimer Americana," which features selections including mountain, folk tunes and original music, along with her "Joy, Peace, Healing" cassette will be available for sale.

"It's a beautiful celebration in and around historic Depot Town," said Berry, who became "hooked on dulcimer" then joined the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society for support in learning the instrument.

Berry is looking forward to teaching classes at Village Music because she believes that learning to play dulcimer is a way of instilling self-esteem in people who thought they could never learn an instrument.

"Anyone can play one but no one can master it," said Berry, who also teaches dulcimer through the Clarkston community education program. "The music is very therapeutic and it helps to show students that they can play music."

With prices for student dulcimers ranging around \$250 to \$350, Berry recommends students rent their first instrument then shop around. Students have spent \$600 for a dulcimer only to find out they're not interested in dulcimer after all or they don't have time for it.

"We thought it was an opportunity to offer something different and kind of historic in Old Village," said Norma Atwood, owner of Village Music, which also offers classes in Kindermusik, and private voice and piano. "The classes tie in with the third level of Kindermusik (ages 6-7) where they're learning dulcimer as part of trying to learn the basic instruments — percussion, string and wind. The fingering is a little difficult on the dulcimer but they're learning."

## REPORT

### Unprecedented findings could be catalyst for a cultural boom

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It's still too early to assess the impact of a study coordinated by ArtServe, but local arts organizations are enthusiastic about utilizing the findings to increase audiences and funding for programs.

Released Monday, Dec. 6, by Southfield-based ArtServe Michigan, a statewide advocacy and networking agency for artists and arts groups, the study indicated the area already ranks high on the list of cities valuing the

arts.

ArtsMarket Inc., which conducted the in-depth analysis of audiences for cultural activities in the seven-county southeastern Michigan region, revealed 57.8 percent of households attend or participate in the arts. That's several points above the national average of 49 percent estimated by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The report, entitled "Southeastern Michigan Geodemographic and Database Analysis," is an exhaustive analysis of the audiences of 59 nonprofit regional arts organizations. It examines types of participation, and pre-

sents an empirical breakdown of the demographical segments who attend cultural events, including concerts, plays, exhibits at arts and historical museums and art associations. Funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, the analysis offers no easy solutions but requires arts organizations to intensely study its 400 pages, evaluate their current audiences and determine opportunities for expansion.

The estimate that 2.8 million people already support arts in the area is promising news to Plymouth Community Arts Council assistant director Betsy Calhoun. Calhoun provided ArtServe with the council's database, which was then plugged into existing demographics.

"The study as a whole has potential, but it's going to take us awhile to use it," said Calhoun. "We found that basically our audience is families. It will help refine our audience. They found that 24.8 percent of what's called successful suburbanites are supporting the arts. And that the total regional audience is higher than other parts of Michigan and the U.S."

The study is all part of the arts council's master plan to develop its audience. Stella Greene was recently hired

as development director to help build corporate and individual support, membership and to apply for grants to

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**Flourishing:** Young students line up outside Orchestra Hall for a matinee concert.

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most the arts council's \$300,000 operating budget.

"The study is going to help us continue to offer our programs (classes, cultural events and youth theater)," said Calhoun.

## Growth opportunity

Mike Yeager was excited to learn that the results of the study strengthen the case for building a new performing arts center in Canton Township.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has long believed that arts and cultural participation is a major contributor to the quality of life in a community. Yack and Township treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter founded Canton Project Arts to provide residents with the opportunity to enjoy cultural activities in their own backyard.

So the study's findings that people who live in communities where local organizations are actively encouraging the arts further showed that Wayne and Oakland county residents and organizations draw the bulk of audiences in the area and that Wayne and Washtenaw counties offer the most growth opportunity.

"I think it's something that as time goes on will be beneficial in building an audience database," said Yeager, Canton Township liaison to Canton Project Arts, the township's official arts organization. "That's important in the cultural development in the township and will help with

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**Barbara Kratchman**  
Executive director of ArtServe

developing a performing arts center. We'll be able to plug into the database to find out what kinds of programs to bring into the center.

Yeager appreciates ArtServe's ongoing commitment to provide workshops and consultations to help arts organizations determine how to use the findings of the demographic report. It will help Yack, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra president Don Soenen, the Canton Community Foundation, and the Partnership for the Arts to lead the effort in building the performing arts center in Canton.

A business plan, which is now in the works, will finalize the size of the theater, the cost and operating expenses. Yeager said the study's recommendation that arts organizations diversify programming in order to capture a greater market share is important for the survival of the performing arts center.

"We're very enthusiastic about what ArtServe and the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation is doing," said Yeager. "In the future we'll be able to go back and refer to the study."

Gene Hammonds, president of

Canton Project Arts, agrees with the study that the arts are definitely on an upswing. As Canton Project Arts president, he sees how far the organization has come since its founding in 1992. A fine arts exhibit in October, spring theater series and performances for youth offer a variety of arts activities for every age.

"Every year we try to take on one more project," said Hammonds. "In the year 2000 we'll have an art exhibit, theater or other cultural activity every other month." (And of course they're still looking for volunteers to make them reality.)

## Tool for growth

Over the last two weeks, the ArtServe study has been received as the ultimate "old-you-so" tool for arts advocates. The southeastern Michigan region can now point with pride to the findings.

"We've been looked at as a blue-collar town, as not being sophisticated enough to appreciate the arts," said Barbara Kratchman, executive director of ArtServe. "For years, we've been looking for ways to make a convincing argument that the cultural industry is important to our way of life, and now we have it. A thriving culture is good economics."

"A study like this will make everyone more self-sufficient and independent," said Kratchman. "It also provides information about why arts organizations should collaborate. So many of them share audiences."

## Culture is regional

The Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, established three years ago with \$1 million from the Lila Wallace Foundation, is currently in the third year of a five-year, \$4.5-million effort to fund local arts, ethnic and civic organizations working to cultivate culture in the metro area.

Not only are the empirical findings of the demographic report invaluable for nonprofit arts organizations trying to identify and build audiences in times of reduced public funding, but art advocates contend that the extensive analysis offers a compelling case that culture in metro Detroit is defined regionally.

This is a sign, perhaps, of the perceived wall crumbling between the city of Detroit and the surrounding suburbs.

"There's a tremendous level of cooperation across regional and county lines," said Larry Coppard, senior consultant at the Community Foundation. "We haven't seen the type of parochialism that has plagued other regional issues."

ArtServe's Kratchman predicts that the findings in the demographic analysis will help the campaign to pass a regional arts tax. Until now, discussions about the proposal have been contentious among Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. The latest notion involves a half mill assessment on property in Oakland and Wayne counties. Tax revenue would finance the operating budgets for the area's 14 major cultural institutions. And each county would also receive a block grant to divide among local arts groups.

## Dynamic changes

On the surface, cynics could contend that if arts organizations succeed at the business of marketing, then they might need even less public funding. That, according to Louise Stevens of Artmarket Consulting, fails to consider the inherent difference between art and commerce and the utter upheaval of arts funding over the last decade.

"(Arts organizations) need to realize that the marketplace is dynamic," said Stevens. "They need to find ways to rebuild earned income and build awareness among contributors."

Typically, funding is derived from public, foundation or private donations, and revenue generated from ticket sales, referred to as earned income.

Largely because of the explosion in the entertainment economy, nonprofits have been forced to compete alongside for-profit ventures.

"We'd like to believe that the arts can stand outside the marketplace, but they don't," said Stevens.

"Consumers want value for their money. The days of boosterism and supporting the 'arts' because it's the 'arts' are gone."

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Frank Provensano contributed to this story.



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# Noteworthy

## Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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### ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

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

#### GALERIE DE BOICOURT

Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts on sale until Dec. 25. 251 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 723-5680.

### AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### CALL FOR ENTRIES

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

#### LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

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

#### METROPOLITAN SINGERS

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

#### MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION

A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3, cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

### CLASSES

#### ART CLASSES

D & M Studios is holding All Day Student Paint Workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30 at 8691 N. Lilley at Joy Road, Canton. The cost is \$24 for each session. There will be drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. To register, call (734) 453-3710.

#### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

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

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

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

#### DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

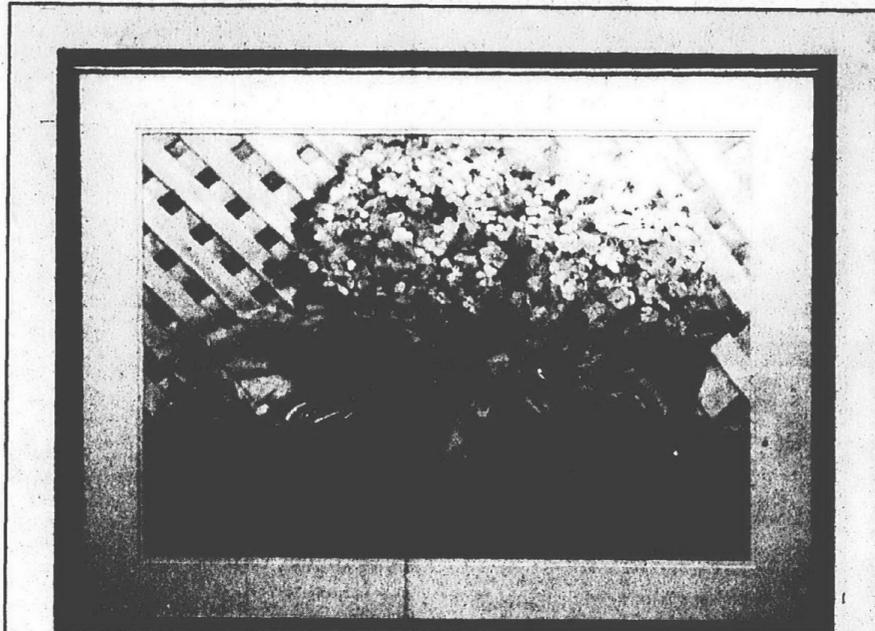
Drop-in workshops: Creative Paper Works (all ages) and Drawing in the Galleries, both noon 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Folk Arts Toys (all ages) noon-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

#### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

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

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m.



**Floral art:** This is one of 49 paintings in a one-woman show featuring the work of Audrey Harkins at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. The Livonia Arts Commission's exhibit of watercolors continues through Thursday, Dec. 30. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26.

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15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

#### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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

#### NAVEL ACADEMY

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

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

#### VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

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

### THEATER

#### CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

#### GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

#### JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue," previews Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26, show dates Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

### CONCERTS

#### CLASSICS AT THE LAKE

Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zonjic perform a "Piper's Holiday Concert" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake

and Commerce. (248) 683-1750.

#### DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

A Yuletide Benefit Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Andiamo's Italia Ristorante Banquet Center, 7096 East 14 Mile Road in Warren. (248) 650-2655.

#### DSO NUTCRACKER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale perform The Nutcracker through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holiday Pops Yuletide Celebration, a family-style musical variety show through Monday, December 20 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5130.

#### FIRESIDE INN JAZZ

The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22. 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756.

#### LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Presents "Once upon a December" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Middlebelt south of 8 Mile, Livonia.

#### MUSIC AT KIRK IN THE HILLS

Annual service of lessons and carols, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19; Christmas Eve Holy night services, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

### FOR KIDS

#### HANSEL AND GRETEL

The Great Lakes Lyric Opera presents a holiday musical for the family at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. For information call (248) 424-9022

#### KINDERMUSIK

Registrations being taken for the Winter/Spring session beginning Jan. 30 for piano, violin and organ lessons at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677

### MUSEUMS

#### CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

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

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 26, Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan. 2 - Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan. 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 -

The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

#### TROY MUSEUM

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

#### CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY

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

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

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

### GALLERY EXHIBIT (OPENING)

#### SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Opens Monday, Dec. 20 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter through Jan. 31. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

#### ARIANA GALLERY

Through Jan. 1 - Feliz Navidad! featuring doo-dads for holidays. Through Jan. 1 - "Let There be Light" 119 S. Main St. Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

#### CARY GALLERY

Through Dec. 24 - oil paintings by Lila Kadaj, 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

#### CASS CAFE

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

#### CITY GALLERY

Through Dec. 23 - Art for the Holidays Boutique sponsored by the Dearborn Community Arts Council. Dearborn City Hall, 13615 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (313) 943-3095.

#### JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

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

#### COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

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

#### DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

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

#### JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

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

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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

#### COOP GALLERY

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

#### ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

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

#### GALERIA BIEGAS

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

#### GALERIE BLU

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

#### G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

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

#### HABATAT GALLERIES

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

#### HILL GALLERY

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

#### SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

#### ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

#### DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

#### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Dec. 30 - Audrey Harkins watercolors in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Dec. 29 - Bob Roderick LGB trains in the exhibition cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490.

#### MANISCALCO GALLERY

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

#### MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

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

#### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Through Dec. 20 - Document USA, a survey of art at the end of the millennium. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

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

#### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec. 23 - Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

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

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

#### PRINT GALLERY

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

#### SISSON ART GALLERY

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

#### SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Dec. 23 - Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christine Redmond. 24350 Southfield

Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

#### ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through Jan. 2 - The Paintings of Ned Bittinger. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

#### TOUCH OF LIGHT

Through Dec. 30 - The holiday glass show featuring the work of John Fitzpatrick. 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

#### U OF M SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN

Through Jan. 5 - Works by Vincent Castagnacci and Nicole DesChamps at the new UMSAD Gallery on Main Street. 306 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-2976.

#### WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through Jan. 8 - Shirley Crane Gallier "Small Works" and Sandra Belcher ceramics. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

#### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

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

#### WOODS GALLERY

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

### VOLUNTEERS

#### ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB

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

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

#### FAR CONSERVATORY

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

#### LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. The village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, is open in October and December. (734) 477-7375.

#### LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seeks volunteers to work at the Vest Pocket Library located in the Civic Park Senior Center for a three-hour period once a week. 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 476-0700.

#### MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road. (248) 349-0376 or <http://www.mccb.org>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Experience an old fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow. 6-8 p.m. Sunday Monday, Dec. 26-27, Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets \$7/person and family tickets \$20 in advance. (248) 477-7375. Christmas Eve Choral Services 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Manner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313

# Rejoice, the

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
26630 Grand River Avenue • Redford Township, MI • (313) 532-2305  
http://www.glcna.edu/englist

Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 18: Worship of Carols, music and sermon. (9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on *Don't Be Afraid!* Based upon Luke 1:30  
Sunday School Children's Pageant - 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve - Worship Hours at 7:00 p.m. (Family Service) 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)  
Rev. Victor Halboth will preach on *A Fearless, Fearless Christmas*. Based on Luke 2:10  
Christmas Day - Worship Hour at 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion celebrated  
Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on *Keep Christmas!* Based on John 1:14  
All services will include carols, special music by the Music Ministry of Grace Church and inspirational/motivational messages! All are welcome!

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
20806 Middlebelt Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
248-474-0875

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
6 pm Family Worship  
Children's Program  
11 pm Candlelight Service with Communion  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10 am Worship with Communion  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
7 pm Worship with Communion

**Two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services!**

7:00 & 11:00 p.m.

*Come and Celebrate the Joyous Wonder of Christmas!*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Downtown Birmingham  
Bates at Willis Street • 248/644-0550

**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Pastor William F. Hopper • 248-478-6520  
35300 West Eight Mile Road • Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
(between Farmington & Halsted/Newburgh)

*Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve*  
Family Service with Carols & Readings... 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion with Candlelight... 11:00 p.m.

**Historic Mariners' Church**  
Since 1842 • Independent Anglican • The 1928 Book of Common Prayer  
A House of Prayer for all People • The 1928 Book of Common Prayer

**Friday, December 24 - The Eve of Christmas**  
- Celebrating our 160th Anniversary of moving (on Christmas Eve 1849) from our wooden chapel to our present stone church building

*The "Eve is as the Day"*  
7:30 and 11:00 p.m. - Duplicate Services • Festival Choral Communion  
**Sunday, December 26 - The First Sunday After Christmas**  
8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion • 11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
Regular Services of Holy Communion  
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Thursday at 12:10 p.m.  
*Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage*  
Enter on Jefferson at Woodward  
The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector - Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist & Choirmaster  
(313) 252-2308

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
900 W. Hamlin Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 652-8420

The large church alternative.

**Christmas Eve**  
4:00 p.m. Worship especially for children & their families  
11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship  
**New Year's Eve**  
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service**  
Friday, December 24, 5 p.m.

This beautiful hour-long service will be filled with carols, a variety of Christmas music and a special time for children. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.

**North Farmington Community Church**  
32500 West 15 Mile Rd. (bet. Orchard Lake Rd. & Farmington Rd.)  
248-626-6900

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
17810 Farmington Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48152  
(734) 261-1360

**Sunday the 19th, 6:30 P.M.**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School Christmas Pageant

**Friday the 24th, 7:00 P.M.**  
Christmas Eve Festival Worship

**Saturday the 25th, 10:00 A.M.**  
Christmas Day Festival Worship

*"...give him the name Jesus...  
...he will save his people from their sins."  
(Mt. 1:21)*

**Risen Christ**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 • (734) 453-5252

*"Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship"*  
.....4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.  
*"Christmas Day Worship"*.....10:00 a.m.  
*"New Year's Eve Worship"*.....7:00 p.m.  
**"EVERYONE WELCOME"**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
9083 Newburgh Road  
Livonia, MI  
734-591-0211

**DECEMBER 24th**  
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
**DECEMBER 25th**  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

A Barrier Free Facility For The Handicapped

**LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
14750 Kinloch  
Redford, Michigan • (313) 632-8655  
Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (734) 261-5422

Christmas Eve Service.....7:00 P.M.  
Christmas Day Service.....10:00 A.M.  
New Year's Eve Service.....7:00 P.M.  
New Year's Day Service.....10:00 A.M.

**CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!**  
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
28000 New Market Road  
(next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 • (248) 553-3380

**Christmas Eve**

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

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

**Antioch Lutheran Church ELCA**  
**Christmas Worship Schedule**

**~ Christmas Eve ~**  
4:00... Children's Christmas  
6:00... Family Worship  
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion

**~ Christmas Day ~**  
10:00... Lessons and Carols

**~ December 26 ~**  
10:00... Holy Communion

**~ December 31 ~**  
8:00 p.m. From Age to Age:  
A Service of Worship and Prayer

Antioch is located at the NE corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Hills  
**(248) 626-7906**  
The building is barrier-free.

New Life Lutheran, ELCA  
Plymouth, Michigan  
734-459-8181  
www.newlifelutheran.org

**CHRISTMAS EVE - 4 p.m. & 11 p.m.**  
- at St. John's Episcopal Church -  
574 S. Sheldon Road

**SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:15 a.m.**  
at Bird Elementary School  
Sheldon Road at Ann Arbor Trail  
734-459-8181

**THANK YOU,**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, for making room for us on Christmas Eve to worship with you. Since we are a new congregation worshipping temporarily at Bird School, we appreciate your invitation to celebrate Christmas with you in your church. Thank you again. Your friends in Christ,  
New Life Lutheran Church  
John Freed, Pastor  
Irene Ford, President

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
5885 Venoy Road, Westland, MI 48185

Christmas Eve Family Service..... 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion..... 10:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Service with Communion..... 10:00 a.m.  
New Year's Eve Service with Communion..... 7:30 p.m.

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

Gathered 1886, for the Worship of God and Service to Humanity

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 10:30 A.M.**  
Message: "No Crib For A Bed"

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.**  
Message: "EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE"

Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen  
Senior Minister  
Rev. Mary E. Bledron  
Associate Minister  
Steven Kosinaki  
Director of Music

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
1800 West Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan  
(248) 644-4010

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**  
Children's service and pageant ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Candlelight and carols ..... 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

**New Year's Eve, Dec. 31**  
Family supper ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Worship service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
5631 North Adams  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
(248) 646-5041

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:30 p.m.....Children's Service  
7:30 p.m.....Family Service  
11:00 p.m.....Candlelight, Holy Communion

**CHRISTMAS DAY**..... 10:00 a.m.....Festival  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**..... 7:30 p.m.....Service  
**JANUARY 6th**..... 7:30 p.m.....Epiphany Service



# Victor is Born



**First Baptist Church of Detroit**  
21200 Southfield Road  
(248) 569-2972

**Christmas Eve Service**  
6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26th**  
11:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 19th.....11:00 a.m.

Celebrating Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 19th.....6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service  
Friday, December 24th.....6:00 p.m.

**Covenant Alliance Church**  
15859 13 Mile Road  
(1 block west of Greenfield)  
248-644-9000

**Christmas Eve 8:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion**  
*Everyone Welcome!*



**Salem United Church of Christ**  
33424 Oakland Avenue • Farmington, MI 48335

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
(248) 557-0044

27800 Southfield Road  
Lathrup Village  
(at 1 1/2 Mile)

Dec. 19 10:00 Sunday Worship  
"Simple Christmas" (Cantata) Edgar A. Guest III, Narrator

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve  
5:30 p.m. Family Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Dec. 26 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

*Rev. William C. Lange, Preaching*

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
355 W. Maple • Birmingham, MI 48009  
644-0820

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist (Especially for children, Nursery Care)  
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day 10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
December 26 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*Rev. Roger Tilden, Rector*

**Novi United Methodist Church**  
*Invites you to one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

**Family Services: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**Communion Service: 11:00 pm**

Located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road at the Meadowbrook intersection.

For more information, call  
(248) 349-2652

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
574 South Sheldon Road - Plymouth

**Schedule of Services**

**Christmas Eve**  
4:00 p.m. The Nativity Story & Holy Eucharist\*  
A service geared toward children and families  
7:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist\*  
A family service with music offered by Sonshine Music  
10:30 p.m. Christmas Concert  
11:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist  
Music offered by the Parish Choir and Handbell Choir  
\*Nursery Care available

**Christmas Day**  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**The (Episcopal) Church of the Resurrection**  
6490 Clarkston Road  
(across from the Indep. Twp. Library)

**Christmas Eve: (all are welcome)**  
10:30 - Carols  
11:00 - Midnight Mass

**Sundays: 8 am & 10 am**

Phone (248) 625-2325

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TROY**  
248-879-6363

Liverolis - between Square Lake & South Boulevard  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Pascock  
serving Troy & Rochester

**- THE LONGEST NIGHT -**  
A special worship service of hope  
December 21, 7:00 p.m.

**- Christmas Eve -**  
4:30.....Family Service  
7:00.....Candlelight & Carols  
Child care & Coffee hour  
11:00.....Communion Service

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
30900 Six Mile Rd.  
(betwn. Middlebelt & Merriman)  
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor  
(734) 422-6068

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
7:00 pm "Christmas Magic" Pageant  
11:00 pm Traditional/Communion

*(Call for child care availability)*

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
16360 Hubbard Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154  
734-421-8451

*The Rev. Robert A. Clapp, Rector*  
*The Rev. Alan W. Brandemuhl, Jr., Deacon*

**Christmas Worship Services**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
7:00 p.m. Carols  
7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist (Babysitting Provided)  
11:00 p.m. Carols  
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
**DECEMBER 26TH**  
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Church  
Road) -  
53-3380

7:30 p.m.  
11:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**EMBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
1803 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham  
(1 block east of Woodward)  
248-644-5708

*Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M. with Carols & Anthems, and the Christmas Story.*

Also, special services Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26 at 10 A.M. and First Sunday of 2000, Jan. 2 at 10 A.M.

Everyone Welcome! - Nursery care provided at all Services

**Clarenceville United Methodist Church**  
20300 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia  
(248) 474-3444

*Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor*

December 24, 1999 • Candlelight Christmas Eve Service • 7:00 p.m.

December 26, 1999 • Christmas Service • 10:15 a.m.  
Christmas Concert • 6:00 p.m.  
*Mr. Larry Karow, Pianist*

December 31, 1999 • New Year's Eve Youth Event • 9:1:00 a.m.  
Nursery provided for all services

**NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail • Livonia, Michigan

**Christmas Eve (Three Services)**

**Special Family Worship Service**  
*(with carols and candlelighting, nursery provided)*.....6:30 p.m.

**Candlelight Worship Service**  
*(with carols & holy communion)*.....8:30 p.m.

**Candlelight Worship Service**  
*(with carols & holy communion)*.....11:00 p.m.

*Special music by Choirs and Organ*

SCHOOL

6:30 p.m.  
10:30 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
- Historic Franklin Village Green -  
United Methodist in Affiliation, Ecumenical in Spirit

**"Christmas Time in a colonial setting"**  
5:00 P.M. "Family Christmas Eve Service" (with children's message)  
7:00 P.M. "Service of Lessons, Carols and Candle lighting" (with Franklin Ringers)  
11:00 P.M. "Service of Carols, Candle lighting and Communion"  
*All services include special music*

Sunday, Dec. 26 One service at 10:00 a.m.

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28435 Wellington  
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road  
1 Block West of Franklin Road

**Pastors:**  
Karl L. Ziegler  
Murphy S. Ehlers

**First United Methodist Church**  
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200

**Christmas Eve Services**

4:00 p.m. for Families with Young Children  
5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children  
Nursery Open

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.  
Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00  
Nursery Care at 7:00  
Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter  
"All This, And Figgy Pudding Too"

**Sunday, December 26**  
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
"What's In a Number?"  
Dr. William A. Ritter

*Pastors*  
William A. Ritter  
Matthew J. Hook  
Lisa McIlvanna  
Rodney E. Quainton  
Carl E. Price

**Come Catch the Christmas Spirit**  
**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.

☆ Family Musical: "Twinkle"  
A multi-generational choir presents a delightful story with an important message with lights, drama and lively music  
☆ Closing service with individual candles  
☆ Nursery provided for preschool children

9:30 p.m.  
☆ Adult Choirs  
☆ Hand Bell Choir  
☆ Communion  
☆ Candle Lighting

**10000 Beech Daly**  
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road  
313-937-3170

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**Farmington First United Methodist Church**  
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573

**Christmas Eve Services**  
4:30 pm Candles & Carols for families  
"Yes to God" - message by Rev. Willobee  
9:30 pm Handbells play carols  
10:00 pm Candlelight & Carols  
"Lighten Up" - message by Dr. Large  
*Nursery Care Provided*

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
620 ROMEO STREET  
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN 48307  
(LOCATED ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT NORTH OF UNIVERSITY AND FIVE BLOCKS EAST OF ROCHESTER ROAD)  
248-651-9361

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
"The Wonder of It All" - Dr. Hickey  
11:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
Sermon - "Great Get'n Up Morning" - Dr. Hickey

NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES

**Orchard United Methodist Church**  
30450 Farmington Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334  
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, December 19**  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

**DRIVE-THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY**  
Monday, December 20  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Church parking lot

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES**  
December 24

5:00 p.m. Family Service  
9:00 p.m. Worship Service of Lessons and Carols  
11:00 p.m. Worship Service of Lessons Carols and Holy Communion  
*Nursery care provided at all services*

**Sunday, December 26**  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
(Crib through 4th grade)

*Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braud*  
*Diaconal Minister: Margo Dexter*

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**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"**

**Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Special  
"The Greatest Gift Ever Given"  
(excellent Nursery provided)

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
"Choice of the Century"  
(excellent Nursery provided)

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
"Come... and Behold Him"

**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)  
(734) 453-5280

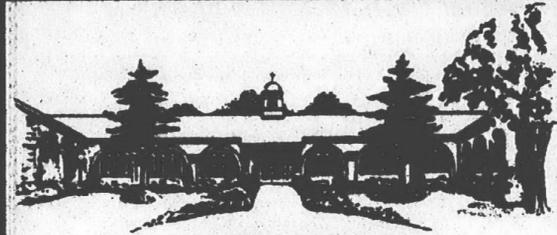
# Rejoice, the Savior is Born



**Come Home for Christmas**  
Join St. Owen Catholic Church for worship this Christmas season.  
6969 Franklin Rd. Bloomfield Hills.  
- Communal Penance -  
Monday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.  
- Christmas Mass Schedule -  
Family Mass December 24, 5:00 PM  
Evening Mass December 24, 10:00 PM  
Christmas Day 9:00 & 11:00 AM



**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
48755 Warren Road  
Canton, Michigan 48187 • 734-451-0444  
Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Dec. 24th - 4:30 Children's Mass (All Saints Gym)  
4:30 p.m. Mass & 9:15 p.m. Concert  
& 10:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
**CHRISTMAS DAY** - Dec. 25th-10:30 Mass  
**SUNDAY** - Dec. 26th - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE** - Dec. 31st-4:30 p.m. Mass  
**SUNDAY** - Jan. 2nd - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass



**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
25225 CODE ROAD, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034  
**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm. & Midnight  
Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon  
**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**  
Saturday, January 1 - 8:30 am & 10:00 am

**ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Society of St. Plus X - Traditional Latin Mass  
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan  
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph  
(313) 534-2121  
**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass  
Confessions 10:00 to 11:45 PM  
Christmas Morning Mass 9:30 AM  
Confessions Prior to Mass  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR & MASS**  
Holy Hour begins at 11:00 PM  
followed by Midnight Mass  
New Years Day Mass at 9:30 AM  
Confessions Prior to Mass

**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
4300 Walnut Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323  
248-781-9424  
**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24  
4:00 P. M., 6:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., MIDNIGHT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25  
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P. M.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26  
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.



**RINGING IN THE MILLENNIUM**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9:00 P.M.  
RECEPTION IN SOCIAL HALL  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1  
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.  
(NO EVENING MASSES)



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK**  
COME WORSHIP WITH US:  
**THREE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE**  
7:00 p.m. Family Service  
(child care available for infants and toddlers)  
9:00 and 11:00 p.m. "Carols by Candlelight"  
(with soliloquy sermon by Dr. William Russell  
based on "The Little Drummer Boy")  
We are located on the corner of 6th and Hendrie,  
1 block east of Woodward & 2 blocks south of 11 Mile Rd

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Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Friday, December 24	Sat., December 25
3:30 pm Children's Pageant (Church)	9:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Mass with Children (Church)	11:15 am Mass
4:15 pm Mass (Family Center)	1:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Mass (Church)	
11:00 pm Pre-Mass Program (Church)	
12:00 m. Midnight Mass	

  
Sunday, December 26  
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Friday, December 31 Saturday, January 1  
4:30 pm 9:30 am, 4:30 pm  
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8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 5:30 pm

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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Friday, December 24  
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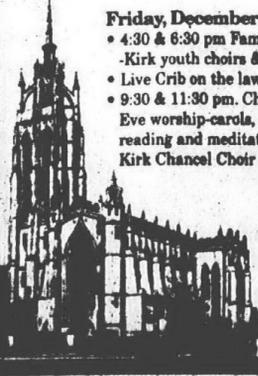
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8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols  
Candlelight Services  
December 26 9:30 a.m. Worship

**Kirk In The Hills**  
Christmas 1999  
Sunday, December 19  
• 9:00 & 11:00 am morning worship  
• Dr. Pritchard preaches on "Century People: 3. Nelson Mandela, Reconciler"  
• Childcare and Church School-both services  
• 4:00 pm service of *Nine Lessons and Carols* -Kirk Chancel Choir and soloists  
Friday, December 24  
• 4:30 & 6:30 pm Family Services  
-Kirk youth choirs & readers  
• Live Crib on the lawn - 3 pm  
• 9:30 & 11:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship-carols, prayers, reading and meditation  
Kirk Chancel Choir  
Sunday, December 26  
• 9:00 & 11:00 am morning worship  
• Dr. Pritchard preaches on "Century People: 4. Mother Teresa, Servant"  
• Childcare and Church School at both services  
We are located 1/4 mile west of Telegraph Road at 1340 W. Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
www.kirkinthehills.org



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at Wayne State University. In September, Pierson revived the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble. Expect great things from him as he directs the ensemble in 2000.

■ Ken Gross and The Art Museum Project for the exhibit "Diversity: Victims and Survivors" in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The exhibit combined Richard Kozlow's stark black-and-white paintings with selected interviews from the university's Holocaust Survivor

Oral Histories. The archival collection, assembled by history professor Sidney Bolkosky, made visitors witnesses to the atrocities committed against Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

■ Artrain USA for exhibiting works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Museum. Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Peter Max were among the 250 American artists who interpreted space program activities for those of us who couldn't be on site.

■ The Detroit Women Writers for publishing their "Century of Voices" anthology. The book documents the accomplishments of local women writers during the past century.

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council raised awareness of the plight of migrant workers by exhibiting the paintings of West Bloomfield artist Nora Mendoza. The works touched viewers with their depiction of life in the fields.

■ The singers and bell ringers from nearly one dozen local Catholic church choirs who came

together to present a Thanksgiving festival concert at St. Edith Church in Livonia. The churches (from Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Canton) are all members of the Northwest Wayne Vicariate.

■ My special thanks to The Art Gallery/ Studio and director Norma McQueen for exhibiting portraits from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series. Baum painted these moving artworks on site in Nicaragua, Mozambique,

Belfast, Israel/ Palestine and the Thai-Cambodia border.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 963-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

## New kids' books make ideal gifts

VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to make this final Christmas of the century truly memorable for that special youngster on your list? Any of the following books will prove to be a gift that continues giving, even as we move into the next millennium:

"Sector 7," by David Wiesner (Clarion Books, \$16).

This enchanting picture book by the author/illustrator of "June 29, 1999" contains not a single word of text, but is nonetheless an extraordinary literary experience. Ever engaging, sometimes comical, and ultimately moving, "Sector 7" shows us an imaginative schoolboy who, on a "field trip" with his class visits the Empire State Building's observation deck. There, he meets a companionable cumulus who whisks him away to Sector 7, a magical place in the sky where clouds are designed and manufactured.

The concluding scenes of this book are truly exceptional both in themselves and in how they are exquisitely linked to the preceding pages.

"Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry," by X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy; illustrated by Karen Lee Baker (Little, Brown and Co., \$10.95).

This newly-revised edition of "Knock at a Star" is all about the delights of words and wordplay.

In sections titled "What Do Poems Do?," "What's Inside a Poem?," "Special Kinds of Poetry," and "Do It Yourself," kids can enjoy becoming better versed with verse.

From anonymously written nonsense rhymes to the works of such greats as John Updike, William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost, Michigan's Theodore Roethke, and many more, this well-organized anthology more than lives up to its subtitle. Best of all, it's a book the entire family can savor together.

"The Very Noisy Night," by Diana Hendry; illustrated by Jane Chapman (Dutton, \$15.99).

Little Mouse is trying to be brave, but the wind is making a frightful racket. Ditto for that spooky old owl, and a "burglar" bent on breaking into the tiny mouse house (said "burglar" is a tree limb, scratching at a window). Big Mouse ultimately succeeds in providing just the right touch of cozy comfort, however, and all ends happily in this charming bedtime mouse tale.

There's definitely nothing mousy about Chapman's artwork. It's as colorful and fun to look at as your granny's crazy quilt.

"Here Comes Mother Goose," edited by Iona Opie; illustrated by Rosemary Wells (Candlewick Press, \$21.99).

In this fat volume, Wells' lively artwork adds new punch and pizzazz to such classic favorites as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," "Pease Porridge Hot," "As

I Was Going to St. Ives," and "Bobby Shaftoe."

Some verses — such as "What Are Little Girls Made of?" — have been freshened with a contemporary twist. Throughout, the zany cast of characters is headed up by dozens of our furred and feathered friends. Ducks, chicks, hamsters, kittens, bunnies, and (of course) geese abound.

"The Gargoyle on the Roof," by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Peter Sis (Greenwillow Books, \$16).

Though tiny tots may be spooked (especially at bedtime), older kids will probably find this inventive collection a spine-tingling, rib-tickling delight. In verses like "Mother Gargoyle's Lullaby," "Bugaboo," "My Sister is a Werewolf," and "A Vampire Speaks of Grooming," Prelutsky displays his wonderful way with weird. Sis' oddly tinted illustrations add yet another turn to the bizarre bill, and hit the spot precisely.

"The Birchbark House," by Louise Erdrich (Hyperion, \$14.99).

A National Book Award finalist, "The Birchbark House" tells the engrossing story of an Ojibwa girl growing up in the Lake Superior region in the mid-19th century.

For the legions who enjoyed Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie," this book may hold special appeal. It is Erdrich's ("Love Medicine") first novel for young readers.

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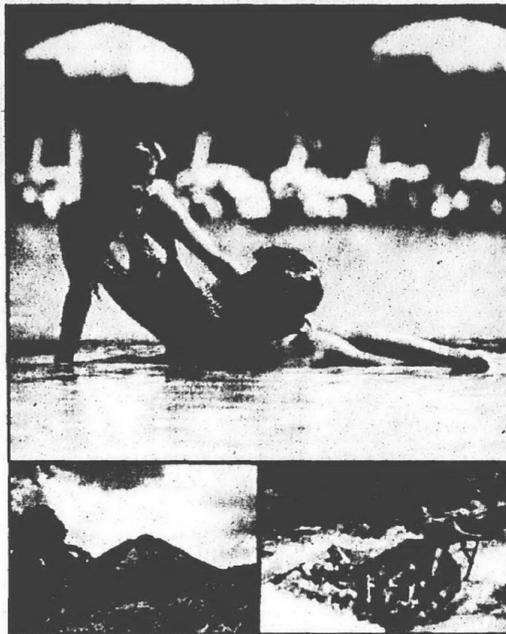
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DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

New Years resolutions are made and are meant to be broken but a precious few should be kept.

The ones that can change your life - the way your look and, more importantly, the way you feel.

This time of year many of us are getting away to warm places and though we know we all look

great with a tan, it's a fact that sun-exposure (even casual exposure such as walking the dog, or sitting looking out a window) causes age-revealing spots, crow's feet, and potentially deadly skin cancer.

Fortunately for the vacationing sun-worshiper, it's not too late to start behaving and taking care of ourselves. Skin repair itself through regeneration. By just using a strong sunscreen everyday and reducing the sun exposure to your skin, you will reverse some of the damage.

Find a formula that not only works with your skin type but also works with your lifestyle.

Gel formulations won't upset an oily skin and won't clog pores of a very active person.

Lotions work best for combination skin, and cream formulas will help in the hydration of dry skin.

SPF foundations aid in the prevention of skin damage but they shouldn't replace your sunblock. Neurogena makes an excellent block for all three skin types and it can be found in most drug stores - convenient for the forgetful traveler who didn't pack skin care essentials.

For those already showing signs of sun damage (fine lines around the eyes, sun spots and broken capillaries) and those concerned enough to start taking early precautions, the future looks bright.

I highly recommend Power Peels. Skin care specialist Carolyn Shy performs this procedure which does everything from brighten complexions to reducing fine lines and age/sun spots.

Power peels are micro-dermabrasion treatments that have been used in Europe for years. This procedure is helping men and women in the United States experience remarkable improvements in their skin texture. Power peels are a safe, non-surgical approach to skin care.

An extremely effective age-battling at-home regimen include topical antioxidants such as Vitamin C (the most concentrated form is L-Ascorbic acid which is present in Celler-C and SkinCeuticals).

Another topical solution is Vitamin A (retinol) which accelerates cell turnover, evens tone and improves smoothness and texture. Vitamin A can be found in Giovanna's Anti Age Serum.

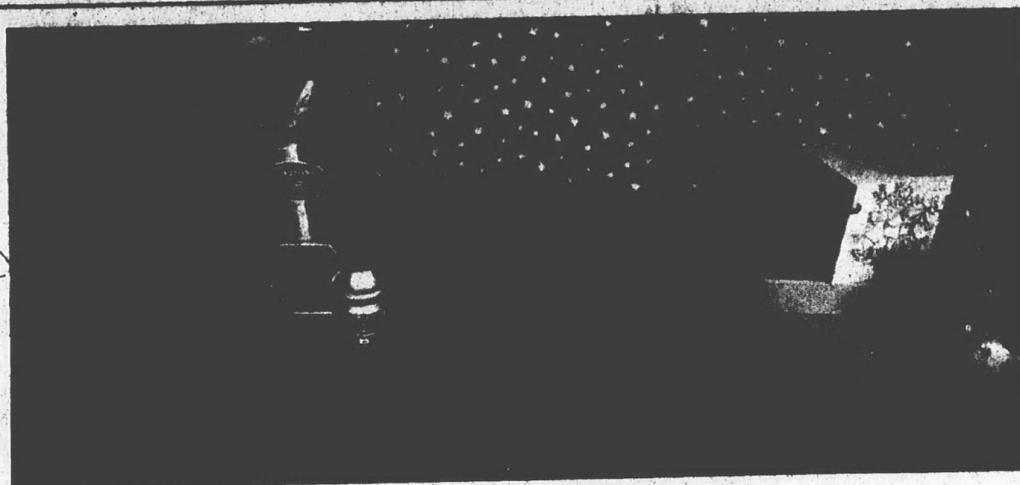
Also, alpha- and beta-hydroxy acids exfoliate dull sun-damaged surface cells. This procedure takes more time to see noticeable improvement but it's worth the effort in the long run. Antioxidants stabilize cells so they metabolize properly which can help prevent skin cancer in the future.

So while you're pledging your allegiance to New Year's resolutions keep in mind the long term rewards you can gain by keeping them.

Good health and good looks for years to come, is worth all the effort to keep your resolutions throughout the year.

Mary Anne Toccalino is a beauty consultant at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham. She can be reached at 866-244-1777.

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## Don't panic

### There's still something for everybody on your list

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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Everybody forgets. Everybody procrastinates. It's human nature.

That's why retailers and malls have extended their hours next week and are making sure shelves and display cases are stocked with merchandise that's easy to see, snatch and purchase.

In addition to offering a variety of services aimed at streamlining last-minute shopping trips, including gift-wrapping and valet parking, most retailers have stocked up on holiday favorites, from winter gloves and scarves to holiday ornaments to cashmere sweaters to decorative, scented candles and boxed fragrance collections.

Some stores and malls also plan to offer discounts to last-minute shoppers. At Wonderland Mall in Livonia, for example, 19 stores are offering 20 percent discounts through Christmas Eve.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMANN

**Anything cashmere: Everybody loves cashmere and there's still plenty in stores. A pair of cashmere gloves in classic or off-beat colors makes for a useful, luxurious and relatively inexpensive gift, \$35 at Ann Taylor stores, \$40 at Saks Fifth Avenue and \$75 at Cole Haan.**

"Generally, sales and discounts depend on how the season has been," said Tom Scott, spokesperson for the Michigan Retailers Association. "You will generally see deeper discounting and more discounting, if the season has been less than expected for retailers." On the other hand, if sales are high, last-minute shoppers will have less merchandise from which to choose, Scott said.

If stores are in short supply and you're unable to find a suitable gift, you probably shouldn't buy one, said Bren Hillis, manager of Select personal shopping at Hudson's Twelve Oaks store in Novi. "I don't believe people should buy something just to buy something and box it." Instead, purchase a gift certificate, Hillis said. "Put some kind of a smaller gift in the box, maybe an ornament, and put a nice little note in there saying 'this is what I planned, and I couldn't find what I wanted for you.'"

A gift certificate and note is more thoughtful than giving a gift that doesn't suit the recipient, said Hillis. "Besides, people don't return gift certificates," she said.

Christopher Radko holiday ornaments, fragrance collections and cashmere clothing and accessories, from gloves to sweater-sets to evening wear, are last-minute shoppers' best bets, added Hillis. Both items appeal to women (since most last-minute shoppers are men) and are being carried in abundance by local retailers.

Other expert tips from Hillis included:

- Wearing comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing that will keep you cool
- Making a gift list with several ideas and a budget for each recipient before heading out to shop
- Taking advantage of retail services, which include gift-wrapping, package pick-up, valet parking and personal shopping services, for convenience and to save time
- Making sure to set aside enough time to accomplish your goals
- Spending a day at the mall, rather than just a few hours
- Planning to take an enjoyable lunch or coffee break
- Shopping with someone whose opinion you trust who will not rush you.

Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

### STUMPY THE TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE

Children of all ages will enjoy this delightful miniature tree that responds to their questions and has ideas of its own to share. A friendly elf will also be with Stumpy to greet children and pass out gifts. The event takes place on Sunday, December 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Art Van furniture store in Waterford.

### GIFT-WRAP STATION

Northland Center in Southfield, in cooperation with

### Last-minute shopping's final hours

**The Somerset Collection, Troy:**  
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 20-23,  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Oakland Mall, Troy:**  
9 a.m.-11 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Northland Center, Southfield:**  
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
9 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Twelve Oaks, Novi:**  
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills:**  
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Summit Place Mall, Waterford:**  
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Laurel Park Place, Livonia:**  
9 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Wonderland Mall, Livonia:**  
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

**Westland Shopping Center, Westland:**  
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23  
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

*Department stores often stay open later and may have different schedules for the holiday season.*

the Gratiot McDougal United Community Corporation, will provide a gift-wrapping station in the mall near the food court through December 24. After gift-buying is complete, Northland customers can get their gifts wrapped while helping a worthy charity. The prices for gift wrapping range from \$2 to \$8.

### RING THEM BELLS

The Nashville, Tennessee-based Opryland Productions performs "Ring Them Bells," a musical production which includes swing, jazz, Motown and a "kids" show. Children watching the show can join in the fun

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

*Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, services, events and boutiques during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314.*

**Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**CANDY APPLE TASTING**  
Mrs. Prindable candy apple tasting with a special representative available from noon to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. Call (248) 614-8321 for more information.

**FESTIVE TREES**  
Bundle up the family and stroll through the Kellogg Park Walk of Trees in Plymouth. More than 50 trees are decorated by local families, clubs and businesses. Trees are lit 24 hours a day now through December 27.

**TREE OF LIFE**  
From now until December 31, volunteers for the Livonia Angela Hospice will be staffing their "Tree of Life" in the Jacobson's Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. For a small donation, customers may contribute a paper ornament to a loved one to hang

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

on the tree which will remain throughout the holiday season.  
**OAKLAND COUNTY MOUNTED POLICE**  
From now through Friday, December 24, the horses of the Oakland County Sheriff Division can be seen at Northland Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Mounted Sheriffs have been a holiday tradition at Northland since 1992. They provide added security for shoppers and enjoyment to children of all ages.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO**  
Check out the spectacular array of lights and colors at the annual Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo from 5 to 8 p.m. through January 2. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

**BE ON TV AT GREAT LAKES CROSSING**  
The Auburn Hills Mall and WDIV-TV 4 brings MeTV, a self-contained video recording device that

will allow you to speak your mind and possibly show up on TV during WDIV's newscast and special programs. It's located in District 2, across from Brooks Brothers. Check it out, it's free.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**TRUNK SHOW**  
View the diamond collection from designer Michael Dawkins, who takes his cues from nature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Designer Jewelry on 1, Somerset Collection, Troy.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**PEOPLE WATCHING**  
Got all your holiday shopping done? Then head over to Twelve Oaks Mall and watch frantic folks do their last-minute shopping while you relax in the mall's new 50-seat lobby lounge. Eight new seating pods were also added, each with reading lamps, soft sofas and chairs. You can also catch a view of the holiday decor program featuring "A Partridge in a Pear Tree." Holiday hours for Twelve Oaks Mall are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

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WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

The silverware Twin Star by Onieda by Betty Crocker for Janet. The store that sells little round brushes to clean electric razors for Jean.

um Santa Bear. Hudson's is sold out for Mary, Norma and Barbara and Sandra. The "Family Circus" kids (ten figurines, ornaments, plates, etc. for Maggie).

The Home Depot stores carries carpet tiles with adhesive backing. You might try Fragrances Unlimited for "Straw Hat" perfume (734) 434-0692; they are located in Ann Arbor.

A salad dressing from the '60s called He-Man (contained Roquefort cheese) for Lee. Videotape of the Broadway play "Tru" starring Robert Morse for Suzy.

The video "Heidi" with Shirley Temple (black or white) for Virginia. "Binky the Clown" (Redford Suburban League sold it back in the 5000s) for Pat.

The musical cake plate can be found at the Town & Country Antique Shop on 31630 Plymouth Road, west of Merriman, booth #12 (734) 425-4344.

An antique full size brass rain lamp from the '60s or '70s. It's made with piano wire and the oil drips down the wire, with a statue of a woman in the center with greenery for Patricia.

A children's album from the '60s "Songs for a Rainy Day" Rosemary Clooney is one of the singers for Denise. A store that sells a cookie press (turns the knob with a cylinder).

A reader has the music (but not from the album) for "Happy Birthday Jesus." The video "Land Before Time" can be purchased at the Kmart stores or at Service Merchandise stores.

A store that sells Benson's Fruit cakes for Brenda. A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) also the lyrics and music for "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

A game from the 1950s by Milton Bradley "Pirate and Traveler" for Karen. A store that sells English Ironstone pottery "Crown Ducal" by AG Richardson from Staffordshire, England. LB King in the Fisher Building use to carry it for Mary Jane.

Coty lipstick can be ordered directly through Coty (800) 847-1504. Or call Pam Stewart at (919) 774-8800 ext. 121. They will send you a list of lipsticks that are available.

The words and music to the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Eileen. A store that sells "Golden Autumn" cologne by Prince Machiavelli for Kathy.

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The high school choir will perform on Wednesday, December 22 on the Hudson's Court Stage at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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by playing to the beat with sleigh bells, tambourines and cowbells. Showtimes are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, December 19 and 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday until December 24 at the Fountain Court Stage at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

choir will delight all with traditional holiday favorites and carols.

ter goodie bag featuring a shopping discount card, valet voucher and a free photo with Santa and free holiday gift wrapping. Available now through January 3. For information call (313) 593-1370.

EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING PACKAGE "Home for the Holidays," a shop and stay package at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn is the perfect solution for out-of-town shoppers and those who can't bear to be away from the mall.

SANTA BEAR SIGHTING A holiday treat for all ages, Hudson's own Santa Bear will be greeting guests in his special millennium costume Thursday, December 23, Friday, December 24 and Sunday, December 26 at the Hudson's stores in Westland and Somerset Collection, Troy.

Prime pen: Who wouldn't appreciate a fine writing instrument, whether it's for jotting down thoughts in a journal or signing checks. Mont Blanc's Mozart pen is small enough to fit in an organizer or small handbag, \$165 in black at Mont Blanc, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Keeping secrets: Everybody needs a place to keep tucked away precious items, and decorative boxes are a personal gift. Covered in silk or velvet and glass beads, these boxes come in many sizes, \$24-88 at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.

Cartier creation: The Astrolove is a one-of-a-kind convertible jewel which changes from a traditional ring to a contemporary pendant. Available in 18K yellow or white gold, \$1400, at the Cartier Store, Somerset Collection, Troy.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. A large grid of movie listings for various theaters including United Artists, Regency, and others. Each listing includes the movie title, showtimes, and ticket prices.

# New York dazzles during the holidays

By JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

No city wraps itself up for the holidays quite like New York.

If you are traveling to the Big Apple anytime between now and New Year's, you are in for a treat.

The bright lights that always shine in Times Square are rivaled by the dazzle coming from streets and stores, plazas and parks throughout the city at this time of year.

Rockefeller Center is a traditional focal point of the holiday hubbub. The giant Rockefeller Center Christmas tree boasts 90,000 light bulbs on five miles of wire. This year's tree, according to the center's holiday hotline, is a 100-year-old, 100-foot-tall, 55-foot-wide Norway spruce, imported from Connecticut.

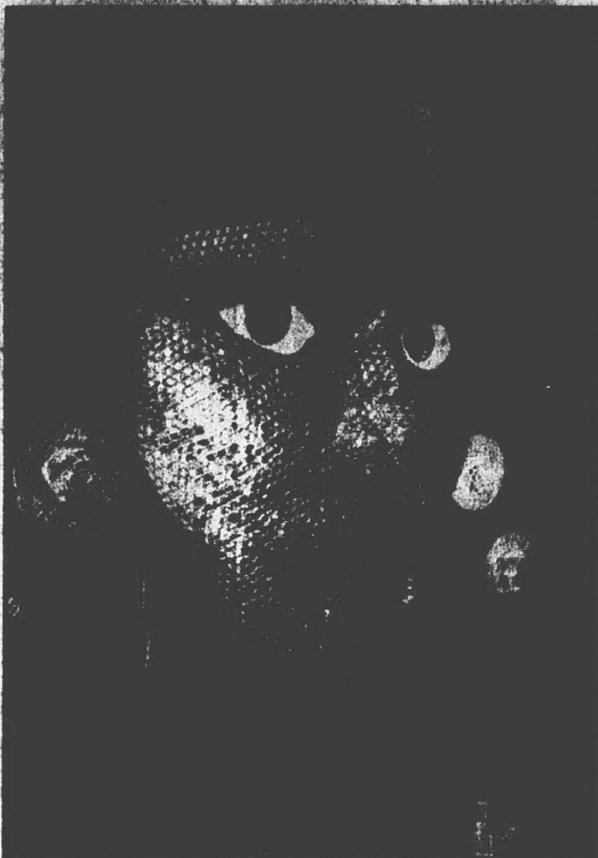
And you'll most certainly want to check out the windows of the big department stores: Barneys New York, Bergdorf Goodman, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Innovative Christmas themes abound, but because this is also the turn of the century some stores have chosen to focus on the millennium.

Lord & Taylor looks toward the future through the eyes of children from around the world. Five of its Fifth Avenue windows recreate familiar landmarks from various countries and continents, with the sixth window a global tribute. Each features animated figures of children, dressed in fashions appropriate to their heritage.

Barneys New York, living up to its cutting edge reputation, isn't content to confine its windows to one century. Entitled "Two Thousand Years of Talk," they pay homage to five icons of communication from the past 2,000 years. Each icon is represented by a seven-foot-tall head, made up of and surrounded by a variety of materials, with a mouth that constantly moves.

Cleopatra represents "Girl Talk" and is constructed from

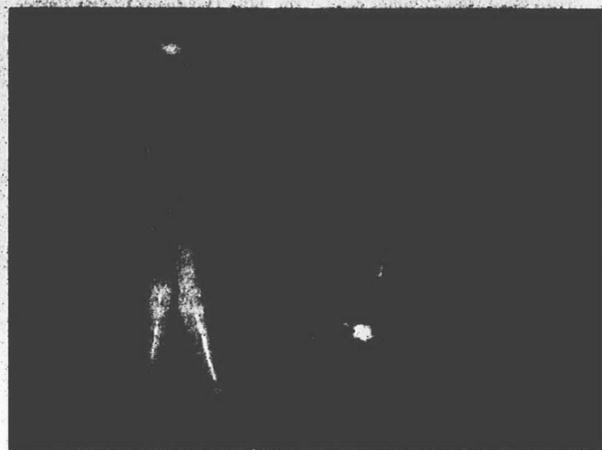


Talk: The "Girl Talk" window, one of a series on the theme "2,000 years of talk," which drew crowds to Barneys New York.

more than 1,000 bottle caps, many filled with the image of Hollywood beauty queen Elizabeth Taylor. Other talking heads are of William Shakespeare (Sweet Talk), Queen Elizabeth II (Tiara Talk), James Brown (Jive Talk) and Millennium Man (Cyber Talk).

Truer to the Christmas theme, Saks Fifth Avenue's windows

feature an animated interpretation of a new book, "Auntie Claus," by Elise Primeval. The windows tell the story of Sophie, described as a rather precocious New York child. She learns the true meaning of the holiday spirit from her aunt, who turns out to be Santa's sister. Hand-sculpted figures are dressed in costumes made from velvets, fake



Window shopping: Bergdorf Goodman windows depict a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas (note partridges and pears).

furs and silks. (The book for children ages 4 to 8 was reviewed favorably last week by the *New York Times*.)

Displays at the Waldorf Astoria hotel reflect its history as "the largest and most opulent

hotel in New York" at the turn of the last century. In the newly-published book "New York, An Illustrated History," authors Ric Burns and James Sanders report on its relocation from Fifth Avenue and 34th to its present

Park Avenue site in 1931. The lobby, adorned with art deco murals and mosaics, is the setting for the re-creation in miniature of wintry street scenes from the Waldorf's past set against blow-ups of vintage photographs of the original hotel.

The windows at F.A.O. Schwarz toy store depict various adventures of beloved author E.B. White's "Stuart Little," obviously well-timed for the film that opens this month. And Tiffany & Co. continues its impressive run of highlighting spectacular pieces of jewelry in sophisticated wintry settings.

Much as I enjoy the windows, it's the street scenes that I really love: the delicately lighted trees on the grassy median of Park Avenue, with the limestone and brick facade of St. Bartholomew's Church (1919) as backdrop; the parade of candy canes on 57th Street west of Fifth Avenue; the golden snowflake dangling high above Fifth Avenue at 57th Street.

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Festive scene: This photo, taken in the lobby of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, depicts scenes of the Waldorf at the turn of the 20th century.

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## Bake and be merry

Throughout the year we answer thousands of questions about food preservation, cooking, baking and canning from people who call the Michigan State University Extension/Oakland County Food and Nutrition Hotline. Generally around the holidays, the questions turn to baking. I hope the following questions and answers will help you with your holiday baking.

**Q. How can I avoid crystallization of the sugar when making candy?**

**A.** Make sure the sugar is completely dissolved before it reaches a boil. Stir the sugar and liquid together thoroughly. Bring the sugar syrup slowly to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover the pan while the syrup is coming to a boil, the condensed steam will wash down the side of the pan and help prevent crystallization.

Please see **SUNSE, D2**

# BEEF UP

YOUR HOLIDAYS

By **RUTH SROGLUND**  
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On the 13th day of Christmas, my true love brought me beef. Gregg Johnson of Canton is a beef-loving, grill-happy, deep-frying man who loves to cook for his friends. This past Thanksgiving he injected a 14-pound turkey with Cajun spices and boiled it in oil. The bird cooked in 45 minutes. If he gets enough requests, he might just deep fry another turkey for Christmas.



**Picture perfect:** (Center photo) This seasoned, two-pound porterhouse is dotted with butter for extra juices before heading to the broiler. (Above) Gregg Johnson checks on the progress of his buttered noodles while keeping an eye on the sautéed onions and baked beans.

kind of explode inside." However, Johnson's first love is beef, especially steak, which he learned to cook when he was 9 years old.

"I loved steaks. I'd ask my mom to cook me steaks all the time, one for breakfast, one for lunch, one for dinner. She went out and bought a countertop broiler and left a few steaks in the fridge, and I was on my way, Jack. That was my starter kit."

Today, Johnson has perfected his mother's technique. He starts with a two-pound black Angus porterhouse, pokes both sides with a sharp knife to tenderize it, then sprinkles both sides with seasoned salt, pepper and some garlic powder.

Sounds ready for the grill or broiler, doesn't it? Wrong. Johnson always rubs a few pats of butter (real butter, buddy, not margarine) across the surface of one side of the steak for some extra juices, which he uses to sauté mushrooms.

Finally, for an extra, extra touch, he squeezes a bit of fresh lemon juice over the top. This is a man infatuated with flavor.

He broils his steak on high about eight to 10 minutes per side, flipping just once. "They're very tender and rare," said friend Terrie Poe. "I like mine well done, but he likes his rare. I always make him cook mine a little more."

**Roasts**  
Although it's hard to beat a perfectly prepared steak for a



romantic holiday dinner for two, premium roasts - ribeye, rib, tenderloin and top loin - are perfect for entertaining larger crowds. Select roasts that are bright cherry red in color without any grayish or brown blotches. They can be stored unopened in the refrigerator three to four days before cooking.

Try dressing up your Christmas or New Year's roast with a seasoning rub prior to roasting. A rub containing liquid such as oil or mustard is sometimes called a "paste." The result of this rub-down is a crusty finish after roasting and a juicy, tender roast. Always prepare these roasts by dry heat: Roasted in

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**MEAT, MUSTARD AND MORE**

- **Classic beef rub** - Dried thyme leaves, minced garlic and cracked black pepper.
- **Mustard and parsley rub** - Dijon mustard, fresh bread crumbs and minced parsley combined with fresh herbs, prepared horseradish, wasabi or grated Parmesan cheese.
- **Seasoning-buff chicken crust** - dried or fresh rosemary, chopped walnuts, crumbled blue cheese. Cook roasts halfway, press on coating and continue basting.
- **Triple herb rub** - Minced garlic, chopped jalapeno pepper, chopped fresh ginger, lime juice, brown sugar, dried thyme leaves, salt and ground allspice.
- **Chickpea paste** - Chopped Italian parsley, olive oil, white vinegar, minced garlic and salt.
- **Beefman herb paste** - Beef bouillon cube (crushed) or granules, olive oil, fresh or dried herbs.
- **Southwest paste** - Finely chopped dried tomatoes, minced chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, minced garlic and oil.

These rubs are equally good for less expensive roasts, such as round tip, tri-tip or eye round. Eye rounds are particularly good first marinated in red wine, herbs, garlic and onion for six hours or overnight. Prior to roasting, remove from marinade and coat with a mixture of cracked peppercorns (black, white, pink), crushed red pepper and salt.

Source: National Cattlemen's Beef Association



## Cookbook for manly taste 'buds'

By **RUTH SROGLUND**  
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Is there a cooking-impaired man on your Christmas list? If so, consider "Bake It Like a Man," an entertaining and practical cookbook that demonstrates the ability to bake, broil and braise has nothing to do with estrogen.

"Life under roofs is centered in the kitchen. It's where humans go for good news and bad, to celebrate birthdays, perform home surgery, and crack pecans," said Irish-born author David Bowers.

"All real human drama takes place in the kitchen. And for too long, it's been the sole domain of woman. But man has an equal right to the place, and it's time he asserted himself domestically."

Yes, guys, it's home-home-on-the-range time.

The index to "Bake It Like a Man" reads like a do-it-yourself home-repair manual: Men and

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**Festive bubbly:** Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium magnum bottle is dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened on the front.

## Some fizz for holiday bubbly

By **ELEANOR & RAY HEALD**  
SPECIAL WRITERS

Are you planning to open a premium bottle of champagne or sparkling wine this holiday season? Here's some fizz ed.

Joy Sterling, marketing director of her family's Iron Horse Vineyards in Sonoma County, Calif., considers champagne a "subset" of sparkling wine.

"The word champagne is like Kleenex, a brand name that has become part of common speech," she said. "For the purist, Champagne is a geographic region of France, and only wine from there can legitimately be called champagne."

Call it what you will, the real difference between champagne and California sparkling wine is the fruit. California enjoys more sunlight hours, therefore the fruit is riper and more fla-

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# Manly from page D1

Meat, Men and Flame, Men and Big Food, Men and Fermentation and Braze Tacks. With practice, any man worth his T-bones can make Spaghetti and Meat-shoulders (with freshly grated Floriano Romano or Parmesan cheese, please), Stovetop Deep-Fried Turkey (how manly can you get?), and the artery-busting Cadillac Mac and Cheese.

Although there's an entire chapter devoted to potatoes, this is far more than a meat-and-potatoes cookbook. Bowers goes into detail on the tools and techniques needed to produce just the right dish. Everything starts with a good knife, he says. Or a good cast iron skillet.

"If I had to choose only one frying pan, this would be it. A sea-

soned cast iron pan is the most durable and highest-performing cooking utensil you can have."

Bowers enhances the basics. A well-cooked steak, he says, needs little to adorn it besides a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. However, in the chapter "Men and Meat," he includes several recipes - blue cheese horseradish, mushroom, red wine and herb butter - to improve upon perfection. In the same chapter, he also ventures into Wiener Schnitzel, Roast Pork Loin with Crackling, and Roast Bone-in leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce.

For the man handy with a propane torch, there's a red-hot section on flambeing. "Once you've experienced the thrill of a

lick of blue flame flaring toward the ceiling, you will want to flambe everything," said Bowers. He offers recipes for Whiskey Chicken, Steak Diane, Rotterdam Flaming Bananas, and even Glogg, the "viciously potent" Swedish Christmas punch.

There's even a whole section on baking bread, disproving the old adage, "Man does not live by bread alone." Bowers likes to make his bread by hand. Bread-making machines are for wimps, he believes.

Forget the new circular saw or orbital sander, girls. Don't even think about routers and planers. Get the man in your pantry something you'll both enjoy, "Bake It Like a Man."

David Bowers, an artist and illustrator who worked for many years in restaurants in London, Montreal and New York. He ran his own restaurant in Dublin. He currently lives in New York with his wife, Sharon Bowers, a food writer and editor. "Bake It Like a Man" is published by William Morrow and Co. Inc. and retails for \$16.

# Beef from page D1

an oven, uncovered without the addition of water.

Always use a meat thermometer since the internal temperature is the best indicator of doneness. An ovenproof meat thermometer is inserted prior to roasting and remains for the entire cooking time. An instant-read thermometer is not ovenproof; use it toward the end of the cooking time. Insert it long enough to get a temperature reading, about 10 to 15 seconds.

The USDA says beef roasts need only be cooked to medium

rare or an internal temperature of 145 degrees F. Remove the roast when the thermometer reads 10 degrees less than the desired internal temperature.

For example, for medium rare doneness, remove the roast from the oven when the thermometer registers 135 degrees F. For medium doneness, remove the roast when the thermometer registers 150 degrees F. During the roasting time, the temperature continues to rise to reach the desired doneness.

Every magnificent holiday

roast or steak deserves a great side dish or two. Johnson served buttered noodles with thyme and some dressed-up baked beans with his steak. But you can't beat a baked potato and a salad, he said. "If I want to go overboard, I'll do crab legs on the side."

When asked if Johnson cleans up after he cooks, Poe snickered a bit. "Is this going in the paper? No, he doesn't clean up. Does he serve himself? No."

See recipes on D8.

# Wine from page D1

-vorous. Champagnes have subtler fruit elements and often have higher acidity which is masked by sugar added in the dosage at final bottling. California fruit achieves balance naturally on the vine and can therefore be made drier than a number of champagnes.

While technically, it takes only three weeks to get bubbles, by law in the Champagne region, a non-vintage sparkler must be aged 18 months on the yeast in

the bottle before disgorging when the yeast sediment is expelled.

## Characteristics

Vintage champagne must be aged three years. Longer aging on the yeast in the bottle impacts the three most important characteristics of any bubbly.

■ Bouquet: When the cork is popped, you should sense aromas such as freshly risen bread dough, toast or biscuits.

■ Texture: The wine should be creamy and rich with a soft bubbling action that lasts a long time in the glass.

■ Finish: Never plodding, but always with a lift at the end inviting the next sip.

We personally enjoy champagnes or sparkling wines a year or two after disgorging. In that time, they develop more richness

and palate weight.

That's one of the reasons Iron Horse sparklers appeal to us. The disgorging date is on the bottom right hand side of every label. No guessing how long the wine has been on the shelf.

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

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

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

# Sense from page D1

Q. Can I buy a cheese ball or special cheeses now and freeze them for gifts later?

A. It depends on the variety of cheese. Hard cheeses such as Cheddar, Swiss, Mozzarella or Colby can be frozen safely, but these cheeses will be drier and more crumbly after freezing. Only keep cheese frozen for about three months. Thaw in the refrigerator.

Q. What is the liquid measurement of an egg? How do you measure part of an egg?

A. For a recipe that gives a measurement instead of a number, use this rule of thumb:

1 large egg (2 ounces) equals 1/4 cup

1 medium egg (1 3/4 ounces) equals 1/5 cup

1 small egg (1 1/2 ounces) equals 1/6 cup

To use only part of an egg in a recipe that you have to cut in half, beat the egg slightly, measure out about 1 1/2 tablespoons to equal part of an egg.

Q. Why won't my fudge get harder?

A. Fudge that doesn't "set up"

hasn't been cooked long enough. Scrape it back into the pan and add a couple of teaspoons of water, keep cooking and stirring. Use a candy thermometer and watch the temperature. Some things cannot be hurried.

Q. How do I use gingerroot?

A. Gingerroot is used just by peeling. It can be sliced, grated or made into a sliver to add to Asian dishes or stir-fry foods.

Q. Are egg substitutes safe in a raw product?

A. Yes, because frozen egg replacers are made from eggs that have undergone pasteurization at temperatures to kill microorganisms. Pasteurization does not cook the egg so gives its color, flavor or nutrient content. Do not eat raw eggs; you may get sick.

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# Delicious dishes to beef up holidays

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■ Land O'Lakes Holiday Baking Line: (800) 782-9606. Baking line is available 7 days a week, through Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST. Consumers may speak with a trained home economist and baking expert, to ask questions, request a free brochure or order

a cookbook.

Web site at [www.landolakes.com](http://www.landolakes.com).

■ Ocean Spray consumer helpline (800) 662-3263. Year-round, weekdays (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and major holidays) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Consumer department staff field questions on cranberries, offer recipes, cooking tips, nutritional information, menu-planning worksheets, product information.

Year-round Web site: [www.oceanspray.com](http://www.oceanspray.com).

■ Perdue (800) 473-7383. Consumer relations representative on hand weekdays year-round (except Christmas Day) 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST to answer questions about poultry.

David Bowers and Sharon Bowers, authors of "Bake It Like a Man" claim a well-cooked steak needs little more than a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. But if you're can't resist a sauce, they suggest the following sauces:

**Blue cheese sauce:** Using a fork, mash a clove of garlic to a paste with 1/4 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Add 2 tablespoons brandy and blend well. Stir in 3 tablespoons heavy cream and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Gradually beat in 6 ounces of blue cheese, such as Maytag blue, Stilton or Roquefort. Spoon some sauce over each cooked steak and put them under the broiler for just a minute to melt the cheese.

**Horseradish sauce:** Blend 1 cup sour cream with 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, a few grindings of black pepper, 1/4 cup finely grated fresh horseradish (or 1/4 cup prepared horseradish), and the juice of 1/2 lemon. Serve on the side.

**Mushroom sauce:** Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms (white ones are fine, but try the flavorful shiitake, chanterelle, morel or porcine) and 3 minced shallots (or a small onion and a clove of garlic). Sauté about 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup white wine and simmer over medium heat until the liquid is nearly gone. Add 1 cup beef stock, and the juice of 1/2 lemon, and

2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Bring to a boil and spoon over cooked steaks immediately.

**Red wine sauce:** Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over low heat and add 1 finely minced garlic clove. Sauté 1 minute, making sure the garlic does not brown. Add 1/2 cup strong red wine, such as a Bordeaux or Cabernet Sauvignon. Bring to a boil and cook until the wine is reduced by half. Add 3/4 cup beef stock, 1 bay leaf, and 1/2 teaspoon coarsely crushed black peppercorns. Return to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Just before serving, whisk in 2 tablespoons butter.

**Herb butter:** Blend 1/2 cup softened butter with 1 teaspoon dried mustard; 1 minced garlic clove; 2 tablespoons each of fresh, finely chopped parsley, tarragon and chives; a few grindings of black pepper; and a splash of cognac or brandy. Place a dollop of the butter on top of each hot steak just before serving.

**STEAK DIANE**  
2 6-ounce sirloin or strip steaks  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons cognac  
3 shallots, minced  
2 tablespoons medium-dry sherry  
1 teaspoon Dijon

mustard  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

With a mallet, pound each steak until it's about 1/4 inch thick. Season well with salt and pepper on each side. Heat a cast-iron skillet over high heat for several minutes. It should be very hot. Add the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter. Seconds later, as soon as the butter is melted, slap in the steaks. Sear them for about 40 seconds on each side.

Very carefully, because the pan already is so hot, pour in the cognac and ignite it with a match. When the flames die down, remove the steaks to a warm serving platter and cover.

Reduce the heat under the skillet and add the remaining tablespoon of butter and the shallots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are transparent, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the sherry, mustard, Worcestershire and lemon juice. Heat until ingredients boil.

Pour the sauce over the steaks on the warm platter and garnish with the chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Recipe from "Bake It Like a Man."

MEDITERRANEAN

### BEEF PINWHEELS

3/4 pound well-trimmed deli roast beef, thinly sliced  
1 container (8 ounces) soft cream cheese with chives and onions  
4 large (10-inch) flour tortillas  
1 cup finely chopped, seeded cucumber  
1 cup pitted, chopped Kalamata or ripe olives.

Spread cheese evenly over one side of each tortilla. Top with equal amounts of cucumber and olives. Layer deli roast beef over olives, leaving 1/2-inch border around edge. Roll up tightly and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 4 hours before serving. To serve, cut each roll crosswise into 8 slices. Makes 32 appetizers.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattle-men's Beef Association

### EFFORTLESS BEEF PROVENÇAL APPETIZERS

1 package (about 2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 15-piece packages (2.1 ounces each)

prebaked frozen mini phyllo shells  
Chopped parsley

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Remove beef pot roast from package and transfer gravy to large saucepan. Shred enough beef with 2 forks to measure 2 cups. Add to gravy. Reserve remaining beef for another use.

Add thyme and pepper to saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-low heat 7 to 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Place phyllo shells on baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees 5 to 8 minutes or until hot. Spoon beef mixture evenly into phyllo shells and sprinkle with fresh parsley. Makes 30 appetizers.

Frozen puff pastry shells may be substituted for the phyllo shells.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattle-men's Beef Association

### BEEF & PISTACHIO PATÉ

2 pounds lean ground beef  
1 cup soft bread crumbs  
1/2 cup shelled unsalted pistachio nuts  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/4 cup brandy  
1/4 cup heavy

cream  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon cracked black pepper  
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
Vegetable cooking spray  
Thin slices of French bread

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine beef, bread crumbs, nuts, onion, garlic, parsley, egg, brandy, cream, salt, pepper and thyme. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 5-loaf pan with cooking spray. Press mixture into pan and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Place in 13 x 9 baking pan and transfer to middle rack of oven. Carefully pour hot water into outer pan until water reaches halfway up loaf pan. Bake 1-1/2 hours.

Cool slightly and carefully pour off drippings. To weight paté, place heavy cans into a second 9x5-loaf pan. Cover paté loosely with foil and place loaf pan with cans on top of paté. Refrigerate overnight.

To serve, loosen sides of paté with knife, invert onto serving platter or wrap tightly and refrigerate up to 2 days.

Cut crosswise into thin slices, then cut each slice in half. Serve with French bread. Makes about 80 slices.

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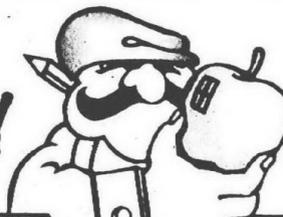
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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Blood drive

During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

### Menopause support

The next Menopause Support Group meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 in the West Addition A of the Marian Women Center at St. Mary Hospital. A speaker has yet to be announced. There is no charge.

Dr. Michael Gatt, OB/Gyn and Dr. Timothy Johnson, OB/Gyn will discuss "The Modern Approach to Menopause" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, 35475 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For information call (734) 655-1100.

### Alzheimer's support

The Marquette House Alzheimer's Support Group will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. The group is open to families and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's. The Marquette House is located on Marquette Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland (across from John Glenn High School).

### CPR course

Garden City Hospital will offer an American Heart Association CPR Instructor course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000. Successful completion of this course allows participants to teach both medical and lay persons the skills required to perform Basic Life Support such as CPR and removal of airway obstructions on adults, children and infants. To qualify you must hold a current Basic Life Support-Healthcare Provider Card from the AHA. Call (734) 458-4333 to register.

### Dyslexia support

Dr. Arthur Robin, professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine will present an informative discussion about treatment and behavior management from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. Parents, advocates, students and those who wish to learn more about dyslexia are encouraged to attend. Event will be held at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute — Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 737-0044.

### Blood drive

Community Choices, Inc. is having a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 26405 Plymouth Road in Redford Township. To schedule an appointment call (313) 937-4170. Walk-ins welcome. Please come and give blood, save a life and get a cookie.

### 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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## Cornea recipient sees miracle in donation

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You wouldn't have to ask Katie Dougherty twice if she enjoys seeing her five grandchildren — there isn't a question the answer would be yes. But to Dougherty the doubt lied in whether she'd be able to "see" them for very much longer.

The 68-year-old Canton resident had been plagued with vision and eye-related problems for as far back as she can remember.

"I've been to see so many ophthalmologists I've lost count," quipped Dougherty.

Approximately 20 years ago Dougherty's lens in her left eye was removed due to a cataract.

The purpose of the lens is to focus images sharply on the retina. When the clouding or cataract occurs, the lens is no longer able to focus clearly onto the retina. After surgery, the eye is unable to focus because it does need a lens to function normally again. The alternatives are cataract glasses which are thick and heavy, a contact lens which is worn on the eye, or a lens implant or intraocular lens, which is an artificial lens placed within the eye.

Glasses were out of the question because she had such good vision in her right eye. "The doctor said I would have a thick lens on one side of the glasses and a regular in the other," said Dougherty. "My brain wouldn't be able to tolerate it."

The optician then tried a contact lens. "That didn't work either. My eye just couldn't acclimate to it." After two different contact lenses Dougherty gave up and settled for the loss of vision.

"I was totally blind in that eye after they removed the lens," said Dougherty. "I don't know how I drove all those years without getting in an accident."

The 68-year-old also had no peripheral vision and no depth perception, making life somewhat frustrating.

"I would over estimate things when I walked because I couldn't tell how far I was from a step. I would drop things if people reached out and handed them to me and when I was pouring cream in my coffee I would pour it all over the table because I thought I was pouring it right into the cup. My husband was very patient."

Then in 1991 Dougherty received an artificial lens implant that restored vision to her left eye. Unfortunately, a common occurrence following this type of surgery is a detached retina. The condition was detected during a routine

checkup and Dougherty was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery.

"I didn't even have time to go home and pack a bag," said Dougherty.

In the past eight years the Canton senior has had cataract surgery in her right eye, once considered her "good" eye, and again a detached retina developed. An artificial lens was implanted just like the one in her left eye.

More bad news followed. The lens that was implanted in 1991 was being rejected by her eye and was rapidly deteriorating.

"They told me I'd have to have the lens removed and receive a cornea transplant," recalled Dougherty.

### Gift of sight

In September of 1998 Dougherty received a cornea for her left eye from the Michigan Eye-Bank of Ann Arbor. She was awake during the procedure, performed by Dr. Roger F. Meyer of the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center. Meyer, a staff member of the Kellogg Eye Center and a professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, removed the old lens and transplanted the donor cornea, the clear surface at the front of the eye.

A corneal transplant replaces a dis-shaped segment of an impaired cornea with a similarly shaped piece of a healthy donor cornea. According to the Michigan Eye Bank/Midwest Eye Banks Transplantation Center, approximately 130 people in Michigan are currently waiting for a corneal transplant.

A year following the transplant Dougherty has 20/30 vision thanks to the cornea donation.

"People say to me, 'Let someone else donate,' but if everyone felt that way no one would donate. It's so important to get donors. I can see now, thanks to someone's unselfish generosity," said Dougherty.

Recently the 68-year-old became an ambassador for the Michigan Eye Bank in hopes of sharing her story with others and spreading the urgent news about organ and tissue donation.

Dougherty's first public appearance as a Michigan Eye-Bank ambassador occurred in the fall when she was the speaker at the Detroit Federal Executive Board's Ninth Annual Disability Awareness Training Seminar for federal employees.

### Dispelling myths

Lisa Langley, a registered nurse and an 11-year professional educator for the Michigan Eye-Bank, said there are several aspects of organ and tissue

### Special gift

While families gather during this holiday season, the thoughts of many of us turn toward giving thanks for the many gifts that we have received this year. To do so is to express our thanks in tangible ways even as we seek to find the perfect gift for the loved ones in our lives.

This year, the Michigan Eye-Bank asks you to consider giving a gift to someone that you may never meet. This is a gift that is so valuable it is beyond measure, encompassing, life, sight, and hope; yet it is virtually cost-free to the giver. It is a gift that is literally within the power of each of us to offer and makes a powerful impact on individuals, families, as well as communities.

By signing a donor registry card and telling your loved ones of your wishes to donate your eyes and organs after death, you could potentially give the gift of sight to one or more of the 130 persons in Michigan waiting for a corneal transplant. By donating your eye tissues to research (Gift of Hope) scientists are able to develop new

surgeries and treatments to combat blindness. Through the Gift of Life, donated organs allow one or more of the 2,300 persons waiting for an organ transplant to continue living.

However, signing the donor registry card and mailing it in is simply not enough; you must discuss your decision with your family and/or the person(s) representing your estate to ensure that your wishes are known. This is essential, because your loved ones and/or person representing Power of Attorney ultimately make the final decision regarding donation.

The Michigan Eye-Bank receives many letters from recipients expressing the joy that they feel after having their vision restored by a corneal transplant. The Gift of Sight is only made possible by the generosity of those who have consented to donation. Here is something very worthwhile to remember during this holiday season and every season: The Gift of Sight, Gift of Life, or Gift of Hope could be the most valuable gift that you may ever give or may even receive yourself.

— The Michigan Eye-Bank

donation that people misunderstand, including whether their religion will allow them to become a donor after their death.

"All major religions approve of organ and tissue donation and acceptance," said Langley who, as a regional coordinator, works in conjunction with 30 hospitals throughout southeastern Michigan regarding the procurement and retrieval of tissue.

The registered nurse noted there is no cost to the donor family because the recipient's insurance takes care of the cost of procurement. "People also need to know that when eye tissue is removed, no matter what is removed, everything is replaced with something artificial. It's possible to have an open casket," said Langley.

Langley said talking about your wishes regarding organ donation may seem like an unusual topic during the holidays, but it's actually an ideal time. Signing the back of your driver's

license isn't enough because it's not considered a legal document and ultimately your family makes the final decision.

"Giving the gift of sight to someone whose vision was robbed from a blinding eye disease is one of the most valuable gifts you could give and you may have to receive yourself one day," said Langley.

Langley looks forward to having Dougherty speak at future engagements throughout southeastern Michigan. "She was very well received at the training seminar and she has a wonderful story to share as a successful recipient."

If you would like more information about organ and tissue donation, contact the Michigan Eye-Bank/Midwest Eye Banks and Transplantation Center at (800) 247-7250 or (734) 764-3262. The MEBTC has a Web site at [www.mebtc.org](http://www.mebtc.org).

## Organ donor list expands

### MICHIGAN

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently announced that 100,000 names have been added to the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in just one year thanks to the Department of State's new organ donor enrollment card program.

Only about 15,000 names were on the Gift of Life registry before the enrollment card program began in August 1998.

"The numbers say it all — our message about greater organ donor awareness is touching people's hearts, and they are responding by placing their names on the organ donor registry," Miller said.

## Make donation wishes known throughout family

As holiday greeting cards start to fill mailboxes, many Michigan residents are finding an unusual surprise tucked inside. Michigan Donor Registry cards are being inserted into greeting cards by a growing number of people, according to The Gift of Life Agency, Michigan's licensed organ and tissue recovery agency.

"The greatest gifts one can give is the Gift of Life," said Tammie Haver-mahl, Public education director. "This year, we are being contacted by a significant number of people who want to send donor registry cards to their friends and family."

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"Taking time at the holidays to discuss your donation wishes with family members is the most effective way to ensure that your personal wishes will be carried out," said Haver-mahl. "Lasting your name on the Michigan

Donor Registry is one way to begin a family discussion about donation. Family consent is always obtained before any organ or tissue recovery efforts begin."

The number of Michigan patients waiting for organ and tissue transplants continues to grow. Currently, over 2,500 Michigan patients are on the organ waiting list while thousands more await a tissue transplant. Each month nearly 20 patients will die needlessly while waiting for an organ transplant.

"You can help solve the organ donor shortage by simply encouraging your family and friends to communicate their wish to be an organ and tissue donor," said Haver-mahl.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, or to receive Michigan Donor Registry Cards, call The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, (800) 482-4881.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

### TUE, DEC. 21

#### STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promoted a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information

### WED, DEC. 22

#### MENDED HEARTS

A national support group for patients with heart disease and their families. Each meeting offers support in coping with the various challenges of heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free of charge at Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 471-8870.

### DEC. 29, 30

#### BLOOD DRIVE

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Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

### FRI, DEC. 31

#### Y2K WALK/RUN

Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31 at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Brod-

head Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and \$15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. More information on the event may be obtained by calling (313) 886-5560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or at [www.activeusa.com](http://www.activeusa.com) and selecting "Michigan" events at the top of the screen.

### TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

#### EATING DISORDER

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

# Growing in popularity

## Online shopping is here to stay say experts, consumers



MIKE WENDLAND

One thing we've learned from this holiday season is that shopping online is hot. But sorting through all those Web sites and trying to determine who has the best deal is not. To help make wise online buying decisions all year around, I've found some Web sites that offer up lots of e-commerce help. All the surveys show the first thing consumers want is reliability in an online shopping site.

And the Web site that's getting all the best buzz for helping online shoppers find not just good prices but good service and delivery is [www.bisrate.com](http://www.bisrate.com). Its name describes precisely what Bisrate does. It rates online shopping Web sites. Type in the name of the online store you're interested in doing business with and it spits out an instant report on how that site meets various consumer needs, from ease of shopping to security, selection and shipping policies. The ratings come from thousands of online shoppers who are regularly surveyed. Another great resource for evaluating online shopping sites

is [www.bbbonline.com](http://www.bbbonline.com) from the Better Business Bureau. Besides receiving up practical tips about online shopping, you can search for Web sites that adhere to the bureau's reliability and privacy standards. You can even order up reports on businesses from across the country to see their track record with consumers. After reliability, the next big issue for online shoppers is price. Who has the best deal? The new [www.ichoos.com](http://www.ichoos.com) Web site lets you download a little shopping helper program. It runs in the background while you do your e-shopping at any of the e-commerce sites. But before you click your mouse to make a purchase, that little program you

downloaded then goes out and searches hundreds of other online merchants that sell that particular item to let you know if someone else has a better price. Another extremely popular comparison price Web site these past few weeks is [www.pricewatch.com](http://www.pricewatch.com). You are not required to download any program here. It does comparison shopping with its own built-in Web-based search engine. To see how it works, I decided to price out one of those hot new Palm VII organizers. At brick-and-mortar computer stores around town, the price quoted was firm: \$500. Take it or leave it. I typed in the words "Palm

VII" on Pricewatch and, zap, in less than three seconds, I had a report showing online merchants selling it for a low of \$444 and a high of \$495. And, of course, most of these online merchants do not charge state sales tax. That's a major issue with the state of Michigan and traditional retailers. The state is losing millions in taxes on items purchased online. Online retailers are clearly at an unfair advantage when it comes to e-commerce. But even aside from the fairness issue, I'm convinced by phone calls to my radio show and e-mail from my TV and newspaper reports that the online public loves online shopping. It clearly

is going to only get bigger. And Web sites like the ones we just talked about make the convenience of online shopping even more convenient. I predict that the millions of first-time Internet shoppers who bought gifts online this holiday season will remember the experience and buy more and more goods and services via the Internet all year round. Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at [www.pcmike.com](http://www.pcmike.com)

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### WED, JAN. 5

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

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

### MON, JAN. 10

**YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT**  
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms

an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

### WED, JAN. 12

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

### THUR, JAN. 13

**FOCUS ON LIVING**  
A self-help designed to

bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meets in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital. Free of charge. Call 458-3311.

### WED, JAN. 13

**MALL WALKING**  
Join Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club. Enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month; 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

### TUE, JAN. 18

**THE ART OF MASSAGE I**  
Learn the basic strokes of a relaxing,

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

### WED, JAN. 19

**YOGA**  
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. Jan. 19 - Feb. 23. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing

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When professional malpractice leads to physical injury (or loss of life), an attorney should be contacted as soon as possible. There are not only time parameters within which one must file a suit, but also an attorney should explain what needs to be done to document injuries and preserve evidence that will become vital if a suit goes to trial.

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