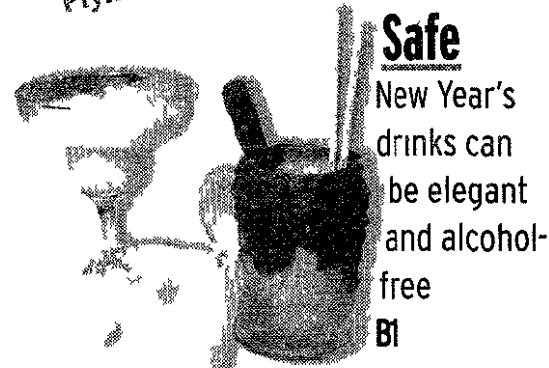


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Holiday hours

Are you a Plymouth Township resident worried about paying your taxes on New Year's Eve? You needn't. Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards will have his office open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as he does every year to accept tax payments from township residents. We traditionally take in a lot of payments on that day from people wanting to get their taxes paid. Edwards said, "I think it's a great service we're happy to offer to our residents." The rest of the township offices will observe holiday hours. They will be closed Dec. 31 (except for Edwards) and Jan. 1. The township operates at normal hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) the remainder of the holiday season. The Plymouth District Library will also be closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1. The library will operate at its normal hours the rest of the season. Call (734) 453-0750 for hours. City of Plymouth offices are closed and will resume normal hours Jan. 2. The city treasurer's office will be open Dec. 30. Call (734) 453-1234 for more details on city hours.

Tree disposal

The city of Plymouth's annual Christmas tree collection takes place during the first two full weeks of January. Trees can be placed at the curb on residents' regular solid waste and recycling collection day and must be free of all decorations and tree bags. City officials also say it's a good time to place additional bagged or canned compost and yard waste. Cans and bags may not be larger than 32 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight. City officials also are reminding residents whose normal solid waste collection day falls on or after either Christmas or New Year's Day that trash pickup will take place one day. Residents with questions can call (734) 455-1392.

Tree lovers

Thanks to a generous donation from Bob Evans members of Girl Scout Troop 1595 were able to put up a Christmas tree in Plymouth's Kellogg Park as part of the Chamber of Commerce display. The girls also had a pizza party at Papa Romano's. Members of the troop posed with Santa for a photo including Dana Anderson, Jennifer Nowicki, Laura Tanner, Mary Shimbo, Katie Martin, Lisa Nowicki, Katrina Sovine, Adrienne Gibson and Rochelle Wilkinson. Leader of the troop is Darleen Nowicki.



Plymouth Salem junior Carly Schwan (left) reads *The Lorax* to Shayna Anderson, while Jessica Wilson (right) reads *Arthur Eyes* to Joy McFadden. Anderson and McFadden are fifth-graders at Edison Elementary School in Westland. The high school students visited the fifth-graders as part of a public speaking class.

Teaching sisters get classes together

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School students spent an hour last week reading "Curious George," "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Berenstain Bears" before going out for recess and crawling on the playscape and choosing teams for a game of football in the snow.

Nearly 60 of Lauren Cummings' students participated in a field trip to Edison Elementary in Westland, spending time reading, talking and playing with fifth graders as part of an exchange program between the two schools.

"The younger kids see our kids as role models and leaders, and they like to hear about sports and other activities at the high school," said Cummings. "Even though it's only an hour, they develop a bond and connection with the younger kids. They talk about their goals, their future, hopes and dreams."

It's no coincidence that Cummings chose Edison Elementary for the exchange program the past four years. Half the fifth-grade students who participate are taught by her sister, Barbara Case, who lives down the street from Cummings in Plymouth.

"Our kids are moving on to middle school next year, and they enjoy talking to the older kids to learn what it's like," said Case. "Some don't have older brothers and sisters, so they don't have a clue what to expect."

They see the older kids with the letter jackets.

PLEASE SEE SISTERS, A7



Plymouth Salem junior Mike Lanus (left) reads *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* to fifth grader Emmett Vinson.

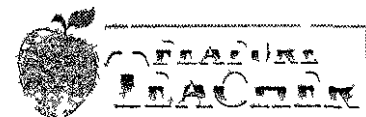


Edison Elementary fifth grader Amari Kaur (left) listens to Plymouth Salem junior Suchi Parikh read *A Ghost Named Fred*.

O&E seeks top local teachers

Beginning in January, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will honor two teachers monthly from throughout our circulation area for their excellence in the classroom. We are looking for readers to help in identifying these outstanding teachers.

Nominations can be e-mailed to



cyoung@oehomecomm.net, faxed to (734) 953-2232 or mailed to Cathy Young at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. of the third Monday of each month.

Deadlines for 2003 are Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Two teachers will be honored January through June and September through December. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom and receive four

PLEASE SEE TEACHERS, A7

Township board OKs Comcast abatement

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It came grudgingly, but Comcast got the 12-year tax abatement it was looking for from the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Comcast will build a 103,000-square-foot facility in the Metro Plymouth Business Park to house Comcast's technical operations and its new 300-

person call center. Comcast will then consolidate the operations of its Beck Road call center and its Livonia operations, bringing some 480 jobs in a facility designed for 550.

Township trustees approved the abatement on a 5-1 vote, with clerk Marilyn Messing absent. Trustee Chuck Curmi cast the lone vote against the abatement.

There was some concern

among township board members about whether the Comcast operation was "high-tech" enough to be worth of the abatement, but township attorney Tim Cronin advised the board at its last meeting that the State Tax Tribunal, in changing its rules on the subject in the near future, would probably include such operations beneath a "high-tech" umbrella.

"I don't think this is a high-tech operation," Curmi said. "They won't be doing any research and development, no product development. I normally vote for these, but I have a hard time voting when I don't think this is high-tech."

Curmi's other problem involved where employees lived. According to a handout given to

PLEASE SEE COMCAST, A5

Plymouth man interns at the White House

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For most college graduates, the goal after four tough years is to take the degree, find a well-paying job and embark on a successful career.

For Brian Goebel of Plymouth, a recent University of Michigan graduate, his degree earned him an unlikely opportunity: a chance to work for free and pay all his own living expenses, all while calling it "an opportunity of a lifetime."

Goebel, 23, just completed a 90-day internship for the Faith Based Community Initiative office of President George W. Bush in Washington, D.C.

"It was a lot of responsibility coming out of school," said Goebel. "At first I answered phones, helped get briefings together, as well as reports for the director's office. In October, we had our first

regional conference and I helped coordinate that."

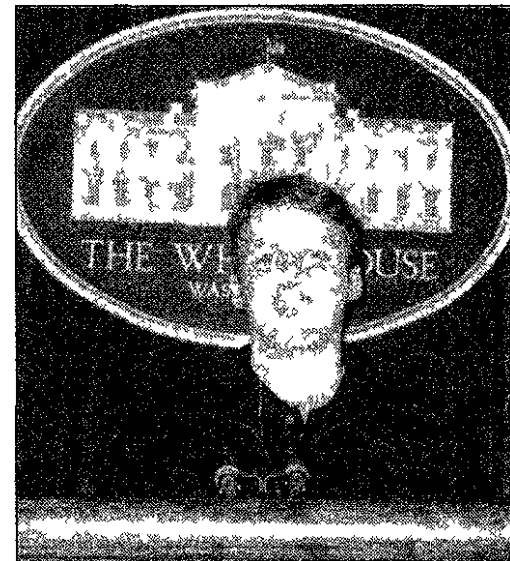
It meant bringing in faith-based groups which receive federal funding and setting up panels to discuss the grants, as well as the pros and cons of the program.

A second conference was recently held in Philadelphia, and Goebel said the staff encountered a number of scheduling conflicts.

"The president was scheduled to be at the event, and with the advance team and the Secret Service everything needs to be perfect," he said. "We had to keep changing the schedule of events because of conflicts, especially with the changing situation with Iraq or (Bush's) meetings with economic advisors."

Goebel's opportunity came during the summer while he was working with spe-

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The White House press room was one of the areas Brian Goebel of Plymouth got to visit during his internship in Washington.

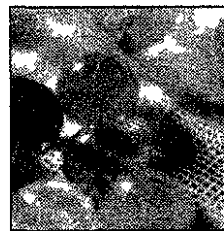
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Jan and Mike McIntosh stand in the middle of the Stride Rite Shoe Store, which they recently purchased on the corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Roads in Plymouth Township

PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Local man strides into new retail career

Shoe store purchase scratches an entrepreneurial itch for owner

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The store name and the owners of the Plymouth Township Stride Rite store may have changed, but the really important things have remained the same.

It's just a fresh name, said Mike McIntosh, new owner of Growing Soles, formerly known as Koberck's Stride Rite, 44427 W. Ann Arbor at the southwest corner of Sheldon. An official grand opening is planned next spring.

He does, however, have big shoes to fill. Former owners Don and Barbara Koberck sold the business and retired effective Nov. 1 and had a loyal customer base. When the business celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2000, the Kobercks, who still live

in Plymouth Township, estimated in 2000 that they had sold 350,000 pairs of shoes since they opened.

"The Koberck name was synonymous with shoes," said McIntosh, whose day job is working in a steel warehousing and transportation business in Wayne.

McIntosh became interested in buying the store while frequenting the business to buy shoes for his children. But owning a shoe store was a longtime dream.

It's an entrepreneurial itch that I had been scratching, McIntosh said. "We bought shoes here and knew Barb and Don."

His wife, Lisa Russo, works in Growing Soles. She said McIntosh's love of children was another driving force in his pursuit to buy the Stride Rite store.

"If he had to do it over again, he'd be a pediatrician," Russo said.

McIntosh said he plans to redecorate the store's interior and begin carrying Tommy Hilfiger shoes, a brand which is already affiliated with Stride Rite.

So far there are no plans to get rid of the park-style wooden benches, which have been a fixture in the store since it opened. They have, however, been repainted. One of the things the store is best known for is sizing children individually for their shoes. The store specializes in hard-to-find sizes such as narrow, wide and double wide.

The store also is known for its attention to customer service. My goal is picking up where the Kobercks left off," McIntosh said.

Adhering to a strong customer service philosophy will enable the store to remain competitive even if larger retailers offer lower prices.

Customer service was also a specialty of the Kobercks. In one instance, they opened their doors after closing to a family needing shoes for a funeral. Another time, they did a shoe fitting inside a vehicle in the parking lot so that a measles-stricken child did not have to come into the store.

They have even lent helping hands to the new owners - by giving advice on inventory and being available to answer questions. The Kobercks both said that passing the torch was difficult - but that they were happy to see the business continue.

"It was pretty sad to leave," Barbara Koberck said. "It was a lot of fun."

Don Koberck said, "We had a good run. Growing Soles is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

AROUND TOWN

ON-LINE HELP

Frustrated parents, teachers and mental health professionals now have an on-line resource available to answer their questions about attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

ADD Consults, re-launched in October with expanded services at www.addconsults.com, is the first online AD/HD clinic offering private consultations with top experts in the world.

"People from Dallas to Japan, to the Virgin Islands wonder if their distractibility, messiness and procrastination issues could be more than personality traits," says Terry Matlen, ACSW, founder and director of ADD Consults. "Many people just don't have access to local clinicians who are ADD 'savvy,' so I'm able to give some direction, help them find an expert in their area, or offer them the opportunity to consult with one online."

ADD Consults was founded in 2000 by Matlen, a psychotherapist, lecturer and vice-president of the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA).

"I wanted to develop a 'one-stop-shop' so people could find everything they needed in one location, without having to spend hours jumping from one website to another," Matlen adds.

Visitors have access to ADD coaches available for immediate hire, updated articles on research, treatment and medications, upcoming AD/HD related events, and even an online art gallery, showcasing the artistic talents of visitors interested in sharing their work.

There are further plans to offer online conferences, expand its online store, and increase services to professionals in the field. Visitors can now subscribe to a free e-newsletter, which is available on the website.

To schedule an interview with Terry Matlen, Director of ADD Consults, please call her at 248-988-1260 or contact her by email at terry@addconsults.com.

PARENT MEETING

Meetings of the Special

Education Parent Advisory Committee are open to all residents of the Plymouth-Canton community, as well as school staff and administrators.

SEPEC meets from 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

The topic for the Jan. 13 meeting will be "F.A.T. (Frustration, Anxiety, Tension)," presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion.

For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

Application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony "Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition" is Friday, Jan. 24.

The competition itself is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, at Evola Music in Canton.

Through money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and other sponsors, the symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and has offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Division (combined instrumental and piano, grades seven-nine). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne Westland or be students at Evola Music.

Each senior-division winner receives \$500, and the junior division winner gets \$250.

If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Applications are available through the symphony and are due by Jan. 24.

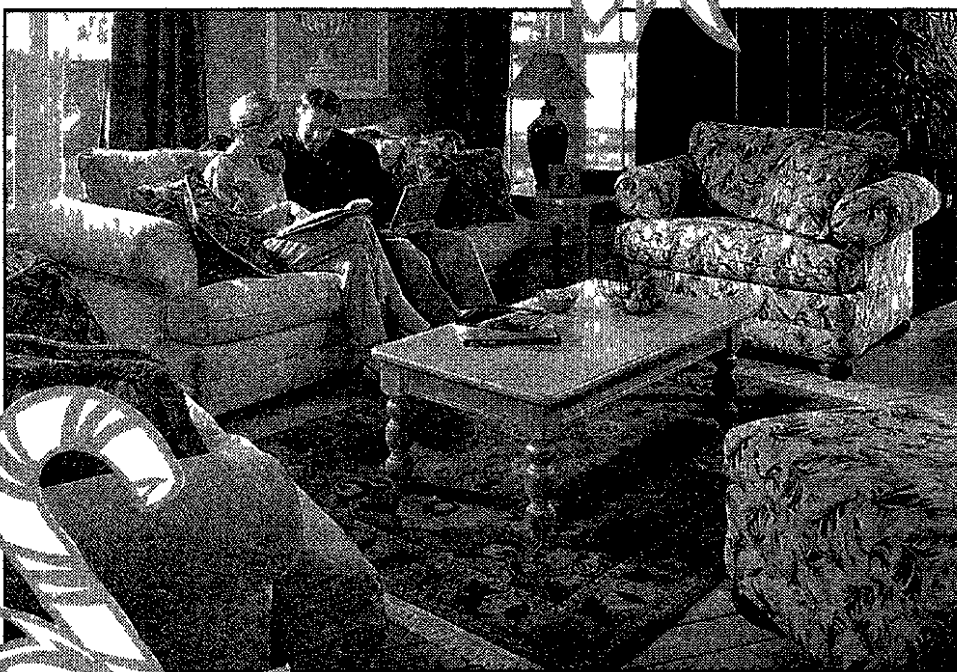
Past participants are encouraged to apply, however, musicians are eligible to win just one first prize in each division.

For an application or further information contact Ellen Elliott via e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com or by phone (734) 451-2112.

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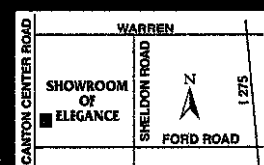
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Children expected grandma at the door

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

When the three Pesce children walked into their Livonia home on their last day alive, they expected to see their grandmother who was visiting from Italy. Instead, they faced their killers.

The children, Carlo, 12, Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6, had been with their father, Marco, visiting their mother, Diane Jameel, in a drug rehabilitation center in Ann Arbor on Saturday, Dec. 21. Their parents were divorced.

When they returned at about 6 p.m., Marco pulled into the driveway of the home on St. Martins Street, let the kids out of the car, and went back to his jewelry store, Italia, not far away at Seven Mile and Farmington, according to Mike Duggan, Wayne County prosecutor.

Back at the store, Pesce received a telephone call from his son, Carlo, to return home. "He was lured back home," Duggan said.

There, two men who had been let into the house by Pesce's mother, Maria Vergati, 68, were lying in wait for the jeweler, Duggan said. They wanted the combination to a 3,000-pound safe in the home and Pesce was the only one who had it, he said.

Upon returning home, Pesce apparently provided the safe's combination. The thieves

opened it, took jewelry and then killed the family execution-style, Duggan said. "They were shot in the back."

"It's been a bad year in Wayne County for children being murdered," said Duggan, a Livonia resident. "But I've never seen a case where a criminal targeted them."

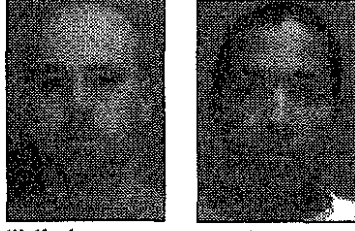
Police have recovered a handgun allegedly used in the shootings. They wouldn't say where it was found.

MEN ARRAIGNED

Two men with long criminal records were arraigned Thursday on five counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of John Wolfenbarger, 31, of Detroit and Dennis Lincoln, 27, of Flint, stood mute at arraignment on the charges and not guilty pleas were entered on their behalf. They were ordered to be held without bond in the Wayne County Jail by 16th District Court Judge Robert B. Brzezinski.

During the video arraignment, Lincoln stared straight ahead at the camera, while Wolfenbarger mostly kept his head bent.

At a Friday night press conference, Livonia Police Chief Peter Kunst said the suspects were allegedly targeting jewelry stores in Livonia and Dearborn Heights prior to the robbery. There are about 40 or 50 such stores, he said. "This was something that unfolded for several



Wolfenbarger Lincoln

days prior to the robbery," he said.

He said the suspects not only targeted the home, but also used a special vehicle in the robbery, and that a package was possibly used as a ruse. Asked if it was a normally recognized delivery truck, the police chief said he wouldn't comment.

However, he did say that the suspects allegedly were scoping out the home at least "a day or two" before the robbery.

"There's a sense of anxiety in the community that this was a random act," the chief said, adding that the Livonia police are trying to explain to the public that it wasn't. He said the Pesce jewelry store was targeted.

He also added that the amount of evidence is mounting up, noting that police are discovering more cash and stolen items.

Also, he said there may be more warrants issued and more persons charged in the slayings. He said there have been similar robberies in New York and Miami.

Duggan at an early press conference at Livonia police

headquarters was critical of speculation that Pesce's ex-wife was linked to the slayings. "She's in a rehab house in Ann Arbor and can't even telephone out," he said.

Duggan lauded the Livonia police for their work on the case. "It was amazing. It took 48 hours to make the arrests."

Kunst canceled vacation and leave time for officers and put 24 detectives on the case. Many worked around the clock.

He said pictures of the slain children sitting on office desks and in patrol cars helped inspire officers to keep working to solve what he characterized as "brutal murders."

"The three photos of the kids kept the officers going when they were dead tired," he said.

He said the arrests were made because of "old-fashioned detective work," but he wouldn't say what information led officers to the suspects. However, he said that a more than \$50,000 reward collected from Livonia residents contributed to the investigation and arrests.

There are at least three other persons being held in the case as material witnesses. Neither Kunst nor Duggan would say if they would be charged. Duggan said they are witnesses, and there's a fear they would flee.

Wolfenbarger was arrested on Dec. 24 in Livonia, and Lincoln on the same day in Mt. Morris, a suburb of Flint, Duggan said. He added that witnesses saw the pair at a Detroit home



Friends and mourners left teddy bears at the St. Martins Street home of the Pesce family.

shortly after the murders with bags of items allegedly stolen from the home.

ITEMS RECOVERED

Armed with a search warrant, Livonia police recovered numerous items stolen from the Pesce home at a Detroit home, he said.

The items included watches belonging to Marco and Diane Pesce, diamonds and melted gold. Police alleged that when arrested, Wolfenbarger was in possession of metal snips used to remove jewels from settings and a jeweler's gas torch used to melt gold.

Wolfenbarger and Lincoln were cell mates at the Boyer Road Correctional Facility in Carson City, serving time until this year. Lincoln was paroled in February after serving nine years on an armed robbery charge and Wolfenbarger in August after

eight years for a series of burglaries. Wolfenbarger's first criminal conviction came in 1989 in Wayne County for breaking and entering.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of the Livonia Police Department," said Kunst. "The outstanding teamwork and perseverance of our detectives was the key to breaking this tragic and shocking crime."

"Led by Lt. Ben McDermott, they worked tirelessly 18 to 20 hours a day. Every investigator forfeited Christmas furlough days to carry on the investigation. They were pushed by the brutality of the crime and foremost by the memory of the three little children who were senselessly murdered."

"We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers and hope these arrests reduce the anxiety I know the community is experiencing," Kunst said.

Monetary reward helped collar suspects in murder case

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

When police on Christmas Eve arrested two men who are now charged with the execution-style shooting deaths of five members of a Livonia family, residents who contributed to a reward fund had an unseen hand in collaring the murder suspects.

"The reward was a factor in some of the information," said Peter Kunst, Livonia police chief, during a press conference Thursday.

Contributions from friends

relatives and Livonia business owners brought the reward up to more than \$65,000.

"I hope it helped," said Charles G. Tangora, an attorney who helped collect pledges for the reward fund. Many who contributed to it were, like Tangora, members of Livonia's Italian American Club.

"Of course everyone wanted to make pledges," said Tangora, who lives in Farmington.

He said the tragedy has touched everyone. Italian American or not.

It's just a shock, and the club members obviously all know —

some are even related to — the Pesces, Tangora said. "It spread through the community like wildfire."

Meanwhile, friends and relatives have been busy ensuring that the Pesce family will be remembered during the holidays. Piles of stuffed teddy bears laid solemnly outside the family's St. Martins Street home and Marco Pesce's store, Italia Jewelry on Seven Mile Road.

The community especially wants to reach out to the family now. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said.

Livonia has consistently been

rated as one of the safest communities in the nation among those with a population of more than 100,000.

And Kirksey said that image hasn't been tarnished. "I don't believe in any way our general level of safety has been compromised. It was a calculated target because of what they thought was wealth in the home. Little or nothing could be done to prevent the evil act."

He lauded the police department for working hard on the case. Leaves and Christmas vacation time were canceled as police worked through the holi-

day, arresting two men on Christmas Eve. The men were charged Thursday. (See related story.)

"I just have a deep appreciation for the police department," Kirksey said. "I've always been proud of the very fine work they do. But in this instance, they have just done a job second to none."

He commended Lt. Ben McDermott, who headed the investigation and worked more than 50 hours without sleep last week, and everyone investigating the case.

"In the squad room, they had pictures of the three children to

keep them focused," Kirksey said.

Visitation for the Pesce family continues 9 a.m. to noon today at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile in Livonia.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Members of the Italian-American Club are planning a memorial for the family.

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First Step among beneficiaries of church program

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

One may not be able to put a price tag on generosity, but at St John Neumann Catholic Church, the generous spirit of parishioners was measured by the tags removed from the Jesse Tree

The annual church event involves parishioners taking specially shaped tags from the Jesse Tree, which include requests for items such as toiletries, non-perishable food, toys, clothing, other essentials and cash donations to certain causes

The parishioner then goes out and buys the items on the tags or donates to charity, helping out needy people from within and outside the community

The "roots" of the Jesse Tree are Biblical Jesse, who was David's father, serves as the tree root

Each tag on the tree has a special meaning Jesse Tree shapes include an ark, ladder, coat, 10 commandments, hand, crown, square, whale, saw, star, lily and shell

Eighth-grade students from the church's religious formation program cut out and prepared the tags for the tree

Mike Horka, St John Neumann

spokesman, said the event binds the church community

"It's really a community and whole family event," Horka said "It gets whole families together to be generous to others"

This year, 2,300 tags were removed from the tree

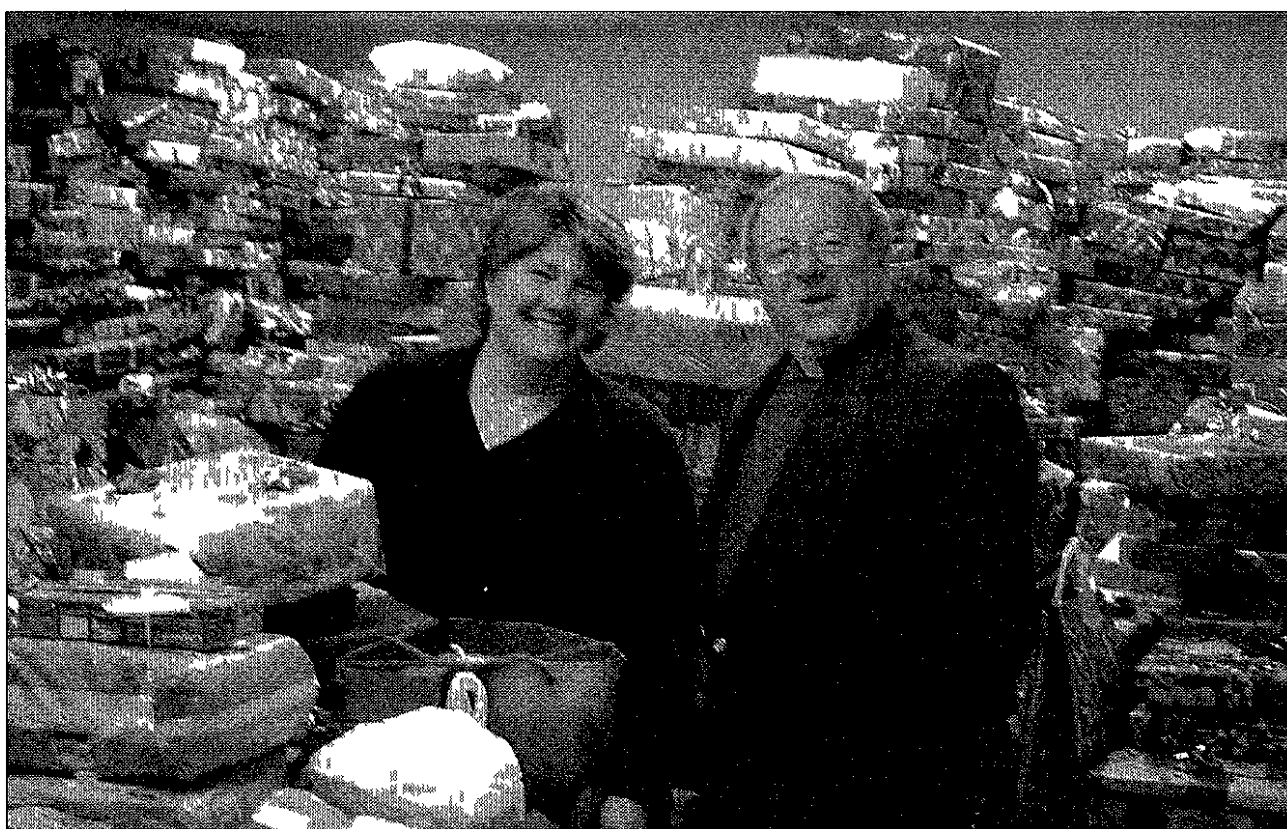
Those benefiting from the generosity of St John Neumann members included 100 seniors, 200 adults and 425 children

After the donors went shopping, the church had four tons of food, 100 winter hats and 75 glove sets to distribute A team of volunteers spent about 100 hours just sorting through all the goods to prepare them for distribution

First Step, a domestic violence crisis non-profit agency in Plymouth, received 35 stuffed animals, 35 pairs of slippers, 35 robes, 50 sets of children's books, 40 packages of disposable diapers and 50 sets of women's toiletries from Jesse Tree donors

In addition to First Step, the Plymouth Clothing Bank, parishioners from other churches and St John Neumann members also benefited from Jesse Tree donations

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Father George Charnley, the pastor at St John Neumann Catholic Church, and Jesse Tree program coordinator Candace Guikweicz, inside one of the rooms that stores the gifts

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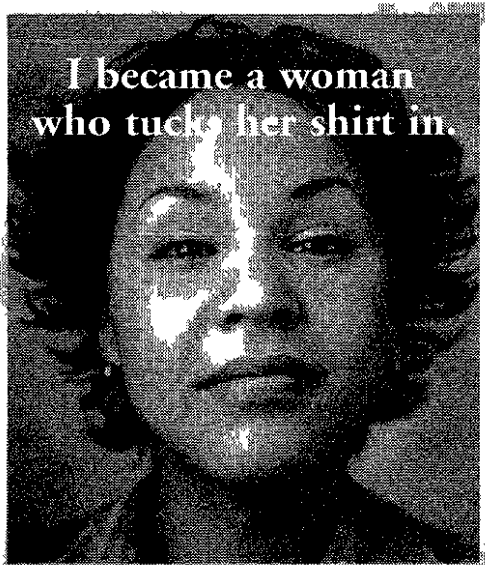


FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Dec 16-22

- **Sunday, Dec. 22** — Residential rescue runs on Woodleigh Way, on Red Pine, on Plymouth Heights and on Lilley, vehicle accident with washdown at Joy and Sheldon, vehicle accident at Joy and Sheldon, commercial rescue run on Northville Road
- **Saturday, Dec. 21** — Investigation on Briarwood, residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Weston Drive, rescue run on 5 Mile, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road
- **Friday, Dec. 20** — Commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, on Northville and on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Green Valley Court, on Micol, on Newport and on Ivywood, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, vehicle accident at Grant and Jefferson, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road
- **Thursday, Dec. 19** — Commercial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Starkweather, rescue on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon, industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Anchor Court, vehicle accident with wash-down on westbound M-14 east of Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Lexington and on Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, investigation at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18** — Industrial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Plymouth Road, vehicle accident at N Territorial and Beck commercial rescue runs on Haggerty
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17** — Vehicle accident on McKinley, rescues on Ann Arbor Trail at Hamilton and on Helm, commercial rescue run on Mill, residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Green Valley, on Farmbrook and on Lincoln Court, smoke investigation on southbound I-275 north of M-14, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, downed wires at Ann Arbor Trail and Main
- **Monday, Dec. 16** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Beacon Hill, downed wires on Canton Center, industrial rescue runs on Halyard and on Mast, fire on Sheldon

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cial-needs young adults in Ann Arbor

A friend, who previously interned at the White House, e-mailed him with word of a great opportunity

"I applied for one of the 90 internships and got one," he said "When I got word, and I saw the White House on television, I said 'Wow, I'm going to be there and do some real work and projects for an initiative I believe in'

"I think the Faith Based Community Initiative best fits my background in sociology," he said "It's very busy and deadline-oriented. You get people calling you and saying 'I need this in five minutes'"

Goebel worked in an office across the street from the White House, a place he was able to visit several times

"You could see the White House from the office. It's good to see at night, all lit up. It's exciting," said Goebel "A lot of the staff goes on Fridays to see the president arrive or depart on the helicopter. I saw him several times, but I never did get to shake his hand

Every week senior staff members talk to us and tell us about their jobs," he said "The most asked questions were, 'What did you do on 9/11?'

Goebel said one of his most memorable experiences during the internship came in only his second week, on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks

"The whole White House staff was on the south lawn for a moment of silence at 9:06 a.m.," said Goebel "There were about 2,000 people, and it was pure silence. You could tell the president was definitely saddened by the events"

And, because of his work with the White House, another perk included tours of the White

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Brian Goebel
Plymouth resident

House which have been suspended since the attacks

I did get to go through the east wing, where the state dining room for diplomats is located though I didn't get to see any major events there, he said "I remember walking down the hall, noticing the historical documents and pictures on the wall. It's amazing, they are all original pieces, pictures of the great presidents of the past

"The senior staff is all in the West Wing, the business part of the White House. Security is very, very tight there, he said

That's where the Oval Office is located, which I got to see with my parents over Thanksgiving, when the president wasn't there. You can't go in, but you can peek in

"We saw the Cabinet room with the plaques on each chair with each Cabinet member's name. And you see the door to the Situation Room, but you can't go in there

Of course, the question begs asking: Is it really like the West Wing seen every week on television?

They (television) did a really accurate job. The Oval Office on television looks like the real Oval Office," he said

The press room is pretty quaint, not as big as you would assume, he said. There are only about eight rows of seats and they're marked for each of the news organizations that are there

Because the 90-day experience was an unpaid internship, Goebel lived with a friend in Baltimore, traveled an hour by train to work, and paid for all his own expenses. However, he's looking at a chance to go back and earn some real Treasury dollars

The president did sign an executive order to open two additional Faith Based Centers, and I'll interview and see how things go, said Goebel. I'd like to go back and work in government, helping those in need or maybe for social service provider groups

Goebel said Washington, D.C. is a very fast-paced experience, and politics is the talk of the day every day. "If you don't know politics, you're going to know it's just a matter of time

As for a career in politics, Goebel shook his head, but didn't quite close the door

I think I'd like to work behind the scenes in politics, not an elected office, he said. But you never know

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Plymouth resident Brian Goebel on a tour of the White House

COMCAST

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trustees by the company, only 16 of the employees at the Plymouth operations center would actually live in Plymouth, with another 22 residing in Canton. Approximately 25 percent of the employees live in Detroit. The other problem Comcast had to overcome was a negative image in the area. Township board members have received dozens of complaints about the service, most of them stemming from Comcast's Internet service and an e-mail service it inherited from Media One that got bogged down in the transition. Board members asked for a legal opinion on whether they could base their decision on the abatement on Comcast's service record

"There was some talk about using customer complaints as a basis for the decision," Cronin told the board. "We recommend you not use that"

Comcast wants to combine its operations in Livonia and on Beck Road, where some 285 employees now work

"It makes sense to us to bring those together to provide better customer service," said Fred Eaton, Comcast's corporate affairs director for the Detroit-west area. "Why our predecessors chose to arrange themselves this way is a mystery to us"

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MORE PROBLEMS FOR THE KNEE

Readers of this column are familiar with the reasons why knee pain can occur. Past articles discussed how osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, frays in the meniscus, and tears of the ligaments create knee pain. Other sources of knee pain and disability previously considered include prepatellar and anserine bursa.

This list does not exhaust the possibilities for knee problems. For example, I have not yet mentioned patellar tendinitis. The large muscles that start at and surround the thigh come together in a single tendon, known as the quadriceps. This tendon starts just above the knee cap, goes over the knee cap and ends its journey in the upper leg on a bump called the tibial tubercle. From the point where it rides over the knee cap, the tendon is called the patellar tendon.

By its character and location the tendon is vulnerable to injury. First, that area of the knee often is the target of blows and injuries, and second, the tendon is thin and has little reserve from any piercing blow. Furthermore, extreme bending of the knee as happens when you make a fast move or start a strenuous kick places extreme strain and stretch on the patellar tendon.

The result of all these risks is that a painful patellar tendon occurs frequently. You can identify its presence by the location of the pain and that the discomfort is lessened by extending the leg, worsened by flexing it, and that these changes can occur even when you are sitting.

Treatment is heat and rest. Steroid injections may help if a single painful area persists.

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Josh Eberhart, 4 isn't quite sure what to make of Santa at the Burger Center Christmas Carnival



Ian Stammerski 7 a member of the Burger Center choir, sings Christmas carols at the Christmas Carnival



Storyteller Betty Tessmer, the speech therapist at Burger Center in Garden City, reads "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" to students at the annual Christmas Carnival

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Burger Center carnival a big hit for students

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The annual Christmas Carnival at the Burger Center for the Autistic is so exciting for some of the students that they dash into school the day of the party. The party's theme was "The Greatest Gift Isn't Big or Small - The Greatest Gift is Peace for

All as a tribute to veterans and those enlisted in the armed services. Five Burger staff members - including three women and two men - are veterans. This year, the day-long party featured a visit from Santa Claus, an inflatable moonwalk in the gym, barnyard animals introduced by "Farmer John," storytelling and a magician.

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society helped set the mood by providing the music. The group consists of string players - including guitarists, mandolin players, banjo players, fiddlers and of course, dulcimer players. Judy Gapp, director of children's programming at the center, thanked Jack Russo and his family for the festivities. Russo and his family have funded several educational projects at Burger Center, since finding out about its need for new playground equipment more than a decade ago. The family annual provides the students with the Christmas Carnival and spring picnic, developed the greenhouse project and transformed the courtyard into a scent and touch garden. They have been benefactors of the school for 10-12 years.



Kyle Lodge, 8 with the help of John Forshee of Barnyard Express, squirts goats milk to his dog Buddy

now, Gapp said. The Russos prefer to remain low key about their generosity and tend to stay behind the scenes at the party. It's a beautiful day for the students, Gapp said. The kids really look forward to it. They run into the building the morning of the party.

The school educates 290 autistic students ages 3-26 at both the main building on Beechwood and the annex at the Cambridge Center. Students hail from all over Wayne County.

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OBITUARIES

Harold E. Schoen

Services for Harold Schoen, 81, of Livonia will be held Dec 30 at 11 a.m. at St Johns Episcopal Church with the Rev Lew Towler and Dr William Lupfer officiating

Mr Schoen was born July 22, 1921 in Lansing and died Dec 22 in Livonia. He was a retired senior accountant for Michigan Bell/Ameritech. He came to the Plymouth-Livonia community in 1954 from Ann Arbor. He was a member of St John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where he served on the vestry and was treasurer.

He was a life member of the Plymouth Elks, life member of the Ann Arbor Masonic Order, member of the Livonia Republican Club, and member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He was a naval aviator, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy who retired during World War II. He was a recruiter for the U.S. Naval Academy, and was on the advisory committee for the Livonia Public Schools. He was also on the advisory committee and helped develop Schoolcraft College.

Mr Schoen was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Schoen, and son, Harold E. 'Chip' Schoen, Jr.

Survivors include son, Phillip C. (Michelle) Schoen of Westland, grandchildren, David (Elizabeth) Schoen of Dearborn, Karen Schoen of Kalamazoo, Matthew and Jessica Schoen of Arizona, and Shema Can of Ypsilanti, great-grandchildren, Trnity Skye Schoen of Arizona, sister, Minta (Robert) McCurley of Rochester, brother, Lawrence

(Ella Jayne) Schoen of Mason, and daughter-in-law, Ophelia Schoen of Ypsilanti.

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Joseph G. Strong

Services for Joseph Strong, 50, of Canton were held Dec 23 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev Drex Morton officiating.

Mr Strong was born April 13, 1952 in Detroit and died Dec 19 in Livonia. He was a laborer.

Mr Strong was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sr and Betty Strong.

Survivors include brother, Steven (Kathy) Strong of Canton and nephews Eric and David Strong. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Walter Ward White

Services for the Rev Walter White, former minister at Summersville Presbyterian Church, were held Dec 29 at the Summersville Presbyterian Church.

Rev White died Dec 21 at Summersville Memorial Hospital following complications from pneumonia. After leaving Summersville in 1965, Rev White and his family moved to Cross Lanes, W Va., where he was the minister of Perrow Presbyterian Church. Later he accepted a position as executive director of Mariner's Inn, a social agency of the Episcopal Diocese in Detroit. During a whitewater rafting trip down the New River in 1984, Rev White suffered a stroke. He and his family returned to

Summersville in 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Helen, children, Kimberly Hill of Shawnee, Okla., Walter White of North Port, Ala., Susan White of Plymouth, Thomas White of Wilmington, N.C., William White of Portland, Ore. and Amy Zhouf of Asheville, N.C., brother, James Randolph White of Calhoun, Ga., and grandchildren, Justin Hill, Ashley Hill, Chelsea Trapp, Nicholas Tripp, Christopher Leach, Walter White and Thomas Jackson White.

Mary Rebecca Beardsley

Services for Mary Beardsley, 85, of Westland were held Dec 27 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev Robert Joy officiating. Burial was at Andersonville Cemetery in Davidsburg.

Mrs Beardsley was born July 9, 1917 in Bluefield, W Va. and died Dec 22 at Hope Nursing Care Center. She was a nurse's aid. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

Mrs Beardsley was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Beardsley.

Survivors include son, Russell B. (Janet) Beardsley of Florida, daughter, Donna G. Durgon of Canton, son, Kenneth W. (Mary) Beardsley of Canton, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, MI 48187.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

SISTERS

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and how they get involved, and the high school kids talk to them about applying to colleges," she said. "I think maybe they get a little inspiration from them."

Kathleen Lisowski, who team-teaches with Case, said, "It's good for the fifth graders to see positive role models."

After reading books and talking, the group headed for the playground.

Tammy and I talked about her family. She has a lot of animals, and her favorite subject is science," said Christina Conroy, a junior who lives in Salem Township, about her time spent

with her new buddy, Tammy Fournier of Westland. "I read her 'The Cat in the Hat' because it's my favorite, and the first book I learned to read."

It was a good experience to talk to the kids, and have some time off from class," she said. "I learned what it was like to be a kid again and have recess."

Fournier said she liked learning about her new high school friend.

"I like learning about her first book and how they used to live back then. I learned it's a big responsibility in high school to keep up with my work."

As one might expect, the snow-covered ground and cold temperatures made it a good day for the boys to pick teams

and toss the football. "This is something they can walk away and say a big kid paid attention to me, even if only for an hour," said Justin Eades of Plymouth. "If they have a hard time at home or school, they can forget about it for a while with someone who cared a little bit."

Ten-year-old Tavan Tucker said he enjoyed reading a story and getting a candy cane.

"I asked a couple of questions about how hard it was in high school and what kind of lunch they get," he said. "The high schoolers don't get a recess, and now they get to play football and stuff."

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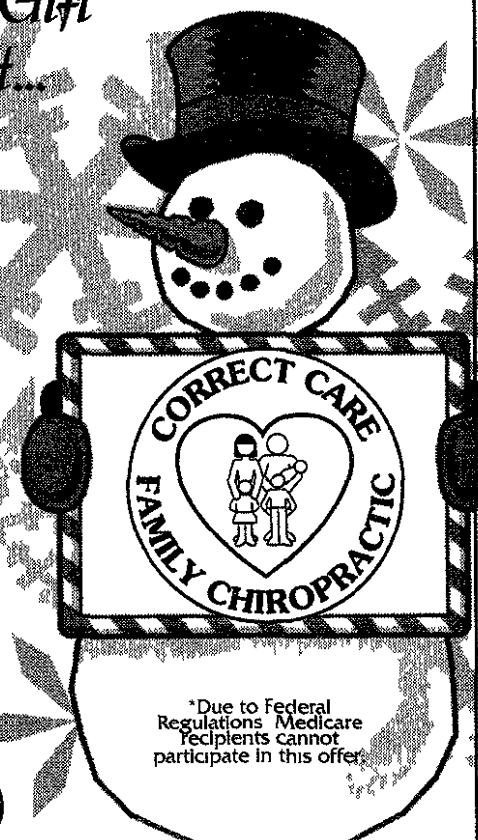
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Schoolcraft, U-M Dearborn partner in aviation program

A new program in aviation business management, the result of a partnership between Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, begins in the winter 2003 term.

The program will prepare students for careers in a number of fields, including airport operations, ground operations and maintenance, aviation public safety, airport business, air traffic control systems and aviation technology.

Traditional students or current airport or aviation industry employees can earn an associate degree with an aviation business management concentration and transfer seamlessly to the UM-D bachelor's degree program with a specialization in aviation management.

Some classes will be offered at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, some will be in traditional class-

rooms, and some offered only as Internet courses.

The program requires 60 credit hours or the equivalent at Schoolcraft that includes a strong base in economics and management as well as enhancing writing, speaking and thinking skills. After earning the associate degree, students can choose to seek entry-level employment or continue studying toward a bachelor's at UM-Dearborn.

Students who continue their studies receive full credit for up to 62 hours accumulated while earning the associate degree, and can graduate with a bachelor's degree after a minimum of 58 additional credit hours.

For information contact Stuart C. Baker at 734-462-4429, or sbaker@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us or Susan D. Cushman, 313-593-5659 or scushme@umich.edu

Cabbie business is really picking up

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A father-and-son-team with more than 60 combined years in the taxicab business is opening up new territory in Redford and Westland.

ABC Cab, based in Livonia, has long served other suburbs west of Detroit. It was recently awarded bond plates for Redford, township officials said.

"We were turning down probably close to 20 calls a month from would-be fares in Redford," said Bob Waite, president of ABC.

With its new Redford bond plates - the small metal plates the township issues when it licenses taxis - ABC drivers can legally pick up passengers in the township. ABC drivers also have township public vehicle licenses, and its cabs passed a police inspection.

ABC also moved into Westland within the past year, Waite said.

Waite and his father, Charles, have been trying to improve the business since buying ABC in 2001.

The fleet has been modernized, cabs have been painted with a new ABC logo and drivers use checklists during inspections at the beginning of every shift to make sure their cabs are safe and neat.

"No one drives a vehicle until all those checks are done," Bob Waite said. Courtesy and a professional attitude are stressed to drivers, he said.

ABC has 40 drivers, who are independent contractors, and a fleet of 18 cabs, five unmarked sedans and two vans, each with a wheelchair lift (sedan and van rides are



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ABC cab company owners Charles Waite, left, and Bob Waite are licensed to pick up passengers in several communities, including Plymouth

charged at flat rates).

Business is growing, Waite said.

Once (customers) get in our car and they have that safe feeling and they have a driver that they're comfortable with, negative attitudes some may have about taxis change, he said.

ABC moved in July to a nearly 10,000-square-foot facility off of Levan, south of I-96. The facility has a spacious garage, where ABC's two mechanics work.

The company had been in a cramped 2,500-square-foot

building on Amrhem, with the dispatch center in a hallway.

"It was a tough deal. Now we have lots of room to grow," Waite said.

In addition to Redford, Westland and Livonia, ABC is licensed to pick up passengers in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Northville and Novi, and Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships.

"We're going to concentrate in those areas and try to build up clientele," Waite said.

The company has a dual-ride contract with Farmington

and Farmington Hills and works with Mothers Against Drunk Driving each New Year's Eve to give holiday imbibers safe rides home.

Waite has spent 18 years in the cab business, he and his father used to have an interest Checker Cab in Detroit, which they sold.

Charles Waite started in the cab business in 1958, his father was also in the business. ABC Cab can be reached toll free at (800) 563-4222 (or 563-4ABC).

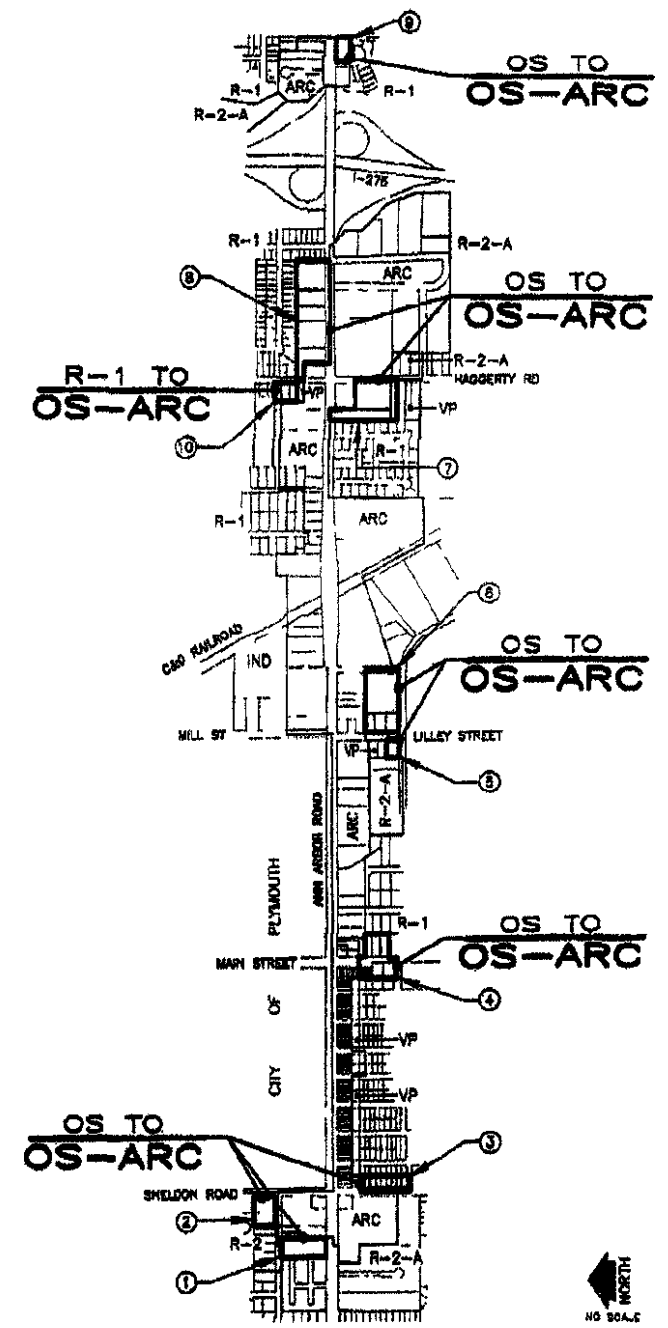
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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.120

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

Part I The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 134 attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- 1 TAX ID NUMBERS, R78 057-99 0005 703
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- 2 TAX ID NUMBERS, R78 057 99 0002 005,
R78 057 99 0002 006
- 3 TAX ID NUMBER, LOTS 646, 647, 648c, 649c 650c, 651c 652c
653c, 654c OF GREEN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION
- 4 TAX ID NUMBER, LOTS 53, 1 AND 2 OF ROCKER ESTATES
TAX ID NUMBER LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17 OF
PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, LOTS 4 AND 5 PALMER'S ACRES
SUBDIVISION
- 5 TAX ID NUMBER R78 051 99 0066
- 6 TAX ID NUMBER R78 062 99 0003,
LOT 1 OF GOULD INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION
- 7 TAX ID NUMBERS, R78-065-99 0003 000
R78 065 99 0007 003
R78 065 99 0007 004
- 8 TAX ID NUMBER, OLCb, OLB
R78 064-99 0002,
R78 064-99 0003,
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- 9 TAX ID NUMBER, OLA
- 10 TAX ID NUMBERS, R78 064 99 0010,
R78 064 99 0011,
R78 064 99 0012

ORDINANCE NO 83 120
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO 134
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed

Part III EFFECTIVE DATE The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on January 12, 2003

Part IV ADOPTION The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on 19th day of November 2002 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on November 19 2002
Effective Date January 12, 2003

Publish December 29 2002

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.119

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXXIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District Section 34.3 Schedule of Regulations and by adding to Section 34.3.2 Notes to Schedule

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

Part I The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township is hereby amended by amending

1 Article XXIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District Section 34.3.1 Schedule of Regulations Area Height Bulk and Placement Requirements Subsection a 1) Maximum Height is amended to read as follows

Maximum Height 2 Stories 30 feet (f)

2 Article XXXIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor Section 34.3.1 Schedule of Regulations Area Height Bulk and Placement Requirements Subsection a 2) Maximum Height is amended to read as follows

Maximum Height 35 feet (f)

Part II The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township is hereby amended by adding

1 Article XXXIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District Section 34.3.2 Schedule of Regulations Notes to Schedule is amended to add the following

(f) The Commission shall have authority to approve an increase in building height up to a maximum of 38 feet, provided the building does not exceed two (2) stories and conforms with one of the following criteria

- 1) The addition height is necessary to achieve two (2) stories due to the particular nature and functions of the approved use
- 2) The additional height is necessary to accommodate architectural features that enhance the character of the building and the district

Part III CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed

Part IV EFFECTIVE DATE The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on January 17 2003

Part V ADOPTION The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Plymouth by authority of ACT 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1949 as amended at a meeting duly called and held on December 17 2002 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building Community Development Department during regular business hours

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PCAC offers savings on tickets

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering Christmas prices on its annual dinner dance-auction, set for Friday March 14 at St Johns Golf and Conference Center.

PCAC members can save \$10 per person (\$15 per person for a table of 10) by buying tickets before Jan. 1. Non members save \$10 per person for a table of 10. After Jan. 1, all tickets are \$75 each. Another advantage to buying early, according to PCAC officials, is the ability -

new this year - to select table location.

"Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of the 2003 benefit which supports PCAC educational and community arts programming. The group promises a psychedelic evening of fun with dancing to classics by the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Jimmy Buffet, Pink Floyd and others. To buy tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

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Investing in Today's Market

Financial adviser Rick Bloom returns to the Plymouth Library to again share his view of the present financial climate. Being held at 7 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 7 and 1 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 8. As the host of the WXYT radio program Money Talk, Rick created the longest running financial talk show in Detroit history. Space is limited so call (734) 453-0750 ext. 4 to register today.

Computer Classes

The Plymouth Library offers free computer classes for residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Basic Computer Skills (two session class) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4 and Jan. 11. Call the library to register.

Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbird Softball Inc. Girls Fast Pitch organization is holding a Road Rally on Feb. 8, 2003. Deadline to enter is Feb. 6. Cost is \$25/person which includes meal and prizes. For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or check the website at thunderbirdssoftball.tripod.com.

Toy and Hobby Expo

Being held at the Novi Expo Center located in Novi Dec. 27-29. The Expo features operating train displays, vendors selling toys, trains, die-cast models, comics, dolls, bears, racing 7 sports collectibles, wrestling fans meet WWE wrestler Virgil. Call (734) 455-2110 for more information.

Tai Chi Classes

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is forming new beginner Tai Chi classes starting Monday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in Livonia and 7:30 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Afternoon classes available in Livonia mornings in Farmington. Observers welcome. For more info call (248) 332-1231.

All Night Skate

On Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Skatin Station II. Price is \$30 which includes admission, Hungry Howies Pizza beverage, and New Years hat, horn and lei. Lots of prizes including six cash balloon drops. All ages are welcome.

Ice Carving Class

The Plymouth Ice Festival is coming soon. To provide ice time for those inspired, the PCAC is hosting an ice carving workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Instructors from Henry Ford Community College will be on hand to lead participants through this three-hour introduction to creating ice sculptures. Call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 early to reserve your spot and for further information.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and



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Lots of toys

Maj. Steve Hull, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army, helps haul out toys and other donations collected by the Observer during its annual Cheer Club drive. The donations go to families helped by the Salvation Army in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Conference Center in Plymouth By purchasing tickets before Jan. 1, PCAC members will save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Non-members save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Spring Youth Soccer Registration

The entire month of January at the Recreation Office of the City of Plymouth during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All registrations require a birth certificate. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information.

Model Railroad Display

A fantastic display of model railroad ing will be coming to the Novi Expo Center for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2002 Dec. 27-29 featuring three collector shows in one location. Call (734) 455-2110 for hours.

Nursery Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co. op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Entertainment Book Sale

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports

travel services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots, jump a rama, taekwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

SE PAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators. SE PAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7:30 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. On Jan. 13, the topic Frustration Anxiety Tension is being presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham, Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

Fish fries continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW 1426 S. Mill.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of

games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chair man (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in week

ly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7:30 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting

begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton Northville Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

K of C Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All you can eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

MOPS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:11-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail (734) 453-5534.

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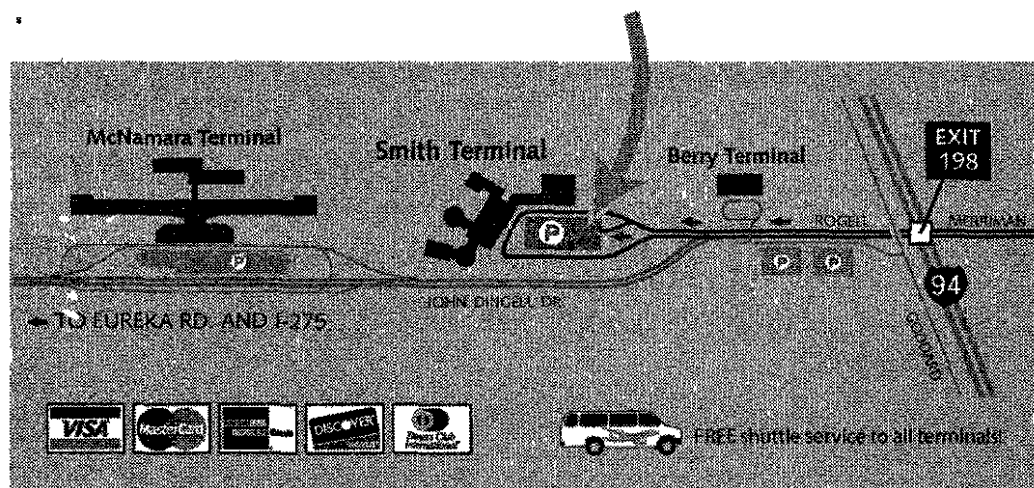
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Volunteers sought for Rouge River project

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers on Saturday, Jan. 11 to search tributaries to the Rouge River for stoneflies. Stoneflies are sensitive aquatic insects that indicate clean water.

Volunteers interested in joining a stonefly search team are asked to call Friends of the Rouge's Public Involvement department at (313)792-9621 or e-mail picordinator@througe.org to register for the event. Pre-registration is required.

No prior experience is necessary and volunteers will not be entering the water. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child and everyone must dress for the weather. Each team will be

supervised by a trained and experienced leader.

Last year, Friends of the Rouge found stoneflies in the headwaters of the Rouge River. Few people realize that much of the Rouge River headwater areas and tributary streams are in good condition.

Yet, these streams are threatened by development that strips away plant cover and discharges heated storm water into the creek.

Friends of the Rouge is monitoring for stoneflies to track changes in water quality over time.

Volunteers will gather 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 11 at Oakland Community College, Building H, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Regional population shows steady increase

The seven-county region of Southeast Michigan closes 2002 with an estimated population of 4,910,236, according to figures released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

This new estimate represents a 1.6 percent increase in population since the 2000 census. The region's fastest-growing county, in percentage terms, since the 2000 census is Livingston County. During that time, it grew 8.5 percent, from a population of 156,951 in 2000 to a current estimated population of 170,364. The county gaining the greatest number of people was Macomb County, which added 23,169 residents since the 2000 census.

Among Southeast Michigan

communities, Macomb Township grew the most since the 2000 census adding nearly 11,300 people and ending 2002 with an estimated population of 61,764 (Macomb Township's population at the 1990 census of 22,714).

Since the 2000 census, Macomb Township's population has increased by 22 percent. Other fast-growing communities in Southeast Michigan, in terms of percentage increase since the 2000 census, including New Haven (Macomb County, 33 percent), New Baltimore (Macomb County, 28 percent), Holly Township (Oakland County, 27 percent), and Capac (St. Clair County, 27 percent).

The number of households in

Southeast Michigan has grown by 2.3 percent since the 2000 census, a faster rate than population.

There were 1,845,313 households counted in the 2000 census, the region closes 2002 with an estimated 1,887,175 households. Macomb Township has added 3,824 households since the 2000 census, and now has an estimated 20,770 households - nearly 23 percent growth. In percentage terms, Saline Township (Washtenaw County) households have grown by 6.7 percent, followed by New Haven (Macomb County, 37 percent), News Baltimore (Macomb County, 29 percent), South Rockwood (Monroe County, 27 percent), and Capac (St. Clair County)


and Augusta Township (Washtenaw County, both at 26 percent).

In Southeast Michigan, there are an estimated 2.56 persons per household at the close of 2002.

Livingston County has the highest persons per household at 2.78, Washtenaw County at 2.39, is the lowest.

"These estimates confirm our forecast that Southeast Michigan continues to grow at a steady, moderate rate," said Paul Tart, executive director of SEMCOG.

Population and household figures for all counties and communities in Southeast Michigan are updated monthly on SEMCOG's Web site - www.semco.org.



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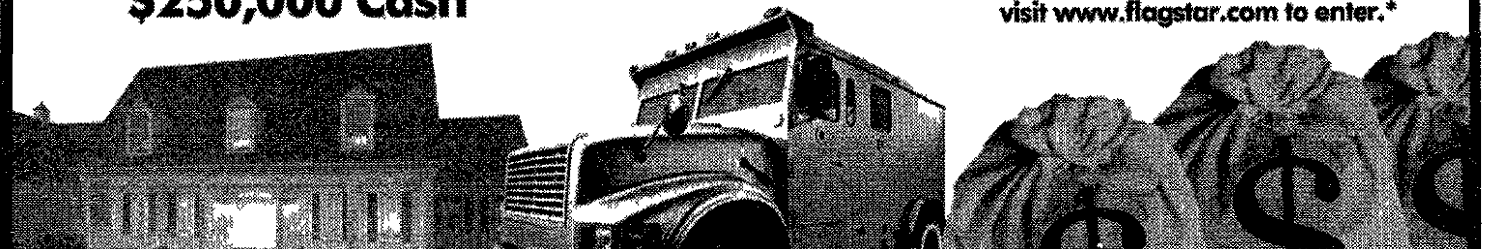
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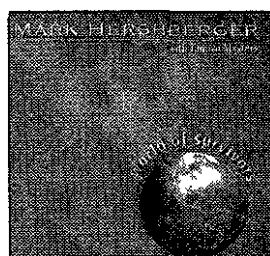
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Side dish

Organic veggies

It's no secret that more and more grocery shoppers are choosing to go organic. More than a third of all households are buying organic foods today. That's why Cascadian Farm, a leading manufacturer of organic



products is introducing its new line of 16 ounce family size organic vegetables available in sweet corn, garden peas, broccoli cuts, cut green beans and mixed vegetables. Look for Cascadian Farm products in grocery and natural food stores. Prices will range between \$1.99 and \$2.69 per bag depending on variety. For more product or recipe information, visit www.smallplanetfoods.com

Texas in a Jar

January is National Soup Month. To honor it, local school districts are hosting Texas in a Jar, a chili soup course with a recipe that won five world taste championship chili awards. The \$15 course also includes recipes for chuckwagon stews, barbecues, desserts and more. Bring a one quart jar, knife and cutting board. Here's the schedule:

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- Jan 16 Bloomfield Public Schools (248) 341 6406
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- Jan 29 Novi Public Schools (248) 449 1206
- Feb 1 Dearborn Public Schools (248) 328 3002
- Feb 7 Lake Orion Public Schools (248) 693 5436

Shopping Tip

Put a dash of flavor in your favorite dishes with some help from Mrs. Dash. No patient will stick to a healthy eating plan if the food gets boring and bland, said Gail Posner, a registered dietitian with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield. Mrs. Dash provides a quick way to spice up chicken, fish, potatoes, pasta, veggies and salads without adding salt. Mrs. Dash is available in nine seasoning blends including tomato basil, garlic, lemon, pepper, extra spicy and classic Italian. Posner can be reached at (248) 855 4558.

Storing olive oil

Although unnecessary, refrigerating olive oil isn't harmful. It may make the oil cloudy and thick, but the flavor and quality are not affected. The thick appearance will disappear when the oil comes to room temperature again. According to dietitians at the American Institute for Cancer Research, olive oil stays fresh for a year or two at room temperature as long as it is stored away from light and heat. You can store it in a cabinet as long as it's not next to a source of heat. Air is another enemy, so store the oil in an air-tight container (like a bottle with a screw top) to retain freshness.



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Safe sippers

Drinks that are alcohol-free, like peach fuzz and pina colada, look interesting when served in a variety of glasses and garnished with fresh fruit.

New Year's drinks can be elegant and alcohol-free

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

To keep restaurant and party guests sober this New Year's, the drink ingredient of the moment is fruit.

Any fruit, that is. Before choosing drinks for your party this year, consider the following:

■ Nationwide last year, 51 percent of the 357 traffic fatalities over the New Year's holiday were alcohol-related.

■ In Michigan throughout 2001, 39 percent of the 1,328 traffic fatalities were also alcohol-linked.

You can please guests at parties this year with low-alcohol and alcohol-free tasty drinks, local experts explained.

Members of the Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving suggest using a non-carbonated base such as fruit juice in punches made with alcohol because it slows the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream. MADD also encourages party hosts to offer alcohol-free drinks between alcohol-based sippers to lower the amount of alcohol that guests drink.

On New Year's Eve at Sweet Georgia Brown in Greektown, Frank Taylor says he'll offer complimentary non-alcoholic drinks.

"This is our first New Year's Eve party and we will do for our guests what we do with all large parties at our restaurant,"



AAA MICHIGAN

A frozen strawberry drink, holiday punch and sangria created without alcohol are tasty alternatives to traditional New Year's Eve sips.

Taylor said, "We offer the designated driver complimentary alcohol-free signature cocktails."

The signature drink at the hip restaurant, created by bartender Thomas Bass, is a blend of pineapple and red grapefruit juice, club soda, and sweet and sour mix. It's served over ice and garnished, of

course, with peaches.

Efforts at restaurants like Sweet Georgia Brown to offer alternatives to alcohol-based drinks are applauded and encouraged, explained Larry Keller of AAA Michigan. AAA Michigan's Birmingham branch recently offered free samples of non-alcoholic drinks from this year's "Great Pretenders Party Guide."

The guide contains 16 recipes from bartenders and chefs throughout Michigan and can be found on its Web site at www.aaamich.com under the "What's New" category. Fruits and juices, crushed ice, and club soda are the main ingredients in most of the AAA drinks. Recipes for non-alcoholic sangrias, pina coladas and margaritas call for cherries, pineapple, limes, kiwi, and oranges — or any fruit as long as it's fresh.

The Grand Hotel's cherry drink was one of the featured items in this year's "Great Pretenders Party Guide." The recipe contained a local twist with Michigan sparkling cherry juice as a key ingredient.

Alcohol-related traffic deaths are on the rise nationwide, according to MADD. Over the past three years, drunk driving deaths have climbed by five percent.

More than 500,000 Americans are injured annually in crashes involving alcohol.

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These festive holiday drinks are also alcohol-free

SWEET GEORGIA BROWN'S SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

- 2 tablespoons pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup ruby red grapefruit juice
- 2 tablespoons club soda
- 1/2 ounce sweet & sour mix

Shake and strain over ice. Garnish with a sliced peach, pineapple slice and cherry.

JOANIE'S SUNSHINE TWIST (SWEET GEORGIA BROWN)

- 2 tablespoons pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 3 fresh strawberries
- Splash of Rose's Lime Juice
- Blend with Ice. Garnish with a Fresh Strawberry and Orange slices.
- Source: Sweet Georgia Brown

The following recipes are from AAA Michigan's annual Great Pretenders recipe booklet.

MICHIGAN GRAND SPARKLING CHERRY JUICE

- 1 950 ml bottle Michigan sparkling cherry juice (or any cherry juice)
- 1/2 cup sweet & sour mix
- 2 2-quart containers of cherry sorbet

- 1 pint dark cherries with stems
- 1 cup club soda

Blend juice, soda, sweet & sour mix and one container of cherry sorbet until smooth. When serving, scoop remaining cherry sorbet evenly into glasses or punch bowl and pour mixture over it. Garnish with cherries.

Source: The Grand Hotel

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Red wine sparks enthusiasm among colleagues

Wine passionate employees improve the workplace. That's true according to Bloomfield Hills resident Carl Camden, President and COO of Troy-based Kelly Services. Camden cites the company administration as being collegial with strong family ties.

"Today," he said, "it's common for employees to spend more time at work than at home. It's important, then, that the workplace be fun."

"Employees soured on corporate structure or workers on their team are unproductive."



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Those of us at Kelly Services who are passionate about wines get together after work hours. Regardless of company rank, we socialize because we have something in common."

WINE PASSION ROOTS

Camden is a wine collector. In college, mostly to impress dates, he drank wines such as Mateus and Lancers. He got serious after a friend convinced him in 1983 to invest in futures of 1982 Bordeaux wines. The vintage remains one of the mostly highly touted of the century.

"I'm attracted to the complexity and structure of Bordeaux wines," Camden explained. "History is my college minor and I find the legacy and tradition of the great chateaux fascinating."

The wines are not a flash of fruit as so many California Cabernets are. I enjoy experiencing Bordeaux wines as they develop with cellar aging."

Chateau Margaux is far and away, Camden's favorite. He puts Chateau Palmer second and adds that "it's an underappreciated wine." He enjoys Chateau Haut-Brion and Chateau Cheval Blanc as "winter wines that are best enjoyed with heartier foods."

Don't classify Camden as a confirmed Francophile. He collects West Coast Cabernets and

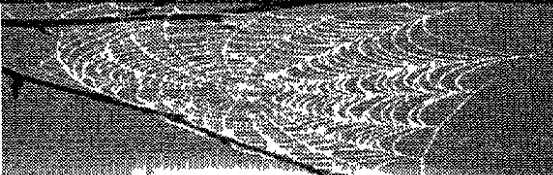
named his favorites as Caymus Special Selection, Leonetti, Opus One, Mondavi Reserve (especially from the 1980s) and Spottswoode.

INVOLVING COLLEAGUES

Camden has been employed by Kelly Services since 1995 and has served as president and COO since December 2001. Before this, armed with an Ohio State University Ph.D. in communications, he was a college

PLEASE SEE HEALTHS, B2

Are there cobwebs on your cultural calendar?



Turn to today's ARTS section. Get inspired with ideas for some worthwhile things to do.

Fruit crisp easy dessert to bake for chilly days

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grape crisp is a fresh fruit dessert that's welcome for chiller days.

It has a topping of oatmeal, flour and brown sugar baked to a golden crisp over a mixture of grapes, walnuts and oranges.

GRAPE CRISP

(Preparation 15 minutes, baking time 35 to 45 minutes)

Butter to grease cake pan
4 cups seedless grapes
1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
1/2 cup quick rolled oats

1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
Butter an 8 inch cake pan. Preheat oven to 375° F.

Combine grapes, walnuts, orange peel and ginger. Place mixture in buttered pan. Combine rolled oats, flour and brown sugar, mix well.

Drizzle melted butter over oat

mixture, mixing well with a fork, and sprinkle over grape mixture.

Bake at 375° F for 35 to 45 minutes, or until topping is crisp and browned. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 259 cal, 4 g pro, 11 g fat, 38 g carbo, 21 mg chol, 2 g fiber, 85 mg sodium.

Recipe for AP from the California Table Grape Commission.

Bistro in a pot easy to make

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bistro in a pot is an easy-to-make, one-dish recipe. It's satisfying to eat, too, recalling French bistro specials such as pot-au-feu, but not needing the long, slow cooking such dishes often call for.

In this version, chicken and vegetables are cooked with a combination of stir-frying and steaming, with low-fat cheese and peas stirred in at the last moment for added flavor and nutrition.

BISTRO IN A POT

(Preparation and cooking time about 30 minutes)

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 large garlic cloves, sliced
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into bite-sized pieces
2 cups chopped leeks, white and green parts, washed and

drained
1 cup thinly sliced small potatoes
1/2 cups baby carrots, quartered lengthwise
3 or 4 teaspoons dried lemon peel (see note)
2 tablespoons dried tarragon
1/2 cup water or vegetable broth
1 cup (4 ounces) grated low fat Jarlsberg cheese
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
Minced fresh parsley for garnish

In wok or large skillet with cover, heat olive oil over high heat until nearly smoking. Stir-fry garlic, leeks and chicken until golden-brown and tender, about 5 minutes. Remove to a bowl. Add potatoes, carrots, lemon peel and tarragon to wok, and stir-fry 5 minutes. Return leek and chicken to wok. Add 1/2 cup water or vegetable broth, stir quickly, cover tightly and steam 5 minutes.

Remove from heat, add cheese and peas, stir to combine. Garnish with parsley and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

DRINKS

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FROZEN STOP-N-GO

6 cups ice
3 cups sugar
3 lemons, juice and zest
3 cups pineapple, medium diced
3 cups water
3 oranges, juice and zest
3 cups strawberries, medium diced
4 cups kiwi, medium diced

Dice fresh fruit and freeze each in an individual container for several hours.

In a sauce pot mix water, lemon juice and orange juice.

Simmer low on stove until small bubbles appear. Add sugar to make a simple syrup and set aside.

In a blender, combine three-quarters of the kiwi fruit from the freezer, one cup of ice and one cup of simple syrup.

Pulse for 30-45 seconds, pour into glass.

Source: Embassy Suites Hotels.

MOCK SANGRIA

1 cup lemonade
1 cup frozen grape juice
1/2 cup Grenadine syrup
1 liter orange soda
1 liter club soda

Mix lemonade, grape juice (do not dilute with water as the can reads), Add Grenadine. Add orange soda and club soda. Pour into punch bowl. Place in freezer for two-three hours until slushy, then serve.

Source: Holiday Inn.

STRAWBERRY REINDEER DAQUIRI

5 large frozen strawberries
5 ounces Tom Collins mix

Dash Grenadine syrup

Rim a martini glass with lemon and dip into sugar to coat. Mix ingredients in a blender and pour over crushed ice, garnish with strawberries lightly coated in powdered sugar and speared.

HOLIDAY PUNCH

1 large jar cran grape juice
1 liter bottle ginger ale
1 container orange sherbet
1 cup whole cranberries

Combine juice and ginger ale. Add sherbet by small scoops. Top with whole cranberries.

MILD-EYED MARGARITA

2 cups lemon or lime soda
2 tablespoons sugar
juice of 1/2 lime
Salt
6 cups crushed ice

Pour soda into ice cube tray or shallow pan. Freeze. Place frozen soda in blender, add lime juice and sugar. Blend until well mixed. Rub lime around rim of glass and then dip glass into salt. Pour mixture over crushed ice and then into salted-rimmed glasses. Garnish with lime slices.

Source: www.mochasofa.com

PEACH FUZZ

1 cup peach daiquiri mix
12 cups 7 Up
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Add ingredients and ice cubes, blend on high for 15 seconds.

Source: www.madd.org

HEALDS

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professor "It's common for professors to form a community of colleagues," he said "We'd get together and discuss wine."

When Camden left academia to become an advertising agency president, he began sharing his wine passion with agency employees. "It seemed natural to me," he remarked. "I now know the red wine fanatics at Kelly Services and we get together. My wife Julie and I invite them to a tasting of rare wines from our personal cellar."

Because the Camdens read this column, they thought we'd enjoy tasting the wines of Chateau Margaux and Chateau Palmer with them and some Kelly Services employees. We found the camaraderie and genuine wine passion as impressive as the wines.

Would corporate America be a more satisfying place to work if wine passion became a part? It couldn't hurt to put it to the test in the Kelly Services model.

YOUR WINE STYLE

Do you really know the style of wine you prefer? If not, let the folks behind YUMYUK.com help you. Log on to the Web site and have some fun answering the "taste interview" to learn which style of wine you prefer.

It's important that you answer the questions based on what tastes good to you, not what you actually consume due to health, diet, mood, season, place, company, or anything else. We know the folks who created this site and it's legit.

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All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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Healthy appetizers you'll want to serve

You can start off your New Year's Eve celebrations in a healthier way with the following appetizers. Recipes submitted by Sandra Dalka-Prysbys from her cookbook, *Now I'm REALLY Cooking!*

CRAB CIRCLES

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) low fat cream cheese softened
- 1/3 cup low fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup red onion finely minced
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper finely minced
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 can (6 ounce) crab meat
- 3/4 cup low fat cheddar cheese finely shredded
- 4 large whole wheat tortillas

In bowl combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, onion, pepper and mustard. Flake crab meat with a fork. Add crab and cheddar cheese to mixture. Combine well. Spread 1/4 of mixture on each tortilla. Tightly roll each tortilla. Wrap individual rolls in plastic or foil. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Prior to serving, cut each roll into 12 diagonal slices. Makes 48 circles.

Per circle: Calories 39, fat grams 16

CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

- 4 large cucumbers peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon reduced sodium salt
- 2 cups low fat cream cheese softened
- 6 teaspoons dill
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 packages Pepperidge Farms

white party bread

In bowl with air-tight lid, place cucumber slices. Sprinkle with salt. Cover and gently shake to mix. Refrigerate 1 hour. In another bowl, combine remaining ingredients, except bread slices. Mix well. Spread equal portions on 20 bread slices. Drain moisture from cucumbers and arrange slices on top of cheese spread. Top with 20 remaining bread slices. Carefully cut off crusts. Makes 20 sandwiches.

Per sandwich: Calories, 37, fat grams, 0.4

MUSHROOM CAPS

- 2 tablespoons lite margarine
- 1 cup green onions finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms finely chopped
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 24 wonton cups

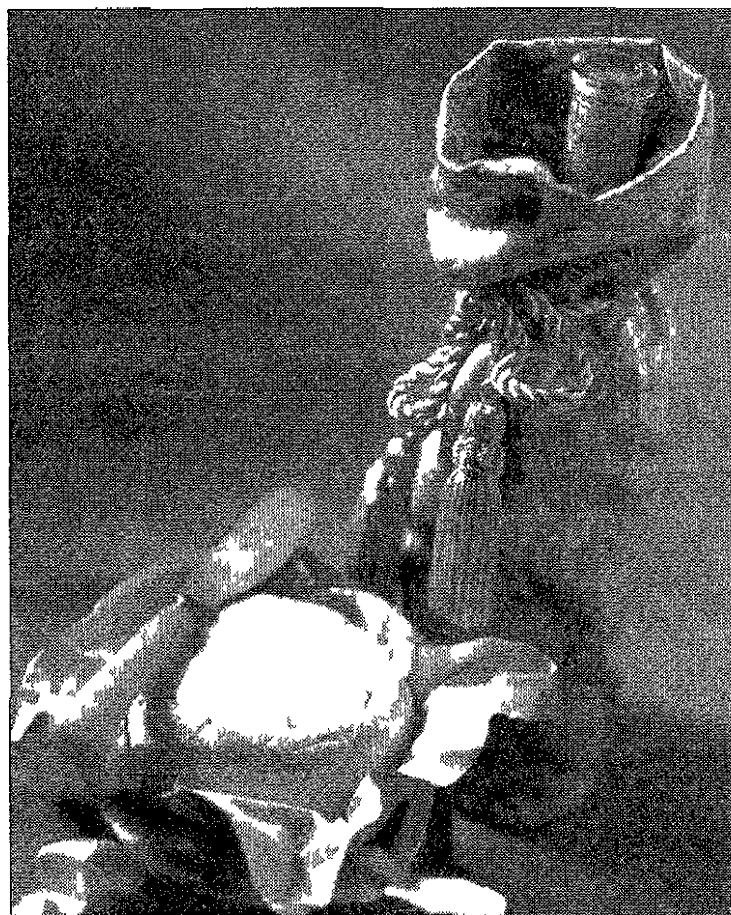
In non-stick skillet, melt margarine over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic. Sauté 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add mushrooms and wine.

Add pepper and mix. Spoon equal portions into wonton cups (found in freezer section). Makes 24 cups.

Per cup: Calories, 33, fat grams, 0.5

SHRIMP CUPS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup onion finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pound shrimp deveined, cooked and finely chopped



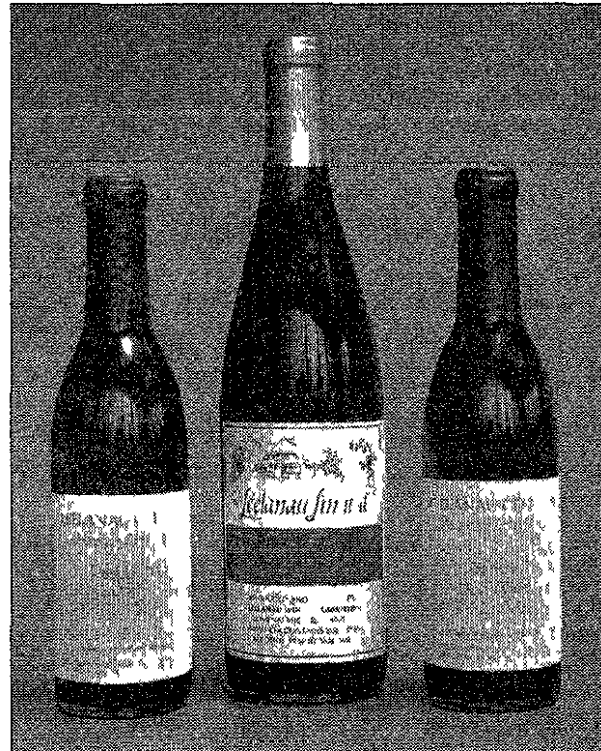
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Cuddle up with a loved one while nibbling on Brie and sipping a light Chardonnay. Exercise restraint and treat yourself to just a bite of this rich buttery cheese.

- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 24 wonton cups

In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic. Sauté until

onion is tender. Add remaining ingredients except wonton cups. Stir well. Cook until heated. Spoon equal portions into wonton cups. Makes 24 cups. Per cup: Calories 51, fat grams 1.3



Here's a sampling of holiday wines from the Leelanau Wine Cellars.

RICK SMITH | OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

A Spicy New Year with wine

With mulled wine it's not the type of wine that's important it's the spices, says Bob Jacobson of Leelanau Wine Cellars.

Mulled wine is a festive drink, Jacobson said. It's the scents and sweetness that evoke that holiday feeling.

Leelanau Wine Cellars sells quite a few bottles of its Leelanau Limited Spiced Wine during the holidays that's peppered with cinnamon and cloves.

The most important part of serving mulled wine is to warm it but not boil, he said.

"The wine will boil very easily so it should either be microwaved for just a few seconds or kept warm in a crock pot on the lowest setting."

If the cloves and cinnamon seem to much for your holiday sipper, Leelanau Cellars also offers sweet raspberry and cherry port.

Leelanau Limited can be found at most stores this season, or try your own mulled drink.

HOT SCARLET WINE

- Serves 14
- 1 32 ounce bottle cranberry juice (4 cups)
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 12 inch stick cinnamon
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 750 ml bottle white zinfandel

In a large saucepan, combine cranberry juice, brown sugar, cinnamon stick and cloves. Bring to boiling, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 5 minutes. Remove spices. Add white zinfandel, heating just until warm. Ladle into mugs.

Source: Better Homes and Gardens

HOT BUTTERED WINE

- Serves one
- 1/2 cup muscat wine
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 2 teaspoon maple syrup

Heat wine and water just to simmering, do not boil. Preheat an Irish coffee mug and pour heated wine mixture into glass. Add butter and maple syrup and stir. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

- By Lana Mini

HEALTHY

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appropriate. This way you'll have something to eat for yourself and to share with others.

For women: Wear somewhat tight undergarments (control top panty hose are a good choice), for men: Tighten your belt. The small discomfort you feel will remind you not to overeat and of your desire to be successful.

Stay away from the food table. If you don't see what you're missing, you won't miss it.

Also move away from (or move them away from) all those little dishes filled with peanuts or chocolate candies and other tempting snacks.

Just a few can lead to a handful, which can add up to lots of calories (1/2 cup of dry roasted peanuts are more than 400 calories, 1/2 cup of candy-coated chocolates, almost 500 calories).

Send your spouse or a trusted friend to check out the food choices. After he or she reports back send this helper to get you a plate of healthy food. Again what you don't see won't tempt you!

IF YOU'RE THE HOST OR HOSTESS

Don't just think about your guests when you plan a festive event.

Think about your needs too by having variety and lots of healthy food choices, you'll be doing everyone a favor. Plan your menu around

less-fat and less-calorie foods.

These days there is a wealth of prepared healthy foods, as well as an abundance of recipes available in books and magazines that will provide you guests with elegant and appetizing selections.

Put sauces and salad dressings in separate dishes instead of in or on top of the food. This way, you and your guests can add the amount you/want. Also have no-fat and lite salad dressings available.

Include fresh fruits and vegetables in your menu. For a festive touch, choose exotic varieties (cut fruits, Christmas nuts, and papayas or more colorful choices (for vegetables). All the different bell peppers.

Send leftover desserts and other high-calorie, high-fat

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Sandra Dalka Prysbys is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food and nutrition for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Area native brings his smooth sounds home

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
STAFF WRITER

Smooth jazz — very positive and sensual, with an element of hope and soothing lyrics

That's how Mark Hershberger, native metro Detroit, saxophonist and keyboardist, speaks of his music. Hershberger will play and then autograph his newest CD, *World of Survivors* at two locations (Beverly Hills and Novi) within the next month (see related story). The musician picked these Oakland County cities because he feels a connection to the area.

"A lot of it is because my roots are there, and growing up there; that's one of the reasons," he said. Also, he said, because "I've gotten very good response out there."

Hershberger is married with five children and lives in Howell. Yet he stays attached to his roots in Royal Oak, where he was born (1957), and to Troy, where he grew up with his six siblings.

Coming from a family that performed country music, Hershberger has colored his world with music from a very young age. He began playing bongos at five, graduated to piano, then soprano, alto and tenor saxophones. During this

time, he also played and composed country songs with his family, played in various rock bands and marched in the Troy High School band.

In the early '70s, while at Oakland University, he studied jazz with world-renowned saxophonist Sam Sanders. He also studied classical music at the University of Michigan School of Music with Don Sinta.

Most recently, Hershberger has performed and recorded in the Detroit area with legendary musicians such as jazz clarinetist Perry Robinson and internationally known rock producer and recording artist Doc Holiday.

Hershberger says playing with Holiday was very memorable. "He was a really vivacious guy, it was really exciting," he said. Hershberger's *World of Survivors* CD, produced by EmusicMasters, came out in December 2001.

The artist said he created this CD "to give back to the community as well as the people, from a musical and spiritual standpoint. I definitely look at music as a spiritual medium."

Among the nine selections (approximately 57 minutes total) on *Survivors*, four are vocal songs.

"It's very soothing, yet it has energy to it," he said. "Some are very loving and have a sensual feel to it. It does have a smooth jazz and a popular sound to it."

Though much of the CD is easy-going, there's also a touch of culture in it.

"It has a lot of ethnic, global and Motown sound," Hershberger said. "It's got a lot of soul. There's one song that's got kind of a funk, *Evisceration*."

The seventh tune on the disc, *Our Interstellar Parents*, Hershberger said has a down-home-southern jazz sound.

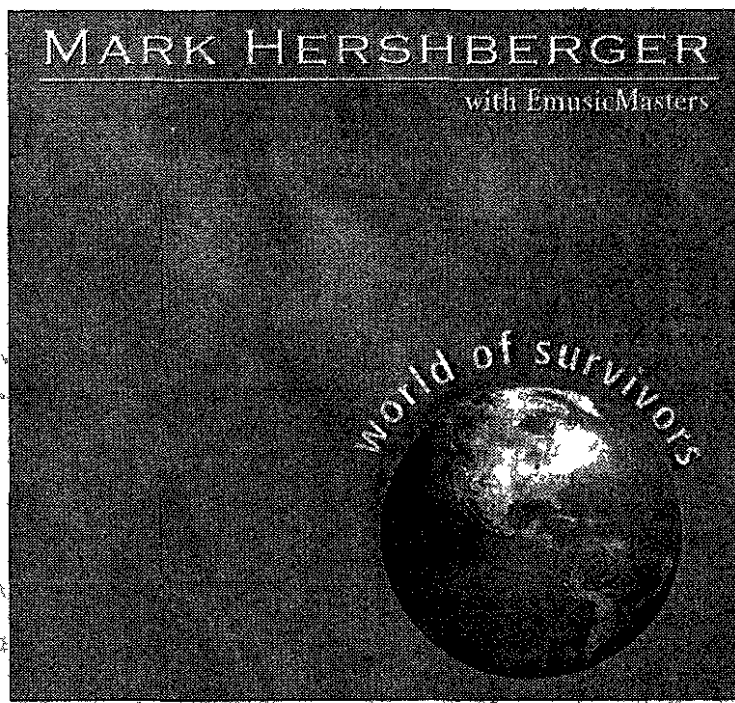
"I have been working on these (songs) for over 30 years," he said. "This one's my baby."

Hershberger said he feels very blessed that things have gone as well as they have.

"I've really got a great group of people playing with me, such as Perry Robinson," he said. "He's a nine-time, Jazz Beat poll winner."

Hershberger enjoys the uniqueness of each instrument.

"I love the easy sound I can get out of the soprano," he said. But, "the tenor sax is my favorite because it's really gutsy



and bluesy. It tends to get to your soul."

He strongly relates to the emotional aftermath of Sept. 11. And though his CD was made before the tragedy, he feels the global dedication aspect of it reflects the same.

"It was geared towards healing," he said. "We have to keep in mind that we are survivors, and we may see more (of this happening). It's a volatile, global world. Dedicating it to the people was

something I felt like I owed to those people and to the world to remember that day."

Hershberger said his next CD, *World of Survivors: Still Surviving*, will reflect a continuity of this feeling and hope of a more peaceful world.

"Helping and sharing these pieces will help them to see people in a more positive way, and to love people a little more," he said.

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JAZZ IT UP

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This is how to remove and reload partially exposed film



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Do you ever find yourself in the middle of a roll of slow speed slide film during the day only to be at an evening concert wishing you had high speed print film in your camera instead?

Or maybe halfway through a roll of color film you decide the subject would appear more dramatic in black and white. Manual winding cam-

eras have a button or switch that needs to be activated in order to rewind the film. Before rewinding, check the frame counter and note how many pictures you've shot. Then rewind slowly and carefully, being sensitive to the tension of the film as it is wound back into the cassette. As soon as you feel the release of tension, stop rewinding because the film leader has just left the take-up spool. Open the camera back and remove the film cartridge. The leader will be sticking out making reloading at another time a breeze.

One more important thing to do. With a permanent marker, write the number

of exposures already taken on the cartridge so you won't forget how many shots you've taken.

When you want to finish your partially shot roll of film, simply reload in the conventional manner. Then, with your lens cap covering the lens and preferable in a darkened room, advance the film to where you left off. For "insurance," you may want to go a couple more frames so you don't get any "weird" double exposures. Tell your processing lab you removed the film mid-roll and then are loaded so that their automatic machines won't cut the film in the picture area instead of between the frames.

What about cameras that automatically rewind the film entirely into the cassette? No problem. Get yourself a leader retriever — a device you insert into the lips of the film cassette that pulls out the film. You'll find these in most camera stores and with a little practice, you'll easily be able to retrieve the leader. Then simply reload as already described.

So it's easy to "half" your cake and eat it too, by knowing how to reload a half shot roll of film.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734)953 2047 on a touch tone phone.



Monte Nagler thought this Victorian home in Harbor Springs looked equally well in black and white or color.

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Joyce Carol Oates tells vivid tale in new three-part novel

I'LL TAKE YOU THERE
by Joyce Carol Oates (Harper Collins \$25.95)

In this three-part novel, we meet a young woman (occasionally called "Annela") whose mother died as a result of her birth, and who, throughout the story, rather desperately seeks her own identity. Though she often seems almost invisible to herself, she is vivid to the reader in the way that only an Oates character can be. In fact, almost every

player in *I'll Take You There*, no matter how minor or how brief their appearance, comes startlingly alive on these pages. The work of Joyce Carol Oates almost always contains a magic touch of genius, and *I'll Take You There* is no exception.

In the opening section — titled "The Penitent" — the heroine narrating the modern Gothic tale (from a perspective of some years later) has won a scholarship to Syracuse University in New York. Despite her academic brilliance and the scholarship that has made possible the poverty-stricken student's enrollment at this prestigious place, she seems to feel as insubstantial as a ghost. Yearning for a home, she fixates on the Kappa Gamma Pi sorority house, and eventually begins to obsess about becoming a member of

the group, especially so that she may have the sisters she never had, back at the hard-scrabble farm where she grew up. To her surprise (and because her intellectual gifts enable her to help other pledges), she is admitted to the exclusive inner circle, and moves into the house on the hill.

Here, the plot thickens considerably. When she attains the one thing that she believes she has wanted most, she discovers that she's still a kind of stranger to herself, "unraveling among strangers like one of (her) cheap orlon sweaters."

Oates paints such a remarkably strong and convincing picture of her "unraveling" that many readers may feel a bit frayed themselves by the time they've concluded "The Penitent."

The same young woman endeavors to pick up the pieces of herself in "The Negro-Lover." Still in search of an identity and still a university student, it is weeks later when she discovers that she is at first intrigued by the voice of a brilliant African-American student, seated behind her in an Ethics class.

Slowly, over the days and weeks to come, she becomes deeply infatuated with the young man himself, stalking him across the windblown campus, haunting the street outside his rundown apartment building, but apparently "invisible to him."

One day, however, Vernor Matheus sights her trailing along behind him in the bitter cold. As he turns to look at her, she is prompted to think, "how

irrevocably I'd stepped out of invisibility into visibility once Vernor Matheus sighted me."

Slowly, she becomes a part of his world, but there is ultimately little more for her here than at the glittery sorority house, since much of this world too is built on pretense, though its foundation is pretense of a different kind.

"The Way Out" occurs four years after her high school graduation, and follows the young woman to a tiny place in Utah where her father lies dying. In a sense, he is like a ghost come to life, since the family has thought him dead for years. As she travels out west, she envisions him as he was when she saw him last, except perhaps "a little older, more ravaged." What she discovers, however, is much different — even though she never has the opportunity to actually face him, and only catches a disturbing glimpse through a sliver of glass at the moment of his death.

She never "sees" her father, really, and he never really "sees" his daughter. This is a theme woven throughout *I'll Take You There*. As this haunting character points out, "we never see ourselves — have no clear idea of ourselves, our reflections reflect only what we wish to see, or can bear to see, or punish ourselves by seeing. Nor can we trust others to see us — they too see what they wish to see, with their imperfect eyes."

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Victoria Diaz

Blockbuster survey shows many countries ring in New Year with movies

Watching movies on New Year's Eve has become a central part of festivities around the world, making New Year's week one of the biggest rental weeks for Blockbuster Inc., according to an international survey commissioned by the company.

Blockbuster is one of the largest providers of home movies and video game entertainment in the world with stores in 27 markets across the globe.

From England to Australia, there are still people who party on New Year's Eve, but the truth is many people stay home, says Jim Notarnicola, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Blockbuster. "Watching rented movies is a popular form of entertainment as people wait to ring in the new year, plus New Year's Day is a big movie day as families spend time together at home resting up from the previous night's revelry."

Key Survey Findings
■ Most Blockbuster stores around the globe are open throughout the holidays, with only United Kingdom stores closing on Christmas Day. Store hours vary with cultural differences, such as Spain closing for several hours midday on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but most stores are open New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

■ Families in Taiwan, the U.S., Mexico and the United Kingdom were most likely to watch movies New Year's Eve.

■ Mexico, the U.S., Taiwan and Spain were most likely to celebrate at home while the United Kingdom and Australia are home to the most fervent partiers with the majority of

people welcoming in the New Year away from home.

■ Blockbuster has adjusted its hours to stay open in most countries to accommodate the increased traffic on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

■ The majority of Mexicans rang in the new year at home, but most surprising was the fact that more young people age 18-34 stayed home than those age 35-54. While 65 percent of those ages 18-34 stayed home, only 59 percent of those ages 34-44 were home at midnight.

■ The United Kingdom had more late-night revelers among their young people with 44 percent of those ages 18-24 staying out past midnight, compared to only 31 percent of those ages 25-34. Ten percent of respondents rented a movie New Year's Eve.

■ Action films and comedies were the most popular category of films to watch on New Year's, with children's and family-friendly films also high on the list.

What movies were most popular on New Year's Eve?

Action ranked first in Taiwan and Mexico. Viewers in Australia, Spain and the United Kingdom liked comedies best.

Here's a look at other New Year's Eve traditions around the world.

Spain
In Spain, New Year's Eve revelers stop what they are doing at midnight and feed each other 12 grapes for good luck — one for each toll of the Puerta del Sol clock located in the Puerta del Sol square in Madrid and widely regarded as the center of Spain. The 12 tolls are broadcast by all the television channels and people stop wherever they are to mark the coming of the new

year. New Year's Day is a time to rest up from the festivities and rentals spike in Spanish.

Blockbuster stores Hong Kong

New Year's is the biggest holiday of the year in Hong Kong with most workers getting three days of holiday. The traditional celebration starts with a reunion dinner on New Year's Eve with all family members returning to the patriarch's home for dinner. The dinner includes chicken (prosperity), fish (abundance), mushrooms and seaweed (prosperity) and other goodies such as shrimp and abalone. The family then goes to a New Year's Eve bazaar to buy flowers and do last-minute shopping before the stores close for the evening. The "Good Luck" flowers to buy are chrysanthemum (prosperity), water lily (good health), and peony (love). Shoppers take care to avoid white roses and cactus (bad luck). A trip to the video store before the reunion dinner is also common practice to stock up on movies for the three-day holiday making New Year's Eve the busiest day of the year and New Year's week the busiest week of the year for Hong Kong Blockbuster stores.

Australia
You won't find Australians dreaming of a white Christmas, unless it's the sand on the beach. New Year's Eve is the middle of summer with temperatures sometimes reaching 100 degrees (40 degrees Celsius). Aussies celebrate with barbecue and parties with family and friends, and that often means a fun movie to set the holiday tone. As the New Year approaches, they gather around the television for the Sydney Harbor fireworks.

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- A store that sell the Polish beer Zagorka for Margaret.
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Bill T. Jones and Bjorn G. Amelan
Interviewed by Peter Sparling, UMS Professor of Dance
Fri 1/10 4 pm
UM Dance Building Studio D • Ann Arbor
A colloquium on the UMS Education Department and the UM Department of Dance

Meet the Artists Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company and Orion String Quartet
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SUN TUES

NP EMPIRE (R)
 HARRY POTTER (PG)
 FRIDAY AFTER NEXT (R)
 NP WILD THORNBERRYS (PG)
 12:05, 2:05, 4:25, 7:00
 SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 11:15, 2:00

NP STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 11:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
 NP LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
 11:00, 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55

NP CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13)
 11:55, 3:20, 6:20, 9:35
 NP MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 11:15, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 11:45, 2:10, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

NP PINOCCHIO (G)
 11:25, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
 NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 11:15, 12:45, 2:40, 5:05, 9:15, 11:20

NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 11:05, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10

NP THE WILD THORNBERRYS (PG)
 10:35, 12:30, 2:30, 4:25, 7:00

NP LORD OF THE RINGS THE TWO TOWERS (PG13)
 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:05, 8:05, 10:10

MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

DRUMLINE (PG13)
 1:00, 4:30, 7:35, 11:00

THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 3:25, 5:50, 9:30

STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 10:45, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:30

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 9:0, 11:30 (SUNDAY ONLY)

EMPIRE (R)
 10:40, 1:10

TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 11:10, 1:10

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 11:40, 2:10, 5:30, 8:35, 11:05

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 10:10, 1:30, 4:20

THE SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 12:20, 2:40, 5:10

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 11:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13) NV
 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

GANES OF NEW YORK (R) NV
 12:05, 3:50, 7:30

DRUMLINE (PG13)
 12:45, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45

THE WILD THORNBERRYS (PG) NV
 12:30, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20

MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 12:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50

THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 10:00

007 DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 9:15 ONLY

HARRY POTTER, CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 5:20 ONLY

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 6:20, 7:00, 9:20, 10:00

NP PINOCCHIO (G)
 1:20 (4:20 @ \$5.00)

NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 12:15, 4:30 @ \$5.00 8:15

NP THE WILD THORNBERRYS MOVIE (PG)
 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15 @ \$5.00

7:15

NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 11:30, 2:15 (4:45 @ \$5.00) 7:20, 9:55

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 1:10 (4:20 @ \$5.00) 7:30, 9:50

DRUMLINE (PG13)
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MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 12:20, 2:40, (5:10 @ \$5.00) 8:50, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00

HOT CHICK (PG13)
 12:15, 2:30 (4:50 @ \$5.00) 7:15, 9:40

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 9:15

TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 1:10

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 4:10 @ \$5.00, 7:10, 10:00

NP HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 12:15, 4:30 @ \$5.00 8:00

SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
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8 MILE (R)
 7:15, 9:40

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TUES 1:00, 2:45, 4:15, 7:00

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13)
 SUN MON 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

TUES 1:05, 4:00, 7:00

GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 SUN MON 1:30, 4:30, 8:15

TUES 1:00, 4:00, 7:15

PINOCCHIO (G)
 1:00, 3:20, 7:00

FRIDA (R)
 SUN MON 9:20

STANDING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOOWN (PG)
 SUN MON 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

TUES 1:15, 3:20, 7:15

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TUES 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

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 11:55, 2:05, 4:15, 6:25, 8:35

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 12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10

NP MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 2:25, 3:05, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 6:50, 7:15, 7:35, 8:50, 9:20, 9:50

NP THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 6:55, 9:05

NP DRUMLINE (PG)
 WED 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, THURS 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55

HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
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TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 12:40, 3:30, 5:00

8 MILE (R)
 10:00 PM ONLY

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 2:00, 6:00, 9:30

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 11:10, 2:50, 6:30, 10:00

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 12:30, 4:00, 7:20

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 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

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 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

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 11:15, 1:55, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

NP MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 12:15, 3:10, 7:30, 9:45

THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 5:30, 9:00

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 SUN MON 6:40, 9:10 TUE 6:40

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 11:00

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 12:00, 1:00, 4:00, 8:00, 9:00

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NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
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NP DRUMLINE (PG13)
 11:10, 2:00, 5:45, 8:25, 11:00

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 10:35

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 10:35

SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 10:20, 1:00

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 6:50, 9:20, 11:40

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NP PINOCCHIO (G)
 11:40, 3:40

NP EVELYN (PG)
 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00

NP ADRIAN SCHEIDT (R)
 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45

NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 11:35, 12:15, 3:20, 4:00, 6:45, 7:40

FAR FROM HEAVEN (PG13)
 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40

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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (UNR)
 (11:45, 2:00) 7:00

ADAPTATION (R)
 SUN MON 12:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:45, 8:15, 9:30, 10:35, TUE THURS 12:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:45, 8:15, 9:30, 10:35

BOWLING FOR DOLLY PART 6 (NR)
 (11:30, 2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00

NO 10:00 ON TUES 10:35

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 SUN (11:15, 2:05) 5:00, 8:00
 MON THURS (2:05, 5:00) 8:00, 8:00, 8:00, 12:15 (2:15)

RABBIT PROOF (PG)
 SUN (11:20, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00
 MON THURS (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00

FRIDA (R)
 SUN (1:30, 2:00, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00
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HARRY POTTER (PG13)
 7:15, 10:10, 12:10, 2:10, 3:15, 6:45, 9:40

NP LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
 11:10, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15

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 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55

NP WILD THORNBERRYS (PG)
 05:10, 8:15, 9:15, 5:20

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 9:20

NP MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 11:50, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

NP LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
 11:55, 3:45, 7:30

SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 1:00, 1:55

NP STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 11:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

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SUNDAY TUESDAY

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NP ANTONIO FISHER
 10:30, 11:50, 1:45, 3:15, 5:00, 6:30, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15

NP CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
 10:45, 12:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:45, 7:20, 9:30, 11:10

NP PINOCCHIO
 10:50, 1:35, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30

NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 10:05, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:05

NP WILD THORNBERRYS
 10:10, 11:30, 12:50, 2:10, 3:30, 4:50, 6:10, 7:50

NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 12:10, 4:10, 8:45, 10:20

NP LORD OF THE RINGS 2 TWO TOWERS (PG13)
 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00

NP MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 11:35, 2:40, 5:30, 8:20, 11:20

NP STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 11:50, 3:30, 6:35, 9:30

NP DRUMLINE (PG13)
 10:20, 1:20, 2:50, 4:25, 7:35, 9:05

10:55, NO 7:30 ON JAN 1

NP HOT CHICK (PG13)
 11:40, 2:40, 5:15

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 8:00, 10:50

EMPIRE (R)
 11:55, 5:35

TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 DIGITAL 10:25, 11:00, 12:00, 3:30, 4:40, 5:30, 6:20, 7:00, 8:40, 9:30, 10:40

MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 10:25, 12:50, 3:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00

THE SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 11:30, 2:00, 4:50

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 12:05, 3:35, 6:15, 9:10

STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 7:40, 10:30

DRUMLINE (PG13)
 12:45, 3:35, 6:25, 9:15

NO 6:25 ON JAN 1

THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 10:35, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25, 10:50

HARRY POTTER (PG)
 10:40, 3:05, 6:35, 10:05

TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 12:25, 2:45, 5:10

8 MILE (R)
 9:45 PM

NY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (PG)
 6:40, 9:20

EMPIRE (R)
 7:20, 9:55

SNEAK PREVIEW JANUARY 1 ONLY JUST MARRIED (PG13)
 7:30 PM

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ALSO SHOWING IN THE SCREENING ROOM MON 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, TUE, THURS 1:00, 4:00, WED 1:00

NP ANTONIO FISHER (PG13)
 10:55, 12:15, 2:10, 2:50, 4:05, 5:20, 7:00, 10:00, 9:55

NP LORD OF THE RINGS THE TWO TOWERS (PG13)
 11:30, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:40, 9:40

MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 SUN TUE THURS 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 6:55, 9:20

MON THURS 11:55, 9:20

DRUMLINE (PG13)
 1:05, 3:45, 6:25, 9:10

NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 10:55, 1:15, 3:50, 6:20, 9:15

NP WILD THORNBERRYS (PG13)
 12:00, 2:25, 6:00

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 SUN TUE WED 6:15, 9:05, MON 9:05

HARRY POTTER (PG13)
 11:00, 1:00

THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
 10:50, 1:00

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NP PINOCCHIO (G)
 1:20 (4:20 @ \$5.00)

NP GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 12:45 (4:30 @ \$5.00) 8:15

NP THE WILD THORNBERRYS MOVIE (PG)
 11:15, 1:15, 3:15 (5:15 @ \$5.00) 7:15

NP TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
 11:30, 2:15, (4:50 @ \$5.00) 7:20, 9:55

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 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00 (4:00, 5:00 @ \$5.00) 7:00, 8:00, 9:00

MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
 12:10, 2:40 (5:10 @ \$5.00) 6:50, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00

STAR TREK NEMESIS (PG13)
 1:10 (4:10 @ \$5.00) 7:15, 9:50

HOT CHICK (PG13)
 (4:50 @ \$5.00) 7:15, 9:40

ANALYZE THAT (R)
 9:15

TREASURE PLANET (PG)
 12:15, 2:30

DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
 1:00 (4:00 @ \$5.00) 7:00, 10:00

HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
 12:15, 1:15 (4:15 @ \$5.00) 8:00

THE SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
 11:45, 2:10 (4:40 @ \$5.00)

NY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (PG)
 7:15, 9:40

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GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
 PAID IN FULL (R)

DRUMLINE (PG13)
 BROWN SUGAR (PG13)

LORD OF THE RINGS THE TWO TOWERS (PG13)
 FRIDAY AFTER NEXT (R)

EMPIRE (R)
 8 MILE (R)

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BARBERSHOP (PG13)
 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:15

BROWN SUGAR (PG13)
 11:00, 1:30, 4:55, 7:15, 10:00

EXTREME OPS (PG13)
 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20

GHOST SHIP (R)
 11:55, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10:25

HALLOWEEN RESTRUCTION (R)
 9:20

19P (PG13)
 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

JACKASS THE MOVIE (R)
 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00, 10:50

JONAH A VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G)
 11:25, 1:40, 4:20

ONE HOUR PHOTO (R)
 11:35, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

RED DRAGON (R)
 11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35

SIGNS (PG13)
 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05

SPYGLASS 2 (PG13)
 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35

STUART LITTLE 2 (PG)
 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 6:55

SWEET HOME ALABAMA (PG13)
 11:15, 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

TRANSPORTER (PG13)
 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

TRAPPED (R)
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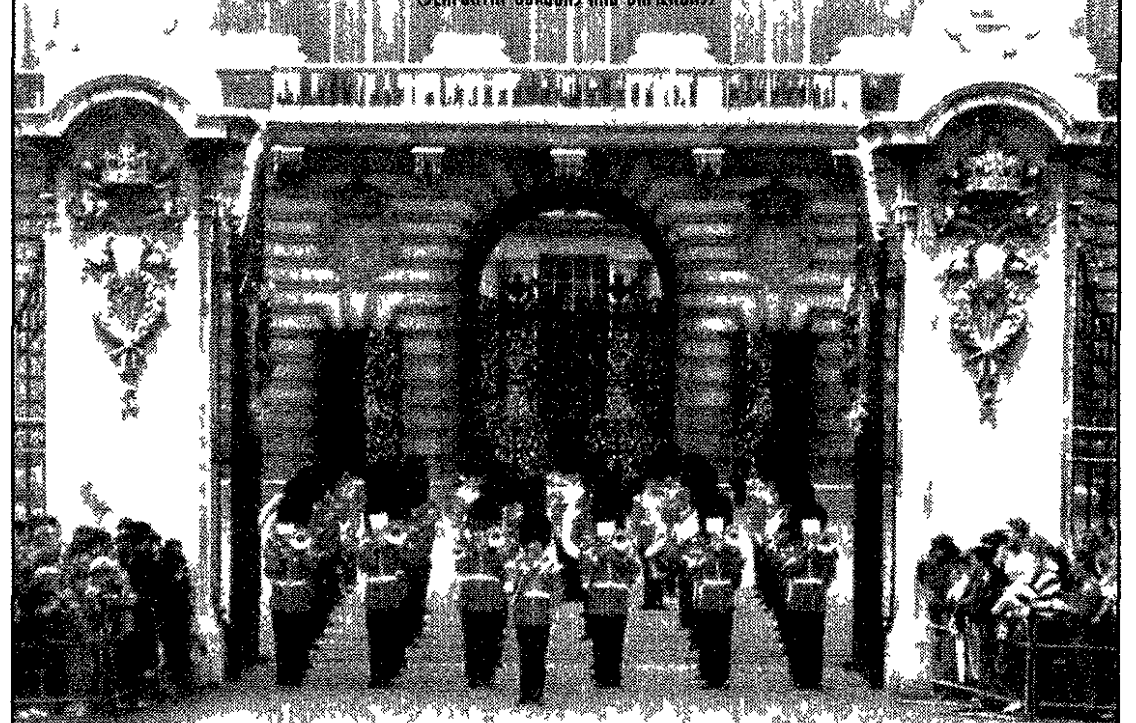
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Dallas is proud of its culture, both then and now

BY MARY BARBERIO
CORRESPONDENT

Gone are the horse-drawn wagons laden with cotton, struggling through muddy roads deep with ruts. Gone are the days when a stray cow could be found meandering aimlessly down Main Street. The dry goods stores, hawking everything from ladies' dresses to coffee, sugar, cigars, nails and plows, are gone. Stockyards are gone.

Present-day Dallas boasts of concrete and steel and glass and lots of reflections. Its buildings are tall, flashy and ultramodern. One 72-story skyscraper is outlined with miles of green neon and, when seen at night, appears almost surreal. Another, the green-glassed arrow-shaped building designed by the famous I M Pei, is uniquely dramatic and eye-catching. Then there's the huge, shimmering, silver ball atop the 50-story Reunion Tower, with revolving restaurant, lounge and observation deck. All combine to give Dallas a spectacular and distinctive skyline and flavor.

Culture, entertainment and shopping abound in Dallas. The Uptown District has numerous antique shops, galleries and theaters. Fair Park District houses eight major museums and the Cotton Bowl Stadium, not to mention the nation's largest collection of Art Deco buildings. In the Arts District you can walk through the nation's largest centralized arts development or listen to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. And there's the district known as Deep Ellum. In the '20s it featured jazz joints and rhythm and blues. Today it hosts an eclectic collection of art galleries and clubs where you can hear everything from rock to reggae, from country to heavy metal.

Yes, present-day Dallas is up-to-day. But Dallas hasn't lost its roots, its heritage, charm and warmth.

In the Old City Park District, you can step back in time to mid-19th century and explore an authentic prairie style country store, blacksmith shed, church, band cabin and schoolhouse. And its western culture is memorialized at Pioneer Plaza, where a herd of 40 larger-than-life bronze long-horn cattle is tended by three bronze cowboys on horseback. Many beautiful buildings have been restored and remain a lasting reminder — churches, theaters, government buildings, hotels. And the trolley, an authentic electric trolley, has returned to the streets of downtown Dallas.

We were delighted with and spent most of our time in, the West End Historic District.

The walk from our hotel in the southwest corner of downtown Dallas took us right past the Old Red Country Courthouse. One of the oldest (1892) buildings in Dallas, it stands stately and proud. Since it housed the visitor's center, we started our tour there. Across the street is Dealey Plaza and the old Texas School Book Depository. Of course we checked out the sixth floor's exhibit of the life, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Heading east, we stopped and admired the open tomb, erected as a memorial to President Kennedy, had our pictures taken by the old pioneer log cabin and then walked on to the arched entryway of the West End District at Market and Elm.

And guess what? There the streets are still lined with brick. There the turn-of-the-century storefronts and red brick warehouses still stand. Never mind that they no longer house buggies and whips and wagons and plows. Today they are home to restaurants with patio dining and clubs and boutiques. And down the street you'll see horse-drawn carriages waiting to take you on a tour of the city. Take the tour or walk down memory lane with me and picture Dallas as it used to be, with the wagons loaded with cotton, the dry goods stores hawking all that coffee and sugar and nails. Ignore the ringing of those annoying cell phones. Instead, choose one of the tempting restaurants, sit down at one of their outdoor tables, kick back, relax and reminisce.

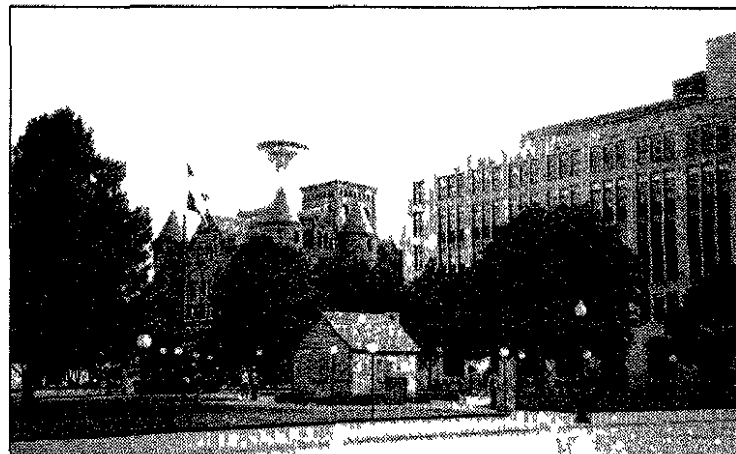
Talk to the locals and listen to their stories. Did you know that Clyde Barrow (of the leg-

endary Bonnie and Clyde duo) spent some time in Dallas, working at the very same warehouse that now houses the MarketPlace? We heard this from a shopkeeper. Fact or fiction? I don't know about you, but I'm going to include it in my recollection of Dallas history. We returned night after night to the Historic District to relax, eat, people-watch and to just absorb the ambiance.

Mary Barberio is a Northville resident.

DALLAS FACTS

- Dallas is a major finance center and one of the top convention cities in the nation
- Dallas has four times more restaurants per person than New York City
- The first integrated circuit, which became the microchip was invented by Jack Kilby in 1958 at Texas Instruments
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Sidelines

Perfect start

Seems like Kelly McCausland is making a tough road for herself to follow. McCausland is the volleyball coach for Plymouth High School, an all-freshmen team that will compete as such until the state tournament when the Wildcats will play in the Class D state tournament.

A graduate of Redford Thurston and an NAIA All-American at Madonna University, McCausland has taken her Plymouth team to a pair of tournaments thus far this season — and they've won both of them. Last Thursday, the Cats captured the 12-team University of Michigan Dearborn Tournament, beating Livonia Stevenson 26-23, 18-25, 15-10 in the final (rally scoring).

Jeanine Moise, who had 10 service aces and 16 kills, and Sarah Haskins, who had 22 aces and 32 set assists, were named to the all-tournament team. Plymouth improved to 11-0-2 overall with the tourney win.

"I told them I was extremely proud with the two tournament wins, but I also told them we've got to get better," said McCausland. "This is a true freshmen school, an all-freshmen team. The dedication and commitment has been outstanding."

Other stars at the U-M Dearborn meet include Moise against Walled Lake Warren 27-25, 25-18 in the semifinals against Wyandotte-Roosevelt 25-16, 25-19 in the quarterfinals and in pool play against Walled Lake Central 25-17, 25-16. Roosevelt 25-15, 25-16. Dearborn 25-16, 25-17 and Western 25-20, 25-23.

Other Plymouth standouts were Kim Olech, 13 kills and 14 aces; Jackie Dorre, eight aces; and Kelly Buttermore, seven aces.

At the eight-team Madonna University Tournament Dec. 21, the Wildcats defeated Salem in the semifinals 15-3, 15-5, then knocked off the Center Line-St. Clement junior varsity team 14-16, 15-9, 15-8 in the final.

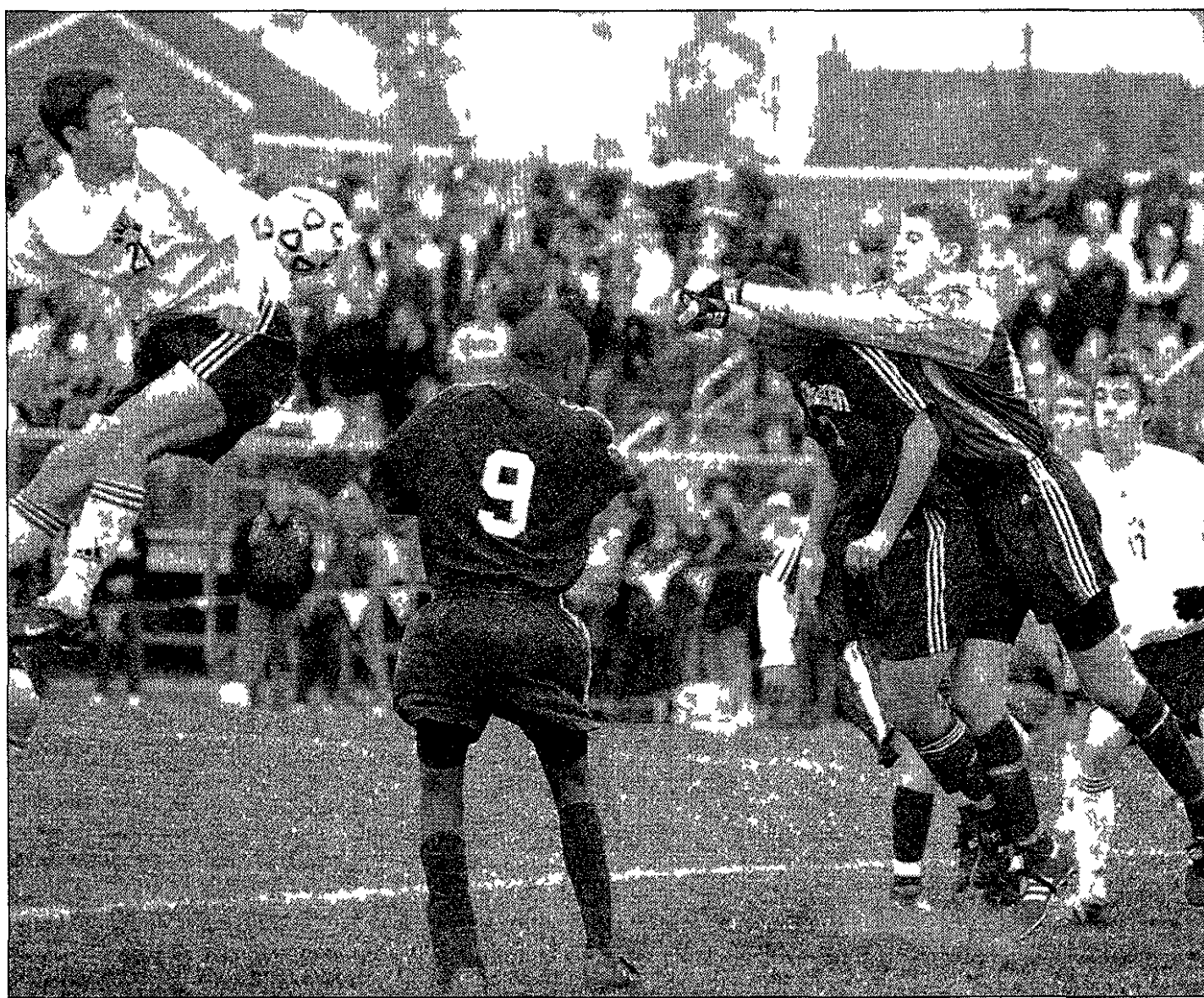
Moise led Plymouth with 17 kills. Haskins had 30 set assists. Janet Hanchett contributed nine aces, and Olech had 15 aces.

The Cats also beat Livonia Ladywood in a crossover match 15-2, 15-7 and in pool play they split with both Birmingham Marian 15-9, 9-15 and Carleton Airport 15-9, 14-16 and they beat Livonia Franklin 15-6, 15-4.

Other team members are Rachelle Hardar, Meghan Hill, Katie Hughes, Liz Martin, Jill Spangler, Rachel Pamagne, Lindsay Vogelsberg and Megan Wakar.

Soccer champs

The Livonia Meteors U-13 boys soccer team captured the Divisional Championship for the fall season in a league played out of High Velocity Sports in Canton. Team members are Jonny Myshock, Tommy Myshock, Kyle Bogenschutz, Ryan Matthey, Michael Sylvester, Brady Thom, Curtis Rose, Brett Mercer, Ziad Khalbush, Mark Cappo, Kyle Pence and Joey Kulling. Team coaches are Randy Myshock and Brian Bogenschutz. The team manager is Karl Matthey.



PAUL HIRSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Plymouth Salem's boys soccer team nearly reached the summit in 2002, advancing to the Division 1 state championship game. Although the Rocks lost to Rochester 1-0 in the finals, they distinguished themselves as the top prep soccer team in the area this year.

They're the tops!

Champs and near-champs highlight best of area sports in 2002

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

When it came time to finally sit down and discuss the top 10 sports stories of the year, it was easy to come up with the first six or so.

It was much tougher to pick the next four. There were so many stories, so many people who made an impact on the area sports scene, that it was difficult

to draw the line somewhere. There are state champions and near-champions. There are runners-up, runners, wrestlers, skaters and coaches. Once we settled on the list, we agreed that they were our top 10, but they are just couldn't agree on the order. But there's no reason to rank them. The stories speak for themselves.

Here's the best of area sports for 2002.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

There were several high school athletes who earned individual state titles during the course of the year.

On the afternoon of March 9, Plymouth Salem senior Eric Flynn won the 200-yard individual medley at the Class A state meet in Ann Arbor, in

PLEASE SEE BEST, C2

Garden City cagers give HOPE to needy seniors

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Every year, Garden City basketball coach Greg Williamson has an assignment for his team.

It has nothing to do with X's and O's and it doesn't involve conditioning. And even though the players don't go anywhere near a weight room, it does involve heavy lifting — lifting the hearts and spirits of several Detroit families.

For the past 11 seasons, every varsity player under Williamson has spent at least one Saturday during the holidays delivering special care packages to needy families and seniors in the city as part of Focus HOPE.

"I've been doing this for years and we've had the team do it for 11 years now," said Williamson. "There's a lot of needy seniors around town who can't get out to get food, people who are trying to make it, but aren't, through no fault of their own. We do this once as a group and some of the kids go out and do it again on their own."

While giving something back is Williamson's primary objective, he also wants the Cougars to receive something in return.

"I want our kids to understand how lucky they are," said Williamson. "It gives them perspective on how good they have it. We're

PLEASE SEE HOPE, C4

Young CC swimmers fare well at Toledo St. Francis invite

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

With nine rookie swimmers on a 17-man roster, Catholic Central swimming coach Jeff Baker figured his team would take its lumps this season.

That's why he didn't count on a second-place finish at the 16-team Knight Invitational in Toledo on Dec. 21.

"That was just fantastic," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "Everyone swam in the finals, which I didn't expect. They stepped up and performed well."

Host Toledo St. Francis won the meet, held

SWIMMING

at the University of Toledo, with 692 points, while CC had 416 and Fremont (O.) Ross had 273.

The Shamrocks took five firsts on the day with Joe Zatkoff taking two of them — the 500 freestyle (5:11.99) and the 200 freestyle (1:56.76). Andrew Carlin won the 100 freestyle (51.06) and Rob Cyrek took the 200 individual medley (2:02.86) with Carlin coming in second (2:07.00).

PLEASE SEE SWIMMING, C5

Rocks stop Jags in OT

Brad Clark, usually a starter, didn't play at all in the first overtime Friday when Salem's basketball team met Allen Park in the championship game of the Allen Park Tournament.

Foul trouble. But, with the score still tied after one OT, Rocks' coach Bob Brodie summoned Clark and his four fouls for the second extra session. Good move. Rested and ready, Clark nailed a three-pointer and two free throws as the Rocks beat the Jaguars 87-80 in double-overtime.

Clark's triple was Salem's only basket of the second OT. The Rocks connected on 9-of-12 free throws in the period to run Allen Park's chances.

The game was close throughout, Salem leading 20-16 after one quarter and 39-37 at the half. The Jaguars surged in front after three quarters, leading 56-53, but it was the Rocks who had a chance to win at the buzzer but missed a layup.

"It was a battle," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "This team was undefeated and they were legit. They've been scoring in the 80s. One of our goals was to slow them down, and we did that."

The Rocks held Allen Park, now 5-1, to 65 points in regulation. Salem improved to 4-2.

Dave Hoskins was the offensive spark for the Rocks. He finished with 40 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Clark totaled 13 points and Stevland Davis scored 10.

Five Jaguars reached double figures in scoring: Kevin Kline with 21, Derek Brighton with 17, Rob Kiefer with 13, Brian Tranfi with 12 and Jake McGuckin with 11.

Salem converted 22-of-33 free throws (67 percent), Allen Park was 19-of-30 (62.7 percent).

In Thursday's tournament semifinal, Salem knocked off Grosse Ile 66-44. The Rocks led 33-26 at halftime, the application of some defensive pressure and pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Red Devils 23-10 thanks to 10 points by Hoskins. He

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, C5



JIM JAGDFELD | OBSERVER

This was the only time the vision of Westland John Glenn guard Jerret Smith was blocked during Thursday night's holiday tournament game at River Rouge. With Catholic Central's Kyle Smith (25) and John Mulroy (42) defending him, Smith was able to lead the Rockets to a last-second, 63-62 win.

Late triple lifts Glenn over Shamrocks, 63-62

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The players on Catholic Central's and Westland John Glenn's boys basketball team didn't have any trouble working off those Christmas dinners Thursday night.

Playing a game that was track meet-like in pace, the Rockets used a 3-pointer by senior Allen Barker with three seconds left to edge the

Shamrocks, 63-62 in an exciting first-round game at the River Rouge Christmas Tournament.

Barker's bomb capped off a high-paced contest that saw each team go on long scoring runs, and appearing to have well in hand at different times. CC was 1-3 after the loss, while the Rockets improved to 4-0.

PLEASE SEE GLENN, C4

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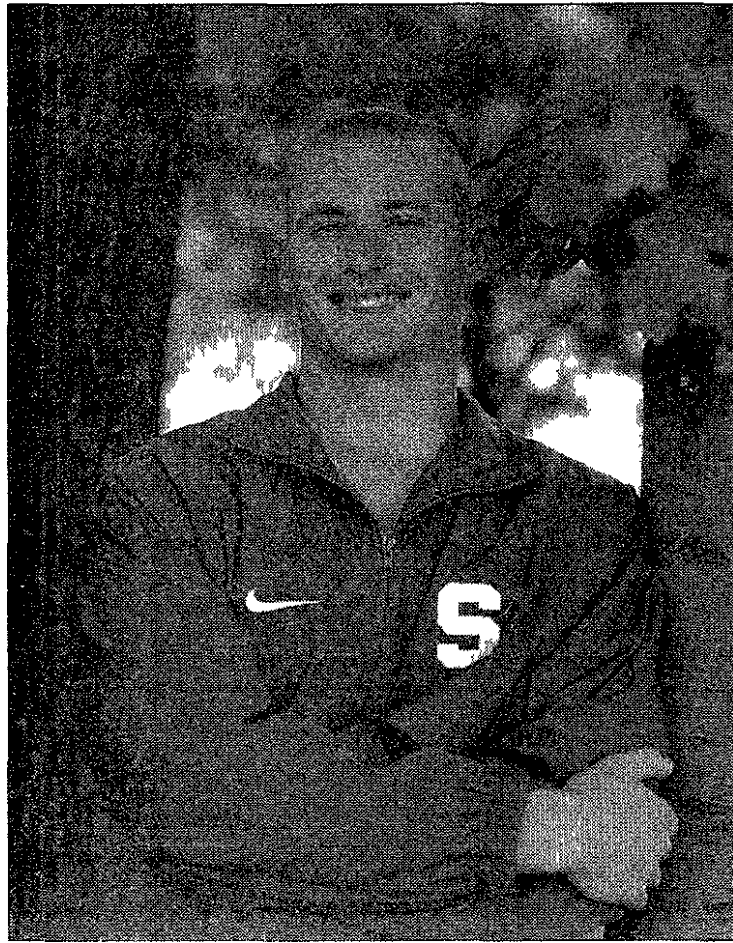
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Catholic Central's hockey team made some history in 2002 by winning its fourth-straight state championship. Only one other school in state history has won four consecutive state titles, and CC's streak is the seventh-longest in national high school hockey history.

BEST OF THE REST

Catholic Central graduate **Bobby Malek** named Big 10 baseball Player of the Year, CC grad **Stan Heath** named head coach of the University of Arkansas men's basketball program, Westland John Glenn football coach **Chuck Gordon** won his 200th game with the school while Livonia Churchill volleyball coach **Mike Hughes** wins his 700th match at the school, **Livonia Stevenson's** baseball team makes a surprising run to the Division 1 state quarterfinals, **Ray Summers** leaves as Madonna University's athletic director, with **Bryan Rizzo** replacing him, Redford Union baseball coach **Rick Berryman** steps down after 31 years with the school district, Livonia resident **Steve Polanski** finishes second in the Michigan Open for the second year in a row, area Athletic Directors **Gerald**

Szukaitis (Westland John Glenn) and **Bill Hawley** (Wayne Memorial) step down from their positions, a pair of football playoff teams from 2001 combine for 2002, as **Redford St. Agatha** and **Bishop Borgess** field a single gridiron team in 2002, Westland's **Bill Zylstra** and Wayne Memorial graduate **Thom Piscopink** each qualify for the U.S. Senior Open in golf, Churchill's **Heidi Aittama** is the Division 1 runner up in girls golf, the National Target Championships archery tournament ends its run in Canton, leaving after having five of the last six championships at Heritage Park, Westland John Glenn baseball coach **Todd Duffield** and Stevenson hockey coach **Ed Shepler** were both dismissed from their respective positions by their school districts



Livonia native Terex was a top performer on Michigan State University's track team in the spring of 2002.

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1 52 67 Lynn also took a second in the 100 backstroke as he helped the Rocks to a fifth-place finish in the meet.

That evening at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Catholic Central senior Ryan Rogowski capped off a fine wrestling career with a 13-5 win over Davison's Adam Wilmoth to claim the 189-pound individual championship. Rogowski was 34-2 on the year, after finishing as runner-up at 171 in 2001.

In June, Redford Bishop Borgess senior Jason Smith won the 100-meter dash at the Division 4 state track finals, beating teammate DeJuan Kea, 11.11-11.41. The two also teamed with Edward Burney and Donald Ferrell to win the 400 relay (44.55) and the 800 relay (1:29.98) to help the Spartans finish second at the meet.

In November Stevenson's Andrea Hurn capped off her swimming career with a win in the 500 yard freestyle at the Class A swim meet in Ann Arbor. Hurn's time of 4:58.94

was five seconds off her career best. She also finished second in the 200 freestyle to Ann Arbor Pioneer superstar Kara Joyce.

GOING, GOING, GONE

After a bit of deliberation in 2001, the change was made in 2002. The Farmington school district high schools left the Western Lakes Activities Association and joined the Oakland Athletic Association beginning in the fall, bringing that league's total to 31 schools.

This also left the WLAA at nine schools. What did this mean? The WLAA had to make adjustments, adding Mega Conference-member Wayne Memorial to the WLAA (making it a 10-school conference). The conference also changed the basketball structure, scrapping the end-of-the-season tournament in favor of a single crossover game against a school from the other division. Certainly competition was down a bit in the WLAA. The Farmington schools' led the switch to the OAA at least in football — for the first time in district history all three made

the state tournament in football.

Additional changes in the WLAA are not anticipated, considering Plymouth and Walled Lake Northern are expected to become full-time members in two more years. But it will take years for the WLAA to return to its former level of prominence — if it ever does.

One other note regarding a change in venue: Canton Agape Christian was officially accepted as a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, starting next fall. Agape joins such other local teams as Plymouth Christian Academy and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran as MIAC members.

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

It was a year in flux for the area's best known figure skating pair — Westland's Steve and Danielle Hartsell.

After 15 years together, which included a 1999 U.S. National Championship and a berth on the U.S. Olympic team, seemed within their grasp as they headed into the long program at the Nationals in fourth place.

But a groin pull suffered in an early-week practice session proved too much for Steve to overcome. And just before the long program was to begin, the pair pulled out of the competition and ended their dream to skate together at the Olympics.

In March, Danielle decided to call it a career and retired — moving to Richmond, Va., to teach skating and enroll at the University of Richmond. Steve decided to stay with his career and found a new partner — Marcy Hinzmann. The two are shooting for the 2006 Olympics.

NO. 1, BUT . . .

For years, Schoolcraft College labored in virtual anonymity in men's basketball. That changed when Carlos Briggs became coach.

Last spring, the Ocelots made their second-straight trip to the NJCAA Division I Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., and they went as the nation's top-ranked team. They ran their record to 34-0 before running into fourth-ranked Dixie State (St. George, Utah) in the tournament semifinals and lost, 72-69.

"I give Dixie credit," Briggs said after the loss. "They kept fighting and fighting and eventually won the game."

Sounds like a motto for SC, which a few years ago couldn't even win a conference game or keep players academically eligible. Now its one of the premier programs in the country and, as long as Briggs stays as coach, should continue to be among the best. They won their first 11 games this season before losing.

Meanwhile, SC's and Madonna's women's teams both enjoyed fantastic seasons, Madonna posting its best season ever and SC among the best in school history. However, both teams were upset in the playoffs, Madonna in the WHAC final by Spring Arbor and SC in the NJCAA Region Final by Flint Mott CC. Madonna finished 21-9, SC was 26-4.

FOUR MORE

The football team wasn't the only one to hang new numbers in the Catholic Central High School gym.

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remarkable runs in the sport's history by winning a fourth straight Division 1 state championship March 11 with a convincing 5-1 win over the Marquette Redmen

Although the ending was the same, the beginning was very atypical for the program in its recent history. CC limped out to a 6-5-1 start to the season while breaking in a team full of underclassmen. But a January win over Cranbrook-Kingswood started the team on its season-ending 18-game unbeaten streak that culminated with another celebratory team photo on the Flint IMA Ice Arena surface.

Starting with all-state goaltender Jim Blanchard, the Shamrocks have a strong group of players back for the 2002-03 season, including Jeff Prough, Bryan Genrich, Patrick Coldren and Brandon Naurato as they gun for a state-record fifth straight championship.

SOCCER NEWS

In this area, soccer is always newsworthy. This year was no exception.

In boys high school soccer, Salem escaped No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson in the regional finals by overcoming a two-goal deficit in the final 16 minutes of regulation, eventually edging the Spartans in a shootout.

Followed by a 3-1 win over Brighton in the state semifinals, the Rocks advanced to the state finals opposite Rochester, but their magic ran out as they lost 1-0.

In other soccer news, Madonna's men's team reached the NIAA Region 8 Final, then lost two players to red cards and eventually lost to Bethel (Ind.) College in a shootout. The Crusaders, winners of the WHAC title, finished at 18-4-1. After the season, coach Pete Alexander resigned to pursue other career opportunities.

Schoolcraft College's men's team endured a tumultuous season with a bench-clearing brawl at a match at Kellogg CC during an otherwise superb campaign. Still, SC advanced to the NJCAA Tournament semi-

finals before losing 1-0 to Mercer (N.J.) CC, ending its season at 16-7.

In girls soccer, Stevenson made the longest run, reaching the state semifinals last spring before being eliminated by Brighton, 2-1 in double-overtime. It's not something people expect to happen when the Spartans are in the final rounds of the state tournament. But it happened, Stevenson finished at 15-6-1.

And, finally, in other soccer news, the Mid-Michigan Bucks came to town, playing half their home games at the Canton HS field. The Bucks staggered a bit at mid-season but eventually qualified for the Premier Development League playoffs and, for the fifth time in their seven-year history, they made it to the PDL's final eight before they were eliminated by the Boulder (Colo.) Reserve on penalty kicks. The Bucks finished 12-6-2.

GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

In late spring, Livonia Franklin graduate Paul Terek had this habit of finishing runner-up at track meets. But that was a good thing for the Michigan State University senior because it was No. 2 in the nation.

Terek, still the state Class A record holder in the pole vault, was the runner-up in the NCAA Indoor Track Championships in the event. He tied four other vaulters at 17-11 3/4 inches, but took second based on the number of misses at earlier attempts. Terek also holds the Big Tens indoor record in the pole vault at 18-2 3/4.

At the NCAA Outdoor championships, Terek was the runner-up in the decathlon after winning the Big Ten championship two weeks prior. In fact, Terek won the decathlon and the pole vault at the Big Ten meet, setting a league mark in the decathlon. His efforts were rewarded by repeating as the Big Tens Mens Track and Field Athlete of the Year — just the second time in league history that an athlete won the award in two consecutive years.

Terek had one more decathlon left in the summer, finishing ninth at the USA Outdoor championship

in California in late June. Terek hopes his performance will improve enough over the next 18 months to earn him a chance to represent the United States in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

BACK 2 BACK

It's not often a defending champion is considered an underdog as it tries to defend its title. Catholic Central's football team found itself in just that unfamiliar spot Nov. 30 at the Pontiac Silverdome against East Kentwood.

Playing a team that was averaging nearly 50 points per game, the Shamrocks were faced with their stiffest test of the season and passed in the form of a 36-26 win over the Falcons. With the win, CC clinched its second straight Division 1 state football title, and eighth under coach Tom Mach since 1979.

The Shamrocks were once again a team that was greater than the sum of its parts. Although the defense didn't have one or two individual standouts, players took turns making big plays on a unit that allowed 14 points or less in all of its games leading up to the state finals.

Offensively, junior Derek Brooks picked up where he left off in 2001, breaking off big plays at the most opportune times. He eclipsed the 200 yard rushing mark in three of the team's playoff games and enters the 2003 football season as perhaps the state's top half back.

SPIKERS EXCEL

Both Jerry Abraham, volleyball coach at Madonna University, and Tom Teeters, coach at Schoolcraft College, have been near the summit in their respective divisions. In fact, Teeters guided SC to an NJCAA volleyball championship in 1988.

Both teams once again ranked with the country's best this season. Madonna rebuild after a strong season in 2001, won the WHAC championship behind the leadership of...

the national semifinals.

That was as far as the Crusaders got, however, losing in five sets to Houston Baptist. They finished tied for third their best finish ever at the national tournament. Their final record: 48-4.

SC rolled through pool play at the NJCAA Division II Tournament in Toledo, beating top ranked Kishwaukee (Malta, Ill.) CC in three sets en route. In the final, the Ocelots and Kishwaukee tangled again, and this time Kishwaukee won in four games.

SC finished its season at 44-15, second in the NJCAA — its best finish since winning the title.

A season of superbs, for both sides.

WHALERS ICED

In the two seasons prior to last spring's, the Plymouth Whalers had been a favorite to capture the OHL title. Why not? They had finished with the best regular-season record. With all their weapons, they seemed unstoppable.

But last March, after again posting the best regular-season record in the OHL, the Whalers stumbled. Going against the eighth-seeded London Knights in the opening round of the playoffs, the Whalers were shocked, losing in six games.

This despite having such NHL-caliber players as Stephen Weiss, Chad LaRose, Jason Bacashihua, Cole Jarrett, James Wisniewski, etc.

Trying to figure out what went wrong under first-year coach/general manager Mike Vellucci would be difficult. One thing is certain: The Whalers were better than they showed.



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Schoolcraft's Gary Johnson is one of two veterans back from last year's 35-1 men's basketball team.

and it appears they intend on proving just that this season.

At present, they lead their West Division standings and are once again among the OHL's best teams.

Now if they can maintain

that position throughout the playoffs.

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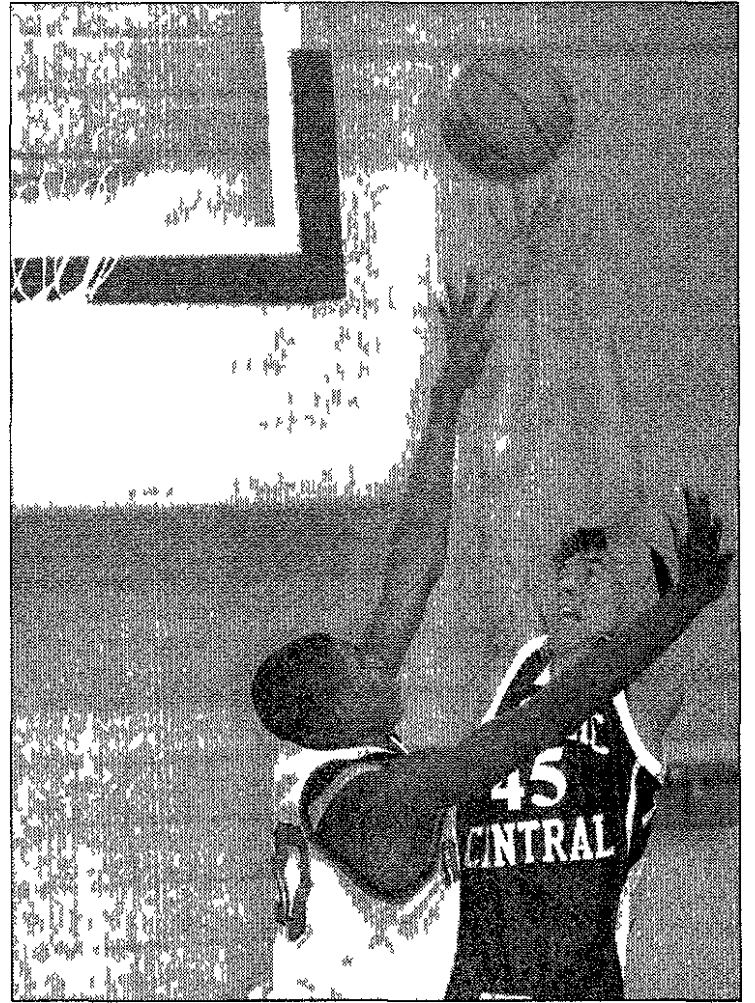
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tion that comes with the job. "They are usually very grateful," said Loney. "They come to the door and are ecstatic to see you. It gives you a very good feeling and makes you think how lucky you are."

GLENN

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On Friday, River Rouge defeated the Rockets 81-71. Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said he wasn't happy about his team giving up 62 points in Thursday's win, but appreciated the effort the team gave to come back to get the victory.



CC's Dan Waterstradt (45) lifts a shot over John's Glenn's Darnell Wilson during Thursday night's game at River Rouge.

Although Glenn held a 48-42 lead entering the fourth quarter, it didn't take the Shamrocks long to claim the lead they last held in the early moments of the second quarter. A full-court trapping defense took Glenn out of its offensive rhythm and allowed the Shamrocks to jump ahead 52-50 with six minutes left in the game.

The Shamrocks jumped out to a 26-20 lead after one quarter thanks to some accurate 3-point shooting. Junior guard David Herberholz capped off the frantic eight minutes of play with a 25-foot bank shot that doubled CC's lead.

Wilson led all players with 20 points in the game. He added 13 rebounds and two blocks as he helped Glenn to a huge edge on the boards. Darnell Smith added 10 points, 12 rebounds and four assists for the winning team.

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BASKETBALL

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finished with a game-high 29. Nick Prentice added 12 for the Rocks. Grosse Ile, which beat Dearborn Crestwood in Friday's consolation game to improve to 4-2, got 15 points from Ivan Mahanke and 12 from Kevin Dombrowski.

Livonia Stevenson 72, Dearborn Fordson 58 The shots were falling about as well as the Christmas Eve snow for the Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team.

Thanks to a pair of 20-plus point quarters, the Spartans improved to 5-1 on the season with a 72-58 win over the Dearborn Fordson Tractors Friday night at Stevenson High School. Fordson falls to 3-2 overall with the loss.

The Spartans jumped out to a 32-19 halftime lead, which grew to 40-19 early in the second half. But a furious Fordson defensive press made it a seven-point game midway through the fourth quarter before a guy named Hearn delivered the knockout punches.

Stevenson junior guard Keith Hearn swished a trio of 3-point buckets in the fourth quarter to help preserve the win for his team. Hearn finished the game with 16 points.

Senior guard Brady Crosby led the Spartans with 26 points in another excellent game. Coach Bill Dyer said Crosby stepped up in the fourth quarter with a number of big plays at both ends of the court.

Brady made some steals and converted on some huge plays down the stretch," Dyer said. "They were pressing us hard, but we made a lot of free throws in the fourth quarter."

Stevenson converted 11 free throws in the fourth quarter alone helping to keep Fordson

at bay. The Tractors were paced by 12 points from Osama Abulhassan.

The Spartans will look to extend their strong start to the season Friday with a home game against Westland John Glenn.

Riverview 60, Redford Thurston 47. It was a tale of two halves on Friday night, and a solid second half, couldn't overcome a poor start by the Eagles in the first-round loss at the Trenton Tournament.

"We didn't play well in the first half," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "We got behind 8-0 and we weren't in the game mentally. We stood around on offense and watched them shoot the ball on defense."

"We were down 36-21 at half and I challenged them to come out and play, to use their athletic ability. And we played much better."

Gene Carr led Thurston (1-4) with 14 points, while Chaz Bryant had 12 and Remy Cofield added seven. Brian Tackett had 28 to lead Riverview (4-0).

The Eagles play in the tournament's consolation game at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

PCA 61, Westside Christian 51: Clay Welton and Ben Pew took command for Plymouth Christian Academy down the stretch, combining for all 21 of the Eagles' points in the period as they outscored visiting Detroit Westside Christian 21-7 in the period.

The win was PCA's first against two losses this season. Westside is 2-3.

"We started boxing out better," explained PCA coach Doug Taylor, "and we started rebounding the ball better."

Once PCA got command of the boards, they took command of the scoreboard. The game was close at halftime, Westside leading 25-24. After three periods, PCA still trailed, 44-40.

With four minutes remaining, the Eagles (trailing by one point) went to a 2-3 zone defense. Westside countered by going into a stall, the Warriors ran "a good two minutes" off the clock, said Taylor.

But in the end, they turned the ball over and PCA scored to take the lead. Welton, who hit 7-of-8 free throws in the game, led the Eagles with 23 points — 12 coming in the fourth quarter. Pew had 15 points (nine in the fourth) and Ben Baloga had 15, including three three-pointers in the third quarter. Dan Carty added eight.

Harvey Johnson and Jason Vaughn each scored 13 points to pace the Warriors. Mike Vaughn chipped in with 10. **Bishop Borgess 73, Academy of Oak Park 51.** Things went from bad to worse to start the fourth quarter for the Spartans. Not only did Borgess start the game with just seven players, but five of them entered the fourth quarter with four fouls.

"We went to a 2-3 zone, packed it inside and they shot terrible," said Borgess coach Lloyd Praedel, whose team trailed 45-44 to start the fourth quarter. "We just came to life in the fourth. We hit some free throws, hit some jumpers — we did a little bit of everything."

Steve Moore scored 11 of his game-high 32 points in the fourth quarter, while Duane Jacobs had 12 of his 20. T.R. Ellis finished with seven points and seven rebounds, while Jacobs added 12 boards and DeAngelo Seale had 10. Rajuan Auld had 17 points to lead Academy (1-1). Borgess improved to 2-2.

Davison 80, Wayne 72. Curtis McMahan scored 20 points and Derek Fracalossi added 19 as the Cardinals (4-1) stopped the Zebras on Friday at the Motor City Classic at Cobo Arena.

John Raspberry paced Wayne (4-2) with 18 points.

SWIMMING

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CC also took first in the 200 freestyle relay with Dan Jones, Zatkoff, Carlin and Cyrek (1:33.14). Cyrek also was second in the 100 butterfly (54.69) and Cyrek, Jones, Zatkoff and Carlin were runners up in the 400 freestyle relay (3:24.59).

Dan Jones was fifth in both the 500 free (5:48.94) and the 50 free (24.02), while Chris Banas was fifth in the 100 fly (1:04.15) and sixth in the 200 free (2:04.89).

"I'm happy with the results of all of the hard work in the first month of the season," said Baker, "and it's gratifying to see our new kids make it back and swim in the finals or the consolation heats in events they'd never swam before."

MEGA CONFERENCE RELAYS

Both Redford Thurston and Garden City had several fine outings in the Blue Division of the Mega Conference relays on Dec. 21 at Eastern Michigan University.

"I was shocked," said Garden City coach Julie Johnston. "I didn't expect us to medal in anything. Only five of the seven teams were here, but we did well. The shocker was our 200 freestyle relay. It was three seconds faster than the other relays in our division."

The Cougars came in fifth in the Blue and Thurston fourth, with Woodhaven winning the meet.

Tim Thackaberry, James Adams, Josh Arsenault and Paul Hermatz won the 200 relay in 1:56.00, while Nick Bennett, Hermatz, Eric

Thackaberry and Adams were second in the 200 breaststroke relay and Tim Thackaberry, Ken Kastl, Josh Arsenault and Ryan Day were second in the 100 backstroke relay. The Cougars were also third in the 400 freestyle relay with Arsenault, Kastl, Eric Thackaberry and Day.

The Eagles took a win from Greg McKeague, David Benedict, Chance Buckman and Scott Montgomery in the 200 breaststroke relay (2:29.75) and were second in the 400 freestyle relay with Chris Husk, McKeague, Kitzman and Mahnske (4:37.29).

"Last year we didn't go to this meet and this year I'm glad we did," said Thurston coach Ross Bandy. "They stepped up and really swam well!"

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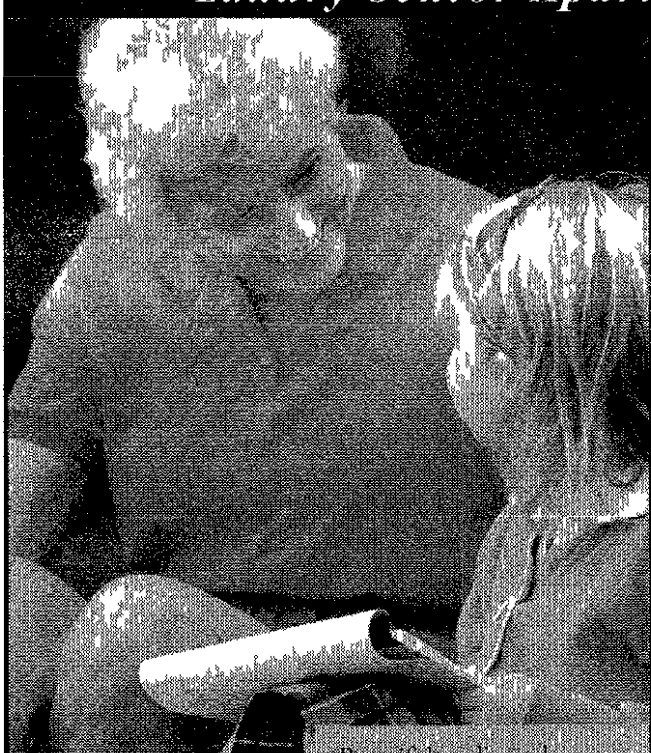
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Rx briefs

Volunteer needed

Volunteers are needed by the following organizations

■ **Beaumont Hospice** need volunteers 18 or older who have excellent listing skills and sensitivity to the needs of terminally ill people and their families. Volunteers work in hospitals, nursing homes or in patients' homes located in the tri-county area. They perform a wide variety of activities: sitting with patients, active listening, reading, assisting with errands and writing letters. Volunteers are asked to provide two hours per week of service. Call (248) 743-9405.

■ **The American Red Cross** have volunteer opportunities in all areas. For information, log onto <https://www.semredcross.org/vol/volunteer.html>. For general information about the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, visit www.semredcross.org.

■ **Providence Hospital** needs volunteers 18 and older for its Providence, Southfield, Novi, Livonia and Farmington Hill locations. Help is needed in clerical, information desks, nursing units, emergency departments, medical practices, oncology departments, healing arts, pastoral care, gift shop, medical library, etc. A variety of days and times available. Call (248) 849-8806.

Beaumont honor

Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak is among the nation's 100 top hospitals for high quality care and efficiency of operations. The ranking is by health care information specialists Solucient (formerly HCIA Sachs Institute) of Evanston, Ill., and is the result of its 100 Top Hospitals Benchmarks for Success study.

The annual survey names hospitals that serve as performance benchmarks for health care. In addition, Beaumont was recognized as one of the Best of the Top 100 Benchmark Hospitals because it has been recognized by Solucient four or more times in the last nine years.

Solucient reports that the 100 Top Hospitals provide more successful outcomes helping patients survive life-threatening illness 10 percent more often than their peers despite treating more and sicker patients. In addition, if all acute hospitals were to operate like the 100 Top Hospitals, close to 57,000 more patients could survive each year and nearly \$9.5 billion in annual expenses could be saved, according to Solucient.

Holistic health

BOOST Camp offered through the Providence Center for the Healing Arts is a daylong course designed to provide valuable tools and information for anyone interested in exploring holistic health. Learn how massage, Reiki, Yoga, art, journaling, exercise, ceramics, nutrition, spirituality, music and more can keep you on the road of wellness.

BOOST Camp is held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. The camp rotates between two locations.

■ **Providence Hospital and Medical Centers**, Park 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

■ **Providence Hospital and Medical Centers**, PMB 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. The camp is fun and educational. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch and materials. Scholarships are available. Registration is required. Call (248) 465-4300 or (248) 849-3321.

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Shirley Piekarski of Livonia helps daughter Morgan, 9, with homework. Mother and daughter both participate in Shapedown, a weight loss program for children, teens and their families.

Program helps children and teens control weight

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

There are many contributing factors to obesity, said Beth Darnell, program coordinator for Shapedown, a national weight management program for children and their families offered by the St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

"Shapedown deals with it on three levels — emotional, physical and nutritional," she stressed.

Thank goodness for programs like Shapedown, especially in a society that promotes an almost anorexic body image as the ideal while obesity among adults, adolescents and children has increased dramatically in this country, especially in the late 1990s.

"We try to stay away from the word obese," Darnell said. "It's very important we are not labeling. They (program participants) need to know everyone has issues, but theirs is weight."

Nationally, weight has become an issue. Nearly one-third of all American adults are now classified as obese, as shown in data from the 1999-2000 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Thirty-one percent of adults 20 years of age and over — nearly 59 million people — have a body mass index

(BMI) of 30 or greater, compared with 23 percent in 1994, according to data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

(BMI is a single number that evaluates an individual's weight status in relation to height. BMI is generally used as the first indicator in assessing body fat and has been the most common method of tracking weight problems and obesity among adults.)

Most often, weight problems begin in childhood, a time when self-esteem and self-image are being formed. According to NCHS, among children and teens ages 6-19, 15 percent (almost 9 million) are overweight, triple the proportion in 1980.

The problem keeps getting worse, said Tommy G. Thompson, secretary of Health and Human Services. "We've seen virtually a doubling in the number of obese persons over the past two decades, and this has profound health implications. Obesity increases a personal risk for a number of serious conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, and some types of cancer."

SHAPEDOWN

Shapedown, developed in 1979 at

the School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, addresses the issues of low self-esteem, lack of confidence and society's pressures in a series of 10 weekly, two-hour classes. It stresses family participation, healthy food choices, exercise and acceptance of a genetically programmed body weight. It de-stresses dieting.

Regarding diets, Shapedown literature states: "Diets typically cause children to feel deprived and as a consequence to overeat. Shapedown supports a gradual adoption of a moderate and healthy food intake that provides essential nutrients and leads to weight loss."

There are two components to Shapedown, which employs a team of health professionals — a nutritionist, social worker and exercise physiologist — to co-lead each class group. Interaction and education. Parents' participation is integral to both, said Darnell. "It's just the attention the child gets by having a parent there. Parents are role models for exercise and planning meals."

Darnell tells parents to put exercise on the calendar and keep healthy snacks in the refrigerator. "And eating three meals a day is important, especially breakfast. Your body gets so much of its energy from breakfast. After you sleep all night, you need to

energize your bottle."

In some families, courtesy of indiscriminate genes, one child may be slim and one heavy. Parents may think that the heavy child has to eat differently. "But we say, 'no.' No one needs a high fat diet and no one needs a high sugar diet," Darnell said.

A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Previous to her tonsillectomy at age 5, Morgan Piekarski, 9, of Livonia had no weight problems.

"One year later we noticed a weight increase. We were in awe as to why this was happening," said Morgan's mother, Shirley Piekarski.

A University of Michigan endocrinologist told Piekarski that weight gain in children after a tonsillectomy was not uncommon because children can swallow better. Morgan's weight gain continued.

"She started growing leaps and bounds in third grade," Piekarski said. "I kind of let third grade go by, but now that she's more mature and her friends are more mature, weight is an issue."

Shirley and Morgan signed up for Shapedown, offered locally at SJM Health Center on Canton Center Road in Canton.

PLEASE SEE WEIGHT, C9

What is optimum hormone replacement?

Few women in the United States are on an optimal hormone replacement regimen. It is always sub-optimal to be on oral estrogen.

Orally administered estrogen is transported to the liver, and during its metabolism induces the liver to produce undesirable elevations of a number of substances. Oral estrogen raises the level of triglycerides and C-reactive protein (CRP), as well as increasing insulin resistance. All of these alterations are known to be associated with an increased risk of car-



Dr. Jerry Nosanchuck

Optimum estrogen replacement is always non-oral and utilizes estradiol, the biologically

diovascular events. In addition, levels of Sex Hormone Binding Globulin (SHBG) are elevated, which has the effect of decreasing libido, sexual response and energy levels.



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active form of estrogen secreted by the ovary. It is delivered intact into the bloodstream by the use of a transdermal patch, gel or subcutaneous implant.

In contrast to oral hormone replacement, these methods do not cause unwanted elevations

of liver substances. In those instances where symptoms persist, an implant of an estradiol pellet is almost always effective. In women who have had their ovaries removed or are deficient in androgen production, testosterone can be safely administered non-orally and will enhance libido, sexual response, preservation of lean body mass and sense of well-being.

PROGESTERONE

When the uterus is present,

administration of a progestin is almost always indicated to prevent the development of abnormal changes of the uterine lining associated with unopposed estrogen stimulation.

Natural progesterone is the hormone of choice, but as it is relatively weak in its activity, an alternate form of progesterone is often necessary. The progesterone can be administered orally, vaginally, or in some instances by trans-

PLEASE SEE HRT, C9

Resolve to stay alive by quitting smoking

WHEN SMOKERS QUIT

Within 20 minutes of smoking that last cigarette the body begins a series of changes that continue for years

20 minutes:

- Blood pressure drops to normal rate
- Pulse drops to normal rate
- Body temperature of hands and feet increases to normal

Eight hours:

- Carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal
- Oxygen level in blood increases to normal

24 hours:

- Chance of heart attack decreases

48 hours:

- Nerve endings start regenerating
- Ability to smell and taste things is enhanced

72 hours:

- Bronchial tubes relax making breathing easier
- Lung capacity increases

Two weeks to three months:

- Circulation improves
- Walking becomes easier
- Lung function increases up to 30 percent

One to nine months:

- Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath decrease
- Cilia regenerate in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs and reduce infection
- Body's overall energy level increases

One year:

- Risk of heart attack decreases by 50 percent

Five years:

- Lung cancer death rate for average smoker (1 pack per day) decreases from 137 deaths per 100,000 people to 72 deaths per 100,000

10 years:

- Lung cancer death rates drops to 12 deaths per 100,000 people almost the rate of a non smoker
- Precancerous cells are replaced with healthy cells
- Other cancers - mouth, larynx, esophagus, bladder, kidney, etc. - decrease

TOBACCO FACTS

Smoking Prevalence - Adult (Michigan)

- 24.2 percent of Michigan adults smoke compared to 23.3 percent nationwide
- Smoking rates by age group: 18-24 years (30 percent), 25-44 years (29.9 percent), 45-64 years (22.5 percent), 65 years and older (9.6 percent)

Smoking Prevalence - Youth (Michigan)

- Each year 30,000 Michigan youth start to smoke
- The earlier youth begin smoking the harder it is for them to quit later. The average age that teens begin smoking is between 12 and 14
- More than 80 percent of current adult smokers started smoking cigarettes before the age of 18

Health Risks (Nationwide)

- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women
- Thirty percent of all cancer deaths and 87 percent of lung cancer deaths can be attributed to tobacco
- Smokers' risk of heart attack is more than twice that on nonsmokers

Tobacco Deaths (Michigan)

- Every week smoking and secondhand smoke kill more than 300 Michigan residents, one out of every five deaths
- If current trends continue 255,000 of Michigan's children will die prematurely from smoking

Tobacco Economics (Michigan)

- Every year, smoking costs \$2.6 billion in excess medical care costs in Michigan
- The annual smoking-attributable productivity cost in Michigan is \$3.4 billion
- A one-percent drop in the smoking rate could save the state an estimated \$840 million in health care costs
- The Centers for Disease Control estimates the true cost of a pack of cigarettes in Michigan is \$7.80

Tobacco Revenue and Investment (Michigan)

- Every year the state of Michigan receives approximately \$1 billion from the state tobacco excise tax and the tobacco settlement. Of that just \$6.3 million is being invested in tobacco use prevention programs
- The CDS recommends that Michigan invest at least \$6 per capita per year on tobacco use prevention and reduction efforts. Currently the state spends approximately 60 cents per person per year

Sources: U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Cancer Control State of Science Guide, American Heart Association, Michigan State University Institute for Public Policy Report 2002

Despite alarming statistics, nearly one fourth of Michigan adults are still smoking. The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association are joining forces this holiday season urging all smokers to make a New Year's resolution to quit.

The good news is that quitting smoking improves health at any age. The risk of heart attack drops by one-half after a year of staying smoke free. After five to 10 years of not smoking, the risk of lung cancer drops dramatically. People who quit feel better immediately and pride themselves on regaining control of their health.

"Each day we see the ravages of smoking and the toll it takes not only on the individual but

'Not only is it important to get smokers to quit for their own health, but it's also beneficial to the health of nonsmokers.'

Dr. Shukri David
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often times of the loved ones left behind," said Dr. Shukri David, chief of cardiology at Providence Hospital and president of the Metro Detroit Board of the American Heart Association. "Not only is it important to get smokers to quit for their own health, but it's also beneficial to the health of nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke. Constant exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease, cancer and lung disease."

"We know that 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit," said Jim Moore, director of programs and governmental affairs, American Lung Association of Michigan. "Smoking is an addiction and is extremely difficult to overcome. What we always tell people who want to stop is never quit quitting. It may take three or more attempts at quitting before a smoker overcomes the addiction."

Moore stressed "We need to convey the message to teens as well. The earlier youth begin

smoking the harder it is for them to quit later in life."

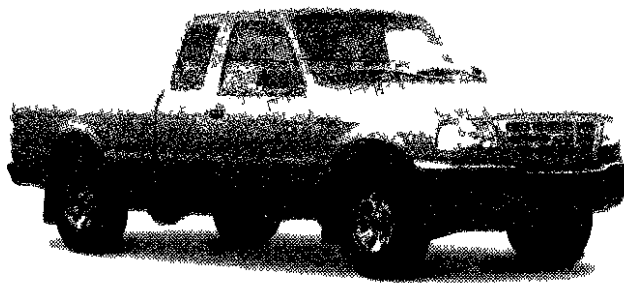
The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association remain committed in their efforts to see Michigan move ahead with comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation programs. "We look forward to working with newly elected state lawmakers in 2003 to make Michigan a leader in the war on tobacco," said Judy Steward, tobacco policy manager, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division.

A number of free quit smoking programs are available. For a complete listing of smoking cessation help visit www.cancer.org, www.americanheart.org or www.alam.org

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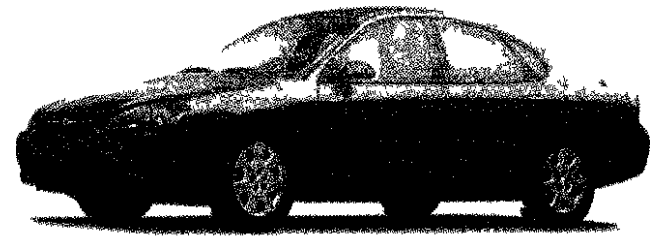
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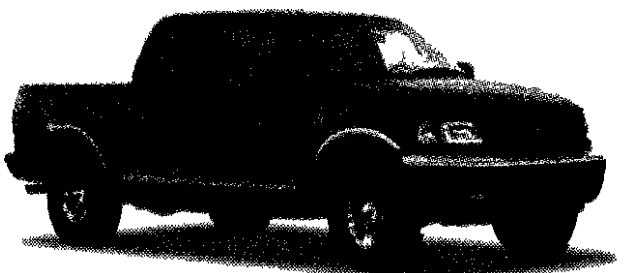
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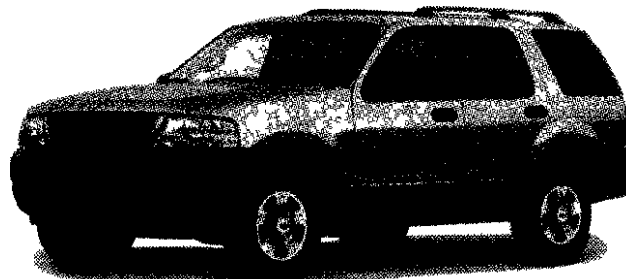
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